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## Procurement fraud prevention subject of training

The Missile Command's annual procurement fraud prevention training scheduled Aug. 9-11 is particularly timely this year.

Besides investigations on the national level, locally there have been allegations that contractors providing support services to Redstone Arsenal have committed criminal acts.

"The importance of procurement fraud has been reemphasized recently not only with the national media with the investigation going on concerning the Air Force and the Navy alleged procurement fraud, but also we at MICOM have been reminded how an investigation in procurement fraud can reach high visibility, too," said Terry Leach, an attorney in the command's legal services division.

MICOM has conducted seminar-training programs in procurement fraud each year since 1984. The training is sponsored by the legal office and the command's Procurement Fraud Irregularity Committee. This committee meets periodically and reviews allegations of possible procurement fraud. It discusses appropriate remedies for such irregularities.

The committee chairman is Cheryl Lyle of the legal office. She serves as the command's fraud, waste and abuse attorney. The committee also includes representatives from procurement, resource management, product assurance and security, and has observers from

the CID (Criminal Investigation Command) economic crime unit and the Inspector General office.

### Training schedule

This year's training sessions will be held from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9; from 9-noon and 1-4 Wednesday, Aug. 10; and from 9-noon Thursday, Aug. 11. The location is room A-115 of headquarters building 5250. Scheduled speakers include Mike Whisonant, assistant U.S. attorney in Birmingham; Kathy Hoener, the Army Materiel Command's fraud, waste and abuse attorney; Ed Allen of the Defense Department's Inspector General office; and Ruben Young, chief of the CID economic crime unit.

"The purpose of this training is to further raise awareness of procurement fraud prevention," Leach said. "Most MICOM personnel know that in accordance with MICOM Regulation 27-1, Procurement Fraud Irregularities, they should report procurement irregularities to the MICOM fraud, waste and abuse attorney (Cheryl Lyle 876-8921)."

Both nationally and at MICOM, the number of contractors suspended and debarred because of irregularities has increased in recent years. And there is more criminal and civil litigation involving procurement fraud than there was at the beginning of the 1980s. The increase is due "in part to the increased awareness through the procurement fraud training

programs," Leach said. He added that the Defense Department, Department of Army, Army Materiel Command and the Missile Command have all devoted more resources to addressing procurement fraud.

### Remedies for fraud

Irregularities can be addressed by criminal investigation and possible prosecution, civil litigation, administrative and personnel remedies. Administrative remedies include suspension and debarment. A contractor can be suspended for up to a year from conducting business with the government upon a showing of adequate evidence of commission of fraud. In severe cases—such as those resulting in a criminal conviction—a contractor can be debarred from doing business with the government for up to three years. Any contractor recommended for suspension or debarment has due process rights and can present its side of the case. Nationally, the number of contractors suspended or debarred is five times what it was six years ago, according to Leach.

"It's in everyone's interest to report procurement fraud or to prevent it," he said. "The professional stake is we want to get valid dollar value for our procurements."

Anyone interested in attending the procurement fraud prevention training should call Glenda Elrod, Lyle or Leach at 876-8921.

## Patriot capabilities increase with new software

### Army air defense system can defend against tactical ballistic missiles

BY BOB HUBBARD

The Army has begun fielding with Patriot battalions in Europe new software that gives the air defense missile system a capability against tactical ballistic missiles (TBM).

With the new software, Patriot can defend against both advanced aircraft and short range, conventional tactical missiles similar to those facing U.S. soldiers and other NATO forces in Europe.

Fielding with the first Patriot battalions will be completed in July following months of extensive and successful tests by the Missile Command's Patriot Project Office; the Army Air Defense Center and School at Fort Bliss, Texas; and the 32nd Army Air Defense Command in West Germany.

All six U.S. Patriot battalions currently deployed in West Germany are expected to be operational with the new software by the end of 1988.

The Army's Patriot ATM program is being developed in two phases. Fielding of the current software upgrade concludes the first phase.

Phase 2 of the planned improvements will feature additional software changes, along with an improved fuze and warhead which will be fielded in the early 1990s.

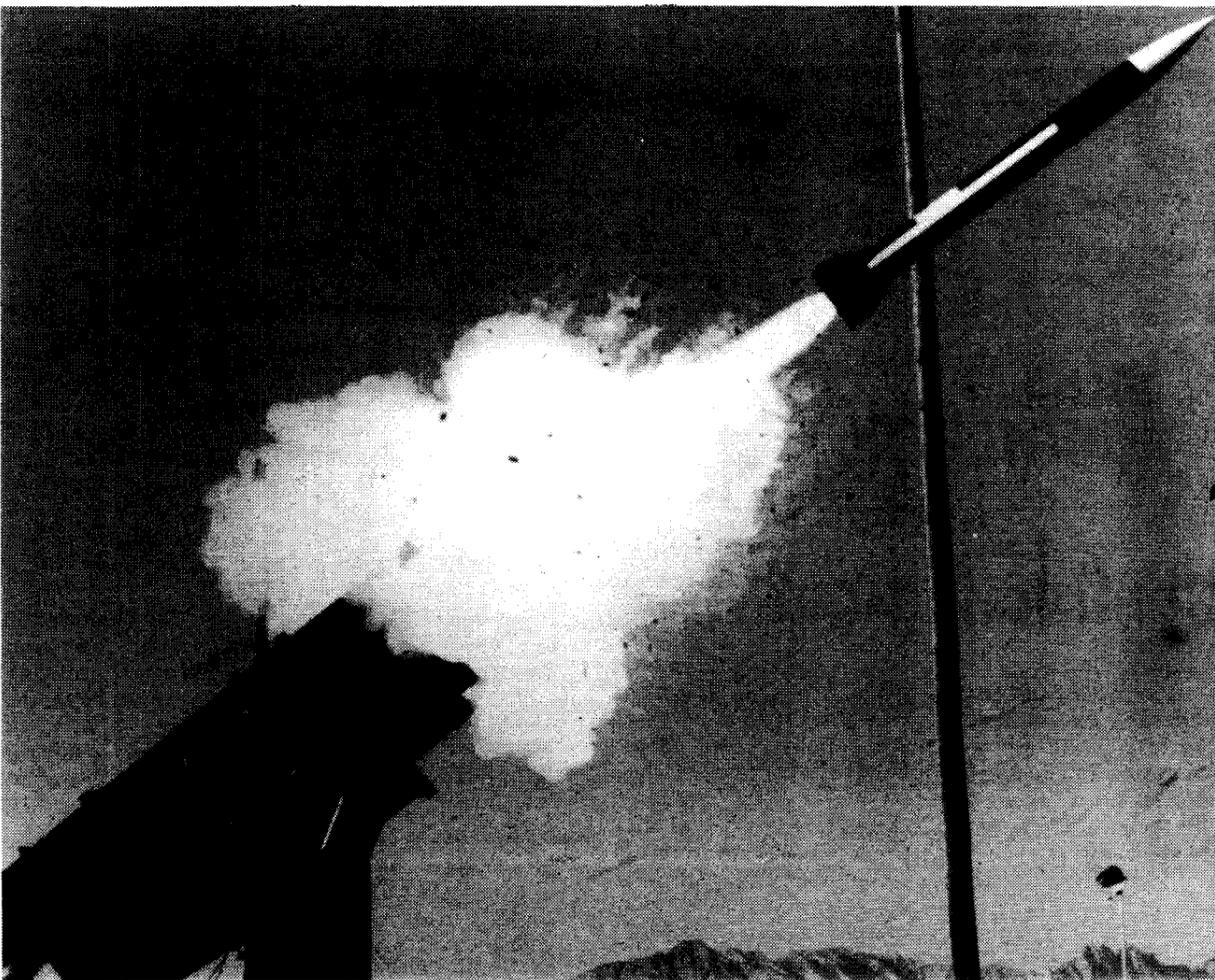
The Army has conducted several successful tests against Lance and other Patriot missiles representing surrogate TBMs. In one test, Patriot and Hawk, thanks to the new software, were used in combination to intercept a Patriot missile. During the test, Patriot's phased array radar detected and tracked the target, then passed the data to the Hawk system. Hawk acquired the target with its tracking radar, launched a Hawk missile and scored an intercept.

With Patriot and Hawk interoperable and using the best features of both, the Army greatly strengthens air defense against both aircraft and short range TBMs.

Patriot, the Army's newest and most advanced air defense system, constitutes the backbone of NATO's air defenses in Europe where it has been deployed since

early 1985. The system has been purchased by the Netherlands, West Germany and Japan and Italy has agreed to purchase.

Brig. Gen. Larry Capps is the program executive officer for high/medium air defense and Col. Bruce Garnett is Patriot project manager.



