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Gulf War veteran applauds local ROTC cadets

BY SKIP VAUGHN

If this young Army captain ever decides to have a garage sale, he could just name his prices.

Capt. Richard Ruffin, a veteran of the Persian Gulf War, showed many of his war souvenirs at the May 29 meeting of Huntsville Chapter for The Retired Officers Association. He was the guest speaker for the



WAR SOUVENIRS — Ruffin shows various items abandoned by the fleeing Iraqi troops. He found most of his souvenirs in Kuwait, and some in Iraq.

chapter's ROTC recognition month meeting held at the Officers Club.

A 1979 ROTC graduate of Alabama A&M University, Ruffin has knives, bags, a map case, a soldier's journal, a chemical protective mask, hats and other items that Iraqi troops hurriedly left behind while fleeing the advancing Allies. This includes a bayonet from a Soviet-made AK47 rifle. He has an Iraqi flag and maps which were left in the Iraqi division headquarters, an abandoned building about two or three miles into Kuwait.

"I have some uniforms. I was going to bring them, they're hanging in my garage," Ruffin said. The Huntsville resident served in the Middle East for five

and a half months, from Nov. 30 to April 15. He was part of the team put together by the U.S. Army to serve with the Egyptians, Syrians, Saudi Arabians and Kuwaiti troops. Their mission was to enter Kuwait. Ruffin spent two weeks in Iraq, 30 days in Kuwait, and the rest of the time in the Saudi desert.

"It was very interesting to me; I learned a lot, and it was very rewarding," Ruffin said. He told the retired officers he gained "tremendous" respect for the U.S. soldiers, Marines and Air Force members he had the opportunity to work with during Operation Desert Storm.

Ruffin, 33, is a Tuscaloosa native who came to (See Gulf, cont'd on page 5)



JUNIOR ROTC HONOREES — From left are Athens High instructor Harold Hicks, a retired colonel; Grissom High instructor Carl Vencill, a retired major; Athens cadet Proctor; Grissom cadet Crawford; Butler High assistant instructor Joe Jurjevich, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel; Lee cadet Crutcher; Butler cadet Woods; Johnson High instructor David Harrill, a retired Marine lieutenant colonel; Lee High instructor Harold Chafin, a retired major; and Johnson cadet Smith.

Missiles' success in war a team effort, general says

The following is the text of a May 28 address to the Alabama Legislature by Maj. Gen. William Chen, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.

"Governor Folsom, Speaker Clark, distinguished members of the Alabama Legislature:

"I appreciate the opportunity to tell you about the U.S. Army Missile Command and what we do for the Army, for this nation, for this state and more recently, for our soldiers who fought and won in Southwest Asia.

"The Army Missile Command is the direct descendant of the team of soldiers and civilians who 40 years ago led our country's pioneering efforts in rockets, missilery and space.

"The 7,000 men and women of the Army Missile Command develop, acquire, support and manage Army missiles. We have a readiness and logistics support mission for missiles deployed worldwide to U.S. forces and our allies.

"Our budget this year was \$6.4 billion. More than half a billion of those dollars pay salaries and wages for Alabama residents or buy goods and services in the state.

"LET ME NOW TURN TO OUR ROLE in Southwest Asia. Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm were the largest deployment and subsequent combat use of Army missiles in our history. Virtually every one of our missile systems were deployed to Southwest Asia: air defense systems such as Stinger, Avenger, Chaparral, Hawk, and Patriot, better known as the Scudbuster; anti-armor systems such as TOW, Dragon, Hellfire, and Shillelagh; fire support systems such as our MLRS, Multiple Launch Rocket System and our ATACMS, Army Tactical Missile System.

"We're proud of their high operational readiness rates and superb performance.

"The first shots of the war were our laser-guided Hellfire missiles launched from Apache helicopters who flew deep into Iraq to take out early warning



CHEN

radars. The Hellfire missiles scored direct hits and the attack paved the way for the Air Force air war.

"Our MLRS rockets were fired against Iraqi artillery. The rockets have bomblets that rained down on the Iraqi artillery units and other targets. In fact the Iraqis referred to MLRS as steel rain.

"Our ATACMS is a new long-range ballistic missile. It had just finished operational testing, and we deployed it to Saudi Arabia. ATACMS was highly effective against Scud launchers and air defense units.

"Our TOW and Hellfire missiles destroyed hundreds of Iraqi tanks, personnel carriers and other vehicles.

"I know you have heard of and seen the Patriot anti-tactical missile in action.

"We had accelerated the production and deployment of both ATACMS and Patriot to Southwest Asia.

"OUR SUCCESS is a tribute to:

"1. Our well-trained soldiers, men and women, who operated, maintained and fought with our weapon systems.

"2. The superb leadership of our unit commanders.

"3. Our defense contractors who produced our high-tech weapons.

"4. Our Army missile team of soldiers and civilians who developed, acquired and supported our weapon systems.

"5. And lastly the great support of the American people, and we greatly appreciate that support.

"NOW THAT THE WAR IS OVER, we are transitioning to a smaller force. Armywide, we are restructuring our force and consolidating activities and (See Team, cont'd on page 7)



Nurses' recognition

Editor:

The week of May 6-12 was National Nurses Week across the nation. National Nurses Week is a noble effort by our national government to recognize nurses across the country for their dedication, hard work and commitment to the caring profession they have undertaken. Unfortunately, National Nurses Week at Fox Army Community Hospital fell far short of this goal. Nursing morale was already at a record low, and the events of National Nurses Week made the hard-working nurses of this hospital feel even more unappreciated. To begin, a large majority of the nurses in the hospital were not even able to attend the luncheon given in honor of the Nurses of the Year because of patient care considerations. We have no problem with that since our job is, after all, patient care; but those of us who were finally able to go to the luncheon later found that there was no food left because it was all consumed by non-nursing persons in the hospital. We fail to find the logic in having a luncheon for the nurses of the hospital when the nurses are not able to show up until after the food is gone.

The subject of the Nurse of the Year awards deserves some comment to bring to the public eye how preposterous the selection for the awards is carried out. Before we begin, let us say that some of this year's awardees were entirely deserving of recognition. The Civilian Nurse of the Year, the Civilian Nursing Assistant of the Year, and the Army Medic of the Year were all very qualified and worthy of the awards they received. The others just didn't meet the criteria for receiving the awards in the first place. For example, the Civilian Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year and Army Practical Nurse of the Year awardees are both newcomers to this hospital. How can you give an "of the Year" award to someone who has only been here a few months? We are sure these people are very deserving, but there are other deserving people in this hospital who have been here longer, done an excellent job, and never received recognition. Now, on to the Army Nurse of the Year award. The very idea behind the Nurse of the Year awards is to acknowledge someone who shows "clinical expertise," "good and innovative patient care," and a "good working relationship with other staff and with patients." The Army Nurse of the Year this year is one of the nursing administrators who does not even do clinical nursing. Maybe she deserves an award, but a separate category should have been created for nursing administration. All that giving this person the award this year has done, is made the award mean nothing while at the same time sending the message to the junior officers in

the Army Nurse Corps at this hospital, who really do the patient care, that they are not going to receive any recognition no matter how hard they work. The root of the problem is the method of selection for these awards. They are selected by a completely biased committee of persons from nursing administration who refuse to choose anyone not in their clique of favorite people. Maybe the nursing administrators of this hospital could learn a lesson from American history and democracy. Awards such as these should be selected by nomination and then popular election by a vote of their peers and not by some prejudiced committee. If this were the case, we wouldn't have the farce that we have this year.

In closing, let us reiterate that already bad nursing morale has been further decayed by the events of National Nurses Week. This is not only the case among civilian nurses of this hospital, but among junior Army Nurse Corps officers here who feel hopelessly overworked and blatantly unappreciated by the nursing administration who find every opportunity to "pass the buck" of extra work down to them. Yes, we do feel unappreciated by nursing administration. And we are downright mad about it. Thank God for the gratitude and understanding of our patients which serves to keep us going, and reminds us that we don't need an award to know that we are doing a good job.

Names withheld by request

(Editor's note: Col. Karl Snyder, the commander of Fox Army Community Hospital, provided the following response. "I am truly proud of the nursing staff at Fox Army Community Hospital. They continually demonstrate their enthusiasm and dedication with the excellent care they render their patients. I would love to be able to recognize and honor them every day of the week. In fact, unfortunately until a couple of years ago, we were not celebrating National Nurses Week."

"I regret that this year's effort at acknowledging our dedicated nurses fell short of the expectations of some people. Problems were recognized and some of the celebration will be changed next year."

"This year's celebration was planned and carried out during a period when the MEDDAC was still supporting the efforts of Operation Desert Storm, planning for deactivation of the 3343rd Army Hospital, and we were preparing for and undergoing a survey by the Joint Commission for Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations."

"Our nursing staff generally pulls together enthusiastically to do the hard work expected of them. I regret that some feel unappreciated. That is not the message I or anyone else on my staff want given to them."

Building projects

Editor:

Dear "Name withheld": Since I am the building custodian for building 5250, several of the subjects which were mentioned in "Questions priorities" (Mailbox, May 15) are my responsibility. First, I'd like to update you on the issue of the curbs. Yes, they were painted with the wrong type of paint. But I requested, and obtained, the proper corrective action. Mistakes do happen, and this one was corrected.

