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Christmas Food Basket Program

Contributions double this year to chaplains' holiday food effort here

BY SKIP VAUGHN

If not for the Christmas tree and the portrait dedicated to four chaplains killed in World War II, the Post Chapel fellowship hall would have resembled a grocery store.

Three rows of tables were filled with canned goods and other grocery items destined for Christmas food baskets for military and civilian families in need. And

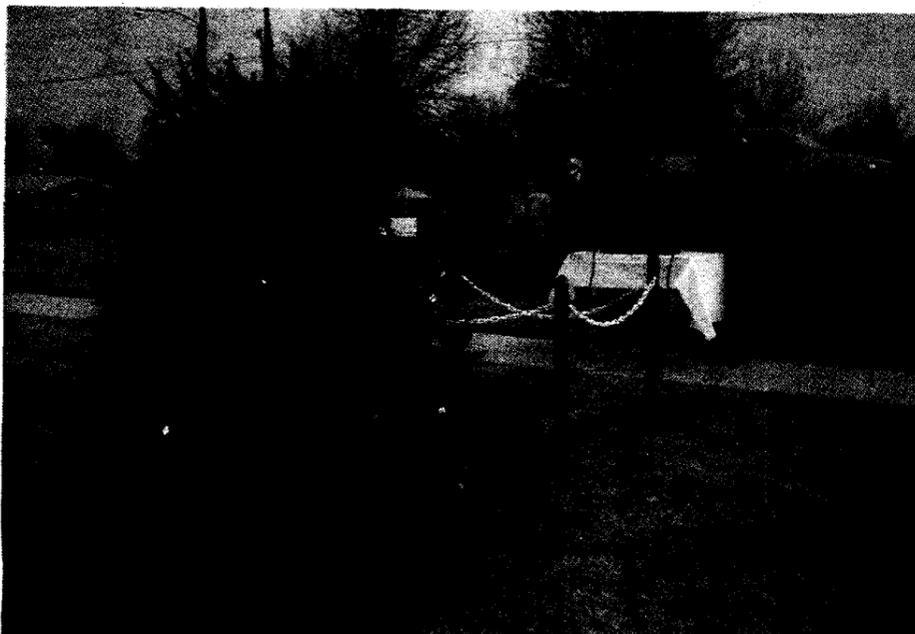
this was just Dec. 11; more items were expected the next day before food baskets would be distributed Dec. 13-14.

"People have really responded this year," said Chaplain (Col.) Billy Whiteside. About 190 boxes of food items were distributed last year; the number grew to at least 300 food baskets this year. Also, the amount of food items donated by the community doubled this year.

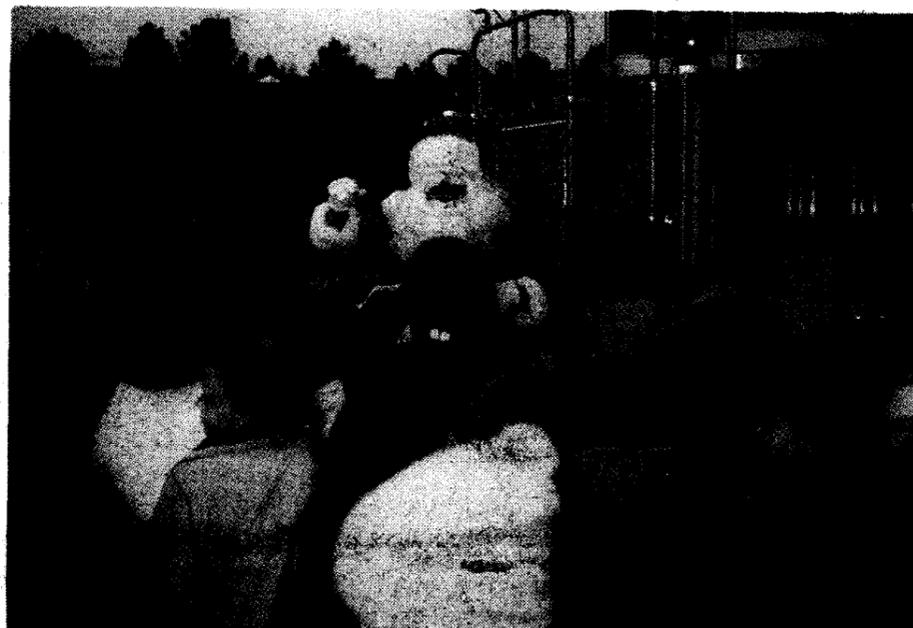
"It seems as though the contributions have increased about 50 percent and the need has increased about 30 percent," Whiteside said.

Most of the food baskets are for lower-ranking military families. Other recipients include Redstone Arsenal civilians who are in need, and disabled veterans. "Basically any needy family associated with

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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING — Three-year-old Dereck Kennedy, son of SSgt. Gary and Marcle Kennedy, helps Sandra Chen light the installation Christmas tree as Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Fred Maddox and others look on. In photo at right, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive on a fire truck



to the delight of youngsters attending the tree lighting ceremony held Dec. 7 in front of Bicentennial Chapel. The *Redstone Rocket* will be taking the next two weeks off for the holidays, so this is the last issue until Jan. 9. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Redstone community makes strides toward excellence

Redstone Arsenal should be proud of the improvements made to facilities and services this year in the name of Army Communities of Excellence.

Higher headquarters has selected the nominees for ACOE awards. Unfortunately, Army Materiel Command did not make a selection in the large installation category which happens to be Redstone's category. Nominated instead were two installations in the small category — Tank Automotive Command-Selfridge and Yuma Proving Ground — and one medium installation, Rock Island Arsenal.

"We have been assured (by AMC) that in next year's competition a large installation will be included," said Jean Keahey, the Missile Command's coordinator for Army Communities of Excellence.

Department of Army has selected six continental U.S. and six outside-continental U.S. installations as candidates for ACOE awards. These are the installations that will be visited prior to the selection of winners. The continental U.S. candidates include Fort Lewis and Fort Bragg, large category; Fort Devens and Fort Belvoir, medium category; Tank Automotive Command-Selfridge and Yuma Proving Ground, small category. Fort Huachuca and Fort Dix are the candidates in the "most improved" category.

The overall winner gets \$1.5 million; the commander-in-chief's award recipient receives \$1 million; and the runner-up gets \$250,000. The installation selected as most improved, a new category for the 1990 competition, wins \$125,000. On-site visits will be made Jan. 22 through March 15, and the winners will be announced sometime after that.

Redstone did have two individuals singled out by Army Materiel Command for special recognition: Blanche Moore, who began her volunteer work at Redstone in 1962, and Lois T. Maples, a Procurement Directorate worker who was also recognized for her community work. Redstone has two of the three individuals to be recognized by AMC which will present these plaques in the May-June timeframe, according to Keahey.

"We submitted five (individuals) and two of ours were selected so we didn't completely lose out. But I don't think we lost out anyway, or that we're a loser. We're a winner. We've made so many great strides in improving the services and facilities here on this post," she said.

Examples of accomplishments here during the year include the expanded Self-Help Center which opened at building 3500 in April. There have been 742 self-help projects completed since then. The expanded facility opened self-help services to civilians on post, and stocked more items than its predecessor. Of the 742 self-help projects, 470 were completed in family housing — such things as painting, chain-link fencing, building patios, patio covers, landscaping and privacy fencing — and the remainder were in office areas. "In the civilian area the 272 included building gazebos, doing landscaping, building decks and renovation of offices," Keahey said.

Those who want to do a self-help project submit their request to Directorate of Engineering and Housing. Once approved, the soldiers or civilians go to the Self-Help Center and pick up the paints or whatever

materials they need to do the project themselves. The center can provide expert guidance to assist them in doing the work. Pastel-colored paint and wallpaper are among the materials available. "For the first time ever, we are allowed to paint our offices or family quarters in a light pastel," Keahey said. Those doing self-help projects that require sawing or use of power tools are required to watch a brief video on safety.

"Of course with our current budget constraints and Operation Desert Shield, we are going to have to do more self-help. There are so many possibilities (of projects) you can do by doing self-help," Keahey said.

Another accomplishment here during the year was the construction of an automated bank teller in the barracks area. The Redstone Federal Credit Union machine is available for use by anyone with the appropriate access card.

The Recreation Center, building 3711, was completely modernized this year. This included new furnishings, carpeting, new lighting systems, lowered ceilings, and a lighted wheelchair ramp.

A contract was awarded for construction of a modern Wellness Center on post. Under a unique funding arrangement, the project is to be funded cooperatively by resources from the Missile Command and tenant organizations, based on the number of people assigned to each organization.

"Target date for completion of the Wellness Center is 27 April '91," Keahey said. "It is a comprehensive individual health program."

The 1990 Army Emergency Relief campaign set a

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Desert Shield poem

Editor's note: The following poem entitled "Operation Desert Shield" was written by Mary Kerg, a program analyst in the Light and Special Division Interim Sensor Product Office, air defense program executive office. She has a nephew serving in the Persian Gulf and wrote the poem for all families involved in this crisis.

America, your sons are gone tonight,
Alone on foreign shores for freedom's fight.
As evening comes, and shadows start to fall,
Our hearts are heavy, thinking of it all.
The nights are long, and in our anguished pain,
He speaks to us, and gives us hope again.
"Let not your hearts be troubled," saith the Lord,
We seek the peace that only He affords.