AIR DEFENSE— Patriot is the Army's newest and most advanced air defense system.

# Soldiers with Pershing specialties to be retrained

WASHINGTON— One of the first steps in implementing the U.S.-U.S.S.R. intermediate-range nuclear forces treaty will be a phased disestablishment of the Army's Pershing missile force.

Along with the three-year period required for eliminating the Pershing weapon system would be a requirement to retrain those soldiers who currently hold Pershing military occupational specialties.

Worldwide, said Lt. Col. Lester Kelly in the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Pershing-trained soldiers number about 2,900 enlisted, 94 warrant officers and 220 officers.

When asked what will happen to the enlisted soldiers, Kelly said, "We would look to reclassify and retrain the majority of them."

By reclassification, Kelly means the process of assigning a different military occupational specialty to those qualified persons with soon-to-be obsolete specialties. The four enlisted specialties in question, all

related to the Pershing missile system's operation and maintenance, are 15E, 21G, 21L and 46N. The pertinent warrant specialty, 214E, is held by the Pershing's "missile system technicians."

Kelly said the Army is considering its Multiple Launch Rocket System as a candidate career field or functional area for the purpose of reclassifying the affected soldiers. That system, he added, has a programmed increase in the coming years.

Kelly pointed out that MLRS units are currently labeled as "direct combat" units and hence exclude, by law, the presence of women soldiers. "Pershing-trained women," he explained, "won't be allowed to reclassify into MLRS units, but we'll of course consider their individual desires in relation to the Army's needs."

The largest concentration of Pershing personnel lies with the Army's 56th Field Artillery Command in Ger-

many. That command includes a number of non-Pershing-specific-MOS soldiers. Plans call for those soldiers' specialties to be aligned mainly in support of any replacement forces for Pershing units.

As the reclassification and re-assignment proceed, Army personnel officials expect to protect the promotion potential of the affected soldiers. "For example," Kelly said, "those soldiers already on a promotion list, as well as those on a standing list, will be integrated into the existing list for their newly acquired specialties, where they'll receive promotion consideration along with their new contemporaries."

Personnel plans currently being drafted in support of the treaty's requirements are to allow for an orderly transition between the old and the new, Kelly said. "We aim to minimize any organizational or personal turmoil that may face the affected soldiers and their families." (Arnews)

## Reprogrammed funds curtail furloughs

WASHINGTON— No civilian furloughs will take place between mid-July and Sep. 30, now that senior Army officials have approved distribution of some \$400 million in reprogrammed funding for "operation and maintenance, Army," its budget officials announced July 15.

"Redistribution of funds not only means the Army will have money to pay essential bills, but training strategy and system field plans may continue without furloughing personnel," said Brig. Gen. R. J. Mallion in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management.

In a message to commanders and resource managers worldwide, Army budget officials explained how dollar amounts are being "divvied up" from what of-

ficials expect will be made available to them by the end of July.

"If foreign currency fluctuation account rates remain as we have projected, and if the 'scrub' meets revised expectations, more than \$30 million additional should become available in early September," Mallion said.

In addition, Congress approved about \$6 million dollars in funds that will allow some major commands to pay for the lease of non-tactical vehicles.

"With about \$100 million dollars less to work with this fiscal year, we're reminding resource managers that no further fund reprogramming will take place for the remainder of fiscal 1988," Mallion said. "Because of this, they should expect no more funding other than that approved on July 15." (Arnews)

## Electrician seriously injured on job

An exterior electrician from Holmes & Narver/Morrison-Knudsen was injured in an accident in the NASA area on post July 20.

Arnold Magwood, 40, of Huntsville, suffered burns in a pole accident about 2 that afternoon near building 4774. A Huntsville Hospital spokeswoman said he was listed in serious condition with electrical burns.

Magwood was among workers swapping out PCB capacitors when he "somehow came in contact with electrical current," according to Bill Priattie, the personnel manager for H&N/M-K.

It was not clear what happened but he was injured on the utility pole, lost consciousness and was brought down by co-workers.

At Huntsville Hospital that night, Magwood was in surgery. He lost two fingers on one hand and suffered damaged tendons and serious burns including a deep burn on the leg, Priattie said.

Magwood, whose wife's name is Joyce, was hired July 11 on a 90-day temporary basis. He evidently moved here from South Carolina where he lived for at least 17 years. He was employed there as a lineman for two separate companies for 16 years. Before that, Magwood was in the Army 101st Airborne Division and served in Vietnam from 1968-71.

## Ratification message

On July 31, 1788 Thomas Jefferson wrote James Madison the following message:

"I sincerely rejoice at the acceptance of our new Constitution by nine states. It is a good canvas, on which some strokes only want retouching."

(Adapted from Bicentennial of the Constitution, an Army resource guide.)

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## Survey raises topics for family symposium

Plans for Redstone's first Family Action Symposium are firming up, with 400 completed surveys giving planners an idea of the problems which most concern members of the community.

"We've had pretty good results— we have gotten back about 400 surveys," said Ramona Lindsey, project officer for the event.

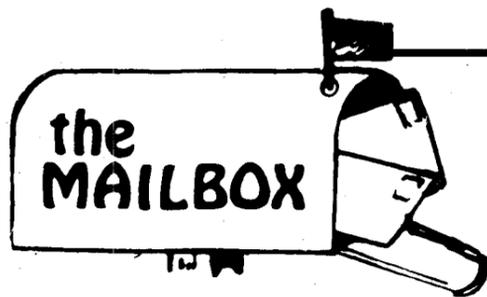
Plans are to have about six work groups to address the perceived problems.

"The majority of concerns were about medical and dental services, and the post exchange and commissary," Lindsey said. Other areas mentioned in surveys were child care and outdoor recreation.

It's not too late to volunteer to be a delegate for the day-long event planned for Aug. 11, Lindsey said.

If you'd like to volunteer, call the point of contact listed below for the portion of the community you belong to:

• MICOM: CSM Daniel E. Buckner, 876-1826; • OMMCS: Ed Ottman, 876-4653; • TMDE: Capt. James C. McCants, 876-2980; • SDC: SFC Evelyn Martin, 895-5659; • MEDDAC: 1st Sgt. Stanley D. Brannon, 876-4949; • DENTAC: SFC Mary G. Crowson, 876-2530; • Corps of Engineers: Lt. Col. Leon Cook, 895-5370; • Redstone Readiness Group: MSgt. Patrick Kobilenski, 895-3145; • Alabama A&M ROTC: Maj. Jerome Carr, 859-0390; • Retirees: Col. (retired) Adelbert Miller, 883-7012; • Reserves: David Morales, 940-9109; • National Guard: CWO2 Charles Weston, AV 363-7283; • Youth: Maj. William Richling, 876-2648; • Civilians: Mae Hargrove, 876-6757; • AFGE Local 1858: Linda George, 876-1430; • ACS Education Council: Maj. Gregory Taylor, 876-9005; • Officers Wives Club: Cathy Ryan, 830-0897; • NCO Wives Club: Mary Moreillon, 536-0084, ext. 211.



## Contracting-out

Editor:

Contracting-out federal jobs is wrong. It is time to take a good, hard look at contracting-out inhouse work. We all know federal employees are more dedicated and do a better job than the contractor, who is after the almighty dollar.

I believe the government, the taxpayers, and the federal workers would all benefit if the government stopped all contracting-out of inhouse support services.

The Redstone Arsenal Support Activity contract with Holmes & Narver/Morrison-Knudsen was a big mistake. At the beginning, AFGE stopped the decision to contract to H&N/M-K. The second round we lost. We knew at that time the contractor would increase the money that was awarded them by the contract; however, the Washington group forced it on the command regardless of cost.

According to the General Accounting Office, the \$250 million support contract awarded by the Missile Command has uncovered evidence of wide-ranging fraud and abuse, which is not surprising to AFGE.

I recommend that Maj. Gen. Cianciolo take action to cancel the contract of Holmes & Narver/Morrison-Knudsen and put it back in the hands of the government employees, where it belongs. The government employees, the taxpayers and the community will all benefit by it.

Furthermore, I recommend that all commanders take a good look at any contract under their command. They should not allow any further contracting-out of work that would normally be done by federal workers. Contracting-out does not pay.

Dennis Garrison  
President,  
AFGE Local 1858

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# Students spend their summer at Missile Command

## Program gives future scientists and engineers firsthand experience

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A program that enables high school students to work here for the summer under the supervision of MICOM engineers and scientists has grown since it began in 1986.

Forty-four students, including 11 college freshmen, are participating in the 1988 Science and Engineering Apprentice Program. The Defense Departmentwide program was created in 1981, and the Missile Command started participating two years ago with 21 students. Forty students took part last year.