Yes, the flowers have been planted using a combination of techniques; some were planted and some were placed in mixtures of potting soil and peat moss. That was done for several reasons. First is that there are no flower beds of any type and the soil in many places compacts and stays dried out: That would not support plants or flowers. So we are gradually building flower beds with peat moss and potting soil which will be usable now and in the future. Peat moss is especially good since it retains 20 times its weight in water. And initially, watering the plants was a problem. The peat moss helped. Landscape timbers have been placed so as to outline the flower beds. We ordered strips to fasten the timbers together, but were not able to get them fastened right away. We are working on that now. All of the work has been done in phases because we had few volunteers and because the materials came in small quantities — partly due to the fact that many organizations and people (including the housing area) were all participating at the same time. Our few volunteers have worked in cold, rainy weather. I appreciate your frustration with the various projects which you mentioned. If you could help us improve the quality of the projects, we would like for you to volunteer.

I agree that the gazebo kits are not fancy: They look like what they are — a low-to-medium cost kit which could be made available to a wide range of organiza-

tions Armywide. I have asked the MICOM Safety Office to inspect them and will make any corrections which are needed. I think a lot of people would agree with you about preferring jobs to pretty windows or new carpets. However, Army Communities of Excellence is an Armywide program that has some rewards worth competing for — one million dollars to the winning installation. In retrospect, if management 20 or 30 years ago had not opted to build and fund 5250, 4488, 5400, etc., then our working conditions today would be far worse than they are. Maybe the Sparkman Center will happen. But for many years, it was not possible to get money for new construction, only to renovate old buildings and structures. So we use the money which we get to make as many improvements as possible.

Jo Gaskin
Building custodian,
Building 5250

Harmful smoke

Editor:

On the first floor of building 5201 there is almost total disregard of MICOM Regulation 1-36. The guidelines clearly state that "smoking will be permitted only in specifically designated areas which have been identified by management as sufficiently isolated to protect non-smokers from the effects of passive smoking."

There are no legally designated smoking areas. Smoking is permitted in general office space that non-smokers must enter to perform their duties as well as the small breakroom, hallways, and lobby. Not only is general office space used as smoking areas, the air from these areas is circulated to other areas that are supposedly no smoking areas. Avoiding Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) is not easy. Simply separating smokers and non-smokers just doesn't work. The ventilation system in a building can carry hazardous smoke particles far from their original source. This has been proven by doing blood or urine tests on non-smokers exposed to ETS. Nicotine is converted to cotinine in the body, a chemical easily detected by these tests.

Yes, I believe smokers have the right to smoke; but they do not have the right to cause other people physical health problems and mental anguish due to harassment, both of which cause loss of productivity in the work place.

In 1990 the Environmental Protection Agency declared ETS as a "Group A carcinogen" — meaning it is a substance that definitely causes cancer in humans. The EPA further stated that there is no "safe" level of ETS to which an individual can be regularly exposed without risk to health. Not only are allergies aggravated, the EPA stated that as a result of ETS thousands of non-smokers die of lung cancer each year. Further medical evidence links ETS to other health problems such as heart disease, cervical cancer, and cancer of the sinuses.

This is a plea to management and co-workers in building 5201 to enforce the federal smoking regulations and therefore protect the health of non-smokers. Smokers have the right to smoke, but they do not have the right to pollute the air of non-smokers. Does a drunk have the right to run over you while driving drunk? There is no difference — smokers do not have the right to force their smoke on others. I would like to thank the considerate smokers who abide by the regulations and ask the other smokers to please think about what you are doing to non-smokers.

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Community's Celebration of Patriots to parade downtown

BY SANDA MARTEL

City and county officials hope the town will shut down to honor troops who served in Operation Desert Storm, their families and the hundreds of workers who designed and supported the hardware used in the Persian Gulf War.

The Celebration of Patriots parade through downtown Huntsville on June 11 at 1 p.m. will be followed by a program in Big Spring Park at 2 p.m. City and county offices will close for the afternoon, and businesses in the area are being encouraged to follow suit.

Maj. Gen. William Chen, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, has given supervisors permission to release all non-essential employees from regular work assignments to attend the parade.

Maj. Gen. John Peppers, deputy commander of the Strategic Defense Command, has also excused employees to attend or participate in the parade.

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Some 35 defense contractors will enter decorated floats in the parade. For example, Thiokol Corporation, manufacturer of the propulsion systems for several weapons used in Operation Desert Storm (including Patriot and Hellfire) is entering a float with a Patriot motor painted red, white and blue.

All civilian employees who played a role in designing or supporting equipment used in Desert Storm are invited to join the parade. Lowe Avenue, the staging area for the parade, will be blocked off from traffic around 10:30 a.m. Those joining the parade need to find the hardware along Lowe Avenue they wish to walk behind.

Each piece of hardware has been assigned a parade number that will be visibly displayed: Dragon — 010; TOW missile — 013; M901 Improved TOW vehicle — 014; Bradley Fighting Vehicle — 018; Ground launched Hellfire — 024; Hellfire — 025; FIST-V — 031; Multiple Launch Rocket System — 033; Army TACMS — 037; TMDE calibration van — 040; Stinger missile — 042; Avenger system — 044; Chaparral missile — 047; Vulcan gun — 050; Hawk missile — 053; Patriot missile — 064.

Call Lt. Col. Joe Paddock at 876-2303 for more information about participating in the parade.

Immediately following the parade a 45-minute program will begin in Big Spring Park at the corner of Williams and Church Streets. Several heroes from Operation Desert Storm will speak briefly.

Country music artist Bobby Goldsboro will be featured performer. He will sing several patriotic selections, including a song he wrote and will perform for 12 elementary student finalists in a Celebration of Patriot poster contest that was sponsored by the Madison County Commission.

Commentary: Thank the Gulf War veterans and keep the flag flying high

Editor's note: This article was written by the 18-year-old daughter of Phillip B. Walker of Procurement Directorate. A 1991 graduate of Hazel Green High School, she has been selected for her second summer as a participant in the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program at Redstone Arsenal.

BY HEATHER LEIGH WALKER

As America went to war, our hearts and minds turned toward the troops. Our entire nation stayed glued to the television. Each new update pulled at our feelings a little more each day. We prayed for their safety and a hasty return home. However, the American people did not stop with prayers. Thousands of letters and care packages poured into the Middle East. Students at Hazel Green High School sent letters, too. They also sent a banner longer than a hallway.

Alpha Company 2-69 of the 197th Infantry Brigade received this banner and a previous care package. Although I did not have a personal relative or friend in Saudi Arabia, this soon changed. After writing a "Dear Soldier" letter, this war became a much bigger part of my life.

Spec. David L. Rogers picked my letter to respond to. His company received all the letters from Hazel Green. Since David is from Huntsville, he was able to choose a letter first. It happened to be mine.

On Nov. 14, I got my first letter from him. He thanked me for the support and asked me to continue writing. Months passed, and we continued communication. I wondered if he was safe, and I prayed he would remain that way.

The threat of ground war troubled me. David was a gun loader for the M1A1 Battle Tank. When the war began, mail slowed and anxieties rose. However, I continued to write. Once David and the rest of the company were coming back out of Iraq, the mail kicked in. He often got several letters at one time.

Then the troops began their most precious journey of all. They were on their way home. For David there was a stop in Belgium, and then on to Maine. The support there for incoming troops has been unbelievable. During his wait there, an older lady asked David if he was hungry and then proceeded to take him to the nearest McDonalds. When asked, David said the longest part of the trip seemed to be from Maine to Georgia. He is stationed there at Fort Benning. He said as soon as the plane doors opened, "You could smell the rain and the pine trees."

On March 29, David was reunited with his family. His parents, Sam and Sue Rogers, anxiously watched for him in the hangar at Fort Benning. With

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Strategic defense spin-off wins technical award

BY GERDA SHERRILL

The Survivability, Lethality and Key Technologies (SLKT) Directorate at Strategic Defense Command has won the 1991 American Defense Preparedness Association's Strategic Defense Technical Applications award. The award is shared with Spire Corporation from Bedford, Mass.

The ion beam surface texturing work performed by Spire Corporation under SDC's advanced optical materials/baffle program has been applied to the surface of cardiac pacemaker electrodes. The Spire process creates micron sized structures that greatly increase the electrode-human tissue contact area and encourage tissue growth around the electrode. Pacemaker battery life is thus increased by 300 percent.

Animal studies have been successfully completed. The first human implant has been made in the United Kingdom and the unit is working as designed and without complications. This innovation increases battery life to 15-18 years using existing battery technology. With future advancements, this

technology could lead to a permanent pacemaker implant. The patient thus avoids the pain, expense and risk of cardiac arrest associated with battery replacement.

The advanced baffle texturing technology was sponsored by SLKT's Key Technologies Division managed by Dr. Larry Atha who has over 33 years of systems engineering research and development experience, including work on Army tactical missile and strategic defense systems as well as university research. He earned bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Missouri; he also has a master's degree in management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he was a Sloan Fellow 1981-82.

Atha is a registered professional engineer in Missouri. He has served in various offices, including chairman, of the North Alabama American Society of Mechanical Engineers section and in various offices of the Alabama-Mississippi section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. He and his wife have a daughter and a son.



