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Pearl Harbor survivor recalls day that lives in infamy

BY SKIP VAUGHN

On the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, Lincoln Townsend was a young enlisted man just waking up in his tent at gunnery camp at Bellows Field on Honolulu.

He was a corporal flight chief in the armaments section of 44th Fighter Squadron with the old Army Air Corps. Townsend's home station was at Wheeler Field, Hawaii, but that morning he was 25 miles away for gunnery camp which consisted of practice flying at ground targets.

Townsend was stirring around that fateful Sunday morning, just before 8, when the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor occurred.

"The first thing was I heard a plane fly over, and then I heard guns firing," Townsend recalls, 50 years later. At first, he thought it was either one of his unit's planes shooting up the runway while coming in for a landing or some Navy or Marine pilot having fun by buzzing the field.

He got up and hurried outside his tent to see who it was. The plane had encircled the field. When it came back around, Townsend could see it wasn't a U.S. plane. There was a big red ball and insignia on the fuselage: the Japanese rising sun. Apparently, the pilot had separated from his mates and come up on Bellows Field, a fighter strip, accidentally. On the first pass, he strafed the field with bullets, hitting the dispensary and injuring a soldier. Just when the plane left — apparently to get reinforcements — a U.S. B-17 arrived from the states. As the U.S. plane landed, Townsend could see smoke coming from two of the engines. The plane touched down, went off the runway and ended up in sand dunes. A U.S. serviceman jumped out of the B-17 and yelled to Townsend and the others that the island was under attack by the Japanese. "We could see the smoke coming from Kapeho Naval Air Station," Townsend recalls.

Townsend and the others immediately tried to disperse the unit's aircraft on the field by taxiing them. They started loading the guns with ammunition and revving up the engines so the planes would be ready for the pilots. About that time, three of the pilots came running up: a Lt. Hans Christianson, Lt. Whitman and Lt. Sam Bishop.

"At that same time, that's when the main Japanese attack hit the base. Fighters came in from all directions. These were Zeroes. They started strafing the field in a double figure-eight pattern," Townsend says. "And they started strafing the aircraft. They were coming in from an altitude of about 75 to 100 feet. They were just coming in low, running free, you know.

"Myself and three other fellows were trapped under one of the airplanes," he recalls. When the main at-

Arriving in two waves, the 350 Japanese planes sank or seriously maimed six battleships and 10 other big vessels, destroyed 162 aircraft and left 2,403 Americans dead or dying and 1,178 wounded, inflicting most of the havoc in the first 20 minutes of a two-hour attack.

— From U.S. News & World Report
Dec. 2 edition for the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor

tack hit, they were still loading ammunition in the guns; they dropped under the P-40 fighter plane on their hands and knees. One of them, a radioman, was wearing a white shirt. They put him in the middle to keep the Japanese from seeing him. They were down between the landing gear.

"What we were doing was keeping the engine and the armor plate of the cockpit between us and the planes that were coming in strafing us. In other words, we wanted to keep as much between us (and the planes) so we could keep from getting hit, because we couldn't get out," Townsend says. "They were com-

ing in low. When they came in from the front, you could see the lines of fire from their guns."

He and the others tried to avoid the lines of fire by
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TOWNSEND

Retired officers commemorate Pearl Harbor

The Huntsville Chapter of The Retired Officers Association, along with Redstone Chapter 353 of National Sojourners, will present a special program Thursday evening at the Officers Club to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

"United We Stand" is a patriotic program to "commemorate the attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 Dec. 1941 and the subsequent quest for peace," according to a release provided by TROA.

A registration and social period is set for 6-6:45 p.m. From 6:45-7, there will be the Pledge of Allegiance, introduction of guests, announcements and invocation. After dinner at 7, the patriotic program will be conducted from 8 to 9. The reservation period closed Monday.

The program will trace the birth of this nation from the original 13 colonies through the 50 states. There will be a roll call for those on active duty Dec. 7, 1941, a moment of silence, and taps.

"We wanted to commemorate an event which affected us more than any other event in our lifetime," said Eugene Carter, a retired Air Force colonel, who organized the Pearl Harbor commemoration program. "We're going to have a display of all 50 state flags to show that we have come from all parts of the country and are here today because of an event that happened 50 years ago that started us all in this direction."

The Pearl Harbor attack began a series of events in wartime that culminated in August 1945. "We also commemorate not only the attack that started it (World War II), but the peace that ended it," Carter said.

Huntsville Chapter of TROA has more than 950 members and is the largest of the approximately 12 chapters in Alabama, according to Beri Moore, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel. "Our goal is to get a thousand (members) by year's end," Moore added.

PX takes aim at shoplifters with new detection system

BY SANDA MARTEL

How do you stop thieves from stealing? Officials here have been pondering that question and trying to find a way to slow down shoplifting in the Post Exchange.

One way is to have the means of catching shoplifters, and in June a new surveillance system was installed in the PX. Since then, there's been a 200 percent increase in the number of shoplifters apprehended.

The sophisticated camera system is working, said Stanley Drejewski, exchange general manager. Programmable bubble domes in the ceiling allow cameras to follow shoppers around the store. If the camera picks up a customer placing an item on his person or in his bag and that customer attempts to leave without paying for it, he will be stopped by a store detective and invited into the manager's office.

"A lot of those we attempt to detain run away before we get a call in to the MPs," Drejewski said.

"We've had to chase numerous people into the parking lot."

"Once we get the person into the office the first thing we try to do is get their ID card. Some say they're sorry and offer to pay for the item if we'll just let them

go. By this time they're usually sweating a lot," said Donna Ramey, exchange detective supervisor.

The detectives aren't arresting agents, so the military police take over when they arrive. They do the
(See PX, cont'd on page 3)

Link to return as deputy commander

Col. (promotable) James M. Link will become deputy commander of the Missile Command early in 1992.

Maj. Gen. William Chen, MICOM's commander, announced the new assignment last week.

Link, recently selected for promotion to brigadier general, is now deputy commander for training developments, Army Combined Arms Support Command, Fort Lee, Va. He served as deputy director of MICOM's Missile Logistics Center and director of

materiel management in a prior assignment at Redstone from June 1986 through March 1989.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 9, 1942, Link graduated from Methodist College (1986) and earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee (1975). He is also a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

He and his wife, Judith, have one child, Carey.



Card of thanks

Editor:

Thank you to everyone in the AMC Smart Weapons Management Office for the kind expressions of sympathy and for the many cards, letters, memorial gifts, and food that was presented to me and my family during the recent death of my father, Will Turner. Also, thanks to all of my other friends and co-workers here at Redstone who have encouraged me during these difficult days. We will truly miss my dad, for he was a source of encouragement and strength to help us get through each day. I know he is rejoicing in heaven and all the questions he had about heavenly things have now been answered. We will love him forever and we will miss him more than anyone will ever know.

