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Redstone golf course lets civilians play anytime

BY PAM ROGERS

Authorized civilians can now play on the Redstone Arsenal Golf Course at any time during normal operating hours, with some restrictions.

Civilians allowed to play on the course include any federal government workers employed on Redstone, and Department of Defense civilian workers in the community supported by Redstone, according to Chip Enlow, golf course pro and manager.

Civilian play on a restricted basis was started last May, according to Enlow. At that time, civilians were allowed to play Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The golf course, along with several other recreational activities, was opened to civilians in order to offset the loss of appropriated funding which occurred last October.

The arsenal lost a total of \$1.4 million when a law passed by Congress calling for revenue-generating activities to be self-supporting went into effect. The golf course lost about \$250,000, which had been used to pay for cutting of fairways and roughs, all utilities, custodial services, and to fund three positions, Enlow said.

The restricted playing hours for civilians did have an impact, "but not as much as we had anticipated," Enlow said. "We averaged, as a result, approximately 20 additional people per day."

Now authorized civilians will be allowed to play anytime the course is open, with military patrons receiving priority for tee time reservations on weekends and holidays, according to Enlow.

"It's now open Tuesday through Friday on an unrestricted walk-in basis, consistent with established priorities."

Enlow explained the way reserved tee times are handled.

"Active duty military only may reserve weekend tee times beginning Tuesdays from 2 p.m. on.

"Retired military personnel and family members can reserve tee times from 2 p.m. Wednesday on.

"All other authorized patrons can reserve tee times from 2 p.m. Thursday on," he said.

Enlow believes this reservation system will protect the interests of the military community, and that the opening of additional hours to civilians will make the golf course more fully-utilized.

"We have a lot of slack time that we are offering to more people, and we'll be busier," he said.

"It may bring on some problems with properly controlling play. In anticipation of that, we have plans to initiate a volunteer starter and marshalling organization to accommodate increased play," he said. Anyone who is interested in participating can call Enlow at 876-6888.

Current under-utilized times are weekdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and Saturday afternoons after 1 p.m. The course is open from Tuesday through Sunday each week. The entire facility, including practice areas, is closed Mondays.

"Our course hours vary according to season. They're currently 9 a.m. to dusk weekdays and 8 a.m. to dusk weekends. If a national holiday falls on a Monday, the course is open on Monday and closes on Tuesday," Enlow said. Course hours will change March 1, when the course will open at 8 a.m. on weekdays and 7 a.m. on weekends. From March 1 to Oct. 31, number one tee is reserved for Ladies' Golf Day from 8 until 10 a.m.

The pro shop is open at the times the golf course is open. Civilians who are authorized to play on the course may buy golf-related items in the shop. The snack bar is open for lunch Mondays from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., in addition to regular golf course hours.

Green fees for civilians are \$8 per day or \$4 for nine holes.

The golf course offers a driving range and putting, chipping and pitching greens at no cost to patrons (cost for 1/2 bucket of balls to use on the driving range is 50 cents). The cost for an electric golf cart for 18

holes is \$12, and \$6 for nine holes. Rental for a pull cart is \$1.

Although the primary goals of the golf course are to serve the military patron and to generate revenue for soldiers and their families, Enlow reminds all golfers that they are welcome to use the facility.



Local Army agencies participating in awards program

Supervisors from six federal agencies will have the opportunity to recognize their top performers during the second annual High-Tech Federal Employees of the Year Regional Awards program.

The program gives deserving employees the chance to compete with their peers in the region for recognition of their accomplishments.

The employees are called "high-tech" because that is the nature of their agencies' business. However, the awards are not limited to engineers and technicians; and there are enough award categories to spread the wealth.

Contenders include workers from the Missile Command, the Strategic Defense Command, Corps of Engineers Huntsville Division, Marshall Space Flight Center, Oak Ridge (Tenn.) National Laboratory, and Arnold Engineering Development Center near Tullahoma, Tenn.

SDC is hosting this year's program. Arnold Engineering was last year's host. Host responsibility rotates among the participating organizations.

One award is given in each of the following six categories:

- nonappropriated fund employees
- wage board employees
- secretarial and clerical personnel
- technicians or specialists (GS-1 through 8)
- specialists, supervisors, and professionals such as engineers (GS-9 through 12)
- supervisors, managers, and professionals such as engineers, doctors, lawyers and computer scientists (GS/GM 13 through 15).

Each participating organization will select a nominee in each category. Then a neutral panel of judges from academia, business and civic organizations will review the nominations and determine the six regional winners according to a point system.

Nomination packages are due at SDC by March 14. Information can be obtained from Linda Thomas of

State wins lawsuit for veterans home

MONTGOMERY— The Montgomery Circuit Court ruled on Feb. 16 that Gov. Guy Hunt properly released \$2.25 million in state funds for the construction of a State Veterans Home.

This state money will be used to acquire \$5 million in federal matching funds. The State Veterans Home will be the first such home for the state of Alabama and will have a 150-bed capacity. It will be constructed in Alexander City on 15 acres of prime wooded property donated by the city. It will serve veterans statewide who are in need of long-term skilled nursing care.

The plaintiffs in the case were various private nursing homes located in Tallapoosa County. These private nursing homes contended that the construction and operation of the State Veterans Home by the state would be illegal and would cause the private nursing homes to incur operating losses. After a trial on the merits, however, the court ruled that the expenditure was legal and properly released and that the State Veterans Home should go forward.

Thirty-six other states in the U.S. already have one

MICOM 876-5795, Steve Mann of SDC 895-4853 or Bill Morrissey of Corps of Engineers 895-5760.

Winners will be announced at an awards banquet set for April 28 at the Officers Club. Scheduled speaker is Brig. Gen. Robert L. Stewart, SDC's deputy commander and the Army's first astronaut. Tickets (\$11.75 each) will be available the first week in April.

or more state veterans homes. All of these homes were constructed with federal matching funds. The Alabama Veterans Home will offer a wide range of programs and services to meet the special needs of the veteran and his family.

Street painting closes Gate 8

Redstone's gate eight will be closed Sunday, Feb. 28 from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. so that workers can paint road markings on a construction area on Goss Road.

During the time that gate eight is closed, gate 10 will be open. Workers and residents who normally leave by gate eight can take the shortest route to gate 10 by turning right on Acton Road next to the Post Exchange, then taking a left on Mauler Road.

Rain date for the closing of gate eight is March 6.



Loan program

Editor:

Please explain the year-old Federal Employees Education and Assistance Fund (FEEA). What is the procedure for employees to apply for educational scholarships and loans, and emergency loans and grants?

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: The Federal Employees Education and Assistance Fund is a non-profit organization that applied for and was selected to participate in the recent Combined Federal Campaign, according to Eric Thomas, chairman of the local federal coordinating committee for the Huntsville area CFC. The FEEA Family Education Loan Program offers four loan options with lower interest rates for federal employees. The four options include Guaranteed Student Loans, Supplemental Loans for Students, Parent PLUS, and FEEA-Excel. To apply for a loan, you have to request an application from FEEA. Its address is 527 2nd Street, NE, Suite B; Washington, D.C. 20002.)

Team effort

Editor:

This is in response to the letter entitled "Competition award" in the Feb. 17 issue of the *Redstone Rocket*.

Each organizational element within the Missile Command was invited to nominate personnel to be recognized for their contributions to the Army's competition efforts during the FY 1987 time frame. Nominees were to have demonstrated support of the competition program and contributed in a professional and competent manner to enhance Army procurement through the competitive process. These nominations were then forwarded through channels to the Department of the Army for review and final selection. MICOM received more Competition Awards than any other command in the Army.

We have made significant improvements in competition here at MICOM. The command has improved from 8.7 percent in FY 1982 to almost 23 percent in FY 1987. This outstanding accomplishment has been the result of a lot of hard work by a large number of people within the command, both at Redstone Arsenal and at field offices such as the one in El Segundo, Calif. Our achievements reflect a group effort—a group of professionals performing in an efficient, innovative and competent manner. One or two or even

five individuals cannot make such significant accomplishments. It takes a team effort.

