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## Asbestos search among highlights here from 1987

A building-by-building search for asbestos and the naming of program executive officers were among major activities at MICOM in 1987.

The Missile Command awarded a contract to Boeing Aerospace Company to begin production of the Army's new Pedestal Mounted Stinger. Also, the Army selected Martin Marietta as the winner of a competition to provide a new air defense weapon system that will operate with tanks and armored personnel carriers and protect them from attack by fixed wing aircraft and helicopters.

President Reagan and Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev signed a treaty that eliminates the entire class of U.S. and Soviet intermediate range missiles, including the Pershing missile.

The search for asbestos began in June with expectations of continuing for at least a year. Every one of the more than 1,900 buildings here, including military residences, are to be checked for the presence of asbestos. A mineral substance, asbestos insulates, soundproofs, doesn't burn, is cheap and durable and for these reasons was a popular construction material. Only in recent times has the hazard of asbestos become apparent and the importance of protecting people from exposure to it. Medical officials say this mineral can only cause health problems when its fibers are released in the air in significant concentrations.

MICOM established four Program Executive Officer offices as part of a change in the way the Army manages how it gets weapons and equipment. The PEOs generally are responsible for overseeing certain weapon system programs; they manage the project managers assigned to them and report directly to the Army acquisition executive. The four PEOs named here included Brig. Gen. William Fiorentino, forward area air defense; Brig. Gen. John Drosdeck, fire support; Col. Larry Capps, high/medium air defense; and Col. William J. Schumacher, close combat missiles. Capps and Schumacher have both been nominated for promotion to brigadier general.

The Missile Command awarded a firm fixed price contract to Boeing with a potential value of \$189.7 million to begin production of the Army's new Pedestal Mounted Stinger. PMS is a critical element of the Army's Forward Area Air Defense system, a five-part, \$11 billion program to improve battlefield air defense for Army divisions. The PMS system consists of eight Stinger missiles and a 50-caliber machine gun, integrated with sensors and an advanced fire control system, and mounted on the Army's high mobility, multipurpose wheeled vehicle.



Martin Marietta was selected as the winner of a competition to provide the Line of Sight Forward-Heavy component of the Forward Area Air Defense System.

### End of Pershing

Under terms of a treaty signed by Reagan and Gorbachev, the United States will be required to destroy

all the Pershing missiles the U.S. Army has and build no more of these intermediate range weapons. Removing the Pershing system from Europe and eliminating the equipment and missiles specified in the treaty will be managed by the Pershing Project Office assisted by other MICOM elements.

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## Gate hours change as result of budget constraints

Redstone's provost marshal has announced changes in the operating hours of two arsenal gates and the closing of another gate.

Lt. Col. Elton R. Stephenson cited budgetary and personnel constraints as reasons for the changes. The changes, effective Monday, Jan. 4, affect three gates.

Gate two, which is on Buxton Road on the southeast corner of the arsenal, will be closed until further notice. In the past, it had been open from 6 until 8:30 a.m. and from 3 until 5:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Gate one, on Martin Road east, will remain open the same hours (6 a.m. until 9:30 p.m.) during the week, but will be closed weekends and holidays. It had been open seven days a week. Gate 10, which had also been open seven days a week from 4:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m., will now be open from 6

a.m. until 6 p.m. It also will be closed weekends and holidays.

One reason for the adjustment in gate hours is that a planned increase in the guard force will not take place. Twenty-six new guards were to have been brought on board in January. Instead, as a result of a hiring freeze, only four will be hired, according to Stephenson.

As a result of budget reductions, money which would have gone to overtime pay for guards posted on gates has been cut. The two factors resulted in fewer guards and fewer possible hours of operation.

"We prioritized the gates from most critical to least critical in terms of security and convenience," Stephenson said.

Since gates one and two are near gate three, which is open 24 hours per

day, their open hours were reduced. Gate 10 is near gate eight, which is also open 24 hours per day.

"We hope people will understand. This is a belt-tightening time, and belt-tightening hurts," Stephenson said.

### Gate hours

The following are the gate hours for Redstone Arsenal:

<b>Gate 1</b> (Martin Road east)	Open 6 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday Closed on weekends and holidays
<b>Gate 2</b> (Buxton Road south)	Closed permanently
<b>Gate 3</b> (Redstone Road southeast)	Open 24 hours daily, seven days a week
<b>Gate 5</b> (Hansen Road northeast)	6-8:30 a.m. and 3-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday Closed weekends and holidays
<b>Gate 7</b> (Martin Road west)	6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday Closed weekends and holidays
<b>Gate 8</b> (Goss Road north)	24 hours a day, seven days a week
<b>Gate 9</b> (Rideout Road northwest)	24 hours a day, seven days a week
<b>Gate 10</b> (Patton Road east)	6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday Closed weekends and holidays



## Blood leave

### Editor:

Formal policy recently distributed in my organization states that four hours of administrative leave will be given *immediately* following the donation of blood; e.g., "if you give blood at 10 a.m. then your leave runs from 10 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. (one-half hour for lunch). It is no longer permissible to schedule the four hours at any other time than immediately following the blood donation session."

Is this the MICOM commander's policy? Or is there no commander's policy, just individual supervisors' policies? Is there some new push to "tighten up" in this area, or has the above always been the policy but we weren't strictly implementing it—going back to our office after giving blood, then leaving when we were within four hours of the end of our tour of duty?

With blood supplies at record lows, and the seasonal demand high as always, the Red Cross will surely be disappointed that on-post blood donations are being discouraged (the leave was originally intended to encourage donations, wasn't it?). Discouraged some donors will surely be, if they have to A) put annual leave behind the admin leave to finish out the day, or B) fight for the 11 o'clock donor time slots.

'Tis the season to give thanks—for our health, for our jobs, for being able to give blood and for receiving any admin leave at all. I'm just curious as to which Scrooge we have to thank for this particular rendition of the rules.

Name withheld by request

## Saving money

### Editor:

The fury about to erupt concerning the closing of Gate 2, and the changing of operating hours on selected other gates, really isn't necessary. Any person associated with the government should know that any changes made to "save money" will eventually cost the taxpayers time, money, and inconvenience.

Examples are many, with the best being the arsenal support activities being converted to contract work. Bidding and re-bidding resulted in the government "losing" the right to provide services by about \$1,000,000. But in less than a year, the contract had increased the cost to the taxpayers by \$25,000,000 and it goes up annually!

Does anyone really care that closing a gate will increase Huntsville traffic problems; or adversely affect workers travel time; or increase use of critical energy supplies? Does anyone worry about the security aspect of unmanned gates?

If the Army was really concerned about saving money they would: stop mowing acres of land; put locks on copying machines; order all lights turned off over "pretty office plants"; increase the rental fees to farmers on the arsenal; put TDY travelers on Army aircraft; and man all gates with Army personnel. Don't we want to impress the future Russian inspectors with smart military salutes as they enter our arsenal to "observe"?

Graydon K. Parker

## Outside employment

### Editor:

I write this letter in the firm belief that freedom must be defended continually against all attacks by misguided, self-appointed champions of a "perfect" (or at least a totalitarian governed) society.

A recent message was sent to "Center-family at RDEC" concerning outside employment/employment while on terminal leave or annual leave pending retirement. That message referenced the Standards of Conduct regulation (AR 600-50) which prohibits individuals from "accepting outside employment that interferes or is not compatible with the performance of their Government duties." I called the Legal Office, the authors of this message, to ask them what duties government employees had while on terminal leave or annual leave pending retirement. Their response consisted of a lot of stammering about the possibilities of being recalled and other nonsensical legalese. The message also went on to reiterate the prohibition of activities of "even the appearance of a conflict of interest." Being that "appearance" is of a subjective nature, do they mean that all 200 million Americans must concur in the judgment?

The legal profession's nay-saying attempts to limit our rights in the pursuit of employment. Their edicts show that they believe that every human behavior is motivated by the intent to commit fraud or felonious acts. They have forgotten the premise that all are innocent until proven guilty, and apparently are attempting to preclude any possibility that a truly misguided individual could succeed at a "conflict of interest" activity.

The Legal Office defers criticism of their acts to "Congress" or "your commanding general," whereas they themselves have visited on those offices their gloom and doom predictions in not enacting such preclusive regulations. Those offices are left believing they will commit fraud or worse by not following those Legal proclamations or publishing their nefarious works as "Regulations."

I don't believe that the minorities of this country embraced the "if you don't like it why don't you leave" notion that the Legal Office (and sometimes the Office of Civilian Personnel) imply (or at least "give the appearance" to imply) in response to cries of being wronged. If you believe that your individual rights are being violated by such Legal Office publications, defend those rights by making your feelings known to them and all agencies that they allege to be the source of such Omnipotent Central State edicts.

Edward E. Herbert

## Banking needs

### Editor:

It has come to my attention that we have a problem with our banking here on Redstone Arsenal: we have only two banking facilities on post. As we all should know, young soldiers today entering the military are required to enroll in the Sure Pay program, and this creates many problems. I do not understand why we soldiers cannot attain an alert teller machine on post. There are several reasons for the need of an alert teller on post, two of which are, first, several soldiers do not have a convenient form of transportation to and from the banks in Huntsville and, second, it is very difficult for soldiers to meet banking hours on and off post.

Transportation to and from Huntsville banks is a serious problem for several soldiers. For a soldier without conveyance, traveling to a bank, spending a considerable amount of time waiting to be seen and conducting business, and then returning to Redstone Arsenal can become an ordeal to say the least. Some type of consideration needs to be made for these such soldiers; after all, the Army should look after its own. An alert teller should be installed on this post to support these soldiers.

Banking hours are difficult for most soldiers to meet during lunch breaks and after duty hours. Redstone

Federal Credit Union opens at 9 a.m. and First Alabama Bank opens at 10. Soldiers are on duty during these times. Both close each day at 5 p.m.; again, many soldiers are on duty at this time. Although Redstone Federal Credit Union has a satellite machine on post, they will not participate in the alert teller system that enables banking customers to use their card at various banking facilities. This is a great inconvenience to soldiers who are traveling outside of Redstone Federal Credit Union's area. Because banks cannot remain open during the hours that would best accommodate soldiers, an alert teller should be installed to meet the basic banking needs of soldiers.

In closing, an alert teller posted at the First Alabama Bank would provide convenient banking for the entire Redstone Arsenal community and ameliorate many banking problems for soldiers.

Sgt. Terry Sims  
94th Maint. Co.

## Contract airfare

### Editor:

My experience with "contract airline fares" indicates they are for the most part a "ripoff" of the government. On every contract flight I have been given that I have tried, I was able to exchange the contract ticket for a flight I preferred and receive a refund for the government! That means a flight preferred, because of a better schedule or service, was available for less money.

Upon asking transportation why I could not have begun with the lower timed flight, I was told (after getting a "lot of lip" about changing my flight) that they "must use the contract fare." Now that sounds like a "bunch of crap".