"We're interested in the acquisition and retention of the technological competence needed to ensure strong national security," said Dr. Katie Blanding, university liaison specialist in the Research Directorate.

"We're hoping these students will become good teachers, good researchers, good engineers, good computer scientists... All of it's related."

The students were selected for their competence and interest in science and math. They were chosen from 280 eligible applicants. "We can only accommodate a finite number of students because of laboratory space and mentor availability," Blanding said.

Mentors are volunteers, mostly from the Research, Development and Engineering Center, who agree to supervise a student for the eight weeks of the program. Two years ago, mentors had to be recruited; now there are some who call in advance to sign up for the program. More than 30 members of the RD&E center are participating this summer (a few of the mentors represent other offices). Some work with one student, others work with two.

The students are on the job eight hours a day for the eight weeks— from June 13 through Aug. 5. Each student is assigned a research project to work on. "Mentors provide the project, they supervise it, they guide the student through it, they provide advice on how to write and submit a technical report," Blanding said. Enrichment activities for the students include four lectures— one every two weeks —given by local scientists.

"They each have to do a technical paper, and a verbal presentation here at the command," Blanding said, describing what is required of the students at the end of the eight weeks. Besides their presentations here Aug. 4-5, they will read their reports and answer questions at a closing exercise in Washington. The trip to Washington, where they will join Washington area students in final presentations of their research, is set for Aug. 10-14. Later, the papers written by students here will be consolidated into a MICOM special report.

Pay for the students is divided into two installments. A first-time apprentice gets a total of \$1,155, and the amount increases by five percent for each additional year a student has been involved in the program. This is the first year for 24 of the students, second year for 15, and third year for five.

Some 800 students are involved nationwide in the Defense Department program administered by George Washington University of Washington, D.C. Most of the students are working on military installations. Some in the D.C./Maryland area work in university labs that are government contractors. The program is growing nationally "mainly because teachers, students and parents are all looking for good opportunities to foster that interest (in science and engineering)," according to Blanding.

The students here are "terrific motivators because they're so full of energy, so full of curiosity," she said.



AT COMPUTER— Krystal Smith works at a computer terminal as Dr. Oskar Essenwanger, her mentor, looks on.

"The mentors benefit, too. They get to work with students who really challenge them."

Krystal Smith, an 18-year-old who has just graduated from Johnson High School, is working with Dr. Oskar Essenwanger, a supervisory research physicist. The summer program gives students "the opportunity to learn more in the field of engineering and sciences, and gives them the experience to help them decide whether they'd like to be an engineer or scientist," Smith said.

"And it's a great learning experience, and you obtain knowledge you usually wouldn't get in class at school," she added. Smith plans to attend Tuskegee University and major in electrical engineering.

Scott Williamson, a 16-year-old entering the 12th grade at Tanner High School, is working with Dr. Charles Christensen, a research physicist. The program is "great for students," Williamson said. "It gives them hands-on experience working with different things and it could help them make career choices." He plans to go into engineering, probably either electrical or aerospace.

The students include one ninth grader, five 10th graders, 11 eleventh graders, 16 twelfth graders, and

11 college freshmen. Here is a list of the students, their schools and mentors:

- David William Peters, Grissom High School, mentor Dr. Charles Christensen; Scott Thomas Williamson, Tanner High School, Dr. Christensen; Jerry Wayne Bruce, Athens High, Dr. Joseph McDonald; Becky Brindley, Huntsville High/Duke University freshman, Dr. McDonald; Shawn Pethel, Hazel Green High, Dr. Charles Bowden; Caroline Banks, Huntsville High, Dr. Ann Stanley; Michael McEniry, Grissom High, Dr. John Johnson; David Poe, Butler High, Dr. Johnson; Dod Michael, Austin High/University of Alabama freshman, Robert Johnson; Wendy Walker, Decatur High/Auburn University freshman, David Lanteigne; Wade Amis, Randolph School, Jim Kirsch; Sandy Pessoney, Grissom High, Kirsch; Krystal Smith, Johnson High, Dr. Oskar Essenwanger; Mark Brinkerhoff, Randolph School, Mike Crowe; Dean Davison, Grissom High, Pete Black; Shukrani Jordan, Huntsville High, Martin Harris; Andrew Douglas Mullins, Bob Jones High, George Landingham; Ben Ferrell Holt, Ardmore High, John Jordan; Claudia Baker, Bob Jones High, Dr. Billy Walker with Clark Mikkesen; Brian Baeder, Hazel Green High/UAH freshman, Greg Graham; Christy Braddock, Decatur High/Birmingham Southern freshman, Troy Hester; Ryan Sims, Brewer High, Hester; Everett Roper, Oakwood Academy, Dr. Paul Ruffin; Ingra Conley, Lee High/Tennessee Tech freshman, Dr. Ruffin; Zedric Teague, Alabama A&M freshman, Alexander Roach; Pam Brantley, Austin

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# Hospital enters 'partnership' with civilian physicians

Fox Army Community Hospital has concluded negotiations with three civilian physicians who are interested in working at Fox under the Army's new "Partnership Program."

The Partnership Program combines specific resources of both OCHAMPUS and the military medical treatment facility by allowing eligible CHAMPUS beneficiaries to receive outpatient and inpatient medical care from civilian health care providers using the military hospital.

The program is part of the military's CHAMPUS Reform Initiative aimed at improving access to health care and claims processing procedures for CHAMPUS beneficiaries. The partnership program is essentially a "win-win-win" situation, according to Capt. James Starcher, chief of the patient administration division

at Fox Hospital. The military hospital can take credit for the workload generated by the civilian provider to justify future budgetary considerations. The civilian provider can provide medical care without the overhead costs of required administrative or medical ancillary support services, equipment and medical supplies.

Patients win because they will not have to pay the routine CHAMPUS deductible or their cost-share portion. CHAMPUS also benefits from this arrangement because the negotiated rates with interested civilian physicians is below the normal CHAMPUS allowable, according to Starcher.

It is important that patients know this is strictly a voluntary program, he stressed. CHAMPUS claim forms must be completed and forwarded for process-

ing. This action will be handled by the health benefits advisor at Fox Hospital. Patients who have private, primary-paying insurance coverage must also be prepared to submit these claim forms.

To date, Fox Hospital has received approval to begin the program with a local pediatrician. This physician is to begin working on Wednesday afternoons starting today at 1. For an appointment, call 876-5863. Once you have an appointment, remember to be there at least 30 minutes early so the health benefits advisor can complete the CHAMPUS claim form. Also, you should bring the claim forms for any private primary-paying insurance that you have.

For more information on the Partnership Program, call Starcher 876-8513 or the health benefits advisor 876-2960.

# Pacific command's peacetime strategy promotes stability

BY JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Information Service

A military command is more than just a cog in a war-fighting machine. It can also be used to further the peacetime objectives of its country.

The United States Pacific Command is doing exactly that with what it calls its Peacetime Strategy.

A peacetime strategy as such is nothing new; the Pacific Command has always performed missions in support of America's peacetime interests. What is new is that the strategy during peacetime is consistent with the command's wartime and multinational strategies.

"The peacetime strategy is a roadmap for the use of military forces and resources during peacetime in such a way as to maintain and secure an environment in which freedom-loving nations of the region can grow and prosper," said Army Lt. Col. Robert W. Gesner of the Pacific Command's Strategic Planning and Policy Directorate. "The peacetime strategy is not something that can be viewed separately from our wartime or multinational strategies. They all complement each other."

The peacetime strategy enhances military preparedness, works to strengthen alliances, supports U.S. national interests and works to help developing countries in the difficult job of "nation building."

This is a huge task for the Pacific Command, the largest unified command in the Department of Defense. It covers roughly 50 percent of the Earth's surface and stretches from the Pacific coast of the United States through the island nations of the Pacific to the developed countries of Northeast Asia and the developing countries of Southeast Asia. The command also has responsibilities in the Indian Ocean and on over to the east coast of Africa.

"This is as diverse an area as you will find on the globe," said Army Col. John H. Donnelly, chief of the command's Civil-Military Operations. "You have to have different methods for the strategy with different countries. There is a range in economics, geography and political systems that make it impossible to apply a blanket policy."

Operations that contribute to the peacetime strategy include joint and combined military exercises, port calls, humanitarian assistance, foreign military sales,

civil assistance activities, conferences, medical assistance and personnel and reciprocal unit visits.

"These are all things that have been going on for years, but there was no central focus on an overall goal," said Air Force Col. Larry Wagner of the Security Assistance Policy Division in Pacific Command Logistics Directorate.

