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Providing for our children

Command seeks answers to civilian child care needs

BY PAM ROGERS

Every morning during the week, Bruce goes to preschool at a local church. McKinley goes to a home care provider when his dad leaves for work in the afternoon. Heather doesn't go home right after school, but remains there, doing homework and playing on a computer, until her parents pick her up after work. When he's born, Stuart Alexander will probably have a nanny come to his house to take care of him, but only if his parents can find someone.

According to information provided by Federally Employed Women, less than 10 percent of all American families fit the "traditional" mold of a working father and a mother who remains at home, caring for the children. The fact is that most mothers must work these days, whether they're single parents who must make ends meet, or part of a working couple who needs money to maintain the lifestyle they've chosen.

Every working parent with children under 12 must make some decisions about day care, whether it's for an entire day, or just for after school. It seems everybody's situations, and needs, are just a little different, and there are several alternatives for child care, but in some cases the preferred choice is difficult for parents to find.

The Missile Command is working to provide day care to civilian employees, and so far spaces have been opened in the Family Child Care program, which utilizes caregivers in private homes, and in the preschool program of the Child Development Center. So far, utilization of both sources has been light, according to Shirley Sterbenk, chief of Child Development Services. When 38 full-day, preschool CDC spaces were opened to civilians just before Christmas, two families attended the orientation meeting. Only one family was eligible to use the center, but they did not commit.

That doesn't necessarily mean that Redstone's civilian workers don't want employer-provided child care. Officials in the MICOM Equal Employment Opportunity Office believe that workers both need and want child care convenient to their offices, but that most people are hesitant to remove their children from previously-established arrangements. And some people have schedules which just don't fit into the accepted day-care routine.



NUTRITION CLASS — Preschool students at Redstone's Child Development Center learn the benefits of citrus fruit from Nutrition Specialist Elizabeth Jones and her teaching companion "Chef Combo."

On-premise day care

The fact that spaces have been offered to civilians within the Army's child care system indicates that the child care needs of workers are a concern among management. But at least one member of management here believes that not enough is being done to accommodate those needs. Charles Ray, the MICOM Equal Employment Opportunity officer, wants to see a separate day care facility for civilians.

"I think all of us have to become involved in providing adequate child care in our own defense. We have an aging work force. Recruitment in the future is

going to be very important to us. Our salary scale is not so attractive that we're going to be able to attract excellence in young people on the basis of that salary scale alone, so we have to look at something else that will be attractive," he said.

One thing which is very attractive to younger people, he asserts, is on-premise day care. He would like to see a facility included in MICOM's unified office complex which is still in the planning stages.

"If we are unable (to provide on-site day care), that fact, coupled with a lower salary schedule, means (See Children, cont'd on page 14)

Civilians begin taking advantage of day care spaces

Redstone's civilian families are beginning to take advantage of the full-time, preschool spaces which have opened at the Child Development Center.

So far, two families have children enrolled in the center, and there are about 16 calls for information by eligible families, according to Shirley Mohler, the Supplemental Outreach director for Child Development Services.

Parents who are considering placing their children are welcome to drop into the center, Mohler said. In fact, she encourages parents to make unannounced visits, so they can see the normal, everyday operation of the center. Parents who wish to visit must check in, however.

Ruth Taylor, the center director, wants parents to know what sort of care they will get for their money if they enroll their children in the program.

"We have very strict rules and safety precautions we must observe. We are monitored at least once a month, and can be at any time," she said. The strict

rules and regulations apply to the running of the center, and are set out in Army regulations. The center must provide a developmental program, not just custodial care for children enrolled there.

For example, every teacher must possess a degree, which isn't always the case at downtown day care centers. Meals must meet U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for the four basic food groups. Children are given milk or fruit juice, not Kool-Aid, to drink.

"A meal consists of the four food groups, with milk, meat or a meat substitute, two vegetables or two fruits or one of each, and bread. We have family-style dining— each child takes his own portion, and they set their own tables," she said.

On the day the *Rocket* visited the center, lunch consisted of sloppy joes, corn, cooked cabbage and milk.

The center has a full-time nutrition specialist on staff, who gives regular healthy eating classes to the children, and an education specialist who ensures that

the developmental program is being adhered to and approves all teachers' lesson plans.

All children over 3 go on field trips about once a week, with activities including roller skating, visits to the zoo in Birmingham, trips to Constitution Hall Park and to the library.

Civilians are also eligible to use the Family Child Care program, which utilizes home care providers. Civilian use of the FCC program is not limited to preschool age, and babies as young as four weeks are accepted, according to Mohler. The care provided is similar, with USDA-approved menus, developmental programs and participation in CDC field trips.

The cost of Family Child Care varies with the hours care is needed and with individual providers.

Cost for preschool, full-day care is \$200 per month for up to 11 hours of care, including two meals and two snacks. For more information about placing your preschooler at the center or in the FCC, call Mohler at 876-7880.



Speeding drivers

Editor:

I am writing this to the discourteous, dangerous, and foolish drivers who use Green Cove Road (Buxton Road on the arsenal) as a drag strip or race course. My son attends school at Farley Elementary on Green Cove Road. It is appalling how inconsiderate the drivers appear to be when turning onto that street from the Parkway. I know from conversations with fellow workers that people who live across the bridge come to work at breakneck speeds. But to continue this speed in a school zone is inviting tragedy. If we, as responsible parents and drivers, do not slow down in the area of Farley Elementary School, it is only a matter of time until either a child or a parent or both is injured by a "low-flying" vehicle driven by someone trying to maintain their excessive rate of speed.

Slow down near school zones! Fifteen seconds more or less will not make a difference in your arrival time at the office, but may save a child's life.

Be courteous, let the other guy turn left in front of you without fearing for his life. Courtesy is contagious. Let's all try to use some in the mornings on Green Cove Road near Farley Elementary School.

Name withheld by request

Lost friend

Editor:

On Jan. 2, Otis Utterback, midnight shift supervisor of the contract security service at the U.S. Army Strategic Defense Command building on Wynn Drive, lost his battle with cancer. We, the members of the guard force, lost a valuable friend and want to pass on our condolences to his family and all those who were close to him.

Born in Vienna, Va. on Feb. 7, 1925, Otis was an Army veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam Conflict. During his military career from 1943-71, he also served in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps and retired from the 101st Ordnance Battalion, Heilbronn, Federal Republic of Germany, as U.S. Army master sergeant. His military decorations include the Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, five overseas service bars, and the Purple Heart.

After his retirement from active military duty, Otis began his security service career with Southern Security Inc. at the General Electric Company in 1971 and came to 106 Wynn Drive in October 1973. He retained

his contract with each security company through the present contractor, Asset Protection Association Security.

Throughout the past years and changing conditions, Otis was always ready to help and support anyone who needed him. We as his friends could not help him win his final war which he fought bravely until his death.

Donations in Otis Utterback's honor can be forwarded to the National Cancer Society.

Good-bye, Old Friend— we surely will miss you.

**Friends and Co-workers
Contract Security Services
106 Wynn Drive**

Union concerns

Editor:

President Reagan has made his last hit list at the federal workers. It appears that in his financial budget he will propose that your retirement share be increased to 9 percent. This is up from 7 percent of your pay. However, your retirement cost of living has increased by 2 percent.

He will go along with his Commission on pay for the higher government officials which include Congress. Their pay would increase from \$85,000 to \$150,000 at the same time he wants to freeze your pay increase, your retirement, and your insurance and contract-out your work.

Therefore, we better hang together as a union and go to work with Congress and see to it that Mr. Reagan's proposal does not get through Congress.

We don't know whether Mr. Bush will allow President Reagan's budget to stand or if he will submit his own budget. My guess is he will accept President Reagan's budget. You can be assured AFGE and the other federal unions will be lobbying Congress on all items that affect federal workers.

In 1989, we begin with a new administration. We are looking forward to much better relations under the Bush administration than we had under the Reagan administration. We are hoping for a better 1989.

However, we have our work cut out for us. If all federal workers would join together, we could bring about government reforms that would cause our government to be a better government and an improvement in all areas. The morale of our workers

would increase which would bring about better service throughout our federal government.

We need to band together to get a permanent fix on all our benefits. We need to work together on a national pay system that would be adequate for all workers. We need to work on health insurance and on our retirement. These are three major problems we face nationally.

Locally, we need to improve on our so-called Merit Promotion System and our grievance procedure. We need an alternative work schedule, but Personnel is using tactics to delay negotiations. We need a better communication system from top to bottom. We need to join together to make our Army home a better place to live and work.

We lost a friend when Congressman Bill Nichols died. Mr. Nichols was a venerable member of the House Armed Services Committee. He was well liked by all the defense organizations. He was known to federal civilian employees as one of the few members of Congress willing to go "toe-to-toe" with most ardent contractors of federal services and the Pentagon. He was always against turning civil service jobs over to private contractors. It was Mr. Nichols who put a halt to contracting-out the guard force and firefighters.

It was Nichols who gave the base commanders the authority to determine which function, if any, to contract-out for two years. We are hoping Senator Shelby will step forward and serve on the Armed Services Committee to fill Congressman Nichols' shoes.

In conclusion, the AFGE won a big appellate court battle giving the union the right to negotiate over hiring priorities for RIF'd employees.

I wish all of you a Happy New Year, and I look forward to working with you and for you.

**Dennis Garrison
President,
AFGE Local 1858**

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Traffic tie-up seen at Gate 9

Motorists who use Gate 9 during peak traffic hours should consider ride sharing or taking an alternate route when I-565 construction starts later this month at Rideout Road, according to Bobby Noles, Redstone Arsenal's traffic manager in Directorate of Engineering and Housing.

Traffic in the area is going to be bad for a year, and then get considerably worse before it gets better.