Worse yet is the fact that much travel is performed after duty hours at personal inconvenience to the employee and/or additional overtime expense to the government solely to use the contract fare. Good examples are flying to Atlanta or San Francisco to get to Los Angeles on the contract fare. This means more time in the air, more takeoffs and landings, basically more hassle and risk. Yet these costs are not used in evaluating the cost savings.

Someone needs to take a serious look at whether contract fares are being properly assigned, and the cost saving computation associated with contract fares. If they are being used as the contract reads then the fool contracting official who signed up for our current contract airfare arrangement should be identified and appropriately rewarded so this waste will not occur on the next contract. Failure to rectify this should be considered waste, fraud, and abuse.

Name withheld by request

## Outstanding job

### Editor:

I am a soldier assigned to MEDDAC, Fox Army Community Hospital, and I would like to take the opportunity to express the outstanding job that the Emergency Room and other facilities in the hospital does in helping people in time of need. MEDDAC and civilian personnel are dedicated and take their jobs very seriously when the life of a patient is placed into their hands. I would like to express my gratitude to Nure Cooper, Sgt. Shoemaker, Sgt. Packer and Spec. Iningo and most of all Dr. Taylor on the professional and timely care they gave me and continue to give to others. I think that the professional attitude of the people and latest technology they use should be taken for granted and professional service is always available and dependable. I think all military dependants and civilians will find the professional care outstanding to serve almost any need that they may have.

Mark Bell  
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Fox Army Community Hospital

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# Black History Month plans include variety of events

Plans for the February observance of Black History Month are in full swing, with activities scheduled which should interest just about everybody.

The entire community is invited to take part in the festivities which include a luncheon, a fashion show and dance, a gospel program, a variety show and potluck dinner, a panel discussion and a five-mile run.

The run is the kick-off event of the month, and will be held Feb. 6 at 9 a.m. There will also be a one-mile fun run for children. First and second place trophies will be awarded to children ages 1-4 and 5-10. Adult categories for first, second and third place trophies are: men 11-20, 21-30, 31-39 and 40 and up; and women 11-20, 21-30, 31-39 and 40 and up. Entrance fee for the run is \$5 if you want a T-shirt, \$2 if you don't. Pre-registration forms will be distributed, and late registration will be held Feb. 6 at 7:30 a.m. at the Post Gym. For more information call 1st Lt. Archibald 876-3900.

Tentative dates for the panel discussion are Feb. 10 and 24. The event will follow a slightly different format from those in the past, to allow for greater audience participation. The title of this year's forum is "From the Black Perspective." It will be centered around this year's theme for Black History Month, "The Constitutional Status of Afro-Americans in the 21st Century." The location for the forum has not yet been confirmed. For more information call Benjamin Magwood 876-6570.

The fashion show and disco will be held Feb. 11 at the Officers Club, beginning at 7 p.m. The title of this year's show is "Nouveau Exquisite Fashions for '88." There is no cost for the show, but a cash bar will be

available, and attendees can take advantage of the club's seafood buffet for \$11.95. For more information call Joseph Hobson 544-0375 or Brenda Martin 881-5588.

A luncheon will be held at the Von Braun Civic Center, but the date, time and identity of the guest speaker were not available at press time. Shuttle bus service will be available. For more information call Capt. Jim Charlton or Bonnie Kilgore 876-9223/3436.

A gospel music program is scheduled for Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel. For more information call 1st Sgt. Tommy Johnson 876-2427/1704.

The month-long celebration will end with a variety show and potluck supper at the Recreation Center, building 3711, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. A barbecued pig

will be the main course, and attendees are asked to bring side dishes or desserts. If you want to perform in the variety show, or want more information about the dinner, call Sgt. Jimmy Evans 876-9223 or Gail Satterwhite 876-2172.

Ongoing events for Black History Month include a troop poster/display board contest and a poster program at the elementary schools. Troop dining facilities 1, 2 and 3 will be serving ethnic meals each Tuesday in the month beginning Feb. 9, open only to soldiers.

For more information about the celebration call Capt. Jim Charlton, MICOM Equal Opportunity staff officer, 876-9223/3591 or SFC Joe Waters, OMMCS Equal Opportunity adviser 876-6427.

## Time capsule honors works of King

**BY SGT. MAJ. RUDI WILLIAMS, USA  
American Forces Information Service**

A seven-foot, 500-pound time capsule highlighting the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be buried in the nation's capital on Jan. 12 as part of the third national holiday celebration in honor of the slain civil and human right leader.

"We're asking military organizations to participate in the capsule's implantation," said Allen Jackson of the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission in Washington, D.C. "Military and civilian personnel across the country, around the world and on ships at sea took part in last year's holiday activities.

"The military theme this year will be the same as

the national: 'Living the Dream-Let Freedom Ring,'" said Jackson. The plexiglass-covered capsule will be buried in a park at Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street and will be filled with argon, an inert gas, to preserve the artifacts for 100 years.

It will contain memorabilia chosen by Coretta Scott King depicting national historical events highlighting her husband's work. Included will be King's Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, his Bible and robe, books, records, family history, audio and film tapes, photographs, clothing publications, speeches and correspondence, a replica of the Peace Prize and other artifacts.

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## Jan. 18 marks third observance of national King holiday

**BY SGT. MAJ. RUDI WILLIAMS, USA  
American Forces Information Service**

Military organizations worldwide and aboard ships at sea will observe the third annual Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday on Jan. 18.

King, the youngest man to win the Nobel Peace Prize and the first black man to have a national holiday named in his honor, was assassinated on April 4, 1968. He was in Memphis, Tenn., for a protest march in behalf of sanitation workers.

Jan. 20, 1986 marked the first observance of the federal legal holiday honoring the slain civil rights leader. The holiday was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Aug. 27, 1984. King's birthday is now celebrated on the third Monday of January each year.

As of June 1987, King's birthday became a legal holiday in all but seven states—Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Hampshire, South Dakota and Wyoming. Florida and North Dakota are the only participating states that have not declared a paid holiday.

"Forty-three states observe it as a legal holiday," said Allen Jackson of the Martin Luther King Federal Holiday Commission in Washington, D.C. "That doesn't mean cities in those states and in other states don't celebrate the holiday. Nearly all cities in all states do."

So do 115 foreign nations. Forty-five African, 22 European, 22 Latin American and Caribbean, 13 Far Eastern and 12 Middle Eastern and South Asian countries, plus Canada took part last year.

"We expect more foreign countries to participate this year, but we will not know how many until after the celebration," said Jackson.

Some of the highlights of King's life and work:

**1955...**Tired after a hard day at work, Rosa Parks, a 42-year-old black seamstress, refuses to give up her seat on a city bus to a white passenger. She is arrested. King successfully leads a year-long boycott, achieving integration of Montgomery, Ala., buses. The victory attracts world attention.

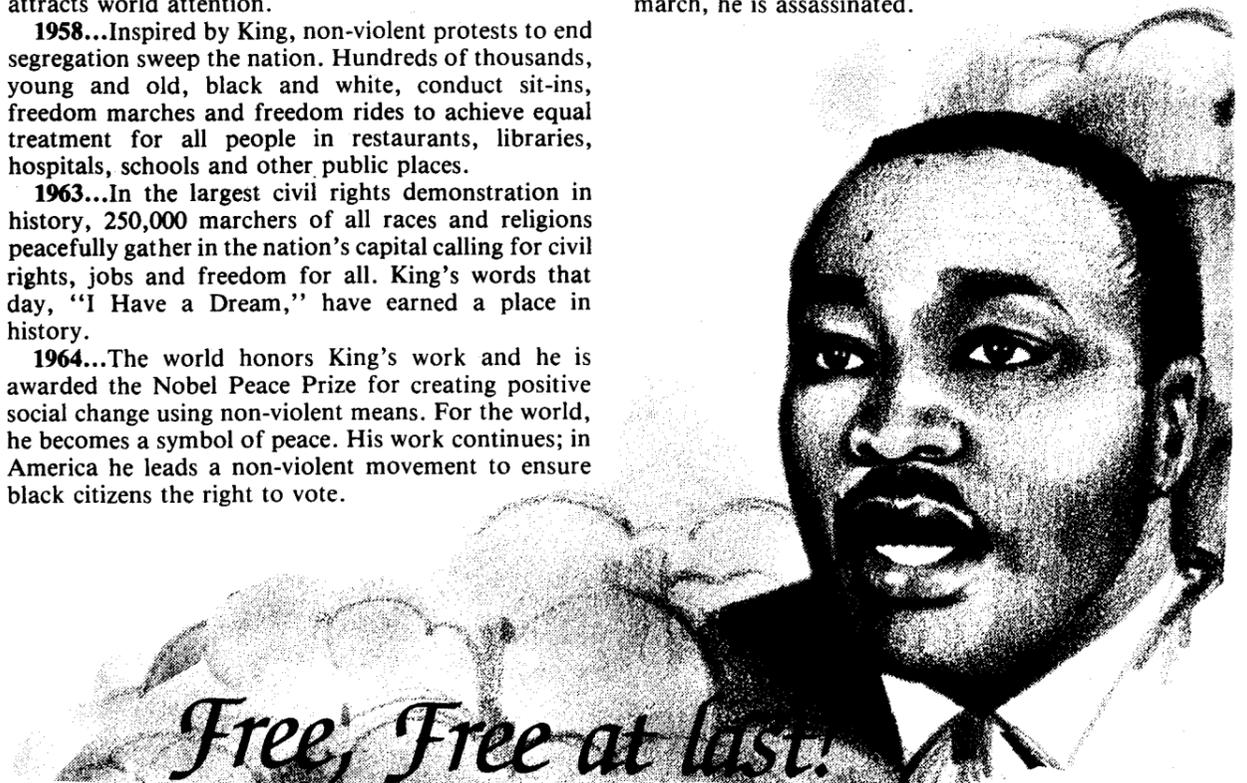
**1958...**Inspired by King, non-violent protests to end segregation sweep the nation. Hundreds of thousands, young and old, black and white, conduct sit-ins, freedom marches and freedom rides to achieve equal treatment for all people in restaurants, libraries, hospitals, schools and other public places.

**1963...**In the largest civil rights demonstration in history, 250,000 marchers of all races and religions peacefully gather in the nation's capital calling for civil rights, jobs and freedom for all. King's words that day, "I Have a Dream," have earned a place in history.

**1964...**The world honors King's work and he is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for creating positive social change using non-violent means. For the world, he becomes a symbol of peace. His work continues; in America he leads a non-violent movement to ensure black citizens the right to vote.

**1967...**King begins a campaign to help poor people. Through creative non-violent actions, he hopes to draw attention to their need for decent jobs, housing, health care and education.

**1968...**On April 4, 1968, before joining Memphis, Tenn., sanitation workers for a planned protest march, he is assassinated.





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# Food basket program made holidays special for soldiers

**BY PAM ROGERS**

Almost 200 of Redstone's military families received special gifts which helped to make their holidays happy.

They received gifts of food and toys from the Chaplain's Food Basket drive. In addition, for the first time this year, Christmas Charities of Huntsville distributed about 30 baskets to military families.