E'en though on foreign soil their feet must trod,
They know a mighty fortress is their God.
Though enemies surround, they're still His sheep,
He shall watch over them, their charge He'll keep.
Though stormy billows roll, one truth is sure,
Beneath His watchful eye, they dwell secure.
And even as we sleep, He is awake,
He'll never leave us, nor will He forsake.

Our hearts are breaking, yet are filled with pride,
He's promised us that He is on our side.
Although it's hard to cope with the unknown,
Remember this, we'll never walk alone.
If we can trust the Lord in everything,
He'll keep us in the shadow of His wing.
For even though our hearts are torn apart,
Our Savior knows the ache within each heart.
When families meet to lift their hearts in prayer,
And two or more are gathered, He'll be there.
He'll give us strength and courage, peace of mind,
And comfort all of us they leave behind.
This strife will cease, and on that blessed day,
Our God will richly bless the U.S.A.!

We know that He must have a Greater Plan,
And someday soon we all shall understand.
But now we're scared, confused, we seek relief,
Lord, we believe, please help our unbelief.
Our hearts are linked with those across the sands,
And placed with trust in God's almighty hands.
In windows here eternal flames shall burn,
Until that joyful day they all return.

MAY GOD BLESS THEM ONE AND ALL!

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Smoker's rights

Editor:

I am writing on behalf of the smokers in building 4505. We can all agree that smoking is a bad habit and causes health risks not only to smokers themselves, but also to non-smokers who inhale secondhand smoke. But, it is a habit of choice, and smokers can read the warning of danger on every pack they smoke.

The issue at hand is that the designated smoking area for building 4505 is anywhere outside the building. On cold, rainy, windy days smokers are forced to brave the elements and go outside to smoke. Most have to walk several floors and wings in the building simply to get outside. It makes sense to let smokers have the dignity of smoking inside the building, in a designated area (with plenty of ventilation) instead of forcing them outside. If such an area existed, smokers could actually be working while they smoked instead of leaning against the building to stay out of the rain.

I also disdain the idea of government (city, state, federal, etc.) dictating my social behavior. First, a ban on smoking in airplanes, then designated smoking areas and next — a total ban on smoking. Anytime there is an erosion of personal freedom, it tends to hurt all of us. Gun control is a good idea but, like the NRA says, if Chinese students had guns at Tiennamen Square, history might be different today. So, let the smokers smoke. They know it's bad for them. But give them the same respect you would want for yourself. Establish a designated smoking area inside the building with ventilation so that non-smokers are protected from passive smoke.

Name withheld by request

Fire extinguishers

Editor:

Reference Dec. 5 *Redstone Rocket*, Mailbox letter entitled "Unbreakable"...

A special inspection of all fire extinguishers provided throughout building 4488 was conducted on Dec. 6. All fire extinguishers were found to be properly sealed with polypropylene seals used by this and other fire departments to secure the pull pins that prevent the fire extinguisher from being accidentally discharged.

The seal used to secure the pull pin on fire extinguishers has a 14 pound maximum break strength and is not utilized to secure wire bundles or for handcuffs, etc. True, the seals do not break easily or they would not be adequate for the purpose intended by the fire department or the manufacture of any fire extinguisher. They will break with very little effort, however, if a slight twist is applied to the pull pin while removing the pin. This technique is demonstrated by fire department personnel when conducting fire extinguisher demonstrations.

The Redstone Arsenal Fire Department provides fire extinguisher demonstrations when requested by the building fire warden and in most circumstances when requested by anyone interested in the operation of a fire extinguisher. To schedule a demonstration, contact the Fire Prevention Office at 876-3437.

Point of contact for this action is William H. Cross, post fire chief, Directorate of Engineering and Housing, 876-3437.

Steve R. Carter
Executive assistant,
Redstone Arsenal Support Activity

Curtain call

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many people who gave so willingly of their time and talents to help make the Christmas play at the Post Chapel such a success. Community members, OM-MCS personnel, Chapel personnel, community facilities, parents of cast members, and of course the cast themselves worked very hard to present "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" on Dec. 9-10. It was obvious from the size of our audiences (both very large), that people had gotten the word about the play and were eager to see it. The continued laughs throughout the play, the thunderous applause at the end, and the many complimentary remarks all indicated that folks were genuinely entertained. Thanks go to Fox Army Community Hospital, RSA Fire Station No. 2, the

RSA Officers Club, and the RSA Recreation Center for the loan of furniture, firefighters' clothing, and a spot light. Special thanks go to Leroy Michaelson, Post Chapel Choir director, who came in on Sunday afternoon and provided us with a very good sound system. It was due to Leroy's generosity with his own equipment and knowledge of sound systems that enabled the audience to hear every word that was said. Thanks also to Chaplain David McLean who had faith enough in my ability as a director to ask me to direct the play. And finally, my thanks and love to my husband Jim for putting up with my crazy hours and for having to cook a lot of his own meals and never complaining; and to my daughter Wendy, my son-in-law Terry, and granddaughter Kristy for their invaluable help and support. I could not have done it without all these people — my thanks and my love go out to each and every one of you. It was an honor to be part of something that helped spread the Christmas spirit throughout the RSA community. May the blessing of this holiday season touch each and every one of you in a very special way, as you've all touched me in a very special way.

Shirl Boddie
Director, "The Best Christmas
Pageant Ever"

Quitting's easy

Editor:

"Quit smoking" they say-repeatedly
"It's tough but you can do it"
"Your lungs will thank you some day"
"Be strong and just get through it."

And the posters and letters and pamphlets
in the hall, on the wall, in the *Rocket*
warn of the dangers of cigarettes
on daring display in my pocket.

Carbon clouds, monoxides and toxins too
have not so dulled my wit
to remain unconvinced as to what I should do
Throw 'em away and quit.

And quit I will, not throw 'em away
for quitting is what you seek.
Quitting is easy, by the way
I quit three times last week.

Ronald Bearden
Land Combat Division
Maintenance Engineering

Christmas lights

Editor:

I am writing this letter concerning the Redstone Arsenal Family Housing Management Office. Each year, we receive a letter detailing the use of outside Christmas lighting; i.e. when to put the lights up, what hours to operate the lighting, and when to take the lighting down. This letter is sent to inform the residents of "Energy Conservation." Each year, I try to follow these guidelines. What bothers me is that there is no action taken to those who oppose these "policies"; called policies because the letters come from Col. Butler's office. I have seen this policy violated each year during the three years I have resided in quarters. I feel that since there is no enforcement by Housing Management to ensure these guidelines are followed, then we could do our part in "Conservation" by not wasting the paper and money for postage that is used to send out this letter each year. Please sign this letter "A conservative minded resident."

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: Steve Carter, executive assistant at Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, provided the following response: "Your concern for energy conservation is appreciated. The majority of the military families on post have demonstrated an overwhelming response to our publicized energy programs, to include Christmas lighting. Historically, there are 400-500 military families who move on post annually. These new residents welcome the information provided on the "policies" of Christmas lighting. Dates of the lighting season change annually and most other residents are receptive to the reminder. Point of contact for this action is Lela Y. Adcock 876-4346.")

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Army cancels Non Line of Sight missile system

WASHINGTON — The Army said Dec. 14 that it intended to terminate the guided missile system it called NLOS — Non Line of Sight — in the summer of 1991.

The decision by Stephen K. Conner, the Army's acquisition executive, will end work on the fiber optic guided weapon about a year short of the planned development program.

NLOS was being developed by Boeing Aerospace, Huntsville, and Hughes Aircraft Company, for battlefield use against helicopters and tanks.

In a brief statement, the Army said the decision to terminate came because of unacceptable cost growth. Boeing and Hughes won a technical competition in 1988 and bid \$131 million for a 43-month full scale development program, well below the government

"While the Army might have been able to accept a cost growth representing the differential between the amount of the bid and the Army internal cost estimate, the Army is unwilling to tolerate a cost growth of the magnitude currently contemplated."

estimate. The Army awarded Boeing and Hughes the contract in December 1988.

After 24 months of work, the contract has already

cost more than the original bid. "While the Army might have been able to accept a cost growth representing the differential between the amount of the bid and the Army internal cost estimate," the Army statement said, "the Army is unwilling to tolerate a cost growth of the magnitude currently contemplated."

"The program will proceed through its first flight test phase and then be brought to an orderly termination. The Army will ensure that technology gained in this program is retained for use in future systems."

NLOS is managed by a project manager and dedicated staff of about 60 people.

NLOS was the second locally-managed missile program to be terminated during 1990. Last May President Bush ordered work stopped on a new nuclear missile, Follow On to Lance.

Basket

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the Redstone Arsenal community," added Chaplain (Capt.) Gary Bragg, project officer for the Christmas food basket program along with Chaplain (Maj.) David McLean.

Donations of non-perishable items and funds came from throughout Redstone: offices, military units, groups and individuals. "People have just been overly generous this year in bringing in food items and making donations — individuals as well as groups," Bragg said. The Commissary, where items were purchased for the baskets, helped with the big grocery order by trying to get the best prices and contacting vendors to see if they wanted to contribute "extras." Many of the vendors responded.