Noles has been advised by the Alabama Highway Department that, beginning the third or fourth week of January, one of the overpass bridges at Highway 20 will be closed.

"This means traffic will be narrowed to one lane north and one south on the east bridge while they tear out the west bridge and rebuild it, Noles explained.

"That will take about a year, and when it's done, they will move all traffic onto the new bridge and start rebuilding the other one. At that time, they're also going to open a detour road for east-west traffic and install traffic signals."

He said that some workers now using Gate 9 may want to use Gate 7 on Martin Road west or Gate 10 on

Patton Road as an alternative. He said too that anyone wanting carpool and vanpool listings and information on ride sharing programs should call him at 876-1434.

The overpasses already are at their carrying capacity during morning and afternoon traffic peaks so it is inevitable that problems will result when rush hour traffic has to slow and merge into single file for crossing the open overpass in one lane, Noles pointed out.

"There's going to be a considerable back-up this first year and it will go from bad to awful when the detour roads and traffic signals go in next year," he observed.

At that time, to make room for I-565 construction east-west traffic will be channeled slightly northward onto a temporary highway paralleling the railroad track.

This detour route will have a traffic signal on the Huntsville side of Rideout Road. There will also be a signal on Rideout Road just outside Gate 9.

State highway officials have said that 940 working days have been allotted for completion of the road work and overpasses. "They think it will be about a three-year project," Noles said.

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Inauguration day no holiday here

Federal employees in Washington, D.C. will be given a holiday on Inauguration Day, Jan. 20.

They're the only ones who will get such a treat, though. The traditional day off is given only to workers in the Washington metropolitan area. For the rest of Uncle Sam's employees, the day will be business as usual. Redstone workers are expected to work their normal duty hours.

Did You Know?

Alabama's forestlands occupy about 22 million acres and provide employment for 67,000 people. The state's forest industries use more than 1 billion board feet of lumber and more than 8 million cords of pulpwood annually.

The Alabama Reunion

Tax season coming again as always

Legal assistance officer offers advice on filing your tax return

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BY DAVID MCGEHEE

The holidays were a joyous period, but looming around the corner is a dark, unpleasant time for most people. I'm talking about tax season, and it's coming again this year as always.

Most people should be receiving their W-2 forms in the mail by early February, so now is the time to ensure that you have been keeping accurate records of your money transactions which will affect your taxes. You should be saving receipts, canceled checks, records of bills paid, and of course, your LES's and records of income from any other source.

To help reduce tax-time tension, the most important thing you can do is to complete and file your tax return as early as possible. Although the well-known deadline for filing your return is April 15, filing sooner will guarantee that you get your refund quickly, if you are due one. Those who file at or near the deadline get caught in the rush and must wait a long time before the Internal Revenue Service can process their return. If you file late, you will pay a penalty.

Also, returns filed at the last minute are usually done hastily and inaccurately. Some common errors on last minute returns include checking the wrong filing status, failing to sign the return, math mistakes, and the omission of required documents. Any of these errors can delay your refund even longer. Double checking your return before filing it can help reduce errors and speed processing of your return. Your unit will have a tax adviser assigned to it to help you with questions you may have.

Areas of concern

If you are expecting a tax refund this year, beware of anyone asking you to sign it over to them in return for money now. Some fast-talking salesmen may try to persuade you to take out a consumer loan based on a percentage of your expected tax refund. They will give you a percentage of your expected refund right away, but will take your entire tax refund check when you get it. Depending on the terms on the particular deal, some con men rip off as much as 65 percent of your tax refund in a scheme like this one. This practice is called income tax refund discounting, and it is illegal. If you suspect someone is trying to rip you off in this manner, report it to the local office of the IRS.

If you have recently become divorced or legally separated, you may need to know how that will affect your taxes. Generally, three areas of concern arise concerning taxes and divorce. First, alimony payments are deductible only by the payer, and must be included in the taxable income of the recipient. Second, payments which are specifically designated as child support are not deductible by the payer, and are not income to the recipient spouse. Third, property divisions between spouses may be made with no tax consequences to either spouse.

Changes in the laws

Unless you are an accountant, you probably have a hard time keeping up with the vast changes to the tax laws that Congress made in the Tax Reform Act of 1986. To complicate matters further, many of the sweeping changes are being phased in or out, so that what applied last year may not necessarily apply this year or the next.

You may consider some of the changes to the tax laws good news, meaning you will be paying less taxes under them, and some of the changes bad news, meaning you will be paying more taxes. Whether you will receive an overall tax cut or tax increase under the new laws will depend on how many of the changes affect you directly.

Good news

For soldiers, the best news is that Congress did not change the way military allowances are treated. Military allowances, such as quarters and subsistence allowances, are still not considered income; therefore, you still pay no income taxes on them. Also good news is that figuring your tax bracket is much simpler now that Congress compacted the previous fifteen different tax brackets to two, 15 percent and 28 percent. For income you receive up to the thresholds listed below, you pay 15 percent tax; for each dollar you receive in income above the threshold, you pay 28 percent tax. The thresholds are \$29,750 for joint filers and surviving spouses, \$23,900 for heads of households, \$17,850 for single individuals, and \$14,875 for married couples filing separately. If your income exceeds the following thresholds, you will pay in addition to your tax rate a 5 percent surcharge: \$71,900 for joint filers, \$61,650 for heads of household, and \$43,150 for single filers. Remember that last year there were five tax brackets, so be sure and use the correct tables listed for this year in your tax packet the IRS sends you.

The amount you may claim for each personal exemption is increased from \$1,900 in 1987 to \$1,950 this year. Also, the standard deduction is raised to \$5,000 for joint filers, and \$3,000 for single taxpayers. This increase will benefit all taxpayers who do not itemize their returns. If your deductions exceed the amounts above, however, you may still benefit from itemizing them.

Congress has statutorily assured soldiers that they will continue to receive a deduction for interest paid on a mortgage on their home, even though they receive a tax-free allowance for quarters. This deduction applies, however, only to mortgage interest on a "qualified residence," which is ordinarily a primary residence, or sometimes a second home.

Finally, the earned income credit for lower income taxpayers with a dependent child in the home is increased under the new laws. Now, a maximum tax credit of \$800 is allowed, and is not completely phased out until gross income reaches \$17,000. To qualify for the credit, however, you must maintain the home for the dependent child in the United States.

Bad news

The bad news is that fewer taxpayers will benefit from itemizing their deductions now. This is true because the standard deduction is increased, and because many itemized deductions have been eliminated or reduced. For instance, after the phase-out period ends in 1991, no deduction will be given for consumer interest. In 1988, however, you may still take a deduction for 40 percent of interest paid on consumer loans. Medical and dental expenses are now only deductible to the extent that they exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income. This means that if your medical and dental expenses total less than 7.5 percent of your income, then you get no deduction at all. Since most medical and dental expenses of soldiers are paid

for by the government, it is unlikely that a soldier will accumulate enough unreimbursed medical or dental bills to get a deduction for them.

Also changed for the worse is the treatment of sales taxes. They are no longer deductible, although state income and property taxes are. Miscellaneous expenses, such as professional dues, professional publications, deductible uniform expenses, and safe deposit rentals, are now deductible only to the extent they exceed 2 percent of your adjusted gross income. Before the 1986 changes, these expenses were fully deductible to those who itemize.

Another adverse change of particular interest to soldiers is the treatment of moving expenses under the new laws. Now, moving expenses are an itemized deduction, or one taken below the line. Under prior law, they were an adjustment to income, or an above-the-line deduction. Since most soldiers move frequently and do not benefit from itemizing their deductions, they lose the benefit of a moving expense deduction.

Other changes may result in soldiers paying more taxes now than before 1986. The two-earner deduction for joint filers who both work, which was a maximum deduction of \$3,000, has been eliminated. The exclusion for capital gains has been eliminated, so that capital gains, such as those resulting from the sale of stocks held for investment, are now treated as ordinary income. Similarly, the exclusion for the first \$200 of dividend income has been repealed, so that now all dividend income is counted as income for tax purposes. Soldiers whose income exceeds \$35,000 for an individual, or \$50,000 for joint filers, lose the \$2,000 deduction for Individual Retirement Account (IRA) contributions. You can still make a non-deductible contribution of up to \$2,000 annually to an IRA and defer the tax on the IRA earnings until they are withdrawn, however.

Taxpayers with children dependents face two major changes in the tax laws. Now, a taxpayer claiming an exemption for a dependent at least 5 years old is required to supply the dependent's Social Security number on the taxpayer's return. Those who fail to do so face a \$5 penalty for each failure. Parents who establish accounts for their children in order to have the earnings taxed at the children's rate no longer receive such benefit from that practice. Now, only the first \$500 of unearned income of children under the age of 14 is taxed at the child's rate, the rest being taxed at the parents' marginal tax rate.

There are a few other changes which may affect soldiers. Income averaging, which is receiving credit for taxes paid in one year if your income is substantially reduced in the next, is eliminated. Also, political contributions may no longer be credited toward your taxes. Finally, you may no longer deduct charitable contributions unless you itemize all your deductions.

Resolving problems

Resolving errors you suspect the IRS has made can be frustrating. Much of this frustration arises because the IRS uses computers to send notices to taxpayers. Recently, however, the IRS opened a Problem Resolution Office to specialize in solving problems quickly. If you have experienced a recurring problem or meet any of the criteria below, you may qualify to use the assistance provided by the office:

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No appeal filed in contractor's vote to unionize

Employees of the base support contractor here will be represented by a union.

The contractor, Holmes & Narver/Morrison-Knudsen, did not file any objections within the authorized seven days after workers voted in favor of union representation.

Results of the Dec. 14 election were 242 for the union and 144 against the union, according to Talmage Reynolds, the Missile Command's labor relations officer. On Dec. 22, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) issued the certification of representative.