"We were real glad we could help," said director Gerri Mills. "This was the first time we were asked." Christmas Charities receives part of its funding from the Combined Federal Campaign.

Three soldiers whose families received gifts told the *Rocket* what it meant to their families to have the extra food and toys at Christmas.

"When I was told I could go and pick up a food basket— this huge box— that was good, because I didn't think my family would have a very special Christmas," said Sp4 Lyndon Riley.

Riley is recovering from a problem that seems to plague many young soldiers— he overspent during his first couple of years in the Army. He joined up straight out of high school, and had very little experience handling money.

"I had more bills than money, and I started taking side jobs, but I couldn't quite get a handle on things," he said. He's married now, and he and his wife, Lisa, have two children. He's learned to budget his money, but it's still hard to make ends meet.

"I didn't think anyone knew about my situation...I kept it to myself, but someone was watching over me," he said.

Pvt. Douglas Martin is also married. He and his wife, Patricia, have two children. Although he was lucky enough to get quarters on post, it's still hard to stretch a private's paycheck among four people. He wasn't aware of the food basket program until he was told to go pick his up. "I consider it a real blessing," he said. His family also received toys and food from the Christmas Charities program.

Sp4 Karl Brown, his wife, Juanita, and their two children live off-post, but are looking forward to Brown's upcoming promotion to sergeant and a chance to get on-post quarters.

"The program has been a great help," he said. His family received baskets at Thanksgiving as well as Christmas.

"This is the first place I've ever been where they showed that kind of concern for soldiers.

"I have some neighbors who are having a hard time, and I was able to share the baskets with them," he said.

All three soldiers agreed that civilians have a hard time realizing there are soldiers whose families may need help from time to time. Brown explained. "Soldiers that come out of AIT are new soldiers. Their

medical care, dental care and food are paid for, so they can blow their paychecks. Civilians see this, and get the impression they have money," he said.

CSM Billy Prysock, command sergeant major of the Missile Command, is pleased with the wide coverage of the plan, and thinks there are a few ways to make it

even better. One way is for leaders to stay abreast of services offered by the community.

"We need to start early to identify needy people, and not wait until Christmas. Sometimes we forget the folks around us and forget what we can do for them," Prysock said.



**DISCUSSION—** CSM Billy Prysock (second from right) discusses the Chaplain's Food Basket Program with recipients (from left) Sp4 Lyndon Riley, Sp4 Karl Brown and Pvt. Douglas Martin.

## MICOM Christmas party offered fun for all

The annual Missile Command Christmas party was a complete success, according to a member of the planning committee.

Ann Rivard, vice-chairman for the event, said that she has received many positive comments about the party, which was held Dec. 18 at the Officers Club.

Entertainment for the evening included Terrell

Fulmer at piano, the Lee High School Trouveres and the Southern Comforts.

"A successful party, like many other endeavors, does not just happen, but depends on advance planning, attention to detail and much behind-the-scenes effort. I want to thank all who helped in any way," Rivard said.

The next Christmas party is scheduled for Dec. 9 at the Officers Club.





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# Guardsmen's suggestion saves taxpayers money

BY LLOYD GOODROW

WASHINGTON— More than a \$6 million savings to taxpayers is only a beginning as a Vermont Army National Guardsman has developed a sure, cost saving device for the Army.

Sgt. John B. Ledoux who works as an Avionics technician with the 86th Air Traffic Control Battalion, Vermont Army National Guard, developed a simple device with \$8.70 in parts he purchased at a local Radio Shack which detects the presence of infrared light without the use of expensive, sensitive night vision goggles previously used in testing.

Army helicopters are equipped with infrared lighting so that they can fly at night without being easily seen. The lighting is visible only if special goggles are worn. The goggles are not designed for daytime use and are easily ruined if exposed to natural lighting. This made daytime use of the goggles risky.

"A year ago in September, Lockheed sent a team to the Guard to modify the Hueys for night vision flying," said Ledoux. "They were perched all over the copter, often in very precarious positions, trying to test the lights with these goggles that cost upwards of \$4,500 a pair."

A combination of concern for the personal safety of the crew working on the helicopter and a strong sense that something else should be available to test the lights without the need for those expensive goggles sent Ledoux to his workshop.

"I got thinking about it, and the concept is really not much different from the remote controller that you might have for your television. That operates on infrared light as well," Ledoux said.

Ledoux made a trip to the local electronics store and spent \$8.70 in some miscellaneous parts used in infrared photo detection. With those parts he assembled an electronic device which will light an indicator light when in the presence of infrared light. The device is no bigger than a pack of cigarettes, and can be easily carried in a technician's pocket or tool box.

"I sent the design to some of my counterparts at other Guard bases and they all thought it was great. I hadn't really thought about how much it would save the Army until my boss suggested I draft a recommen-

ation to the Army for adoption of my idea," Ledoux said.

U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command officials determined that this device would save a minimum of 987,000 man-hours per year, representing an estimated average cash savings of \$6,825,000 in man-hours alone the first year. After determining implementation costs and the cost of materials, the Army will have a net savings of \$6,296,500 this year. This amount represents total yearly Army savings alone. The device can also be used by the other services.

Ledoux's suggestion has been approved for total adoption by the Army, and the design for the Infrared Navigation Light Tester will be incorporated in technical manuals Army wide.

In recognition of his outstanding accomplishment and the significant amount of money saved by U.S. taxpayers, Maj. Gen. Donald E. Edwards, Adjutant General of the State of Vermont, presented Ledoux with an initial cash award of \$10,000 on behalf of the Army and the National Guard Bureau. He has been recommended by Army officials for the maximum total award of \$35,000.

Ledoux is a full-time employee of the Vermont National Guard. He lives with his wife and four young children in Alburg, Vt. (Editor's Note: 1st Lt. Lloyd J. Goodrow serves in the public affairs office of the Adjutant General, State of Vermont.)

## Annual essay contest planned for military

WASHINGTON— "Peace with freedom" will be the theme for the annual essay contest sponsored by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge along with the Pennsylvania Department of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

The National Awards Program is for servicemen and women on active duty, and for those serving in reserve, ROTC, and JROTC components to encourage them to think about freedom. Submitted typed essays cannot be less than 100 or more than 500 words and include name, rank, social security number, service

designation, military address of commanding officer and permanent home address. ROTC and JROTC entries must also include name and address of school and military instructor. Entries must be postmarked by May 1, 1988 to Awards Department, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, P.O. Box 706, Valley Forge, Pa. 19481-0706.

A framed George Washington Honor Medal and \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and George Washington Honor Medals and \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds will be awarded to the winners. (Arnews)

## Life insurance orientation expanded at transition

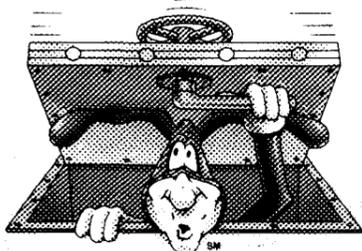
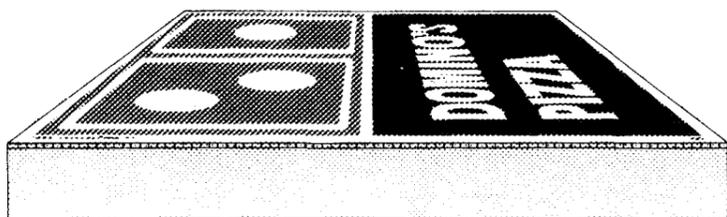
WASHINGTON— Soldiers can now convert their Servicemens Group Life Insurance to Veterans Group Life Insurance during the transition process.

Currently, soldiers who wish to convert their insurance must wait until they receive the application from the veterans administration, about 45 days after transition. This is 135 days after the orientation and some soldiers may have forgotten the details. The expanded orientation program will include the distribution and collection of application forms. The form on-

ly requires a few entries and is self-explanatory. The local finance and accounting office will withdraw the premium from the soldiers final paycheck.

This method has been tested at Fort Dix and the application rate exceeded expectations. An informal one month test will take place at a CONUS installation to be announced to ensure that potential problems are resolved. Army-wide participation is scheduled to be implemented in late 1988. (Arnews)

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# Letters

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## Gate closing

**Editor:**

Everyone using Gate 2 (Buxton Road) is now going to be "inconvenienced" because, in the name of budget cuts, this gate is going to be closed permanently beginning Jan. 4, 1988. The word "inconvenience," meaning something that causes discomfort or trouble, will be a gross understatement because once Gate 2 is closed and anyone attempts to enter Gate 3 (Redstone Road) from the south they will learn the word "inconvenience." There is a minuscule left turn lane with a turn arrow that is only activated when traffic exits Redstone Road and goes north on the Parkway, and this "inconvenience" means risking your life to cross two lanes of 50-plus mph traffic to enter the arsenal. After making the turn, there is only one lane (two lanes if no one is exiting the arsenal or leaving the residential area and attempting to go north on the Parkway) available to incoming traffic and it must be shared with those cars traveling south on the Parkway. Because there is not a proper merge lane, this will add to an already congested situation. Exiting the arsenal, going south, will be just as dangerous because here again, there is no merge lane, only an entrance road that enters at an angle. Currently, Gate 2 allows you to turn from two turn lanes with a proper turn signal that provides turning vehicles the right of way and two lanes for incoming traffic that eventually merges into one lane about a quarter mile from the Parkway. When exiting the arsenal going south, there is a merge lane about one-half mile long that allows traffic to merge easily.

The closing of Gate 2 will mean everyone working south of Redstone Road that approaches the arsenal from the south will be forced to drive an extra 5-10 miles out of the way, be involved in morning and evening traffic, contribute to a traffic jam at Redstone Road, and generally add 15-30 minutes driving time to their daily commute.

The reason for closing Gate 2 based on information from the Provost Marshal's Office was that the various gates were prioritized by security and convenience. Safety or the ability of Gate 3 to handle the increased traffic evidently was not considered in the decision making process. To quote from a DDN from the Public Affairs Office, Lt. Col. Stephenson stated, "This is belt-tightening time, and belt-tightening hurts."

This shows a complete lack of concern by management in the closing of this gate, not only because of the extra mileage required to be driven by arsenal employees, but the extreme danger these employees will be exposed to, in trying to cross South Parkway at Gate 3 with no proper traffic aids, i.e. turn lanes and signals. I realize budget cuts are a way of life in the government, but it seems that one minimum wage job could be allocated to keep this gate open, especially since the DDN quoted above, stated that four new guards were hired. It was not that long ago that there

were at least two fatalities at the light on Redstone Road; and in a time when everyone is urged to car-pool, and traffic safety is a big concern on Redstone Arsenal, it appears that management is "conveniently" overlooking the welfare of the current users of Gate 2 in the name of budget cuts.