Volunteers like Brandon Parker, a retired colonel, and PFC Shawn Tully, a member of D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, helped put together the food baskets. Parker led a group of military retirees who helped. Tully provided administrative support: getting names of recipients, coordinating with the units, putting the information on computer. Each food basket consisted of a box, about 24 inches high by 18 inches wide, filled with at least \$125 worth of

items: everything from laundry detergent, to a five-pound ham, to vegetables, fruits and paper towels.

"We'll have at least 300 boxes," Bragg said. "And the majority of these — I would say over 90 percent of them — will be going to lower-ranking soldiers. And some of them will be going to families of deployed soldiers in Saudi Arabia."

He believes the 50 percent increase in contributions this year is due to "awareness of what's going on in the Middle East."

About 50 of the families designated to receive food baskets were directly affected by Operation Desert Shield, according to the chaplains. Groups like the "Friends of Desert Shield" at the Missile Logistics Center helped the effort by giving contributions to the chaplains fund for the Family Support Group.

"We contributed \$3,600 last week," said Gail Clark, chairman of the Friends of Desert Shield at MLC. The money was raised through sales of Desert Shield sweatshirts.

Contributions such as this are even more important this year because food prices have increased. The chaplains compared prices for the grocery items this year to last year's prices. "Almost every item has in-

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HELPERS — Some of those helping put together food baskets at the Post Chapel last week include, from left, SSgt. Annie Dozler, retired Col. Brandon Parker, Pvt. Ly Justice, PFC Vanessa Caughman and Pvt. Rocky Tumino.

Hostage's release makes for a Merry Christmas



BEST GIFT OF ALL — Young Dwight and Melissa Durmon embrace their father as he arrives home after four months as a hostage in Iraq.

BY PAM ROGERS

A military Hawk missile specialist who had been held hostage since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait has returned to his family in time for Christmas.

CWO 2 Dwight Durmon, who lives in Fayetteville, Tenn., arrived at the Huntsville International Airport at about 10 p.m. Dec. 11, accompanied by his wife, Kathy, who met him at Andrews Air Force Base, Va.

Durmon, an air defense missile technician, provided technical advice and assistance to the Kuwaiti air defense forces which used Hawk missiles purchased

from the United States. He was detained in Baghdad from Aug. 23 until his release Dec. 8.

While in captivity, Durmon allowed his hair and beard to grow and dressed in civilian clothes so as to blend in with the other hostages and avoid interrogation and possible use as a "human shield" by the Iraqis.

The Durmons were met at the airport by their two children, 16-year-old Dwight and Melissa, 13.

Durmon will be on leave throughout the holidays, and then will be assigned to Redstone.

Patton Road overpass to close for repairs

The Patton Road overpass will close Dec. 26 for about five days to replace steel structural beams that were damaged by a truck that tried to pass underneath with a load that was too tall.

Traffic northbound on Patton will be detoured around the overpass by way of Mills Road, while southbound traffic will be diverted onto Martin Road via the ramp at the approach to the bridge.

On Martin Road, there will be only one lane open in each direction under the bridge. The one-way patterns into and out of the Arsenal during rush hour will not be affected.

Meanwhile, Martin Road is being resurfaced from gate to gate. It will have raised reflectors and thermoplastic striping that will last the lifetime of the pavement.

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Platoon members contribute toys to foster children

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Some foster children in the local community will have a happier Christmas — thanks to the members of 4th Platoon, A Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

Besides decorating their area of the barracks, the platoon members purchased and donated toys for foster children of Madison County. "There's just been a need communicated: homeless children or parentless children, people with nothing," PFC Alec Cunningham said, explaining the idea behind the platoon effort.

These soldiers, like their fellow trainees at Redstone, are here for the holidays because the Army canceled the annual exodus due to Operation Desert Shield. "It had a lot to do with exodus being out. They wanted to help other people and had that opportunity for the first time," said Drill Sgt. William Lewis, the drill sergeant for 4th platoon.

"There was no pressure put upon anybody to buy anything at all. It was their idea to do it, and I just organized it," Lewis said. Contributed items included train sets, Tonka toys, Barbie doll sets, games and "GI Joes" of course," he said.

Jim Robertson of Madison County Foster Parents Association went to the barracks to accept the toys Thursday. He and his wife, Carol, have been providing Christmas gifts for foster children for the past 10 years. Carol is treasurer of the association. "And I consider myself one of the Christmas elves," Robertson said. "This is our way of helping. We've been doing this for 10 years. I can tell you why I help: because it teaches me the spirit of Christmas again."

Locally more than 240 children are in foster care. Many of them would not receive Christmas gifts if not for contributions from members of the community, Robertson said. He thanked the soldiers for their gifts, and told them he had served in the Army for 22 years. "These are the moments that make me realize the Army is still a neat place, and they still try to take care of others," he said.

"Thank you seems so trivial for what you do, it means so much to us because we would not make it without the help of people in our community," Robertson said. A former Missile Command



FOURTH PLATOON — Posing in front of the Christmas tree, filled with presents donated by 4th platoon to local foster children, are: kneeling, from left, Pvt. Thomas McCullough and Pvt. Frank Lewis; standing, from left, Pvt. Tary Combes, Drill Sgt. William Lewis, PFC Alec Cunningham, Jim Robertson of Madison County Foster Parents Association, Pvt. Whitney Edwards and Pvt. Sonya Jenkins.

employee, he is a safety engineer at Thiokol on post. He and his wife are themselves serving as foster parents for two children. Those who would like to contribute to the Madison County Foster Parents Association can call her at 881-7602.

Besides donating toys, the members of 4th platoon put up a Christmas tree and decorated their hallway at A Company barracks building 3410. "Each door is decorated individually," Lewis, the drill sergeant, said. "They put a lot into this hallway. They did it to

try to get a little bit of that Christmas spirit, and try to keep Mr. Depression out."

Pvt. Thomas McCullough, 20, won't be going home to Mobile for Christmas but felt good about donating toys. "I think we did a pretty good thing, helping the kids out and so forth," McCullough said. "Even though we can't be home for Christmas because of everything going on in Saudi Arabia, it gives you a good feeling to know you helped someone. I feel good about it."

One of five platoons in A Company, the 4th platoon had the support of the company commander, Capt. Linwood Jones, and the first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Thomas Etheridge. Members of the platoon include the following:

• Pvt. Robert Etter, Pvt. Tary Combes, Pvt. Jennifer Lowe, Pvt. Sonya Jenkins, Pvt. Edward Deutsch, Pvt. Daniel Elliott, Pvt. Susan Glover, PFC Alec Cunningham, Pvt. Larry Raines, Pvt. Frank Lewis, Pvt. Thomas McCullough, Pvt. Whitney Edwards, Pvt. Steven Schleeper, Pvt. Douglas Hardy, Pvt. Eric Rhyder, Pvt. David Garner, Pvt. Gregory Dagenais, Pvt. John Spicer, Pvt. Fred Willis, Pvt. Russell Smith, Pvt. Shawn Jernigan, Pvt. Lester Clason, Pvt. Patrick Moses, PFC Gary Pike, Pvt. Grady Jackson, Pvt. Toby Buck, Pvt. Gregory Matava, Pvt. Charles Lesperance, Pvt. Ryan Merz, Pvt. Daniel McBurney and Pvt. Anthony Ogletree.

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Honored teachers at missile school instruct electronics

BY MARIANNE BRACKEN

The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School has honored two instructors for their outstanding teaching capabilities.

Steven Rainsford and SFC Howard Roosa, both instructors in the electronics technology training department, were named civilian and military instructor of the year for Redstone Arsenal.

Candidates for instructor of the year competition are evaluated in the classroom on their introduction to the class, how well they critique the class, their administrative work, having necessary materials available, using an improved test, conducting a test analysis, etc. Each division in OMMCS selects an instructor of the year, then the winners in each division compete.

Rainsford and Roosa were given a luncheon together at Challenger NCO Club where they were presented with plaques. Rainsford, 32, a native of Alsip, Ill., also received a cash award; and Roosa, 32, a native of Stamford, Conn., received an Army Commendation Medal.

Roosa and his wife, Guadalupe, a native of El Paso, Texas, have two children: a son, Ruben, 17, and a daughter, Shawnte, 13. Rainsford has a wife, C.H., 34, a native of Korea.

"It's an honor to be selected for instructor of the year, especially at Redstone because the instructors here teach such technical military occupational skills, and there are a lot of great instructors here," Roosa said. "I believe we have the highest quality instructors in the Army here and I hope to go on and win at TRADOC (Training and Doctrine Command)."

Rainsford has the following philosophy on teaching: "First you have to get the soldier's attention, then you have to motivate them and make them want to learn; once you have those things accomplished, the rest is auto pilot."

One thing most instructors have in common is they also learn a few things from their students. "The most important thing my students have taught me is that I don't have all the answers," Rainsford said.

Both became instructors as part of their job in the military. "I was an instructor for two years in the military and realized then that I loved it," Rainsford said. "After I got out of the military I took a serious pay cut to come here and teach because I enjoy it that much."

Roosa said he chose to enter the electronics field because "electronics is the future." To motivate them to do their best, he tells his students that electronics is a field where you can never quit learning.



TOP INSTRUCTORS — Steven Rainsford and SFC Howard Roosa are instructors of the year at OMMCS.

Sometimes students going through basic courses here have an interest in eventually becoming an instructor in their field. Rainsford tells those students, "If you want to become an instructor think about whether you'll enjoy it or not, because if you don't enjoy what you're doing you won't be happy."

