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AER jail: Have someone arrested for a worthy cause

Co-workers conspire to have their boss arrested for giving them too much work to do. A soldier has his commanding officer jailed for dogging him too much about his appearance. Don't worry — it's all in fun, and also to raise money for the annual Army Emergency Relief campaign.

The AER jail will be conducted by the Military Police Platoon from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 16-18 in front of the Post Exchange. Anyone on post, civilian or military, can call to have someone picked up and put in jail for as long as 30 minutes. MPs won't go off post to make an arrest.

"It will be to help raise money for the Army Emergency Relief campaign," said SSgt. Clarence Moore, platoon sergeant for the MP Platoon. Formerly called 291st MP Company, his unit is one of six platoons under Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Missile Command. "It's to help the Army take care of its own. We were told about the number of grants and loans that AER Redstone was giving out. We should help to keep money in it to support our soldiers because if we don't have the money in the AER fund, who can they go to. In other words, it's going to help you in the long run because you never know if you'll need help."

Beginning April 16, people can call 876-6526 and have an AER arrest warrant issued for whatever reason they can think up. For \$20 a group can get together to have someone arrested. An individual can take out a warrant for \$10. Someone can stay in the

AER jail for up to half an hour; he or she can pay \$5 to be released early.

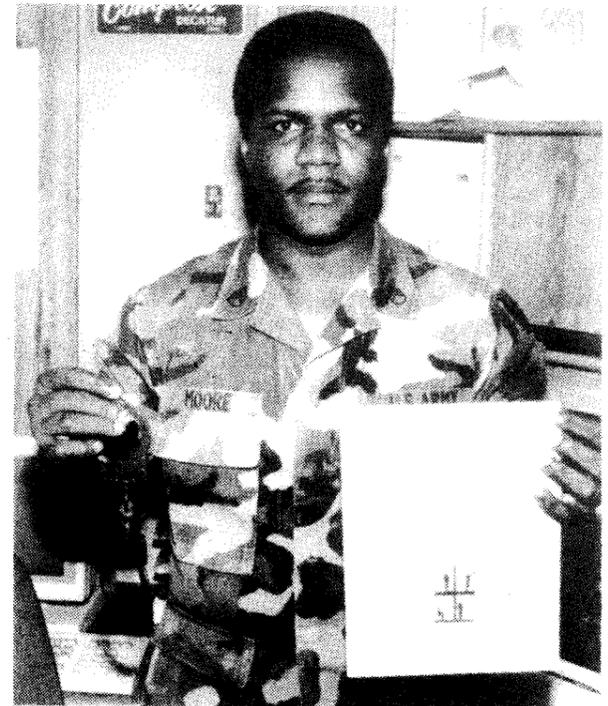
There will be a camera at the jail so an inmate can have his picture taken for \$1. From a distance, the four-sided jail looks authentic. It is built out of wood which is painted black to resemble bars of a real jail. It's big enough for someone to stand up inside. The jail can hold up to 10 people at a time.

Last year the jail raised \$3,256 and 51 cents. Moore, 37, from Jackson, Miss., also served as last year's coordinator. He arrived at Redstone in July 1989.

"When they call, they swear out a warrant for whatever reason — they can make one up. What we'll do is go to the location, pick the person up, bring them to the jail and lock them up," Moore said. He asks that someone from the inmate's office be available to bail the person out and take him or her back to the office.

It's all in fun. No one will be forcibly arrested, Moore said. "Even though the person comes to swear out a warrant for your arrest and you refuse to participate, you won't be forced to; but still the money will go toward the campaign. We're not going to force anybody to participate."

Remember, the number to call April 16 through 18 is 876-6526. AER arrest warrants will be available at various locations on post such as the Post Exchange and Commissary. For additional information, call Moore 842-2432.



TOOLS OF THE TRADE — Moore shows handcuffs and an AER arrest warrant.

Parents should pursue alternatives to physical abuse

Editor's note: April is the Month of the Military Child. Part of this observance is promoting better parent-child relationships through education about problems such as child abuse.

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Child abuse can range from verbal mistreatment up to actual physical harm. The problem is about as prevalent in the military as in the civilian community although the military percentages may look higher at times because of mandatory reporting, according to the family advocacy program manager here.

"Part of our way of trying to prevent it is providing people a wider spread of alternatives or options to choose from when developing their own parenting style," Sal Riccardi said.

Misinformation may be at the roots of a child abuse problem. Sometimes the abuser was actually a victim at an earlier stage in life. Also, parents may have unrealistic expectations for their child; they may expect the child to perform at an adult level.

A narrowing of disciplinary alternatives can lead to abuse. The sooner a parent lashes out to strike a child, the quicker such a response is likely to happen again. A child can become so used to being slapped around that the parent might increase the intensity. "A lot of people tend to equate respect with fear," said Riccardi, the family advocacy manager at Army Community Service.

Suspected child abuse on post can be reported to Community Mental Health Activities 876-9966/9085 (to Mildred Hightower or Lucy Burdine). In emergency situations the Military Police desk can be reached at 876-2222. Also, the Madison County Department of Human Resources can be contacted at 535-4671 before 4 p.m. or 534-4950.

"We strongly encourage reporting through Community Mental Health Activities so that military agencies that will be involved in the case will be informed," Riccardi said.

In suspected abuse cases, a worker from Department of Human Resources child protective services unit is assigned to do an in-home investigation to determine the situation and whether a threat to life exists. This determination is made in conjunction with the Community Mental Health staff as part of their function on the family advocacy case team. After the investigation which includes interviewing the alleged abusers, the family advocacy case management team recommends possible action.

"Where an extreme threat to life case exists or situation exists, the child may be placed in foster care. However, the emphasis has been more on trying to keep the family together and trying to raise their level of functioning to where removal of child is unnecessary," Riccardi said.

Information and education may be the best way to prevent child abuse. "The more people widen their range of options and understanding of normal child behavior, the less likely they are to resort to extremes. Being overly permissive can create just as many problems as being overly strict, and there are many areas in between those two extremes that can be just as effective if not more effective," Riccardi said.

Use of logical consequences is an alternative to physical abuse. "In other words, teaching your children how to make choices by showing connections between the choices they make and the outcome of those choices. If a child knows in advance they're faced with three choices and knows what the outcome of those choices will be, if he chooses one where the outcome he doesn't like he'll learn to recognize the need to thinking before acting," Riccardi said.

"Part of good parenting is trying to teach your children how to make choices that will allow them to best meet their needs without infringing on the rights of others," he said.

Riccardi will be conducting an educational program on Teen Suicide Prevention from 6-7:30 p.m. April 16 at the Youth Center. The entire Redstone community is invited. For more information on family advocacy or child abuse, call Riccardi 876-5397.

Twelve alternatives to lashing out at your kid.

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1. Take a deep breath. And another. Then remember you are the adult . . .
2. Close your eyes and imagine you're hearing what your child is about to hear.
3. Press your lips together and count to 10. Or better yet, to 20.
4. Put your child in a time-out chair. (Remember the rule: one time-out minute for each year of age.)
5. Put yourself in a time-out chair. Think about why you are angry: Is it your child, or is your child simply a convenient target for your anger?
6. Phone a friend.
7. If someone can watch the children, go outside and take a walk.
8. Take a hot bath or splash cold water on your face.
9. Hug a pillow.
10. Turn on some music. Maybe even sing along.
11. Pick up a pencil and write down as many helpful words as you can think of. Save the list.
12. Write for prevention information: National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse, Box 2866L, Chicago, IL 60690.

DoD Child Abuse Hotline Numbers

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| U.S.* | 1-800-336-4592 |
| Germany | 0130-81-2702 |
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| Italy | 1678-70-154 |
| Japan | 0031-11-1821 |
| Korea | 008-1800947-8278 |
| Panama | 01-800-111-0058 |
| Philippines | 001-800-111-9034 |
| Spain | 900-99-1107 |
| United Kingdom | 0800-89-7478 |

* includes Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico



Renewing decal

Editor:

On April 1, I went to the Provost Marshal's Division to renew my decal on two vehicles I have. I waited in line for an hour and a half to be waited on. When I finally reached the end of the line and it was my turn, they told me that I would have to scrape off the old stickers and bring them in before I could be issued new ones. My complaint is there were people in the front of me who did not have their old decals. They were told to write a statement on a card that they would destroy the old decals and to sign it and it was stapled to their cards. My question is why could I not have been treated like all of the rest and signed a card saying I would destroy the old decals. If they do it for one they should make a policy to do it for all.

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: The Provost Marshal Office provided the following response. "The hours of operation for the Vehicle Registration and Identification Section are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The procedures to renew vehicle decals are: (1) Old one-piece Redstone vehicle decal — write down decal number, remove decal, and turn in to Vehicle Registration and Identification Section, building 3423. (2) New three-piece DoD vehicle decal — write down decal number, remove expiration tab only, and turn in to Vehicle Registration and Identification Section, building 3423. (3) If the individual did not properly clear vehicle decal and does not have access to vehicle to obtain vehicle decal (i.e., sold vehicle, wrecked vehicle, replaced windshield), the individual may sign a statement giving details as to why the decal cannot be returned.")

Command's victory

To the soldiers, civilians and contractors of AMC:

The whole world has seen the overwhelming success of Operation Desert Storm and its testament to the professionalism of our total military force. We at the U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) were a vital part of that success and played a critical role in this monumental endeavor.

For the past several months the AMC workforce worldwide has selflessly given its time and talent to meet the challenge of equipping and sustaining the U.S. Army with the best equipment of any army in the world.

The business of AMC is materiel; however, the driving force behind our mission is its people. The sacrifices made and dedication displayed by AMC employees over the past several months, both stateside

and in the theater of operations, will long be recognized and appreciated, not only by this command but by the thousands of American soldiers who put our products to the ultimate test.

The pride we can all feel, however, is tempered by the sorrow we share with the family of the late Mr. James Neberman of DeWitt, Iowa. Mr. Neberman died while serving as an AMCCOM logistics assistance representative with the 2nd Armored Division in Southwest Asia, where he and other AMC colleagues were courageously performing services vital to our American forces.

One of the greatest privileges a commander can experience is to be associated with a dedicated, professional team like AMC. Since mere words of gratitude are insufficient compensation for your long hours and diligent efforts, may you also take pride in knowing that the Operation Desert Storm victory is also AMC's victory. I salute you.