W.E. Brasseale

## Parking situation

**Editor:**

Handicapped parking here on Redstone (at least in building 4488) leaves a lot to be desired! I'm not handicapped, however my husband broke his leg a few months ago and until then I never realized how wrong the parking situation is here. He comes here on occasion for meetings. Do you know where the parking spaces are for handicapped? Over to the side of the front parking lot, too far for those who can't maneuver well and the visitors and official parking spaces are directly in front. I never realized how unfair this was until it affected my life directly.

We do have a ramp in front for wheelchairs, however more times than you can count someone parks in front of it blocking it to those who need it. The curb is painted yellow. Doesn't that mean no parking? Also, there is no sign in front of the ramp stating there is a handicap ramp there. I witnessed this, this morning. The person in the wheelchair sat and waited for the person to come out and move her car. I feel there should be no parking allowed directly in front of the building, and the handicapped parking should be in the front of the building, in place of official or visitor parking. I'm writing this in hopes something will be done for these special people, after seeing the inconvenience, not to mention the pain it has caused many of them.

Name withheld by request

## AFGE year

**Editor:**

I wish all AFGE members, commanders, directors, managers, personnel, and all federal employees a very happy holiday and a good 1988 year.

I thank all of the above for their cooperation and support for the past several months. Through your cooperation and support, we have a better understanding of the problems and the resolutions to them. You cannot believe how many workers and managers have benefited by our working together which means we have all benefited.

So, let us go forward together in 1988 to have a very prosperous year.

Some good news which has just come down from Washington, D.C. is the lump sum is not going to be cut, the step increases will not be frozen. However, the 3 percent raise suggested by Congress will be 2 percent. Sen. John Glenn, chairman of the Senate Govern-

mental Affairs Committee, has agreed to hold hearings concerning "early out." The hearings will begin Feb. 4, 1988. If you are interested in early out, write to Sen. John Glenn, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510, stating your support.

I thank you again for your cooperation and support. May God bless each of you.

Dennis Garrison  
President,  
AFGE Local 1858

## Torch passed

**Editor:**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the System Engineering and Production Directorate (Tech Data Division) for their effort concerning my retirement party given on Dec. 17, 1987 at BAMD. Special thanks to Mrs. Barbara Celiac and Mrs. Murlene Grider. I am one of those employees of the 1950s era who is retiring officially on Jan. 2, 1988. Employees of the 1950s era are of a special breed. A lot came up through the ranks the hard way. The following I believe deserve special thanks: the USAF (1951-55) for expertise on T-33, F-86F and F-100C type jet aircraft; Marshall Space Flight Center (1960-67) for expertise on the Redstone and Saturn V type missiles; U.S. Army Missile Command (1967-87) for expertise on Chaparral, Redeye and FAAR Air Defense Missile Systems; a special thanks to Maintenance Engineering (MLC) for this experience; System Engineering and Production Directorate (Tech Data Division) 1977-87 for expertise in data management.

As you know, there are a lot of the 1950 era type employees retiring at the end of 1987. As we ride off in the sunset, the torch has been passed to a new generation of our young people to take the flag and march forward for the Department of the U.S. Army.

Hershel D. Cramer

## Civilian bonuses

**Editor:**

Since many of the topics discussed lately concern service and the "trying" to save money, I'd like to put in my two cents worth.

Has anyone taken the time to look into the "bonuses" paid to civilian employees here on Redstone? How many offices are allotted so much money to give their civilian workers bonus money for ideas or procedures that help their performance? How many of these civilian employees take ideas and procedures, that had been thought up and actually put into use by military personnel, and said to be their own with neither credit made to the actual person nor any monetary award given to them? Also, with funding left over, award civilian employees hundreds of dollars

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# Army selects 'training' as its theme for 1988

"Training" was selected as the Army theme for 1988 as announced jointly Dec. 14 by Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr. and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Carl E. Vuono.

The text of the announcement follows: "Training is the Army theme for 1988.

"The yearly theme program has focused attention on the continuing Army strengths of winning spirit, physical fitness, excellence, families, leadership, values, and most recently, the Constitution. These themes have contributed to the current positive momentum of the Total Army. Each of these Army strengths will support this year's focus on training.

"Quality training is essential for the Army to fulfill its fundamental mission: To deter war, or, if deterrence fails, to reestablish peace through victory on the battlefield. To accomplish this, we must provide our nation a Total Army — active forces, the reserve components and civilians — trained to mobilize, deploy, fight and sustain combat operations with our sister and allied services anywhere in the world. Combat readiness is achieved by carefully planned and effectively presented training. Outstanding training and education must be experienced by soldiers in basic training; by cadets in OCS, ROTC and USMA commissioning programs; by military and civilian students in every classroom of the Army school system. These positive experiences must continually be sustained in units throughout the Total Army.

"Training must focus on the individual, units and their leaders:

"Individual training must develop soldiers who are disciplined, physically tough and highly motivated. They are the cutting edge of our combat power. Since training is the single endeavor where a majority of soldiers' time is spent during an Army career, the non-commissioned officer plays an especially important role in preparing soldiers who are skilled in their jobs and developed to the full extent of their capabilities.

"Unit training must be realistic to prepare our forces for the rigors of the battlefield. We must train the way we intend to fight. The commander must seek every opportunity to develop teamwork from buddy teams to combined arms teams to the unified action of several services or nations. Rehearsed teamwork is essential. Safety in training is always a vital goal.

"Leader training is an imperative for every echelon of military and civilian supervisor. This training pays dividends in providing a common basis of understanding and is an investment in our own future as we develop the leaders of tomorrow.

"Training requirements and techniques may differ among the active, reserve and civilian components of the Total Army. The challenge is twofold: first, to exchange the most effective training methods and programs across the total force; second, to ensure that all

components strive to meet the same Army-wide standard.

"The standards that guide our training must reflect the requirements of the battlefield. Leaders are responsible for the establishment of unit standards and a continual assessment to ensure the desired objectives are being met. This a vital aspect of a winning training philosophy.

"Trainers must use every training resource with imagination. The effective use of simulations, simulators and training devices will not only conserve taxpayer dollars but also provide a high priority for our research and development community. Each of us must get the most training value out of every training opportunity.

"Training is our top priority — it is the cornerstone of combat readiness." (ArNews)

## Commissary surcharge has benefits

**FORT LEE, Va.**— Thanks to commissary shoppers, \$85.2 million in surcharge was collected during fiscal 1987, officials at the U.S. Army Troop Support Agency report.

Surcharge is the 5 percent fee added to a customer's total purchase before coupon discounts have been deducted from the bill.

Commissaries had gross sales of \$1.73 billion in FY '87, an increase of more than \$84 million (5.1 percent), when compared to FY '86 sales.

The surcharge a customer pays benefits all shoppers because it pays for new construction, improvement to existing commissaries, utilities such as electricity, heat, steam, gas, coal, air conditioning, refrigeration and telephones for commissaries in the United States.

Additionally, this money is used for the purchase of

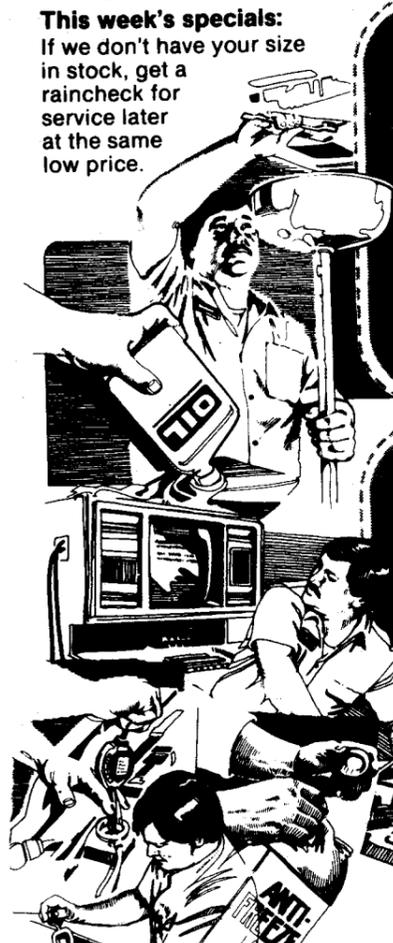
automated data processing equipment, electronic cash registers, scanning systems, forklifts, display cases, meat processing tables and other equipment; supplies such as: shelf labels, cash register tape, safety glasses, shopping carts; and maintenance and services such as: equipment repair, laundry of uniforms and cleaning supplies. Surcharge also pays for damaged and stolen merchandise.

Surcharge, however, does not pay for employee salaries, which are paid for from appropriated funds.

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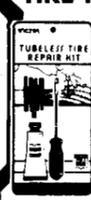
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# Government-owned company employs federal inmates

BY DONNA MILES

## American Forces Information Service

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The reason UNICOR can operate so differently from most government owned contractors is that it's owned by the government, bases its factories in federal prisons and employs federal inmates. UNICOR is the trade name of the Federal Prison Industries, Inc.

Today's prisoners are doing a lot more than stamping out license plates. They're training in many trades so they're ready to enter the job market with solid, marketable skills after release from prison.

In addition to preparing inmates for their release, the program has immediate payoffs, explained Gerald Farkas, UNICOR's associate commissioner. Channeling inmates' energies into worthwhile work reduces idleness, a big factor in prison security.

Prisoners say they like the program because it makes their incarceration pass faster. Some spend their earnings in the prison commissary. Others send it to their families or save it. Others use it to help pay off fines and court costs.

As a side benefit, UNICOR offers government agencies electronics equipment, plastic, optics, textiles, metal, wood and leather products, all at competitive prices.

The Defense Department is UNICOR's largest customer. Al Finch, special purchase program manager for the Defense Personnel Support Center in Philadelphia, said DoD buys about \$50 million a year in clothing, textiles and medical items from the company. The biggest items, he said, are pajamas, blankets, men's underwear and bath towels.

But UNICOR products can be found throughout DoD. Soldiers and Marines wear its Kevlar helmets and battledress uniforms. DoD civilians and military people alike work at its office furniture. Cadets at the U.S. Military and Air Force academies sleep and study on its loft-style dormitory units.

UNICOR receives no federal appropriations. To continue, let alone expand, its operations, it needs to turn a profit.

Helping drive this effort is a law that encourages all federal agencies to buy from UNICOR whenever possible before going to another contractor.

In addition, agencies are not required to go out on competitive bid for the products UNICOR can provide. This cuts down considerably on the often lengthy federal acquisition process.

Stan Wexler, director of corporate marketing, said the requirement that agencies buy from UNICOR is one the company has chosen not to police.

"We want people to use us because they want to, not because they have to," he said. "The best way for us to attract customers is to run our business like any other company in the private sector. That means offering quality products at competitive prices."

At first glance, UNICOR does appear to be much like any other company. Its products are showcased in glossy, four-color catalogs. Its marketing staff advertises the company at trade shows and conventions.

Workers get into the UNICOR program just as they'd get a job with any other company—they apply. Applicants must have at least an eighth-grade educa-

tion to be selected. If they don't meet that requirement, UNICOR pays for general educational development or vocational-technical training until they do.