Unfortunately, everyone involved is not officially recognized for their efforts when awards, such as those for competition, are presented. A relatively few are selected to receive the award, not only for their significant contribution, but also as representatives of all the people who work alongside them. As Mr. Davenport, one of the competition award recipients, was quoted in the Jan. 20 *Redstone Rocket*, "I think it is more or less a team effort of all the people involved in Patriot."

The MICOM community should take pride in the fact that so many of our personnel received competition awards and that the command is making significant strides in improving its competitive posture. We are all involved in the process of providing support to soldiers and competition enables us to do it in a more efficient and cost effective manner. When members of the command are recognized for their achievements in this area, in some respect we are all recognized.

Curtis R. Morton
Chief,

Competition Management Office

Wasting money

Editor:

Here we go again. We shut down gates to "save" money? Then we turn around and require all the military, civilians and contractors to all get new tags. Why? Has anyone considered the amount of wasted time and money to the taxpayer, you and I included?

For instance, the median income per capita of Huntsville (also of GS employees) exceeds \$24,000 per annum, which equates to \$12.50 per hour, or 21 cents per minute.

From where you work it must be at least a 15-minute drive (from the time you stop working, walk to your car, drive over, get out and walk into the tag building) and, as all of us who read this paper know, a guess of a 10-15 minute wait to get tags will probably be extended because everyone is over there trying to beat the rush. Then, the 15 minute return back to whence you came.

I'd say at least 45 minutes have transpired (45 times 21 cents equals \$9.37) plus the cost of the tag. I shall PCS from Redstone within the next six months, but I have to replace a tag which does not expire until 1990. So off it comes (waste?). How many *tagees* does this apply to, i.e., those who will not get the full use of the new time frame?

Many people will need more than one tag. Obviously the tags must have been donated free of cost, so this cost should not be in the formula. Now, I'm well aware of the prestigious "Army of Excellence" award for most aesthetics and complimentary bumper tag that is driving us to excellence!

To be very direct, if the U.S. Army would adopt a tag Army-wide then there might be some sense to go

ahead and rush these items out for uniformity's sake! But just to get all (really most) cars to have the same tag, when it could be done over a longer time period by attrition, is a waste of the taxpayers money to the tune of approximately \$10 per person.

Name withheld by request

Support union

Editor:

You often ask, "What can I do to help?" You should take an active role in all matters in protecting your benefits.

All of you enjoy the rights you have which have been negotiated with management, such as merit placement and promotions, equal employment opportunity, union representation, hours of work, flexitour, blood leave, safety, workers' compensation, reduction-in-force, contracting out, and disciplinary and adverse actions, consultation, labor-management relations and grievance and arbitration procedures, etc. These are only a few items listed we negotiate. We need you and you need AFGE to be sure your rights are protected.

Every time we notify you of the necessity to call your congressmen, do so. We are facing hard times as federal employees. The Reagan administration wants you to pay more of your health insurance; they want to take away your step increases and contract out your job and to cut your pay raise. They have plans to furlough hundreds of thousands of employees this year.

How can you help? By working and supporting AFGE in its efforts to convince Congress to support federal employee issues. Numbers count. Where there's unity, there is power. So, take a look at what you want for your future. If you agree with AFGE, join in and lend your helping hand.

It is a joy to be your president.

Dennis Garrison
President,
AFGE Local 1858

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Redstone provides money to state through sales of pine timber

Redstone is playing a part in generating funds for use on highways and schools in Alabama.

Every year the Army turns over to the state 40 percent of profits made from timber sales on military installations. Redstone is one of four Army installations in Alabama which hold the sales, and it accounted for \$16,563.75 of the total \$481,291.34 given to the state in fiscal year 1987, according to Jesse Horton, the Missile Command forester.

Army regulations call for installations to develop, implement and maintain a natural resources management program for the conservation, management and restoration of land and renewable resources, according to Horton. Environmental qualities, ecological relationships and aesthetic values are maintained in a proper balance through multiple use of natural resources including soils, water, crop land, range land, forests, fish and wildlife.

"Forest management...playing a major role in influencing the management of the other natural resources, is required to provide sustained production of timber in consonance with the multiple use concept," Horton stated.

Last fiscal year Redstone harvested 830,000 board feet of pine timber and 866 cords of pine pulpwood,

which sold for a total of \$97,714. After figuring in expenses, Redstone was left with total net profits of \$41,409. The state received 40 percent of the profits, with the rest going to a central Defense Department reserve account, Horton said.

Only pine timber is sold at the present time, because there isn't much of a hardwood market in this area, he said.

"This timber harvesting is a management tool. We must thin the stands." When timber is harvested correctly, the action is beneficial in several ways, according to Horton.

"There is overall improvement of the timber stand to the point where more sunlight and nutrients are provided to remaining trees, it opens areas up for herbaceous growth, and improves conditions for troop training," he said.

Horton isn't sure how the state allocates the money generated by Army timber sales, but said that Title 10, United States Code, section 2665, which provides for the state's share of timber sale money also states that the money is authorized for use in funding school and highway programs in the counties where the proceeds are generated.

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Automated command posts support air defense weapons

Editor's note: This is the 10th in a series of articles about weapon systems managed by the Missile Command.

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A certain MICOM project office provides the brains for air defense weapon systems.

It's called the Air Defense Command Interoperability Systems office. Located at Huntsville's Research Park, it manages a group of command and control and sensor systems that support Army air defense weapons.

These are mainly "automated command posts which of course themselves internally consist of computers and displays and sensor systems like radars," said Col. Kenneth N. Brown, the project manager. Together these systems provide the essential information to all of the fire units so they can engage the targets as soon as possible.

"In addition, one of our primary roles is to make sure the targets are in fact enemy targets," Brown said. "This is what we call 'identification friend or foe' and the idea there is to make sure you don't shoot at a friendly airplane."

How they work

First, a radar picks up a target and that information is processed through a computer and displayed on what looks like a television screen. A weapon operator looks at the screen and relates where the target is in relation to his weapon system. The weapon then can engage the target.

The target information can also be used by a commander who acts as sort of a referee to decide which target is engaged by which weapon.

"In some cases, that's done manually and in some cases it's done automatically," Brown added. "When it's done automatically, it's done by symbols on a screen."

Two main types of systems are the FAADS C2I, a command and control and intelligence system for the Army's new Forward Area Air Defense and the Missile Minder or TSQ-73, which supports Hawk and Patriot.

FAADS C2I is being developed under contract with TRW Inc. of Dominguez Hills, Calif. The battalion-level command post consists of a standard command shelter mounted on a high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle. The average range for this system's sensors is 30 kilometers (more than 18 and a half miles). Plans are to request proposals by the end of February for a relatively-mobile radar called the ground based sensor.

Full scale development of the FAADS C2I, about a four-year effort, began in July 1986 under a \$58 million contract. The Army expects to deploy 18 division sets of this system. Initial unit testing is to begin in 1990.

"The air defense school has determined that the FAADS C2I system is an essential component of the FAAD weapon systems," Brown said, "and for example, would provide more than 99 percent accuracy of identification of friend or foe; and by doing so would virtually eliminate the possibility of shooting down a friendly aircraft. But more importantly it allows the weapon systems to engage enemy aircraft at their maximum range."

Missile Minder

The Missile Minder or TSQ-73 is a fielded system built by Litton, a company based in Van Nuys, Calif. It consists of a standard shelter mounted on a 5-ton

truck. Used with Hawk and Patriot, "it ties the various units together and makes them a network of systems as opposed to separate systems," Brown said. Twenty-six Missile Minders are in the Army's inventory and 30 are in the hands of other nations. Each costs more than \$6 million.

"Over the last eight years, it's exceeded the Army's readiness standards," Brown said. "This is a tribute to the teamwork at MICOM because it's a combination of what we do and what the Missile Logistics Center does."

"One of the good things about the way this office operates is we have a very close relationship with the MICOM functional elements and we're very depen-

dent on them for support which has worked out well for at least as long as I've been here," added the project manager for the last two and a half years.

