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## Food baskets make holidays bright for those in need

Some 180 people, military and civilian alike, will have a happier holiday season because of the Christmas Food Basket Program.

The annual charitable effort coordinated by the Chaplains Office provided food baskets to those who needed them. More than \$12,000 worth of food filled 165 baskets. "We've got a list in there of about another 15, we're going to get food for them," said Chaplain (Maj.) David McLean, on the morning of Dec. 14. "We're going to have over 180 baskets."

Food baskets were distributed Dec. 14-15 at the Post Chapel. Most of the recipients were active duty military and their families; some were Redstone civilian workers. "I tell you it's heartbreaking to turn people away," McLean said. "We've got lists of names. We've got young privates with two, three and sometimes four kids. They're struggling but they're trying."

Not all of the recipients are in the lower enlisted ranks. "Most of these are E-2s and 3's, but there are some of these 5's and 6's that have really gone through a tough time," McLean added.

This was the seventh year for the program designed to help needy soldiers, retirees, and civilian employees of Redstone Arsenal. The community was asked to contribute non-perishable items such as canned goods and money donations to purchase perishables such as milk.

"We're eternally grateful," said Chaplain (Col.) Billy Whiteside, the staff chaplain for Redstone Arsenal. "And the giving was tremendous, particularly considering how much they've been giving to tornado relief and other charitable causes. Their giving really makes Christmas a *real* Christmas for a lot of people this year."

The Military Bass Anglers Association of North Alabama contributed a \$294 check on Dec. 14. "It was collected through donations of the members," said Don Larimore, the North Alabama district director for MBAA. The 52 members include retired and active duty military, some contractor and civil service workers, many of whom had military experience.

"We adopted a family downtown last year and we had some money left over and we found out about the chaplains' food baskets which is mostly military. We

decided this year to keep it all in our (military) family because we know some of the problems they go

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VISIT WITH SANTA — Clayton Camp, 2-year-old son of Karen and David Camp of Huntsville, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus after the installation Christmas tree lighting ceremony held Dec. 1 at Bicentennial Chapel. The *Rocket* will take the next two weeks off for the holidays and won't publish again until Jan. 10. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Volunteers learn to be Red Cross dental assistants

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A training program for volunteer dental assistants is getting good results at the Main Dental Clinic.

The Red Cross dental assistants are filling in for regular staffers plus practicing skills they may be able to use in a career. A graduation ceremony for five volunteers in the dental assistant training program was held Dec. 18 at the dental clinic.

This was the second graduation class since the program was revived in 1988. The volunteers had 35 hours of classroom instruction from March 21-30, and completed 200 hours of chairside assisting in which they were supervised.

"We figure we've had up to 3,000 hours of volunteer service since March of '88," said Dr. (Maj.) Frank Orr, director of continuing dental education at the dental clinic. This represented the hours worked by this year's class plus three of the six graduates from last year's class.

The Red Cross dental assistants helped fill a void at the clinic from February to June 1989. During that time, there were only seven full-time dental assistants for the eight doctors. The volunteers assisted the doctor who did not have a dental assistant. "That doctor was covered strictly by Red Cross volunteers 40 hours a week," Orr said. "If not for Red Cross volunteers, he would've had to work by himself which essentially cuts your production 75 percent."

Dental assistants bring patients from the waiting room to the treatment area, set up the necessary instruments, hand the instruments to the doctor as he needs them, and sterilize the instruments upon completion of treatment. The clinic staff includes five civilian

dental assistants plus two military dental assistants and seven doctors.

"The ultimate purpose of this training program, the No. 1 reason we started it, was we foresaw where we were going to have a shortage of dental assistants," Orr said. Besides training dental assistants for the clinic, the program also teaches the Army family members at no cost a skill they may be able to use in the future. For example one of this year's graduates, Karen Macris, was hired by Sociometrics which is contracted by Health Services Command to provide dental assistants. She will be working at the clinic. "Because of the training she got here, it enabled her to get a paying job," Orr said.

Of the five graduates, one is the wife of a retired service member and the rest are wives of active-duty military. "All of these women have children," Orr said, "and because we're very flexible in our hours, this enabled them to be trained or learn a skill pretty much on their own time."

The graduates include Macris, Helga Crisostomo, Sonya Yager, Diane Hunter, and Wanda White.

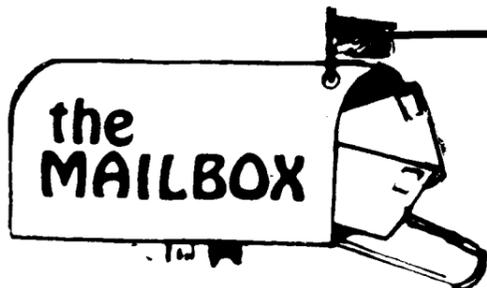
Training was provided by Orr, the program director, Kelly Armbruster, a dental assistant, and Lillian Kawano, the Red Cross coordinator for Dental Activity.

"Personally, one of my most rewarding experiences with the whole program is that one of the volunteers had just a tremendous fear of dentistry; and by learning what we do and why we do it, she's one of the best patients that we've got," Orr said. "That and the

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DENTAL ASSISTANTS — Julie Valentin (left) is a 1988 graduate while Helga Crisostomo graduated from the Red Cross dental assistant training Dec. 18.



## Holiday message

*Editor's note: The following holiday season message is from the commander of the Army Materiel Command.*

The holiday season, beginning with Hanukkah and Christmas and followed by New Year's Day, combines our memories of past spiritual celebrations with our hopes for the future. During this time of year we remember old friends, gather our families and share with others in the age old traditions of these holidays.

It is the time of year that we pause to reflect, not only on years past, but on the year that just passed by so quickly. The year of 1989 may long be remembered best for the world events that shaped it. In this extraordinary year we have seen parts of the world denied basic freedoms and the hope of democracy and in another part of the world we have witnessed the hopeful beginnings of peace and freedom.

For those of us who serve this great nation, I believe that the blessing of peace and the hope of good will for all have a special meaning.

Mrs. Tuttle and I join in wishing to each and every member of the AMC family our best wishes for a safe and happy holiday and a rewarding new year.

**Gen. William Tuttle**  
AMC commander

## Army family

**Editor:**

The 1989 Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) VII Planning Conference is now behind us, and the future of the Total Army Family is very bright. More than 200 participants representing all segments of the Total Army Family met during the week of Oct. 23-27 to surface quality of life issues and to lay the groundwork necessary for resolution of the issues.

The following were voted the top five quality of life issues that the Total Army faces today:

- Financial hardship on service members when relocating.
- CHAMPUS deficiencies.
- Exceptional Family Member Program.
- VHA recomputation.
- Summer school session in DODDS.

Our keynote speaker, Gen. Carl Vuono, chief of staff of the Army, reemphasized the importance of creating an atmosphere where every soldier and family

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member can grow and prosper, and the fact that there is a close link between quality of life and the quality of the soldiers' performance. His message to the Army family members was to never give up. He challenged the delegates to continue to stress the AFAP process.

Sergeant Major of the Army, Julius W. Gates, said: "The quality of life has a direct impact on our soldiers' decision to reenlist." The AFAP is the key to retaining "our best soldiers." September 1989 ended the Army's best year in terms of the retention of first-term soldiers.