"For example, when a ship sails from the Arabian Sea to Pearl Harbor, we make a determination and recommendation where the best place would be for the ship to visit. It is not simply just a liberty port, either. The crew often helps the local inhabitants with building schools, providing medical care and generally building good will toward the United States."

Another aspect is the humanitarian assistance U.S. forces provide to the area. "Unfortunately, Mother Nature has not been too kind to the island nations of the South Pacific," said Donnelly. "It is an area prone to earthquakes and typhoons, and periodically they need help to rebuild."

Pacific Command coordinated the deployment of Air Force and Army engineering teams, Seabees and Marines Corps ordnance-disposal detachments to various disasterstricken areas in the last two years. When a typhoon swept over the Solomon Islands in late 1986, Seabees and Marines were sent to the islands and spent 90 days repairing bridges and roads and making the water supply safe from further typhoon damage.

"Not only do these teams help build an infrastructure for some of these nations, but the work has a payoff in training," said Donnelly. "Our engineers need to train. This way they get training in planning and executing short-notice deployments, the Air Force or Navy gets experience air or sealifting them to the site, and they (engineers) get the training building or maintaining their project. And the results of their expertise is of use to the nation they go to."

The most complex operation so far has been the visit of the naval hospital ship USNS *Mercy* to the Philippines and the island nations of the South Pacific. "The operation entailed not only the Navy, but the Army and Air Force medical teams and Air Force airlift capacity," said Donnelly. "The ship and medical teams provided basic medical services to thousands of

people who wouldn't normally get it. The ship not only serviced the immediate port it visited, but also served as the hub for teams flown out from the ship to surrounding towns or islands."

The *Mercy* provided medical service to 62,000 people of the region. Surgeons on the ship performed more than 850 operations. Hundreds of local doctors, nurses and other health-care providers received classes and instruction from its medical crew.

"The voyage of that ship and the actions of the crew and medical people are classic examples of the peacetime strategy at work for developing nations," said Gesner. "Not only did doctors, nurses and ship's crew receive training and practical experience, but they provided valuable services that strengthen ties between nations and demonstrate the benefits that accrue from a positive relationship with the United States."

But the Pacific is home to technologically and economically advanced nations—Japan, Australia and the Republic of Korea are examples—and other nations that are on the cutting edge of development—like Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia. "With these nations, obviously, we're not concerned with nation building," said Gesner. "We are working hard to improve our collective military capability as well as our already good military relations."

Exercises, conferences and foreign military sales are some of the methods used to strengthen alliances between the countries and the United States. "Through this we build military-to-military contacts and create a dialogue between senior officials in all countries on the security needs of the area," said Gesner.

While the Pacific Command is the first unified command to institutionalize its peacetime strategy, other commands—most notably U.S. Southern Command—have similar programs.

The peacetime strategy just makes sense," said Gesner. "It provides strategic guidelines for everyday activities in the Asian/Pacific area, which is so important to the global picture and to the United States. The peacetime strategy fits in well with our other strategies for the region. Each success enhances our deterrent posture and adds to a more secure and stable environment."

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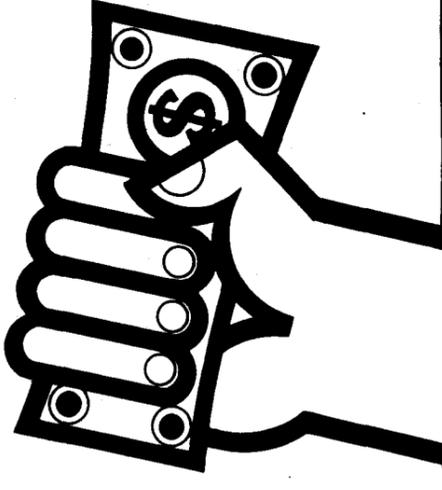
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# Redstone Arsenal has full-time veterinarian again

BY PAM ROGERS

For the first time in almost 10 years, Redstone Arsenal has a full-time veterinarian.

Capt. George Renison arrived here last week after completing the veterinary officer course at the Health Services Command at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. This is his first active duty assignment.

Although arsenal pets are sure to benefit from the presence of a full-time veterinarian, that's not Renison's first priority.

"The primary mission is food inspection. Second priority is the military working dogs. They're just like soldiers," he said.

Pets have third priority, but they are an important part of the service, Renison said.

"Pets are considered part of the military family," he said. The animal practice includes dogs, cats and horses. The clinic concerns itself with zoonotic diseases— those diseases that can be transmitted from animals to people.

One of the most important changes a full-time veterinarian will make is his continual availability to the commander of Fox Army Community Hospital, Renison said.

"I'll be able to help him with his mission," he said. "And I'll be more accessible to people with pets."

Renison is a native of Custer, Okla., and received his bachelor's and DVM degrees from Oklahoma State University.

A divorced father of two, Renison chose the Army so that he could spend more time with his sons Patrick, 5 and Nicholas, 3.

"In a private practice, you might be gone 14 or 18 hours a day," he said, adding that the more regular hours, plus the child care services the Army provides, helped him make the decision.

Renison plans to make the Army a career.

"If anyone had asked me that question a year ago, I would've said no, but the more exposure I get to the



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Army, the better things look," he said. He would like to specialize either in surgery, and go into research, or in public health.

Even though he's only been here a little over a week, Renison believes he's going to like the area.

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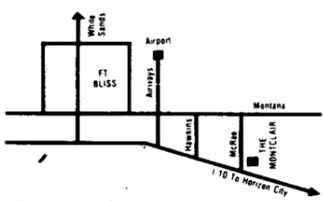
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# USATSG commander wants recognition for his people

BY PAM ROGERS

The new commander of the U.S. Army Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Support Group here says that his primary objective is to make sure people who are doing good work in the organization get recognition for it.

Col. George E. Patch assumed command of USATSG July 12 after a two-year stint as deputy director of the Missile Command Procurement Directorate.

"That was, without a doubt, the most high-pressure, rewarding job I've ever had," he said.

The people he worked with were "some of the hardest-working, most responsive people I've ever been associated with.

"I hope the people here are that professional. If they are, my next two years will be a piece of cake," he said.

USATSG is an AMC subordinate command, separate from MICOM, although its headquarters is at Redstone Arsenal. The group has 2,200 soldiers and civilians working in locations around the world. There are 354 at Redstone, Patch said.

"Being a part of MICOM (in the Procurement Directorate) certainly prepared me for another job in AMC. It made the transition much smoother," he said.

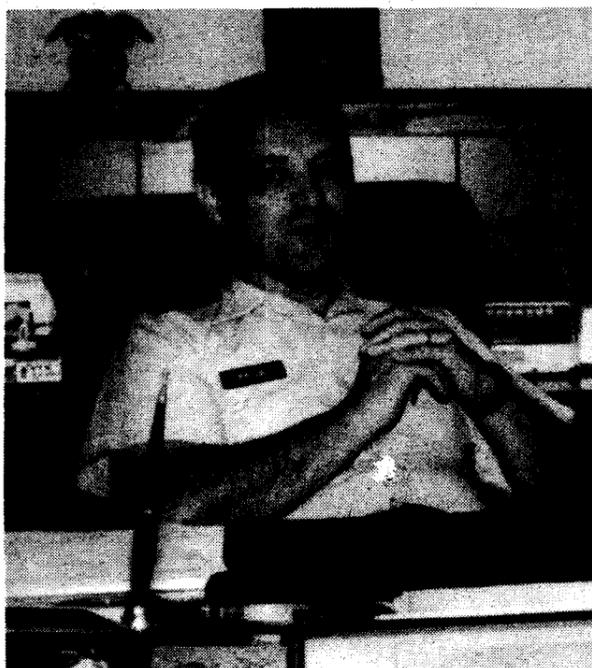
About the only thing his old job didn't prepare him for was the amount of traveling he'll be doing now.

"I didn't travel very much in Procurement. I'll be traveling about 50 percent of the time here, visiting locations our soldiers and civilians are at, and let them know we're backing them. Just because they're away from Redstone doesn't mean they're not high on our priority list."

Most of the overseas activity for the group is concentrated in Europe,

"but there are an awful lot of people in CONUS," Patch said.

USATSG evolved from the old U.S. Army Metrology and Calibration Center, which was activated in 1962 at Frankford Arsenal, Pa. The center



PATCH

was moved to Redstone in 1967 and went through several changes before becoming the organization it is today. The group, since its beginning, has always been charged with support of the Army metrology and calibration system.

"Our most important task continues to be support of TMDE in the field— to make sure the soldier has the most accurate equipment needed to do the job. And I'm finding that's not always as easy as it sounds," Patch said.