William Fondren is Brown's civilian deputy. The project office consists of 73 civilians and nine Army officers.

"What's unique about the project is we do not have a single prime contractor and we must coordinate the efforts of several contractors which makes the role of the project team one of a systems integrator," Brown said. "Everybody has to work on more than one system to get the job done and we're very fortunate that we have a group of people who are very versatile and willing to do whatever is needed."



FUTURE FAAD— Here's an artist's concept of the command and control and intelligence system for the Army's new Forward Area Air Defense.

MEDDAC program rewards courtesy

Each quarter the Medical Department Activity here recognizes one of its military or civilian workers for showing "courtesy, care and compassion."

MEDDAC established a Courtesy, Care and Compassion Program in March 1987 to emphasize the importance of courtesy to the public. One person is selected each quarter to be recognized formally at an awards ceremony as MEDDAC's Courtesy, Care and Compassion Employee of the Quarter.

The requirements for the award are few. Anyone may nominate a MEDDAC employee by submitting a

brief statement attesting to specific incidents in which the employee has displayed exceptional examples of courtesy, care and compassion.

Forms are located throughout Fox Army Community Hospital. When completed, they should be placed in the Community comment boxes in the pharmacy and emergency room areas, turned in to the patient representative, or mailed to the following: Commander, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity, Attn: HSXW-RMD, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. 35809-7000.



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Civil rights advocate calls for mass participation

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Julian Bond encouraged mass participation in a movement for "power, wealth and human need" at the second annual Black History Month luncheon presented by the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.

"Our common problems still dwarf our individual ones," Bond said at the luncheon held Feb. 17 at the Von Braun Civic Center. Because of airline flight problems, he did not arrive until about 1:15 p.m. and many of the more than 800 attendees had already left by the time the former Georgia state senator approached the podium.

"There remains a great deal we may do for ourselves," Bond said. His examples included supporting the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), monitoring of the schools children attend, and being involved in the political system.

The longtime civil rights activist traced the history of a movement that began after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against discrimination in public education 34 years ago. A year later Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white person on a Montgomery bus. Bond recalled the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and a modern civil rights movement that was "constructed and turned on a series of actions and events."

"Had Martin Luther King lived, he undoubtedly

would've looked at the world we have today with considerable alarm," he said. He mentioned a movement "in disarray," the problems of South Africa, infant mortality, poverty, and the conservative Reagan administration.

"What began as a struggle for civil rights, today has become a movement for political and economic power. In a very real way, in 1988, we find our condition unchanged," Bond said. "While our general condition has improved a great deal; in particular, conditions haven't changed a great deal."

The mass participation in the civil rights movement of the 1960s is "badly needed in today's movement as well," he said. "We move forward fastest when we move forward together."

The agenda differs little from yesterdays, according to Bond. "These years have widened the gap between those who have it and those who don't," he said. He added that efforts should be focused on the issues of "power, on wealth and human need."

This year's Black History Month luncheon was sponsored by the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity. Maj. Gen. Thomas Reese, commander of MICOM and Redstone Arsenal, gave welcoming remarks.

"I am absolutely satisfied that there is no institution—public or private—in America today that is doing more to foster equality than is your Army," Reese said. "I'm proud of that fact."



AT PODIUM— Bond, whose arrival was delayed by airline flight problems, addresses the luncheon group.

Friday night event culminates Black History Month

Editor's note: The following article was written by Capt. Jim Charlton, MICOM Equal Opportunity staff officer and chairman of the Black History Month committee.

BY JIM CHARLTON

The celebration for the 1988 Black History Month culminates this Friday night, Feb. 26, with a variety show and potluck supper at the Recreation Center from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Featured will be soldiers and other groups and individuals from around the local community displaying a variety of talents. In addition, the Recreation Center has already contracted a musical group from North Carolina called the "Ink Spots." With this much talent, it is sure to be an enjoyable evening of entertainment for all in attendance.

The other part of the event is a potluck supper, which will feature a southern barbecued pig as the main course. Those who can are asked to bring a side dish or dessert or whatever else you would like to bring and show off your own talents of cooking.

There is no charge whatsoever for this event and it is open to the entire Redstone Arsenal and local community. It is highly encouraged that all soldiers and family members get out and enjoy the evening.

This culmination of Black History Month is also the last event which will be planned by SFC Jimmy L. Evans, who for the last three years has been the equal opportunity advisor for the Missile Command. SFC Evans will be leaving us heading for Schweinfurt, West Germany and will be returning to his primary specialty in the ordnance field.

SFC Evans has provided many people at Redstone Arsenal with a warm cheerful smile and disposition throughout his tenure here. He has been the planner

for many ethnic observances, all of which have been first class celebrations. Many soldiers around the arsenal know SFC Evans through his teaching in the areas of equal opportunity and prevention of sexual harassment. Through his care and concern for all soldiers and everyone else at Redstone Arsenal, we have all prospered from his endeavors. Upon his departure overseas in May, Redstone Arsenal will be losing an outstanding and caring soldier and we wish him good luck in the future.

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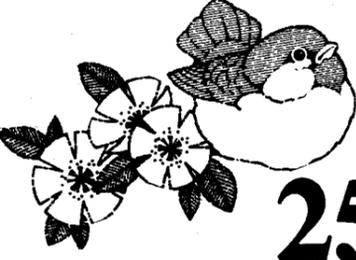
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New project manager wants 'smooth transition'

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Col. Claude Ellis Jr. expects that having been a brigade commander will serve him well as a project manager.

Ellis last month became project manager of Chaparral/FAAR. He succeeded Col. Hezekiah Richardson who was reassigned to research and development at the Pentagon.

Before coming to Redstone, Ellis served as chief of integration/interoperability division for the organization of joint chiefs of staff at the Pentagon. Prior to that, he commanded a 5,000-member brigade for two and a half years at Fort Bliss, Texas.

"When you're in charge of that number of people, the management is paramount and it's going to serve me well, I believe, in this job," he said. This is his first time in the southeast. His family will be joining him from Springfield, Va., this summer when his son completes the school year.

"It's an honor to be selected as a project manager," Ellis said.

"And needless to say, having a system that's been around as long as the Chaparral system and proven to be as outstanding as it is, I'm looking forward to doing my part in the overall picture of air defense."

The 48-year-old native of Newark, N.J., has two brothers and three sisters. He is the oldest son of Claude and Lillie Ellis of Newark and the only career soldier in the family. Ronald is assistant superintendent of schools in Hamilton, Ohio; Paul, an engineer with Johnson & Johnson Company in Syracuse, N.Y.; Patricia Allen, a secretary for a college in Atlanta; Lorraine Wright, a homemaker in Norfolk, Va.; and Jacqueline Thompson is a computer programmer in Patterson, N.J.

Ellis received a bachelor's degree in math from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, in 1962. An ROTC graduate, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in air defense artillery. He received a master's degree in electrical engineering in 1977 from the Royal College of Science in England.

As a captain Ellis commanded a battery in Germany, a company in Vietnam and a battery in San Francisco. He served as executive officer and operations officer of a Duster battalion from 1970-71, his second one-year tour in Vietnam. Ellis was a personnel action officer at the Military Personnel Center before going overseas to command an air defense battalion with the 8th Infantry Division in Wackenheim, Germany.

He and his wife Carroll, who was his college sweetheart, recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. She currently certifies day care centers in Fairfax County, Va. Their 14-year-old son, Craig, is in the eighth grade.

Ellis is a music lover who was a good enough saxophone player to earn some money in his spare time during college. "I'm more of a listener now than a player," he said. He still enjoys playing basketball, averages about 170 in bowling, and admits that he isn't very good at golf.

"I would like to have a smooth transition of the Rosette Scan Seeker from development to production and fielding," Ellis said, referring to his goals as Chaparral project manager, "and to continue to develop the Chaparral system so it will be a viable air defense system in future years."



ELLIS



GRADUATION SPEAKER— Brig. Gen. Robert L. Stewart, deputy commander of the Strategic Defense Command, addresses a group of Officer Basic Course graduates last Thursday at the Post Chapel.