DIVISION CHIEF — Atha manages the SLKT's Key Technologies Division.

Chief of staff presents communities of excellence awards

WASHINGTON — While military posts worldwide may be feeling the pinch of budget cuts, a select few recently found themselves in the money when Army Chief of Staff Gen. Carl E. Vuono presented cash awards to the winners of the Army Communities of Excellence competition May 23 at the Pentagon.

"ACOE makes a direct contribution to the readiness of our Army far beyond the resources we expend," Vuono said. "(It) fosters that indispensable sense of pride that has no price tag — pride in profession and

pride in community." ACOE promotes excellence in facilities and services for soldiers and civilians at Army installations.

"At its heart, ACOE symbolizes the single most vital dimension of the trained and ready Army today — our uncompromising commitment to the quality of life of the men and women who selflessly serve this nation," Vuono said.

The 1991 winners each received Chief of Staff awards for \$1 million, with runners-up each receiving

\$250,000. Most improved installations snared a \$125,000 prize. Runners-up in the most improved category take \$25,000.

The 1991 Commander-in-Chief award winner, Fort Bragg, N.C., won \$1.5 million for its efforts.

In addition, Chief of Staff award winners are: Fort Belvoir, Va.; Heidelberg Military Community, Germany; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Wiesbaden Military Community, Germany; Yuma Proving (See Chief, cont'd on page 9)

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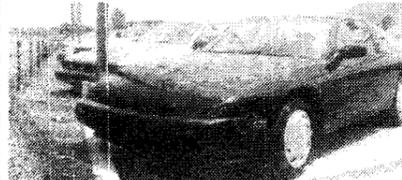
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Huntsville in 1974. A Butler High School graduate, he did not take ROTC in high school; he had his ROTC training in four years of college. "ROTC did a lot for me at Alabama A&M University," he said. "It taught me about life. What ROTC and the military teaches is how to deal with problems."

He praised the retired officers for recognizing the cadets of the local high schools and the university. "It's just great to see young people striving for excellence," he said. He pointed out that ROTC provides most of the officers on active duty.

From August 1988 through August 1990, Ruffin taught the ordnance officer advanced course at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. He will be going to Frankfurt, Germany in August to

serve as ammunition officer at V Corps headquarters. He and his wife, Lula, cashier/manager in the alteration shop at the Post Exchange, have two children. Their daughter, Jessica, is 8, and son, Kevin, is 6.

"I participated for five and a half months with Desert Storm. Those officers that have gone before me — in Vietnam, Korea and World War II — I really have great admiration for those veterans. Those five months over there were very difficult," Ruffin told the retired officers. After his presentation, the chapter presented him a certificate of appreciation.

"Captain, congratulations for the great job that you and all the Americans did over there in Desert Storm," said Ralph Newman, a retired Air Force colonel, before recognizing the local ROTC honorees in attendance.

The honorees represent Junior ROTC programs at six local high schools and the ROTC program at

Alabama A&M University, the only senior unit in this area. Honored cadets include Carver Pace of the Army ROTC program at A&M; Dale Proctor of the Army Junior ROTC program at Athens High School; Heather Woods of the Air Force Junior ROTC program at Butler High School; Sean Crawford of the Army Junior ROTC program at Grissom High; Angelia Crutcher of the Army Junior ROTC program at Lee High; Gerando Smith of the Marine Corps Junior ROTC program at Johnson High; and Joel Burrell of the Army Junior ROTC program at Sparkman High.

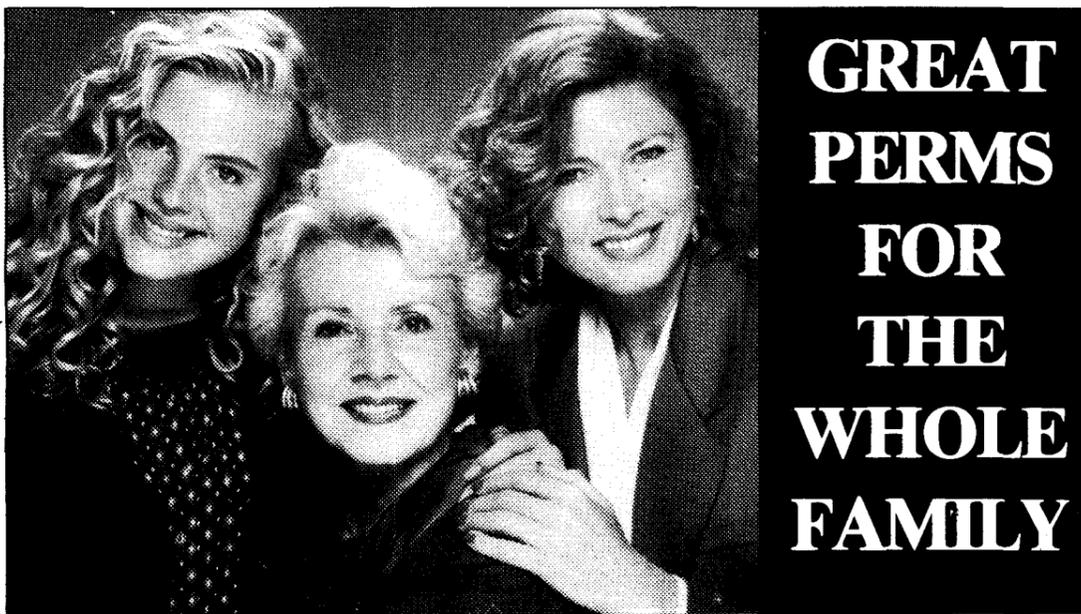
Criteria for recognition included: You must be a third year cadet in ROTC or Junior ROTC, have high academic standing, high moral character; must demonstrate a high degree of loyalty to the ROTC unit, the school and the nation; and must demonstrate a high level of leadership. "ROTC is certainly a very important resource to our armed forces, and to our schools," said Newman, a Virginia Tech ROTC graduate who started the junior program at Butler High and served with that program for 15 years.

Retired Air Force colonel Charles Simpson, president of the local retired officers chapter, presented a certificate of appreciation to the commander of Fox Army Community Hospital for his outstanding support to retirees. Col. Karl Snyder, the hospital commander for four years, will be leaving for Fort Jackson, S.C., after another month and a half.

In other business, retired colonel Brandon Parker announced that the chapter has exceeded its \$2,000 goal by contributing nearly \$3,000 to the Army Emergency Relief fund campaign. The postwide AER campaign has collected \$82,000, Parker said.

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Inspector general team from headquarters sets visit

Editor's note: The Inspector General's office at the Missile Command provided the following article.

A team from the Army Materiel Command's Inspector General office will be visiting Redstone Arsenal June 12-21.

This is not an inspection, but rather an assistance visit to enable soldiers, civilians and their families to

Powell to be renominated as joint chiefs chairman

WASHINGTON — Gen. Colin Powell will soon be nominated for a second term as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

President George Bush announced at the White House May 23 his intention to renominate Powell. The reappointment would be subject to Senate confirmation.

Under the law, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff serves up to three two-year terms, each beginning Oct. 1. There is no limit to the number of terms a chairman may serve in wartime, and the president can waive the term limitations in the interest of national security.

Powell has served as the chairman since Oct. 1, 1989. (Arnews)

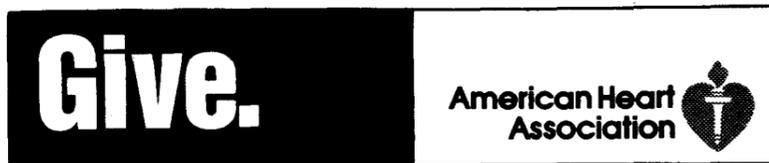
express their views on both favorable and problem areas. This type assistance visit consists of four activities: soldier/civilian seminars; a family seminar; a review of soldier support programs and facilities; and opportunities for members of the Redstone community to have confidential discussions with the AMC IG.

The four-member team will be conducting sensing sessions (seminars) for soldiers and civilians of all grades in the television room of the Recreation Center, building 3711. They will be available to accept walk-in requests for assistance or complaints at the Rec Center, room 7, from 3-4 p.m. June 17 and from 12:30-2:30 p.m. June 18-19. Their focus for soldier support programs and facilities will include training, military personnel administration, and quality of life programs (Post Exchange, housing, hospital, etc.).

The family seminar will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 19, also at the Rec Center. This seminar provides a unique opportunity for family members to express

their views, opinions and ideas to someone outside the local command chain. Input from family members is critical since they view the Army from a different perspective than civilian employees or soldiers. Families of all soldiers, civilian employees and retirees are encouraged to attend this seminar.

Issues or concerns that surface during the visit will be addressed at the lowest appropriate level. Those that can be handled locally will be left with the Missile Command IG; those that should be handled by Army Materiel Command will be taken back to AMC by the team; and those that are most appropriately handled by Department of the Army or Department of Defense will be passed to the respective IG for resolution. By the same token, good or commendable issues will be reviewed by the team and, where appropriate, will be publicized to other Department of the Army activities through the IG technical channel for possible implementation at other installations.