This was a joint effort of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 558 and the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters, Local Union 377 "so the two unions will combine their efforts and become one bargaining agent," Reynolds said.

"The unions— when they get ready and it should be fairly soon —must notify the contractor they are now ready to bargain," he said. "And then bargaining should start shortly thereafter."

The December election was ordered by the NLRB and was the third held since 1987. In the first election, July 15, 1987, there were 189 votes against the union and 191 votes for the union with 13 challenged ballots. Six of those ballots were opened and counted, two of them were thrown out, and five were never opened; but this turned the election in favor of the contractor. The union filed an objection stating they were not given an opportunity for a fair election. The NLRB

sustained their objection and ordered a second election.

In the second election, Feb. 10, 1988, there were 200 votes against the union and 195 votes for the union with six challenged ballots. The union again objected to the election, stating they did not get a fair election because of the contractor's actions. The board sustain-

ed the union's objections and ordered the third election.

Some 416 workers will be represented. "The union is locked in for one year" meaning there cannot be another vote during that time, Reynolds said. "Of course it's the command's desire that they get a settlement as soon as possible."

Tax

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- You have filed for and not received your refund after 90 days have expired.
- You have made an inquiry to IRS and not received a reply or acknowledgment of your inquiry within 45 days.
- You have replied to a second notice from the IRS

and have received a third notice on the same subject matter without acknowledgment of your reply.

You may contact the IRS Problem Resolution Office at 1-800-424-1040.

Finally, remember to contact your unit tax adviser for answers to any questions you may have about filling out your tax return. He or she is trained to be able to assist you. Good luck and happy filing.

Sheppard cleared

Bobby Gene Sheppard, former chief of RASA's Installation Contract Management Office, has been cleared of allegations that he furnished sensitive procurement data to a base support sub-contractor in exchange for gratuities.

The allegations were leveled last summer by the U.S. General Accounting Office during testimony to the House Government Operations Committee.

Sheppard, who had oversight duties for Redstone Arsenal's base support contract with Holmes & Narver/Morrison-Knudsen, was alleged by GAO to have accepted gratuities from and given procurement information to an official of Mercury Consolidated, an H&N/M-K sub-contractor.

The allegations against Sheppard were investigated for several months but never substantiated. He was never formally charged and his case — one of several arising from investigations of base support contracting irregularities at Redstone Arsenal — has been closed.

In a written statement, Sheppard expressed "sincere appreciation" to "fellow workers and associates for their moral support...and to the investigation team who used professionalism throughout."



POSTER CONTEST — Brig. Gen. Larry Capps, MICOM deputy commander, and Lt. Col. Robert Gaddi, MICOM competition advocate, pose with the winners of the Competition Poster contest held last September and October. Merita Sharp was presented a Certificate of Recognition as fourth place winner and Dara H. Smith received two U.S. savings bonds as first and second place winner. Not present was William Smithson who also won a U.S. savings bond as third place winner.

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Cadillac winner learns lesson about entering contests

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Ed Sobczak is probably like most of us: he didn't think he would ever win anything.

A sweepstakes entry card for *TV Guide* subscribers came in the mail before August and was ignored on his kitchen table. "It wasn't till almost August that we sent it back in, we were late sending it in," recalls Sobczak, a logistics management specialist for Security Assistance Management Directorate. "As a matter of fact, I almost threw it away twice."

He and his wife were paying bills one day, putting stamps on envelopes when they happened to see the sweepstakes entry blank. "We decided we might as well put a stamp on it and send it in, we might get lucky," he says.

They did get lucky. And a man who was skeptical about winning contests says he has forever changed his tune.

Sobczak was notified that he had won the car of his choice, a 1989 Cadillac Seville, and enough money to pay the taxes on it.

"It was a good Christmas present," says Sobczak, who received in December the \$32,000 car plus a prize check. He was notified in October by D.L. Blair Corporation of Garden City, N.Y., that he was a potential winner of the car of his choice: either a hatchback Corvette, a LeBaron convertible, or a Cadillac Seville.

He later got a call from Arlene Goldman, merchandise manager for D.L. Blair Corp., who asked whether there was a local Cadillac dealer he could go see. He went to Carriage Motor Company in Huntsville and picked out his future car on the showroom floor. On Nov. 30, he received a confirmation letter from D.L. Blair Corp. on behalf of Triangle Publications, one of its clients. "Dear Mr. Sobczak," the letter began.



THE PRIZE — Sobczak stands next to the 1989 Cadillac Seville he won in a contest for magazine subscribers.

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Sobczak, 60, of Arab, and his wife, Mary, made a trip to Texas during the Christmas holidays in their new car, a rosy beige four-door sedan. "It drives like a dream," he says. Their son, Stephen, lives in

Hereford, Texas. Sobczak is a Chicago native who stayed down South when he left the Navy in 1949. A 1953 graduate of Southern Mississippi, he came to Redstone in 1964 after Brookley Air Force Base in Mobile was closed.

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Air defense artillery chapter organizing locally

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Air defenders and others interested in air defense are meeting today to organize a local chapter of a worldwide group.

The meeting is set for 4:30 this afternoon at the Officers Club.

"There exists an Air Defense Artillery Association which is out at Fort Bliss (Texas)," said Col. Sam

Liberatore, deputy for operations at Strategic Defense Command and a member of the association. "There are several members here and what we're trying to do is form a local chapter and also get more members into it."

Someone suggested last September that an air defense artillery association social event be held locally. As a result, Liberatore put together a questionnaire and sent it to all the air defense artillery officers he could find in the area. Based on the response, a committee was formed and planned an air defense artillery dinner dance which was held Sept. 24 at the Officers Club.

"In the course of this committee, somebody suggested we try to form a local chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association. So we discussed it informally at the dinner that evening and it got a pretty favorable response," Liberatore said.

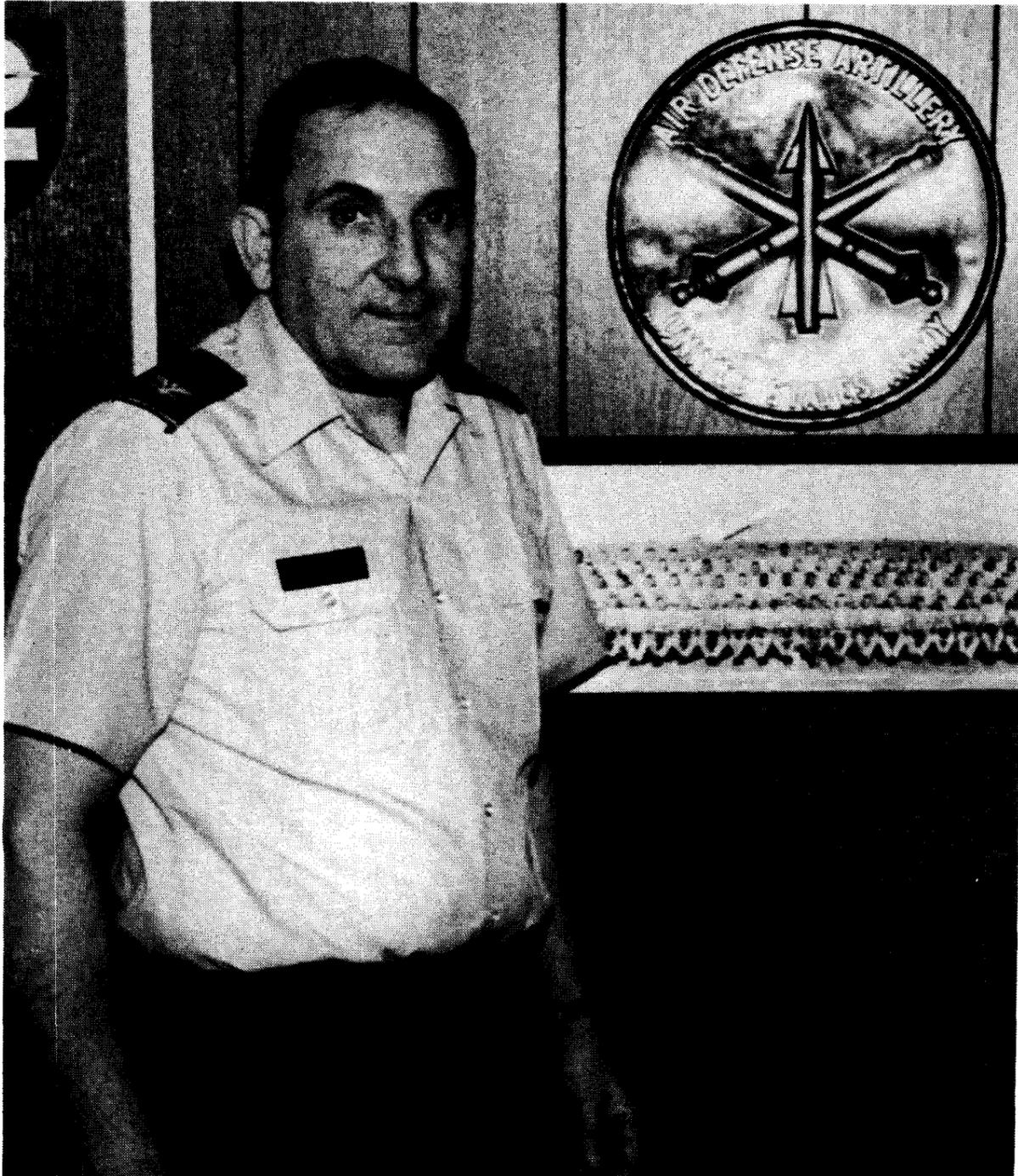
There are about 150 air defense artillery officers, active and retired, in the Huntsville area.