Shirley Duffie
AMC Smart Weapons Mgmt Ofc

PX snack bar

Editor:

On the 1st of November, I took a three-day trip to Fort Campbell, Ky. I wanted to see for myself once more how a military base was managed.

I saw where there was high morale within the military personnel and also the civilians.

Now, they had a snack bar like military bases are supposed to have, not like the leftover junk Redstone Arsenal has. I know if we got together, we could get our snack bar back.

At Campbell's snack bar, you told Vickie Richie, Debby Stevenson plus the other women, what you wanted and how. Now that was like eating in America, not Mexico or Italy (pizza).

The BOQ where I stayed was a pleasant place. The boss, Kent Westbrook, had a marvelous group of women working for him at the BOQ. Jennifer St. Peter, Cathy Brooks, June Prince, Brenda Marbale, Barbara Quales — those women did a wonderful job keeping the place clean.

I appreciated each and every one of them: the BOQ, snack bar, PX and the Commissary...

...Fort Campbell, you are and you should be proud of your base. Keep on holding your chin up. Reach out and touch someone.

Wiley Hopkins
Army retired

ACOE project

Editor:

This letter goes out to a team of outstanding people I believe to be rare. The team serves the Redstone community six days a week, always with a warm smile.

This team — some of you may know of — are Wayne Nevels, Virginia Rose, Mike Brooks, Chandra Lewis, Phillip Rolfe, Carolyn Conner and Mike McComb. With warm smiles, they're professionals who care about our community needs and goals.

I was asked to do a major ACOE (Army Communities of Excellence) project by the Support Troops Battalion commander in early 1991. I had an idea, but was not sure where to go with it. I drafted a plan with materials and quantities I thought would be needed. I called Wayne Nevels and, with enthusiasm, was asked to bring my plans to be looked it.

After about an hour going over the plans in detail, using Wayne's recommendations, I had a good plan, all my questions answered, and had all points of contact needed to get started.

With a three-month project ahead of me, this team of professionals was with me every step of the way. Each and every one were major team players. They were very helpful and made the project worth all the effort.

With the individual support and encouragement, the ACOE project was a success. We could not have done it without you guys. As a member of this community, I take my hat off to the Self-Help Family for the endless support given to me and the Redstone community. Thanks.

SFC John Bickford
Equipment Mgt Branch

Grateful store

Editor's note: The following letter is addressed to Bob Heyob, Air Force retired, who wrote about the Commissary in the Nov. 20 Mailbox.

I would like to take just a few minutes of your time to thank you for the uplifting letter about the Commissary and its employees. Far too many times we are the topic of ill conversation, and it is so nice to know that someone appreciates all the hard work and effort we at the Commissary strive for. It's not an easy job, far from it! But we do our very best to serve each and every individual who steps through our doors. True, the lines are usually long and tempers become short; but for the volume of business that we do in one day, we do a pretty good job to handle the load. Thank you, Mr. Heyob, for your kind words; they mean so very much to us at the Commissary. From all of us at the Commissary, our hats are off to you. You made our day! And we truly do serve the most deserving. Thank you again.

Susan Gustafson
Front-end manager,
Commissary

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Redstone a finalist for ACOE award

Redstone Arsenal has been selected as a finalist in the most improved category of the 1991 Army Communities of Excellence awards program.

"We received the message from DA (Department of Army) that Redstone is a finalist in the most improved category for ACOE," said Jean Keahey, the Missile Command's ACOE program coordinator. "This means that there will be an on-site evaluation team visit at Redstone probably mid-February. We will be competing with Fort Polk, La., for the most improved installation in the Army. That carries with it, if we win, an \$125,000 award."

The winner should be announced by the end of March or first of April. The evaluation period for the

20 ACOE finalists in all categories is Jan. 13 through March 20.

There are two finalists each in the Continental U.S. and OCONUS large, medium and small categories, and in the CONUS and OCONUS most improved categories. Also, there are four finalists in a special category for Army activities that are not located on an Army installation. Huntsville District for Corps of Engineers is among the finalists in the special category.

The overall winner receives a \$1.5 million Commander-in-Chiefs Award. The Chief of Staff of the Army Award is \$1 million. Runners-up in the small, medium and large categories each receive \$250,000. The most improved installation receives \$125,000.

Redstone Arsenal normally stays open in all but the most extreme weather

The Huntsville area usually gets some snowfall every year, but not enough to seriously impede traffic. This fact is reflected in Redstone's policy of staying open for business in all but the most extreme weather conditions.

Workers are reminded that unless the post is closed, they are expected to report for work. No "free" leave is given for bad weather conditions. If the Arsenal is closed, an announcement will be made over local television and radio stations.

Those who don't want to risk driving in snow or ice should contact their offices so they can be placed on annual leave until they are able to return to work.

Here are some tips for winter driving, offered by safety officials:

- Keep a winter survival kit in your car. Useful items include a CB or portable CB to radio for help; a blanket, towel and extra clothes (don't forget warm socks); traction mats and an abrasive such as cat litter or sand; snow brush; ice scraper; lock antifreeze; flashlight; flares or triangles; and booster cables. You might also want to store some high-energy food in your glove compartment. Foods that keep well are granola bars, peanuts and beef jerky.

- Drive slowly enough for conditions. Motorists ask for trouble when they try to drive as fast in snow or ice as they would on a dry road.

- Anticipate turns, stops and lane changes so you can make them gradually to avoid skidding.

- Ice is most slippery when it is beginning to melt, so take extra care when the temperature is just above freezing. Bridges and low-lying areas freeze first and thaw fast, so slow down before you get to them.

- Skidding is caused by quick movements, sudden braking or excessive speed on wet or icy roads. If you do go into a skid, don't panic; most of the time you can get out of it if you stay calm. If the road is flat, ease up on the accelerator (don't use the brake) and steer in the direction of the skid until you get traction, then steer in the direction you want to go.

- To avoid downhill skids, slow at the crest of the hill and go down the hill using the brakes as little as possible. If you do skid, ease up on the accelerator and steer in the direction you want the car to go. As soon as you start to straighten out, turn the wheels gently in the opposite direction (countersteering) to avoid oversteering.

- If you begin skidding while going uphill, turn your wheels in the desired direction. Don't use the brakes until you are back in your lane. On front-wheel-drive cars, you can correct the skid with gentle acceleration. Rear-wheel drive makes correction a little more difficult.

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PX

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search. "If we're dealing with a female, the MPs bring a female MP along to do the search," Ramey said.

"We make bad busts every day," Drejewski said, explaining that after the camera picks up a person taking an item, that person may have a change of heart and replace it on the shelf while his back is toward the camera.

"We're always sorry, and we send a letter of apology to that person or his family, but it's inevitable that it's going to happen sometimes," Drejewski said.

But once the MPs find a concealed item on the person, he is taken to the Redstone police station, read his rights and arrested.

"When the MPs take a person caught shoplifting to the Provost Marshal office, we treat him like a criminal," according to Bobby Blackwell, Provost Marshal investigator.