Getting into the UNICOR program is a highly competitive process. The company has positions for only 15,000 inmates, or about one-fourth the federal prison population. Tomorrow's UNICOR program, he acknowledged, will be guided by how well it does the job today.

For Finch, who said DoD looks to UNICOR as a reliable, responsive source of quality products, that's likely to mean a continuation of UNICOR's 50-plus year tradition.

"It shortens the administrative lead time associated with the acquisition process considerably," Finch said. "When we (Defense Personnel Support Center) buy from UNICOR, we know the products will be out in the field where they're needed as quickly as possible."

## Asbestos

(Cont'd from page 1)

Here are other highlights from 1987:

- The Olin DDT project, which has been cited as the biggest pollution cleanup ever undertaken in this country, was formally brought to a close at Redstone Arsenal in July. Completed substantially ahead of schedule, the project involved diverting the main channel of Huntsville Spring Branch in two locations to bypass pockets of DDT contamination. Each diversion is about one mile in length. The old channel was filled and sealed, burying about 400 tons of DDT in place.

- Redstone's newly constructed Child Development Center officially opened. The building, a 13,500 square foot facility, was built in accordance with new

Army guidelines calling for a modular concept in child care.

- German troops successfully test fired the Patriot air defense missile at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., as their final stage of training on the missile system. This marked the first Patriot firing by a nation other than the U.S.

- In fiscal 1987, the Missile Command saved almost twice as much money as had been hoped through a program aimed at finding alternative ways to do things. MICOM saved \$226 million through value engineering to exceed a \$118 million goal.

- The Strategic Defense Command celebrated its 30th anniversary while the Huntsville Division, Army Corps of Engineers commemorated its 20th birthday.

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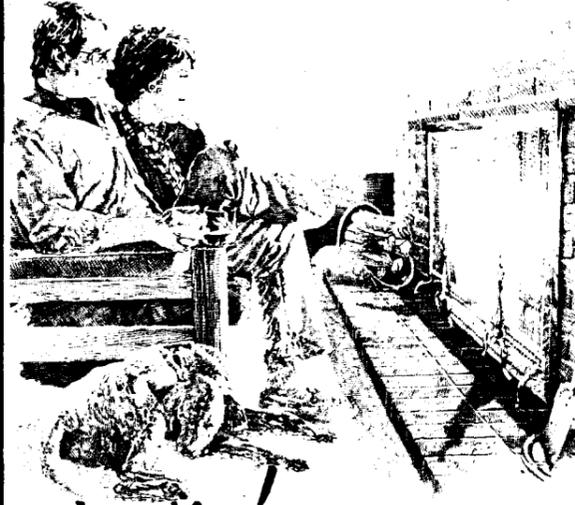
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# TOW weapon system tracks missile to target

*Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles about weapon systems managed by the Missile Command.*

**BY SKIP VAUGHN**

TOW stands for a tube launched, optically tracked, wire guided missile.

"And that explains pretty much how it works," says Col. Thomas Devanney, project manager of the TOW Project Office.

When this antitank missile is fired from its launch tube, all the gunner has to do is keep the sight lined up on the target. The system does the rest. The missile has a beacon on its back end that tells where it's heading in comparison to the gunner's line of sight.

Any difference between the gunner's aim and the missile flight path is detected by the optical sight or night sight. The missile guidance set sends commands to the missile via wires trailing out the back of the missile.

"All the gunner has to do is keep his crosshairs (the bull's-eye) on the target which is one of the nice things about this system," Devanney says.

The basic missile is about 4 feet long, 6 inches in diameter and weighs 41 pounds. Its range is about 2.3 miles. In the Army's inventory since about 1970, TOW is a family of antitank missiles and launch platforms for those missiles.

"A basic load of missiles is carried on the various launch platforms," Devanney says. Army launch platforms include a tripod, a jeep, a high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle, an Improved TOW tracked vehicle (ITV), the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, and the Cobra attack helicopter. The Marines use their light armored vehicle. International users have a variety of other wheeled and tracked vehicles and helicopters as launch platforms.

"We have built about 425,000 TOW missiles of all varieties, about 220,000 for U.S. forces," Devanney says, "the remainder for the approximately 35 international users."

Improved TOW was fielded in 1981; TOW 2 went to the field in 1983; and the most recent version (TOW 2A), with an additional small warhead in the tip, was fielded last September.

"We have a TOW 2B development effort," adds Devanney. "It's a radically different warhead concept. It will be a fly-over, shoot-down missile. This means the missile will fly about a meter above the gunner's line of sight. A sensor in the front of the missile will detect the target and initiate the dual warheads in the nose which will be fired downward and into the top of the target where the targets are usually softer."

The project office, led by Devanney and his civilian

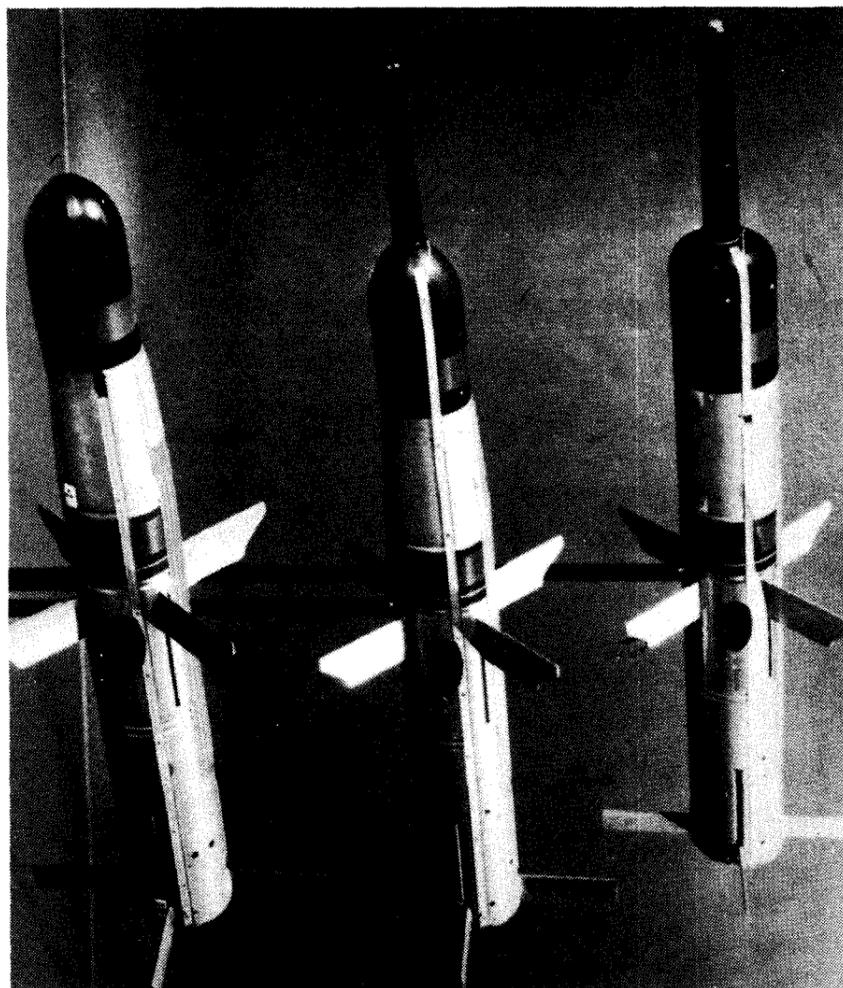
deputy Chris Leachman, manages about 165 contracts. Funding from all sources amounts to about \$700 million per year; it varies depending on the number of foreign military sales orders. Cost for a TOW missile, not including one of the various launch platforms, is about \$10,000.

"It's the best antitank missile in the world," Devanney says. "It's easy to use, it's effective, and easy to modify to keep the effectiveness up with the advancing armor threat. It's relatively inexpensive."

"Besides the TOW 2B effort, other programs are being considered by the Army which include further warhead developments, a more powerful flight motor which will give a faster missile, a wireless command link, multi-launch capability, and target acquisition system upgrades."

These potential future developments depend on how soon the Advanced Antitank Weapon System-Heavy can be developed. AAWS-H is to be the eventual replacement for TOW.

"In any case, with the improvements we are fielding and developing and the other potential improvements, I believe TOW can remain an effective anti-armor weapon well beyond the turn of the century," Devanney says.



MISSILES— Versions, from top, include TOW 2, Improved TOW, and basic TOW.



GROUND LAUNCHER— Soldiers use a ground TOW launcher which is among various launch platforms

## New guidelines cover ethics of military lawyers

Like civilians, soldiers and their families can now enjoy more client/lawyer confidentiality thanks to a newly adopted set of rules for Army lawyers.

The "Army Rules of Professional Conduct for Lawyers," patterned after the American Bar Association's "Model Rules of Professional Conduct," were developed in 1983. The Army's version, however, is tailored to the special needs and circumstances involved in the worldwide practice of military law, said Army Judge Advocate General Maj. Gen. Hugh R. Overholt.

He explained that Army lawyers always have been guided by ABA-devised disciplinary rules.

Now, as of Oct. 1, 1987, he and his colleagues have specific guidance by which their ethics, as military lawyers, can be measured. Today's separate rules for military attorneys evolved from a 4-year study that initially involved all the services. "Virtually all difficult ethical problems arise from conflict among a lawyer's responsibilities to clients, to the legal system and to the lawyer's own interest in remaining an upright person," Overholt said. "The Army Rules of Professional Con-

duct prescribe terms for the judge advocate to resolve such conflicts."

Confidentiality of the lawyer-client relationship among soldiers constitutes just one area of confidentiality covered by the new rules. Rule No. 1.13, for example, declares that conversations between a commander and the commander's lawyer are "confidential" — that is, they are not releasable by the attorney except for disclosure explicitly or implicitly authorized by the Army. The new rules also define, in particular, professional standards for the defense counsel. As has always been the case, an attorney is prohibited from revealing what was discussed between the attorney and client without the client's specific authorization, Overholt explained. The only exception to this strict prohibition concerns an attorney's duty to prevent future crimes that likely are to result in what the rules term "significant impairment of national security or the readiness or capability of a military unit."

The Army joins 24 other jurisdictions in adopting the ABA model rules, amended to suit local conditions and preferences. Overholt views this latest action as

"an enormous advance — not just because it updates the Army's standards for lawyer conduct but also because it recognizes problems unique to the military."

In a recent press release announcing the development from ABA headquarters in Chicago, ABA ethics counsel, George Kuhlman, praised the Army's participation. "Its assurance of uniform standards for Army lawyers and their civilian colleagues, tailored to address special military needs, is an advance both for the lawyers and for their clients and the men and women in uniform," Kuhlman said. "Consistent ethical guidelines across the profession will boost lawyers' knowledge of expectations for their conduct and will increase the ability of their clients to demand compliance," he concluded.

Readers desiring more information on the rules' content and applicability may wish to check with law libraries at their local installations. The rules will be published as DA Pamphlet 27-26, Overholt said. (ArNews)

# Officials support 'autologous blood donations'

By Evelyn D. Harris

American Forces Information Service

You've probably seen ads for companies that—for a fee—will store blood. Maybe you've even thought about storing your own blood with them.