For Rainsford, the best part of being an instructor is "taking an 'I can't' attitude and turning it into an 'I can' attitude."

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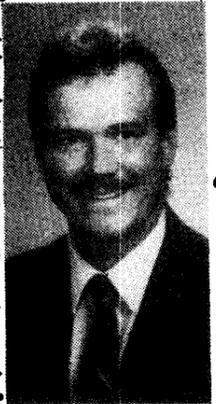
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Information managers play Santa for needy youngsters

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Members of applications development division in Information Management Directorate wanted to do something special this year for Christmas, so they decided to help needy children.

They went to Christmas Charities Year Round and "adopted" 17 families and 47 children within those families. The bicycles, clothing, wagons and other items were placed under the Christmas tree at the division party held Dec. 11 at the Rustic Lodge.

"This year Regina (Smith) suggested we go to Christmas Charities and take an angel, so this year we adopted 17 families and 47 children. What we have done for them is we have bought both clothing and toys and we have provided food for those families," said Carolyn Taylor, a computer programmer/analyst who served as chairman of the Christmas party committee.

"These families will be notified and they'll go to Christmas Charities to pick up presents we have today for their Christmas," said Regina Smith, a member of the committee.

Each section within the division adopted a family; and the workers purchased items to contribute such as bicycles, clothing, toys and games. More than \$1,000 worth of gifts was contributed. "We started meeting with the Christmas committee I guess in late October; and it just started off as what can we do this year instead of just doing gag gifts — we just felt like that was a waste," Smith said. "It just turned into a fun thing. We enjoyed it."

Max Watson is chief of the division which consists of 126 people. Frankie Doolittle is assistant division chief.

The donated items were brought to the Christmas party; and a truck from Christmas Charities Year Round was there to pick up the contributed merchandise. Christmas Charities Year Round will be helping about 3,000 children this year, according to Gerri Mills, its director who was present at the party. "And we're trying to get at least 1,500 food boxes for the families. This is food for Christmas dinner," she said. Most of the families it serves live in Madison County, with a few in surrounding counties.

"I think it's great," Mills said, referring to the division's contributions. "I think that it's a wonderful thing that they decided to do this. They weren't thinking of self, they were thinking of doing something for somebody else."



HELPED WITH DONATIONS — Some of the members of the applications development division include, from left, Regina Smith, Maurice Wolf, Ray Gargus, Frankie Doolittle, assistant division chief; Sherrie Hobbs and Carolyn Taylor.

Events brochure available for soldiers

Soldiers here for the holidays can see a listing of the many activities available in a brochure prepared especially for them.

The holiday special events calendar, for Dec. 19 through Jan. 1, was prepared by Directorate of Community and Family Activities because the annual Christmas exodus was canceled due to Operation Desert Shield. With the cancellation, many soldiers will be spending their holidays at Redstone rather than going home to their families.

"Some of these activities were already regularly scheduled, however additional activities were added in support of these soldiers," said Yvonne Coleman-McGuire, chief of the marketing and advertising branch in Community and Family Activities. The postwide brochure includes events from the chapel, the clubs, the gym, arts and crafts, and Recreation Center, among others.

The brochures are available in all the facilities of Community and Family Activities, particularly the Recreation Center, building 3711. Some 5,000 have been printed. For soldiers who have friends or relatives visiting during the holidays, a special reception and welcome center is located at the Rec Center; the telephone number is 876-5492.

"We extend a cordial invitation to you and your visiting guests to use the Recreation Center as your

social gathering place," states a message to the soldiers from J.R. Brown, director of Community and Family Activities. "Our staff will assist your guests in locating you on their arrival at the Recreation Center."

Teachers

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Roosa said, "The best part of being an instructor is seeing the 'light come on' for a soldier who is having a problem understanding something, and making them feel successful.

"When I came through the school here I had a difficult time and never thought I would become an instructor; I guess that just proves the Army shows you what you are capable of doing," he said.

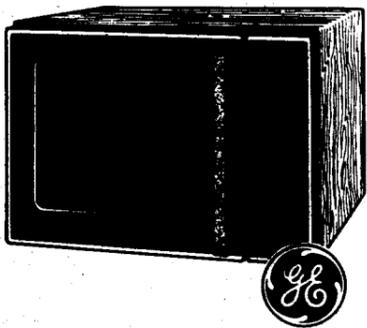
Roosa believes one person who was really an inspiration to his career was his first sergeant at Fort Bliss, Texas. "He motivated me to the point that he showed me what the Army was all about when I was a Hawk launcher repair specialist; he led by example, and made me want to improve and excel."

Due to Operation Desert Shield, training will continue at OMMCS through the holidays with the cancellation of the annual Christmas exodus. "We talked to the soldiers when the news came out and explained what was going on, then the general reply was that they didn't mind because it was in support of Desert Shield," Rainsford said. "The morale of the soldiers is still up; and as far as we can tell, their school work has not suffered from it."

Roosa has the following advice for instructors who will compete in the future to become instructor of the year: "Don't do anything different than you normally do. You shouldn't do anything special for the evaluator, you have to be enthusiastic all the time."

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Recycle those old Redstone Arsenal telephone books

Editor's note: Holton works in the Missile Command's Environmental Office.

BY JERRY HOLTON

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing has received many phone calls in past years about efforts to recycle office telephone books from Redstone

Carpool parking permits require three members

Carpools registering for a parking permit in 1991 will be required to have three or more members, according to Bobby Noles, MICOM's traffic program manager.

Heretofore, two members or more constituted a carpool, but from now on permit applications not listing at least three members will be turned down, Noles said.

He said the change is being made because about 90 percent of carpools registered have only two members and spot checks show the privilege is being widely abused.

Also, he continued, traffic counts indicate the program is not serving as the incentive to carpool that it's supposed to. Less than 1 percent of morning traffic entering the Arsenal carries three or more passengers and only 9 percent has two passengers.

Registration for 1991 carpool parking permits must be accomplished by Jan. 31. To register, submit SMI Form 1231 to AMSMI-RA-EH-MP-PC.

For more information, contact Noles at 876-1434.

Arsenal. The Huntsville Solid Waste Disposal Authority (SWDA) has come up with a solution. They want us to "throw the book" at them. We have talked with the director of the SWDA recycling program, Karen Schoening, to work out ways for Arsenal employees to recycle office telephone books, rather than throw them in the trash.

We ask Redstone Arsenal employees to volunteer their efforts in the following ways:

- If you live on the Arsenal, or if you live in Huntsville and have curbside recycling service, take your office telephone book home and put it in your blue bin on your pickup day the week of Jan. 7-11. Take a co-worker's Arsenal phone book home with you and put it in your bin if they don't have curbside recycling.

- If you don't live in an area with curbside recycling, see if one of your co-workers who does will take your Arsenal phone book home with them to put in their blue bin the week of Jan. 7-11.

- Take your office telephone book and drop it off at any of the three participating Bruno's locations.

- Stack your old telephone books beside any Coke or Pepsi machine on the Arsenal. Bob Wilkinson and Rick Tantom of the Huntsville Softdrink Association have made Redstone Arsenal a most generous offer. They will backhaul our old telephone directories to the

SWDA as they service the soft drink machines on the Arsenal. They will load up the books as they offload the soft drinks. They are doing this on a space available basis, so we encourage the people who have curbside recycling to take the phone books home for recycling, so those who don't have curbside can participate. They will do this from Dec. 19 until Jan. 11. Any phone books left after that date will have to be thrown in the trash.

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Letters

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Indian heritage

Editor:

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2. An information copy may be provided to the administrative officer as a courtesy.

3. In order to claim this American Indian minority status at MICOM, you are not required to share any sensitive information such as tribe name, percent Indian, marital status of your Indian relatives, etc. (Refer all these type requests to EEO office to confirm that you don't have to provide this to anyone at MICOM.)

4. Be very proud of your roots, by claiming your American Indian minority status.

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Editor:

To all U.S. Army Strategic Defense Command guards...

As you know the first of January, the new contract takes over and that some of us will not be picked up on the new contract (I am one of those not picked up). Even though some of us are qualified, you and I both know what happened. I am very happy that God gave

me a better job a long time ago, a fisherman of men. Remember what Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for tomorrow; for tomorrow shall take thought for the things of itself: sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." (Matthew 6:33-34)

Once it seemed that Alexander the Great had all power, but he failed and died of a broken heart. Then came Caesar and Napoleon, and in this century the Kaiser and Hitler, but they failed; they all lost power. Jesus said, "I have all power in heaven and earth." There is no power greater than that. Today as we look at the world, it seems headed for destruction but in due time Jesus will step in and take over. So put all your trust in God and He will take care of you.

Don't stop talking to each other, don't stop being friends, don't let a job come between us and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rev. Ralph D. Tolliver
U.S. Army retired

Leave us alone

Editor:

Although I have been employed at MICOM for over 27 years and have never written to the *Rocket* before, I feel compelled to reply to the person who wrote the letter entitled "Leave abusers."

You have a problem far greater than the people you wrote about; how are you keeping up with everyone if you are doing your job and giving eight hours work for eight hours pay? Who gave you the job of playing God and judging everyone else? How do you know that those people are not working comp time at hours when they are needed more? I'm sure our supervisors and managers are doing a better job than you give them credit for doing.