Chairman of the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Panel of the House Armed Services Committee, Congressman Marvin Leath, 11th District, Texas, indicated the importance of feedback by Army family members to the Army leadership. "The quality of life for family members gives a return on the Army's investment in terms of readiness and retention," and in "preparation for budget cuts, the MWR panel has positioned itself to insulate our programs against catastrophic cuts, but we cannot subsidize inefficiency."

Now, I need *you* to help carry the message forward to your commanders, senior NCOs and all parts of your communities to encourage sponsorship of local family symposia. Then, support the meetings with your attendance and input.

Issues not resolved at the local or MACOM levels that require HQDA action are forwarded to HQDA, U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, CFSC-FSM, Alexandria, Va., for inclusion in the next year's AFAP Planning Conference, Oct. 22-26, 1990.

As a follow-on..., we will publish a report to the Army Family in a few months. The report will explain the issues and the results of the AFAP VII Planning Conference in greater detail.

The delegates you selected and sent to the conference with your issues worked hard, achieved superb results, and represented you extremely well. You and they can be justly proud of this our best AFAP Planning Conference. Please spread the word.

**Neal T. Jaco**  
Brigadier General, USA  
Commanding

## Combined choirs

**Editor:**

We would like to comment on the tremendous gift to the Redstone Arsenal community from the combined choirs of Bicentennial and Post Chapel, Catholic and Protestant. The children also joined in to make the cantata on Dec. 10 a special way to usher in the season.

**Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carlton**

## Education programs

**Editor:**

May we please take this opportunity to wish all our clients and all the wonderful people who have provided support to our voluntary education programs at Redstone Arsenal a very merry Christmas and happy 1990. Without the contribution you have each made to the success of our programs and services, we could not have done it. We would especially like to recognize all who so graciously gave of their time and skills to visit our schools during American Education Week.

**Mary McGough and staff**  
of the Army Education Center

## Food

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through," Larimore said. "Because we are military bass anglers and associated with military in that context, we decided we'd try to keep it in the military all we could.

"I think it's a great program especially for the military that do need help at certain times during the year through no fault of their own, and those that deserve it I think should get it," he added.

The MBAA donation helps buy additional food for the food baskets, according to McLean. Some 150 hams had already been purchased by Dec. 14 with another 30 still to be bought. The Morale, Welfare and Recreation fund also gave a significant contribution.

"Everybody has been supportive and working together," McLean said. "The need is obviously here."

## TMDE mission

**Editor:**

While your article on the TMDE Support Group was basically correct, you failed to acknowledge the mastermind behind the airlift.

The individual who devised, arranged, planned, and coordinated this mission was Mr. Tom Chaffee, chief, Operations Support Office, U.S. Army TMDE Support Activity-CONUS. As the chief of this office, Mr. Chaffee felt a responsibility to ensure the continuation of the important mission the U.S. Army TMDE Support Activity provides to its customers throughout the continental U.S. and Alaska. It is only through the efforts of dedicated individuals such as Mr. Chaffee that my faith in civil service is confirmed.

A final note: It is not the intent of this letter to degrade the important functions performed by the individuals mentioned in the article, rather to complement their story with the remaining facts.

**Name withheld by request**

## The less fortunate

**Editor:**

This is addressed to the two "ladies" waiting their turn, as I was, at consigning items at the Thrift Shop Wednesday morning, Nov. 29. They'll know who they are.

You both sat there beside me in your nice clothes, and I couldn't believe my ears. You were talking about the shabbily dressed elderly lady in the red hat, who was at the table turning in her consignment items. You were making fun of her clothes, the car she drives, her hat, the things she was turning in. You complained that she's there "all the time." You called her "odd," "strange," and "weird." It made me sick inside listening to you. Apparently you don't care, but let me ask you something anyway: How do you know that that's not her way of eating and keeping a roof over her head? Maybe it is and maybe it isn't. I don't know and neither do you. What do you prefer her to do — pine away in an old folks' home? Or sit home all the time and hope someone cares enough to come by and see her, and make sure she's OK? No, she's doing something beneath you — she's fending for herself.

I'm ashamed of you. I'm also ashamed of myself for not saying something then. I don't know her, and I don't know you. But I can tell you this: I'd much rather be "strange" than a pathetic person like you who have no compassion for the less fortunate. That woman has more dignity and class than you two "ladies" could ever dream of having.

**Deborah Sons**  
Military wife,  
Redstone Arsenal

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**DONATION** — Chaplain (Col.) Billy Whiteside accepts \$294 check to food basket program from Don Larimore on behalf of the Military Bass Anglers Association.

# Good news: Army Materiel Command here to stay

WASHINGTON — At least two pieces of good news for the holidays and the New Year are coming out of weeks of studies, discussions and financial maneuvers by officials at Army Materiel Command headquarters and Department of the Army.

AMC is here to stay and the threat of a command-wide furlough of permanent employees is gone for this fiscal year.

Rumors of the demise of AMC headquarters have been circulating ever since the Defense Management Review of procurement practices was announced last year. The possibility of eliminating the headquarters as one of dozens of acquisition community matters considered in the early stages of the review.

The issue was laid to rest during the Department of Defense review of its own initiatives and the Army's final implementation plan for acquisition reforms. Keeping a headquarters to command and control a worldwide complex of organizations that supply and sustain the Army, perform materiel development and

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acquisition, and provide matrix support to the PEO structure is irrefutable. AMC will remain a vital part of what keeps the Army well armed, well equipped and ready to fight.

Furlough and reduction-in-force rumors are becoming as annual in the first quarter of each fiscal year as Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Hannukah and Christmas, but not without reason, especially this year.

When the president, Congress and secretary of defense are collectively determined to cut expenses, something has to give. Once all the high cost items have been looked at and pared to the bone, personnel benefits and pay loom large as major sources for sav-

ings. But furloughs and layoffs are not options AMC and DA wanted to take.

The budget reductions have been massive. But the budgeteers at AMC and DA believe they can come up with enough money to pay this year's bills with minimum impact on the permanent work force.

However, AMC officials warn that times will be financially rough in the days ahead. There will be reductions through a combination of functional and operational savings, including personnel management actions. There are already travel cutbacks, overtime reductions and other cost-cutting measures. All of these are sure to affect AMC's organizational structure, business processes and the size and makeup of the work force.

It will be a time for lean toughness in accomplishing the command's missions. AMC officials emphasize, however, that the streamlining and the toughening up will be accomplished with the least adverse impact on the work force.

## Area Combined Federal Campaign topped \$1 million

The final total for this year's Huntsville area Combined Federal Campaign was a whopping \$1,019,587.

This surpassed the \$890,000 goal. Brig. Gen. Larry Capps, deputy commanding general of the Missile Command, thanked the leaders and employees of each of the federal organizations that make up the Huntsville area CFC in an awards day ceremony Monday at the Challenger NCO Club.

"On Oct. 2nd this year, federal employees in the Huntsville area — both military and civilian — began the task of raising \$890,000 to support the many programs of health and human services organizations that render assistance to those of unfortunate circumstances around the world. On that same day, I shared with you my optimism that we would be successful, and you proved me right," Capps said.