Membership in the association is open to anyone interested in air defense. "The purpose of the association is to promote air defense artillery and enhance the professional development of air defense artillerymen," Liberatore said. "The idea would be to communicate some timely and accurate information on air defense artillery, both internally to our association and externally to the rest of the world. If you look at MICOM, a lot of MICOM's business has to do with air defense artillery so Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville is a logical place to have a chapter."

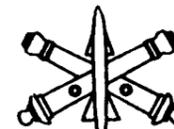
Plans for the local group include an annual social event such as a ball, and luncheons or other get-togethers with air defense speakers. "Of course, it would also be a chance to see a lot of your old friends," Liberatore said.

Based at Fort Bliss, the association has about 2,500 members including members in Germany. The president is Col. Vinnie Tedesco of Fort Bliss. A lifetime membership costs \$30.

Organizers of the local chapter include Liberatore; retired colonels Ron Sumera, Bob Feist and Dave Wyatt; retired lieutenant colonels Bob Johnson and Bill Tillman; and Capts. Bob Barnes and Terry Day. If interested in joining, attend this afternoon's meeting or call Liberatore at 895-3504.



AIR DEFENDER — Liberatore is helping to organize a local chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association.



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Luckies edge Misfits for first place in MLC bowling

BY JUANEZ ALEXANDER

Missile Logistics Center bowlers got off to a slower start after returning from the holidays. Too much turkey, cake, etc., guys and gals?

Although there weren't as many high games rolled during the first night after the holiday season, there were some high games and lots of good bowling taking place.

Rick Johns, a substitute bowler for Behind the 8 Ball, helped that team win three games over the Alleycats by rolling a 201 game with a 566 series.

Jack Klein of Mickey's Crew shot a 211 with a 517-series to ensure his team a 2-2 game split with the Avengers.

Rob Ruiz rolled a 531 series for the Misfits to lead his team to a four-game victory over Papa Smurf and the Smurfettes.

Hank Lemke of Pollaks shot a 209 with 580 series to capture four games for his team over the PinHeads.

The Spoilers, led by Lorenza Elliott, split 2-2 games with the Challengers. These two teams rolled the highest scores of the night. Elliott shot a double 213 games and had a 620 series, while teammate Ken

Brooks shot a 511 series. For the Challengers, Doug Wilkes had a 221 with 585 series and substitute Julie Johns rolled a 512 series.

Gary Miller, a substitute for the Screwballs, shot a 526 series to help his teammates take three games from Comic Relief. Clarke Jones of Comic Relief rolled a 217 with a 520 series.

Shelby Williams of Bounty Hunters rolled a 512 while teammate Roy Brown shot a 225 with a 571 series to ensure their team a three-game victory over the Family. John Edwards of the Family shot a 213 game with 514 series.

Bobby Browder shot a 561 series to give his team a three-game win over Ron and the HoneyBees. This win gave Browder's team, the Luckies, a one and one-half game lead over the Misfits for first place.

Here are the Missile Logistics Center bowling league's final standings (including roll-offs):

The Luckies, 37 and a half wins, 14 and a half losses; Misfits, 36 wins, 16 losses; Bounty Hunters, 33 wins, 19 losses; Ron & the HoneyBees, 31 and a half wins, 20 and a half losses; the Alleycats, 31 wins, 21 losses; Spoilers, 29 and a half wins, 22 and a half

losses; the Challengers, 27 wins, 25 losses; the Pollaks, 27 wins, 25 losses; the Family, 25 and a half wins, 26 and a half losses; the Avengers, 25 and a half wins, 26 and a half losses; Comic Relief, 25 wins, 27 losses; Mickey's Crew, 23 wins, 29 losses; the PinHeads, 18 wins, 34 losses; Papa Smurf & Smurfettes, 17 wins, 35 losses; Behind the 8 Ball, 16 wins, 36 losses; and the Screwballs, 13 and a half wins, 38 and a half losses.

Troop intramural bowling standings

Here are the troop intramural bowling standings as of Jan. 5:

Tuesday's Conference

	Won	Lost
HHC-1	226.5	123.5
HHD 832nd-1	218.5	131.5
HHD 269th	200	150
Marines-1	193	157
C Company 73rd-2	190.5	159.5
A Company 73rd-1	185.5	164.5
B Company 73rd	184.5	165.5
MEDDAC-1	171	179
Marines-2	161	189
95th Maint. Co.-1	159.5	190.5
291st MP-1	153.5	196.5
MEDDAC-2	142	208
95th Maint. Co.-2	135.5	214.5

200 games/600 series bowled on Jan. 3:

Doug Dixon (HHD 832nd-1)	242, 205, & 618 series
Jeff Young (Marines-1)	236
Terrence Davis (A Co. 73rd-1)	235 & 200
Dave Hahn (Marines-1)	219
Gary Miller (HHC-1)	216
Randy Fraser (B Company 73rd)	214
Rick Johns (HHC-1)	212 & 203
Jim Barnwell (A Co. 73rd-1)	212
Ken Joffre (A Co. 73rd-1)	210
Roberto Ruiz (C Co. 73rd-2)	206
Chuck Buxton (Marines-1)	204
Robert Love (C Co. 73rd-2)	204
Arnold Davis (HHD 832nd-1)	200

Thursday's Conference

	Won	Lost
A Company E&TTD-1	255	95
C Company 73rd-1	211	139
Marines-3	206	144
A Company E&TTD-2	199	151
HHC-2	189.5	160.5
A Company 73rd-2	173	177
B Company 832nd	172.5	177.5
C Company 832nd-2	168.5	181.5
291st MP-2	162	188
C Company 832nd-1	157	193
D Company 832nd	146	204
B Company SAD	144.5	205.5
D Company 73rd	134.5	215.5
HHD 832nd-2	130.5	219.5

200 games bowled on Jan. 5:

Steward Melroy (C Co. 832nd-2)	213
Anthony Sparks (D Company 832nd)	208
Leo Avizinis (C Co. 73rd-1)	206 & 204
Fred Balsley (B Company 832nd)	206
Jerry Matias (A Co. E&TTD-1)	202
Mark Wojtusiak (Marines-3)	201 & 200
Jim Stracke (A Co. E&TTD-1)	200

Civilian basketball league teams in action

Fifteen teams are competing in the Civilian Welfare Basketball League's; 1988-89 season.

The league is divided into three divisions — Northern, Central and; Southern — with five teams in each division.

Play began with a preseason tournament which was won by the ShowNuff; team. The H&N-76ers placed second and the Lakers finished third.

Here are the season standings as of Jan. 2:

Northern Division		Overall
Division	Won Lost	Won Lost
P&P-2	4 0	7 1
ShowNuff	3 1	10 1
Stars	2 2	5 2
H&N-76ers	0 3	6 5
Lakers	0 3	6 4

Central Division		Overall
Division	Won Lost	Won Lost
Brew Dogs	2 1	3 5
Mavericks	2 1	4 4
Top Guns	2 2	4 4
Missile Systems	1 2	3 5
Chieftains	1 2	3 5

Southern Division		Overall
Division	Won Lost	Won Lost
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COE	4 1	4 2
MISC-2	2 1	2 4
P&P-1	1 1	1 6
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30th anniversary of Hawk training celebrated

The Hawk air defense system is still going strong more than 30 years after it was designed by Raytheon with the U.S. Army.

More than 300 people attended a program at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School last Thursday to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Hawk training at OMMCS.

"Hawk has been around a long time but it's not an old system," said Steve Stanvick, Raytheon's Hawk program manager. "There's not an air defense threat in the world today Hawk cannot handle."

The phase three system, a complete modernization of Hawk command and control structure, is to be fielded next summer.

Joseph Heiser, a retired lieutenant general who was guest speaker at the 30th anniversary program, praised Hawk as "a model" system. Heiser retired with 30 years service in 1972 and became the first honorary colonel of the Ordnance Corps in May 1987.

"The Hawk probably has as fine a record for being what it was supposed to be as any weapon system the Defense Department has put out," Heiser said. "So I'm proud to be able to say throughout the years I have had an association with the Hawk."

There are many lessons that can be learned from the way Hawk was established and has been managed, according to Heiser. "I think this is the finest model that I know, and I've been in this business—enlisted and as an officer—off and on for 47 years," he said.

Heiser stressed the importance of vigilance "to everything that we do" and of loyalty to the Hawk system. "We have got to be vigilant and we have got to have loyalty," he said.

Hawk Missile Branch was first assigned on Jan. 5, 1959 to the Surface-to-Air Missile Division, Ordnance Guided Missile School, and was redesignated as Hawk Division on Aug. 1, 1964.



CELEBRATING HAWK — Standing in front of a Hawk system on display at ceremony are, from left, Col. James Griffin, commandant of OMMCS; Stanvick of Raytheon; and Heiser, honorary colonel of the Ordnance Corps.

Army proclaims 1989 as 'Year of the NCO'

WASHINGTON — 1989 will be the "Year of the NCO."

Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr., Army Chief of Staff Gen. Carl E. Vuono, and Sergeant Major of the Army Julius W. Gates announced the successor to the "Year of Training" in a Dec. 29 joint proclamation lauding the accomplishments of NCOs and outlining the role of today's enlisted leadership.

The following is the complete text of the proclamation announcing 1989's Army theme: "The NCO is the Army theme for 1989. "Soldiers who wear NCO's chevrons on their sleeves represent a unique Army strength upon which this year's Theme will focus. The previous yearly themes of Spirit of Victory, Physical Fitness, Excellence, Families, Leadership, Values, The Constitution, and Training all have a special bearing on NCOs, who have key responsibilities in accomplishing the Army's missions.