Pershing II missiles fired successfully

CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE STATION, Fla.— Soldiers of the 56th Field Artillery Command fired six Pershing II missiles in three hours Feb. 15, in the first of the 1988 series of operational tests.

The Army said all six missiles were targeted into an ocean impact area several hundred miles east of the Cape. The missiles all carried dummy warheads.

The flights demonstrated that the Army had found and fixed a problem that occurred in January when two Pershing missiles automatically shut down just seconds prior to planned launch. An Army spokesman said the cause had been traced to an explosively ac-

tivated switch that should have closed to activate the battery that provides electrical power to the missile in flight.

Investigation established that the switches deteriorated when exposed to excessive heat in a manufacturing process.

The soldiers who participated in the latest firings were all from the 2nd Battalion 9th Field Artillery Regiment and returned to their base in the southern portion of the Federal Republic of Germany after the exercise.

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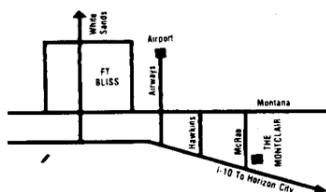
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Troop intramural bowling standings

Here are the troop intramural bowling standings as of Feb. 18:

Tuesday's Conference

	Won	Lost
HHC-1	437	88
C Company 73rd-1	435.5	89.5
HHC-3	370	155
C Company 73rd-2	326	199
MEDDAC-1	313.5	211.5
Marines-2	313.5	211.5
D Company 832nd-1	270	255
MEDDAC-2	237	288
TMDE/95th	221.5	303.5
A Company 73rd-2	166	359
291st MPs	164.5	360.5
A Company 73rd-3	142	383
SSO, RDS	141.5	383.5
C Company 832nd	96.5	428.5

200 games/600 series bowled on Feb. 16:

Rich Collins (C Company 73rd-1)	237, 208, & 606 series
Mike Littlejohn (Marines-2)	221
Danny Berardi (HHC-1)	215
Chuck Temean (C Company 73rd-1)	206
Jim Morrow (C Company 73rd-2)	203
Doug Mabry (HHC-1)	202
Steve Edwards (C Company 832nd)	201
Tom Moit (HHC-3)	200

Thursday's Conference

	Won	Lost
B Company 73rd-1	416	109
A Company E&TTD	407	118
Marines-1	374.5	150.5
HHC-2	334	191
HHC-4	297.5	227.5
B Company 73rd-2	288	237
A Company 73rd-1	271.5	253.5
B Company SAD	258.5	266.5
*B Company EOD	215.5	284.5
*D Company 832nd-2	180	320
515th-1	186.5	338.5
B Company 832nd	167.5	357.5
515th-2	123	402
HHD	104.5	420.5

200 games bowled on Feb. 18:

Bob Dellipaoli (B Company 832nd)	242
Steve Edmidton (A Company E&TTD)	218
Chuck Chizek (B Company SAD)	211 & 207
Tom Rahn (B Company 73rd-1)	209

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Runners gear up for Engineers Week

The annual Engineers Week 5-kilometer and 10-kilometer road races will be held Saturday morning on post.

Presented by the Huntsville Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), this year's event is sponsored by RUST International Corporation.

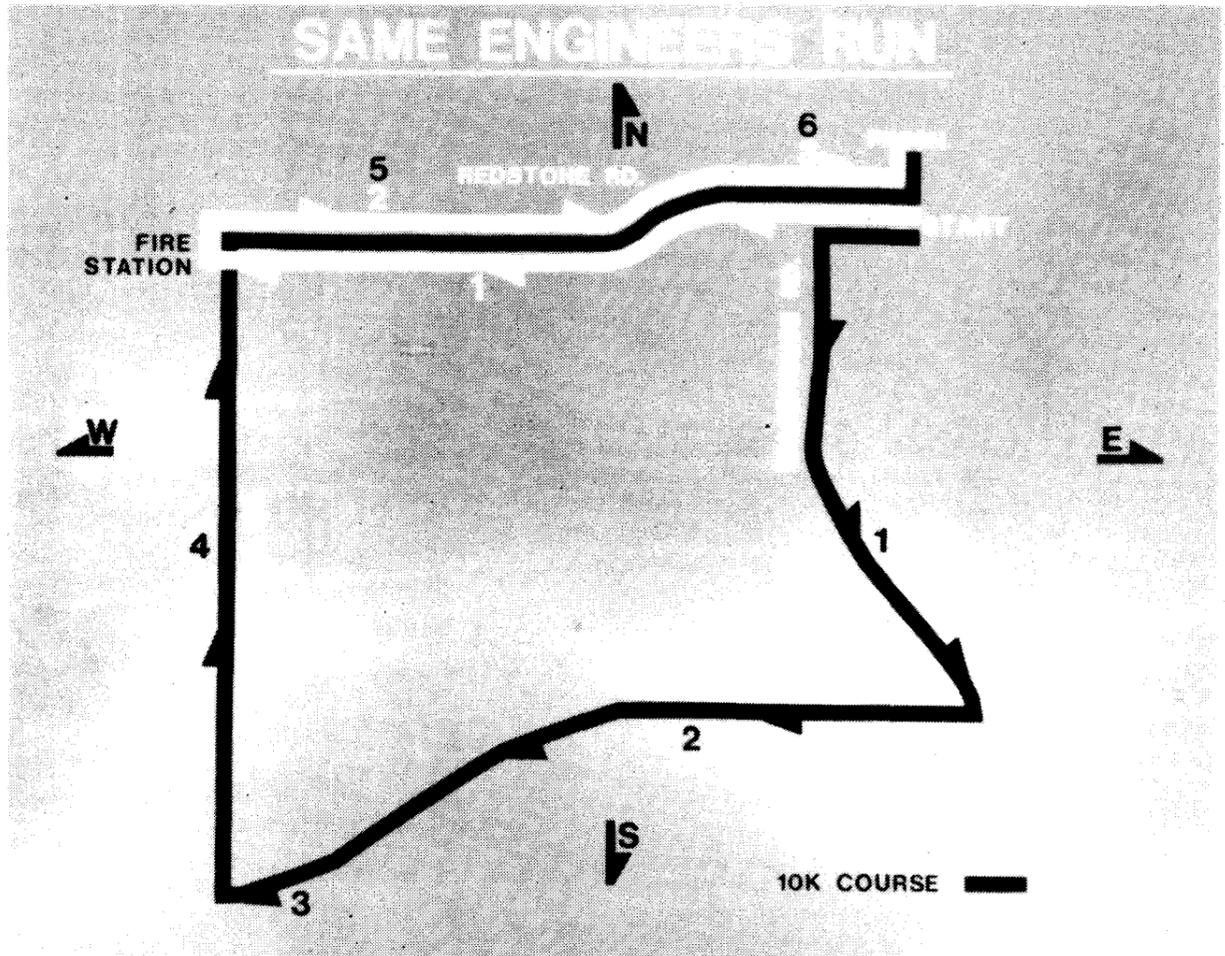
All races are scheduled to start at the Rocket Auditorium on Redstone Road. Race-morning registration and packet pickup will begin at 7:30, the 5K race at 9, the 10K at 9:10 and the one mile fun run/walk at 10:30 with awards at 11. Both 5K and 10K courses are described as flat, fast and certified.

The registration fee is \$9. Those participating in the one mile fun run/walk have a \$5 registration fee. Entry fees are non-refundable.

All registrants will receive long sleeve T-shirts with the race logo and sponsor's name on the back. Awards will be given to the overall male and female winners in the 5K, 10K and one mile races. Trophies will be awarded to the first three winners in each age group in the 5K and 10K events, and to the three teams with the lowest combined times. For more information, call Jack Phelps 895-5256.

Race participants can enter the arsenal through Gate 3, Redstone Road; Gate 9, Rideout Road; Gate 8, Drake Avenue; but Gate 10, Patton Road, will be closed. People traveling on the arsenal are requested to avoid the area of Redstone Road, Patton Road and Buxton Road until noon. These roads will be open, but due to race activities traffic delays can be expected, according to SFC Kenny Renew of Military Police Operations.