"Today, it is especially gratifying for me to report to you that the official total for the 1990 Huntsville area CFC is \$1,019,587. This accomplishment is significant because we the federal sector in the Huntsville area, accomplished it as a team," Capps said. "It is significant also because this amount represents 22 percent of the total budget for United Way of

Huntsville, who will be responsible for the systematic distribution of these dollars."

"It's been very rewarding," said the campaign coordinator, Tommie Lockhart. The chief of the land combat branch in the force modernization division, Missile Systems Readiness Directorate, he had volunteered to serve as chairman of the local federal coordinating committee.

The following agencies and individuals received awards:

For per capita giving of \$75 and above: Marshall Space Flight Center, Office of Personnel Management, Forward Area Air Defense Sensor and Target Identification Product Office, and Army Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office.

For per capita giving of \$60 to \$74: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; Competition Management Office; International Cooperative Programs Office; Systems Analysis and Evaluation Office; Program Executive Office Fire Support; and Program Executive Office Air Defense.

96 to 100 percent participation: Army Audit Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, AMC Management Engineering Activity, Marine Corps Reserves, Internal Review and Audit Compliance Office, Integrated Logistics Support Office, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office, Special Projects Office, Joint Theater Missile System Defense Project Office, Army Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office, and Army Tactical Missile System Project Office.

90 to 95 percent participation: Information Systems Command; Command Group, MICOM; Missile Systems Readiness Directorate; Missile Logistics Center; Weapons System Management Directorate; TOW Project Office; and Program Executive Office Fire Support.

Volunteer Service Award: Margaret Richards, Missile Logistics Center, MICOM; Brenda Owens, Brown's Ferry Nuclear Facility, TVA; Landa Pennington, Information Systems Command; and Wanda Sneed, Marshall Space Flight Center, NASA.

Special Achievement Award: Gil Adams, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Capt. Sylvia Rodriguez, Medical Department Activity; Patty Marsh, Strategic Defense Command; Jakki Smart, Joint Theater Missile Defense, MICOM; Phil Acuff, Research, Development and Engineering Center, MICOM; Donna Gilliam, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity; Anita Williams, Integrated Logistics Support Office; and Mary Kerg, FAAD Sensors & Target Identification Office.

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## An original Christmas poem: 'The Little Snowman'

Gertrude Byram, a secretary in the inventory branch of distribution and transportation division, Missile Logistics Center, has written a Christmas poem for her great-grandchildren, Jessica, a year and 7 months, and Chad, 7 months. It's entitled "The Little Snowman."

*The little snowman on the mantel-piece smiled as he nodded his head when the children had all finished carols and play and mother had tucked them in bed.*

*Then the little snowman on the mantel-piece jaunty cap on his little round head kept his eye on the sky till the reindeer came by welcomed Santa with arms outspread.*

*He hopped from his spot on the mantel-piece and strode to the big Christmas tree. He helped Santa Claus with the bats and the balls the fire engine, three dolls and a sleigh.*

*A brown teddy bear in a red rocking chair sang a few songs of good cheer. Candy canes, red and white Jelly beans to delight All was ready — Christmas was here.*

*They all danced around the big Christmas tree as the magic just filled the air then returned with great haste everyone to his place as they heard the first creak of the stair.*

*The children came galloping into the room eyes bright at the wonderful sight. Then the little snowman on the mantel-piece slyly winked at the lamb dressed in pastel pink fleece.*

*"Merry Christmas, dear children Merry Christmas to each. May you always be happy in a world filled with peace."*



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# Offices for small business give gifts to children

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Members of two offices here that help small businesses have shown they have big hearts for children, too.

The Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office (SADBU) and the Small Business Administration office, located at the Procurement Directorate building, collected Christmas items for two children. The brother and sister are participants in the Salvation Army's angel tree program.

In the angel tree program, the Salvation Army provides first names of needy children on angel cutouts displayed on a tree at local shopping malls. Concerned citizens are welcome to adopt angels by providing clothing and toys for the needy children.

"For the third year, we've adopted angels of the Salvation Army tree. The Small Business Administration down the hall have joined in with us. That makes a total of about 15 people, so we've adopted two angels: a little boy, 4, and his younger sister, 2," said Doris Wambeke of the SADBU office.

The angel cutout for Mario, 4, indicated that he wanted a scooter; the angel for Ashley, 2, did not have a preference. Each angel also lists the child's shirt or blouse size, and pants or dress size. The 11 members of the SADBU office and four members of the SBA procurement center representative's office collected clothing and toys for each child. The special assistant to the director of procurement also contributed to the effort.

"The only requirement is that it be new clothes and toys and individually wrapped, and they (the Salvation Army) provide us little tags that we put on the items," Wambeke said. The presents were wrapped and delivered to the Salvation Army on Dec. 13.

"It brings the office closer together because we bring them in unwrapped and for a couple of weeks, you hear things like: 'oh that's darling' and 'oh can you see how a little boy is going to look in that.' And everybody gets worked up in the excitement,"

Wambeke said. "Everybody participates and I think it makes us feel good because we know these are children that wouldn't have Christmas otherwise, because they have been screened very closely by the Salvation Army."

"It's been a thrill," said Jean Hicks, also of SADBU. Other members of that office include Dr. Rex Conners, chief; Wambeke, Bertie Lipscomb, Lee

Ford, George Rosenbloom, Bud Roberts, Dwight Kimbrell, Camille Jones, Roxanne Beggs and Angela Branch. A former member of the office, John Vickers, special assistant to the procurement director, also participated.

Members of the SBA office include David Wilson, the procurement center representative; Ralph Massey, Gary Heard and Sandra Linthicum.



WORTHY CAUSE — Standing beside items collected for two needy youngsters are, from left, Lee Ford, Bertie Lipscomb, Jean Hicks, all members of SADBU office; and Gary Heard of SBA procurement center representative's office.

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# Officers wives treat senior citizens to annual brunch

Members of the Officers Wives Club held their annual Christmas brunch for senior citizens Dec. 12 at the Officers Club.

Two Army buses transported some 60 guests from the Senior Center in downtown Huntsville. "Some come from the home, some live with their family," said Elizabeth Bradshaw, publicity chairman for the Officers Wives Club.

Entertainers included the Swing Singers from Grissom High School, the Grace Singers from Grace Lutheran School, and preschoolers from Redstone's Child Development Center.

Santa Claus — a costumed Lee Hicks, manager of the Officers Club — gave out gifts to the seniors as they were leaving.

Originally, 100 guests were to come from the senior center or its satellites. The number declined to 60 because of the weather, according to Jennifer Hames, second vice president of Officers Wives Club.



SEASON'S GREETINGS — From left Alma Huston, president of the Officers Wives Club, greets 75-year-old Joseph Moore while Sandra Chen, honorary president of OWC, greets 75-year-old Howard Bradford.



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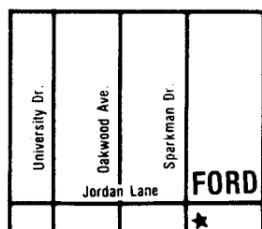
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# Tactical missile passes final development test

**BY BOB HUBBARD**

The Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) completed development tests with a bang Dec. 12 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

LTV Missiles Division fired a live warhead for the first time, at maximum range, to hit a pre-selected target and successfully conclude the 16-missile flight test program. The warhead contained live bomblets, similar to grenades.