"Throughout the history of our Army, the NCO has played an indispensable role in the warfighting readiness of our force. Baron Von Steuben, in writing our first Army manual, known as the "Blue Book," acknowledged the importance of selecting the right soldiers as NCOs: "The order and discipline of a regiment depends so much upon their behavior, that too much care cannot be taken in preferring none to that trust but those who by their merit and good conduct are entitled to it." Today, we continue to expect of our NCOs the highest professional standards and a diversi-

ty of knowledge in order to lead their soldiers in ensuring our Army is trained and ready. Tomorrow we shall expect no less.

"NCOs provide the day-to-day leadership to our soldiers. They ensure individual soldiers attain and maintain the required standards of proficiency and link soldier performance to unit missions. It is the NCO who must be certain of the soldier's ability to succeed in combat. With their officers, NCOs are responsible for the planning, execution, and assessment of training.

"The NCO is both a leader and a role model. The process which develops NCOs as leaders has three components: institutional schooling at every level according to the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, operational experience in their respective military occupational specialties, and self-development which relies on the initiative an NCO takes to improve through reading, correspondence courses, and similar efforts. NCOs earn and retain the respect and confidence of their superiors and subordinates through demonstrated tactical and technical competence, and knowing how to lead and care for soldiers. As leaders, NCOs must satisfy the imperatives of mission accomplishment and the needs of their soldiers, and place both ahead of their own personal welfare.

"NCOs have a long history of dedicated service to soldiers, units, the Army, and our Nation. We

acknowledge their unique contributions, past, present, and future, in declaring this special Army strength the 1989 Army Theme, "The Year of the NCO." (Arnews)

Coffeemaker recall

DALLAS — Black and Decker has issued a voluntary recall of their Spacemaker Plus coffeemaker, model PDC 403, because of a water flow problem.

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Martin Luther King's assassination 20 years ago bring

BY SGT MAJ RUDI WILLIAMS, USA
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Where were you when Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated 20 years ago?

This question received similar responses throughout the Department of Defense.

Manuel Oliverez, DoD's deputy director for civilian equal opportunity policy, reacted emotionally. "Please wait a minute," he choked. "I need to get myself together." Oliverez was teaching English, U.S. History and Spanish in a junior high school in Monterey, Calif., when he heard about King's assassination.

Regaining his composure after a minute or so, Oliverez said, "I'm sorry, but you brought back a lot of bad memories. My feelings were one of shock, sadness and loss. It hurts just thinking about the assassination of people who had the potential to make America a better place to live and give it a sense of direction and great opportunity. They made you feel like tomorrow may be better than you could ever imagine. In my mind, Martin Luther King Jr. was tied in with the Kennedy assassination.

"It just exploded inside you and made you feel like the lights were being dimmed — like someone had turned down the lights and darkness was creeping back over the horizon again," said Oliverez. "But life must go on, so you just say a prayer and keep on marching."

A member of the DoD Military Involvement Committee, which works with the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission in coordinating holiday observances, Oliverez said, "I probably have more chances than most people to read about him — books about his life, the things he stood for — which helps me understand and see that's (King's teachings) the best way for people to work...with peace, caring, love and understanding for each other.

"He belonged to all of us," Oliverez emphasized. "He's not black, Hispanic or white, because he embodied a spirit, ideal and expectation of a better America that transcends all the differences that make up America."

Oliverez believes having a national holiday in King's honor "is an absolute necessity. There are between 40 and 45 million minorities in the country, and Martin Luther King Jr. is sort of a beacon for all of us. It's important because America has to be constantly reminded of its principles and also that it's a pluralistic society. He stood for all of us.

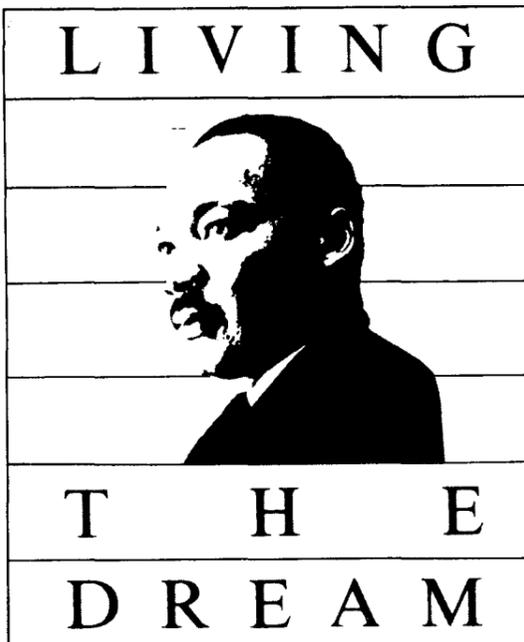
"There are two people who cause me to relive those terrible days — Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.," he continued. "They're deep in my soul for what they stood for. I feel strongly that when they both left, part of my youthful idealism went with them," said Oliverez.

"Hush, Hush" Shield Against Racism

When King was killed, Marine Maj. Doris Daniels was a high school senior "down on the farm in Prentiss, Miss., trying to find a college to go to."

When news of the assassination hit the airwaves, "There was a real element of tension — hush, hush," said Daniels, commander of the Military Entrance Processing Station that's housed in the recently dedicated Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Building in Atlanta. "School let out early that day, but we were not really told why. My parents got us around the dinner table and talked to us about it. The unique thing about parents in Mississippi in those days was that they worked hard to shield us from racism. They had a way of dressing up or dressing down incidents so a child wouldn't be scared for life. "I was 18 at the time, and I often wonder which affected me the most, the assassination of President John Kennedy or Martin Luther King," said Daniels. "I guess it was Kennedy because I was more exposed to him because he was taught in school and Martin Luther King wasn't. I was very teary-eyed, but I'm not sure I understood the full meaning of his death then."

But now she does. In explaining how the slain civil right leader's teachings have affected her outlook on life, Daniels said, "One part of his teachings I took on is the idealism about self-advantage, knowing yourself — the 'I can do, and I'm just as good as anyone else'



attitude," said Daniels. "And also how to be the best you can possibly be without tearing yourself down.

"I've learned how to not let others get me off track with their negativism," she said. "He had a powerful message about self-control — being anything you want to be — because no one can take your knowledge away from you because they don't want you to have it. I guess I learned how to keep on stroking."

Fear of Violence

Army Sgt. Maj. Herbert Schwab was working as a personnel sergeant at Fort Hood, Texas, when he heard the news. "I was shocked and also concerned that this could cause some problems for the nation — violent problems," said Schwab, now assigned to the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel at the Pen-

tagon. "But that's not what he stood for. What I remember most is that he didn't stand for violence.

"I think he wanted attitude changes, but civil disobedience was as far as he would go," said Schwab. "His work made you more aware of the different things going on in this country — problems like housing, schooling and job opportunities. It's unfortunate that every American doesn't have the same opportunities."

When observing King's birthday anniversary, Schwab said, all Americans ought to reflect on the things he was fighting for. "The country has come a long way, but we still have a long way to go," said Schwab. "We don't have some of the problems of the '50s or the race riots of the '60s and early '70s. But there is still a lot of racism out there, more so in the civilian community than in the military. I personally don't see it in the military."

"Oh, No! It can't be true"

Claire Freeman was driving to school with a girlfriend when she heard of King's assassination on her car radio. "We just said, 'Oh no! It can't be true,'" said Freeman, deputy assistant secretary of defense for civilian personnel policy. "Let's get to school and find out for sure." I was in Riverside, Calif., at the time, and there were no riots; just a shock, amazement and deep sadness.

"His being on the face of this Earth has not only affected me, but my children, too, and it will also touch my grandchildren who are yet to be born," said Freeman. "I've always been a civil rights advocate, and he was such an eloquent, articulate advocate. He set the standard of how one should be and hold himself in terms of being an advocate for a cause, however humble it may be.

"I want young people to know about Martin Luther King Jr. — the man," said Freeman. "I want them to read his writings. I feel so strongly that even some blacks don't fully understand the full measure of this man."



is back emotional memories

Freeman delivers about 20 speeches on military installations around the world during the King holiday week each year. Her theme is always taken from King's sermons and other works. She emphasizes black cohesiveness, stressing that blacks should help each other more. Speaking about colorcasting and class in black communities, Freeman asked: "How can we preach to the world population to rise above their racial prejudices when we in the black community are not doing it ourselves? Blacks should be more harmonious in their relationships and get involved in community social services. We have to get away from consumerism and be about helping each other."

Got word on combat mission

Army Col. Fred Johnson was a medical platoon leader on a combat mission in Vietnam when he heard about Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination. "We were under the tension of doing a combat mission when we got the word," said Johnson, chief of staff at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. "There was a calming effect that caused one to rethink what his life had meant. Probably, more importantly, was what was to follow, given the torch he carried for so many important issues that were needing attention in the nation — fair and equal employment practices, education, quality of life for those in more disadvantaged neighborhoods, just to name a few.

"There was a collective embrace of his life's work by any rational and responsible person who has any faith in the history of where our nation has been and his views of where it was going," said Johnson. "There had to be a positive stimulus, the opportunity for training and education, that one could demonstrate a competence so as to gain credibility within themselves and the society in which they existed."

Johnson said the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday "should be a dignified, festive occasion that's accorded the degree of respect as any other national holiday would enjoy."

Atlanta building honors King

Extensive interior renovations were still in progress, but officials went ahead with the dedication ceremony on Nov. 4, 1988, to make Atlanta the site of the first federal building named in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

By a special act of Congress, the old U.S. Post Office and Federal Annex Building at 50 Spring St. has been renamed the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Building. The building was originally dedicated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in December 1933 and, at the time, was the largest structure in Atlanta. It is one of the best examples of federal architecture of the era: an imposing structure with classical symmetry and art deco ornamentation, according to General Services Administration officials.

Since the building is a historical landmark, no exterior alterations have been made.