"It's amazing. This is a very professional, well-run organization, but there's not enough recognition in the Army community of what the group does.

"We've been doing such a good job for a long time, but the recognition needs to be heightened. That's my goal— to get the recognition it deserves. If I can do that, the rest of it will run by itself," he said.

His approach to managing people is simple.

"Let capable people do their jobs. That's basically it— and support them. That's what I see my job as. The ones who can do it, let them do their jobs, and those who can't— if they can't be taught— get someone who can. And make sure they're recognized."

Patch would like to slightly shift the emphasis of the work the group does.

"For the last couple of years, the emphasis has been on field support. That is now well in-hand, and emphasis can now be shifted to other areas. There is a need for TMDE standards to be recognized early-on in the development of systems, so they can be supported in the field. I'm finding that's not always the case, and we're trying to develop some standards so we can do that," he said.

He would also like to gear training to the wartime mission, he said.

Patch, whose Army career has spanned 24 years, was a 1964 graduate of Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J. His undergraduate degree is in social studies. He also holds a master's degree in logistic management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

The Army has been Patch's one and only career, "so don't ask me what else I would have done. I can't imagine doing anything else," he said.

After this command is finished, Patch would like to go on to be a project manager.

"I think the PM business is exciting, and a good end to an Army career," he said.

Patch and his wife, Diane, have two children. Greg, 16, is a student at Butler High School. Leayne, 12, will attend Whitesburg Middle School this fall.

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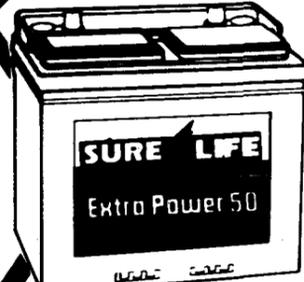
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# New deputy personnel officer believes in automation

BY RUTH MECHAM

A young man entered an office in October 1960 and had a conversation with a deputy personnel director. He was seeking a job with the Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency.

His goal for the future was to earn a salary of \$10,000 a year. He had no idea that 28 years later he would become the deputy civilian personnel officer for the Missile Command and be a GM-14.

"I came to work here as a trainee; like the paratrainees we have now. I was a GS-5 making \$4,040 a year and that was considered *big money*. I set a goal then to someday reach earnings of \$10,000," Jim Anderson said. He went on to say, laughing, that \$10,000 a year wouldn't get you too far today.

Born in a little community near Copeland in rural Limestone County, he moved to Decatur when he was five years old and later, to Huntsville.

"I've seen this place (Huntsville) grow from a town smaller than Decatur; and Decatur was a small town," said the 52-year-old.

He related a story of his first trip to Huntsville and how the only landmark he could focus on was the Russell Erskine Hotel.

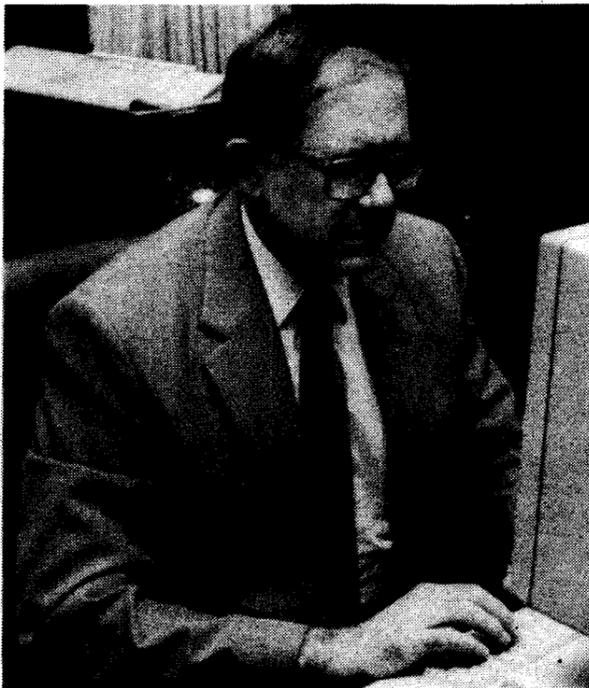
"It was so exciting. My uncle brought me with him to Huntsville. He parked his jeep on a hill and the hotel was the largest I had ever seen and that hill was so steep it stuck in my mind and has always stayed with me," Anderson said.

A descendant of John Gunter, for whom Guntersville was named; Anderson said his roots are firmly established in the area.

With the exception of a short transfer to Fort Benning, Ga., Anderson has remained here. "I left for Fort Benning two or three days after the historical tornadoes hit in 1974, and it wasn't because I'm afraid of tornadoes," he said laughing.

About a year after he got to Fort Benning, his mother was diagnosed with cancer and passed away. Anderson took a downgrade to return to the area. "I needed to get back here and help care for my father."

Most of his experience is in the area of classification. "Remember the old B grade movies where the good guys wore white hats and the bad guys wore black hats? Classification people have often been referred to as the people who wear black hats; people think the classification staff is there to take jobs away or downgrade positions and for the most part they don't understand what we do," he said.



ANDERSON

"Managers tell us what they want and require for a position; we verify the duties, write a job description, review a guide to determine grade based on duties and the grade determines salary."

His new duties will include sitting in for the civilian personnel officer when the CPO is away, and specializing in internal operations.

"I will be concentrating my efforts in the area of automation. I want to extend the process of automation to allow work to be done more efficiently and effectively," Anderson said.

This civilian personnel office, according to Anderson, is regarded as being one of the most difficult in the Army to administer because of the complexity of activities supported.

"We have a reputation for being very sound in civilian personnel administration," Anderson said. "Providing high quality civilian personnel service to over 10,000 employees is not an easy task."

He went on to say they recognize their need to improve in the customer care area and they are working hard to improve their performance in this area.

His promotion became effective on his seventh wedding anniversary. He and his wife, Jean, have four children and two grandchildren.

"Jean was happy for my promotion even though she had to change her job; she worked in civilian personnel also and because of nepotism she moved to the IG (Inspector General) office," he said.

Anderson said he played golf until a few years ago but when the couple decided to design and build a new home, he got too busy. "I can still talk a good game of golf," he said. "I guess designing and building a house goes back to my roots; my dad and his family were all contractors, he even built some of the buildings on the arsenal years ago."

Retirement is two and half years away, according to Anderson, and the couple is thinking about designing and building an appropriate farm house on some property his wife's parents are holding for them. "The land would be the ideal place to duplicate a colonial farm house with all the southern accents," he said. "That's one option we are considering."

"I started working when I was 10 years old, delivering groceries; I guess you could say I've worked all my life. I'm really looking forward to retirement; I'm sure I will still be busy, but I will do what I like to do, when I like to do it."

## Student

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# 'If you have a job to do, do it,' says longtime worker

BY RUTH MECHAM

A MICOM worker attributes her successful career to a philosophy she not only expects of herself but also of those who work for her.

Billie Turmenne, chief of program support division for the Stinger project office, has been working for the Missile Command for 27 years.

"I love my job and I think systems like Stinger are good deterrents to war," Turmenne said. "They are protection devices that ensure our freedom and I feel Stinger is one of the best systems in air defense."

Her career started in 1960 when she went to work for the 5th Army Ballistic Missile Agency as a secretary. In 1965 she was selected for the Supply Management intern program and completed the program while raising two small children.

"You have to make sacrifices if you want to get ahead," she said.

"You have to plan ahead, find out what's required for the next step or grade and work hard."

When her sons were young, she would take her books to the football or baseball fields and study and watch them practice at the same time.

"That's how I got my master's degree; I did a lot of studying while the kids played ball," she said, smiling.

"At one point I hired a baby sitter to go with me to school and she would watch my youngest while I attended class; and then I was very fortunate to have good friends that helped me," Turmenne said.

Her current job keeps her very busy and she has to travel three to four times a month, which she says is both enjoyable and exhausting.

"I have been to places like Korea, Hawaii, various places in the United States and even to Germany—anywhere there are Stingers," Turmenne said.

"The traveling does get old sometimes but I have had opportunities working for Stinger I don't think I would have gotten working anywhere else."

A Huntsville native, Turmenne graduated from Butler High School and said the popular hang-out

when she was going to school was a place called Jerry's Drive-In. Jerry's was located between Bob Wallace Avenue and Governors Drive, according to Turmenne.

"Another 'in' thing to do when I was in school was to spend the first week in June vacationing in Panama City. From what I understand it is still real popular with the kids. I took my youngest son, Jeff, and a friend to Panama City a few years ago and I couldn't believe the way teen-agers act. I thought to myself, gee, did we really do this when we were their age," she said, laughing.