In my years with the government I have found that people like you that are constantly finding fault with others are the worst offenders. Sure you are at your desk eight hours but that's because you want to keep up with what everyone else is doing. I am sure your supervisor is capable of doing his/her job and doing it well or they would not be in that position. Also how many newspapers do you sit at your desk and read and how many times do you make personal phone calls? There are many ways that you can abuse work time and I do not condone any of them but I dare not condemn others lest I be guilty of something just as bad in their sight. My point is: Let's all do our part and at the same time have compassion for our co-workers.

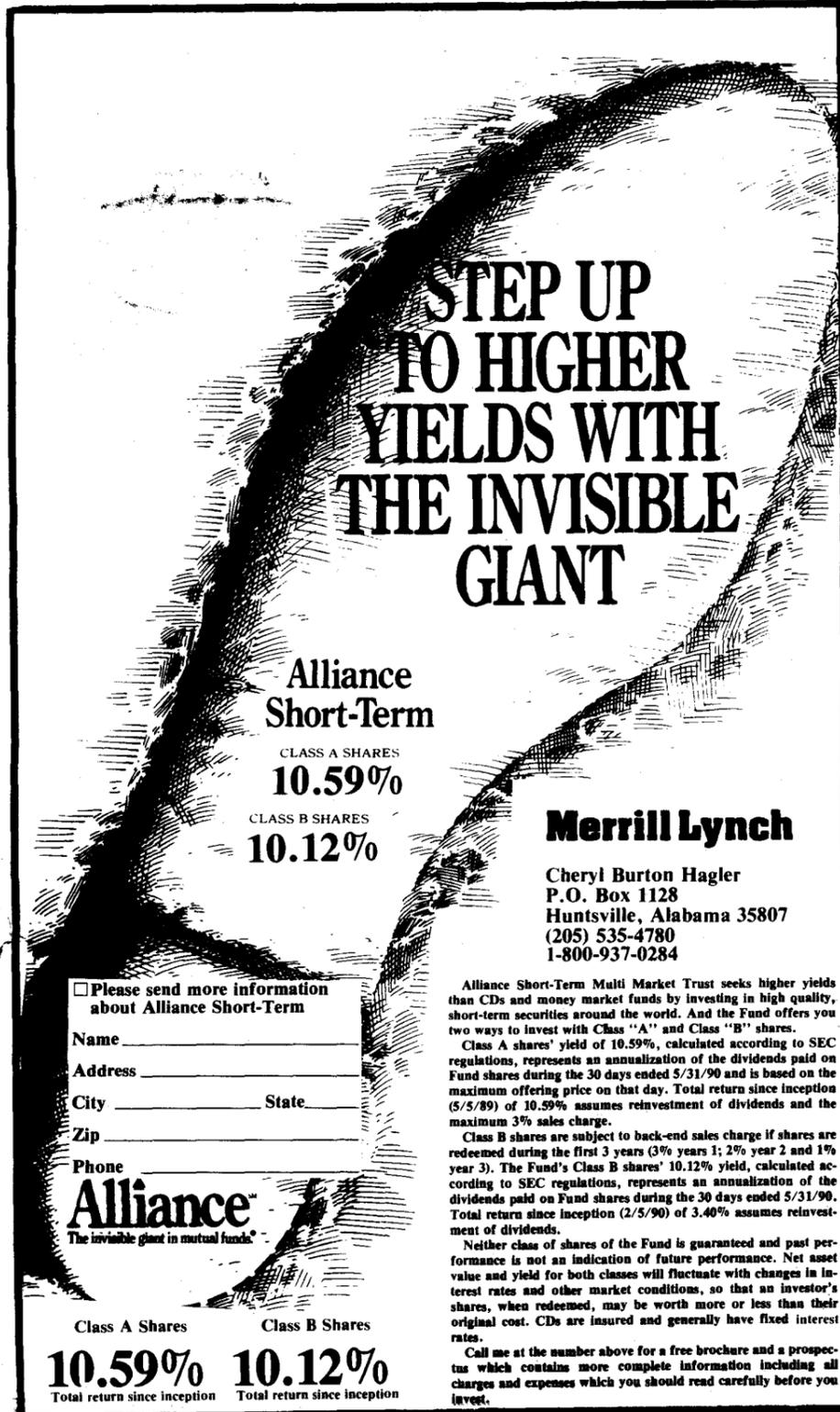
Wilma Reed
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Enlisted club

Editor:

On behalf of the cadre and soldiers of Bravo Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, I would like to thank Bobby Sheppard and his staff for their outstanding efforts in opening and decorating the beautiful new Enlisted Members Club for B Company's Christmas party on Dec. 15. The soldiers enjoyed a great buffet dinner, music and dancing in a club they can proudly call their own. The soldiers are truly impressed, and it was a great morale booster! Thanks again for a job well done.

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 Jaroslaw Onuszkanycz On the Spot Award
 Curtis D. Gross 15 Years Service
 Victor Van Leeuwen 20 Years Service
 Leroy T. Gregg Retirement, 40 Years Service
 2,000 Hours Sick Leave
 Letter of Commendation
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 Special Act Award
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Patricia T. Hill
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 Ethel Matthews Outstanding Rating/Performance Award
 Lynn Richardson Exceptional Rating/Performance Award
 Shirley Patton Outstanding Rating/Performance Award
 Jerry Osborne Outstanding Rating/Performance Award
 Barbara Dumas Outstanding Rating/Performance Award
 Keith Bowen Outstanding Rating/Performance Award
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 Mary Breedon Outstanding Rating/Performance Award
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 Elizabeth R. Hall Special Act Award
 Belinda J. Walker Special Act Award

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 Jimmie Self Performance Award/Merit Pay
 Col. Gilbert Edmondson Letter of Appreciation
 Linda Davis 30 Years Service
 Rebecca Smith Quality Step Increase
 Hazel Crawford Quality Step Increase
 Doan Green Promotion
 Rey Edmondson 35 Years Service
 Rebecca White 20 Years Service
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 Renee Edmondson Promotion
 Chris Plitt Promotion
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GRADUATION DAY — From left are Dr. Pat Peake, education services specialist; Dr. Mary McGough, the education officer for Redstone Arsenal; SSgt. Annie Giles of Missile Systems Training Department, Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School; and Jean Evans, a budget analyst in Personnel and Training Directorate. Peake and McGough participated in Friday night's winter graduation ceremony for Athens State College in which Giles received a bachelor's degree in education while Evans received a bachelor's in business administration. There were 258 graduates.

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MLRS workers celebrate a 'Country Christmas'

BY SANDA LAGER

The Multiple Launch Rocket System Project Office held its annual Christmas party for employees, family members and friends Friday at the Rustic Lodge, with the theme, "A Country Christmas."

About 130 people dined on barbecue pork and chicken at tables decorated with natural greenery. Several in the group were dressed in jeans, boots and cowboy hats.

Capt. Steven Froniabarger, event organizer, came up with the country Christmas idea because he wanted to "do more with less," he said.

"We're now living in lean budget times, so I thought it would be appropriate to plan our party accordingly," Froniabarger said.

The Rustic Lodge was used free of charge, the food was offered at a reasonable price, the band donated its time and the decorations were from nature.

Pork and chicken was likely a refreshing respite from the obligatory turkey and ham soon to be consumed by party-goers everywhere, and the meringue pies less fattening than fruit and nut laden fruitcake.

"This is a good chance to gather everyone together, sing songs, trade jokes and share camaraderie," Col. William Hecker, project manager, said.

"We work long hours; that's why our system is so successful. It takes special folks to make things work. I think it's important we get together (outside the work environment)," Hecker said.

Not all project people were able to attend because

many are traveling on business, a way of life with many workers in the project office, Hecker said.

He paid tribute to a team of 36 workers leaving over the weekend for Saudi Arabia, led by Maj. Ryan Nobles of the project office.

"The team includes people from the Prototype Shop, Red River, Mainz, Germany, and LTV. They're all volunteers willing to spend Christmas there."

The launcher retrofit team will spend about eight weeks in Saudi Arabia, Hecker said. He is in his fourth year as project manager for MLRS.

Officers Wives Club brightens Christmas for senior citizens of local community

BY SANDA LAGER

The Officers Wives Club played host to 100 local senior citizens at the Officers Club Dec. 11 when the club sponsored its annual Christmas Brunch for Seniors.

Held the first time in the late 1970s, the brunch draws seniors who are affiliated with the Senior Centers in Huntsville and Hazel Green, club first vice president Pam Mattson said.

"Among the seniors, getting a ticket is a big thing. They jockey for who gets to come," Mattson said.

Club members donated the gifts that were given to

each senior and goodie bags containing personal hygiene items were donated by people in the community.

About 50 children from the Child Development Center and Family Child Care sang Christmas carols, accompanied by pianist Lois Long.

Seniors, OWC members and guests were served pigs in the blanket, blueberry muffins, fruit, sausage and biscuits, cookies, orange juice, coffee and tea.

Other musical entertainment was provided the Grace Lutheran School's touring troupe and the Suzuki violinists.



SANTA CLAUS — Eric, 8, and Ryan, 11, sons of Maj. George and Marcie Nobles pose with Santa and 11-month-old Matthew Pierce, son of Stephen and Sheila Pearson.



DRESSED FOR A PARTY — Jeffrey Smith, left, Fernando Carter, Malcolm Ifechaue, Leslie Campbell and Elizabeth Sharpe, all dressed in their holiday best, wait in the lobby of the Officers Club before going into the party rooms to sing carols for the senior citizens.