Last year's winners included Randall Harris and Kathy Bond in the 10K; Carl Nicholson and Rachel Hickey in the 5K; and James McIlrath and Christel McCandless in the one mile event.



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Soldier writes about 'alcoholic father'

The following poem entitled "Alcoholic Father" was written by Sgt. Gloria D. Gaiters of A Company, 73rd Ordnance:

By Sgt. Gloria D. Gaiters
A Company, 73rd Ordnance

*My father is an alcoholic
But there's nothing I can do
I talk to him and love him
the way that I know I should.
I pray to God almighty
for a brighter day to come
to let my father live a normal life
from alcohol harm.
My father use to be a stout man
healthy as can be
I never once thought he'd do this
to hurt his pride, as well as me.
My father must be an unhappy man
But this I cannot see
Because he has someone to love him
My mom, my sister, my brother and me.
I don't understand why he's doing this
I cannot see the reasons why
I think everyone should wait their turn
If he or she wants to die.
I tell my father how I feel
and wish he would get some help
I say it's not that hard to do
after you've made the first step.
He says he doesn't have a problem
and he doesn't need any help
He drinks only because he wants to
in order to satisfy himself.
I say OK to my father
As I go on with my life
Trying very hard to forget his problem
because it's really not mine.
But even though I know this
I often consider the fact
that he is still my father
And I can't turn my back!*

Volunteer groups honored through reserved parking spot

BY RUTH MECHAM

A "Volunteer of the Month" parking spot has been reserved outside the commissary for various volunteer agencies on post that provide support to the community.

The Installation Volunteer Advisory Council came up with the idea as a way of thanking all the volunteers for their efforts. "We want the community to realize how important volunteer efforts are to the arsenal," said Sue Paddock, installation volunteer coordinator.

About 275 volunteers donate more than 4,000 hours a month to Redstone activities and programs. "If each volunteer were paid \$6 an hour it would come to approximately \$24,000 a month. Volunteers save the arsenal a lot of money and the parking place is a small tribute when considering the overall efforts and support they provide the arsenal," Paddock said.

Each month a different volunteer agency will be honored. Parking cards will be issued designating those authorized to take advantage of the parking place.

"To provide proper utilization, the spot will be used by groups of volunteers each month and not just one individual," Paddock said. The spot will be used on a first-come, first-served basis.

"This is an early gift to volunteers. It was originally planned to be implemented for recognition in April during National Volunteer Week, but the sign was completed ahead of schedule so we decided to start using it and we will have additional events planned to honor our volunteers during that week."

Volunteer organizations and agencies discussed which month were their busy months and which months they could get the most utilization from the parking place. It was determined by the council the month of December would be left available for all commissary patrons due to the increased holiday traffic.

"This is a very special honor," said Mary Moreillon, NCO Wives Club president. Moreillon went on to say that the club uses the commissary a lot in support of their activities. "Volunteers volunteer because we want to, it is so nice to have a privilege like this and to be recognized for our efforts."

"Recognition like this tells all volunteers they are worth something, they must be contributing and their efforts are being noticed and more importantly, they are truly appreciated," Moreillon said.

"A parking place is really a small price in comparison to what our volunteers give to the arsenal," said Bob Brown, director of Community and Family Activities. Brown added there is not a lot that can be

done to fully express the appreciation felt for volunteers. "We honor our volunteers once a year with a luncheon and give them certificates of appreciation to let them know they are appreciated and we recognize the contributions they make. The parking place allows us the privilege of honoring these groups year-round. It is a small token, but we hope all the groups will realize they are truly appreciated for their efforts."



TAKING ADVANTAGE — Paddock and Moreillon take advantage of the new reserve parking place located outside the commissary.

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40 thru 44	90,000	20,000	110,000	22*	40 thru 44	24,000	12,000	36,000
45 thru 49	60,000	20,000	80,000	22	45 thru 49	21,000	10,500	31,500
50 thru 54	45,000	16,000	61,000	22	50 thru 54	16,500	8,250	24,750
55 thru 59	30,000	14,000	44,000	22	55 thru 59	13,500	6,750	20,250
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Poisons: Save lives by proper storage

By EVELYN D. HARRIS
American Forces Information Service

For some young children, danger much more real than the monster who lives under the bed lurks everywhere. Poisons — medicines, perfumes and cleansers — lie waiting for them in open purses, on countertops and in unlocked cabinets.

To emphasize these dangers, President Ronald Reagan has declared March 20-26 as "National Poison Prevention Week."

Since the first Poison Prevention Week in 1962, thousands of children under age 5 have been saved from accidental poisonings, thanks to greater public awareness of the problem.

Child-resistant containers have also helped. As the president noted in his 1988 proclamation, "In 1972, when the first drugs were required to have child-resistant packaging, 96 children died from accidental drug ingestion. In 1984, the last full year for which we have received information on drug ingestion fatalities, there were 31 deaths."

But child-resistant containers can't do it all. A recent study found that many poisonings occurred because the child-resistant container top had been left off or put on loosely. These safety devices don't work if people don't use them. And some poisons, such as some cleansers, have no safety closures. Experts suggest keeping poisons locked up— even if they have child-resistant tops.

As the National Poison Prevention Week Council slogan says, "Children Act Fast...So Do Poisons!" Be especially careful when using a poisonous substance around children, advised the council's secretary, Ken Giles. In the time it takes you to answer the phone, a child could get hold of and ingest a dangerous product.

Parents are not the only ones who have to worry about accidental poisonings. The council urges everyone who comes into contact with children to be careful. According to a recent study, 23 percent of the prescription drugs ingested by children belonged to so-

meone who did not live with the child— primarily grandparents.

In 1984, about 500,000 poison exposures involved children under age 6. Thanks to poison-control centers and emergency rooms, only 21 died. Many of the poisonings were successfully managed at home— after calling a poison-control center.

These centers are located around the United States,

with trained people available to answer questions about what to do about a specific poison. The centers have hotline numbers that are publicized in the community, in military clinic pediatricians' offices and in the telephone book. In the United States, military personnel are urged to call such regional hotlines for help. Overseas, call the nearest military hospital emergency room.



Prevention, not cure, is best in storing poisons

American Forces Information Service

Military hospitals in the United States and overseas have the equipment and trained staffs necessary to treat poisonings. But prevention is much better than cure. Here are some tips that may help you avoid a call to the poison hotline or a trip to the emergency room:

Poison-proof your home if you have children or if children visit regularly by keeping poisons out of reach— preferably locked up.

Poison experts no longer consider the poinsettia plant toxic, but some other common houseplants can be. Poison-control centers and most garden shops can tell you which plants to avoid if you have young children.

Never put kerosene, antifreeze or other poisons

in cups, glasses, milk or soft drink bottles. Never transfer poisonous products to a container without a child-resistant closure.

Keep purses, briefcases and diaper bags closed when children are around. They may contain medicine, cosmetics or other items little hands could get into.

If you have children, don't leave alcoholic drinks around. After a party, empty drink glasses before you go to bed.

Buy a bottle of syrup of ipecac, and keep it where you can find it fast. Don't forget to tell your baby sitter where it is. Post the number of the nearest poison control center or emergency room by the phone; use it

if poisoning is suspected. Don't give ipecac unless told to do so.

Never tell a child medicine is "candy".

Since 1971, the United States government has regulated the amount of lead permissible in paints. Old houses and furniture could still have enough lead in paint flakes to cause lead poisoning, so be careful.

Adults can accidentally poison themselves, too. Always take medicine in good light. Never take someone else's medicine. Throw away medicine that has passed its expiration date; old medicine can become toxic.