Gen. William Tuttle
Commander,
Army Materiel Command

Living monument

Editor:

Joyce, Sabrina and I wish we could find the right words to express our gratitude to the Huntsville military and civilian community for the compassion shown to our family during the many weeks we awaited the return of our son, Trey, from the battle grounds of Iraq.

Trey loved his country and was willing to take a stand for the freedom of other people. While he was serving proudly, he was also doing what he wanted more than anything else to do. Although we shall all grieve our separation from him, we hold deep in our hearts the kindness and generosity that our "partners in peace" have graciously given in his behalf.

The multitude of prayers, the flowers and food will not soon be forgotten; but the establishment of the Trey Wilbourn Scholarship Fund will serve as a living monument to the excellence that Trey was committed to. We sincerely thank those people at USASDC and MICOM with whom we have worked or are associated for sharing our pride in Trey and for their participation in securing the freedom of all the lives that were spared. Thank you for the beautiful portrayal of faith, love and friendship.

J.N. Wilbourn, Joyce and Sabrina

(Editor's note: Marine pilot Capt. James "Trey" Wilbourn, 28, son of J.N. and Joyce Wilbourn of Huntsville, was killed when his plane was shot down over central Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm. A scholarship in his memory has been established at both Randolph School, and at Auburn University's Marine ROTC program. Donations may be handed to Mike Pool or Jae Shepard at USASDC; mailed to the First Alabama Bank, c/o Trey Wilbourn Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 680, Huntsville 35804; or dropped off at any First Alabama Bank location, marked: "Trey Wilbourn Scholarship Fund," Attention — Joe Hinds. Checks should be made payable to Trey Wilbourn Scholarship Fund.)

AMC families

To the families of AMC:

America's attention has turned toward the return of our victorious military force from Southwest Asia, and it is time to pause and say thank you for the sacrifices you have made as family members of U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) civilians and soldiers.

The Army could not have done the magnificent job it did without the support of AMC. Your Army brought a two Corps force to an absolute peak of readiness, maintained that readiness under the stress of training and combat in the harsh desert environment and kept it supplied halfway around the world. Never has such a challenge been met so ably.

The success of Operation Desert Storm was the result of teamwork. The U.S. Army Materiel Command was part of that team and so were you. Indeed, our accomplishments are your accomplishments! You endured, right along with us, the long hours and extra workload as AMC met the Operation Desert Storm challenge head-on, and you deserve special recognition.

Many of you have had to carry the additional burden of separation from loved ones who volunteered selflessly, as AMC civilians, to serve in the Southwest

Asia theater of operations. Those who went to Southwest Asia performed absolutely essential services and were truly magnificent. You can be proud of them.

Our hearts go out in particular to the family of Mr. James F. Neberman from DeWitt, Iowa, who died while serving as an AMCCOM logistics assistance representative supporting the 2nd Armored Division. Their sorrow is shared by everyone in the AMC family worldwide.

Please accept my sincerest thanks and deep appreciation for your loyal support of our AMC comrades. We could not have done it without you!

Gen. William Tuttle
Commander,
Army Materiel Command

Unpaid holidays

Editor:

I have a question to ask that I feel is very important. Have you ever had a job in which you were forced to take a government holiday off from work without pay, whether you wanted to be off or not? I am able and willing to work, but I have no choice. You see, I work for a government contractor on Redstone Arsenal in what is referred to as a Davis Bacon shop. This contractor employs over 300 people of which approximately 30 of them are in the Davis Bacon shop. We were given the opportunity to vote on a Union which we did vote the Union in, but they won't represent us. We have asked time and time again why we (us 30) cannot have hospitalization insurance, paid holidays, paid vacations, or even sick leave. Every time we ask we are told, "It's the government's fault, they won't pay for it." I thought our United States government was so gung-ho on being anti-discrimination; maybe they still are and this quote needs to be checked into. All I ask is a little humane treatment, and no more than anyone else is receiving.

Jackie Wilburn
BAMSI Inc.

Welcome home

To the men and women of Desert Storm:

On behalf of the entire Army and a grateful nation, welcome home. For each of you, this day marks the end of an operation of historic significance — an operation that will help define the very soul of the community of nations for decades to come.

Under some of the most demanding conditions ever faced by America's Army, you have won a monumental victory — a victory that will be honored for as long as Americans remember their past. You have restored freedom to a nation brutalized by a ruthless dictator; you have brought peace to a region that is vital to the health of the entire world; and you have rekindled a deep sense of national pride that wells in the hearts of the American people. This pride is evident in all the flags and yellow ribbons that cover our landscape from coast to coast. And it shines in the eyes of your sons and daughters, your husbands and wives, and your friends and neighbors who now welcome you back with open arms.

Equally important, you have shown to a watching world what the trained and ready Army of the United States can accomplish. Your magnificent victory in the desert will give a powerful lesson to the renegade regimes of the world that might be foolish enough to contemplate aggression. Above all, you have shown the character and the mettle of the American people: courageous in war, compassionate in peace, and committed to the service of the nation.

Even as we celebrate your triumphant homecoming, let us never forget those soldiers who will never return, the valiant men and women who have given their lives in the name of freedom. They now join the sacred roll call of brave Americans who have fallen in battle in the defense of this nation and our way of life over the past two centuries. Their sacrifice — and yours — has not been in vain. For in a land thousands of miles away, the children of Kuwait are now awakening to a new day, a day free from repression and fear, a day bright with renewed hope for the future.

Your mission is now over; your task is complete. As you now rejoin your friends and families, you should each carry with you great pride in the contributions you have made to a peaceful world. Wherever you go in the years ahead, and whatever course your life may take, you will forever be known as a soldier of Desert Storm. Welcome home.

Gen. Carl E. Vuono
Army chief of staff

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Desert stormer applauds TOW's performance in war

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A Huntsville native who fought in the Persian Gulf War says his Bradley Fighting Vehicle had nine confirmed kills out of 10 TOWs fired during the 100-hour ground conflict.



WAR VETERAN — Goode tells about his experience with the anti-tank missile system while Gerald Smith, TOW deputy project manager, listens.

Spec. Jeff Goode answered questions about TOW's performance during an hour and a half visit Friday afternoon with members of the project office. He walked with the assistance of a cane because of the left calf wound he suffered when shot by a sniper in Kuwait two days after the cease fire.

Goode, 21, a 1987 graduate of Huntsville High School, is a member of 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Squadron, out of Amberg, Germany. He received his training at Fort Knox, Ky.

"We fired 10 (TOWs) on my Bradley. We had seven confirmed kills on vehicles, two confirmed kills on bunkers. We had one self-destruct. At about 200 meters, it just blew up," said Goode, who speculated that the failed missile may have been intercepted. Ranges varied from about 1500 meters to 3000 meters (a little less than two miles).

"At 3000 it was still deadly accurate. It was real powerful hitting because you could tell as soon as it hit, the vehicle was dead," Goode said. Of the seven vehicles killed, four were Iraqi T72 tanks and the TOW "completely blew off the turret" on three of those.

The Bradley was on the move during probably four of the seven confirmed vehicle kills, according to Goode. "We weren't moving fast, but probably at a slow crawl," he said. One of the targets was moving and was cut down while it was moving.

His unit of Bradley Fighting Vehicles started from Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, and was part of the flanking movement out west. "We were part of the flanking movement that went up and around and came back down," Goode said. The Bradley was armed with 12 TOW 2A anti-tank missiles, including 10 inside and two in the launcher.

Asked about prisoners of war, Goode said his "track" alone took some 260 Iraqi prisoners including about 60 members of the elite Republican Guard. He recalled seeing nine Iraqis who had been executed, and speculated this was done by suicide squads.

"We could've been in Baghdad inside of 24 hours," he said, referring to the push made by his unit and other U.S. units.

Goode arrived in Saudi Arabia on Dec. 8. "We sat around until February. It was a lot of waiting and waiting and waiting. Real boring. Once it started, when we crossed the border, it was just all business," he said.

In response to a question, he acknowledged that he was scared during the fighting. "The big part of it was not knowing — not knowing (when but) that any minute you could get hit, and the only way to save yourself was to keep firing," Goode said.

He arrived back in the states March 27 and plans to go to Officer Candidate School as soon as he heals enough to take his physical fitness test. Goode has been in the Army nearly two years. He and his wife, Terry, have an 11-month-old daughter, Abigail. Terry said she is proud of her husband. "He did a good

job," she said. They left Huntsville on Saturday. Terry has been residing in Fayetteville, N.C.

Goode has a brother, Neal. Their parents are Clara and Mike Goode, an electrical engineer at Marshall Space Flight Center.



THE GOODES — Terry and Spec. Jeff Goode pose with their daughter, Abigail.

Fund helps families of war's casualties

MONTGOMERY — Gov. Guy Hunt has announced that a private fund has been established to help provide benefits to family members of soldiers killed in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

"This humanitarian effort is another way in which the people of this nation can show their pride, gratitude and respect to the families of soldiers lost in the war in the Persian Gulf," Hunt said in announcing the program on behalf of its board of directors. "There is no way to make up for the loss of a loved one, but by giving to this fund we can make the road ahead for these families a little easier."

The governor said contributions and gifts to provide for a military dependent beneficiary can be made to: Operation Desert Benefits, c/o AmSouth Bank, P.O. Drawer 431; Montgomery, Ala., 36101-0431.

All gifts and interest earned will be disbursed to beneficiaries upon certification from the Department of Defense of the deceased, Hunt said. No salaries will be paid from the funds raised, and expenses will be underwritten by donations from private individuals and businesses, he said.

The gifts will be managed by AmSouth Bank in Montgomery under the supervision of an appointed board of directors. Board members include Hunt, Attorney General Jimmy Evans, Chief Justice Sonny Hornsby, Circuit Judge Charles Price, Huntingdon College President Dr. Allen Jackson, Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church pastor the Rev. John Ed Mathison; and Charles G. Cleveland, a retired Air Force lieutenant general who serves as executive director of the United Way of Montgomery. (News release from the governor's office)

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Naval detachment trio receives individual recognition

Three members of Naval Air Maintenance Training Group Detachment, Huntsville, have received individual recognition recently.



HONOREES — From left are Dawson, Gullion and King.