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Hispanic employment committee needs members

The Missile Command's Equal Employment Opportunity Office is seeking prospective members for the Hispanic Employment Program Committee.

Guidance has been received from Department of the Army regarding the establishment and implementation of a Hispanic Employment Program at major Army commands and subordinate commands, activities or installations, the EEO Office said in a prepared release.

The Hispanic Employment Program committee was originally established in 1986. There has been a loss of three members due to relocation and retirement. "I have two (members) and I need four more," said Barbara Alexander, Hispanic Employment Program Manager at EEO.

The committee provides representation for diverse grade levels, occupational areas, age, minority and ethnic groups and includes members of both sexes. The Hispanic Employment Program committee will provide an opportunity for more employees to become involved and to make a personal commitment and contribution to the Hispanic Employment Program, the news release said.

Committee members will serve as organizational liaisons and will provide information regarding concerns and needs of Hispanic employees in their respective organizations. It is anticipated that the committee will meet quarterly for an hour to an hour and a half.

Employees interested in serving on this committee should call Alexander 876-8005 after Jan. 2.

Basket

(Cont'd from page 3)

created a minimum of about 5 percent, and some have increased almost 30 percent," McLean said.

McLean hopes that providing groceries for the families in need will enable them to buy Christmas presents for their children. "We hope by giving them the groceries, they won't have to buy groceries and can use some of that money to buy toys," he said.

"I just want to say thank you, thank you, thank you to everybody for the support," Bragg said. "This has been the biggest food basket program I know of at Redstone that we've ever had. And if there's any other military family that needs a food basket, they need to contact me or Chaplain McLean (phone 876-5751) and we'll make sure they get a food basket."

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

COURSE #	TITLE	PREREQ.	INSTR.
ACC 381	Income Tax Accounting	None	Jacobs
ENG 104*	Developmental English	None	Yates
MGT 363	Production Service Management	MGT 330	Smalley
SPC 111	Speech Communications	None	Bunyard

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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
MGT/PSY 433	Stress Management	None	Resha

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

COURSE #	TITLE	PREREQ.	INSTR.
CIS 300**	Artificial Intelligence	CIS 150	Geveden
ECON 293	Macroeconomics	None	Traylor
ENG 112	English Composition II	ENG 111	Starkey
HIST 102	Western Civilization II	None	Cushman

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

COURSE #	TITLE	PREREQ.	INSTR.
CIS 170	Introduction to Computer Information Systems	None	Thomas
CIS 320**	System Analysis & Design	CIS 280	Marshall
CJ 301	Criminal Law	CJ 101	Moon
MA 150	College Algebra	None	Patty, S.
MGT/PSY 336	Industrial/Organizational Psychology	MGT 330	Foster

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GENERAL INFORMATION - 1991

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Suicide prevention a major concern during holidays

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Suicide is a national problem that seems will never go away, although steps can be taken to reduce the risk.

At Redstone, a suicide prevention task force has been rewriting the post regulation that addresses this subject. And activities have been planned for the morale of soldiers who will be spending the Christmas holidays here because the annual exodus was canceled due to Operation Desert Shield.

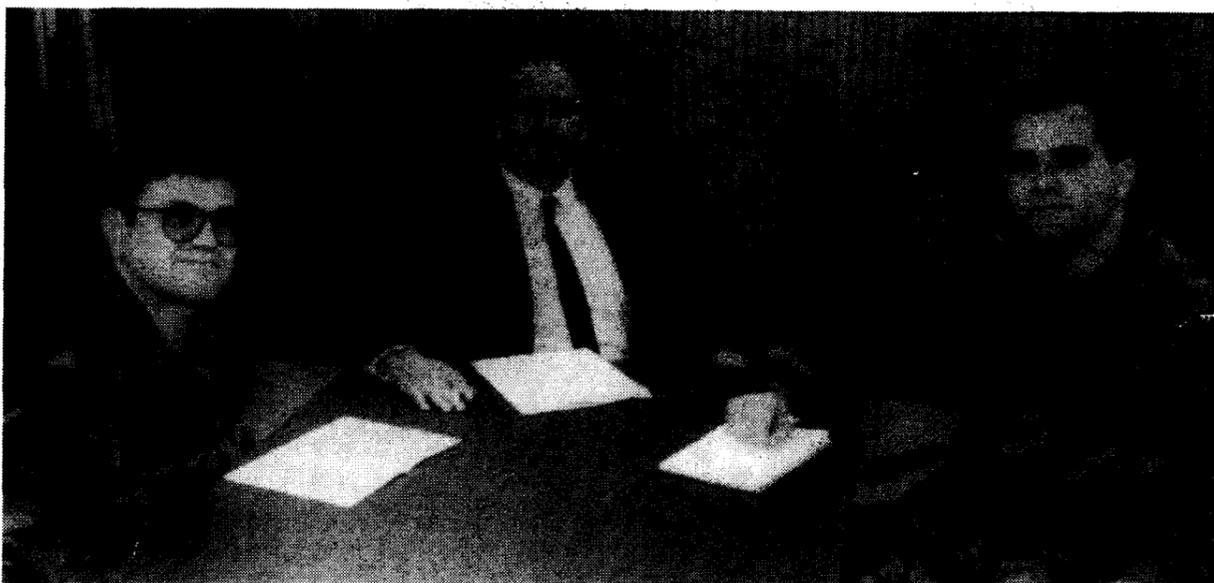
The national suicide rate has remained fairly constant over the years. In 1985, an average of 12.5 persons per 100,000 took their own lives. Suicide is the eighth leading cause of death in the U.S.

"Personally I don't think you can ever stop suicide. It's always going to be present. I think you can be more aware and reduce the risk," said Maj. Mark Kirk, deputy commander for clinical services at Fox Army Community Hospital.

Contrary to popular opinion, there is no apparent increase of suicide during the holiday season, according to Kirk. This particular holiday season is more stressful than usual, however, because of the emotional and financial stress on families affected by the deployment.

"This is the first time I can recall AIT (advanced individual training) soldiers can't go home for the break," said 2nd Lt. Ross Gagliano, assistant adjutant for 832nd Ordnance Battalion. Activities aimed at preventing depression in soldiers who can't go home for the holidays include an adopt-a-soldier effort in which families in the community can have soldiers join them for Christmas day. Interested families should call Bonnie Gamino at the Post Chapel 876-2409 or Virginia Dempsey at Army Community Service 876-2859/9289.

Families of deployed soldiers face possible feelings of isolation which can be addressed through family support groups, according to Sal Riccardi, family advocacy program manager at ACS. "Another thing we



MEETING AT ACS — From left are Maj. Mark Kirk, Sal Riccardi and 2nd Lt. Ross Gagliano.

always recommend is getting involved in some kind of community activity," he said.

Loss of relationships, the stress of relocation, feelings of failure, poor health, a desire to escape punishment or to gain attention are among the possible causes of suicide. Warning signs can include depression, withdrawal from past activities, disturbance in sleep pattern, appetite change and change in weight.

People who are depressed are 15 percent more likely to commit suicide than other members of the population, according to Kirk of Fox Hospital.

"Early identification, early involvement is a critical factor" in reducing the risk of suicide, he said. Supervisors and co-workers can notice changes in a person

and can refer that individual to those who can help him.

There is a natural tendency of denial, to tell someone "no you don't mean that" when he or she broaches the subject of suicide. "Don't be afraid to show them concern," said Riccardi, the family advocacy program manager. He can provide suicide hotline stickers for telephones; his number at ACS is 876-5397.

HELPLine, a crisis intervention telephone service in the community, can be reached at 539-1000. The Community Counseling Center phone number is 876-7256; and Community Mental Health can be reached at 876-9859.



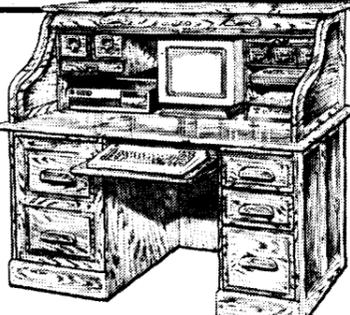
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Christmas tree ribbons dedicated to the deployed

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RIBBON TREE — Reba Tyler and Col. David Roesler stand next to the Christmas tree which is filled with yellow ribbons.

Christmas tree at the Resource Management Directorate.

There were 32 ribbons Thursday and more were expected to be added. Reba Tyler, a program analyst in the management support office of Resource Management, suggested the idea.

Everyone in the directorate was told they could dedicate a ribbon in the name of a family member or acquaintance in Saudi. Among the ribbons is one for Daryl White, a Resource Management worker who has left for Saudi as a civilian volunteer.

"For anybody that has anybody in Saudi Arabia, we made a yellow ribbon for memories and good wishes," said Petey Meadows, a secretary in management support office whose husband is in the military. Many of the workers have spouses who are in the Reserves that may be called to go to Saudi.

"Several family members of our employees are either on their way or have been there," said Nancy Walker, deputy director of Resource Management.

The directorate, led by Col. David Roesler, includes 426 civilians and 11 military members.