Turmenne's husband, Paul, is director of the air defense training department at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School and the couple enjoys traveling and talking shop.



TURMENNE

"I guess it is a habit for both of us; we will go out to dinner and end up discussing various aspects of our jobs," she said.

She was eligible for retirement under the early-out program offered earlier this year. After careful consideration, she decided to keep working for five more years.

The couple are considering building homes when they retire. "I enjoy decorating and think it would be fun to plan and build houses but we have a few years before retirement and we might change our minds several times before then," said the 46-year-old.

"My philosophy won't change when I retire: if you have a job to do, do it and don't expect anyone to do something you are not willing to do yourself."

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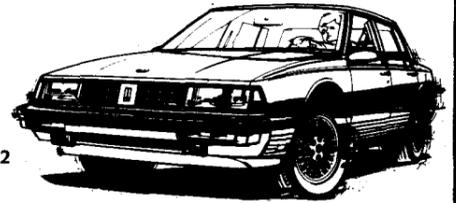
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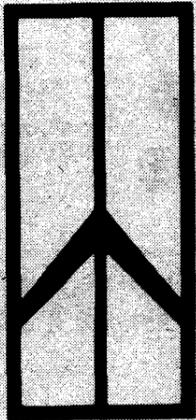
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American Forces Information Service

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The French Foreign Legion was never this funny. Watching "Beau Geste" will just never be the same after reading the daily comic strip "Crock," by Bill Rechin and Don Wilder.

Their work is well-known in day rooms, hospital waiting rooms, orderly rooms, barracks and dormitories throughout the world. The characters in "Crock" have urged service members to refrain from drug use, use seat belts and exercise their responsibility to vote.

Rechin draws the strip and Wilder comes up with the gags. Their partnership is read in more than 300 newspapers in 19 countries. Crock has been enforcing his brand of leadership since 1975. "Don and I were walking parallel paths for 40 years, and one day I turned left and he turned right and we found each other," said Rechin. "We have a very open working relationship. We meet at lunch once or twice a week to go over the strip. He's very punctual, but unfortunately, he's usually at the wrong restaurant. He's the original 'Lost Patrol.'"

Wilder isn't the only character used in the strip. Capt. Preppy is modeled after one of Rechin's seven children. Grossie, that femme fatale of the desert, is modeled after a relative from Buffalo, and Vermin P. Crock is a takeoff on Brian Donnelly's character in "Beau Geste."

While there may never be an Outpost 5 in the real service, some of the humor goes back to Rechin's days in the Army. "I was drafted during that Korean thing, and I was assigned to Fort Belvoir (Va.)," Rechin

said. "There's not a lot of similarity between the American Army of the 1950s and the French Foreign Legion, but in fact, the strip doesn't rely on the military for humor. However, I do know what a slit trench is used for, I know about Army food and equipment and all that, and occasionally these things find their way in."

Rechin, 57, said the strip was never meant to reflect the military; relying on the military for the humor in the strip, he feels, would limit the appeal. He said the humor in "Crock" is tied more to "absurd" situations.

A native of Buffalo, Rechin stayed in the Washington, D.C., area after getting out of the Army and worked for a graphics firm before launching "Crock."

Wilder served in the Army as an infantry lieutenant, then served 17 years with the Central Intelligence Agency before teaming up with Rechin.

"Crock" was not Rechin's first comic, "We had a strip called 'Pluribus' that ran in the old *Washington Star* (newspaper)," said Rechin. "It was around the time of the Independence Bicentennial, and it never really took off. 'Crock' did."

Rechin and Wilder started another strip in 1986 called "Out of Bounds." This strip aims at the sporting world and is carried by more than 100 papers.

Rechin and Wilder stay away from the more controversial aspects of modern life. "We're not trying to get any set message across in the daily strip," Rechin said. "We do use the characters to get messages across, and that's why soldiers see Crock and crew hanging in their day rooms. The 18- to 25-year-old service people can relate to the comics. These guys may not listen to their commanding officer telling them not to take drugs, but they might if Crock does. Most people read the comic pages and (using the characters in a strip) is a good way to get messages across."

Rechin and Wilder are also involved with No Greater Love. This non-profit organization provides services for children and families of those missing in action or who died in war as a result of acts of terrorism or accidents such as the crash in Gander, Newfoundland.

The strip is effective in communicating because people see exaggerated bits of themselves or the people around them. "Bill and I have developed characters in "Crock," Wilder said, "who live with no hope of ever seeing daylight—much like the average taxpayer."

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percent of authorized strength. This is to allow airborne-qualified NCOs to be assigned as drill sergeants, recruiters and service school instructors.

Specifically, Nichols said that he is looking for interested overseas-based NCOs to re-enlist for airborne training; or, if not eligible to re-enlist yet, to submit a DA Form 4187 requesting airborne training upon their return from overseas.

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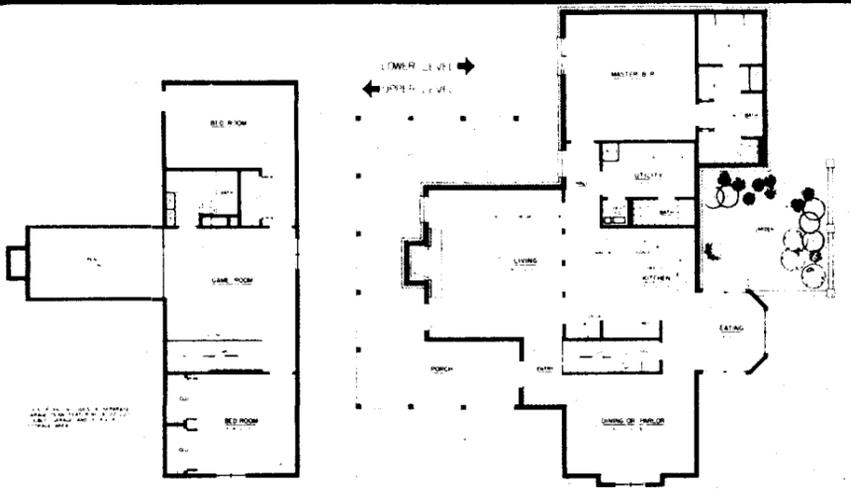
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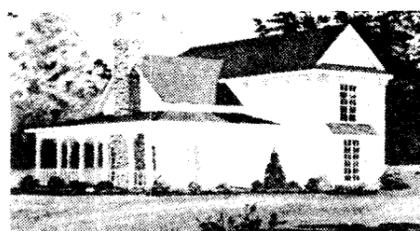
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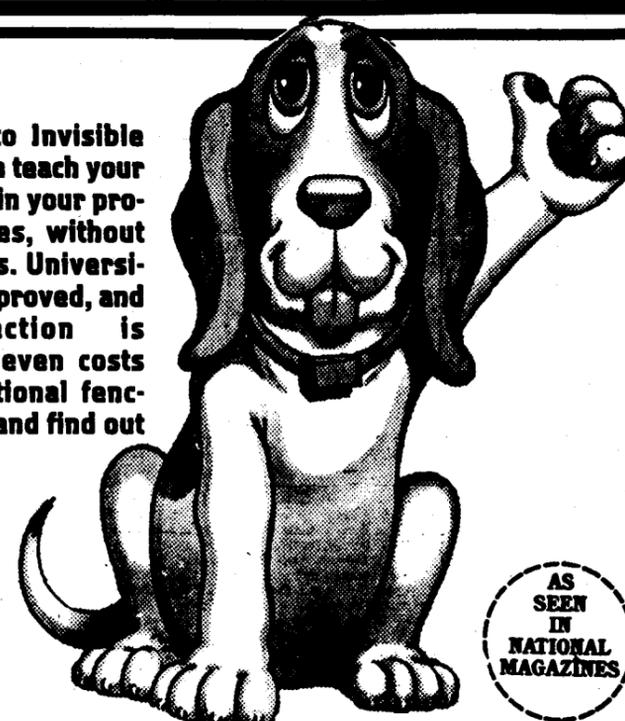
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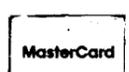
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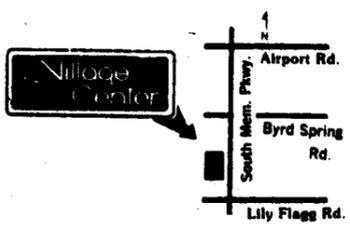
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# Planned memorial to honor women service members

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

In November 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed into law a bill authorizing construction of a memorial honoring women who have served and are now serving in the armed forces of the United States.