In all cases, the offender loses PX privileges for six months.

If the offender is active duty military, the unit commander is notified and determines the punishment, which will be based on the circumstances of the crime and the value of the item taken.

"In most cases the punishment is an Article 15, a fine ranging from \$50-200, extra duty or a reduction in rank, or a combination of any," Blackwell said. "The soldier could be court-martialed."

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— Stanley Drejewski
PX manager

An adult who is not a servicemember faces theft charges in U.S. Magistrate Court, usually resulting in a fine of \$50-200 and probation, Blackwell said. If the person is a minor, parents are contacted and asked to pick the minor up at the police station. The punishment is usually an administrative action and/or punishment by the sponsor.

"We recover on average \$2,000 each month in merchandise from shoplifters," Drejewski said.

Worse, however, is the \$5,000 average monthly losses from undetected shoplifting. That comes from the empty boxes store personnel find on the shelves, the clothing worn out of dressing rooms and missing inventory items.

Money lost through shoplifting equals lost Morale Welfare and Recreation dollars, depriving the community of money needed to improve the quality of life.

Neither sex, age, race nor status seem to have any bearing on shoplifting, Drejewski said.

"We catch 6-year-old kids, 87-year-old grandmothers, males, females," he said. "We've caught parents and their kids working as a team."

PX employees also get caught, and they are warned upon employment that if they're caught taking merchandise they'll be treated just like everyone else apprehended.

"I've been with AAFES 28 years in almost that many exchanges and I can tell you it's no different here than anywhere else; you're always going to have this problem. And shoplifting always increases before the holidays," Drejewski said.

Weekends are worst, when an average of two shoplifters each day are apprehended on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

"We're doing a better job of detecting shoplifters this year since we got our new detection system. It's the best, most up to date security system available. On-

ly four other exchanges worldwide have this system," Drejewski said.

And while it may not stop shoplifting all together, perhaps word will get around there's a good chance that if you steal, sooner or later you'll be caught.

Soldier-support hotline opened by TRADOC

WASHINGTON — Want to make a soldier's life better? If the answer is "yes," call DSN 835-1245 or (404) 545-1245.

The Training and Doctrine Command now has a 24-hour hotline that offers callers an outlet for making recommendations concerning what soldiers wear, carry and consume in a tactical environment. Suggestions for improving everything from command and control, to survivability, sustainment, and soldier mobility are also being sought.

The hotline numbers will be used until a toll-free line can be established. (Arnews)

Last Reserve unit back from Saudi

WASHINGTON — The last Reserve unit in Southwest Asia has returned to the United States.

The 1184th Transportation Terminal Unit landed at its home base of Mobile, Ala., Nov. 19. Headquarters Company, 111th Ordnance Battalion from Opelika, Ala. — the last National Guard unit in the former war zone — returned to its home base in September.

About 3,000 Reserve soldiers are still in Southwest Asia in a volunteer status. (Arnews)

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Soldier who led Pershing's elimination receives honor



BROWN

It was — in the words of one of the participants — an Alpha and Omega event, a ceremony involving two men representing the beginning and the end of the Pershing II missile system.

Retired Brig. Gen. William Fiorentino presented a special award to Col. Thomas Brown, director of MICOM's Weapon Systems Management Directorate, at the Nov. 19 dinner meeting of the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the American Defense Preparedness Association (ADPA).

ADPA recognized Brown and the team of soldiers, contractors and government workers he led, for the successful withdrawal and elimination of the Pershing system in compliance with the Treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union which many believe marked the beginning of the dramatic political changes in Europe and the Soviet Union.

Florentino, ADPA local chapter president, reminded those present that he headed the Pershing project during the time the Pershing II was developed and initially fielded. Brown finished the fielding, then directed the process of bringing the system home from Germany and eliminating it in accord with the treaty.

"I was the Alfa, Col. Brown was the Omega," Fiorentino noted.

Accepting the award for his team, Brown praised the work of thousands of soldiers and civilians involved in developing, fielding and finally eliminating the Pershing system. He also praised the people of the Federal Republic of Germany and their government who allowed the U.S. Army to field and operate the system there in response to Soviet fielding of SS nuclear missiles.



AMC HONOR — Capt. Craig Hogan, right, a reservist who served at the Missile Command during Operation Desert Storm, receives a plaque from Gen. William Tuttle, commander of Army Materiel Command, during a ceremony held at the Association of the U.S. Army convention in Washington, D.C., in October. Hogan led a team that went to Saudi Arabia in January to modify or replace older Ground Launched Laser Designators with a newer version.

Vegetable crops damaged by flies

FORT LEE, Va. — A devastating infestation of poinsettia whiteflies in California's Imperial Valley and Yuma, Ariz., is seriously affecting many winter salad and vegetable crops, including lettuce, cauliflower and broccoli.

The whitefly kills or damages plants by consuming their nutrients. Pesticides have been applied, but experts are skeptical about the complete elimination of the whitefly problem.

Commissary shoppers can expect temporary price increases on these items due to temporary shortages. Defense Commissary Agency produce experts say commissaries will buy the best produce available during this situation and that shortages are expected to end in January as new crops enter the marketplace.

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Some senior NCOs leaving in military drawdown

WASHINGTON — Up to 300 sergeants major and command sergeants major will be selected for early separation during fiscal 1992 as part of the ongoing military drawdown.

Normal retirements and voluntary separations within the Army's top two enlisted ranks could ultimately lessen the number of early separations needed, said Lt. Col. Tim Decker of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

Sergeants major and command sergeants major with 25 through 28 years service and one year in grade will

be considered by a Department of Army selective early release board. The board will convene in January 1992; soldiers selected for early separation will be notified in February.

Selected sergeants major and command sergeants major will be separated by Sept. 1, 1992. Once the selections are approved, there will be no appeal of the board's decision, Decker said.

He added that while selections will be made across the entire force, overstrength skills may lose more than others.

The decision to conduct a SERB was very difficult, Decker said. "It will not be easy to select these to be separated — when you look at the sergeants major and command sergeants major being considered, every one is a top-notch soldier."

The office of the deputy chief of staff for personnel stressed that the Army plans to go to great lengths to ensure that this action is handled with great sensitivity and that strong assistance is provided as these soldiers transition from the Army. (Arnews)

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WASHINGTON — A selective early retirement board for colonels, lieutenant colonels, majors and captains is set for January 1992.

Those in the zone of consideration include the following:

- Colonels with two years time in grade or more as of Jan. 1, 1992.
- Lieutenant colonels, majors and captains who have more than 18 total years of active federal service prior to Jan. 1, 1992, who are not on a promotion list, and who do not have an approved voluntary or mandatory retirement date occurring in fiscal 1992.