Or maybe you think you'd like to have Aunt Sarah donate her blood when you need a transfusion.

If you're considering either course of action, Army Lt. Col. Anthony Polk, director of the Armed Service Blood Program Office has some discouraging words for you. "If you pay money to store your blood so it will be there in an emergency, you could be making an expensive mistake," said Polk.

"If your blood is stored in Virginia and you're in an accident in California, there's no way to get it where it's needed and ready for transfusion in time," he explained.

"As for Aunt Sarah," said Polk, "there's no guarantee that her blood is any safer than that in the blood bank."

However, blood in the blood bank is safe. It has been screened for the presence of antibodies to human immunodeficiency virus, the virus that causes AIDS. It has also been screened for hepatitis and syphilis. Thus, the chance of getting one of these diseases from a transfusion in a military hospital or a civilian hospital in the United States is extremely remote.

Since military doctors don't order transfusions unless they are absolutely necessary, the danger to your health from refusing a transfusion is much greater than the risk of getting a disease from the blood.

That said, military blood officials support "autologous blood donations"—that is, storing your own blood before elective surgery.

The reasons for this are twofold: First, receiving your own blood eliminates even the minor risk of an allergic reaction caused by introducing a foreign substance to the body. Secondly, self-storage helps conserve the community blood supply.

Polk said that if you're going to have elective

surgery and you're considering storing your blood, tell your doctor. Military doctors know the procedures for autologous blood donations.

There are few age or weight restrictions on donating blood to yourself. Children, elderly people and pregnant women have been able to safely donate blood for their own use. Even people who have not been able to donate to the community supply may still be able to donate for their own use.

Self-donors are as thoroughly screened as if they were donating to the community supply. A brief medical history, pulse, blood pressure and temperature will be taken as well as a small sample of blood that is checked for anemia.

Patients who meet the screening requirements may

donate as often as every three or four days, up to three days before surgery.

If it turns out you don't need your stored blood, it may be given to another patient, providing it meets all requirements for community donation.

The fees charged for self-donation differ across the country and may exceed the normal administrative charge for receiving blood from the community.

Polk said DoD will pick up these charges for military medical beneficiaries if the entire procedure, from donation to operation, is done in a military medical facility.

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# Social Security numbers can pay off at tax time

After the holidays many eager taxpayers turn their thoughts toward beating the annual tax return rush. Unfortunately, some early filing taxpayers may stumble upon a big roadblock if they've neglected to get Social Security numbers for their children.

Without one of these nine-digit numbers, family members 5 and older can't be claimed as exemptions on 1987 tax returns. This could greatly affect many returns and cost some people thousands of dollars if they find themselves unprepared at tax time (April 15). The change is a result of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, according to Capt. Edward M. Williams, legal assistance officer with Fort McClellan's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

"The purpose of the provision is to sharply reduce tax evasion in cases where parents filing separate returns both claim a dependent for tax purposes. This results in a substantial loss of revenue at the expense of other taxpayers," said Barbara T. Bickerton, local district manager of the Social Security Administration in Anniston, Ala.

The application process is not complicated. "People can come in to our office at 13th and Leighton Avenue or they can call us at 237-1647."

The "Application for a Social Security Number Card," or Form SS-5, can be filled out at the office. In most cases, however, the application can be mailed in if proper proof of identification is included.

It normally takes about three weeks for the Social Security Administration to process and return a Social Security card to a new applicant via the mail. However, during peak periods it can take from four to six weeks, according to Bickerton.

Family members 18 or older, and those born outside the United States, must apply in person, according to Bickerton. Evidence of each family member's age (original birth certificate), U.S. citizenship or lawful alien status is required at the time of application.

Family members born in the United States usually only need to bring an original or certified copy of a public, hospital, or religious birth record to establish proof of age and citizenship.

One of the following original documents is also required:

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- health record,
- military ID card,
- insurance policy,
- or another document that would identify the family member.

Only original documents or certified copies of original documents may be used when submitting the application forms but, according to Bickerton, "we only look at the original documents — we don't keep them." Photo copies are not acceptable.

Parents also need to be able to identify themselves when requesting a Social Security Number for their children. A driver's license is the standard identity card SSA officials use to verify the parent's identity.

## Steam plant project misses '87 deadline

The city of Huntsville's incinerator project to generate steam for Redstone Arsenal may have expired at year's end along with the law that would have enabled it to be built with tax-exempt construction bonds.

To qualify for the exemption the bonds had to be issued by Dec. 31 but the city terminated its construction agreement less than two weeks before that deadline when their contractor, the Dravo Corp. demanded more money.

The city has said it will ask Congress to restore the exemption while it looks for a new contractor. Unless construction bonds are tax exempt, officials say, the

project is economically infeasible unless interest rates go down.

The city had planned to finance the incinerator construction with an issue of tax-exempt bonds in excess of \$100 million and recover the principal and interest through sale of steam to the Army at Redstone Arsenal under an arrangement informally agreed to several years ago. But delays in obtaining required higher approvals kept local Army officials from contracting to buy the steam until early December, barely ahead of the exemption deadline. Then the city's eleventh-hour dispute with Dravo effectively killed the project for 1987 and, some observers believe, for all time.

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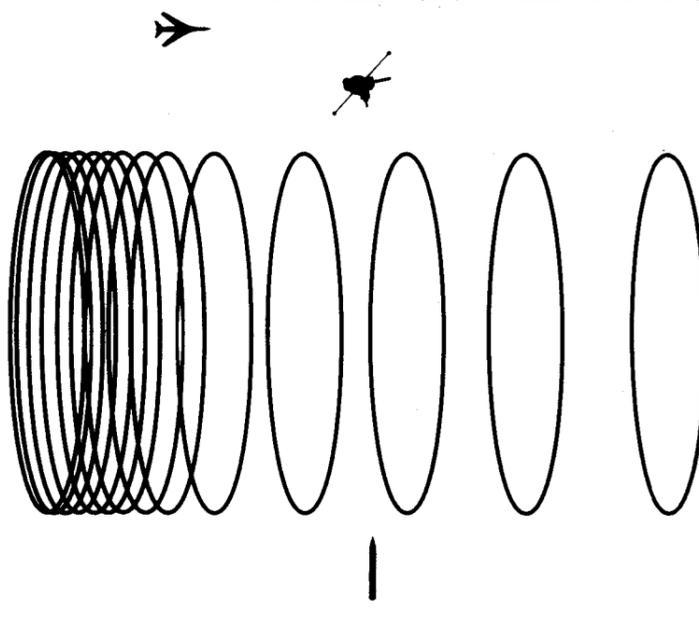
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# Some soldiers to file tax returns by computer link

Certain soldiers due a refund from future federal income tax return are being afforded the chance to use computer modems to file their federal income tax returns.

This service is being offered to soldiers stationed in Alabama, Arizona, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia and Washington, as well as in parts of California and New York.

The Internal Revenue Service has begun a program allowing tax preparers for such organizations as Army installations to file returns via computer modems. A

modem consists of a telephone linking computer terminals to a central computer.

IRS officials explain that the program ensures fast processing of tax returns, the early receipt of refund checks, and IRS confirmation of the return's accuracy. Under the program, taxpayers may have their refund checks deposited directly to their bank accounts.

According to Maj. Richard Totten with the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Army in the Pentagon, the computerization saves soldiers about

\$25, which otherwise would go to commercial tax preparers for their services. It also would deter soldiers from taking out loans at high interest rates in advance of receipt of their refund.

Officials report that the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C., used the program for the 1986 tax year. "We got on the bandwagon April 1, 1987, and still processed 160 1986 tax returns," said Maj. Richard McCall, chief legal assistance officer at Bragg. He said that these soldiers received their refund checks in about three weeks. (ArNews)

## Pointers for filing returns under new tax laws

**Taxpayer Identification Numbers.** Taxpayers who claim a dependent 5 years or older must include the taxpayer identification number of that dependent on the return they file. For most, this number is the individual's Social Security Number. This change is effective beginning with 1987 returns which are due April 15.

**Personal Exemption.** Personal exemptions may no longer be claimed by individuals who are eligible to be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's tax return. This is effective for 1987 and all following tax years.

**Standard Deduction.** The standard deduction allowed to any individual who is eligible to be claimed as a dependent on another's tax return is the greater of \$500, or the dependent's earned income, but not more than the allowable standard deduction.

For example, a dependent child who is not blind and who does not work gets a standard deduction of \$500. If this dependent child works and earns more than \$500, the standard deduction equals earned income, but may not exceed \$2,540.

**Filing Requirement.** Individuals who qualify to be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return must file if their gross income exceeds their allowable standard deduction or they had unearned income exceeding \$500.

**Tax Computation.** Starting in 1987, all net unearned income of a child younger than 14 (regardless of the source of the asset creating the income) is taxed to the child at the highest marginal rates of the parents. However, if the tax at the child's own tax rate is higher than the tax that results from using the parent's tax rates, then the tax is computed using the child's tax rate.

For 1987, net unearned income means the unearned income of the child reduced by the sum of \$1,000, plus the allowable itemized deductions in excess of \$500 that are directly connected with the production of the unearned income.

In the case of divorced or separated parents, the income is taxed at the highest marginal rate of the custodial parent. In the case of parents who file separately, the income is taxed at the rate of the parent with the higher rate.

The following examples illustrate the tax consequences of this provision to a dependent child younger than 14 in 1987.

*Example 1:* If a child has \$400 of unearned income and no earned income, the child's maximum allowable standard deduction (\$500) exceeds the child's income, so the child has no federal income tax liability.

*Example 2:* If the child has \$900 of unearned income and no earned income with less than \$500 of itemized deductions, the child's standard deduction is \$500 and the taxable income is \$400. Because the child's unearned income is less than \$1,000, the \$400-taxable income is taxed at the child's rate.

*Example 3:* Assume the child has \$300 of earned income and \$1,200 of unearned income with itemized deductions of \$400 (net of the two percent floor) that are directly connected with the production of the unearned income. The child has \$400 of other deductions. The child's taxable income is \$700 (\$1,500 total income, minus \$800 itemized deductions). Because the itemized deductions directly connected with the production of the unearned income are less than \$500, they are not taken into account in computing net unearned income. Therefore, the child has net unearned income of \$200 (\$1,200 of unearned income less \$1,000), which is taxed at the parents' highest marginal rates. The \$500-balance of the child's taxable income is taxed at the child's rates.

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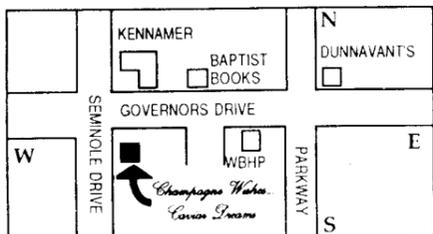
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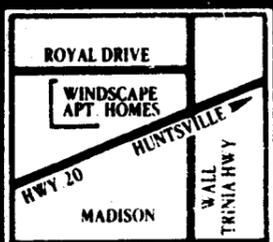
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# DoD cracks down on abuse of injury compensation

BY DONNA MILES

## American Forces Information Service

A civilian federal employee at the Defense Fuel Supply Center in Alexandria, Va., recently learned the hard way that the Defense Department is serious about cracking down on injury compensation fraud.