Troop intramural bowling standings here

Here are the Redstone Arsenal troop intramural bowling standings as of Dec. 13:

Tuesday's Conference	Won	Lost
HHC 832nd-1	235.5	114.5
F Company 832nd-4	231.5	118.5
USATSG	197.5	152.5
HHC Command & Staff	188	162
F Company 832nd-3	178	172
HHC MICOM-1	175	175
HHC 832nd-3	162	188
MEDDAC	153.5	196.5
C Company 832nd	119	231
Marines	110	240

Nick Garcia (F Co. 832nd-4) 203
Jerry Matias (HHC 832nd-1) 202

Thursday's Conference	Won	Lost
E Company 832nd-1	224	126
F Company 832nd-1	209.5	140.5
* Readiness Group	184.5	140.5
F Company 832nd-2	195	155
HHC 832nd-2	190.5	159
515th Ordnance Co.	183	167
* E Company 832nd-2	166.5	158.5
HHC 832nd-4	155.5	194.5
HHC MICOM-2	140.5	209.5
D Co. 832nd	71	279

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Terri Russell (HHC Command & Staff)	235
Mike Cohoon (HHC MICOM-1)	231 & 612 series
Leo Avizinis (HHC 832nd-1)	221 & 602 series
Bill Hollifield (F Co. 832nd-4)	216
John Nicklaw (C Company 832nd)	211

200 games bowled Dec. 13:

Mike Bradley (Readiness Group)	234 & 214
Roy Brown (F Co. 832nd-1)	218
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Patrick Statam (515th Ordnance)	211
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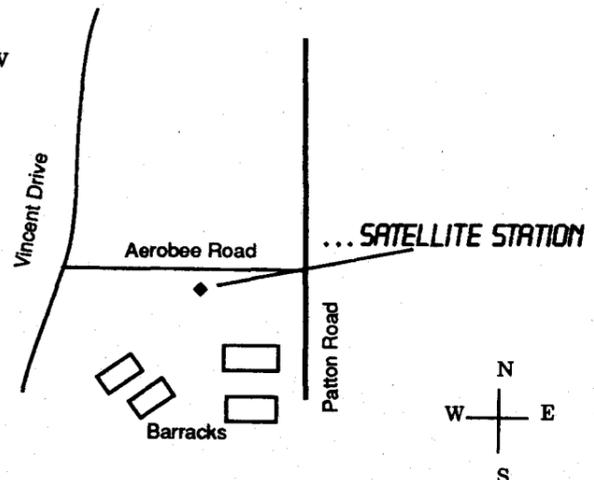
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Winning athlete credits team effort for successes

BY SKIP VAUGHN

When SSgt. William Kelly isn't working, he's playing sports or coaching sports and taking care of his year-old son.

Kelly, a TOW/Dragon missile instructor, has had a particularly hectic schedule lately. His wife, Renee, also a staff sergeant, was deployed to Saudi Arabia. So Kelly, who plays on the men's post basketball team and coaches the women's post basketball team, has had to put his college course plans on hold for a while.

"As soon as she comes back from Saudi, I'm going to get back in school," said Kelly, who was taking college courses on post.

He has played on his share of winning teams in various sports at Redstone and in Germany. This year he made the All-Army softball team. He starts at point-guard on the Rockets men's basketball team, and coaches the Rockettes which won its first two games.

"Winning" is his one-word philosophy on coaching. "We try to get about looking at what we have to deal with, what the (other) team's going to show us and see if we can take their weak points and use it to our advantage. If we can't do that, then we have to use a strategy," Kelly said. He became coach last year in the middle of the season after returning to Redstone from Germany.

Kelly's first tour here was 1981-86, and he came back from Europe in December 1989. A member of F Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, he's an instructor in the land combat division, missile department at Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

"Sports is a way to get out and have fun, meet people and get a cohesiveness; to see how people will react to different situations, and just to have fun," Kelly said. His sports life began in junior high school in Virginia when he played on the basketball, football

and baseball teams. A native of Westmoreland County, Va., he played on the football and basketball teams during his sophomore year in high school but says he didn't take sports seriously back then. "I was too small to take it seriously," said Kelly, who stands 5-9 and weighs 160.

He has three brothers and two sisters. His father, James M. Kelly, resides in Washington, D.C. "My father and I have a real good relationship. He taught me some things in life that didn't really register till after I joined the military; and I use it to the fullest now," Kelly, 28, said.

Kelly joined the Reserves in 1979, went through basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and came to Redstone on active duty for advanced individual training in September 1981. He completed the TOW/Dragon repairman course in February 1982, and left for Germany in October 1986. He was in Germany for 37 months before returning to Redstone in December 1989.

He and Renee, a native of Joliet, Ill., met in Huntsville while both were stationed here. They were married Nov. 15, 1984. Their son, William Jeffery Kelly II, will be 14 months old on Dec. 28.

A Hawk launcher repairman, Renee departed Redstone Sept. 12 for Fort Bliss, Texas. She was

deployed to Saudi with a unit from Fort Bliss Oct. 17. "It's something she has to do," Kelly said. "You know, we didn't join the Army just to draw a check every month."

His hobbies include playing basketball, football, softball, volleyball, racquetball and chess. He played on nine post football championship teams: 1982-84, '86 and '90 at Redstone, and the rest in Germany. He played on the post basketball championship team here in 1984 and '85, and in Germany in 1989. He was a member of the post volleyball runner-up team this year. He was on the post champion softball team in Germany in 1987. Kelly played on the softball championship team of U.S. Army-Europe in 1987 and '89; the V Corps flag football championship team in 1987 and '89; and the V Corps basketball championship team in 1989. He ran track in his spare time in Germany; and in 1989 won the high jump and long jump and was second in the 100 meters for U.S. Army-Europe.

"It's good to be an athlete, and be able to do all these things and perform. But without the support of the command, and first sergeants and soldiers in the unit, none of this would be possible," Kelly said. "I play no individual sports. Everything is a team effort."

Post basketball teams earn splits

The post men's and women's basketball teams both broke even last weekend in games at Fort McClellan.

The Rockets, the men's team, lost Saturday 96-91 but rebounded with a 91-87 win Sunday. The Rockettes also earned a split in their two games.

"I would describe it as a team effort," said MSgt. Cornelius Williams, coach of the Rockets. "They all played great ball this weekend, even in a losing cause. Everybody played good sound defense, but we just came up short on Saturday. On Sunday everybody came out fired up and to make a statement that we were going to take this one because it was a long road home. Overall it was a great team effort."

SFC Winston Stephens is assistant coach of the Rockets. Roderick Bates led the way Saturday with 21 points while Ray Neff contributed 17. Five players hit for double figures Sunday: Bates with 44, Greg Wilson 16, William Kelly 14, Jackie Gordon 12 and Darryl Salyer 11.

The Rockettes won 74-71 Sunday to break even despite having only six players on the trip. "They played with six players Saturday and Sunday. They gave a great effort in coming back Sunday and winning the game even though the odds were against them," Williams said.



KELLY

Local federal groups hear tax update

Editor's note: Gaietto, a management analyst intern at AMC Management Engineering Activity, is on the publicity committee for American Society of Military Comptrollers.

BY MARCIA GAIIETTO

The state commissioner of taxation explained two major tax refund acts being processed in Alabama, Dec. 13 at the annual combined luncheon for American Society of Military Comptrollers and Association of Government Accountants.

James Sizemore told the groups the first refund act deals with the federal retirement income tax. The present judgment on the case states that any federal income on retirement is exempt; therefore, any state income taxes paid to Alabama after April 1986 tax season are unconstitutional. The state is working on refunding the taxes paid by the federal retirees. It has located all military and people who filed amendments, but is having difficulty locating Tennessee Valley

Authority and CIA retirees. Sizemore estimated the total refund to amount close to \$17 million.

The second refund act concerns the deduction of sales tax. The present judgment says that a person is allowed to declare sales taxes paid on tax returns. It is very difficult to determine the recipients of the refunds because there are so many involved. The amended returns are all located. Sizemore projects the total refunds at about \$70 million.

Sizemore said that the increase in the national taxes has caused Alabama to lose approximately \$5-7 million. However, it is trying to absorb the loss rather than create new taxes. He related the news that Alabama won the Franchise Tax case which will bring more stability to the tax structure. He confirmed that a higher tax base has been discovered for Alabama.

"You know there are two things that you must do in life: pay taxes and die," Sizemore said in closing.

Soldier dies in swimming accident

A Redstone Arsenal soldier drowned Monday while vacationing in Mexico.

Lt. Col. William M. Kirby, 45, from Norfolk, Va., was killed in a swimming accident, according to SSgt. Tab Shiota, public affairs NCO for the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. Kirby, who had arrived here in July 1988, was director of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Center for Training and Technology at OMMCS.

"He was on vacation" when the mishap occurred,

Shiota said. "He was here last week so I think he just started his leave."

Survivors include his wife, Ann; a son, William L. Kirby, 18; and a daughter, Meredith Ann Kirby, 13.

Kirby was the second Redstone soldier to die accidentally within a month. Sgt. Shela Campbell Pargas, 27, from Madison Heights, Va., was killed Nov. 30 in a two-vehicle collision in Kentucky while returning to Redstone from the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course in Indiana.

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new record for Redstone, exceeding the goal of \$50,000 by \$15,000.

"We also had for the very first time on Redstone, a bike-a-thon for St. Jude Children's Research Center. It was sponsored through local businesses and individuals; they donated prizes. We netted over \$7,000, and do plan another one this spring," Keahey said.