Aviation Machinist's Mate Chief Petty Officer (Aviation Warfare Specialist) Brian N. Dawson was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal (gold star in lieu of third award) on March 27 for superior performance of duties while serving as quality assurance division chief petty officer of VF-32, a F-14 Squadron embarked onboard the USS Kennedy from August 1987 to January 1991. He is assigned to NAMTGDET Huntsville as a group paced instructor for the E-6A Power Plant and Related Systems Organizational Maintenance Course.

Aviation Electrician's Mate 1st Class Petty Officer (Aviation Warfare Specialist) Todd A. Gullion was

promoted to his present rate of first class petty officer March 16. Gullion is assigned to NAMTGDET Huntsville as a group paced instructor for the E-6A Electrical and Instrument Systems Organizational Maintenance Course.

Airman Arland E. King was awarded a letter of commendation from the officer in charge of NAMTGDET Huntsville for extraordinary performance and attention to detail while assisting the E-6A Power Plants and Related Systems assistant Course manager. His assistance led to improvements to the E-6A Power Plants and Related Systems Organizational Maintenance Course Curriculum.

Civilian reps thanked for Patriot support

Just to make sure the soldiers of the Patriot batteries and the civilians who supported them knew how much

they were appreciated, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of allied forces, decided to thank them personally.

One of the first to shake Schwarzkopf's hand during the commander's recent visit to B Battery, 2/7 Battalion (Patriot) was MICOM logistic assistance representative Alex Torres. Torres and the unit had been assigned to Fort Bliss, Texas, before the war.

B Battery was one of the first to engage Scuds during the first days of the war, quickly laying to rest skepticism about Patriot's ability to shoot down incoming missiles, according to Maj. Jim Fowler, senior readiness officer for MICOM in Saudi Arabia. Fowler had this to say about the performance of civilian LARs during the war:

"The MICOM senior command representative, Lt. Col. Daniel Prescott; LAR supervisors Jim McGinnis and Preston Jordan have repeatedly heard praise from units that had LARs assigned to them... Although Alex was the first to be photographed with Gen. Schwarzkopf, there are many other unsung heroes in the theater. The Missile Systems Readiness Directorate has a lot to be proud of, everyone at MICOM has a lot to be proud of. Their support has been outstanding."



MICOM WORKER DOES GOOD — Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf thanks MICOM LAR Alex Torres for a job well done after the first Scuds were intercepted in Saudi Arabia.

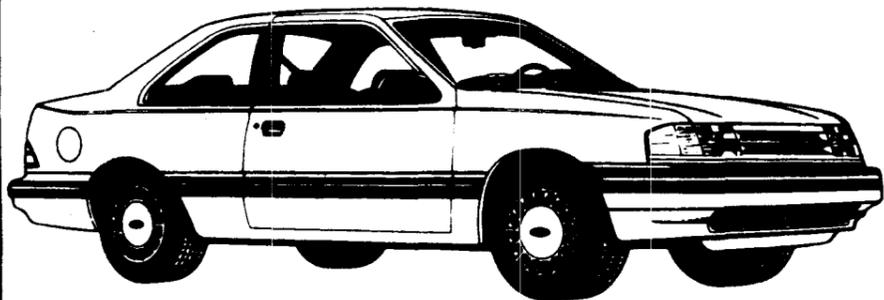
Tornado warning tested April 12

The tornado alarm system will be tested at Redstone Arsenal on April 12 at 10 a.m. A five-second alarm will sound, and because of the boxes spread around the Arsenal, should be heard at all locations where people are located on post.

In real cases when a tornado has been spotted in the immediate area and Redstone officials have been advised that a warning is in effect for the local area, the alarm would be sounded and residents/employees should prepare to take cover.

All Arsenal people should be made aware of this test on April 12. The test is being conducted to make sure the equipment is in operational condition and will work when needed.

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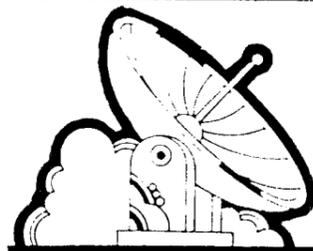
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Fort Bragg wins Army community of excellence award

WASHINGTON — For their record of achievement in 1990, the residents and employees at Fort Bragg, N.C., home of the XVIII Airborne Corps, have earned the Commander in Chief's Award in the Army Communities of Excellence program.

Presented annually to an installation for excelling in support to soldiers, families, tenant units and employees, the commander in chief's award is accompanied by a grant of \$1.5 million.

"That money," explained Lt. Col. Bruce Greenfield in the chief of staff's ACOE program office, "will be available in fiscal year 1992 for Bragg officials to invest in facilities improvement and in upgrading customer service at installation activities."

Greenfield added that, "the people at Bragg went the extra mile in their day-to-day functions. This was especially so when they were preparing soldiers for overseas movement in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. They had some very creative and innovative ways of performing customer service."

"For example," he continued, "the post civilian personnel office had devised a procedure for making CPO 'house calls' to persons unable to visit the CPO facility. And, of course, the local family support groups were especially responsive in dealing with the effects of deployment upon families on the home front."

Vital to Bragg's high level of excellence was the widespread spirit of teamwork — articulated in the byword "Team Bragg." "The approach at Bragg is the same one I've been expressing for 20 years: 'The answer is YES, now how may I help you?'" Greenfield said.

Simple as that may sound, it does set the stage for installations to define their own high standards of excellence and to meet them, he said.

ACOE program director Col. H.T. Fincher noted that during his several weeks of on-site visits in the field, "the Army communities' transition to war was astounding for its efficiency and practicality. Their success in mobilization, deployment, logistics support and taking care of families has set the model for years to come."

Fincher, who has more than 30 years service, said that for the first time since World War II and Korea, families of soldiers stayed put on post, instead of re-joining life on the "outside" during a large-scale operation. Their on-post presence thus called for continued support, and the result hardly could have been better.

He attributes much of the family-support success to the efforts of professionals from the reserve components. "For example, nearly half of the chaplains and medical personnel during this period came from RC units," he said.

"So, when the historians sit down to write the story of Desert Storm, we'll see the usual discussions of strategy, tactics and logistics. But this time, there should be a chapter on community support — because without it we couldn't have done as well as we did," Fincher concluded.

Greenfield explained the awards selection process started off with 150 nominees from the field — various major Army commands then chiseled the field to 32.

From there, certain Army staff agencies chose the finalists for the small, medium and large installations in the Continental United States and outside CONUS.

Coinciding with the overall ACOE awards program, the Army's personnel chief recently announced the 1990 personnel service awards. Fort Devens and Fort Bragg received the award, which was accompanied by

a check for \$50,000 and a plaque. The award recognizes civilian personnel services and soldier and family support services.

Besides officials from Bragg, an audience of about 400 persons is expected to attend the ACOE awards ceremony May 23 at the Pentagon. Among them will be representatives from the other award recipients, as listed below:

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Calibration and repair teams play vital role in Saudi

BY JAN FINEGAN

The 517th Maintenance Battalion (TMDE), commanded by Lt. Col. Frank Davis, and assigned to U.S. Army Materiel Command-Southwest Asia, is the only one of its kind in the world with three full companies and three full supply support activities.

Until October 1990, the 517th out of Zweibrücken, Germany, provided test, measurement and diagnostic equipment calibration and repair for the European theater, Southern European Task Force and Turkey with support from the 521st Maintenance Company, V Corps, Frankfurt; the 523rd Maintenance Company, VII Corps, Augsburg; and the 524th Maintenance Company, 21st Theater Army Area Command, SETAF and Turkey Supply and Logistic Command, Pirmasens, Germany.

Iraq's invasion of Kuwait required a mission change. When the XVIII Airborne Corps deployed, elements of the 95th Maintenance Company (TMDE), Redstone Arsenal, which provides TMDE support stateside deployed also and were assigned to the 517th when the battalion arrived in Saudi Arabia in December to assume the theater support mission.

Currently the battalion supports the Southwest Asian theater as well as the European theater. Using a small command and control cell in Saudi from battalion headquarters and elements of two companies in Saudi, remaining battalion staff and one company in Europe, the battalion has been able to maintain both missions.

The battalion calibrates, repairs, services, maintains and manages approximately 80,000 pieces of TMDE assigned to U.S. forces in the Southwest Asia theater using a secondary reference lab and 16 secondary transfer sets in M820 tactical five-ton trucks.

Test, measurement and diagnostic equipment is used to repair combat weapons systems. Davis explains, "The M-1 tank is repaired using a piece of equipment called the STE-M1/FVS (simplified test equipment-M1/fighting vehicle system). My people fix the STE-M1 so when the system technician troubleshoots the tank with the STE-M1, he knows the STE-M1 is good; if it says something is wrong with the tank, then something is wrong with the tank and not wrong with the test equipment."

TMDE ranges from torque wrenches in a tool box to complex equipment that supports sophisticated communications equipment, radar equipment, all missile systems — most weapons systems, in fact.

"If a maintenance person gets a specification that says 'torque this bolt to 20 foot pounds,' in the tool box there is a torque wrench that measures 20 foot pounds. The maintenance guy knows when he puts pressure on that bolt, he's getting 20 foot pounds," Davis says.

"So TMDE is any piece of equipment the maintenance technician uses to test another piece of equipment. We fix that piece of equipment and we certify that it's good. When it comes out of my shop, it's calibrated to its own specs and when the technician goes out to fix weapons systems, he knows the test equipment is good and if he gets a fault light, he knows it's the weapons system that's bad."

Primary standards lab

Davis' repair teams follow standards published by

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the U.S. Army Primary Standards Lab at the TMDE Support Activity, Redstone.

"The lab and engineering directorate tests a piece of equipment to make sure it'll do what the manufacturer says it'll do and the calibration procedure the manufacturer wrote for it meets our purposes. If it doesn't, then we'll modify the procedures for field use," Davis says. "When that piece of equipment comes to one of my transfer teams six or eight months down the line, we use that procedure for calibrating and repair."

"Sometimes, depending on the complexity of a piece of equipment, procedures can constantly change. What we thought was good at first may not be good six or eight months down the pike and we have to go back and modify the procedure depending on how we use the equipment or what we use it for."

Saudi conditions

The heat and dust of Saudi have caused some problems, but Davis says the technicians have done a great job of keeping their own equipment up.

"We've probably seen half of the 80,000 items we

have over here in the last three months," Davis says. "There are certain pieces of equipment we'll see a lot and certain ones we won't see. There are a lot of small items like small arms gauges, some torque wrenches, multimeters and things that won't be used on a daily basis. Then there are other pieces of equipment like the STE-M1 and DSESTS (direct support electrical system test sets) that we see all the time."