Earlier shots prior to this were done with live fuses but inert bomblets.

Now the Army is ready to go into operational tests. Soldiers from the 6th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Okla., a deployed Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) battalion, will begin tests early next March at White Sands.

The 15-missile flight test program will include a series of ground and flight tests under simulated battlefield conditions.

Army TACMS is fired from a modified version of the MLRS launcher. By using MLRS that is already deployed, the Army minimizes the impact of a new missile system on the current force structure.

For the operational tests, the 6/27th will bring in its own equipment but will receive approximately 10 of the new modified launchers.

The missile's non-nuclear warhead will contain several hundred submunitions for attacking enemy troops, supplies and equipment. A planned follow-on warhead will feature precision guided submissiles to attack armor.

Once fielded in the 1990s, Army TACMS will give corps commanders the ability to selectively attack enemy second-echelon forces deep behind the front lines and disrupt the flow of reinforcements. It will also raise the so-called "nuclear threshold," the point at which the military commander must decide whether to use tactical nuclear weapons.

Col. Thomas Kunhart is Army TACMS project manager and Robert Lee is his civilian deputy.

## Late charge planned for travel advances

If you owe money for government travel, you'd better pay up or face a possible late charge.

That's the message from the Finance and Accounting Division. The Armywide debt collection procedures went into effect in October 1987 but have never been enforced at the Missile Command. Starting Jan. 1, however, F&A plans to begin enforcing that rule.

An administrative charge of \$15 will be assessed after 30 days' advance notice. "The intent of this charge is to recover the additional administrative costs incurred in dealing with a delinquent account," F&A said in a news release. "The fee should also act as a stimulus for debtors to settle their accounts before the due dates. The fee will be assessed only if the debtor has been given at least 30 days' advance notification.

"MICOM civilian employees are encouraged to review their travel records and file the required settlement voucher to avoid being assessed the late charge," the release continued. "Also, employees having open travel orders in which no advance was drawn should file settlement vouchers as soon as possible after their return from temporary duty. In those cases where travel orders were issued and the trip was canceled, amended orders should be forwarded to the Travel Pay Branch.

"To avoid the \$15 late charge and possible payroll deduction, MICOM employees should process their settlement vouchers immediately upon return from temporary duty."

## Tactical missile shown at Space Center

**BY PAM ROGERS**

The Alabama Space and Rocket Center will have a new exhibit this week, thanks to the Missile Command and LTV Missile and Electronics Group.

The display will feature an Army Tactical Missile displayed alongside a round from the Multiple Launch Missile System, according to Capt. Mike Mathewson of the ATACMS Project Office.

"LTV loaned the display to us with the proviso that it go on permanent display," Mathewson said.

There is a display of Army missiles at the Space and Rocket Center, but some are outdated, and by letting

the center add it to the Army group, the display can be shared by the entire community. "These are two of the newest weapon systems we have," he said.

The exhibit, which was to be in place by Dec. 15, is just a part of renovation on a grand scale, according to James Hegler, curator for the center.

"We are in the process of upgrading the entire museum exhibits," Hegler said, adding that a new display on early rocketry was opened about a month ago.

"We're always upgrading and we greatly appreciate the support of the Army in doing this," he said.

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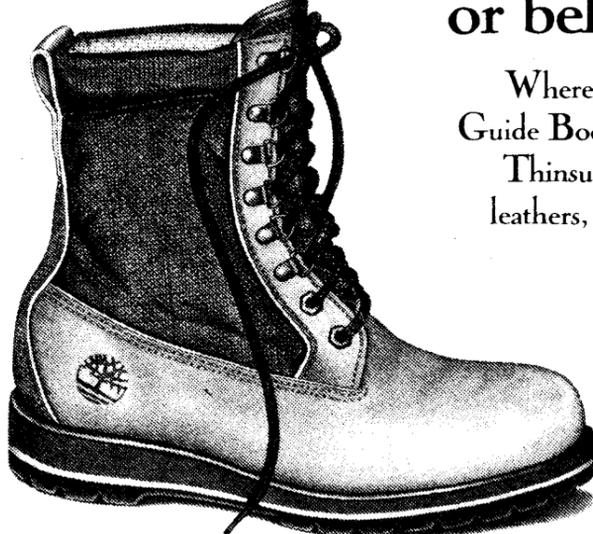
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# Cobras wrap around first place in bowling league

BY JUANEZ ALEXANDER

The Cobras padded their lead last week in the Missile Logistics Center's Wednesday bowling league.

They blanked BeBe's in four games while second-place Family had a two-two split with Sidekicks. The Mixers are in third place followed by Edie-U.

The Cobras were led by Juanez Alexander who shot a 544 series, John Hope who bowled 33 pins over his average, and Irene Garoppo who rolled 21 pins over hers. Ray Ebersole bowled 29 pins over his average for BeBe's.

Melanie Johnson shot 46 pins over her average to pace Family to their two wins. The Sidekicks also won two as Bryant Stephens rolled 45 pins over his average,

Clara Randall bowled 41 pins over her average, and Bill Hollifield shot a 200 game with 514 series.

Mixers slid two and a half games past Edie-U as Roosevelt Readus and Luz Crawford rolled 25 and 23 pins over their averages. Hank Lemke shot a 525 series for Edie-U.

Ten Pins trumped the Four Aces in four straight. Leading the way were Robert Ruff who bowled 47 pins over his average and Tommy Miller who rolled 20 pins over his average.

Almost Family and Comic Relief II split two games each. Kay Payne of Almost Family had 30 pins over her average, and substitute bowler George Roberts shot a 502 series for Comic Relief II.

YoYo's and Bushwhackers also split with two

apiece. For YoYo's, Mae Andrews shot a 201 game with a 533 series while Don Cunningham rolled 36 pins over his average. John Warren and Glynn Jackson shot 38 and 24 pins, respectively, over their averages for Bushwhackers.

In games Dec. 6, the Mixers took four games from BeBe's; Bushwhackers snatched four games from the Four Aces; Family shut out Edie-U in four games; Ten Pins had a two-two split with Comic Relief II; YoYo's and Sidekicks split two apiece; and Cobras and Almost Family met on an even keel with handicaps being one pin difference in the totals.

Here are the league standings as of Dec. 13: Cobras, 32.5 wins, 11.5 losses; Family, 29.5 wins, 14.5 losses; Mixers, 26.5 wins, 17.5 losses; Edie-U, 24.5 wins, 19.5 losses; Comic Relief II, 24.5 wins, 19.5 losses; Almost Family, 24 wins, 20 losses; Bushwhackers, 24 wins, 20 losses; YoYo's, 22 wins, 22 losses; Ten Pins, 17.5 wins, 26.5 losses; Sidekicks, 15 wins, 29 losses; Four Aces, 13 wins, 31 losses; and BeBe's, 11 wins, 33 losses.

## Volunteers

(Cont'd from page 1)

ladies getting outside employment — I feel good about that."

Helga Crisostomo, 50, is the graduate who had the fear of dentistry before taking the course. "I used to get fainting spells if I just heard the word dentist," she said. "I was horrified because I had a bad experience at another post."