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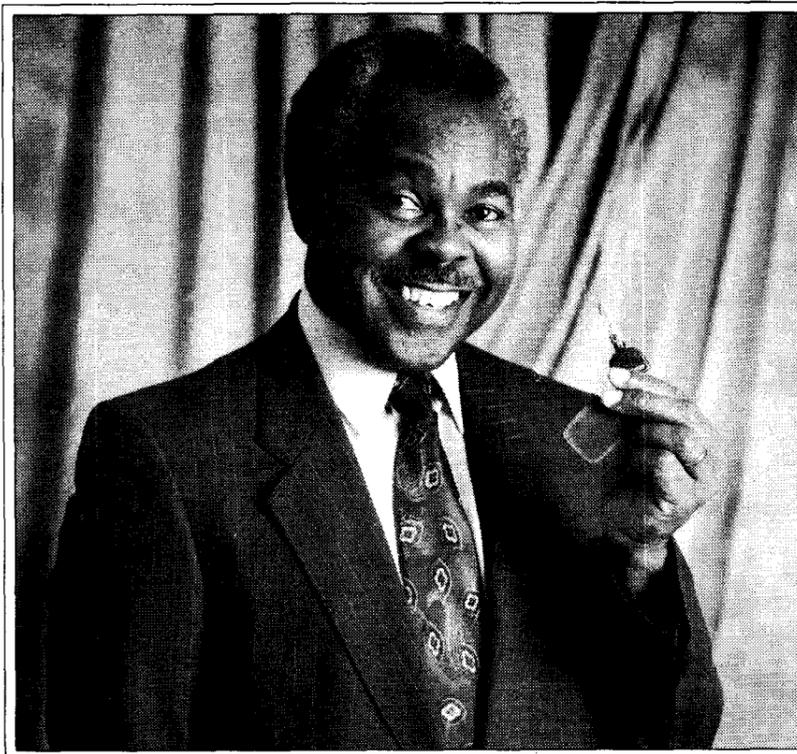
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Huntsville among stops for annual Soldier Show

The eighth annual U.S. Army Soldier Show, a musical extravaganza performed for the soldier by the soldier, will be coming soon to Huntsville.

Von Braun Civic Center's concert hall is the site for the 7 p.m. June 30 event. Admission is free. Tickets may be picked up as follows: Soldiers and family members should see their unit first sergeants; civilian employees and their family members should see Diane Gilliam at the Recreation Center. For more information, call Lt. Col. Bill Frayne 876-6475.

Huntsville is part of the Soldier Show's "Celebration '91" worldwide tour. Talented soldier performers have gathered from the four corners of the Army, from Europe to Korea, from Alaska to Panama and throughout the country. By military occupational

specialty, they are cooks, truck drivers, parachute riggers and mechanics.

But those soldiers aren't visiting for just another training exercise. Instead, they have been selected from applicants worldwide to be part of an elite soldier entertainment troupe. For the next eight months they'll represent the total Army as cast and crew members of the eighth annual Army Soldier Show.

They perform popular American song and dance hits from yesterday through today's hottest dance club and video favorites.

This musical extravaganza didn't happen overnight. Months of planning and preparation went into producing the 80-minute traveling showcase of Army talent. Working intense hours during March and

April, the entire production was arranged around the talents and personalities of the soldier entertainers in only six weeks.

The 1991 show brings together multitalented active duty soldiers and its first reserve soldier in an entertaining production. Celebration '91 has something for everyone, whether young or old, a fan of country, rock and roll, patriotic or rap music.

Continuing the tradition of entertainment "For the Soldier, By the Soldier," started by Irving Berlin in World War I, the soldier entertainers will travel more than 15,000 miles and visit over 40 Army installations across the U.S. and Panama.

Team

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facilities. Some bases will close, but Redstone Arsenal will not. In fact, based upon the recent Defense Department submission on base realignment and closure, Redstone Arsenal stands to gain 1,884 jobs.

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"I'd like to close by mentioning that on June 13th, Huntsville, Madison County and the Army will observe a golden anniversary — 50 years of the Army at Redstone Arsenal.

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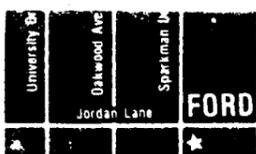
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Training, graduations continue at conventional ammo

BY DANA KLINE

Something new is happening in the Conventional Ammunition Division involving graduation ceremonies.

Ceremonies are now being handled by each training department within OMMCS. Due to the large student population at the Conventional Ammunition Division, graduations are becoming a major event at this division which held its first graduation May 8.

The average number of classes to graduate within a week is two, but sometimes there are more.

"We see anywhere from 2,000-3,000 (advanced individual training) students per year," said Maj. Rosa Faulkner, chief of the division. "We have around 54 classes during the year, so that means 54 or more graduations just for one of the three MOSs (military occupational specialties) that are taught here."

This division is the largest training division in the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. Training is done for all ammunition specialists, stock control and accounting specialists, and ammunition inspectors. Also, Marine ammunition specialties are taught here.

"My people put in hard work to make this a nice division in spite of the buildings' poor conditions," Faulkner said. "We hold classes in old WWII structures. My people took care of remodeling an old classroom before it could be used for the graduation ceremonies."

Some of her staff members were deployed during Operation Desert Storm, and have not yet returned. "We are a little short-handed due to my officers' deployment and retirement," Faulkner said.

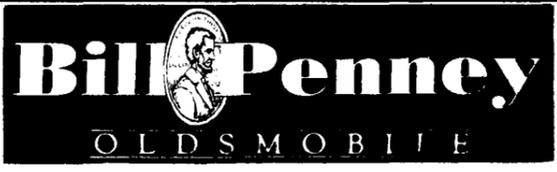
Training and graduations have continued, however. Class 31 of '91 had one distinguished graduate and

seven honor graduates. Lt. Col. Donald Kern, director of munitions training department, was the guest speaker at the ceremony.

That leaves approximately 24 advanced individual training classes this year which will graduate from the division.



GRADUATION SPEAKER — Kern addresses the Conventional Ammunition Division's Class 31 of '91, first class to participate in the new graduation procedure at the division.



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Chief of Staff award runners-up are: Bad Kreuznach Military Community, Germany; Fort Devens, Mass.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Taegu, Korea; and Tank-Automotive Support Command, Selfridge Air Force Base, Mich.

Most improved posts are: Bamberg Military Community, Germany; and Fox Dix, N.J. Most improved runners-up are: Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; and Livorno Military Community, Italy.

The Army National Guard winner is North Carolina, with runners-up Louisiana and Utah. Finalists were Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

The Army Reserve overall winner is Wright Center, Mobile, Ala.; large winner is Camp Pike, Little Rock, Ark.; and small winner is Alves Center, Dublin, Calif. Runners-up were Garcia Center, Houston, Texas; and Taft Center, Orlando, Fla. Finalists were Head-

quarters of the 412th Engineer Command, Vicksburg, Miss.; Diamond Center, New Orleans, La.; and Fort Des Moines, Iowa; Miller Center, Brevard, N.C.; and Keathly Center, Lawton, Okla.

The special category winner was the Corps of

Engineers, Little Rock, Ark., District, with runner-up the Corps of Engineers, Savannah, Ga., District. Finalists were the Corps of Engineers, Japan District and the Corps of Engineers Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, Miss. (Arnews)

More than 50 years a lot of government service

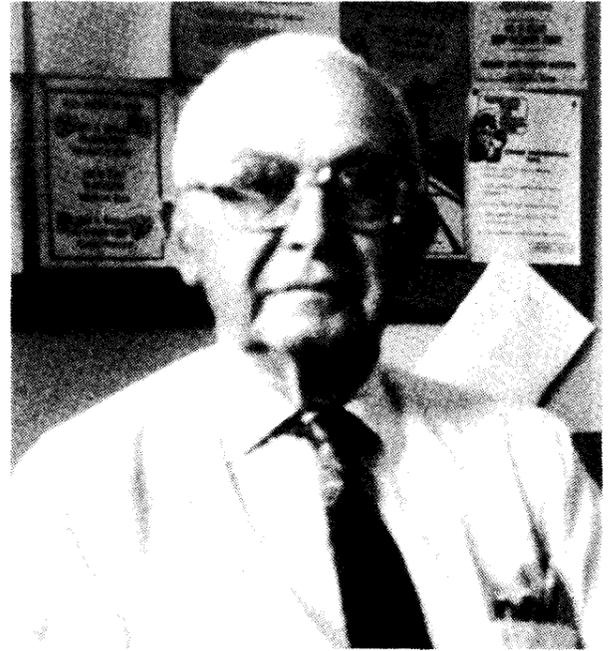
The administrative officer at Occupational Health retired Friday after more than five decades of government service.

Steve Pukl left with 56 years combined military and civilian service. He spent 26 and a half years in the Army, retiring as a major in 1961.

Pukl joined the Army in 1934 and rose from private to master sergeant in 10 years. He was a warrant officer 1 and 2, and later received a commission as first lieutenant.

At 74, Pukl had been at Redstone since 1962. He is a native of Uniontown, Pa.

He says his wife, Dorothy, a bookkeeper at Huntsville High School for 27 years, is "only 71" and has no current plans to retire.



PUKL

Commentary

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binoculars, his mother scanned the mass of soldiers hoping for a glimpse of her son. They soon found each other with tears and hugs.

I was able to meet David for the first time on March 31. It is almost impossible to describe meeting someone for the first time after writing for five months. I asked David what the best thing about coming home was, and he said, "Just that, coming home to be with family and friends again."