If private donors can raise the \$5 million needed for construction, the memorial will be built on federal land in or near the District of Columbia. The Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Inc., is the non-profit organization charged by Congress to raise funds and move the project forward. Helping with these efforts is the foundation's sponsors committee, whose members include all living former U.S. presidents, secretaries of defense and the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, retired Army Gen. John Vessey.

The foundation's president, retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Wilma L. Vaught, said the group is requesting the Memorial Gate area at the end of the road entering to Arlington Cemetery. "This site affords us visibility, linkage, prominence, access to Metro (subway) stops and tourists. This is the place everybody goes to pay homage," said Vaught. The area currently includes memorials to the 101st Airborne Division, the Seabees, Spanish-American War veterans and polar explorer Navy Adm. Richard E. Byrd.

The foundation has also proposed alternative sites as requested by Congress. Several government and regional organizations must approve the final site. Once this has been done, the foundation will have a competition to select a design for the memorial.

The Women in Military Service Memorial, incidentally, is not related to the memorial honoring nurses who served in the Vietnam War. The latter has been proposed as an addition to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Although the complete design will depend on the final site, the foundation has made some plans for the memorial. A small auditorium will show a movie

about the history of women in the military and their contributions to the defense of the nation.

Also planned is a computer and optical disc registry for women service members, past and present. The registry will include photos and names, along with information such as period of service, highest rank/rate held, place and date of birth and brief career highlights or "firsts". Registrations are now being accepted for a minimum donation of \$25.

Although the federal government will donate the site, the memorial itself will be built with private funds. According to Vaught, the foundation is coun-

ting on donations from "men and women, corporations and organizations that believe in the importance of recognizing and honoring the vital role played by women who have served in the armed forces."

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# Junior enlisted group elects leaders

An organization for junior enlisted soldiers of HHC MICOM has elected new officers.

Spec. Joel Stanley, the former vice president, is the new president; Spec. David Head, the former treasurer, is vice president; and Pvt. Terry Watson is the treasurer/secretary. The Junior Enlisted Council held an election June 29 to fill the presidency because Spec. Dale Meskimen was promoted to sergeant, meaning he could no longer serve as JEC president.

The Junior Enlisted Council consists of members of HHC who are E-1s through E-4s. It is an organization developed to support the community and its local charities, according to Stanley, the president. He said it is also an excellent link between the upper and lower echelons of the company. The council would like to see other companies start their own junior enlisted councils and eventually have a postwide organization.

"Our main goal right now is to help spread the Junior Enlisted Council postwide because it's helped our company so much," Stanley said.

The council, which has about 50 active members, meets the first Wednesday of each month. It plans to

sponsor a car wash from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 30 at the post gas station. And starting in August, the council will be selling snow cones on Saturdays in front of the Main Exchange. "So come by and support the JEC, that we might better help the community," Stanley said.

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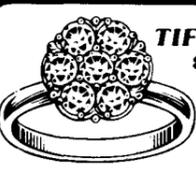
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# Army engineers work to keep nation's arteries clear

WASHINGTON— In some parts of the country, there has been no appreciable rain for almost three months, stunting crops, reducing water supplies, and giving the nation a severe case of hardening of the arteries.

In this case, the arteries comprise the nation's vast inland waterways system which branches from the main stem of the lower Mississippi River and links the ports of the American heartland to the markets of the world. This year's drought has constricted the channel in many places, stifling the movement of essential materials.

To ensure the continued flow of vital goods within the system, the Army Corps of Engineers has responded with emergency surgery using dredges to clear blockages and keep the rivers open for navigation.

"Dredges have become the primary tool in our ef-

orts to keep the river open. We're keeping our heads above water, but it's a tough effort. Our dredge crews and captains are doing a really great job," said Jim Bentley, assistant chief of construction-operations in the Corps' Lower Mississippi Valley Division.

The dredges remove the silt from navigation channel, and deposit it to the side to be carried away by the current.

Besides the ongoing effort of the dredges and their crews, other Corps works have had a significant effect on lowering the drought's impact on navigation.

"Our dikes are working beautifully by confining the water to a well-defined channel. Without this help, the river wouldn't be navigable now," Bentley said.

Help is coming from other areas as well, especially from the reservoirs on the Missouri, Tennessee and

Cumberland Rivers. Releases from the upper Missouri and from TVA dams in Kentucky are providing more than half the flow on the lower Mississippi, according to J. R. Tuttle, chief of the water control branch in the Lower Mississippi Valley Division.

"We're expecting a base flow at Cairo, Ill., of about 80,000 to 90,000 cubic feet per second. We don't expect it to go any lower because of the 60,000 to 65,000 cubic feet per second coming out of the reservoirs. As long as we can stay in this neighborhood, we can handle the situation," Tuttle said. "At this stage of the game, everything considered, we're in pretty good shape. We're in a lot better shape than if our projects weren't in place." (Editor's note: Information for this Arnews article was provided by Helen Garamone of the Corps of Engineers Public Affairs Office.)

# Adoption benefits to be tested for military families

By EVELYN D. HARRIS  
American Forces Information Service

Free military medical care for childbirth has long been a major benefit for service couples. Now a two-year test program will enable military families to be reimbursed for the expenses associated with adoption. The Coast Guard is also included in the test program.

Congress authorized the program in the 1988 Defense Authorization Act. With the exception of the adoption of stepchildren, the program will cover most adoptions of children up to the age of 18 by married couples or single parents.

It will cover adoptions initiated between Oct. 1,

1987 and Sept. 30, 1989. For eligibility considerations, the date of the initial home study report or the date of placement of child, whichever falls into the time period, will be considered the "initiation" date. However, members may not apply for reimbursement until after the adoption becomes final, usually six months to one year after the child is placed.

The program also covers adoptions of children from countries other than the United States and adoptions of children with special needs.

The program will pay for most expenses up to \$2,000 per child and not more than \$5,000 per member

in a single year. Therefore, it is important to keep good records of all expenditures. Medical costs for the youngster or biological mother are covered, as are legal fees, agency fees and most travel costs.

Congress authorized the services to spend up to \$2.8 million this year on the program— covering about 1,400 adoptions at \$2,000 per child. Since it appropriated no money for the program, funds will have to come out of existing personnel budgets.

The services are expected to issue regulations for implementing the program early this fall.

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## Persian Gulf Medal bogus, unauthorized

### American Forces Information Service

The Persian Gulf Campaign Medal, while popular with some veterans of "Operation Earnest Will" as it's called, is unauthorized and unofficial.

There is no decoration specifically recognizing the defense efforts in the Persian Gulf, said a Department of Defense official. However, Defense Secretary Frank C. Carlucci has authorized the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for award to operation participants who have served since July 24, 1987.

The bogus Persian Gulf medal surfaced in the Norfolk, Va., area earlier this year and caused high-level interest and concern when reports circulated of informal ceremonies.

"It's (the medal) not appropriate. It degrades the

military award program," said Jean Kirk, head of the Navy Awards Branch in the Pentagon.

Possessing the medal may be harmless, but putting it on your uniform, even in good-natured fun, can cause serious problems. Wearing unauthorized awards violates Section 704, Title 18 of the U.S. Code. "That carries a six-month jail sentence and/or a \$250 fine," said CWO 4 Bill Thayer of the Army's Awards Branch.

Persons found wearing unauthorized awards can be charged with Article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and be subject to a bad conduct discharge, an enlisted reduction to E-1 and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

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**1988  
CLASS SCHEDULE  
SESSION IV  
August 8-October 1**

**MONDAY/WEDNESDAY  
5:00 PM — 7:30 PM**

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	PREREQ.	INSTRUCTOR
ACCT 280	Principles of Accounting I	MGT 150	Jacobs
ART 303	Nineteenth Century Art	Inst. Per.	Cox
ENG 104*	Developmental English	None	Yates
MGT 363	Production Service Management	MGT 330	Smalley

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**MONDAY/WEDNESDAY  
7:30 PM — 10:00 PM**

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	PREREQ.	INSTRUCTOR
ENG 111	English Composition I	None	Yates
MGT/MA 320	Calculus for Business & Finance	MA 150	Patty, C.
MGT 150	Introduction to Business	None	Smalley
MGT/PSY 362	Organizational Behavior	MGT 330	Bill

**TUESDAY/THURSDAY  
5:00 PM — 7:30 PM**

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	PREREQ.	INSTRUCTOR
CIS 291*	FORTRAN	CIS 150	Marshall
ENG 112	English Composition II	ENG 111	Starkey
MGT 265	Business Law I	None	Traylor
MKT 352	Sales Management/Personal Selling	MGT 330	Bates
PSY 325	Research Methodology in PSY	PSY 101	Kilgore

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**TUESDAY/THURSDAY  
7:30 PM — 10:00 PM**

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	PREREQ.	INSTRUCTOR
CIS 170	Intro. to Computer Info. Systems	None	Thomas
CIS 320*	Systems Analysis & Design	CIS 260	Marshall
CJ 405	Rules of Criminal Evidence	CJ 101	Moon
MGT 330	Principles of Management	None	Foster

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**GENERAL INFORMATION — 1988**

ACADEMIC CALENDAR — SESSION IV	August 8-October 1
Registration Begins	July 8
Classes Begin	August 8
Late Registration Ends	August 12
Tuition Assistance Form Deadline	August 12
Last Day To Drop	August 19
Classes End	October 1

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# Announcements



## Chapel events

The *Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast* meets Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. at Post Chapel. The *Officers Christian Fellowship/Christian Military Fellowship* meets on Wednesday, Thursday and Monday in homes; for time and location information, call 837-1744/5153. *Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study* meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Bicentennial Chapel. *Protestant Youth of the Chapel* meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday at pool 3 (old officers club). *Post Chapel Choir* rehearses at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Post Chapel. *Catholic Choir* rehearses at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bicentennial Chapel. *Spanish Catholic Bible Study* meets at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bicentennial Chapel. *Catholic Youth of the Chapel* meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Bicentennial Chapel. *Prayer and Praise Fellowship* meets at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Bicentennial Chapel.