"This management action is necessary to comply with the congressionally-mandated officer strength cuts required of the Army," said Lt. Col. Joe Chambers of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

"The decision to implement the selective early retirement was made only after extensive consideration of every alternative available to achieve these reductions," Chambers said. "Taking this step is painful since we are asking some of the most experienced, selfless soldiers to leave the Army earlier than they would choose to do so. However, the focus will be on retaining the best mix as the downsizing progresses in fiscal 1992 and beyond and to ensure that we maintain a quality force."

"The Army plans to go to great lengths to ensure

that this action is handled with great sensitivity and that strong assistance is provided to these soldiers' transition from the Army."

Officers selected by the SERB will retire not later than Sept. 1, 1992, or upon reaching 20 years of active federal service, whichever is later. Those who have been previously considered by a SERB will be considered again by this board, provided they meet the eligibility criteria outlined above. Officers will retire at the grade held at the time of selection. Officers with approved retirement dates will not be considered by the SERB.

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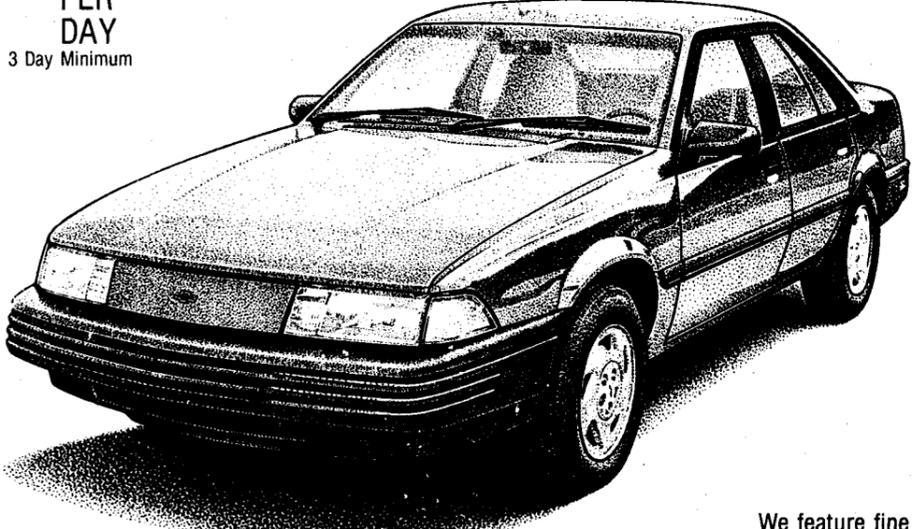
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Commissary team members available to help shoppers

BY SKIP VAUGHN

If you're a customer looking for help while shopping in the Commissary, just look for a staff member wearing a dark blue blazer.

That's how to find a member of the grocery store's Customer Service Support Team. A team member is on duty whenever the Commissary is open; the seven primary members, augmented by seven alternates, serve two-hour shifts on the floor.

The customer service support team concept originated when the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) debuted Oct. 1 as the controlling agency for the more than 400 military commissaries. When the commissaries consolidated under DeCA, customer service became the No. 1 priority of this new agency, according to Lee Wainwright, Redstone's Commissary officer.

"They really wanted to emphasize customer service under the new organization, and this customer service support team is just one way to accomplish that," he said. "The idea is to get all managers and employees totally involved in customer service, and looking at their job regardless of whether their job brings them into direct contact with customers... Trying to get these employees to look at their jobs and think customer service."

"The most visible part of this, as far as the customer is concerned, is the blue jacket on the floor," Wainwright added. The name of the team member on duty is posted at the ID desk; and an effort is under way to put up a picture of that person with his or her name.

The CSST (customer service support team) member on duty walks the floor, talking to customers, helping those who need assistance. He or she watches the checkout operations to anticipate the workload at the front end of the store and to have reserve cashiers on line when needed. Wainwright and Bob West, his deputy, also wear blue jackets while in the shopping area.

In effect here since November, the CSST program has resulted in fewer complaints from customers, according to Wainwright. He expects to see more results when the busy holiday shopping period ends whereas now the impact is offset by the likelihood of longer lines.

Common concerns expressed by Commissary shoppers include the availability of merchandise, and time waiting in the checkout line. The Commissary is taking steps to address both issues. "Primary (customer) concerns are not enough merchandise on the shelf, particularly late in the day. We have made or are in the process of making dramatic changes in the way we



CUSTOMER SERVICE — From left are Dwight James, a customer service support team member; Wainwright, the commissary officer; and customer J.W. Reach, a Navy retiree in Huntsville.

order and stock, to improve that situation," Wainwright said, "and it's continuing to get better."

"The other concern is — as true in most commissaries — the time waiting in line. Most of the time, we do a good job in that area; but if several things hit us at one time, we can have a problem. For instance, we have five cashiers call in sick on a Saturday which has happened," he said. What the Commissary is doing is training a large number of its employees in other departments, to run the cash register as backup cashiers when necessary.

"We've always had this capability to call in backup cashiers in the morning. After this training, we'll have this same capability in the evening and on Saturday; and that's where the bulk of this problem (lack of cashiers) has occurred," Wainwright said. The training began Nov. 19 and is expected to be finished Dec. 5. In addition, the Commissary is hiring intermittent cashiers who can be called in when needed.

The Commissary has from 2,000 to 2,100 customer transactions per day. Its sales figures average about

\$2.4 million each month. A \$3.5 million remodeling project scheduled for fiscal 1993 "should put us right up there with the nicest stores in the city of Huntsville as far as appearance, as we were 13 years ago when this place was built," Wainwright said.

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Preparations under way for next Family Symposium

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Quality of life surveys are being accepted and delegates sought in preparation for the fifth annual Redstone Arsenal Family Symposium set for February.

"Although this is early December, plans are already starting to gear up for our next Redstone Arsenal Family Symposium. It's going to be 27-28 February," said Sue Paddock, Redstone Arsenal family action plan manager at Army Community Service. Next year's event at the Bicentennial Chapel will be two days instead of one.

"The reason for the change to a two-day is that delegate feedback surfaced the need for more time to be spent developing and discussing issues," Paddock said. Some 93 issues were addressed at the symposium held last March 18.

A quality of life survey is being distributed by ACS and at various other locations throughout Redstone where there are collection boxes. These include the Post Exchange, Commissary, Child Development Service, Fox Army Community Hospital and buildings 4488, 5250 and 5681. Surveys should be returned by Jan. 8.

"We invite each person — civilian and military, retiree, and family member — to take the time to complete the survey and tell us how they would like to have Redstone Arsenal improve," said Virginia Dempsey, outreach program manager at ACS. "The responses that we get from the surveys become the materials that are given to the delegates. This is the one time of the year that the individuals can make direct input into changes they feel are important. A lot of people say what they feel can't make a difference; with this survey, they can and do make a difference."



SYMPOSIUM PLANNERS — Paddock, left, is Redstone Arsenal family action plan manager at Army Community Service while Dempsey is ACS outreach program manager.