"Aviation is one of our best customers," Davis continues. "Aviators pay close attention to calibration because a lot of times a pilot flies by what the on-board systems are saying — how far above ground the aircraft is, where it is, the current status of the whole system. We calibrate avionics test equipment which certifies instruments on the console and we have teams set up with aviation units all over the theater."

The 517th has a total of 16 teams in country with the 101st Airborne, 82nd Airborne, 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Infantry Division, 1st and 3rd Armored Divisions, and 24th Infantry Division and teams collocated with 7/159th Aviation, a base cluster of three teams on Log Base Echo with the 523rd Maintenance Company, teams at King Khalid Military City and King Fahd Military City and a team at Log Base Bravo with the 521st.

A large part of the 517th is scheduled for redeployment the first part of April.



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IMPORTANT NOTE: The families of activated reservists and National Guard members may not sign

up for the Active Duty Dependents Dental Plan unless their sponsors are ordered to active duty for a period of at least two years.

Contact your nearest military personnel office for questions about enrollment. For questions about benefits and the dental plan, contact your military personnel office or your nearest health benefits adviser.

Kids' fishing outing scheduled April 20

The seventh annual "Take a Kid Fishing" contest will be held April 20 as part of the activities for the Month of the Military Child.

Jointly sponsored by Community and Family Activities and the Post Exchange, the event will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tennessee River Military Recreation Area. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest fish caught by youngsters age 18 and under; judging will be based on weight.

Or, call or write the civilian contractor as follows: *If you live west of the Mississippi River:* DDP-Delta, P.O. Box 26904, Sacramento, Calif., 95826-9024; telephone (916) 381-9368. *If you live east of the Mississippi River:* DDP-Delta, P.O. Box 9086, Farmington Hills, Mich., 48333-9086; telephone (313) 489-2240. (News release from the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services)

Refreshments, bait and tackle will be on hand for sale. Random drawings for various prizes will be conducted from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pre-registration is under way until 5:30 p.m. April 18 at the Main Exchange and at Outdoor Recreation, building 5129. Participants age 16 and older must have a current Alabama fishing license. For more information, call 876-4868.

MICOM honors newcomers/departees

"New Beginnings" is the theme for the upcoming quarterly event for welcoming new arrivals and bidding farewell to those departing.

All civilian and military people of the Missile Command and tenant organizations are invited to MICOM's "Hail and Farewell" set for 4-6 p.m. April 23 at the Officers Club. The Weapons Systems Management Directorate is the sponsoring organization this time.

"WSMD has selected 'New Beginnings' as its theme which coincides with profound successes in the Middle East, new assignments for those newly arriving and those departing, and the lovely spring season which is now upon us," says Shirl Boddie, publicity chairman

for the event. She works in the Lance Configuration Management Office which is part of WSMD.

Honorees at the Hail and Farewell will include military officers and civilian employees GS/GM-13 and above who have joined MICOM in the past three months — January, February and March — and those scheduled to depart before June 30.

"Please join with your friends, neighbors and co-workers for this congenial time of welcoming newcomers to the MICOM community, and saying goodbye to those who will be leaving," Boddie says.

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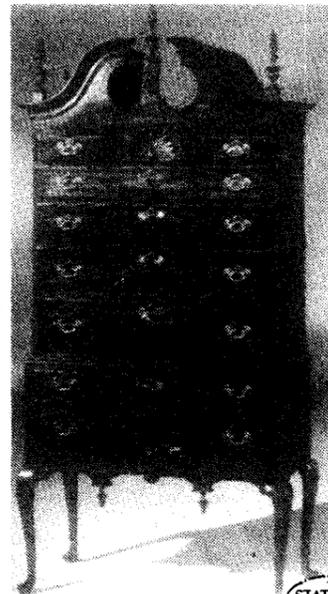
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Military police, gate guards advise drivers to slow down, use seat belts

BY SANDA MARTEL

Most jobs on Redstone Arsenal aren't considered hazardous. While some do involve exposure to equipment, chemicals, ammunition, or the elements, operator safety precautions are usually a defense against accidents.



RADAR CHECK — SFC John Jeffreys directs his K-15 stationary radar detector toward traffic approaching Gate 1.

But if you were to ask a gate guard, a Department of Defense civilian policeman, chances are he would say his job is indeed dangerous. Not because of trespassers, or criminals or for other reasons people usually think of in regard to police work.

A gate guard will tell you his job is dangerous because of one thing. Speed. Motorists entering Redstone Arsenal gates consistently and blatantly ignore the posted 25 mph speed limit, guards say, and as a result their lives are endangered by speeding drivers each and every day.

25 mph gate speed

While some drivers seem to resent having to slow to 25 mph, there are very good reasons for the limit, SFC John Jeffreys, military police operations sergeant, said.

"This is a military installation and people must have a valid vehicle decal to enter. Guards are required to check those decals, and obviously there's no way they can do that if cars speed through. I personally think 25 is too fast, because if a driver is on top of a guard at 25 there's no way he's going to be able to stop (if signaled to do so)," Jeffreys said.

"Guards have to constantly be on the watch and aware of their safety. People don't watch for them so they have to watch for the drivers," he said.

Gate 1 is a major danger gate because of the morning switch to one-way inbound and afternoon one-way outbound, 1st Lt. Alberto Soto, chief of Provost Marshal operations section, said.

Drivers should be on the watch for guards putting out traffic cones to redirect traffic, at Gate 1 and all gates, and be prepared to immediately reduce speed.

"A lot of people don't bother to slow down when guards are doing this. It's extremely dangerous and a guard could be hit or other accidents could occur," Soto said.

"People need to be aware of things changing at the gates, construction, for example. People become chan-

nelized and expect everything to be the same every single day. We ask people to be defensive when driving," he said.

Speed violators

The speed limit on Redstone Arsenal is 35 mph unless otherwise posted. All speed violators concern the military police, but the gate speed violators probably concern them as much or more than speeding in other areas, with the possible exception of speeders in the housing area, Jeffreys said.

"People just aren't attentive to driving," said guard Charles Travis, posted to Gate 1 in early afternoon one day last week. "Instead of leaving home earlier, they try to make up the time by driving too fast to get to work."

A radar check by Jeffreys at Gate 1 on that day indicated that some drivers approached and passed through the gates at speeds as high as 39 mph, 14 mph in excess of the limit.

Some drivers apparently think the 25 mph limit applies only to vehicles entering the gates, and not to those exiting it, as numerous drivers leaving the Arsenal never slowed their speed. Some drivers on that day passed through the gate at speeds as high as 58 mph.

Guard Roy Pope, working Gate 9, had an interesting observation. "It looks like drivers try to speed up as they come through."

Just doing their jobs

Guards grow weary of drivers' anger directed at them. They say they're just doing their job when they perform vehicle identification and decal checks. But they cite examples of motorists becoming verbally abusive when stopped and asked to turn off their headlights, for instance.

"We can't perform a decal check when we're being blinded by headlights," another guard who asked that his name not be used, said.

Guards have the authority to stop motorists and prevent them from entering post if the vehicle has an expired decal, an expired license plate, suspended or expired drivers license, or if other violations are suspected, Soto said. Further, if the individual doesn't have an employee badge, green ID card, retired ID card or a valid reason for being on post, he will also be turned back.

But they don't have ticketing authority; only military policemen can issue tickets, so if anyone is detained by guards at the gates, they call the MPs.

The procedures for badge and decal checks are the same now as they were prior to or during the war, Soto said.

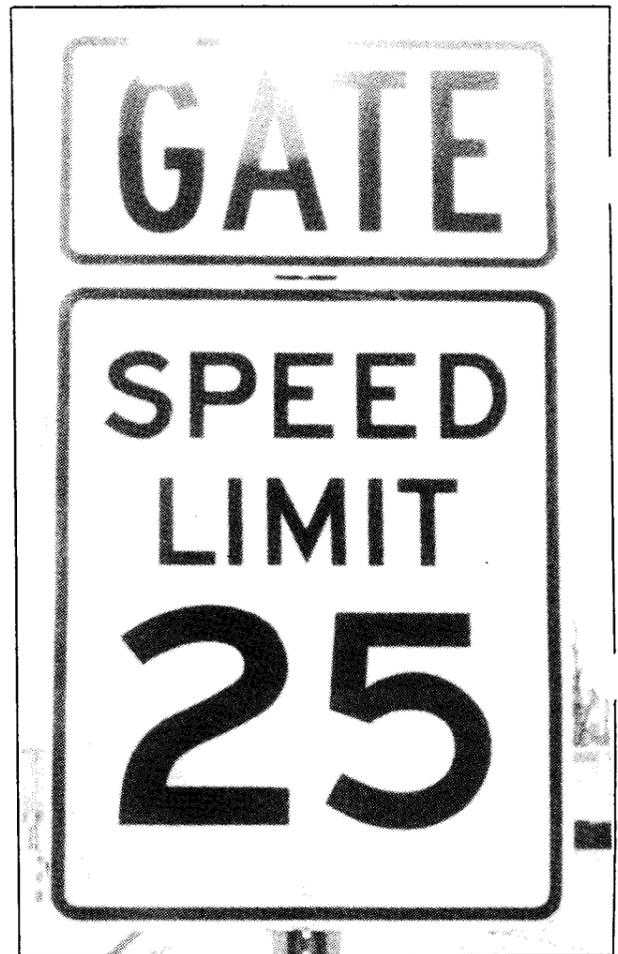
"Guards are required to always do decal checks, and they can and should be doing this to the best of their ability. This was and is policy before, during and after the war," Soto said.

Military policemen were used at the gates during the war to enforce decal policy, simply because it was simpler to get MPs there than it was civilian guards, according to Soto.

"In the future we can and will go to gates to increase decal checks and periodic badge checks," he said.

"The only time some drivers slow down is when they see an MP (at the gate)," guard Eugene Brooks said.

But while parked near the guard shack at Gate 1 last week, Jeffreys had his radar device pointed toward oncoming cars, in clear sight of any approaching motorist. While some drivers reduced their speed as they approached, many others didn't seem to notice the MP's presence.



REDUCE SPEED — Motorists should always reduce speed to 25 mph to enter and exit Redstone Arsenal gates. Those who disregard the speed limit endanger the safety of the guards, themselves and other motorists.