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THE KITCHEN

1. Do all harmful products in the cabinets have child-resistant caps? Products like furniture polishes, drain cleaners and some oven cleaners should have safety packaging to keep little children from accidentally opening the packages. Yes No
2. Are all potentially harmful products in their original containers? There are two dangers if products aren't stored in their original containers. Labels on the original containers often give first aid information if someone should swallow the product. And if products are stored in containers like drinking glasses or pop bottles, someone may think it is food and swallow it. Yes No
3. Are harmful products stored away from food? If harmful products are placed next to food, someone may accidentally get a food and a poison mixed up and swallow the poison. Yes No
4. Have all potentially harmful products been put up high and out of reach of children? The best way to prevent poisoning is making sure that it's impossible to find and get at the poisons. Locking all cabinets that hold dangerous products is the best poison prevention. Yes No

THE BATHROOM

1. Did you ever stop to think that medicines could poison if used improperly? Many children are poisoned each year by overdoses of aspirin. If aspirin can poison, just think of how many other poisons might be in your medicine cabinet. Yes No
2. Do your aspirins and other potentially harmful products have child-resistant closures? Aspirins and most prescription drugs come with child-resistant caps. Check to see yours have them. Yes No

Yes No

Yes No

3. Have you thrown out all out-of-date prescriptions? As medicines get older, the chemicals inside them can change. So what was once a good medicine may now be a dangerous poison. Flush all old drugs down the toilet. Rinse the container well, then discard it. Yes No
4. Do you always give medicine only to the person the doctor prescribed it for? The medicine that worked wonders on one person may harm the next. Give drugs only to the person the doctor told you to give them to. Yes No
5. Are all medicines in their original containers with the original labels? Prescription medicines may or may not list ingredients. The prescription number on the label will, however, allow rapid identification by the pharmacist of the ingredients should they not be listed. Without the original label and container, you can't be sure of what you're taking. After all, aspirin looks a lot like poisonous roach tablets. Yes No

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1. Did you know that almost everything in your garage or storage area that can be swallowed is a terrible poison? Violent, horrible reactions occur to people who swallow such everyday substances as charcoal lighter, paint thinner and remover, antifreeze and turpentine. Yes No
2. Do all these poisons have child-resistant caps? Yes No
3. Are they stored in the original containers? Yes No
4. Are the original labels on the containers? Yes No
5. Have you made sure that no poisons are stored in drinking glasses or pop bottles? Yes No
6. Are all these harmful products locked up and out of sight and reach? Yes No

When all your answers are "Yes," then continue this level of poison protection by making sure that, whenever you buy potentially harmful products, they have child-resistant closures and are kept out of sight and reach.

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Sexual harassment the subject of computerized course

BY RUTH MECHAM

Recently, a great deal of attention has been devoted to sexual harassment in the workplace. MICOM has developed a new computer-assisted training program for government employees to inform them about sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment is a prohibited personnel practice which results in discrimination for or against an employee on the basis of conduct not related to performance, such as taking or refusing to take a personnel action based on submission or refusal of sexual overtures. In addition, sexual harassment is deliberate or repeated unsolicited verbal comments, gestures or physical contact of a sexual nature which are unwelcome.

With more women entering the workforce it was determined by Department of Defense and echoed by Department of the Army and the Army Materiel Command that all government employees be trained in prevention of sexual harassment (POSH). Guidance was incorporated and amplified in the Code of Federal Regulations in November 1980. Additional directives were issued by Secretary of Army and Army Chief of Staff, according to Catherine Gant, Federal Womens Program manager.

"An instructor was contracted out and trained approximately 9,400 MICOM employees from April '83

to May '84," said Gant. "The EEO office has the responsibility to ensure that POSH training is available and the managers have the responsibility to ensure employees receive the training."

In the past few years numerous employees have started to work for MICOM and in some cases employees who were working during the mass classroom training were unable to attend and many people have become supervisors, so in 1985 it was determined that a computer training program could meet the needs and could also save the government money.

"We started working with civilian personnel and the learning center to develop a computer based training and it has now been completed. The four-hour, computer course covers all the areas dealing with sexual harassment and includes both supervisory and non-supervisory instruction," Gant said.

"It is really a unique course and it's extremely informative covering all the areas of sexual harassment and the ramifications. We want every employee to know what to do if she or he is being sexual harassed. We want every supervisor to know what the consequences are of sexual harassment."

There are no stereotypical sexual harassers. They cut across all class lines, according to Gant; they come in all shapes, sizes, and personalities. "At least 90 per-

cent of the time it is a male doing sexual harassment," she said. "They may be one-time offenders or relentless repeaters. They may be supervisors but, frequently, they are co-workers."

The computer training covers all the key steps in dealing with sexual harassment. "It is crucial, if you don't like the behavior and feel that you are being harassed, you tell that person his/her behavior is offensive. Perception is a key factor contributing to the complexity of the sexual harassment problem," said Gant.

Someone who has been told his behavior is unwelcome but continues it anyway could be guilty of harassment. The offense of sexual harassment could mean anywhere from a one-day suspension to removal from government service.

"If a person is being sexually harassed, there are ways to get help. They can go through official channels such as the EEO office, the Inspector General, or their chain of command. The computer based training program will provide information on what steps must be followed in dealing with the problem," Gant said.

"The training is starting right now; correspondence is currently being processed which requires all managers to schedule all employees, who have not had POSH training, to take the computer based training."

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95th	2	12
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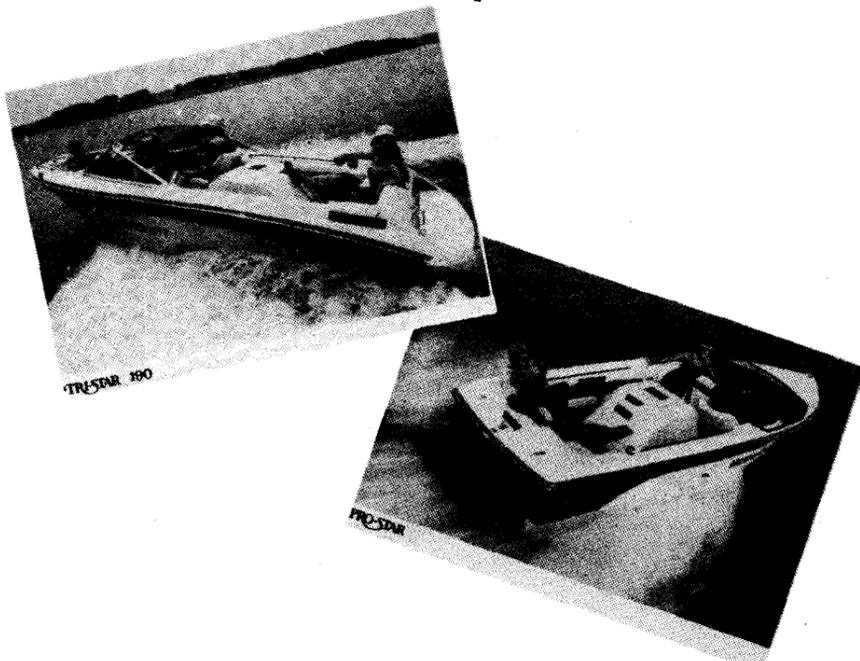


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March is National Nutrition Month

By EVELYN D. HARRIS
American Forces Information Service

March is National Nutrition Month, and if you're in the Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine Corps, you'll be hearing more than usual about it. This year's theme is: "Choose Good Nutrition for Today and Tomorrow."

According to Army Capt. Janet Tingle, who heads DoD's Nutrition Working Group, the services have been planning their support efforts for months. They are encouraging local installations to sponsor activities such as fun runs—to emphasize that exercise is as important to fitness as diet—and displays of healthy foods in dining facilities and commissaries. They are also sending out posters and pamphlets and encouraging dining halls and commissaries to provide even more information about nutrition.

Military child care facilities are being encouraged to have activities such as nutrition poster contests and programs that parents can attend—and handouts to take home. These handouts will contain suggestions like this: If your child keeps begging you to buy junk food, try reading the ingredients list with him. It may prompt him to ask for a carrot.

But nutrition is a year-round job for military food people, and part of that job is keeping the Armed Forces Recipe File current. This file of 1,678 recipes is required for use in enlisted dining facilities in all four services. According to Majorie Kehoe, the Navy nutritionist who heads the Armed Forces Recipe Committee, the recipes are updated regularly to reflect changes in eating trends as well as new knowledge about food and fitness.