Unfortunately, not every soldier is coming home. Those losses will forever touch our hearts. The memory of Kuwait's liberation will forever be a part of our lives. For whatever reason, that conflict was brought closer to me, and I am thankful it was.

As we continue to pray for those still there, let us never forget this important event. It should kindle in us the patriotism and thankfulness which makes America great. Our country is the best, and we must never forget what a large part we play in making it what it is.

To all those who fought to protect that which is so much a part of us, I thank you. You deserve all the praise and uplifting recognition you receive. Also, as David would often write, "Keep the flag flying high."

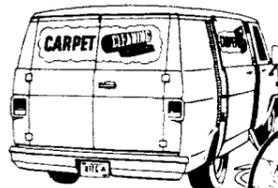


BOATING SAFETY CLASS — Maj. Bill Benson of the Huntsville Flotilla of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary discusses boating safety with members of the 95th Maintenance Company. Talking to Benson, from left, are Capt. Suzanne Schwitalla, commander of the 95th; SSgt. Ben Canaba and PFC Tom Crawford. The boating safety class is a yearly event for the 95th. This year's class was a cooperative effort between the Huntsville and Redstone Flotillas of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

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Anti-satellite program office has new manager

BY GERDA SHERRILL

Col. Gregory Stolt has become program manager of the Kinetic Energy Anti-Satellite Joint Program Office at Strategic Defense Command.

This office is responsible for a research and development effort leading to the deployment of a kinetic energy anti-satellite weapon system. Stolt succeeded Brig. Gen. J. Morgan Jellett who was assigned as program manager of SDC's enlarged Theater Missile Defense Joint Program Office in Huntsville.

Stolt came to SDC from the Research, Development and Engineering Center at Redstone where he served as deputy director. Prior to that position, he was assigned as the product manager for the Forward Area Air Defense Ground Based Sensor in the Air Defense Program Executive Office at Redstone.

Other assignments have included tours in Germany, Korea, and Fort Bliss, Texas, with Hawk air defense units; the Air Defense Board, Fort Bliss; the Combat Development Experimentation Command, Fort Ord and Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif.; as air defense intelligence analyst for the Intelligence Center Pacific, Camp Smith, Hawaii; and as system coordinator for

the deputy chief for research, development and acquisition in the Pentagon.

Stolt has a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of North Dakota and a master's in electrical engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso. He and his wife, Jey, have a daughter, Petra, and a son, Greg Jr.

The Kinetic Energy Anti-Satellite joint program office was established Feb. 27, 1989 within SDC, and the Army was selected as the lead service for this joint effort. The KE ASAT will be a land-based, direct ascent, rapid response weapon. Using information from the existing Space Surveillance Network, the U.S. could launch ASAT missiles against hostile military satellites in low earth orbit.

A deployed ASAT would serve to deter hostile acts against U.S. reconnaissance, weather, navigation and communications satellites in low earth orbit. The ASAT would furthermore serve to deny hostile forces the free use of space by holding their satellites hostage. As a last resort, the ASAT could be used to destroy enemy satellites.



STOLT

Researchers combine efforts to promote helicopter safety

WASHINGTON — Operation Desert Storm proved that shifting and blowing desert sands can be as treacherous to a helicopter pilot's vision as the worst case of Arctic snow blindness.

Pilots often had to fly helicopters at night and below enemy radar detection in a hostile environment with few terrain references, said Lt. Col. Bernie Wall, executive officer, U.S. Army Safety Center, Fort Rucker, Ala.

"In Saudi Arabia, our pilots operated in conditions that were never encountered before, not even at the

National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.," said Wall. "It was easy to lose sight of the horizon. This increased their chance for crashing into sand dunes."

"The illusions and other visual difficulties that occur can cause the loss of a helicopter and crew as quickly as can the most effective enemy weapons," said Dwight Lindsey, engineering research psychologist at USASC.

Fortunately, the U.S. Army Safety Center is performing research to combat the problem. They've recently joined forces with NASA-Ames Research Center in

California to share information on helicopter human factors research.

"NASA-Ames provides the best expertise and facilities for studying human problems in helicopter operations, while the Safety Center has the best in studying human errors in aircraft accidents," said Lindsey. "Combining our research should help prevent accidents."

"Our job is to look at inadequacies in design, procedures, training and leadership," he said. "In other words, what causes or allows human errors in accidents? Can we adapt the helicopter or the pilot to prevent future ones?"

"Results of this research can then be used to redesign helicopters, retrain pilots or upgrade procedures to avoid repeat mistakes. Our goal is to put together man, machine and environment to effectively accomplish a mission without incident."

Lindsey said the success of Operation Desert Storm showed the Army is doing some good work in terms of designing equipment and training to fit the soldier and the mission to be performed.

"We must continue this good work to be prepared for the next conflict," he said. (Arnews)

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Personnel management chief describes quality work force

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Operation Desert Storm showed the importance of human resources in getting a job done, according to the director of Office of Personnel Management.

In a speech to the local chapter of AUSA, Constance Berry Newman said the Bush administration knows the value of human resources and is dedicated to attracting and retaining a quality work force.

"Most recently the world has seen what can be accomplished when quality human resources are put in place. I'm referring of course to Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm," Newman told the luncheon meeting held Thursday at the Officers Club. An estimated more than 200 people attended this meeting for Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

Newman suggested the following nine elements of a quality work force: a public understanding and respect for government; pay which is competitive to private industry; competitive benefits such as child care; health care reform; quality recruitment to reflect the changing demographics; training of employees; an effective performance management system; effective employee-management relationships; and Total Quality Management.

"It has become extremely important for top

managers of all organizations to recognize they will not get their jobs done unless they turn their attention to investment in human resources," Newman said.

Referring to the public's understanding and respect for government, she said the current perception of civil servants is not very good. As examples she said schools are not teaching students that this nation is great because of quality civil servants; people fail to realize that a problem they might have with one government office is the exception rather than the rule; the opposition to pay raises for federal employees; and the problem of recruiting new employees.

"I'm optimistic of our ability to turn this (public perception) element around between now and the year 2000 because we do in fact have a president who considers himself a public servant," Newman said.

On the issue of pay, the OPM director said many people are willing to serve this nation because they believe they can make an impact rather than for the money. "Unless we seriously address the issue of pay, we are going to continue to be concerned about our ability to attract and retain the best," she said.

"We will not be able to compete for the best and the brightest if we do not have competitive pay and if we do not have competitive benefits," Newman said.



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MICOM worker completes executive training program

BY SANDA MARTEL

The first MICOM employee to graduate from the Executive Potential Program honored two managers who made her participation in the one-year program possible.

Jeanette Manley of the Security Assistance Management Directorate presented certificates of appreciation to Earnest A. Young, Missile Command's deputy for procurement and readiness, and James Pierce, chief of Chaparral/FAAR/Nike Hercules Branch.

Young was Manley's Senior Executive Service adviser and mentor who assisted her in career strategy, role modeling and setting up developmental assignments and interviews.

Pierce is Manley's supervisor, without whose support and encouragement "I wouldn't have been able to participate in the program," she said.

"We're here to honor three people today," SAMD deputy director Richard Godfrey said in a ceremony Friday. He presented to Manley her graduation certificate from the prestigious one-year program.

Manley started the EPP program designed for GS/GM-13s and 14s to expose them to managerial experiences in March 1990. She completed the program in March 1991 and attended a graduation ceremony in Washington, D.C., in which Constance Newman, the director for Office of Personnel Management, presented diplomas to the course graduates.

She is a GS-13 international program management specialist who manages the Chaparral foreign military sales program for Taiwan and Egypt.

One of the highlights of the program was the final week, during which Manley spent a week on Capitol Hill attending congressional hearings.



CERTIFICATE OF THANKS — Manley presents a token of her appreciation to her supervisor Jim Pierce for his encouragement and support for allowing her to participate in the OPM program that prepares employees for managerial positions.



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Soldier seer predicts Michael will get his NBA ring

Editor's note: Spec. Bogus, a member of 515th Ordnance Company, offers his predictions on the National Basketball Association finals. Before the season, this soldier seer said the Chicago Bulls would win it all.

BY FREDERICK BOGUS

Well, I was right about one team reaching the finals anyway. Despite being "hung to dry" by the San Antonio Spurs — my preseason choice to win the Western Conference — the Chicago Bulls did take the Eastern Conference crown.

Now it's time for the NBA finals, and what a dandy it should be! Here's how Chicago and Los Angeles reached the finals, followed by my position matchups:

Chicago went 61-21 in the regular season, and 11-1 in the playoffs. The Bulls defeated New York three games to none, Philadelphia 4-1 and Detroit 4-0. Los Angeles went 58-24 in the regular season, and 11-3 in

the playoffs. The Lakers defeated Houston 3-0, Golden State 4-1 and Portland 4-2.

GUARDS: For three years the public wanted to see a Michael Jordan vs. Magic Johnson championship matchup, and now it's here. For the first season in his career, Jordan did not have to carry the Bulls by himself. And for that reason alone, they are here in the finals. Magic will do exactly what he does against all his shorter opponents: Back them down in the low post to either shoot or pass off when double-teamed. Jordan, despite his offense being so "visualized," can also dish it off with the best of them. Look for the Lakers to give Byron Scott plenty of clear outs and "alley oops" against John Paxson, whose only way to survive against Scott is to hope that Scott goes into one of his hibernations. Edge... Los Angeles.