After allegedly taking a fall at work in December 1984, she received her full salary for 45 days. After that, she started receiving \$522,981 a year, tax free, in injury compensation. She met regularly with Department of Labor-approved doctors to confirm that her injury still prevented her from returning to work.

What she didn't do—which ultimately led to her conviction for fraud—was report that while receiving federal injury compensation, she was holding down another full-time job.

Paul Rossbach, DoD injury compensation administrator, said this is just one of many cases of injury compensation fraud being uncovered throughout DoD.

Last year, the U.S. government paid more than \$1 billion in injury compensation to civilian workers who were injured on the job. DoD's share of the bill was \$384 million— or more than \$1 million a day.

Some disabled workers suffer from traumatic injuries, usually the result of accidents. Workers with these types of injuries who are unable to return to work receive their full salary for 45 days. This is called the continuation-of-pay period.

If their injury continues beyond that, they receive 75 percent of their pay, tax free. If they have no dependents, they receive 66 2/3 percent of their salary after the initial 45 days. Their condition is reviewed periodically to determine when they are fit to return to work. In some cases, they can receive injury compensation for life.

The second type of disabled worker suffers from occupational diseases that evolve over a period of time.

Examples of these injuries are asbestosis and hearing loss. Unlike victims of traumatic injuries, those with occupational diseases are not entitled to continuation-of-pay benefits. Once their disability is diagnosed and their claim processed, they receive 75 or 66 2/3 percent of their salary, as appropriate.

Rossbach acknowledged that most federal workers collecting injury compensation have legitimate injuries. What DoD is out to uncover, he said, are the cases involving fraud and those in which workers are able to return to light or limited duty until they're fully recuperated.

It's a campaign being organized on several flanks.

One strategy is to uncover employees collecting compensation while working for outside employers. Though this practice is not illegal, employees are required to report their earnings, which are deducted from the compensation they receive. In many cases, workers lie about these earnings, making them, like the Defense Fuel Supply Center employee, guilty of fraud.

To crack down on these cases, Rossbach said, DoD will begin comparing the names of people on its

disability rolls with those on state employment commission rosters. State employment commissions collect employment insurance from businesses, which in turn register their employees by name and salary.

Another type of search will compare the names of injured workers with those of people who have applied for credit at banks or other financial institutions. The purpose, Rossbach explained, is to determine if "disabled" workers list sources of income not being reported to the government.

Another strategy in the crackdown, Rossbach said, is a program in which DoD compensation administrators visit unannounced the homes of disabled workers to check on their condition. "Past experience has shown that many of these people have not been contacted by their former employers for years and, as a result, have been abusing the system," he said.

Rossbach said DoD has a strong message to people abusing the injury compensation system. "We want to tell people out there that we're no longer going to tolerate abuse. If they have unreported outside earnings, we're going to find out sooner or later; and when we do, we're going to prosecute."

## Shuttle bus service improves in Philly

WASHINGTON— Servicemembers processing vehicles through the Military Traffic Management Command's Military Ocean Terminal in Bayonne, N.J., can make flight connections in Philadelphia International Airport more easily.

Navy Lt. Ken Lucy, who commands the MTMC military air traffic coordinating unit in Philadelphia, said the city of Philadelphia has improved its free shuttle bus schedule to enable easier connections with MAC flights. Servicemembers should call in advance

for reservations, but no later than the day before service is needed.

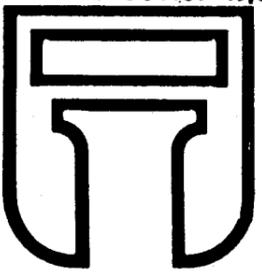
Travelers may take pets on the bus in small to medium sized crates, but pets must also have advanced reservations.

Travelers may call information at (215) 492-3333 (collect) every day from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. According to Lucy, servicemembers should identify themselves as DOD travelers, report the number of seats required, date destination and MAC flight number. (Arnews)

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# Letters

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Be serious! Give credit where credit is due, but let's not be ridiculous or wasteful. If ever an actually honest audit was done with some of the offices on Redstone, the only monies that some people would be receiving is the check from the unemployment office. Watch what you're doing! Don't waste money that could be used for other more productive purposes. A certificate should suffice for coming to work on time for a year, along with keeping your job, not five hundred dollars.

Name withheld by request

## Lack of faith

Editor:

Medical Care! It is a problem! I'm wondering how many expressions of dissatisfaction will be heard before any real interest is shown and corrective action taken?

My incident is involving the Fox Army Hospital Emergency Room. I have a six month old boy and recently he had a cough all day that got progressively worse by late afternoon, to the point that he was

coughing and choking until he threw up. My wife and I took his temperature and it was just below 101 degrees.

We decided he needed to be seen by a "doctor" and we took him to the emergency room. We had him signed in and told our story to an RN who rudely informed us that a baby with a fever of less than 101 degrees was nothing to be concerned about but that they would check him out for the coughing. His temperature was then checked and it was just below 100 degrees now.

Three hours later our name was called. We sat in the waiting room from just before 5 until 8 before we were called. We then waited another 20 minutes in an examination room to be seen by a Captain "doctor" (that of course was not a pediatrician because there are none on Redstone) that gave us a bottle of antihistamine for his cough and told us there was nothing else that could be done.

I realize that there are priorities of emergencies but 3-plus hours waiting time is ridiculous. What happens if there is more than one person dying? The result of all this is a lack of faith in the Army's medical staff, which is already weak on Redstone Arsenal, and an overall morale lowerer for everyone in the Army. I work in a battalion where service to the soldier is

number one priority and I feel that is the way medical treatment should be. When the medical staff project an attitude of "I don't care" to the patients, it really hurts everyone. I can safely say that Redstone Arsenal provides the worst medical care I have ever witnessed. What does it take to get better medical service?

Sp4 Greg B. Patrick

## Troop intramural bowling standings

Here are the troop intramural bowling standings as of Dec. 17:  
*Tuesday's Conference*

	Won	Lost
HHC-1	309	41
C Company 73rd-1	285.5	64.5
HHC-3	226	124
C Company 73rd-2	222.5	127.5
MEDDAC-1	206	144
D Company 832nd-1	199	151
Marines-2	197.5	152.5
TMDE/95th	140	210
A Company 73rd-2	132	218
291st MPs	120.5	229.5
MEDDAC-2	116.5	233.5
SSO, RDS	97.5	252.5
A Company 73rd-3	94.5	255.5
C Company 832nd	64	286

200 games/600 series bowled on Dec. 15:

Mike Littlejohn	215, 207, 206, & 628 series
Gayle Brantley	209
Frank Lasher	208
Chuck Gensel	203

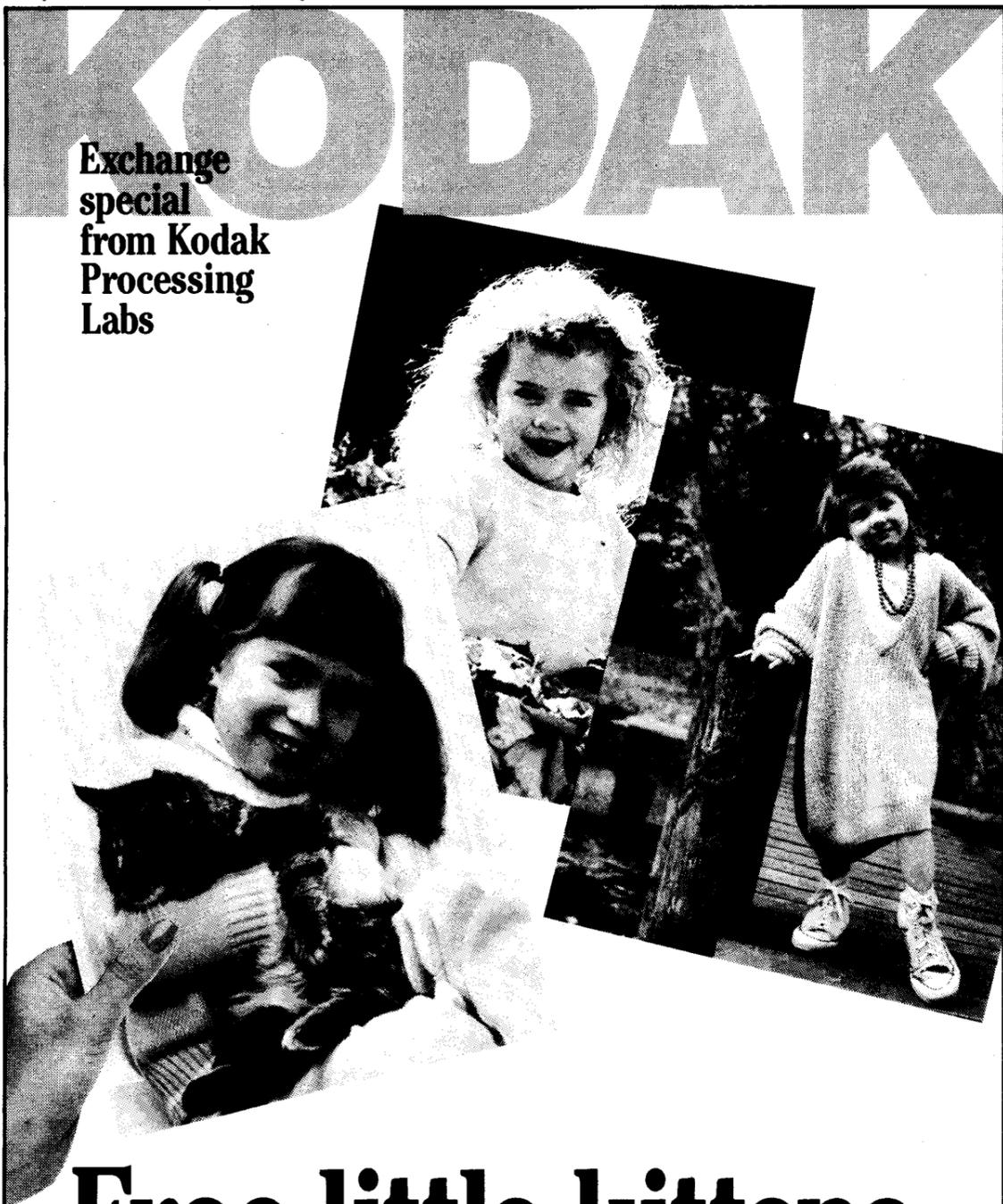
*Thursday's Conference*

	Won	Lost
A Company E&TTD	276	74
B Company 73rd-1	272.5	77.5
Marines-1	255	95
HC-2	209.5	140.5
B Company 73rd-2	208	142
HHC-4	201.5	148.5
A Company 73rd-1	163.5	186.5
B Company EOD	161.5	188.5
B Company SAD	161	189
D Company 832nd-2	126	224
515th-1	124.5	225.5
B Company 832nd	114	236
515th-2	104	246
HHD	50.5	299.5

200 games bowled on Dec. 17:

Chuck Chizek	211
Ed Smith	209 & 205
Chuck Buxton	204
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Take time out. Don't take it out on your kid.