"For example, taco salads are now a menu staple. Twenty years ago, a lot of people had never heard of them," said Kehoe. "Pasta salads are also popular now—people used to think pasta was fattening."

Another change in eating trends is reflected in the suggestion to dining facility managers that they set up popcorn bars—unbuttered popcorn presented with shakers of no-salt seasonings. Once considered an unhealthy food, unbuttered, unsalted popcorn is now promoted as a healthful snack.

For the past three years, according to Kehoe, the committee has been revising the recipes to lower their

salt and fat contents while maintaining taste. Before recipes are added to the files, they are tested for taste as well as nutrition in the food engineering laboratories at the Army's Natick (Mass.) Research, Development and Engineering Center.

In response to findings relating excessive fat and salt consumption to heart disease and other health problems, the military is aiming to significantly reduce salt and limit fat in the diet to 35 percent of total calories. Armed Forces recipe writers have managed to eliminate a lot of fat and salt and still have food that passes the taste test. For example, the recipe for stuffed beef rolls has 84 percent less fat than it used to and no salt. Lasagne is cooked with no added salt, and the fat in swiss steak has been reduced 66 percent.

A "before" and "after" recipe for creole scallops shows how some of these reductions have been made. The original recipe called for breading and frying the scallops before baking them into tomato sauce. Now, the scallops are simply baked in a lower-fat creole sauce.

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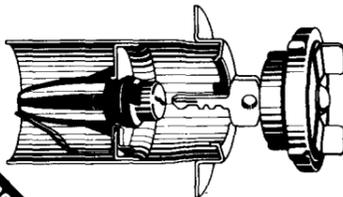
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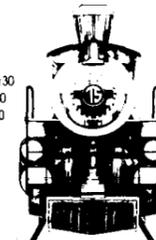
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Redstone Arsenal deer hunting season best ever

BY PAM ROGERS

Redstone's deer hunters have just finished a record-setting season.

Hunters killed 472 deer in the season which just ended, according to Shelby Williams, director of the Outdoor Recreation Center. The center is part of the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity's Directorate of Community and Family Activities.

"It's a record for as long as I've been here, and for as far as we could go back," Williams said.

A total antlerless deer kill of 250 had been ordered, and that number was reached. "We hit it right on the nose," she said.

More hunters went out this season, with about 12,000 trips logged, compared with about 11,000 last season, Williams said.

The best rack award went to Robert Johnson for a buck he killed in area 51 Dec. 24. The left beam length was 22 and a half inches, the right beam length was 22 inches and the inside spread was 22 inches.

The heaviest deer, weighing 183 pounds field dressed, was killed by Roscoe Bertus Jr. Jan. 2 in Area 55, off Dodd Road. The second largest deer was killed by Ed Jones in area 22, off Martin Road, Dec. 26. It weighed 170 pounds field dressed.

"Overall, the deer looked real healthy, and the weights have gone up," Williams said. "We still have a road-kill problem, so people need to drive with caution. There are still deer out there."

Waterfowl hunters also had a good year, with 499 ducks killed this year, compared to last year's total of 255.

"We had a lot of new areas they hunted in, and we had food plots. Our wildlife management seems to be bringing in all the animals. Overall, all game is up," she said.

The hunting year has been a landmark one, as far as Williams is concerned.

"Everything went real smooth, just a good year overall. I want to thank the volunteers that helped this season, and welcome everyone who wants to volunteer next year. They can apply between August 1 and 10."

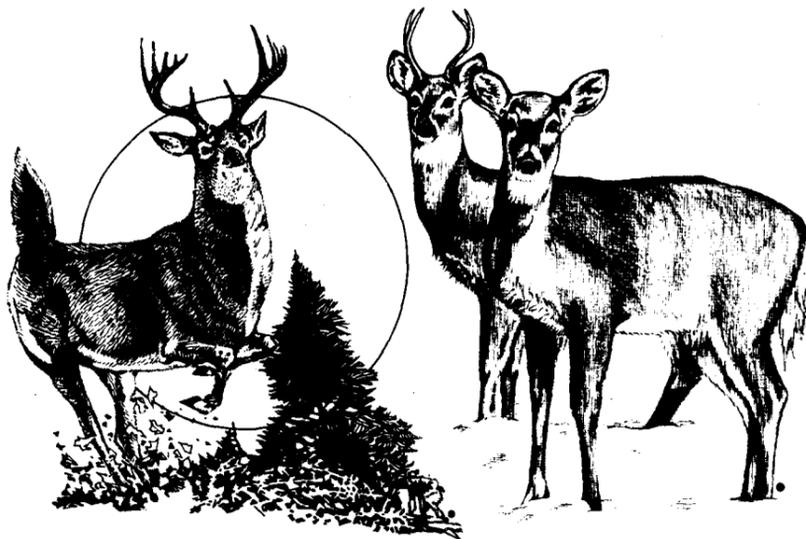
Just because deer season is over doesn't mean all hunting is off.

"We still have rabbit, raccoon and quail seasons left," Williams said.

Williams pointed out that many of the hunters she sees throughout the winter don't use the services of the center in the summer.

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Early detection decreases cancer recurrences

By EVELYN D. HARRIS
American Forces Information Service

A three-part prescription ensures early detection of breast cancer, according to Dr. Douglas Knab of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md.:

- Monthly self-examination— following the end of the menstrual cycle for younger women, on the first of the month for women who no longer have periods;
- Physician's examination once a year; and
- Periodic mammography as your doctor recommends.

In addition to lumps, warning signs of breast cancer include swelling, retraction of the nipple, nipple discharge, skin irritation and unusual or persistent pain or tenderness.

If the doctor finds a suspicious lump, he will extract

fluid or tissue from the lump for testing. He may then recommend a biopsy— surgical removal of all or a part of the lump for examination. Most lumps are benign — or non-cancerous. But if they aren't the doctor will either operate immediately or delay treatment so the patient can consider the options.

Treatments range from lumpectomy to radical mastectomy. In a lumpectomy, only the lump and the surrounding tissue are removed. Patients who opt for lumpectomy are normally given radiation therapy as a follow-on treatment. Radical mastectomy involves removing the entire breast, chest muscles and underarm lymph nodes. First Lady Nancy Reagan had a modified radical mastectomy— her breast and underarm lymph nodes were removed.

Although the trend is for more women to choose lumpectomy rather than radical mastectomy, lumpec-

tomy is not without risk and anxiety for the patient. First, there's the ordeal of radiation therapy. Then, there is always the chance that cancer could recur, requiring a second operation. Finally, the cosmetic outcome of lumpectomy is not always as good as expected. Knab cited a study showing an equal percentage of lumpectomy and mastectomy patients who felt anxiety. One-third of the mastectomy patients grieved a great deal for their lost body part, while one-third of lumpectomy patients were equally worried that the cancer would recur.

"A doctor should inform the patient concerning the pros and cons of each option, and a good doctor will then recommend which option is best for that particular patient based on her condition and personality," said Knab. "But the patient ultimately should decide which option she prefers."

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Strategic Defense Initiative:

Scientific benefits from program are numerous

By TOM JOYCE

American Forces Information Service

Long before Neil Armstrong took his first cautious step onto the moon, the American people and the world had benefited from new scientific discoveries brought about by the U.S. space program.

Literally thousands of different uses of space technology have found their way into American communities since President John F. Kennedy challenged the scientific community to "land a man on the moon and return him safely."

President Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative is an even larger undertaking. The technical resources of this nation's universities, small businesses and major corporations will be marshalled in a program to erase the threat of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

As with the Apollo and space shuttle programs, the Strategic Defense Initiative will advance scientific progress across a broad range of areas from medicine to computers to telephone networks. The technology "spin-offs" from these efforts can add up to significant benefits in terms of human welfare, industrial efficiency and economic value.