Crisostomo credits the instructors for helping her get through the training course. "I think it's just beautiful, and I think the most credit goes to Kelly Armbruster and Dr. Orr; they really helped us. For my sake, if it wouldn't be for them I wouldn't have stayed

with it. And this is the best dental clinic in the whole United States Army," she said.

She and her husband, Sgt. Maj. Antonio Crisostomo, have four children — two at home, two married — and three grandchildren. She feels more at ease about dentistry now. "I get a little uptight, everybody does, but I know what's being done to me now," she said. Crisostomo plans to continue as a Red Cross dental assistant until her husband retires and they return to North Carolina.

"I got free training so I'm going to repay them by staying here till my husband retires in 22 months," she said.

## Troop bowling

Troop intramural bowling standings as of Dec. 15:

Tuesday's Conference	Won	Lost
HHC MICOM-1	207	118
TMDE Support Group	205	120
HHD 269th-1	196.5	128.5
MEDDAC-3	193	132
HHD 832nd	183.5	141.5
MEDDAC-2	178	147
C Co. 832nd	170.5	154.5
D Company 73rd	169	156
MEDDAC-1	155.5	169.5
Marines	151	174
C Co. 73rd-2	137	188
515th-1	126.5	177.5
515th-3	114	211
Navy (dropped)		

200 games bowled Dec. 12:

John Smith (TMDE)	218
Debbie Rushing (MEDDAC-2)	212
Whillis Wheeler (MEDDAC-1)	210
Jesse Beauford (HHD 269th)	206

Thursday's Conference	Won	Lost
B Company 73rd-2	235	90
C Company 73rd-1	224	101
A Company 73rd-2	216.5	108.5
A Company 73rd-1	213	112
D Company 832nd-2	209	116
Readiness Group	180	145
A Company 73rd-3	170.5	154.5
B Company 73rd-1	156	169
515th-2	129	196
MEDDAC-4	123.5	201.5
D Company 832nd-1	118	207
HHC MICOM-2	107	218
HHD 269th-2	98.5	226.5

\*B Company 832nd  
\*forfeited out of league

200 games bowled on Dec. 14:

Dan Copeland (A Co. 73rd-2)	225
Jim Barnwell (A Co. 73rd-1)	210
Steve Cook (A Co. 73rd-1)	210
Bill Hollifield (B Co. 73rd-2)	209
Rich Collins (C Co. 73rd-1)	202
Bruce Brinkley (A Co. 73rd-1)	200

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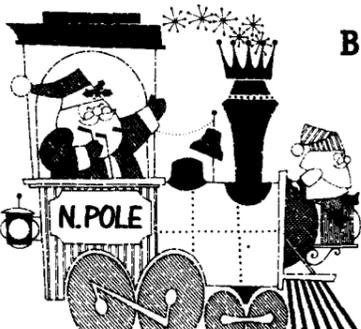


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# SDC technical director gets presidential rank award

BY MARSHA TAYLOR

U.S. Army Strategic Defense Command technical director, Dr. William O. Davies, was one of 12 senior Army executives to receive a Presidential Rank Award.

In a Secretary of the Army Award Ceremony in the Pentagon earlier this month, Michael P. Stone presented "Meritorious Executive" certificates to Davies and 10 other Army members of the senior executive service. This honor includes a \$10,000 cash award. At the same time another Army civilian was honored as recipient of the Presidential Rank of Distinguished Executive.

Davies' award nomination cited him for "innovative leadership and dedication to the public interest that have been instrumental in establishing systems and technology to support the president's strategic defense vision. His personal initiative has

been the driving force for technology advances that offer revolutionary improvements in surveillance and strategic defense. He has served as a catalyst for industry-university-government cooperative efforts critical to success of this complex program."

Davies has been the top civilian manager of USASDC's billion-dollar-plus annual strategic technology program since 1986. In addition, he concurrently headed the Systems Analysis and Battle Management Directorate until January 1989. In this role he led development of the first SDI battle management demonstration, global sensor network experiments for early identification of system integration issues; and the surveillance system that maintains the Army's role in space technology.

From 1969 through 1984, Davies headed the

Ballistic Missile Defense Advanced Technology Center's Optics Directorate. His optics program established a military capability with cold-background sensors that operate in a space and hostile environment and formed the basis for the current SDI optical sensor surveillance concepts.

Throughout his 20-year government career, Davies has received numerous awards for exceptional performance. He is the author of more than 50 publications in the fields of chemical physics, reentry physics, space flight and strategic technology.

Davies is a native of Akron, Ohio. He holds bachelor's degree in physics from Oberlin College, a master's in physics from the University of Akron and a doctorate in technology management from Southeastern Institute of Technology.



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## Gifts from travel belong to U.S.

The Missile Command Legal Office reminds MICOM workers that any extras they get through government travel — bonus flight tickets and so on — belong to Uncle Sam.

Those gifts, reduced-fare coupons, and similar benefits should be turned over to the government and not kept by the employee.

Case in point: The Office of Government Ethics reported that a senior U.S. Information Agency official was required to reimburse \$6,000 to the agency for the improper use of airline tickets acquired through the utilization of frequent flyer bonus points accumulated as a result of official travel.

The "Code of Federal Regulations" states the following on the subject of promotional material received in conjunction with official travel from transportation companies, rental car companies, or other commercial activities:

"All promotional materials (e.g., bonus flights,

reduced-fare coupons, cash, merchandise, gifts, credits toward future free or reduced costs of services or goods, etc.) received by employees in conjunction with official travel and based on the purchase of a ticket or other services (e.g. car rental) are properly considered to be due the Government and may not be retained by the employee. The Comptroller General of the United States has stated that employees are obligated to account for any gift, gratuity, or benefit received from private sources incident to the performance of official duties. When an employee receives promotional material, the employee shall accept the material on behalf of the United States and relinquish it to an appropriate agency official."

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# Records branch goes all out with Christmas decorations

Members of Records Management branch are proud of the decorations they put up for Christmas.

Their one-story building, 3641 on Patriot Drive, has wreaths on its six front doors, greenery around its sign, holly and red ribbons on its posts, and more decorations inside.

"This is the first time we've ever gone out so much: first time ever for outside decorations and never this much inside," said Betty Wilson, a management analyst. The new furniture which arrived this year "gives you a little more incentive to want to make it look nice," she said.

The branch started decorating on Nov. 24 and finished on Dec. 6. Interior decorations included basket arrangements, garland on the doors, a large Merry Christmas sign, candles, and other items.

"Naturally, I've got to have my inspirational Nativity scene," Wilson said, referring to her desk.

An open house was planned for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19. Enell Couch is supervisor of the Records Management branch which is under the Resource Management and Plans Division of Information Systems Command-MICOM. Other members of the branch include Wilson, Tony Hornbuckle, Nancy Salmon, Janice Sisk, Dana Budweg, Ellen Burdick, Vickie Weatherman, Regina Thrower, and Elaine Reed.



JUST FOR CHRISTMAS — Betty Wilson and Tony Hornbuckle stand beside Christmas tree at Records Management.



TRIMMING TREE — CWO 4 Johnie Walters, Linda Baumbach and Capt. Laureen Barone decorate the Christmas tree in the Personnel Proponent Office at Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

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# Redstone Scout attains Eagle award

Stuart Judson Logan is the most recent member of Redstone's Boy Scout Troop 308 to receive the coveted Eagle award.