FORWARDS: You have a "Catch 22" here. Chicago's Scottie Pippen and Horace Grant in an uptempo game will run past the Lakers tandem of James Worthy and Sam Perkins. However, in a half court game the Laker pair have the advantage. Pippen and Grant are excellent defenders while Perkins and Worthy are so-so at best. Pippen has the ability to run the Bulls offense and might give Worthy problems off the dribble. Edge... Even.

CENTER: This matchup will decide the series. Bill Cartwright of Chicago and Vlade Divac of Los Angeles have been inconsistent so far in the postseason. Cartwright does have the experience but he, like Divac, has never been in the finals. Unlike Divac, Cartwright can afford to be more aggressive with Will Perdue, Stacey King (remember him?) and Scott Williams on the bench to lend a hand if foul trouble occurs. When Divac plays well, that usually means victory for the Lakers; and he does have the quickness and speed over all Chicago centers. Edge... Chicago.

BENCHES: Obviously, Chicago has the advantage here. Guards B.J. Armstrong and Craig Hodges, forwards Cliff Levingston and Perdue all give Chicago dependable play. You might even see swingman Dennis Hopson launching a few bombs for the Bulls. A.C. Green can still play big and has done a good job off the pine for the Lakers, but what's up with Terry Teagle and the rest of the Lakers subs? Edge... Chicago.

OUTLOOK: The Bulls and Lakers both play tough defense, and fastbreak points will be hard to come by. I believe, however, that the home court advantage and overall quickness will spell victory for Chicago. Unless Chicago coach Phil Jackson impersonates Portland's Rick Adelman and tries to overcoach, the Bulls will win this best-of-seven series in six tough nailbiting games. Trust me...



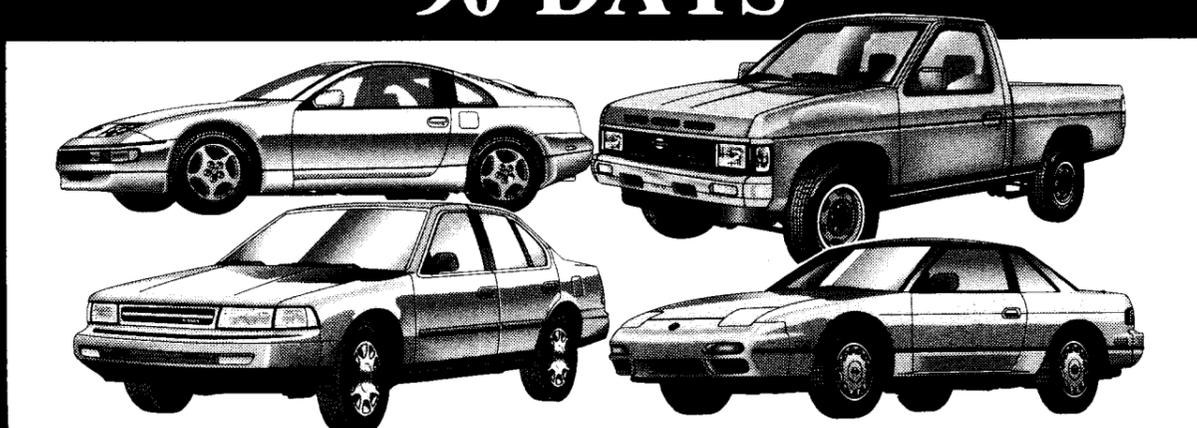
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A cookout luncheon for the 75 ACS volunteers was held Thursday at the Recreation Center with food prepared by the staff.

Valerie Carey has accepted a job as custodian of the Civilian Welfare Fund and is leaving her position as ACS volunteer supervisor. Anyone interested in serving as volunteer supervisor should call Resha 876-6299.

Ann Peppers, the ACS honorary volunteer supervisor, is also stepping down. Her successor is Barbara Mabry.



ACS PEOPLE — From left are Resha; Doshia Wilson, an ACS volunteer; and Carey.

Civilian softball

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Cheney seeks reductions in Corps of Engineers

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney is asking Congress to legislate reductions in the Army Corps of Engineers' stateside structure separately from the base closure plan now under consideration.

Cheney's recommendations would reduce the corps' divisions from 10 to six, cut the number of districts from 35 to 22 and realign regional office boundaries. It would also reduce the number of districts doing military design and construction from 15 to seven.

According to a May 24 Defense Department news release on the reorganization, the recommendations result from a review of the facilities and organization of the corps, which provides engineering services to the federal government and the military throughout the 50 states.

"We concluded that the corps can perform its military and civil works function with substantially more efficiency if we streamline that infrastructure," Cheney said in the announcement.

The reorganization would save the department about \$112 million annually, Army officials said. It would also cut about 2,600 civilian positions from the corps.

Cheney's proposal to Congress suggested that the reorganization plan be acted on separately from the base closure process.

"We considered sending the two together in April," Cheney said in the announcement. "But at the request of the leaders of the public works committee of the House, who exercise legislative responsibility over the civil works functions of the corps, we agreed to send the plan separately for the prompt consideration of Congress."

If approved, the plan would divide the lower 48 states into six divisions encompassing 22 districts:

- North Atlantic Division, headquartered at New York City. To include the Baltimore, New York and New England districts.
- North Central Division at Cincinnati, Ohio. To include the Buffalo, Huntington, Louisville and St. Louis districts.
- Northwest Division at Portland, Ore. To include the Omaha, Portland and Walla Walla districts.
- Southwest Division at San Francisco, Calif. To in-

"We concluded that the corps can perform its military and civil works function with substantially more efficiency if we streamline that infrastructure."

clude Albuquerque, Los Angeles and Sacramento districts.

- South Central Division at Vicksburg, Miss. To include the Fort Worth, Galveston, Little Rock, New Orleans and Vicksburg districts.

VA tells military of homeowners risks

BY RUDI WILLIAMS

AMERICAN FORCES INFORMATION SERVICE

Active duty service members must sign the "Counseling Checklist for Military Home Buyers" before the Department of Veterans Affairs will approve a VA-guaranteed home loan. The practice, started in September 1990, advises home buyers of the risks involved in owning a home.

"The practice was prompted by the rising number of foreclosures," said VA spokesman Bonner Day. "It's part of VA's effort to reduce the number of foreclosures among military home buyers." Day noted that VA paid \$1.2 billion in home loan foreclosure claims during the past two years; more than 84,000 veterans and active duty service members owed the government an average of \$14,000 each.

VA warns that failing to give the lender and VA a 12-month notice of discharge from active service or of a transfer out of the area where the member owns a home may constitute "bad faith."

"If your loan is foreclosed under circumstances that include bad faith, you may be required to repay VA for any loss the government suffers under the guarantee," Day said.

VA's checklist offers other sobering thoughts for would be home owners:

- South Atlantic Division at Atlanta, Ga. To include the Jacksonville, Mobile, Savannah and Wilmington districts.

Under the plan, three existing division offices — the Missouri River Division at Omaha, Neb.; the North Central Division at Chicago; and the Southwest Division at Dallas — would be combined into other offices. The current New England Division would become a district under the North Atlantic Division.

Fourteen district offices would be combined into others — the offices at Charleston, Chicago, Detroit, Kansas City, Memphis, Nashville, Norfolk, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Rock Island, St. Paul, San Francisco, Seattle and Tulsa. (Arnews)

- Although real estate values have historically risen in most areas, there is no assurance property for which you are seeking financing will increase in value or even retain its present value.

- You may encounter difficulty in selling your house, recovering your investment or making any profit, particularly if there is an active new-home market in the area.

- Receiving military orders for a permanent change of duty station or an unexpected early discharge due to a reduction in force does not relieve you of your obligation to pay your mortgage bill on the first of each month.

- "Letting the house go back" is unacceptable and may be considered "bad faith."

- A foreclosure will result in a bad credit record, a debt you may owe the government and difficulty in getting more credit in the future.

- VA does not guarantee the house, its condition or its value, only the loan; if you buy a previously occupied house, make sure its condition is satisfactory.

Additionally, VA emphasizes that its home loans can't be assumed without its approval or approval from the lending company.

VA has also intensified its efforts to keep veteran home buyers out of trouble. "We screen them to make sure they are creditworthy," said Day. "We give them a pamphlet that outlines the responsibilities of VA, the veteran and the lender. This clarifies that the veteran is responsible to the lender for making good on the debt. Veterans are advised to contact the lender and VA if they run into difficulties making payments."

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Editor's note: The following information was provided by Dr. Wallace Birch, state veterinary epidemiologist, and Capt. Margaret Sanders, deputy commander for veterinary services at Redstone.

As spring and summer approach in Alabama, we all tend to increase our time spent in outdoor activities. It is also the season when an increase in rabies cases is noted throughout the state.

Rabies was diagnosed in 28 counties during 1990 and involved 93 animals, both wild and domesticated. Exposures to rabid or potentially rabid animals resulted in rabies treatment for 151 individuals during the year at a cost of approximately \$500 per patient. Prevention of rabies is considerably less expensive than treatment.