Issues raised by the survey responses will be gathered and then given to the delegates to serve as their working documentation for the family symposium. A new category, Civilian Support, is among the eight work groups planned for the symposium. The other work groups include Medical/Dental; Commissary/AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Service); Housing/Maintenance; Traffic/Transportation/Personnel/Finance; Morale, Welfare, and Recreational Activities; Youth Support; and Single Soldier Support.

More than 100 delegates are expected to participate in the fifth annual symposium. Letters have been sent

to all of the major components on post asking them to provide a contact person who will be meeting with Paddock within a few weeks and providing a selection of delegates.

"Excellence Through Communication" is the theme for the 1992 symposium. "Even in a time where fiscal constraints are increasing, the morale, retention and readiness of the force is best served by fostering open and direct communications," Paddock said. "And through this symposium process, this goal will be achieved."

Completed surveys are sought from military people and their families, retirees and their family members, Defense Department civilians, and Reservist/National Guard individuals. There were 482 respondents to last year's survey.

"We are more interested in having people let us know what they want to have changed or improved, rather than in having a certain number" of respondents, Dempsey said. "Each survey is looked at individually; and we're looking at the concern and the (recommended) solution — certainly the solution. We'd like for everyone to feel that this is their community and that they have the power to make it better for themselves, and they do."

For more information about the surveys, call Dempsey 876-5397 or call Paddock at the same number if interested in serving as a symposium delegate.

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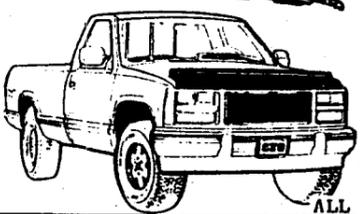


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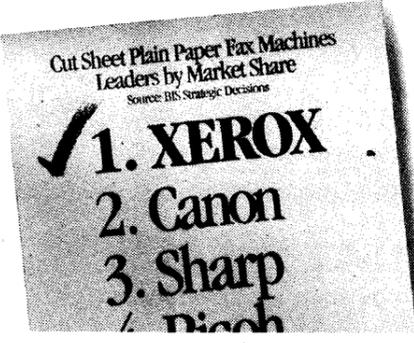
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Demographic questions

1. What is your grade/status?
 - a. E1-E4
 - b. E5-E9
 - c. WO1-CW4
 - d. O1-O8
 - e. Active Duty Family Member (Spouse)
 - f. Military Retiree
 - g. Retiree Spouse
 - h. DoD Civilian or Spouse
 - i. Youth
2. How long have you been at this post?
 - a. Less than six months
 - b. At least six months, less than two years
 - c. At least two years, less than six years
 - d. Six years or more
3. How many dependents do you have for whom you provide over half of their support (not counting yourself)?
 - a. Zero
 - b. One
 - c. Two
 - d. Three
 - e. Four or more
4. What is your marital status?
 - a. Single, never married
 - b. Married
 - c. Legally separated
 - d. Divorced, not remarried
 - e. Widow or widower, not remarried
 - f. None of the above
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 - b. On post in government family housing

- c. Off post
6. Are you a single parent?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

Main Survey Questions

Your opinions and concerns are sought in the following areas: Family Support Programs, pay/allowance/entitlements, medical and dental, housing, education, transportation, retiree/reservist/civilian support and services, relocation, child care, youth services, duty environment, etc. (Additional comments can be attached on a separate sheet.)

1. What at Redstone Arsenal needs improvement? (Please be specific and give brief examples if possible. Officials need to understand the problem and who is the responsible party.)

2. Recommended solution? (If no solution can be stated, the issue may not be addressed.)

3. Would you like to participate as a delegate in the upcoming symposium? If so, call Sue Paddock 876-5397.

When you complete the survey, return it to Commander, USAMICOM, Attn: AMSMI-RA-CF-FS-AC (Ms. Dempsey), building 3491, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. 35898-5355, or drop it off at any collection box located at Post Exchange, Commissary, Child Development Service, Fox Army Community Hospital, buildings 4488, 5250, 5681, or Army Community Service. Surveys must be returned no later than Jan. 8.

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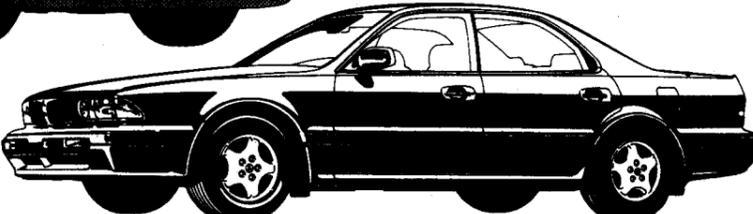
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BY SKIP VAUGHN

The Cadets of Army and the Midshipmen of Navy will meet on the gridiron Saturday for the 92nd time. Each team has 42 wins in the series; and there have been seven ties. Last year the score was Army 30, Navy 20.

This has been a subpar year for both teams, particularly Navy. Army's record stands at 4-6 while hapless Navy hasn't won a game in 10 tries.

Army beat Colgate 51-22, lost to North Carolina 20-12, nipped Harvard 21-20, bowed to Rutgers 14-12 and to Citadel 20-14; rebounded with a win at Louisville 37-12; then lost to Boston College 28-17, to Vanderbilt 41-10 and to Air Force 25-0; and then blanked Akron 19-0.