Seat belts required

Seat belts are required on the Arsenal and drivers not buckled up can be pulled over by MPs and issued a citation.

People driving up to the gate, realizing they're not buckled up and trying to fasten seat belts while driving, create a safety hazard, Soto said.

"People turning around and trying to fasten seat belts while continuing to drive at the same speed creates a real danger; people can easily lose control of their vehicles when they do this," he said.

Drivers ticketed on the Arsenal for illegal parking, speeding or seat belt offenses either pay fines without a court appearance, or if they choose to contest the charge, appear before a federal magistrate court judge.

One form of ticket issued by MPs carries no monetary fine, but instead goes to one's supervisor. This type ticket is issued for illegal parking or an expired decal. There's a point system that accumulates for getting these tickets and after drivers get a certain number in a certain period of time, driving privileges on the Arsenal can be suspended.

Tickets issued for speeding carry a fine of \$50, Jeffreys said.

Jeffreys acknowledged that the amount of traffic passing through the gates of Redstone each day make it impossible for MPs to issue tickets to all offenders. And when someone does get a ticket from the MPs or is detained by the guards, that person wonders why he is being singled out, Jeffreys said.

"So long as folks have a valid decal, identification and obey traffic laws, they won't have any problem," Soto said.

"We're asking for willing cooperation (by drivers). That would help," Jeffreys said.

Gate hours

Gate hours are sometimes confusing for people and they wonder why certain gates aren't kept open when they want to use them.

"We look at the key hours gates are used and the amount of traffic coming in them. Our decisions on gate hours are based on that," at what is most cost effective, Soto said.

On occasion, certain gates will be open when a large number of people are coming onto the Arsenal for special events. These openings will be announced, Soto said.

Gate operating hours are as follows: * **Gates 9, 8 and 3:** 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. * **Gate 10:** 4:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday; closed weekends and holidays. * **Gate 7:** 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday; closed weekends and holidays. * **Gate 1:** 4:30 a.m.-9 p.m. seven days a week; 6 a.m.-approx. 8:20 a.m., M-F, one-way inbound; 3:15-approx. 5:30 p.m., M-F, one-way outbound; closed on official government holidays. * **Gates 2 and 5:** 6 a.m.-8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday; closed weekends and holidays.



GATE 9 — Rideout Road is one of the busier gates at Redstone. Because the roadway is four-lane and open, the speed limit before approach to the gate is 55 mph. The speed limit for passing through the gate is 25 mph, but many motorists don't slow to that speed. This endangers guards performing decal checks because they have no place to stand to get out of the way of the traffic.

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WRESTLING TICKETS — From left SSgt. Robert Baulos of D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, and Sgt. David Stephenson, an instructor in electronics technology training department, receive tickets from SFC Ronald Houston, retention NCO for Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, to a World Championship Wrestling match held recently at the Von Braun Civic Center. SSgt. Dana Vorreyer, not pictured, also received tickets to the match. They received the tickets as a reenlistment incentive.

Announcements

Multicrafts

Here's the Multicrafts Center schedule for April 16 through 26. April 16, *Basoc stained glass classes*, 6 p.m.; April 18, *Acrylic painting classes*, 6:30 p.m.; April 19, *Month of the Military Child Activities*, sponge painting on T-shirts or tennis shoes, 6 p.m., no class fee; April 20, *Mop doll workshop*, 9:30 a.m.; *Jewelry casting classes*, 1:30 p.m.; April 23, 24 & 25, *Needle art matting and framing workshops*, 6 p.m.; April 25, *T-shirt decorating*, 6 p.m.; April 26, *Month of the Military Child Activities*, shrink art and tennis shoe decorating, 6 p.m., no class fee; *Wreath decorating*, 9:30 a.m. The center is open to all active duty and retired military members, government civilian workers, family members and guests. For more information visit the center in building 3615 at the corner of Vincent Drive and Gray Road or call 876-7951.

Ordnance Ball

The 179th Ordnance Ball will be held May 3 at the Officers Club. The Ordnance Ball is open to military (SFC and above) and civilians (GS-9 and above). The cost is \$17 per person. Menu includes rock cornish game hen, wild rice, and green beans almondene. Entertainment will be provided by "Four on the Floor." If you have not received your invitation or need more information, call Capt. John Burley 876-6570 or Maj. Andy Dixon 876-5577.

Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government will hold its regular meeting at 11 a.m. April 16 in the Regimental Room of the Officers Club. All members are asked to be present and accompanied by a guest. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, call Betty McPherson 544-5130.

Logistics University

The opening ceremony and ribbon cutting for Logistics University (LogU) will be today, April 10, at 1:45 p.m., bldg. 5675. All are invited to attend this significant event, which marks the cooperative education effort between MICOM's Missile Logistics Center and three Alabama institutions of higher learning. Presidents of the University of Alabama in Huntsville, A&M University and Athens State College will attend the event. Maj. Gen. William Chen will speak and MLC director Jim Flinn will be keynote speaker. For more information call Rod Johnson 876-6898.

Training in communication

The Huntsville International Training in Communication Club (formerly known as Toastmistress Club) is organizing a daytime club. Meetings are being held at the Trinity Adult Center, 607 Airport Road, every second and fourth Thursday at 10 a.m. Enter at eastside entrance. This month's meetings will be held April 11 and 25. "ITC" is an educational club for those interested in improving their self-confidence, communication, leadership and organizational skills. Everyone is welcome to come to observe and/or join. For information, call 534-7712 or 837-2664.

AER fund-raiser

HHC MICOM is having an AER "Give a Buck" event April 15 and May 1 from 6-8:30 a.m. at designated buildings. Individuals at building entrances will be available to collect voluntary contributions to Army Emergency Relief. For information call SFC George Roberts 876-5710.

Ammunition management careerists

The Ammunition Management Career Program (CP-33) midyear Army screening panel will convene May 6-10 at the Army Defense Ammunition Center and School, Savanna, Ill. The panel will evaluate both mandatory and voluntary AMCP registrants eligible for promotion to GS-11 through GS/GM-15 grade level positions Armywide. The panel will evaluate "initial" submissions for the remainder of the 1991 referral year (Sept. 30), "add-on" submissions to initial submissions already evaluated by the 1991 annual panel, and "reconsideration" submissions which request a review of specific element ratings assigned by the 1991 annual panel. *All careerists wishing to be referable must submit either an initial, add-on or reconsideration submission.* Careerist packages must be submitted by April 29 to the activity career program manager, Bobby L. Sharp, AMSMI-LC-AM, 876-0341, building 5681, room B20S.

NCO wives

NCO Wives Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Challenger NCO Club. "Now is your opportunity to join an interesting, enriching and enjoyable, not to mention fun organization." For more information, call Judy Fredrich 828-6885.

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Travel company helping the returning soldiers

ARLINGTON, Va. — An Arlington based company is providing emergency travel service systems to cut precious hours from the trip home for United States servicemen and servicewomen returning from the Persian Gulf.

SatoTravel, which provides travel services to the U.S. government and military and is owned by 13 major U.S. airlines, has set up fully-equipped, automated emergency "field offices" of 20 passenger ticketing positions each at Philadelphia International Airport's Overseas Terminal and the Charleston, S.C., International Airport. In addition to airline ticketing, the emergency services will include short-term hotel arrangements, simplified billing procedures, and even the packaging and handling of weapons.

Michael J. Premo, SatoTravel president, said his company was selected by the Military Traffic Management Command to provide the service "based on our more than 35 years' experience working with military customers, including many emergency situations." He added, "It is exciting and gratifying for us to help bring the heroes and heroines of Operation Desert Storm and their families back together as quickly as we can."

Premo said SatoTravel will have a staff of nearly 40 at each location, and although no passenger figures have been released, "we are prepared to handle up to 3,000 passengers a day in each city for as long as we are needed."

SatoTravel has a network of about 700 travel service offices on military bases and in government facilities around the U.S. The company provides both official and leisure travel services under contract, and a portion of its commissions on leisure travel is returned to the military Morale, Welfare and Recreation services. (SatoTravel news release)

Total Quality Management cadre expands

Twenty-one Missile Command workers graduated March 20 from a course in Total Quality Management consulting skills.

This marked the third official MICOM class graduation of members who will serve as Total Quality Management trainers and facilitators across the command, raising the total number to 66.

Maj. Gen. William Chen, commander of MICOM and Redstone Arsenal, delivered the keynote address at the graduation luncheon held at the Officers Club. Others on the program included Lt. Col. Joseph Padlock of Procurement Directorate; Charlene Coke of Intelligence and Security Directorate; David Nixon of Procurement Directorate; Tammie Terry of Information Systems Command-MICOM; Elizabeth Wilson of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity; and Jeanette Dean of Missile Logistics Center.

Members of the graduating class for March included Glenda Waters, Brenda Anders, Clydia Tucker, Deborah Butler, Carolyn Brannon, Gwyn Bredeson, Warren Alford, Gary Bell, Sandra Davis, Maj. Francis Wagner, Larry Colwick, Maj. Ernesto Negron, James Conn, Anita Hughes, Donald Copeland, Aaron Walker, Jesse Fuller, MSgt. Richard Van Scoyoc, James Smith, Mable Youngblood and Jerry Gibbs.



TQM TRAINERS/FACILITATORS — Maj. Gen. Chen, seated fourth from left, poses with members of the graduating class. Front row, from left, are Waters, Anders, Tucker, Chen, Butler, Brannon and Bredeson; middle row, Alford, Bell, Davis, Wagner, Colwick, Negron, Conn and Hughes; back row, Copeland, Walker, Fuller, Van Scoyoc, Smith, Youngblood and Gibbs.

Exchanges hold accounts for returning troops

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is looking for people who deployed to Desert Shield/Desert Storm whose accounts with their exchange were held for them.

As a service to customers, AAFES established special procedures for handling customer accounts for troops deployed to the Gulf. Services such as layaways, deferred payment plans, home layaway plans, rain checks and special order merchandise are covered by these special procedures.

Accounts belonging to Desert Shield/Desert Storm participants are being held without penalty for late or

missing payments. Special order and rain check merchandise is being held at local exchanges awaiting return of deployed customers.

Returning Desert Shield/Desert Storm participants with AAFES accounts, or who had special orders or rain check merchandise, should contact the exchange facility where payments were formerly made to restart their accounts.