During spring and summer months, rabies immunization clinics are provided in most communities at reduced fees for dogs and cats. Alabama law requires that dogs and cats over 3 months of age be immunized annually at local rabies clinics or by private veterinarians. This provides the pet owner and his family protection from animals that may be exposed to rabid animals in the wild.

Prevention of rabies is considerably less expensive than treatment.

Many pets hunt or wander at night and may be bitten or may even eat an animal that is rabid, thereby exposing the owners when they become ill. Pets that are properly protected against rabies provide an excellent barrier to infection between pets and their owners.

Another sure way to prevent exposure to rabies is to avoid contact with wild or domesticated animals that are unknown to you. It is never safe to handle sick or injured animals in the wild and it is advisable to make children aware of this important risk.

Maintaining wild animals as pets is another dangerous practice that often results in potential exposure to rabies. Animals captured in the wild may have been exposed to rabies and develop the disease as late as six months after capture. No rabies vaccine is currently licensed or approved for wild animals, and

they seldom make acceptable pets once they reach maturity.

Individuals exposed by bite or other saliva contact should contact their family physician or local health department for further information. No bite or exposure in Alabama should be taken lightly or ignored. Proper precautions can make spring and summer an enjoyable period for the whole family rather than one of concern.

"Because rabies is endemic to the Huntsville area, I encourage all pet owners to ensure that their pets are current on vaccination for rabies," says Capt. Margaret Sanders, deputy commander for veterinary services at Redstone. "Please call Veterinary Services at 876-2441 to schedule vaccination appointments for your pets.

"In accordance with MICOM Regulation 40-18, all pets residing on Redstone Arsenal must be current on rabies vaccination. Rabies vaccination is required annually in the state of Alabama. Note also that wild and exotic pets are not allowed on Redstone Arsenal. For additional information on rabies, contact the veterinary service office."

Reservists prove their mettle in war, quiet critics

BY RUDI WILLIAMS

AMERICAN FORCES INFORMATION SERVICE

"This victory belongs...to the regulars, to the Reserves, to the National Guard. This victory belongs to the finest fighting force this nation has ever known in its history," President George Bush said of Operation Desert Storm before Congress in March.

"Magnificent," is the way Army Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, described the reserve components' performance to the lawmakers in a congressional hearing.

The performance of the National Guard and Reserve has been "one of the major success stories of the entire operation," Army Gen. Edwin H. Burba Jr., commander of Forces Command, told Congress.

And to dispel any lingering doubt about the quality of the reserve forces, Stephen M. Duncan, assistant secretary of defense (reserve affairs), barraged lawmakers with examples of their outstanding performances during an April House Appropriations Subcommittee hearing.

"In an action that lasted only a few minutes, Company B of the 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division, a reserve unit from Yakima, Wash., destroyed or stopped 34 of 35 enemy tanks," Duncan said. "In four engagements, Company B accounted for 59 enemy tanks, including 30 of Iraq's most modern T-72s. Elements of the 926th Tactical Fighter Group were the first to score air-to-air kills in the A-10 fighter. The unit was credited with two air-to-air kills, and in the last days of combat, one pair of pilots from the 926th destroyed 20 Scud launchers."

In a Pentagon interview, Duncan, who spent 18 years as a reservist, said complaints about the reserve components frustrate him because the complaints often reflect a lack of understanding about how the Total Force works. The quality of reservists today, including National Guardsmen, is dramatically higher than it was 10 or 15 years ago, he said, adding reserve forces can't be compared in general terms because of wide variations in their missions and training.

Duncan noted some guard and reserve units have missions that would put them into immediate combat. "For example, you can match Air National Guard and Reserve pilots against active pilots any day of the week," Duncan said. "Why? Because most of them and their crews have served on active duty and have logged nearly as many hours of flight time as their active duty counterparts. In the other reserve forces, there are people who can perform just as well as their active component counterparts for particular types of missions."

Other units, though, require training — sometimes a significant amount of training — before they can be deployed, he said. "We design it that way. That's the Total Force," he explained. "We try to integrate the capabilities of the active and reserve components to obtain the most military capability for the least cost."

Duncan touts reserve forces personnel as highly motivated, intelligent and experienced, and he noted hundreds of them went through intense training before deploying to the Persian Gulf.

"They surprised a lot of people by turning out to be smarter than those people expected. That suggests to me you can take a motivated, intelligent reservist, app-



DUNCAN

ly some training techniques you didn't use in the past and come up with a soldier who's able to perform a mission in a much shorter time than we realized," Duncan said.

"I continue to urge the reserve components to explore new ways to train their people," he continued. "It doesn't have to be weekend drills. There may be other kinds of training that can be tried. Computer simulators at reserve centers offer great potential. We need to focus on what we can do and not assume that we should train reservists in the 1990s the same way we did in the 1970s."

He said the Persian Gulf conflict's effects on recruiting and retention are unknown. He expects few problems, however, because all the armed forces are reducing in size.

"We're trying to figure out how to manage downsizing," he said. "If we find that we need to focus efforts to recruit some specific skills, we'll do that. Many people are telling us we'll have problems getting enough nurses, doctors and other medical specialists — but at the same time, many of those who were called up are asking to stay on active duty."

In testimony before Congress, Duncan summed up the reserve component story: "Whatever the future holds, we are absolutely secure in our belief that the reserve forces of the United States are, today, the best in the world."

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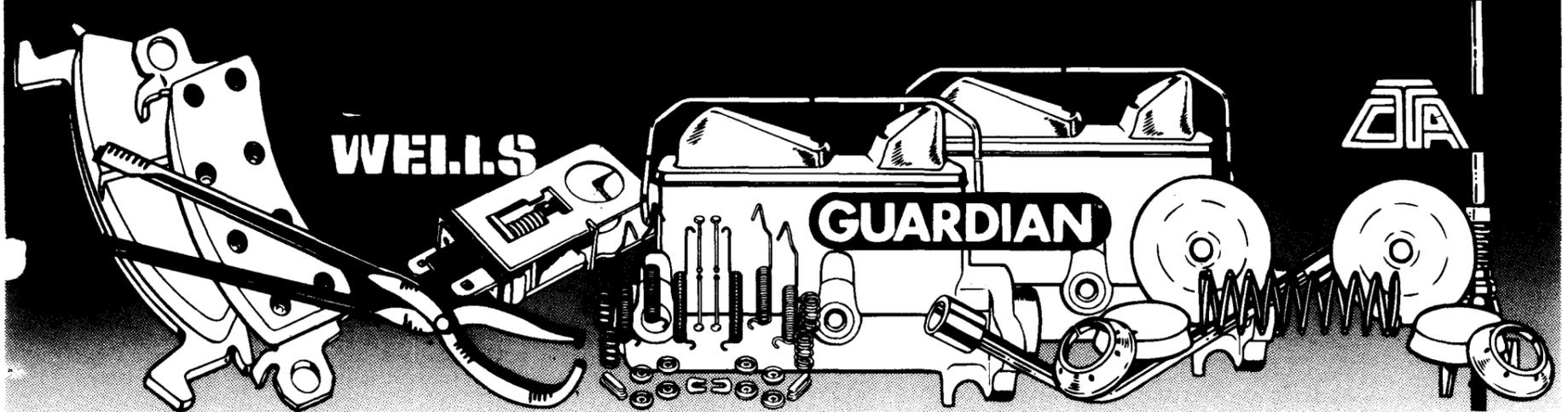


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Announcements

Talent show

The 515th Ordnance Company's Junior Enlisted Council is planning a talent show Friday at the new Enlisted Club. Auditions are to be held soon. This event is open to the public. For more information, call Lisa Patton 876-2207 before 4 p.m.

ACS news

Reunion briefings: Making the transition from front lines to home front is the topic of briefings held 2 p.m. Tuesdays at the Post Chapel. All soldiers or civilians returning from Operation Desert Storm should attend. For more information or to set up an individual unit briefing, call Sal Riccardi 876-5397 or Chaplain (Maj.) David McLean 876-5751. **Parenting classes:** Three free eight-week parenting classes will begin in June. The class for newborns to preschool started at 4 p.m. June 3 at ACS. On June 18, classes for parents with children preschool to age 12 begin at 4 p.m. and classes for parents with teen-agers begin at 6 p.m. Classes are open to active duty and retired military and Redstone Arsenal civilians. All classes will be held at ACS, building 3491. For more information, call Virginia Dempsey 876-5397.

Contracts workshop

Huntsville Chapter, National Contract Management Association will hold a Cost and Pricing Data Workshop on Thursday, June 6 at the Holiday Inn Research Park, Madison Square Mall. Registration begins at 5 p.m., with heavy hors'd'ouves served at 5:30; and the panel presentation will be from 6-9. The workshop is to be moderated by Harry Cleaver, certified professional contracts manager (CPCM), and is to include panel members Dr. Jay Billings, CPCM and Gene Andrzejewski, CPCM. Cost for NCMA members is \$25, and for non-members \$30. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 536-1527.

Blood donors needed

Huntsville Police Investigator Hollis Lowery's 6-year-old son, Kenny, will be having open heart surgery June 16 in Birmingham. The surgery will require 16 units of blood. The Red Cross has advised the family that at least 16 blood donors who have blood type AB negative will be needed. If anyone wishes to donate, they can call Police Sgt. Ron Fudge 532-7205 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SDC picnic

The Strategic Defense Command will hold its annual picnic June 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the civilian recreation area on post. There will be plenty of food, drink, games, entertainment and activities for the entire family. Tickets cost \$2 per person or \$5 per family and can be purchased from directorate/project office representatives. For more information, call Maj. Terry Day 955-5697.