"As a member of Congress assigned to the Public Works and Transportation Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds, I discovered that there were no federal buildings or facilities named in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," said Georgia Congressman John Lewis. He introduced a bill to redesignate the building. Congress unanimously approved the bill, which became law on Aug. 10, 1988.

Lewis noted that "Dr. King's contributions to his nation, this region and our city cannot be overstated. This is a small tribute to a man who dedicated his life to promoting justice and equality for everyone."

Building tenants include the Military Entrance Processing Station, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Army Corps of Engineers, Air Force Civil Engineers, Immigration and Naturalization Service and General Services Administration.



King celebration features local breakfast

The fourth national observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be celebrated Monday, Jan. 16.

Local activities include a Unity Breakfast set for 9 that morning in the north hall of the Von Braun Civic Center. Tickets are \$10 and may be obtained by calling the MICOM EEO Office 876-3591/3918.

Scheduled speaker at the breakfast is Dr. James Coston, president of the Interdenominational Theological Seminary in Atlanta.

Coston, a native of Omaha, Neb., is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University. His several published works include an article entitled "Martin Luther King Jr.— His Theology & Contributions to Ethnic Pride."

In 1982 Coston served as moderator of the 194th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church. He was the fourth black to serve in this position which is said to be the highest elective position in the history of the church.

Coston serves on the board of trustees for the United Negro College Fund, and is a member of the visiting committee of Yale University Divinity School.

He and his wife, Dr. Melba Coston, have three children.

On Nov. 2, 1983, President Reagan signed Public Law 98-144 designating the third Monday of January as an official federal holiday honoring King. According to the Act, "the holiday should serve as a time for Americans to reflect on the principles of racial equality and non-violent social change espoused by Martin Luther King Jr."

The Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission has designated Jan. 6-16 as "King Week 89." The national theme designated by the commission for this year's observance is "Living the Dream: Let Freedom Ring."

Champus may share costs with other medical programs

Champus-eligible persons who also have medical care coverage through a health maintenance organization (HMO) may be able to have Champus cost-share some expenses under limited circumstances.

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- Deductible amounts are not considered to be user's fees. They will also be reimbursed by Champus, assuming all other listed conditions are met.

Except for the emergency services mentioned earlier, Champus will not share the cost of services which are available through an HMO to its members if for any reason the member gets the services outside the HMO. So, if the HMO would normally cover the services but denies payment because it could have provided the services—for example, psychiatric services which the member obtained outside the HMO because he or she didn't like the HMO's psychiatrist—Champus will not pay any amount on the claim.

The HMO's individual health care providers and institutions must meet Champus' certification standards in order for the care they give to be cost-shared by Champus.

Army Reserve seeks more nurses

NASHVILLE — The Army recently announced a program that will make it easier for nurses in critical specialties to participate in the Army Reserve.

The new program will center around a newly organized administrative and training element, the National Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Augmentation Detachment (NAAD).

Although the number of nurses in the Army Reserve has increased since 1981 some extremely important medical units are still lacking key members—operating room nurses, nurse anesthetists and medical/surgical nurses. The NAAD was developed to provide the flexible scheduling and rewarding training necessary to attract these specialists. It will also

The above rules for Champus cost-sharing with HMOs do not apply to the special Champus HMO test project, currently under way in the Portland, Ore., and Minneapolis-St. Paul areas.

remove long-standing geographical assignment restraints and allow these specialists to train near their home. Only full credentialed nurses in shortage specialties will be eligible to participate with the NAAD.

Training in the NAAD will be tailored to each officer's specialty and may be performed in a variety of settings near the officer's home. NAAD participants will also be able to attend advanced military and continuing education courses.

The NAAD opens new opportunities for nurses to participate in the Army Reserve. For more information, call Maj. Bill Jackson at 615-871-4167 or Army Opportunities at 1-800-USA-ARMY.

New improved Patriot missiles planned

Production is scheduled to begin later this month of Patriot missiles modified to improve performance against tactical ballistic missiles.

With the latest improvements, including an improved fuze and warhead, along with additional software changes, 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.

Deliveries of the new missiles are scheduled to begin in January 1991.

The Patriot ATM program was developed in two phases. The first phase featured software changes to the radar surveillance system and fielding with Patriot battalions was completed in December 1988. Phase

two, which was completed ahead of schedule, significantly improves missile performance and effectiveness with additional software changes, a new fuze and warhead.

Patriot, the Army's most advanced and capable air defense system, is 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. Robert Drolet is the program executive officer for air defense and Col. Bruce Garnett is Patriot project manager.

Raytheon Company is prime contractor for Patriot and for the ATM modifications to the system.

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Deer-vehicle strikes may be diminishing at Redstone

BY PAM ROGERS

Redstone's efforts to reduce the number of deer-vehicle collisions on post have all been implemented, but whether they will reduce the number of accidents remains to be seen.

Deer-vehicle collisions are a perennial problem here, and there has long been a driver-awareness program in place to warn drivers of the potential for collisions with the animals during low-light hours.

It was after a NASA contractor employee was severely injured in November, however, that efforts were stepped up to reduce deer-vehicle collisions.

Several projects were mounted, beginning in November, to reduce the strike incidents. First, graphic signs depicting a deer and car colliding were erected in high strike areas. Deer season rules were also changed with more hours open to civilian hunters, and antlerless deer hunting beginning the first day of gun season.

The two changes in combination resulted in more

deer being taken by hunters quicker than in the past. It took just a month to complete harvest of 250 antlerless deer and by this past weekend only four buck deer out of a state quota of 200 were yet to be killed.

Next season the arsenal intends to ask the state to permit more deer to be killed in an attempt to begin a gradual reduction in the size of the deer herd.

The most ambitious attempt at deterrence of deer-car collisions was the installation of 400 special reflectors in high-accident-rate areas along Martin, Patton and Rideout Roads and Toftoy Throughway. The reflectors are designed to produce a momentary glow when struck by the beam of oncoming headlights. The glow is reputed to frighten deer away from the road until the car passes. So far, there have been no strikes in reflectorized areas.

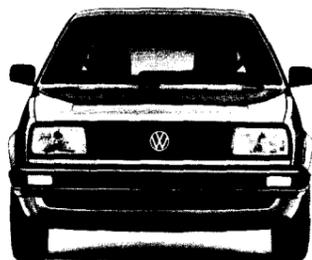
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Children

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we're going to be at an extreme disadvantage in the marketplace for people," Ray said.

Ray doesn't take the light turnout for civilian spaces at the CDC as an indication that a civilian center wouldn't be used.

"I expected a light turnout at the CDC. People who have a need for those services have them provided for. They're not going to snatch their children out during the holiday season," he said. He also believes the fact that military families have priority at the center may have frightened away prospective civilian patrons.

Some parents may just need or want more or different services than the Redstone system can offer right now.

Individual needs

Angela Jones, a secretary in MICOM's Equal Employment Opportunity Office, has a problem finding the type of day care she needs. Her husband works a seven-day swing shift. Every week his work hours change. Sometimes their 2-year-old, McKinley, needs day care, and sometimes his father is able to watch him.

They put McKinley in a day care center for a while, but they didn't like paying a flat weekly fee, whether he attended or not.

They now use an individual day care provider who charges for the time he's there, but Jones would prefer center-based care if she could make a part-time arrangement.

"My child loves day care. He gets tired of being around adults and likes being with other kids," she said.

Mike Baker's son, Bruce, likes his day care center so much that his parents never considered moving him when they moved a few years ago, even though taking him back and forth means a trip out of their way. Bruce attends a church-sponsored child development center which was recommended to the Bakers before Bruce, now 5, was born. They were on a waiting list for eight months.

"He has his buddies there that he grew up with," said Baker, the MICOM historian. "We would have considered Redstone when we first needed child care; it would have been easier then, but now it's too out of the way."

For many working parents these days, the best solution to the child-care dilemma is a nanny. For them, the convenience of having the care provider come to the baby's home is worth the extra expense.

Susan O'Reilly, an attorney-adviser in the MICOM Legal Office, is expecting her first baby sometime in February. At 35, O'Reilly is more mature, and more financially stable, than many first-time mothers. She and her husband have decided to hire a nanny for their son, Stuart Alexander, when he's born, for about the first 18 months.

They have obtained several references from a co-worker who employs a nanny for her children and they expect to pay between \$700 and \$800 per month.

O'Reilly has definite ideas about the type of care she wants her child to receive after his first year and a half.

"I want some kind of program for educating him socially and otherwise, either government- or church-sponsored, but not a business. I'd like for him to grow up with other children. Plus, I think it's essential, before first grade, to learn some reading and writing," she said.

Some parents think they have their child care situations taken care of, only to experience a gap in readily available, affordable care. Jim Bowne, who works in the Historical Division of the MICOM SGS office, will need to find another source of care when his 11-year-old daughter, Heather, becomes too old for the extended day program the city schools offer.

Heather has epilepsy, and Bowne and his wife, Cheryl, don't believe she will be ready to stay at home alone after school when she's 12.

"I would be concerned about her spending two and a half or three hours at home alone. I don't have any idea what we're going to do," Bowne said, adding that the only avenue he can think of right now is a private sitter.

Survey results

A recently-completed survey of the child-care needs of Redstone's civilian workers shows that of 962 respondents, 658 need some form of day care and 577 of them said they would use on-post facilities, if they were available.

The most-needed category of care listed in the survey was full-time, with summer programs running second. Every respondent preferred to have a center located close to the work place. The number of respondents willing to pay \$60 or less per week for care were fewest (150), with most willing to pay \$50 or less (317).

If the results of the survey are valid and Ray's theory of a much younger workforce in the future is correct, MICOM may be compelled to take a more active part in providing for the child care needs of its workers.

"I hope we have that kind of foresight," Ray said.



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U.N. committee works to decolonize the world

BY JOY ASCHENBACH
National Geographic News Service

UNITED NATIONS — A world without colonies? Earth's political realm has moved closer than ever to that elusive state.