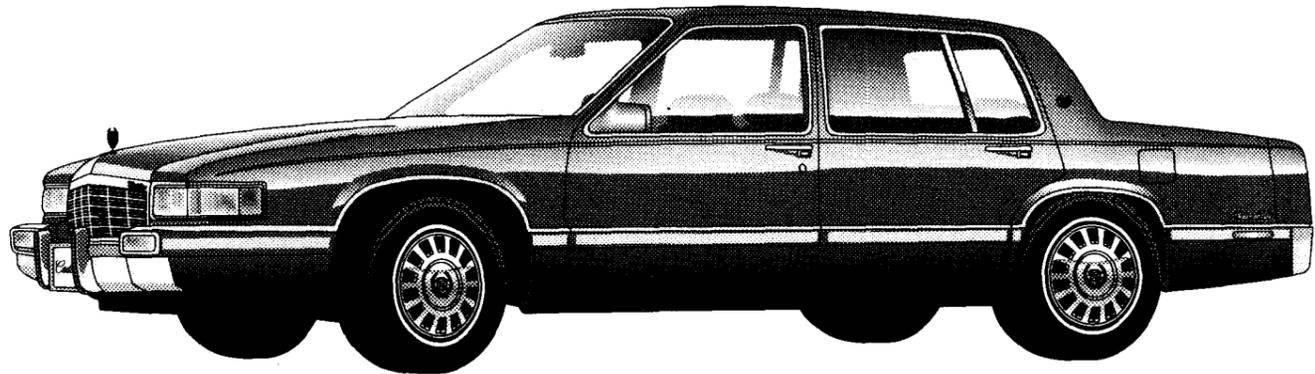
Customers will need an ID card, as well as a recent leave and earnings statement if they are in the grade of E-4 or below. The store will also need name, account

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Dog owners reminded to check for heartworms

BY PAM ROGERS

Every dog owner, especially those who live in the South, should observe a simple spring ritual every year: Have your dog tested for heartworms.

April has been set aside as Heartworm Awareness Month by the American Veterinary Association, according to Kathy Yawn of the post veterinary clinic.

Heartworms (*Dirofilaria immitis*) are parasitic worms that are transmitted in their larval form by mosquitoes that have fed on infected dogs.

Adult worms live in the right side of the dog's heart and in the adjacent pulmonary blood vessels. Larvae circulate in the bloodstream and are picked up by mosquitoes feeding on the dog.

A heartworm infestation can cause serious damage to the dog's heart, lungs and kidneys. It eventually can kill the animal.

The disease can be treated, but treatment itself can be dangerous and difficult. It's best to put your pet on a heartworm preventive, according to Yawn.

"Heartworm preventives come in several different forms: daily, once a month, chewable, and some include controls for intestinal parasites also," she stated.

Heartworms have always been more of a problem in the southern states, and because we have warm winters, Yawn suggests that dog owners treat their animals year-round.

Puppies should get their first check at around six months of age and be put on a preventive at that time. The test must be performed before the preventive can be prescribed, according to Yawn.



ADOPTABLE POOCH — The puppy PFC Brad Goddard is holding is almost old enough to begin a heartworm preventive program. If you're interested in adopting this male puppy, call the veterinary clinic at 876-2441.

General outline released for redeployment of forces

WASHINGTON — The chief concern in redeploying forces from Southwest Asia is to re-establish the Army's worldwide crisis response capability. However, CONUS-based units responsible for that mission won't be the only forces returning from the Persian Gulf in the coming weeks, according to officials at the Pentagon.

Along with the quick response forces, selected Reserve Component units are at the top of a list the Army recently released.

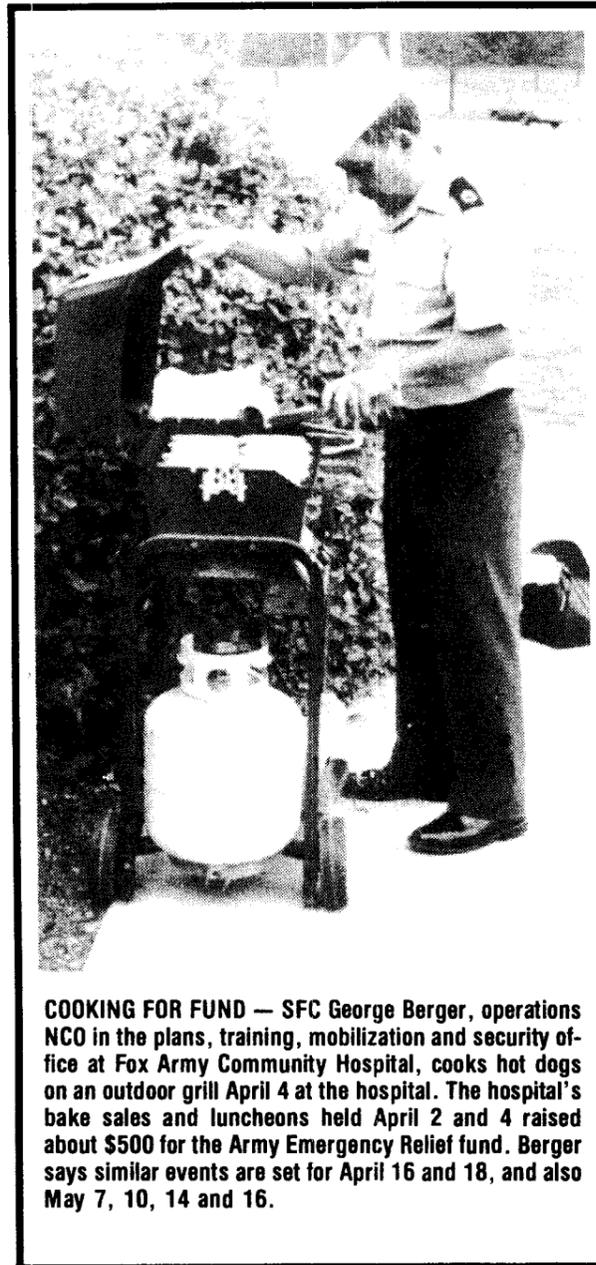
"Re-establishing the Army's capability to respond to contingencies worldwide — like Operation Desert Shield/Storm and Operation Just Cause — is a top priority," according to redeployment guidelines recently released by the Pentagon. "As the contingency response capability is reestablished, the Reserve Component units which have been called to active duty will be redeployed and demobilized (as long as the mission will allow it)."

Next in line will be the active forces homebased in Europe which are slated for inactivation in 1992 and 1993, followed by the units that have been in the Persian Gulf region the longest. However, the guidelines state redeployments are "subject to operational requirements."

The theater commander, Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, will determine the "operational requirements" of a unit in Southwest Asia, and officials stress that the redeployment of Gulf troops "will not be an exact reversal" of the original deployment "nor be based solely on length of time in theater."

"Due to the need to maintain a certain level of readiness in the theater, and because of the uniqueness of unit missions, some units that deployed to Southwest Asia during the early part of the operation and have been in theater longer than others, may not necessarily be the first to be redeployed," according to Pentagon officials.

Officials insist that the soldiers still in the Persian Gulf will return "as quickly as possible," but they warn that the redeployment could last longer than the seven months it took to deploy the force. (Arnews)



COOKING FOR FUND — SFC George Berger, operations NCO in the plans, training, mobilization and security office at Fox Army Community Hospital, cooks hot dogs on an outdoor grill April 4 at the hospital. The hospital's bake sales and luncheons held April 2 and 4 raised about \$500 for the Army Emergency Relief fund. Berger says similar events are set for April 16 and 18, and also May 7, 10, 14 and 16.

Injured stormer tells his Gulf war story

BY DEBRA FOWLER

LANDSTUHL, Germany — When his Bradley Fighting Vehicle was hit by an Iraqi rocket-propelled grenade, PFC Ed Stitzel almost couldn't believe it.

The Fairfield, Ohio, native rolled out of the Bradley and onto the dirt of the Iraqi desert. Army medics moved in, and soon, Stitzel and the other five infantrymen in his vehicle were flown out of the combat zone by helicopter.

"We were moving, and there was a battle going on in front of us. We were closer to it than I thought we were. It was a real shock to get hit," Stitzel said from his hospital bed at Landstuhl Army Medical Center, where he was recovering from his injuries.

Stitzel, who is assigned to the 41st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Division (Forward), in Garlstadt, Germany, deployed to Saudi Arabia in early January.

"When we got to the Middle East, we'd been drilled so much, we really felt ready," he said. "The adrenaline was flowing for everybody."

Stitzel commented that the division commander talked to the troops before they moved toward Iraq and the Republican Guard.

"He came and gave us our operations order and we knew we were going to move out," Stitzel said. "At first, we were really tense. Then, we did relax a bit as time went on. But, we were ready."

While he was in the Middle East, Stitzel received a lot of mail from family and friends. He also saw huge boxes of mail addressed to "Any Servicemember." Stitzel said "there was mail from every state."

"I think this patriotism is great," the slender, red-haired soldier exclaimed. "With so much negative publicity about Vietnam, it really helped us to have the American people behind us." (From a USAREUR Public Affairs Office release)

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Softball tournament to benefit AER fund

Local softball teams can compete while assisting a worthy cause by participating in the Army Emergency Relief softball tournament April 19-20 on Redstone Arsenal.

B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion is sponsoring the tournament and is inviting Redstone teams as well as off-post teams to play. There will be first, second and third place trophies for both men and women teams. There will also be first and second place individual trophies. The entry fee is \$85.

"We're expecting a great turnout for this event. With the softball season coming up, teams are looking for practice tournaments to get in shape. Besides providing a great time and good food for family and friends, this tournament will benefit a very worthwhile cause," said Capt. Andrea Bransford, commander of B Company.

"I've seen on a regular basis what AER does for the soldier and family members. AER has assisted several B Company soldiers with loans, grants and other personal and family needs. The fund-raising campaign gives us a chance to return a show of support and thanks for AER," she said. "B Company hopes to do just that by raising as much money as possible during the four-month campaign. We've already raised over \$1,200 in the first month."

The tournament will be held on the three Redstone Arsenal softball fields near the intersection of Patton Road and Gray Road: No. 13, No. 14 and Linton field. Registration began April 1 and will continue until April 17. To register call 1st Sgt. Rozell Daniel or SSgt. Jack Peterson 876-2307/3321. Organizations or groups wanting to sell food or drinks for AER at the tournament must contact Daniel.