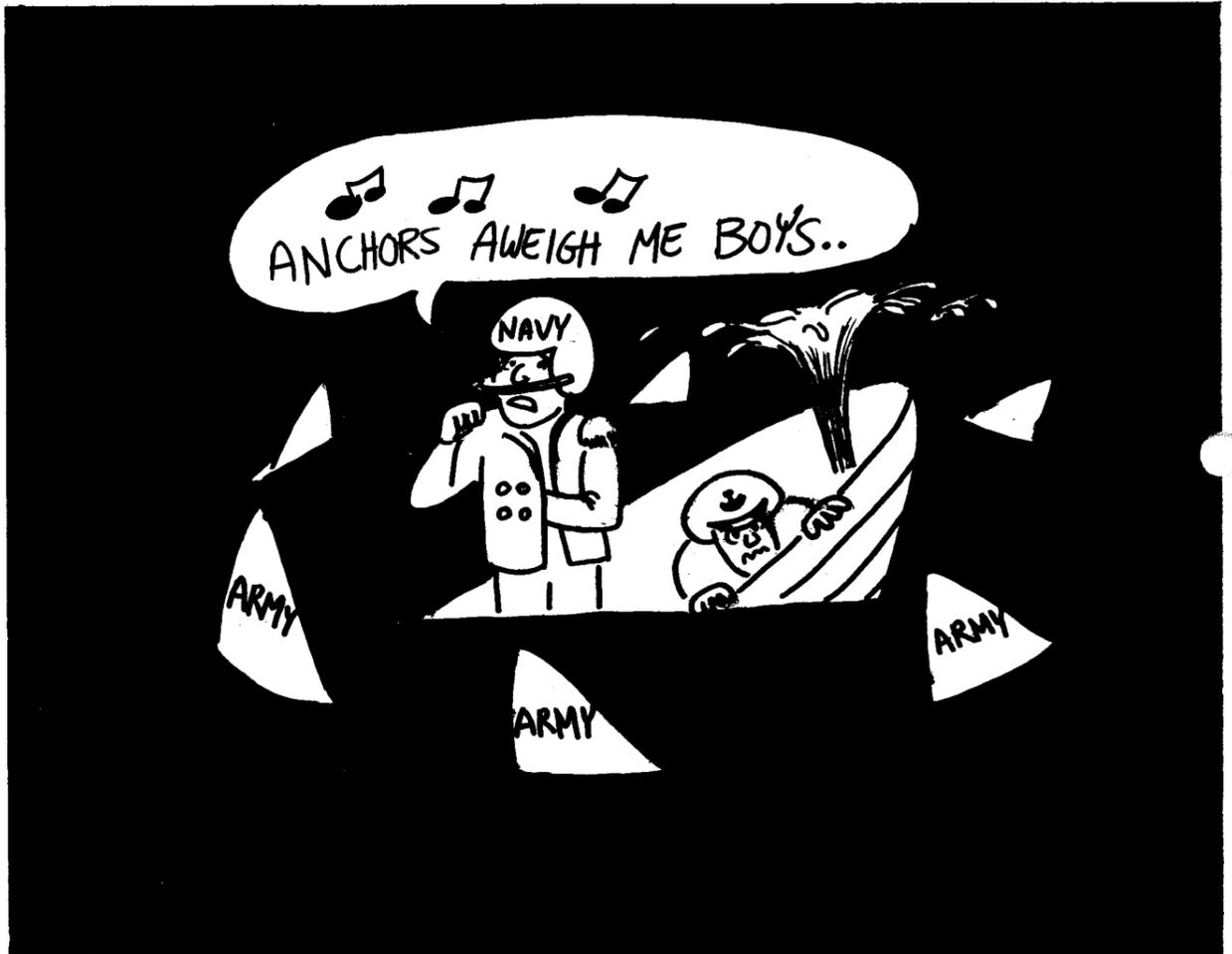
Navy lost to Ball State 33-10, Virginia 17-10, William & Mary 26-21, Bowling Green 22-19, Air Force 46-6, Temple 21-14, Delaware 29-25, Notre Dame 38-0, Tulane 34-7 and Wake Forest 52-24.

Better luck next year, Navy. My pick for Saturday's annual classic in Philadelphia is...Army.

And now for a little history lesson. The Army-Navy series began in 1890 after a challenge issued by the Naval Academy was accepted by the Cadets. A cadet named Dennis Michie served as the coach, playing captain, trainer and business manager for the first Army football squad. According to *The Illustrated History of Sports at the U.S. Military Academy*, the team's uniforms consisted of canvas jackets, black socks, white breeches and a black woolen cap. Team members purchased the uniforms.

A more experienced Navy team won the first game 24-0 but, just one year later, Army defeated the Midshipmen 32-16. Michie, Army's star, and Worth Bagley, Navy's great quarterback, shook hands and vowed to meet again as a mark of friendship. Both men were killed in action during the war against Spain in 1898.

Through the years, Army's "Black Knights of the Hudson" have been led by such athletes as running backs Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis in the 1940s.



The Navy Midshipmen had quarterback Roger Staubach in the 1960s and tailback Napoleon McCallum in the early 1980s.

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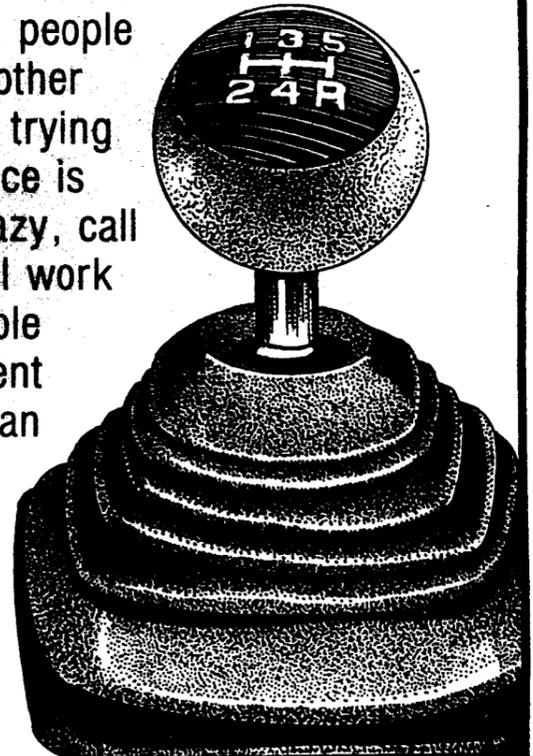
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NCO wives open their annual Christmas giftwrap booth

The NCO Wives Club is once again raising funds for its community projects through its annual Christmas giftwrap booth in the Post Exchange mall.

"It's to raise funds for scholarships and welfare requests. It all goes back into the community," said Maryrose Ball, secretary of the club. The giftwrap booth, in operation from Nov. 29 to Dec. 24, is open the following hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Sundays.

"Just come on down and get your gifts wrapped," Ball said. All 29 members of the club are to participate in the fund-raising project. Last year's giftwrap booth raised about \$5,000.

Sandra Holmes, wife of the Missile Command's CSM David Holmes, is honorary adviser to the NCO Wives Club. "It's a very worthy cause and all profits that we make go back into the community," she said, referring to the giftwrap booth. "And it helps the morale of people in the community to see that wives of enlisted members and also retirees are participating in something that's a unifying effort. And of course the Christmas season is a time to spread good will."



READY TO WRAP GIFTS — From left are Maryrose Ball and her 11-year-old daughter, Erika; Sandra Holmes; and Marylin Day, vice president of the NCO Wives Club.

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Acquisition Center honored for customer service

Five managers of the Acquisition Center were recognized last week for the excellent customer service they provide to the Integrated Materiel Management Center.

Jim Flinn, director of IMMC, presented Meritorious Service Awards to Al Reeder, director of the Acquisition Center, and four others. In making the presentations Nov. 25, Flinn referred to Total Quality Management and the resulting change in attitude within the past year at the Missile Command.

"I don't think there's a place on this post that exemplifies that change in attitude more than the folks in (building) 4488, the Acquisition Center," Flinn said.

The relationship between the Acquisition Center, formerly known as Procurement Directorate, and IMMC has improved through the years, according to Reeder. There was a noticeable change for the better when Flinn became director, he said.

The entire Missile Command is working together as a team, Reeder said. "We are the best now, as far as I'm concerned, in the United States Army and especially in AMC (Army Materiel Command), and it's going to get a lot better than it is," he added.

Besides Reeder the other honorees included Col. Curtis Morton, deputy director of the Acquisition Center; Dianne Landroop, chief of procurement division D; Miriam Pullins, chief of procurement division A; and Ronnie Noblitt, chief of procurement division E.