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# King

(King, cont'd from page 3)

It will also contain tributes from those who marched with King, world leaders, citizens across the nation and around the world and heads of state.

Additionally, the capsule will contain a miniature Liberty Bell, symbol of the U.S. independence and laser-inscribed with the "Let Freedom Ring" passage from King's historic 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

A replica of the time capsule is being taken on a national tour of major cities that will end in Atlanta in January. The capsule will be part of the national parade and march there on Jan. 18. The replica was displayed across America in schools, city halls and state houses, at public housing projects, libraries, colleges and universities, religious institutions and private organizational headquarters.

The name, city and state of people who contributed \$1 to the capsule fund are laser-inscribed on the miniature Liberty Bell.

## Soldiers on food stamps not hurt by pay change

Servicemembers who receive food stamps to tide them over during financial hard times need not worry that their food-stamp eligibility will suffer from the newly instituted end-of-month pay-day realignment.

That's the good news from Army officials who have recently coordinated a policy update with officials at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which oversees the federal food-stamp program.

"We were concerned," explained Lt. Col. Jim McFarland in the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, "that because some months during the calendar year have two end-of-month pay days and others have none (depending on how the holidays and weekends fall), we might experience conflict in the way the food-stamp eligibility is computed. The original USDA regulations required that for food-

stamp purposes income be credited to the month in which it is received.

"That requirement posed the prospect that soldiers who would otherwise qualify for food stamps would be deemed ineligible during those months containing two end-of-month pay days and would qualify for more than the normal amount in those months containing none."

The revised USDA policy, issued Oct. 21 to the affected state agencies, now assures that servicemembers' monthly pay will not fluctuate for food-stamp purposes from month to month solely because of the pay day's falling on a holiday or weekend.

McFarland noted that December 1987 and April 1988 will contain two end-of-month pay days. Next year, the months of January and May will contain none. (ArNews)

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## Reup bonuses brought back

WASHINGTON— Two key Army re-enlistment incentives — the Selective Re-enlistment bonus and the bonus extension and retraining program — have been reinstated.

The programs were brought back Dec. 10 following the signing of the Defense Authorization Act.

"Soldiers who extended in October, November or December with the hopes of getting a bonus, have until Jan. 29, 1988, to cancel their extension and re-enlist to receive the bonus," said Maj. Allen Deutsch, a staff officer in the Army's office of the deputy chief of staff for personnel. "The unused portion of the extension will not be charged as 'previously obligated service' for bonus computation purposes."

Soldiers expecting a bonus who have assignment instructions have until Jan. 15, 1988, to extend or re-enlist or lose the bonus, he said.

For details on these programs see your unit total Army career counselor. (Arnews)

## Boaters plan show, safety course

If you're thinking about buying a boat, now is a good time to make some plans. There will be a big boat show at the Von Braun Civic Center Jan. 14 through 17. But the first booth you should visit won't be selling boats.

The folks at the booth run by the Redstone Flotilla of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be giving pointers about buying a boat, and advice on how to operate it safely once you get it in the water.

Dewey Rhodes of the Redstone Flotilla encourages potential boat buyers to come by the booth before facing the myriad of boat styles available.

"We can help them decide what they really want in a boat. The average boat owner, within one year, decides he needs a fleet of five boats to do all the things he wants from one boat," Rhodes said.

Auxiliary members will also be handing out free safety information and showing videotapes of rescue operations, he said.

If you do buy a boat, or trade yours in for a different kind of boat, the next most important step is to sign up for the Auxiliary's Safe Boating Course, according to Rhodes.

The course begins Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Redstone Arsenal Yacht Club clubhouse in building 8017. The course is free, although if you want a textbook and workbook, there is a \$10 charge. Boaters who complete the course then receive discount rates on insurance, Rhodes said.

"The money-saving part is tangible, but more significant is that people who take the course have fewer accidents," he said. The course emphasizes boating skills as well as good safety practices.

The Safe Boating Course runs for nine weeks and covers boating subjects including trailering, handling, legal requirements, navigation, piloting, engines, knot-tying, sailing, radio operation, and lock and dam navigation. Classes will last approximately two hours and will be held every Tuesday except the Tuesday during the AEA holiday.

To pre-register for the course, send a check for \$10 to Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla Six, 301 Belvidere, Huntsville, Ala. 35803. For more information about the course, call Walt Whitacre, Flotilla captain, at 881-5685.

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# Announcements

## Childbirth classes

Prepared Childbirth Classes will be held every Tuesday, starting Jan. 12, from 6-8 p.m. at Fox Army Community Hospital. For more information, call Ann Bianchi 830-4412.



## Multi crafts center

Here's the January schedule for the multi crafts center in building 3615. Tonight, *Sewing orientation workshop* at 7; Jan. 7, *Glass etching workshop* at 7 p.m.; Jan. 8, *Ceramic dry-brushing classes* begin at 1 p.m.; Jan. 9, *Quilted collar workshop* at 10 a.m.; *Basics of mat cutting* at 1 p.m.; *Cornhusk flowers class* at 1 p.m.; Jan. 12, *Basic jewelry classes* begin at 6 p.m.; and *Basic ceramics classes* begin at 6 p.m.; Jan. 13, *Basic jewelry classes* begin at 6 p.m.; *Woodworking classes* begin at 6:30 p.m.; *Appliqued placemats workshop* at 6:30 p.m.; Jan. 14, *Basic folk art classes* begin at 6:30 p.m.; *Basic ceramics classes* begin at 6 p.m.; Jan. 15, *Basic jewelry classes* begin at 1 p.m.; Jan. 16, *Acrylic on canvas workshops* begin at 10 a.m.; *Tussie mussie wreath class* at 1 p.m.; Jan. 19, *Basic canvas classes* begin at 6:30 p.m.; Jan. 20, *Appliqued phone book cover* at 6 p.m.; Jan. 22, *Woodworking classes* begin at 9:30 a.m.; *Basic painting techniques classes* begin at 1 p.m.; Jan. 23, *Oval mat cutter workshop* at 10 a.m.; *Stencil sweatshirt workshop* at 1 p.m. The multi crafts center is open to military families and to DoD civilians. Hours for the center are Tuesday and Wednesday, 1:30-10 p.m.; Thursday, 5-10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. For more information call 876-7951.



## Women's support group

A women's support group for victims of domestic violence meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Landmark Building, 2400 Bob Wallace Ave., Suite 207. Child care is available.

## FEW meeting

North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will meet at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at the Officers Club. Houston Massey, chief of H&R Block Huntsville Office, is to speak on income tax changes and reform. Members and visitors are invited to attend. For reservations call Marie Osmer 876-4150/4158 or Sheila Jarvis 876-3564 by close of business Jan. 11.

## Divorced support group

Divorced Are People is a support group for divorced people of all ages—military and civilian employees at Redstone Arsenal and Marshall Space Flight Center. "Divorced Are People is simply a group of special and unique individuals who happen to be divorced." The next scheduled meeting is 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12 at the Bicentennial Chapel. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) William Meyer 876-7256.

## Top graduates

The following service members received Honor or Distinguished graduate awards for highest academic class standing at OMMCS, Dec. 14-18: Sp4 Shawn D. McIntosh, honor, Pershing Electrical Repairer; Pvt. Richard M. Gonzales, distinguished, Pvt. Michael P. Boyles, Pvt. Michael B. Blair, Pvt. Charles A. Debusk, Pvt. Brian N. Duray, Sgt. Nidel S. Haddad, Pvt. Tyrone J. Luitjens, Pvt. William R. Rudy, Pvt. John T. Schulte, honor, Ammunition Specialist; SSgt. Jens Stueber, distinguished, SSgt. Dieter Jendsen, honor, Hawk Fire Control Repairer; Pvt. Laura R. Jones, honor, Multiple Launch Rocket System Repairer; Sgt. Kurt E. Knapp, distinguished, Sgt. Randolph Martin, Sp4 Thomas R. Fisher and PFC Mark R. Grooms, honor, Forward Area Alerting Radar Repair.

## Civilian payroll

The Civilian Payroll Section now has an answering machine installed. For inquiries or questions concerning pay or leave, the phone number for Civilian Pay is still 876-1251. If you will leave your name, phone number, and cost center on the answering machine the payroll clerk who services your area will return your call.

## Chapel events

*Military Council of Catholic Women* meets at 9 a.m. Jan. 8 at Bicentennial Chapel. *Weekly events* at Post and Bicentennial Chapels include Protestant Sunday School classes for age 3 through adult at Bicentennial Chapel from 9-10:15 a.m. Catholic CCD classes for age 4 through adult are held at Bicentennial Chapel from 10:45-11:45. The Protestant Youth of the Chapel meet on Sundays at 5 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel immediately following the Youth Choir rehearsal which takes place at 4. The Catholic Youth of the Chapel meet on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. The Praise and Prayer Fellowship for adults meets on Sundays at 7 p.m. at Post Chapel. *A Bethel Bible class* is held every Monday at 7 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. *The Officers Christian Fellowship/Christian Military Fellowship* meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in individual homes and on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in individual homes. For location information, call 837-1744/5153. *Protestant Women of the Chapel* exercise classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. *The PWOC Bible Study* meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. *A Troop Bible Study* is held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Post Chapel. An Enlisted Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Post Chapel. *The Post Chapel Choir* rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Post Chapel and the *Bicentennial Chapel Choir* rehearses on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. *A Korean Catholic Bible Study* meets on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel.

## Women engineers

The Society of Women Engineers Interest Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12 in the community room of the First American Federal Bank, 4008 University Drive NW. The program will be "an informal brainstorming session to prepare for 1988; come and bring your ideas." For more information, call Virginia Woods 895-0881 or Carolyn Par-due 876-8639.

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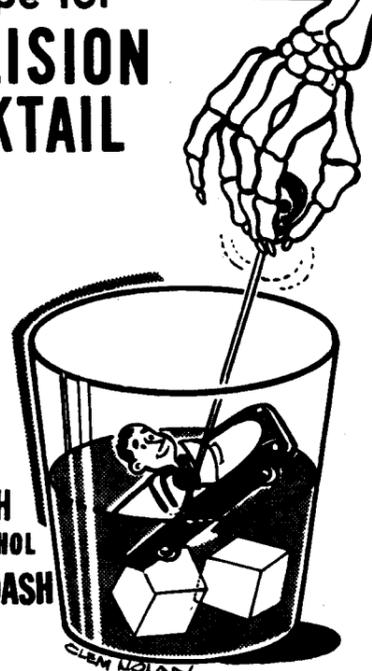
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