F Company wins post basketball title

Duke wasn't the only basketball champion crowned the night of April 1.

While the Duke Blue Devils were beating Kansas in the men's collegiate final, F Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion was doing the same to the 95th Maintenance Company. F Company won the Redstone troop hoops title by beating the 95th by a score of 95-90.

The 95th led 43-42 at the half, but couldn't stay in step with Foxtrot Company in the second stanza.

"We ran 'em," said William Kelly, who led F Company with a game-high 37 points. "Came out with some intensity and ran 'em. It was a good game, one of the better games we've seen around here."

F Company's other leading scorers included Crawford Burns with 27 and Barry Fisher who had 20. The 95th was led by Rodrick Bates with 32, Richard Moore 23, John Gates 12 and Rick Coley 11.

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College degree could be closer than you think

BY PAM ROGERS

Petty Officer 1st Class William Hamilton had been in the Navy eight years before he was off sea duty long enough to begin his college education.

He had already signed up for courses at Calhoun Community College before he checked into some of the external degree programs that are offered to military members.

Through one of the programs, he was able to earn an associate's degree in two weeks, based on his previous military training. He is now beginning work on a bachelor's degree in electronic engineering.

Hamilton is assigned to the Naval Air Maintenance Group Detachment which is located near the Huntsville International Airport.

He decided to complete his education because he had applied for a Navy commissioning program. He

also feels a college education will help him land a better job on the "outside" when the time comes to look for one.

"I want to keep advancing — and put in my 20 years, or however long I decide," he said.

When he received his associate's degree, many of his comrades were motivated to do the same. Now he's helping them with their paperwork.

The program Hamilton used to get his degree was through City University of Bellevue, Wash. The particular program he used is for military members only.

But there are other programs that can be used by civilians also, and there are several schools which offer liberal credit for work experience and prior training, according to Jan Rosenberg of the Army Education Center here.

She urges all military members who don't have college degrees to come in for counseling. Many already have enough military training to get an associates degree immediately, and some could even be close to a bachelor's degree.

The center offers CLEP and DANTES tests to military and DoD civilians and their family members. Counseling can be offered only to military people.

For more information about programs, call the center at 876-9761.

Troop bowling

Here are the Redstone Arsenal troop intramural bowling standings as of April 4:

| Tuesday's Conference | Won | Lost |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| HHC 832nd-1 | 478 | 222 |
| F Company 832nd-4 | 437.5 | 262.5 |
| F Company 832nd-3 | 401.5 | 298.5 |
| HHC Command & Staff | 372 | 328 |
| USATSG | 361 | 339 |
| HHC 832nd-3 | 348.5 | 351.5 |
| MEDDAC | 329.5 | 370.5 |
| HHC MICOM | 322.5 | 377.5 |
| Marines | 243 | 457 |
| C Company 832nd | 196.5 | 503.5 |

200 games/600 series bowled April 2:

| Player | 235, 211 & 616 series |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Chuck Davis (HHC MICOM) | 213 |
| Dan McClannahan (USATSG) | 209 |
| Mike Cohoon (HHC MICOM) | 203 |
| Leo Avizinis (HHC 832nd-1) | 202 |
| Jerry Matias (HHC 832nd-1) | 201 & 201 |
| Bill Young (F Co. 832nd-4) | 201 & 201 |

Thursday's Conference

| Player | Won | Lost |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| F Company 832nd-1 | 446 | 254 |
| E Company 832nd-1 | 440.5 | 259.5 |
| Readiness Group | 428.5 | 271.5 |
| HHC 832nd-2 | 401 | 299 |
| F Company 832nd-2 | 399.5 | 300.5 |
| E Company 832nd-2 | 367 | 333 |
| 515th Ordnance Co. | 320 | 380 |
| HHC 832nd-4 | 305.5 | 394.5 |
| E Company 832nd-3 | 227 | 473 |
| D Co. 832nd | 149 | 551 |

200 games bowled April 4:

| Player | Score |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Pam Burrows (E Co. 832nd-2) | 214 |
| Tim Kirkland (Readiness Group) | 211 |
| Jesse Beauford (HHC 832nd-2) | 210 |
| Steve Edmiston (E Co. 832nd-2) | 204 |
| John Davis (F Co. 832nd-1) | 203 |
| Dave Stephenson (E Co. 832nd-1) | 203 |
| Don Hewitt (E Co. 832nd-1) | 202 |
| Rich Collins (F Co. 832nd-2) | 200 |
| * Gary Shaw (Readiness Group) | 200 |
| * bowled during make-up match | 225 |



CUTTING UP — It was a big event so ISC-MICOM brought out the big scissors to cut the ribbon for the U.S. Army Information Processing Center-Huntsville which opened March 27 at building 5201. Doing the honors are George Sibley of Electronic Data Systems in Plano, Texas; Brig. Gen. Robert Wynn, commander of 7th Signal Command; and his chief of staff, Col. Michael Yocom. The new center will provide computer services to 10 Army installations in the Southeast.

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Editor's note: Capt. Talley is chief of optometry at Fox Army Community Hospital.

BY DAVID TALLEY

How well are you seeing? Are supermarket aisle signs blurred? Is your newsprint getting fuzzy? Is it more and more difficult to see to drive at night? There's more to good vision than scoring 20/20 on a school screening or at the driver's license bureau, and there's more to vision problems than the obvious symptoms of blurred vision or needing more light to see.

Having basic knowledge about good vision and common vision conditions is the first step you should take to help assure a lifetime of good vision for you and your family. The second step is building a good relationship with an eye care practitioner who will provide the professional care your eyes deserve.

Early development years

Vision plays an important role in helping children adapt to the world around them. As a parent, you can help your child by making sure he or she has quality vision care. The time to start caring for your child's eyes is during the first weeks after birth, when vision skills first begin to develop. You can help your child perfect these skills and prevent vision problems from affecting their lives by following these steps.

- Observe your child's visual behavior. Be alert for signs such as an eye turning in or out, frowning or eye rubbing.

- Develop vision skills. Hang a mobile on your baby's crib, keep toys within your baby's view and talk to your baby as you walk around the room.

- Seek early professional evaluation. Take your child for a thorough eye examination before age 3 and again before entering school. Early diagnosis of a vision problem is important to successful treatment.

Vision problems among the very young are generally uncommon. Two to be alert for, however, are

strabismus (crossed-eyes) and amblyopia (lazy eye). If you notice this, see your eye care professional. Lazy eye is one of the most serious. It involves a loss of sharp, clear central vision in one eye which cannot be corrected with glasses alone. Lazy eye may occur for other reasons, also, and it usually has no noticeable symptoms.

The learning years

Changes in your child's vision may occur during the learning years, but he or she may not realize a problem exists because a child assumes everyone sees the way he or she does. Vision problems can affect your child's ability to learn, since 80 percent of what children learn comes through vision. Problems may range from seeing a blurred chalkboard to reading difficulties stemming from poor eye movement, focusing and coordination. Also, be alert for behavioral signs that may indicate vision performance problems. Signs that you and your child's teacher may spot include:

- A short attention span or frequent daydreaming; a drop in scholastic or sports performance; frequent eye rubbing or blinking; poor eye/hand coordination; avoiding close work; frequent headaches; covering one eye; tilting the head; poor reading.

Your working years

From the moment you open your eyes in the morning, they are working for you. Is there anything you do that does not involve them? Even listening to your favorite radio station requires first looking at the dial.

Your eyes are so much a part of your lifestyle that when they are working under stress or not functioning properly, it can significantly reduce your productivity at work. To take care of your eyes during your working years:

- Be alert for symptoms of vision problems or stress including frequent headaches, tired or burning eyes, blurred vision, frequent accidents, difficulty parking,

or frequent near misses when driving, difficulty reading labels, instructions or other small print.

- Wear proper eye safety equipment when doing hazardous tasks like handling chemicals, using power tools or participating in eye hazardous sports like racquetball.

- Have a thorough professional eye examination every two years during your early working years and annually after age 35.

The mature years

Your eyes, like other parts of your body, change as you grow older. Eye health problems, such as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma are more likely to occur as you grow older and they can begin to permanently destroy your vision without you realizing it. Early diagnosis and today's treatment procedures can often bring these problems under control and help preserve your vision. Annual eye examinations are an important step to monitor for such changes.

With the right care, you can protect your eyes, keep them healthy, and help them do all the tasks you ask of them.

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Letters

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Racing cyclists

Editor:

On Tuesday, April 2 I was driving east on Martin Road having just left the intersection of Martin and Rideout Roads. The time was 5:03 p.m., just when people were leaving work for home. I was in the right-hand lane with three or four cars behind me. There were about a half dozen cars in the left-hand lane. As we proceeded along we happened upon two bicycle racers bedecked in their shorts, tank tops and racing helmets. Instead of riding in single file they were two abreast. The one to the left was about 2 feet from the center stripe in the road. Thinking that "rules of the road" dictated that they should be riding one behind the other I beeped my horn to let them know that they were holding up a line of traffic. They paid no attention to me whatsoever and continued in their path blocking the entire right lane. When the cars in the left lane had passed them I moved over into the passing lane and as I passed them I was courteously given the

"finger" by the one riding toward the center of the road. Both cyclists had big smiles on their faces.

My question is, "Aren't there some sort of requirements for these cyclists to ride in single file toward the edge of the road so as not to hinder traffic, particularly at rush hours and on major arteries on the post?" I seem to recall the subject of cyclists creating hazards under such conditions a short while back in the *Redstone Rocket*. I understood that they were going to be directed to use lesser traveled roads, especially during peak periods of traffic. I am aware of the fact that Redstone Arsenal is governed by MICOM Regulation 210-2 which states that bicycle riders are considered the same as automobiles in the state of Alabama. But the fact that these two riders displayed no courtesy at all and in fact displayed an obscene gesture of "shove it" made my blood boil. For an instant I wanted to pull off to the side of the road, jerk him off his bicycle and wrap it around his neck.

Has anyone else encountered such rude and inconsiderate treatment as this? Can't the provost marshal on post do something to alleviate the hazards of "racing cyclists" on the Arsenal? I'd be interested in hearing other views on this subject.

Donald E. Sweeney

Sign your letter

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CONTRIBUTION — From left Chaplain (Maj.) David McLean and Ellie Lee accept a donation from Mary Creacy, president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, for the Chaplains' Family Support Group for families of Desert Storm servicemembers. The United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter 2541 raised \$218 from member donations and also collected more than \$600 worth of other goods for the soldiers still remaining in Saudi Arabia.