For example, a new bio-active material—bioglass—has shown the capability to replace or repair human bone and soft tissue. Air Force Col. James A. Ball, director of SDI Organization technology applications said bioglass has already revolutionized implantable devices used to dispense medications. "In many cases, the catheters in the implantable devices became clogg-

ed, and the medication was not released properly. Bioglass material will actually blend in and become part of the soft tissue to ensure the free flow of medication."

Important spin-offs are also expected from the Superconducting Magnetic Energy Storage System being developed as a power source for the ground-based free electron laser. This system uses the superconducting technique for storing electrical energy in large, football-field size coils. Energy can be fed into the coil when demand is low and then extracted during peak-power consumption periods. Ball said many electric companies build separate generating stations for the sole purpose of meeting peak-demand periods. Using this technology, those stations might not be necessary.

Using the latest developments in laser Doppler radar, entomologists can detect the presence of various species of insects harmful to crops, animals and humans. For example, the Department Agriculture is using the radar to detect the flight of the deadly African bees. Ball said the radar senses the vibration of the insects' wings to discriminate between African and European varieties, which are visually the same.

Strategic Defense Initiative free electron laser technology has significant potential for applications in medical research, according to Ball. The program is funded entirely by the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization at more than 19 universities and hospitals around the country.

Medical research indicates the free electron laser will result in better treatments and methods for kidney and gallstone destruction and, potentially, removing plaque in blood vessels. It has also proven to be a very effective bone cutter. Current bone saws usually leave jagged edges that can cause both the surgery and the healing to be long-term processes. The laser leaves a relatively clean cut and no collateral tissue damage, and may offer improved and accelerated surgical techniques, especially for elderly patients.

Other technologies in the prototype or development state that show promise toward providing a significant advancement to the national technology base include:

□ High-speed, fault-tolerant computer applications in medicine. These systems are being studied by the Mayo Clinic to enhance fail-safe computer supports systems for operating rooms.

□ Safer methods for food preservation. This is a food irradiation program approved in six states to provide a much safer—and non-nuclear—source to irradiate food so that meats, fruits and vegetables can be stored for long periods of time without spoiling.

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Military docs get high marks from peers

By **EVELYN D. HARRIS**
American Forces Information Service

Civilian doctors have given their military colleagues an "A" following a sophisticated worldwide review of military medical care.

That is, they rated the quality of care "exceedingly high" as measured by compliance with standards endorsed by a civilian physician specialty group. However, it is difficult to compare military medical care with civilian medical care because the civilian system has never undergone a similar review.

The American Medical Peer Review Association hailed the procedures developed to review military medical care as a model for future peer reviews of both civilian and military medicine.

Criticism in the early 1980s of the quality of medical care in military hospitals led to quality assurance initiatives. These included stricter review of doctors' credentials, licensing requirements for health care professionals and more careful monitoring of hospital procedures and staff.

Despite these improvements, public and congressional criticism of military medicine continued, spurred on by a few highly publicized horror stories in the media. Dr. William Mayer, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, ordered the review in August 1985 to get an accurate picture of medical quality.

The review results indicate the publicized incidents represented rare exceptions to the rule of high quality care. Civilian doctors found that military care failed to meet all standards set for care in only 3.5 out of 1,000 cases, or .35 percent. They indicated that figures for lower risk cases would probably show even higher standards of care.

DoD officials said they "had to invent the wheel" to do the reviews. The wheel they invented turned on sampling 10 percent of all high-risk cases handled by

the military's 168 hospitals each month. Cases studied included cancer, heart surgery, hysterectomies and neonatal and maternal deaths.

The sample cases were compared against criteria for care recommended by the appropriate medical specialty societies.

The largest group of cases failing to meet the defined standards involved hysterectomies; however, many of these failures involved criteria that were later modified.



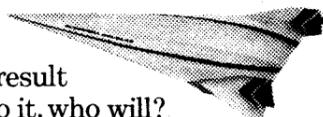
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Toastmasters

Tennessee Valley Toastmasters Club meets every first and third Thursday night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Morrison's Cafeteria in Madison Square Mall. This provides "an excellent opportunity to develop public speaking and leadership skills in a friendly and supportive atmosphere." Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Jim Harbin 859-3968.

Federal women

North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will have a networking meeting on Friday, Feb. 26 from 4:15 p.m. until, at Chi Chi's in Madison Square. Members and visitors are invited to attend.

Chapel events

The *Catholic Stations of the Cross* service will be held this evening (Feb. 24) at 6:30 at Bicentennial Chapel, and every other Wednesday through March 30 also. The *Protestant Women of the Chapel* meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 25 at Bicentennial Chapel; scheduled speaker Bill Murray's topic is "Mind Your Money."



Learning center

Army Learning Center offers the following in-house, self-paced courses: McGraw-Hill Supervisory Training Series (videotaped); UNIX and System 2000 videotape and computer-based self development courses. To enroll in these courses or for more information, call 876-1061/1416.

Engineers Week

A banquet and a road race are among the events set for Engineers Week which continues through Saturday. Roland Tibbetts, who created the Small Business Innovative Research program in 1977 and serves as the SBIR program manager for the National Science Foundation, is the scheduled speaker for the banquet set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Von Braun Civic Center. The annual 5-kilometer and 10-kilometer road races will be held Saturday on Redstone Arsenal. Other activities during Engineers Week include projects with local high schools, and the "Mathcounts" competition. For more information and banquet tickets, call Dr. Ken Thompson of the UAH College of Engineering 895-6474.

Retired officers

Huntsville Chapter of the Retired Officers Association will have its regular monthly meeting at 11 this morning (Feb. 24) at the Officers Club. Lunch will be served. Scheduled speaker is Frank H. Riddick, judge of probate for Madison County.



Wine classes

The beginners approach to Germany will be the wine class subject Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Officers Club. There is a \$5 tasting fee. Officers Club and NCO Club members and guests are invited. Reservations through the Officers Club cashier are necessary. Call 830-2582.



Aerobics

Military personnel and their families can enroll in free aerobics classes to be offered at the Post Gym this spring on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30 until 5:30 p.m. Call 837-1033 after 5 p.m. for more information.

AER campaign

The 1988 Army Emergency Relief annual fund campaign will be conducted locally from March 1 to April 30. A kickoff meeting and briefing for key representatives will be held from 10-11 a.m. Feb. 25 in building 5250, room A-200. Key representatives from organizations with 10 or more military personnel should attend this meeting to receive instructions and campaign material. For more information call Juanita Adams, AER officer, 876-5468.

Dental training

The Redstone Arsenal Dental Activity, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, is offering Red Cross Volunteer Dental Assistant Training, open to all active duty family members, retirees, and retired family members 18 years of age or older. The training is scheduled for March 14 through 18 from 8 until 11:30 a.m. at the Main Dental Clinic, building 3494. Students will be offered free day care during training and while working as a volunteer. For more information call SSGT. Jacobson 876-7474.



Business women

Twickenham Chapter of the American Business Women's Association is sponsoring an educational seminar on Saturday, March 5 at the Holiday Inn, Research Park (across from Madison Square Mall). Registration is from 8-9 a.m. The program is entitled "Total Communication." Session I will consist of Assertiveness (passive and aggressive) Communication, and Session II will consist of Non-Verbal Communication. The scheduled seminar speaker is Dr. Jo Nash Beene, the dean of students at Calhoun Community College in Decatur. For reservations and/or information, call 461-3362, 881-7430 (from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.); or 881-8213/4090 after 5 p.m.



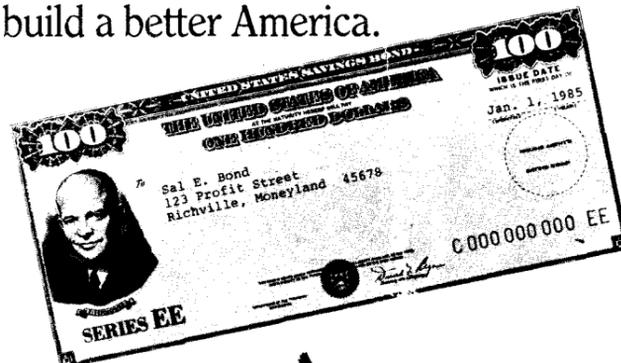
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