In what ranks as one of the periods of greatest political transition, more than 80 places have been decolonized since World War II. Each year a special United Nations committee reminds the rest that deciding their own fate is their inalienable right.

The remnants of colonialism, mostly small islands with few resources, are scattered around the world, from Britain's Anguilla in the Caribbean to New Zealand's Tokelau in the South Pacific. The U.N. Special Committee on Decolonization claims that 19 places, with populations totaling more than 3 million, are still under colonial rule. More than half of them fly the British flag.

The largest, twice the size of California, is Namibia, whose 1.5 million people have struggled for more than 20 years against domination by neighboring South Africa. The smallest, a peaceful bit of Britain in the South Pacific, is Pitcairn Island, whose dwindling population of 57 are descendants of the seamen who mutinied on the *Bounty* nearly 200 years ago.

Others are as diverse as British St. Helena, the isolated South Atlantic island where Napoleon died in exile; Gibraltar, the strategic "Rock" locked in a centuries-old tug of war between Britain and Spain; and East Timor, the Portuguese island colony now occupied by Indonesia as its 27th province.

Among the 19, the two in Africa, Namibia and Western Sahara, are on the brink of independence and should be next to be dropped from the U.N. list, the special committee's senior political officer, Ozdinch

Mustafa, tells *National Geographic*. The latest colony to be removed was tiny Cocos (Keeling), coral islands in the Indian Ocean, which voted in 1984 to become an integral part of Australia, 1,750 miles away.

The special committee, charged 27 years ago with the mission to speed up the eradication of colonialism, still adds names to its list. In 1986, following racial violence and political unrest, New Caledonia was put back on the list because France's recent policy toward its South Pacific island was deemed a significant backward step. France opposed the committee's action.

The decisions of the 24-member body, dominated by Third World countries, are often disputed. Britain, for example, believes "the decolonization process is over, in its 10 dependencies still on the U.N. list, says Stephen Smith, second secretary of the United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations.

"At the moment, they've made it clear through democratic processes that they are content with the status quo," Smith says. They "have retained their links with Britain because that is what they wish. If they move toward independence, we will not stand in their way."

Britain objects to policies that presume that the only outcome of self-determination is national independence. The United States takes a similar position — that self-determination can also result in free association with or integration into an independent nation.

Second to Britain in number of territories on the U.N. list, the United States argues that the peoples of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

have repeatedly expressed their strong desire to maintain a close relationship.

The U.S. government "stands ready to respond to the wishes of the peoples regarding their future political status whenever (they) indicate the direction in which they wish to proceed," says Patricia M. Byrne, U.S. alternate representative to the U.N. General Assembly.

In November 1989 the U.S. Virgin Islands will hold the first referendum in its history on its political status. Although nonbinding, it will be an official indication of the peoples' preference among a half dozen choices, including independence, statehood, incorporated territory, or status quo as an unincorporated territory.

The United States has repeatedly objected to committee attempts to put Puerto Rico on the U.N. list. The government claims that the General Assembly recognized Puerto Rico's act of self-determination in 1953.

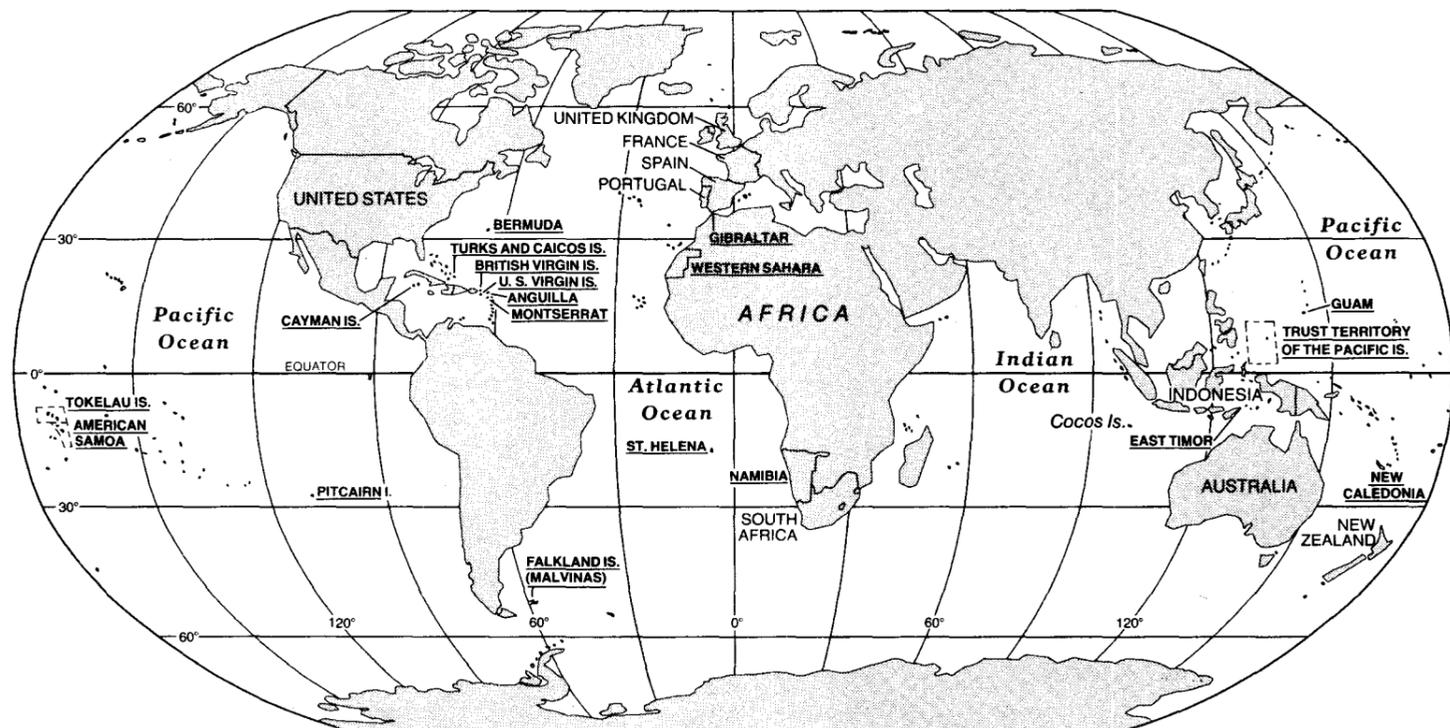
As part of its duties, the special committee warns countries administering Caribbean colonies to protect them against drug-trafficking and money-laundering operations and against exploitation by foreign investors. Everywhere it advocated promotion of the cultural heritage of indigenous ethnic peoples, such as the Chamorros, people of Indonesian stock who account for nearly half the population of Guam.

The special committee also watches over Britain's other colonies — Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Montserrat, and Turks and Caicos Islands — and the U.S.—administered Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, which the U.S. government contends is the proper jurisdiction of the U.N. Security Council.

What's Left of Colonialism?

Nineteen places on the globe, more than half flying the British flag, are all that's left of vast colonial empires, according to the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization. Most are small island dependencies with few resources. One is the last vestige of the trust territories created by the United Nations after World War II. The

special U.N. committee, charged 27 years ago with the mission to eradicate colonialism, reminds the 19 of their inalienable right to decide their own fate. The committee's role is often disputed. Britain, for example, believes decolonization is over because its dependencies have freely chosen to be linked to the mother country.



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Montgomery GI Bill offers second enrollment chance

BY MSgt. MARY A. PETERSON, USA
American Forces Information Services

A second chance to sign up for the Montgomery GI Bill is now available until June 30, 1989, to active duty service members (including the Coast Guard) who entered the service between July 1, 1985, and June 30, 1988.

Legislation signed by the president in November provides this second enrollment period for some of the more than 260,000 service members who previously declined to enroll.

The education bill is named for Mississippi Rep. G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery, who lobbied for the second enrollment period and some important changes.

The bill provides educational benefits to attend school while in the service. The bill's benefits must be used within 10 years after discharge.

Service members opting to participate must have their basic pay reduced by \$1,200, either as a lump sum or as a payroll reduction plan, depending on each service. For the \$1,200 investment, the government will provide up to \$10,800 in education benefits, but not more than \$300 a month. The reduction in basic pay is non-refundable.

The payroll reduction differs from a payroll deduction, said a DoD education policy official. The reduction is subtracted from a service member's base pay, reducing the amount of taxable income. A deduction, on the other hand, is the amount subtracted after taxes have been taken.

Service members eligible to enroll must have had continuous active service since first entering the military between July 1, 1985, and June 30, 1988.

Eligibility requirements to receive benefits of the Montgomery GI Bill are:

- be a high school graduate or its equivalent before completing the initial period of obligated service;
- honorably serve the initial period of obligated service or have been honorably discharged.

Officers who received commissions through the ROTC Scholarship Program or the service academies are not eligible.

Also new to the Montgomery GI Bill is the death benefit provision. If the service member dies on active duty, the member's beneficiaries designated on the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance form can receive the member's enrollment fee. If the member used any of

the funds, the amount used will be deducted from the enrollment fee.

Benefits of the Montgomery GI Bill will cover any Veterans Administration-accredited educational program, full time or part time, at a technical or occupational school, college or university. Benefits can also support refresher and remedial courses.

Up to \$100 per month, not to exceed a \$1,200 total, can be provided for tutorial assistance.

Students in cooperative training, such as a vo-tach, hands-on curriculum, can receive 80 percent of the monthly benefits for each month of the training.

Beginning June 1, 1989, the Montgomery GI Bill will allow six credit hours of course with-drawals without penalty to the 36-month benefit program, provided the first instance of withdrawal occurred after June 1.