Morton returned to the Missile Command in October as deputy director for acquisition after serving three years in Birmingham as commander of the contract administration area. He previously served as MICOM's competition advocate in 1987 and '88.



AWARD CEREMONY — From left are John Chapman, deputy director of IMMC; Flinn, director of IMMC; Reeder, director of the Acquisition Center; and Col. Morton, deputy director of the Acquisition Center.

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moving from front to back, or from left to right — depending on the direction of the encircling planes. "They were swarming just like a bunch of bees," Townsend recalls.

When a shot made a hole in the ground nearby, he knew the planes were using 20mm explosive rounds which could cause injuries from the fragments. "So when they'd come in, you'd just kind of shake yourself to see if you were still all there," Townsend says.

Of the three pilots who had rushed to their planes — Lts. Christianson, Whitman and Bishop — all three were hit and one survived. Christianson was just getting into his cockpit, within only a dozen or so yards from where Townsend huddled, when he got shot. Christianson fell out onto the wing and on the ground, dead. Whitman made it to his plane and took off. He got about 50 feet off the ground, when four Zeroes attacked him: Two came in on each side, one was behind him and one above him. Whitman didn't have a chance. All four shot at him at the same time; the slain pilot's plane crashed into the ground without exploding. Bishop made it to his plane, and reached an altitude of about 75 feet, approximately a half-mile off shore, when he was shot down into the water. Bishop, wounded in the leg, survived. His "Mae West" vest kept him afloat; and a little Hawaiian boy went out and helped him onto the beach.

All of this was going on simultaneously. The Zeroes were still attacking the field. Most of the members of the squadron had left their individual weapons at Wheeler Field, but Townsend recalls seeing a Sgt. Kepler — a member of Wheeler's rifle and pistol club — trying to shoot down the Japanese planes with a .22 pistol.

Townsend doesn't know how long the attack lasted. Suddenly, the Japanese planes left. The soldiers tried to salvage the damaged U.S. planes as best they could. "They had holes in the props, but the pilots flew them. They made the darndest noise you ever heard. And the biggest problem we had after that was our own troops firing at them," Townsend recalls. A Japanese submarine came in during the night of Dec. 7, hit a reef and its commander was picked up by the beach patrol. The Navy has the captured, one-man submarine on display in Florida.

"Everything was just hectic from then on (during

the days after the air attack)," Townsend says. "As a matter of fact when Christmas came, I didn't even know it was Christmas till the chaplain came and gave me a candy bar and said Merry Christmas."

After Pearl Harbor, Townsend returned to the continental U.S. and was sent to officer candidate school for Ordnance. He fought the war in Europe as a squadron ordnance officer in the Army Air Corps. The Ohio native stayed in the Army after World War II. When the old Army Ballistic Missile Agency was formed, he was sent to Huntsville in 1957. Townsend left for Germany in 1960; and he retired from the Army at the end of 1963 as a lieutenant colonel. He returned to the Huntsville area where he had bought a home while stationed here with ABMA.

Fifty years after Pearl Harbor, the 70-year-old Townsend is relating his story while sitting in the Officers Club. He patiently answers each question for more than an hour while waiting for the start of the luncheon for Huntsville Chapter of The Retired Officers Association in which he is a life member. The following Monday, Dec. 2 he will return to Honolulu, to the site of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, for the first time in 50 years. The Madison resident will take his family with him: wife, Elizabeth; their two

daughters, Elizabeth, 32, and Mary, 28; and Mary's husband, Rhodes Russler. They plan to stay in Hawaii until Dec. 11. Townsend is looking forward to seeing some of his friends who have survived through the years.

"I learned one big lesson," he says, referring to the Pearl Harbor attack, "and that was to be prepared and never wait till something happens to start preparing yourself."

He also learned the value of repetition. Before Pearl Harbor, he would get aggravated at having to practice routines over and over again. But when the attack occurred, he and the others who would survive reacted automatically. "And I always practiced that with the people under my supervision because those that did it are alive today; and those that didn't, they'd jump up and make moving targets: they're not here alive today," he says.

"And there's nothing glamorous about war, believe me. I tell you: Death is pretty permanent, and there's people that accept the consequences the rest of their lives. There's nothing glamorous about it. I've had to pick up pieces of too many of my friends through the years. There's nothing glamorous about it," Townsend says. "I guess the good Lord's always looked after me."

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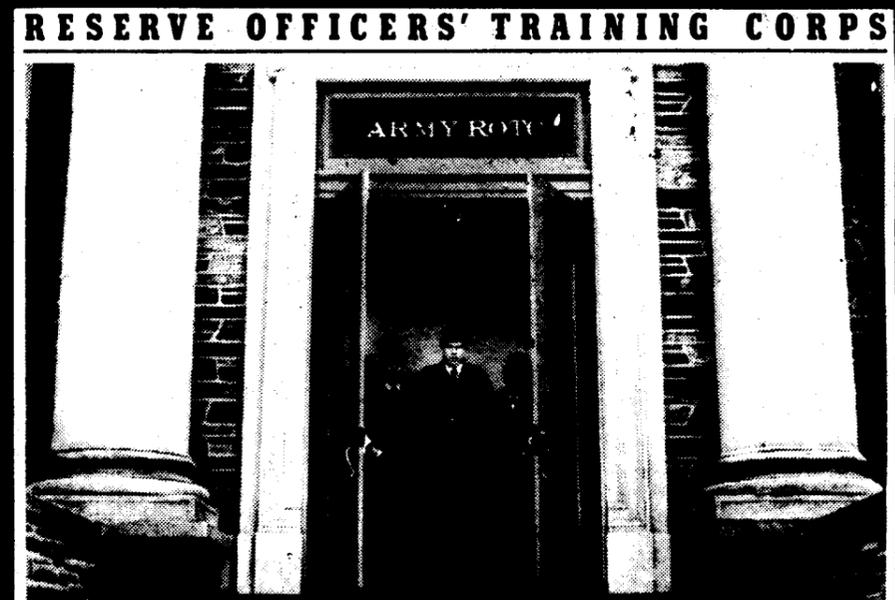
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In a smaller Army, USMA graduates selecting infantry, armor, field artillery, air defense artillery, aviation and engineer at the former rate would significantly reduce opportunities for graduates of other commissioning sources. Also, cadets selecting combat support or combat service support branches will no longer be required to detail into combat arms. (Arnews)