Logan, 16-year-old son of Maj. and Mrs. Harry S. Logan, became an Eagle Scout at a court of honor ceremony held Dec. 4 at the Post Chapel. About one in every 80 to 90 Boy Scouts in the U.S. attain that accomplishment which includes completion of 21 merit badges and a community service project.

It took Logan four years to earn this award which is the average time for all Eagle Scouts in the U.S., according to Col. Dan Dalzell, Scoutmaster of Troop 308. His Eagle project involved making improvements to the Physical Fitness Trail on Redstone Arsenal.

Other awards presented at the court of honor included the following: Rank of Scout — Mike Castillo, Marshall Schumacher, David Behner and Ernesto Negrón; Rank of Tenderfoot — Zack Nixon; Rank of Second Class, Buddy Beckwith; Rank of First Class, Phil Reuter; Rank of Star, Mike Dixon; and Rank of Life, Mike Stewart.

Merit badges were presented to Luke Dalzell, Mike S. Logan, and Mike Stewart. Chaplain (Capt.) Gary Bragg, the 832nd Ordnance Battalion chaplain, presented the God and Country Award to Life Scout Kreiton Kawano.



YOUNG SANTA — A miniature Santa Claus — Henry Gilbert, 4-year-old son of SFC Raymond and Toni Gilbert — is among the children from the Child Development Center singing Christmas carols at Missile Command headquarters last week.

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# Project office workers really get into Christmas party

Chaparral/Faar Project Office's annual Christmas party sure grew up a lot in just one year.

Last year, the workers had their old baby photos on display; this time, they brought in their high school pictures. About 150 people attended the party held Thursday at the Rustic Lodge.

Those in attendance — current and former Chaparral/Faar workers and guests — included Maj. Gen. William Chen, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.

The high school photos were on display in the project office for two weeks before the party. Based on

the photos, workers voted on who would be named as "Mr. and Ms. Chaparral Christmas." About 44 of the 60 workers brought in their photos. An art contest was also held, and the drawings were on display near the photos.

"We were just trying to work up some interest and get people real enthused about the Christmas party," said Myrna Sharpe, acting chief of the program management office at Chaparral/Faar.

"And it worked," added Kenneth Gurley, a budget analyst in that office.



AT THE PARTY — Myrna Sharpe and Gaylon Branam point out their high school photos on display at the Chaparral/Faar party.

# OBC students put on party

An officer basic class at Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School put on a Christmas party for a local day care center Saturday.

The soldiers of OBC 1-90 conducted the party for the Huntsville Day Care Center at 620 St. Clair Ave. from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 16. Planned features included Santa Claus, games and a pinata.

"It's a community project," said 2nd Lt. Audrie

Morgan, a member of the class. "Each (officer basic) class does a community project."

The 18 members of this class include second lieutenants and two Arab students; 2nd Lt. Bill Hamlet is the community projects officer. The class started Nov. 5 and will be graduating April 5, 1990. The students belong to D Company, 73rd Ordnance Battalion.

# State veterans home open for business

The Bill Nichols State Veterans Home is now open in Alexander City, Ala.

The 150-bed skilled nursing facility is provided by the state of Alabama and is open primarily to veterans who are Alabama residents. Construction of the modern, fully equipped facility was completed in November.

It offers three residential floors, each with six

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# Strategic defense workers adopt 'angels'

U.S. Army Strategic Defense Command employees had a chance to play Santa for a number of less-fortunate children in the Huntsville/Madison County area this Christmas season.

Forty-two gifts valued at more than \$500 for 10 to 12-year-old girls and boys were purchased by employees to donate to the Salvation Army's "Adopt an Angel" program. The gifts were the entry fee for offices to participate in the annual office door decorating contest sponsored by the command.

On Friday, the decorated doors were judged prior to JSASDC's commandwide office Christmas party. During the lunch period, employees and their families mingled in the hallways exchanging Christmas greetings with one another and sampling goodies served by each of the offices.

Later in the afternoon, employees assembled in the cafeteria for a brief Christmas program and sing-along. The gifts collected were presented to Salvation Army representative, Maj. William T. Whittle, during the program. Whittle said that the gifts would go toward helping provide a happy Christmas for more than 3,000 needy youngsters in the Huntsville-Madison County area.

Winners of the door decorating contest were: first place, Counter-Intelligence Division; second place, Cost Analysis; third place, Battle Management Division; honorable mention, Comptroller.

Lt. Col. Dave Seay, USASDC contracts office, was chairman for the annual command Christmas activities. Assisting him were Zella Ward and Michelle Wilbanks.



**WINNING DOOR** — Brenda Turner and Tom Golden, of USASDC Counter-Intelligence Division, make some final adjustments on their entry in the annual command Christmas door-decorating contest. This entry won first prize.

## Fire can be worst enemy

*Editor's note: The following article, which appeared in the "Operation Life Safety Newsletter," was submitted by Redstone Fire Department. It's entitled "The Enemy."*

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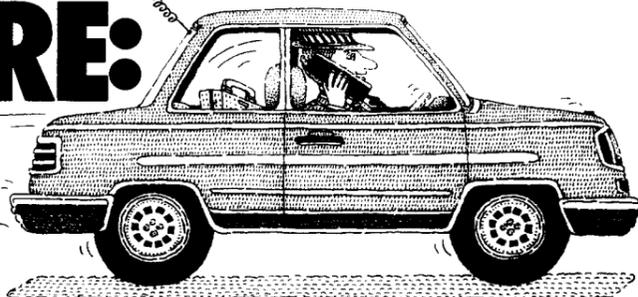
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# Award winner's cartoons draw attention to safety

BY TAB SHIOTA

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SFC Bruce Howard received a certificate of appreciation and a green jacket embossed with "SAFETY" on its back.

Howard was recognized for the time and effort he contributed to promote safety awareness, through large cartoon posters depicting staff and students at the electronics and technology training department. His caricatures captured people involved in popular and seasonal activities; and, while fun in nature, they tackled a serious issue in a manner that has positively contributed to the OMMCS safety record.

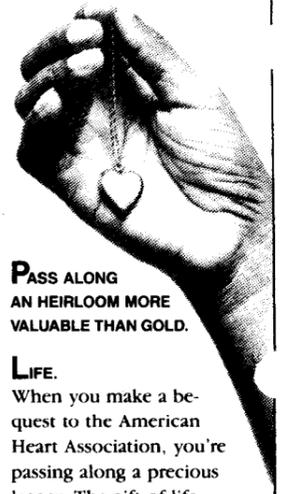
The drawings are on display in Toftoy Hall and are rotated to suit seasonal changes and to keep safety awareness fresh in the minds of passersby.

"This new program is designed to recognize individuals, departments and units who make a positive contribution towards safety awareness," said Janice Clark, OMMCS safety officer. "Not only will the awards say 'good job and thanks,' but they will also advertise that safety excellence pays dividends."