The legislation also includes an extension for Vietnam-era service members to complete requirements for a high school diploma. "A member without a diploma or equivalency certificate is not eligible for the benefits of the Montgomery GI Bill," said Colin Hunter, an Air Force education specialist. "The deadline has been extended to Dec. 1, 1989, so more members can qualify."

The bill also extends the 10-year limit to veterans in a VA-approved, alcohol-related treatment program. The amount of time veterans participate in a rehabilitation program can be added to the 10-year limit.

Furthermore, bill benefits also cover some service members who fail to complete their service obligations, the official said.

Reduced benefits are available for certain service members who are enrolled in the Montgomery GI Bill and who are released from active duty prior to the completion of their initial service obligations, the DoD official said.

These service members, he said, are those who are discharged because of personal hardship, for having a preservice medical condition or a service-incurred disability, are separated in a reduction in force or are discharged for the convenience of the government.

More details and application forms are available from the services' education centers and personnel offices.

Defense budget continues trend

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The last of President Reagan's defense budgets will fund pay raises of 3.2 percent for soldiers and 2 percent for Army civilian employees. Details of the FY90 budget were released here Jan. 9.

The new budget keeps the size of the active Army at 772,000 and covers a small increase in the reserve and National Guard. The pace of modernization will slow however as weapons and equipment programs are stretched out.

The Air Force and Navy each got about one third of the budget. The Army got about 26 percent, continuing a trend over the past five years.

MICOM's Follow-On to Lance will be a major new

start in FY90, scheduled to enter engineering development as a replacement for the aging Lance missile, the last nuclear missile deployed by the Army. The new budget also has funding to initiate engineering development of the Advanced Antitank Weapon System-Medium and first production buys of the Army Tactical Missile System.

It funds continued buys of Patriot, Stinger, Hellfire and TOW-2 missiles, MLRS rockets, as well as 18 fire units and 425 missiles for the Line of Sight Forward-Heavy element of the Forward Area Air Defense System in FY90, 30 fire units and 669 missiles in FY91.

Total Army funding in FY90 is proposed at \$80.7 billion.



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Announcements



Military comptrollers

The Huntsville/Redstone Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will have its monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 12 at the Marriott-Huntsville, 5 Tranquility Base. Scheduled speaker is James M. Ellis, chief of program plans and management systems in the Shuttle projects office at Marshall Space Flight Center.

Contract managers

National Contract Management Association- Huntsville Chapter will have its monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 18 at the Officers Club. Stephen Ayers of Science Applications International Corporation is to speak on "Doing More with Less— Improving Procurement Efficiency." Attendance is open to all. For reservations, call 536-1527 by Jan. 17.



NCO wives

NCO Wives Club will meet at 7 tonight at the NCO Club. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the club may attend, and all members are encouraged to attend.

Dinner show

The Space City Chapter of Sweet Adelines will present a dinner show entitled "A Potpourri of Harmony" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3053 Leeman Ferry Road SW. Special features include the Sweet Adelines' "Easy Listenin'" Quartet and Barbershopper's "Special Attraction" Quartet. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Scan Program. For tickets, call 852-9531 or 837-1321.

Command change

D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion will have a change of command ceremony Jan. 26 at 4 p.m. at the parade field next to the Recreation Center, building 3711. Capt. Steven J. Conyne will be leaving; he will be replaced by Capt. Joseph C. Biggers Jr. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony would be held inside the Recreation Center. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Parking violations

Effective Jan. 23, military police will begin enforcing Change 9 to MICOM Regulation 210-2, dated Dec. 7, 1988, which states, "An individual who receives three parking violations during any 12-month period will have his/her installation driving privileges suspended for a period not to exceed six months IAW Chapter 2, AR 190-5." Complaints of vehicles parked in reserved or management official slots will only be acted upon by the military police if received from the building custodian who has the authority. IAW MICOM Supplement to AR 210-4, to assign the space.

Federal women

North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will meet at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17 at the Officers Club, room 1. Scheduled speaker is Diane Young, legislative chair for Madison County Women's Political Caucus, whose topic is "Recent Developments in Federal and State Legislative Issues Affecting the Status of Women." No reservations are required. Attendees will go through the serving line.

Movies

Here's the Post Theater schedule; starting times are 7 p.m.: Saturday, Jan. 14—*Child's Play*, rated R, 87 minutes. Sunday, Jan. 15—*Child's Play*. Tuesday, Jan. 17—*FEDS*, PG-13, 83 minutes. Thursday, Jan. 19—*The Land Before Time*, G, 69 minutes. Friday, Jan. 20—*The Land Before Time*. Admission fee is \$1.50.

New badges

Security identification badges issued prior to Sept. 1, 1988 for all military, DA civilians and contractor personnel assigned to or working for MICOM and MICOM-supported elements will expire Feb. 28. All individuals who have not obtained a new badge are reminded that new badges must be obtained by March 1. The expiration date will not be extended. As of March 1, controlled areas cannot be accessed using the old badge.

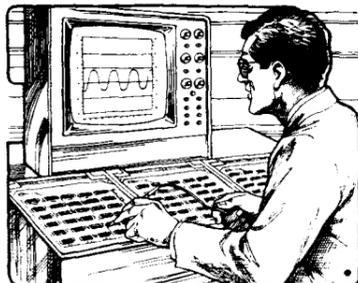


Toastmasters

Research Park Toastmasters meet every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Strategic Defense Command building, 106 Wynn Drive. For more information call Carolyn Shotts, SDC, 895-3997 or Mable Harris, CE, 895-5392.

Learning centers

The Army Learning Centers offer a variety of courses that are free to all military, government employees and their family members. All of the courses are self-paced— you take them at your own pace and at a time that is convenient for you. Some of these self-paced courses are even credited to two local colleges. Contact the center of your choice: CPO Army Learning Center 876-1061, Fox Army Learning Center 876-9563, SDC Army Learning Center 895-3480, and Northern Army Learning Center 876-9416.



Apprentice program

Applications are now available for the DoD Science and Engineering Apprentice Program. This program is designed for high school students who have demonstrated strong aptitude in science and mathematics and show promise for careers in the sciences, mathematics, engineering, and computer applications. U.S. citizens in grades 9-12 are eligible for this program. Children of MICOM employees are eligible for participation. The deadline for receipt of applications and supporting materials is Feb. 28. For applications call Dr. Katie Blanding at 876-9296, Research Directorate, building 7770.



Fashion fair

The 31st annual Ebony Fashion Fair will appear in Huntsville at the Von Braun Civic Center at 8 p.m. Jan. 18. This traveling fashion show is produced by *Ebony Magazine* and is sponsored locally by the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Proceeds will be shared with the Huntsville Girls' Club, other community projects and provide academic scholarships. Ticket prices are: reserved tickets \$20; adult- \$17; and student- \$10. For tickets, call 544-3780.

Emergency relief

Army Emergency Relief is a non-profit organization to help meet the emergency financial needs of Army personnel and their families. For more information, call the AER officer 876-5468/6223.

Chapel events

Protestant Youth of the Chapel seniors will have a retreat at Gatlinburg, Tenn., Jan. 13-14. For more information, call Debra Speer 883-5966. *Widows or Widowers (WOW) Group* will have its first meeting of the new year at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Bicentennial Chapel. For information call Renee Lang 837-0323.

Logistics engineers

The Society of Logistics Engineers will meet Jan. 17 at the Holiday Inn - Madison Square. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. Scheduled speaker is George S. Laslo, a retired Army colonel and former comptroller of the Missile Command. His topic is "Army Financial Management— Current Issues and Changes." Cost of the luncheon is \$7. For reservations or information, call Sherry McCreary 876-8166.

Basketball contest

Local competition for the 17th Annual Elks Hoop Shoot, a national freethrow shooting contest for youngsters age 8 through 13, will be held at the Ed White Middle School on Jan. 14 with registration of the 8-9 division starting at 8:30 a.m. More than three million youths throughout the country entered last year's competition for boys and girls in the 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13 age categories. Each contestant has 25 shots at the hoop. The boy and girl in each age group with the best scores advance through four tiers of competition to qualify for the national finals in Indianapolis, Ind. Local winners will compete in the district event in Decatur, Ala., on Jan. 21. Names of the national winners will be inscribed on a special plaque in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

SDC wives

The Strategic Defense Command Officers' Wives' Group will meet for lunch at 11 a.m. Jan. 17 at the Fogcutter Restaurant, 3805 University Drive NW. For more information, call Amy Meir 837-2573 or Gisela Mulek 837-5252 no later than Jan. 13.

Volleyball

The Civilian Welfare Fund co-ed volleyball season starts Feb. 6 and deadline for entry is Jan. 23. To enter or for more information call Mark Sweeney 876-9905, Marilyn Boster 876-3312/2006 or Bill Noel 895-5643. There will be a meeting of team captains Feb. 2 at 4 p.m. in the building 5687 conference room.

Social Security cards

On Friday, Jan. 20 from 8-11:30 a.m., applications for Social Security cards will be processed in room G-31, building 111 on Goss Road. Applications will be accepted from anyone— including all active and retired military personnel and their family members and all civilians. Applications for new or replacement cards should be picked up prior to Jan. 20 at the Legal Assistance Office, building 111, room G-35, so they may be properly filled out and required evidence of age and citizenship and identity can be obtained and submitted with the form. You must submit original or certified documents as evidence of age, citizenship and identity. Uncertified copies or notarized photocopies will not be accepted. All documents submitted will be returned.



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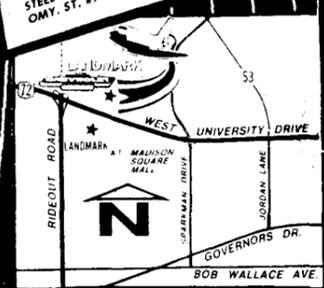
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