## Learning center

The 1988-89 school year will begin soon and to help you get a head start, the Army Learning Center is offering several college credited courses accepted by some of the local colleges. Some of the main topics of study are: General Education, including math and science; Computer, including data processing and programming languages; and Business, including accounting, affirmative action, management, and business communication. For more information, stop by the ALC building 7446 or call 876-1061/1416. A course listing is available at the ALC.

## Movie schedule

Here's the Post Theater schedule; starting times are 7 p.m.: Saturday, July 30—*Big Business*, rated (PG), 94 minutes. Sunday, July 31—*Big Business*. Tuesday, Aug. 2—*Vice Versa*, (PG), 104 minutes. Thursday, Aug. 4—*The Presidio*, (R), 97 minutes. Friday, Aug. 5—*The Presidio*.

## Toastmasters officers

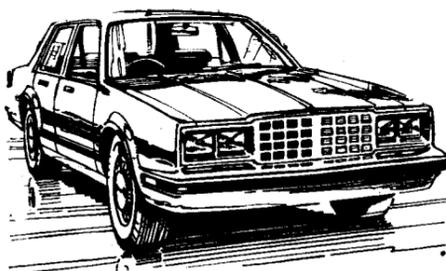
Research Park Toastmasters installed officers on July 13. Here are their names, positions and phone numbers: Elora Pearson, president, 895-5270; Jim Hardy, educational vice president, 895-5304; Elnora Johnson, administrative vice president, 895-5730; Joyce Kimber, secretary, 881-9395; Ellen Mattox, treasurer, 895-4052; and Mable Harris, sergeant at arms, 895-5391. Research Park Toastmasters meets every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in room 1-A-2000A of the SDC building, 106 Wynn Drive. For more information, call any of the officers or stop by to visit.

## Physical exams

School, sports, and day care physicals, as well as Pediatric immunizations will be conducted from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 in the Medical/Surgical Clinic at Fox Army Community Hospital. "Due to our physician shortage another date will not be available and physicals will not be scheduled during routine clinic appointment time," states a news release from the hospital. Arrival times will be assigned at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. to distribute the load and reduce waiting time. To schedule a time, stop by the Patient Representative office or call 876-8621/2857 by Aug. 10. Shot records and all required paperwork must be brought. All paperwork that can be completed must be finished before the physical examination is started.

## Logistics course

Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Society of Logistics Engineers announces the availability of the Basic Army Integrated Logistic Support course. The BAILS course is offered at no charge to chapter members (purchase of text: *Logistics Engineering and Management* by Ben Blanchard, is optional). Interested students who are currently not members of SOLE may join the Tennessee Valley Chapter during the first class on Aug. 2. Classes will meet on Tuesday nights from 5-7 in building 5250, auditorium A-115. A certificate of training from the Tennessee Valley Chapter of SOLE will be presented to students completing the course. To reserve a spot in the class, call Martyn Martin 876-8166.



## Vehicle registration

Friday, July 29 is the deadline for getting a new Redstone decal for your car. Everyone connected with the Army here—active and retired military, Army civilian, and contractor people—must get a new decal by then in order to drive through the arsenal gates. The purpose is to establish a new accountable decal control system and to update the files. Unlike their predecessor, the decals issued since Jan. 4 include a serial number so there will be a certain decal for each vehicle. To register, you must complete a DA form 3626 for each vehicle. You must have the certificate of state registration required by the state in which the vehicle is registered (this can be a tag receipt, bill of sale, title, or application for title); a valid state driver's license; and a military identification card or security identification badge. And if the vehicle is owned by someone else (other than spouse), you must have written permission from the owner. Registration is conducted from 7:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the vehicle registration and identification section, building 3423 on Gray Road. For more information, call 876-5770.

## Gate 3

Gate 3, on Redstone Road, will be closed for construction from 6 p.m. Friday, July 29 until 6 a.m. Sunday, July 31. Gate 1, on Martin Road east, will be open during this time period to accommodate traffic.

## Post exchange

Redstone Main Exchange says there will be a "million dollar sale" from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 29-31 in electronics, outdoor living, rugs, microwave ovens, telephones, fragrances, etc.—current merchandise specially priced.

## Hall of Heroes

The Madison County Hall of Heroes is looking for possible nominees. If you have received medals for military service, you may be eligible. One does not have to be a native of Madison County, but only to have lived here for five years consecutively. The display of local military heroes is located in the Madison County Courthouse; it is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The display is updated annually by the Madison County Military Heritage Commission as a result of year-round continuous forms distribution, research and authentication. Names are added at an annual ceremony at the courthouse. For more information, call James Record Sr. 532-3738 or 533-0777.

## Volleyball league

The deadline for submitting teams for Redstone Arsenal Volleyball League is Aug. 5. Information should be provided to Marilyn Boster (office symbol AMSMI-LC-MM-AM), phone 876-5573 or Bill Andrews (office symbol AMSMI-LC-MM-AMM), phone 876-3312. Team captains will meet at 4 p.m. Aug. 11 at building 5687 conference room.

## Hispanic week

Committees are forming to organize and conduct Hispanic Heritage Week activities Sept. 12-16. A planning meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 28 in the executive dining room, first floor of building 5250. All interested persons should attend. For information call Barbara Alexander, of MICOM EEO office, 876-3531/3918.

## AIDS seminar

Dr. James O. Mason, director of the National Centers for Disease Control and one of the world's leading experts on AIDS and infectious disease, will present a free community seminar Saturday, July 30 in Huntsville on the threat of the AIDS virus. The seminar is being co-sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Huntsville Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Huntsville/Madison County Health Department. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Huntsville Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1804 Sparkman Drive—just north of the UAH campus. The public is invited to attend.

## Retired officers

Huntsville Chapter of The Retired Officers Association is to meet at 11 today (July 27) at the Officers Club for a buffet lunch and meeting. Scheduled speaker is Gary Pledger, district manager of South Central Bell. The chapter will also have as its special guest Jennifer Hudgens, a local youngster who recently piloted a single-engine airplane from Florida to Alaska.

## Student exchange

Local families can host teen-agers from abroad for 10 months under the American Scandinavian Student Exchange program. ASSE teen-agers are outstanding students from Europe, Australia and all points in-between. They're motivated 15-18 year olds who want to become part of an American household, which means they pitch in on everything from chores to family discussions. They're also enthusiastic about sharing the culture and customs of their own homeland. For more information, call Jean Simon 881-3873.



## Space lecture

The Huntsville L5 Society will sponsor a NASA lecture tonight entitled; "The Enhanced Space Shuttle." Scheduled speaker is James W. Kennedy, manager of the Space Shuttle Main Engine Systems Management and Integration Office. The public is invited to this free program set for 7:30 tonight (July 27) at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library auditorium. For information call Greg 776-3865.



## Baby-sitting class

Child Development Services will offer a certified Baby-sitting class for individuals 13 years of age and older. For more information, call Shirley Mohler 837-6464.

## VA benefits

All military personnel who entered the service Jan. 1, 1977 to the present should review the contract they signed regarding their VA benefits. Many service members at Redstone Arsenal have "Kickers," "Supplementals," and special VA programs due to the nature of their MOSS. Your VA contract would specify the amount of monies you are eligible to receive—some contracts amount to over \$25,000. You can use your VA benefits while you are on active duty. If you have a question regarding your benefits, bring in your contract to the Education Center, building 3222 for assistance.



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