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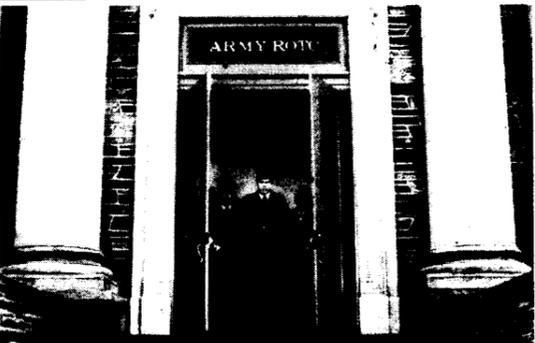
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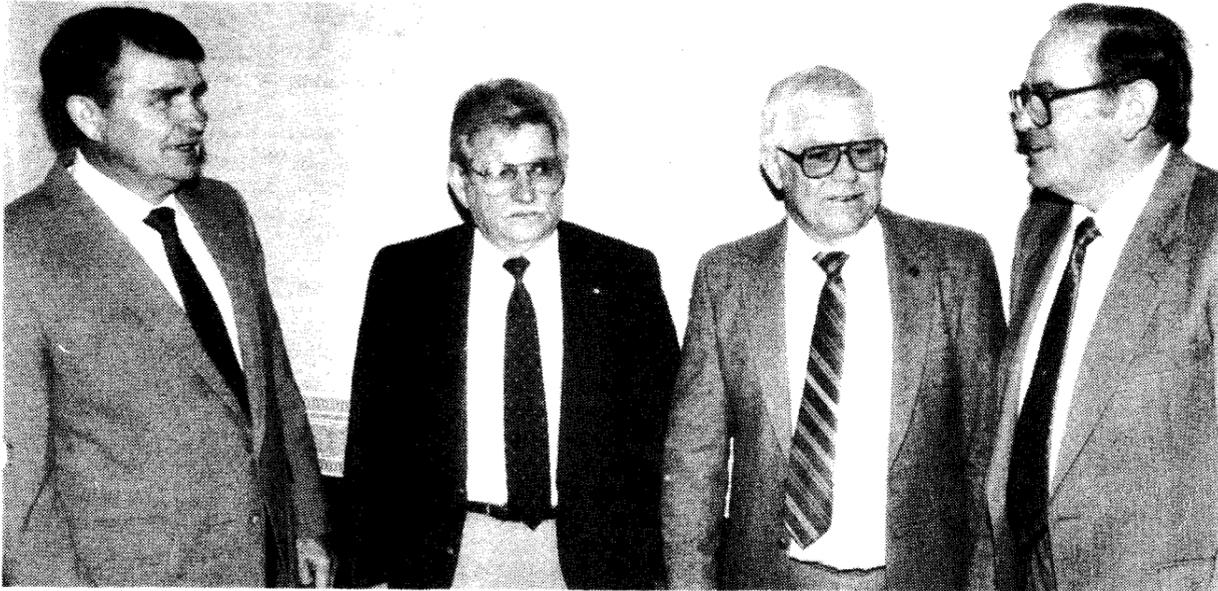


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Some of the items checked by the mechanics included lights, turn signals, antifreeze, belts, and tires. Sgt. Jack Pace is NCO-in-charge at the motor pool.

The safety checks were conducted Dec. 12-13, with a makeup day Dec. 15, in the side parking lot of the TMDE headquarters, building 5435. More than 50 vehicles had been checked by the afternoon of Dec. 13, according to Pace. Others providing the courtesy safety inspections included Sgt. Bryon Pepper and Sgt. Mark Mankowski, both of the motor pool.

"I want to make sure if anybody is going to have any trouble with their car, they find out before they go on trips for the holidays," said Col. George Patch, commander of TMDE Support Group. "I'd sure hate to find out somebody was on a long trip and had an accident because of poor tires or something like that."



SAFETY CHECK — Sgt. Jack Pace inspects the vehicle belonging to Col. George Patch.

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# Resource manager stresses efficiency

BY MARCIA GAJETTO

Brig. Gen. Virgil Richard, deputy chief of staff for resource management at Army Materiel Command, says efficiency is important during these days of limited resources.

Richard was the guest speaker for the December membership meeting-luncheon for American Society of Military Comptrollers Redstone/Huntsville Chapter and Association of Government Accountants. His topic was "Changes in the wind concerning resource management."

He highlighted AMC's strength profile, funding issues, and management of the budget. Richard stressed more efficient use of present resources and the real possibility of a smaller armed force in the future. He

discussed on-going studies concerning the consolidation of depots, research and development labs, design labs and financial account offices.

Richard also covered managing the civilian workforce to budget (MCB), which includes components of position classification responsibilities: performance management, gain sharing, and increased supervisor flexibility and responsibility. He stated training programs for MCB were planned for January to prepare people for these changes.

A perfect attendance certificate was presented to Patricia Matthews. (Marcia Gaietto is an AMC management analyst intern working on the publicity and photography committee for the American Society of Military Comptrollers.)



# COLUMBIA COLLEGE

**SESSION I**  
**January 8 – March 3**



**Redstone Arsenal Extension**  
**Phone: 881-6181 Building 3222**

## 1990 CLASS SCHEDULE

### MONDAY / WEDNESDAY 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Course #	Course Title	Prereq.	Instr.
ACC 381	Income Tax Accounting	ACC 281	Jacobs
ENG 100*	College Reading/Study Skills	None	Yates
MKT 310	Principles of Marketing	None	Smalley
SPC 110	Speech Communication	None	Bunyard

\*Tuition Free Class

### MONDAY / WEDNESDAY 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Course #	Course Title	Prereq.	Instr.
CJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	None	Bill
ENG 111	English Composition I	None	Yates
FIN 350	Business Finance	ACC 281	Smalley
FIN 454	Investment Management	Instr. Perm.	Murphy

### TUESDAY / THURSDAY 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Course #	Course Title	Prereq.	Instr.
ENG 112	English Composition II	ENG 111	Starkey
ENG 433	Moral Judgment in American Literature	ENG 112	Larson
HIST 102	Western Civilization II	None	Cushman
MGT/PSY 336	Industrial/Organizational Psychology	Inst. Perm.	Foster

### TUESDAY / THURSDAY 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Course #	Course Title	Prereq.	Instr.
CIS 170	Introduction to Computer Information Systems	None	Thomas
CIS 330*	Data Base Concepts	CIS 150	Marshall
CJ 350	Corrections and Penology	CJ 101	Moon
ECON 293	Macroeconomics	None	Traylor

\*Lab Fee

#### GENERAL INFORMATION - 1990

ACADEMIC CALENDAR — SESSION I	January 8- March 3
Registration Begins	December 11
Classes Begin	January 8
Late Registration Ends	January 12
Tuition Assistance Form Deadline	January 12
Last Day to Drop	January 19
Classes End	March 3

Classes are opened to ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, THEIR DEPENDENTS AND CIVILIANS employed on Redstone Arsenal. The Columbia College office is located in building 3222, Army Education Center (South Entrance). OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-4:30, Monday-Friday. Phones: 881-6181 or 876-4851. COUNSELING AND REGISTRATION ARE AVAILABLE ON A WALK IN BASIS.