Job information

A Job Information Day will be held at ACS Building 3491 on Tuesday, June 11, 8-11 a.m. Civilian Personnel and Non-appropriated Fund representatives will answer questions and give information to military spouses and other interested persons on job opportunities, qualifications and how to apply. For information call Sue Paddock 876-5397.

Federal women

Federally Employed Women will have an installation dinner for new officers Friday at the Challenger NCO Club. A social is at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. Dr. Polly Cason will speak on "Women, the Work Force of the Future." Dr. Delia Black will install the new officers. Non-members are invited. For tickets (\$10) call Anita de Graffenried 876-4105, Linda McKinney 842-9981 or Mary Peoples 955-4275. For more information, call Olivia Martin 876-7011.

Youth soccer

Registration will begin June 15 and end July 10 for Fall Soccer Season. Coaches are needed. There will be a coaches meeting June 10. Also, there will be a NYSCA Clinic for soccer coaches. If you want to coach soccer, you must attend the meeting and NYSCA Clinic. For more information, call Gordon Keene 876-BALL.

Rifle shoot

A rifle shoot will be held Saturday at Shields Range. This event, conducted by the Redstone Rifle Association, will begin at noon and end at 4 p.m. The event is open to all active and retired military; this is not a formal match. Ammunition will be provided at no charge in the following calibers: 30/06, .308, .303, .30 carbine, 8mm, .223 and 7.62x39mm. For more information call SFC William Smith at the EOD Center 842-2321.

Post Theater movies

Thursday — *The Five Heartbeats*, rated R, 121 minutes. Friday — *Shipwrecked*, PG, 93 minutes. Saturday — *Out for Justice*, R, 91 minutes. Sunday — *Out for Justice*. Tuesday — *Rich Girl*, R, 98 minutes. All shows begin at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children.

Singles event

"First Friday," a social event for singles, is held the first Friday night of each month at Trinity United Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road. The event from 7-10 p.m. June 7 will feature magician Carl Huggins.



Personnel managers

Rocket City Chapter, International Personnel Management Association (IPMA) will have its spring banquet June 14 at the Holiday Inn, Research Park. A social hour begins at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7. Scheduled speaker is Dr. Niles C. Schoening, associate professor of economics at UAH. Tickets are \$7.50 for members, \$15 for non-members. For reservations or more information call Lori Reynolds 876-5824, Olene McGowen 842-8775 or Pat Weaver 842-8732. Deadline for reservations is June 10.

Youth volunteers

Youth volunteers are needed this summer at Fox Army Community Hospital clinics. A Red Cross Youth Orientation will be held 9 a.m. June 10 at the Fox Hospital classroom. Volunteers for the hospital should be at least 14 years old and must receive a Tine Test or have had this test since September 1990; bring shot record. Some of the clinics needing assistance include Pediatrics, Family Practice, Optometry, Lab, Radiology, and Physical Therapy. The Youth Center needs volunteers age 12 and 13. Some areas of responsibility will include reading to children, assisting with arts and crafts, physical fitness, administering games, and helping with Summer Day Camp. These volunteers should be registered at the Youth Center before attending the June 10 orientation. For more information call Leah Amato, Red Cross youth chairman, 837-1972.

Servicemember insurance

Effective April 6, Public Law 102-25 increased the maximum coverage of Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) to \$100,000. Consequently all military pay accounts were automatically raised to a \$100,000 coverage with \$8 monthly deduction, retroactive to April. This coverage will remain in effect unless a soldier completes VA Form 29-8286 to decline or elect a lesser amount of coverage. Changes will become effective the first day of the month following the date of the election. Soldiers who desire a change to this automatic coverage should contact the Military Personnel Office, building 3710, phone 842-0876.



Benefit basketball

A benefit basketball game, the Huntsville Stars vs. WEUP Magic 16, will be held 7:30 p.m. June 21 at Sparkman High School. Admission at the door will be \$2 for adults, \$1 for children age 10 and under. Proceeds will help pay for the local AAU Junior Olympic team's transportation, meals and lodging during the national Amateur Athletic Union basketball tournament July 5-13 in Memphis. "Please come out and support our young people."

Toastmasters

Tennessee Valley Toastmaster Club, Toastmasters International will meet 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Shoney's Restaurant, 3301 Memorial Parkway southwest. "Come early and join us for dinner and conversation before the meeting." Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month. For more information, call Anne Hughes 881-8707.



Business women

Ala-Hunt Chapter will have its monthly meeting June 11 at Michael's Restaurant, Ramada Inn on South Parkway. Social time is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. For reservations call Maria Goodman 880-8085 or 883-1140, Ruth Hart 772-8021, or call Joni Haas 772-3888 or 544-8352.



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Multicrafts

Here's the Multicrafts Center schedule through June 15. Tonight, *Mat cutting open workshop*, 6:00; June 6 & 13, *Mandatory wood safety workshop*, 4:30 p.m.; June 6 & 13, *Stencil techniques*, 6 p.m.; June 7 & 14, *Family Activities — call for more information*; June 8 & 15, *Basic wood safety workshop*, 10 a.m.; June 8, *Weekend mat cutting session*, 10 a.m.; *Free ceramics slip casting all day*; *American colors iron-on workshop*, 10 a.m.; June 11, *Wood safety workshop*, 4:30 p.m.; *Ladies night out polymer jewelry*, 6 p.m.; June 11 & 12, *Creating picture frames*, 5:30 p.m.; June 14 & 21, *Youth woodworking sessions*, for kids ages 11-14, 1 p.m.; June 14, *Framing open workshop*, refresher class, 10 a.m.; June 15, *Father's Day youth project — patriotic T-shirt*, bring a pre-washed shirt, 10 a.m. The center, located at the corner of Vincent Drive and Gray Road, is open to all active duty and retired military members, government civilians, family members and guests. For more information, visit building 3615 or call 876-7951.

Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for May are: Best single unit, Col. Paul J. Mulek, 50 Bomford Drive; and SSgt. Robert Stutzman, 1332-A Jupiter St. Best multiunit, Maj. James D. Matthewson, 476-B Cooke Drive, and SFC Victor Nieves, 224-D Dyer Circle. Recognition goes to Capt. Hugo J. Fischer, 400 Hughes Drive and Sgt. Jack A. Peterson, 1205-A Nike St. Winners receive a Certificate of Appreciation, a color photograph of the ceremony, a free meal from their respective club for the winner and a guest, a \$10 gift certificate from the Post Exchange, and display of the Yard of the Month sign for a month. Unit winner for best yard is D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, building 3411, who will receive a color photograph of the ceremony, \$200 and display of the Yard of the Month sign for a month. Recognition goes to F Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, building 3436.

Outdoor recreation

A Turkey Shoot will be held June 15, between the trap and skeet range at Outdoor Recreation on Sportsman Lane. Prizes to be awarded are turkeys and hams. Cost is \$3 per shot. "No skill required to win." For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868.

Recreation Center tours

Seats are still available for the following Rec Center tours: June 9, the Birmingham Zoo, adults \$6.50 and children 2-12 \$5; and June 23, Nashville Flea Market, all seats \$3.50. Both tours are now open to the entire Redstone community — military and civilian. Tours include admission, transportation, and a bag lunch. For more information, call 876-4531 after 1:30 p.m. on weekdays or after 10 a.m. weekends.

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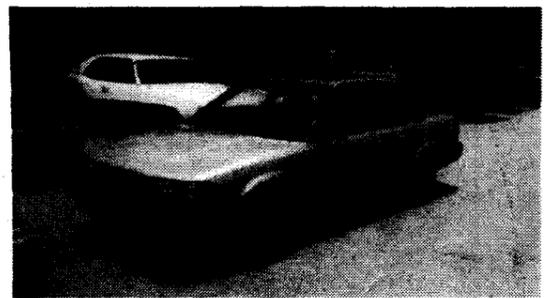
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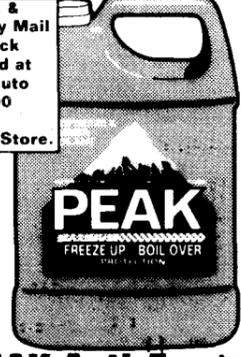
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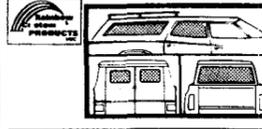
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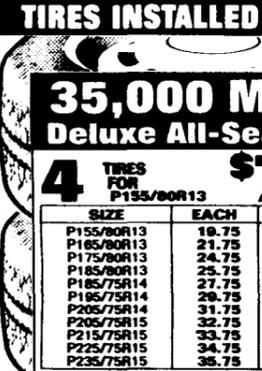
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P195/75R14	28.75	119
P205/75R14	31.75	127
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P195/75R14	34.75	139
P205/75R14	36.75	147
P215/75R14	37.75	151
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P185/80R13	35.75	143
P185/75R14	37.75	151
P195/75R14	38.75	155
P205/75R14	41.75	167
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P185/80R13	40.75	163
P185/75R14	42.75	171
P195/75R14	43.75	175
P205/75R14	46.75	187
P215/75R14	47.75	191
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