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Announcements

Deming group

The Huntsville W. Edwards Deming Users Group will meet 4-6 p.m. April 18 in the University Center, room 126 B & C on the campus of University of Alabama-Huntsville. Anyone interested in taking part in group activities regarding study and implementation of Dr. Deming's philosophies on quality and productivity is welcome. April's meeting will feature a presentation from United Technologies Advanced Systems on statistical process control. Reservations are not necessary. For more information call Marilyn Hargrave, staff assistant in UAH professional development, 895-6272.

Resource managers

Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will have its monthly luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. April 11 at Holiday Inn, Research Park. Scheduled speaker is Robert L. Rash, director of the Alabama Securities Commission. For reservations call Voncile Williams 722-1420 or one of the reservation members.

NCO wives' scholarship

NCO Wives Club will award a scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Eligible are dependents of an active duty or retired NCO who is a member in good standing of the NCO Club for at least one year. Applicants must show evidence of acceptance by an accredited scholastic institution, and submit a 500-word essay on one of three recommended topics. An overall "B" average is required, and an official transcript of high school grades must be submitted with the application. Deadline for application is 7 p.m. April 15. For more information, call Beryl Cutts 852-3607 or Mary Parrish 882-0590.

MICOM soldiers

Soldiers assigned/attached to HHC MICOM will be administered the Army Physical Fitness Test during April. Test location is Tin City on Patton Road. For more information, call SSgt. Veronica Edmiston or Capt. Lennie Upshaw 876-5710.

ACS news

The Huntsville/Madison County *Special Olympics Program* has been established to give the mentally and physically handicapped a chance to develop their skills, experience success, and grow both physically and mentally through an organized program of physical fitness. Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program is coordinating support efforts at Redstone Arsenal. Volunteers are needed. A track and field event has been scheduled for April 18. If interested in volunteering or for more information, call Frances Howard at Army Community Service 876-2859/5397. *Space Camp Award Program*: The ACS Education Committee announces the annual award program for Space Camp/Academy for family members of active duty and retired military in the Redstone community or within a 50-mile radius. The Space Camp/Academy is set for June 23-28. Application deadline is 4 p.m. April 15. Applications are available at the following locations: ACS, building 3491; Youth Center, building 3148; Post Exchange (ID card desk); and the Commissary (coupon/check writing counter). For more information, call 876-2859/5397. *Education Committee*: The next meeting of the ACS Education Committee will be 7 p.m. May 15 at building 3491. For more information, call Frances Howard 876-2859/5397 or Maj. Scott Wilson 876-8987.

AER flea market

The Army Emergency Relief fund is sponsoring a flea market at the Old Post Gym, building 5663 on Stewart Road. The flea market will be held from noon to 8 p.m. May 3 and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 4. Donated items (new or used) are needed now and may be dropped off at Army Community Service, building 3491; Post Chapel; or Bicentennial Chapel. For more information call Army Community Service 876-2859, Vivian Moore 722-0849 or Juanita Adams-Clark 883-5869.

Job information day

The ACS monthly job information day will be held Thursday, April 11, from 8-11 a.m. at building 3491. Civilian Personnel and Non-Appropriated Fund representatives will answer questions and show military spouses and other interested persons how to qualify and apply for jobs. For more information call Sue Paddock 876-5397.

Desert Storm returnees

Making the transition from front lines to home front will be the topic of a series of debriefings for soldiers returning from Operation Desert Storm. Briefings will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesdays at the Post Chapel. For more information or to set up an individual unit briefing call Karen Scott 876-9966, Sal Riccardi 876-5397, Chaplain (Maj.) David McLean 876-5751 or Maj. Mark Kirk 876-4935.

AER concession stand

D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion is sponsoring a concession stand at 9 a.m. April 20 in front of the Main PX. Proceeds will benefit the Army Emergency Relief fund. For more information, call SFC Merry Deanda 842-0609 or Capt. Haywood Jackson 842-0606.

Vehicles sale

General Services Administration will hold an auction of government vehicles 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 16 at the GSA Sales Lot, Roland Road — building 3631. The vehicles may be inspected from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. April 15, and from 8-9 a.m. April 16. For more information, call 876-4067/1021.

Volleyball tournament

The 515th Ordnance Company's junior enlisted council is sponsoring a two-on-two "superspike" volleyball tournament at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 13. The location is between buildings 3498 and 3496. Entry fee is \$10; the event is open for 12 teams. Individual trophies will be awarded to both first and second place winners. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Spec. Lisa Patton 876-2207 or 842-9138.

AER bass tournament

F Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion is sponsoring a bass tournament to benefit the Army Emergency Relief fund April 27 at the civilian recreation area on the Tennessee River. The event will start at dawn, and weigh-in will be at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to participate. The entry fee is \$25 per boat. There will be cash prizes (a percentage of the proceeds will be used for the prize fund). For more information, call SSgt. John Spears 842-9676/9675.

Air defenders

The Redstone Arsenal/Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association will hold its monthly luncheon April 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers Club. Scheduled speaker is Brig. Gen. J. Morgan Jellett, project manager for Joint Tactical Missile Defense. His subject is to be "JTMD Organization." Cost is \$6.05. RSVP to Mary Weaver or Capt. Rick Coalwell 895-4742/4746 no later than April 15.

Contract managers

Huntsville Chapter, National Contract Management Association (NCMA) will hold a Proposal Preparation and RFP Analysis Workshop Thursday, April 18 at the Holiday Inn Research Park, Madison Square Mall. Registration begins at 5 p.m., hors d'oeuvres at 5:30; instruction will be from 6-9. The workshop will be moderated by Harry Cleaver, certified professional contracts manager, and panel members are Rod Stewart and Dr. William Wall. Cost for NCMA members is \$25, and for non-members \$35. For reservations, call 536-1527.

Gym age limits

Age limits for Pagano Gym are as follows: Anyone 14 and younger must be accompanied by parent or guardian. While using the facility, some restrictions apply: Exercise rooms and weight rooms are not open to anyone under age 14. For more information, call 876-7969.

Preretirement orientation

The next scheduled preretirement orientation for military people with more than 18 years of federal service will be held 8 a.m. to noon April 18 in the Post Theater, building 3712. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The preretirement orientation is mandatory for military people in their 18th year of service and every third year thereafter until retirement. For more information, call Lewis Spencer 876-2022/4668.

All-Army sports

Applications for All-Army sports must be in the Sports and Athletic Training Branch office, building 3474 (Pagano Gym), two calendar weeks before Department of Army deadline. For more information, call Ted Compoc 876-7969.

Vietnam veterans

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 74, is having its annual membership meeting and election of officers at 6 p.m. April 23 at 40-8 Chateau, 2404 Jordan Lane (between Oakwood and Sparkman on the right going north; it's the former After Dark Club). "We encourage all Vietnam combat and era veterans to attend." For more information, call Ben Tainatongo 859-3324 or Bill Clough 532-1662.

Business women

Ala-Hunt Chapter of American Business Women's Association will have its spring fashion show "Women's Day Out" Saturday, April 13 at the Sheraton/Airport; activities begin at 11 a.m. Cost for tickets is \$15. Call Tana Pegram 544-1474, Cynthia Howell 842-9858 or Beth Brooks 535-2017.

Commissary news

Wednesday, April 17 is *Double Coupon Day* at the Commissary; double coupons will be available in the store on selected items. The annual Commissary *outdoor bedding plant sale* is April 16-27. The Commissary *case lot and truck load sale* is May 1-4.

Found property

A child's bicycle and a women's bicycle have been found at separate locations. The owners should contact the Provost Marshal Office, Investigations Branch, building 3649, phone 876-3449.

Post Theater movies

Thursday — *Three Men and a Little Lady*, rated PG, 100 minutes. Friday — *Hamlet*, PG, 135 minutes. Saturday — *L.A. Story*, PG-13, 95 minutes. Sunday — *L.A. Story*. Tuesday — *The Grifters*, R, 113 minutes. All shows begin at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children.

Children's physicals

Sports, summer camp, Scouting and day care physicals as well as pediatric immunizations will be provided from 8-10 a.m. Saturday, May 11 in the family practice clinic at Fox Army Community Hospital. "We will schedule fall school physicals and school sports physicals in August. We will not routinely schedule these physicals during normal clinics to better serve those with other medical needs. These physical exams are for persons 18 years old and younger." Arrival appointment times will be assigned at 8, 8:30, 9 and 9:30 a.m.; stop by the Patient Representative Office or call 876-2857 prior to May 11 and schedule a time. You should bring shot records and any other paperwork; your time can be saved by completing as much of the paperwork as possible before May 11.

AER fashion show

"Symphony of Fashions," a fashion show to benefit the Army Emergency Relief fund, will be held 7:30 p.m. April 27 at the new Enlisted Club. The military and civilian communities are welcome. Admission is a \$4 donation in advance or \$5 the day of the show; proceeds go to AER. For ticket information call the AER office 876-5468, Sgt. Sharon Luckett 842-2631, Glen Smith 876-1672 or Henry Graham 876-5871.

Aeronautics/Astronautics group

Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics will receive the large section public policy award at the AIAA annual meeting and international space exhibit to be held April 30 to May 2 at the Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, Arlington, Va. For more information or to register for the annual meeting and banquet, call the AIAA (202) 646-7464 or section AIAA representative Steve Hollich 544-2475. The registration deadline is April 18.

Williams Elementary

Registration for new students entering kindergarten or first grade at Williams Elementary School is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16 from 9-11 a.m. at the school. Kindergarten students must be 5 on or before Sept. 2, 1991. First grade students entering public school for the first time must be 6 on or before Sept. 2, 1991. For more information, call Williams School 772-5130.

Nurses hiring

The MICOM Civilian Personnel Office has direct hire authority for permanent clinical nurses GS-610-10. Applicants must be ACLS (advanced cardiac life support) certified. For more information, call Lt. Col. Patricia LaFond 876-7449/7046.

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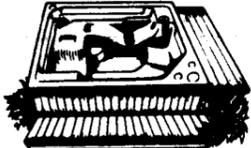
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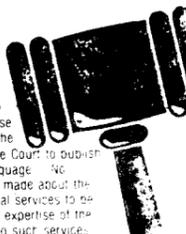
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