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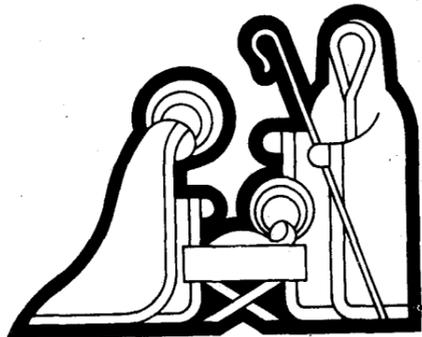
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# Announcements

## Christmas trees

All offices, day rooms, military personnel on active duty, and other activities requiring Christmas trees, are authorized to cut trees on a self-help basis in the area west of Warehouse Road across from building 7435. Trees shall not be cut for commercial or unauthorized use. This area has been marked with orange flagging for easy recognition. Cutting operations will be limited to inside the Christmas tree cutting area only. Extreme caution should be exercised to prevent unnecessary damage to grassed right-of-ways. Trees should not be cut after Dec. 24. Tree trimmings should not be left on grassed right-of-ways or access roads. For more information and location map, contact personnel at Outdoor Recreation building 5132, phone 876-4868.



## Union news

AFGE Local 1858 says, "Attention! Fellow government employees, are you interested in the following: Thrift Plan, FEGLI, CSRS, FERS, AFA Annuity, Disability, Social Security, Survivor Benefits, or Taxes? If you are eligible, or intend to retire before Dec. 31, 1989, or even later, it is important to look at your retirement benefits and new options available due to regulation changes about to go into effect. Through the diligent work of the AFGE, we have available through the Union a vast wealth of knowledge that can help you in this all important decision-making process." To set up a pre-retirement interview, call the Union at 881-7430 for an appointment. This is a free service to all government employees, offered by Local 1858 of the AFGE Union, building 7132, on the Arsenal. "This is just another way the Union is working in behalf of you, the government employee."

## Youth center

The next gymnastics session will be held Jan. 2-30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes will be from 2-2:50 p.m. for 2- and 3-year-olds, 3-3:50 p.m. for 4-year-olds, 4-4:50 p.m. for 5 to 7-year-olds and 5-5:50 for children 8 to 14. Karate will be offered to beginners from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and to advanced students from 6 to 7 p.m. the same days. Cost is \$20 per month. For more information call 876-5437.

## Future scientists

Applications are now available for the DoD Science and Engineering Apprenticeship 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/science/programming. U.S. citizens in grades nine through 12 are eligible for this program. Children of MICOM employees are eligible for participation. The deadline for receipt of applications and supporting materials is Jan. 31, 1990. Applications have been mailed to science and math teachers at public and private high schools in Madison, Morgan and Limestone counties. Students should request applications from the teachers. If applications are unavailable, students should contact Dr. Katie Blanding 876-9296, Research Directorate, building 7770, room 116.

## Chapel events

A Reconciliation Service will be held 7 p.m. Dec. 20 at Bicentennial Chapel. Widows or Widowers (WOW) Group will make a trip to Nashville on Dec. 21; call Chaplain Maddox 876-5707 for information. There will not be a 12:15 Mass on Dec. 24. A Christmas Children's Mass will be held 5 p.m. Dec. 24 at Bicentennial Chapel. A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with communion will be held 7 p.m. Dec. 24 at Bicentennial Chapel. A Christmas Eve Mass will be held 10 p.m. Dec. 24 at Bicentennial Chapel. A Christmas Day Mass will be held 9:30 a.m. Dec. 25 at Bicentennial Chapel. Christmas Day Protestant Service will be held 10:45 a.m. Dec. 25 at Bicentennial Chapel. Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) meets 9:30 a.m. Dec. 28 at Bicentennial Chapel. Waiting Wives' Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 28 at Bicentennial Chapel. There will not be a 12:15 Mass on Dec. 31. A New Year's Eve Mass will be held 7 p.m. Dec. 31 at Bicentennial Chapel.

## Gospel singers

"Vytality," a gospel singing group, is looking for dedicated individuals who would like to become a part of an ensemble. If interested, write to Vytality, Attn: Vivian Kennedy, 6303 Maywick Road, Huntsville, Ala. 35810. Include your name, address and a telephone number where you can be reached during the day or evening; also, specify vocal part and the instrument you play, if any. For more information, call Kennedy 876-4400.

## Materiel careerists

The suspense date for submission of initial, reconsideration, or add-on packages for the February 1990 career program 17 (Materiel Maintenance Management careerists) annual screening panel has been extended from Dec. 29 to Jan. 12. The no-change option is not required. Complete packages (original plus three copies) must be forwarded to Vickie Gist, AMSML-LC-ME, building 5681, no later than Jan. 12. For forms or more information, call Gist 876-4580.

## Education Center

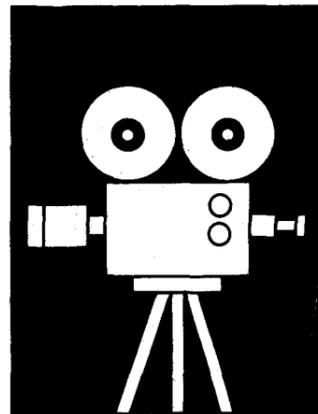
The Education Center has found it necessary to go to an appointment system "in order to spend quality time attending to your needs." Call 876-0080/9762 for an appointment. Upcoming courses to be offered in the Huntsville community: Career Exploration; How to Write a Winning Resume; Preparing for the GMAT; Foreign Languages — French I and II, German I and II, Italian I, Korean I, Russian I, and Spanish I; Conversational English as a Second Language (ESL) for the Beginner. For information about these upcoming Continuing Education classes, call 876-9762/9701/0080.

## Resource managers

Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. Jan. 11 at the Officers Club. Scheduled speaker is Neil Ginetti, acting assistant secretary of the Army (financial management). For reservations, call Mildred Lancaster 842-9711 or one of the reservation members.

## Hospital update

Fox Army Community Hospital has several healthcare providers currently seeing patients under the Partnership Program. They are here to provide care exclusively to CHAMPUS beneficiaries. The CHAMPUS beneficiary no longer has to worry about whether or not a physician accepts CHAMPUS and does not have to pay the co-payment (20 percent for active duty beneficiaries and 25 percent for retirees). By seeing a partnership provider the patient can see their physician and receive the necessary treatment, test and medications with no out-of-pocket expense. The current partnership providers are: Dr. Harrigan, Outpatient Clinic, for appointment call 876-3659; Dr. Wisda, Outpatient Clinic, 876-3659; Dr. Glenn, Family Practice, 876-5780; Dr. Lamb, Internal Medicine, 876-8483; Dr. Alexander, Orthopedics/Surgical, 876-4220; Dr. Frankel, ENT/Surgical, 876-4220; Ms. Eldridge, Speech Therapy, 876-9085; Mrs. Capowski, Social Work, 876-9966; Mr. Capowski, Social Work, 876-9966. Remember, there is no cost involved for CHAMPUS eligible patients who are seen and treated at Fox Army Community Hospital under the Partnership Program.



## Movies

Here's the Post Theater schedule; starting times are 7 p.m.: Thursday, Dec. 21 — *A Dry White Season*, rated R, 106 minutes. Friday, Dec. 22 — *Second Sight*, PG, 84 minutes. Saturday, Dec. 23 — *Worth Winning*, PG-13, 102 minutes. The post theater will be closed Dec. 24-31. Tuesday, Jan. 2 — *Next of Kin*, R, 111 minutes. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children.

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