A Family Support Group was established for families of servicemembers deployed to Saudi Arabia. The group has 80 members.

"Of course we did a lot in the way of reduction of visual clutter (such as on walls and on bulletin boards)," Keahey said. "And we reduced the signage: The 'burma shave signs' are no longer at the gate. What we did was enforce a standard sign policy.

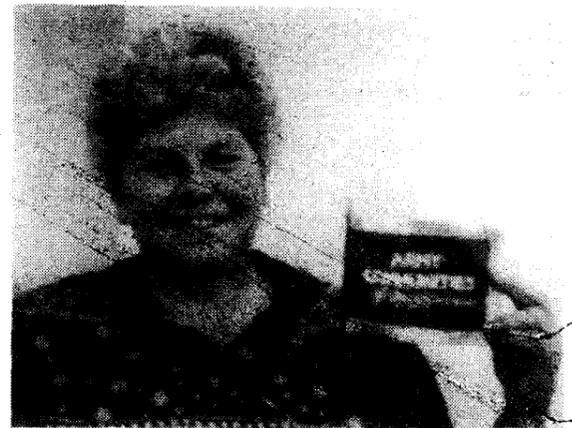
"We had numerous beautification projects throughout the post and it goes back to the self-help portion with the landscaping, planting of flowers, building of gazebos, the picnic tables. And we had some renovations, modernization of offices, bathrooms; some of them were done by self-help, some by local contractor," she said. "There were

numerous improvements to family and soldier areas including picnic areas, volleyball courts, basketball goals, barbecue grills, etc."

Soldiers, civilian employees and groups such as wives clubs all volunteered their time to help. The wives clubs helped several beautification projects and provided scholarships and funds for activities such as Toys for Tots. "I think it truly has been a community effort and everyone has taken great pride in their accomplishments," Keahey said.

"We were very deficient in customer service training so as a result of Lt. Col. Bruce Greenfield, the DA ACOE coordinator, we had 46 personnel trained as 'train the trainers.' And also there were 251 top and middle managers that received the ACOE customer service training, which I think is a great accomplishment," she said.

Plans are to continue this year's progress and again pursue an Army Communities of Excellence award. "We plan to be very aggressive, continue to make our facilities and service improvements. And the key to that I think is we have to educate, motivate and involve personnel in ACOE projects. ACOE is more



ACOE COORDINATOR — Keahey, a management analyst at Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, shows the Army Communities of Excellence flag.

than painting rocks; it focuses on providing excellent facilities and services. There will be an implementation plan out soon that will task the organizations to either update or prepare their own individual plan to tell me what they're going to do next year. And in that, I want them to be specific. If you're going to plant flowers, tell me you're going to plant flowers and the date for completion. If you're going to build gazebos, state that in your plan and your timeline for completion," Keahey said. She would also like to have before and after photographs.

"On behalf of the commanding general and the chief of staff, I would like to commend all personnel for their dedicated efforts in the improvements made on this installation," she said.

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Future scientists

Applications are available for the 1991 Science and Engineering Apprentice Program for high school students in grades nine to graduating seniors, who are interested in science and engineering careers and a nine-weeks summer research opportunity at the Missile Command. Children of MICOM employees are eligible for this program. You may come by and pick up an application from room 116, building 7770. Jan. 15 is the deadline for submitting applications.

Post restaurants

Here's the holiday schedule for the Post Restaurant Fund: Monday, Dec. 24, all units closed. Wednesday, Dec. 26 through Friday, Dec. 28, mobile food trucks and all cafeteria units closed except cafeterias in 4488, 8027 and 5250. Monday, Dec. 31, all units closed except the cafeteria in 5250. Wednesday, Jan. 2, resume regular schedule.

Chapel events

Catholic: Posada (Mexican Celebration), 4 p.m. Dec. 24 at Bicentennial Chapel. Mass and reception, 5 p.m. Dec. 24 at Bicentennial Chapel. Christmas Eve Mass, 10 p.m. Dec. 24 at Bicentennial Chapel. Christmas Day Mass, 9:30 a.m. Dec. 25 at Bicentennial Chapel. **Protestant:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m. Dec. 24 at Bicentennial Chapel. Christmas Day Service, 9 a.m. Dec. 25 at Post Chapel.

Fashion show

Anyone interested in participating or helping out in the Black History Month Fashion Show in February, should call Linda Parker 876-1101 or Melissa Blake 842-7678 by Jan. 9; open to all military and civilian personnel.

Christmas trees

All offices, day rooms, military people 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 should 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. Caution should be exercised to prevent unnecessary damage to grassed rights-of-way. Trees should be cut by Dec. 24. Tree trimmings should not be left on grassed rights-of-way or access roads. For more information and a location map, contact personnel at Outdoor Recreation building 5132, phone 876-4868.



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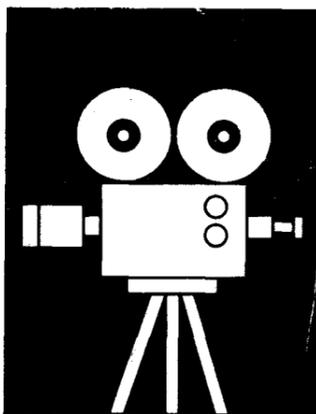
Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity is offering an instrument ground school for advanced pilots Jan. 7-31 at the Flying Activity Clubhouse; cost is \$160 including supplies. For information call 881-3980 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. **Basic Ground School:** Learn to fly by attending the Basic Ground School beginning Jan. 7 at the Flying Activity Clubhouse; cost for the 10-week course is \$180 including supplies; after the minimum required by the Federal Aviation Administration and your instructor, you must pass a private pilots license. For information call 881-3980.

Recreation center

The Recreation Center will offer low- to medium-impact Aerobic Classes beginning Jan. 8, every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; cost for the 10-week session is \$44 per person. For information call 876-5492. **Hobby Show:** January is National Hobby Month. If you collect stamps, coins, ball cards, arrowheads, arts and crafts, etc., display your memorabilia Jan. 19 at the Recreation Center Hobby Show. For information call 876-5492.

Multicrafts classes

Mandatory Wood Safety Workshop, Dec. 20, 22, 27 and 29. **Open Workshops for Crafters,** Dec. 19-22. **Family Night Out,** 6 p.m. Dec. 21. **Basic Woodworking Workshop,** 4:30 p.m. Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. **Lunch Break Special,** Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25. **Basic Wood Safety Classes,** 10 a.m. Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26. **Free Slip Casting Day,** 9 a.m. Jan. 5. **Youth Spin Art Shirt Class,** 1 p.m. Jan. 5. **Oil Painting on Canvas,** 6:30 p.m. Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 7, 14. **Woodworking Classes,** 5:30 p.m. Jan. 8, 15 and 22. **Earring Workshop,** 6 p.m. Jan. 8. **Basic Picture Framing Classes,** 6 p.m. Jan. 8 and 9. **Basic Ceramics Classes,** 6 p.m. Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30. **Basic Watercolor Classes,** 6 p.m. Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Feb. 2, 9. For more information call 876-7951 or visit building 3615 at the corner of Vincent Drive and Gray Road.



Post Theater movies

Thursday — *Welcome Home, Roxy Carmichael*, rated PG-13, 96 minutes.
Friday — *Narrow Margin*, R, 97 minutes.
Saturday — *Hot Spot*, R, 129 minutes.
Sunday — *Hot Spot*. Tuesday — closed.
All shows begin at 7 p.m.; admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children.

Tree recycling

"Recycle the Spirit" program: This year recycle your Christmas tree. Trees may be left at any of the three locations of Bruno's from Dec. 26 until noon Jan. 4, or at the designated area of the Botanical Garden on Jan. 5 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Participants in this program will be given a Virginia pine seedling. Those people who recycle their trees at the Botanical Garden will be given a bag of chip mulch and a free pass to the Garden. It is requested that all trees be stripped of wire, nails and any other metal. For more information, call the Botanical Garden 830-4447.

Provost marshal

The Vehicle Registration and Identification, Provost Marshal Office, building 3423, will be closed Monday, Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. **Found property:** a container of perfume; owner should contact the Provost Marshal Office, Investigations Branch, building 3649, phone 876-2090/3449.

Education committee

The Army Community Service (ACS) Education Committee will have its next meeting 7 p.m. Jan. 9 at ACS, building 3491. For more information, call Frances Howard 876-5397/2859 or Maj. Scott Wilson 876-0845.

State defense force

Alabama State Defense Force, 103rd Infantry Battalion, has its monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at Raymond Jones Armory on South Memorial Parkway behind Mr. Steak. Meeting times are 6:30-8:30 p.m. or longer. For more information, call Maj. Frank Charqualaf 852-1452 after 6 p.m.

Education center

The **TABE Test** is given Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in building 3218. The Education Learning Center/MOS Library at building 3324 is open to all military people desiring to obtain material to aid in the preparation of the SQT or SDT. The center provides a full range of publications, TEC lessons, TEC tapes, and military correspondence courses to help soldiers improve their scores. The BSEP program is also available to military personnel wishing to improve their GT scores. This program uses educational software and a tutor to improve areas of deficiency. The hours for the center are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. The phone number is 876-3084.



OUR HEROES — The Chaplains' Office is circulating this symbolic graphic which shows a soldier keeping watch in the desert with a single bright star overhead. Many American servicemembers are spending the holidays in Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Shield.



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