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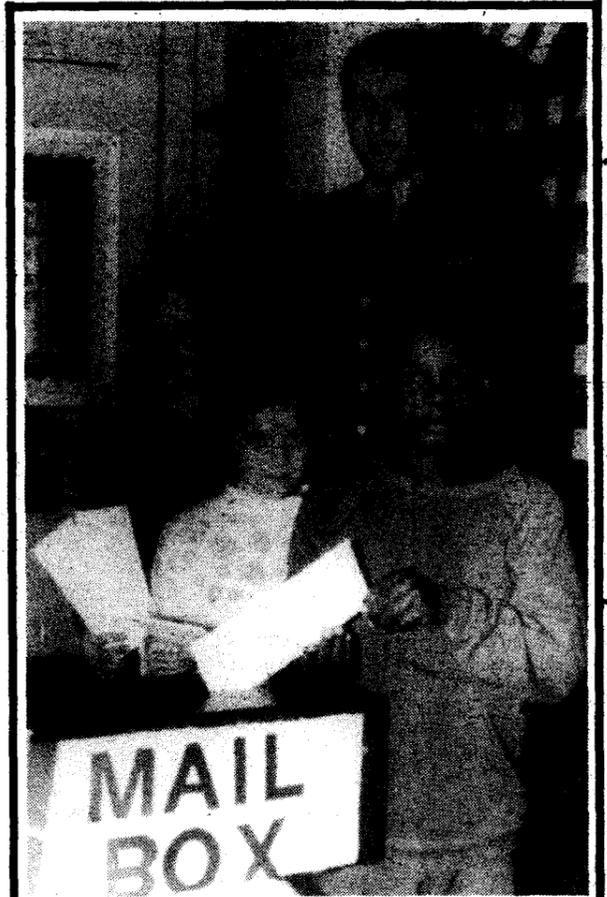
Redstone has Christmas tree-cutting area

Redstone Arsenal people can get their Christmas trees within a certain area on post beginning this weekend.

"All offices, day rooms, military personnel on active duty, and other activities requiring Christmas trees, are authorized to cut trees on a self-help basis in the area west of Warehouse Road across from building 7435," states a release from the Directorate of Engineering and Housing. "Trees shall not be cut for commercial or unauthorized use. This area has been marked with orange flagging for easy recognition. Cutting operations will be limited to inside the Christmas tree cutting area only.

"Extreme caution should be exercised to prevent unnecessary damage to grassed rights-of-ways," the release continues. "Trees should not be cut earlier than 7 Dec. '91, or later than 24 Dec. '91. Tree trimmings should not be left on grassed rights-of-way or access roads."

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Strategic Defense Command will hold its annual Christmas party Dec. 14 at the Officers Club. The festivities will start at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 per person and cover dinner, door prizes, and music by Utopia. For more information, call Maj. Wes Walters 955-3845.

Federal womens program

The Federal Womens' Training Week is scheduled for March 16-20. Flyers are in the planning stage and should be in distribution in early January. "This year's theme is Trailblazers and we promise a very exciting and informative week. Please mark these dates on your calendars and try to attend as many sessions as you can. This is a federally-sponsored program, fully supported at all levels of the command. In as much as the mission will allow, supervisors are encouraged to permit employees to attend. These classes fill up fast so when reservation slips become available, make sure your response is prompt. Again, this is going to be one of our best training weeks; one we're sure you won't want to miss."

832nd family support

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion Family Support Group will meet 7 p.m. Thursday at the Recreation Center, building 3711. Joy Morse, clinical psychologist at Community Counseling Center, is to speak on "stress-free living during the holiday."

Youth services

Youth Services Chess Club: If you are interested in volunteering your time to assist our youth in learning the fundamentals of chess, call 876-KIDS.

Enlisted Club

Network Enterprise and the Enlisted Club will present a "hammer slammin', dancer jammin' contest" Thursday night from 9 until closing. Prizes include \$100 for first place, \$50 for second, and a "worst of the best" trophy. Call 536-7982 or 883-4800 to schedule auditions.

Surplus sale

A local spot bid sale of government surplus property will be held Friday in the Defense Reutilization & Marketing Sale building 7427 on Warehouse Road. Registration starts at 7:45 a.m., and the sale begins at 8:45. Some of the items for sale include typewriters, refrigerators, flooring panels, tool cabinet, woodworking lathe, photo equipment, drafting table, desks, bookcases, student chairs, data processing equipment, filing cabinets, mobile home, warehouse tractor residue and forklift residue. The items may be inspected from 8-3 today and Thursday, and from 7:45-8:45 Friday morning. A list of items for sale and more information will be available during the inspection period in building 7413 on Red Oak Road.

Certification tests

The Education Center offers the following certification tests, at cost, to active duty military and reservists: Cardiovascular Credentialing International, Clinical Technology, National Association of Social Workers, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, National Board of Respiratory Care, American Association of State Psychology Boards, Certification of Orthopedic Technologists, Certification Uniform Program for Reciprocity, Food Protection Certification Program, Industrial Hygiene, Certified Safety Professionals, and Occupational Health and Safety Technologists, Surgical Technologists, Medical Assistants, Medical Technologists, American Nurses Association, and the National Registry for Emergency Medical Technician. All military personnel assigned to MEDDAC/Fox Army Community Hospital should call 876-9773 or 955-6281 for details. All other interested personnel should contact their education counselor in building 3222 for details.

Singles social

First Friday, a social event for singles, will be held this Friday night at Trinity United Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road. Reception is set for 7-8 in Epworth Hall, with dancing from 8 until midnight in the gym. Cost is \$4 per person. Child care is provided with advance reservations. For more information, call Jean Montgomery 883-4864 or the Nurture Office 883-3210.

DENTAC party

The Dental Activity will be closed for their unit Christmas party Dec. 19 from noon to 4:30 p.m. The doctor of dentistry on call can be reached for emergencies only by reporting to the Emergency Room, Fox Army Community Hospital. "Sorry for any inconvenience caused."

Computer users

Huntsville PC User Group will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Methodist Church on Airport Road. The scheduled program is a lecture and demonstration by Debra Lamar of Lamar Computer Consulting on Gazelle System utilities: QDOS 3, Optune, and Backit 4. Bob Bundy is to lead the Novice SIG at 12:30 before the general meeting. The Genealogy SIG (PAF) will meet at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Connie Mattox 881-9411.

Post Theater movies

Thursday — *The Super*, rated R, 84 minutes. Friday — *The Super*. Saturday — *Dead Again*, R, 107 minutes. Sunday — *Dead Again*. Tuesday — *Shattered*, R, 97 minutes. All shows begin at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children.

Clothing sale benefit

The Workers for Christ Ministries will have a clothing sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 8 in the gymnasium of the New Life SDA Church, 4906 Blue Spring Road. Proceeds will be used to support the services of WFCM.

IMMC Christmas party

The Integrated Materiel Management Center will hold its annual Christmas party Saturday at the Challenger NCO Club. The entire Missile Command community is invited. IMMC comprises the former Integrated Logistic Support Office, Missile Systems Readiness Directorate, and Missile Logistics Center. Retirees, former employees and associates of these organizations are especially invited to this event. The festivities begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person and include light hors d'oeuvres and entertainment, door prizes and music by Denim beginning at 8. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Gwyn Bredeson 955-6764 or Sheila Norckauer 842-8954.

Air defenders

The Redstone Arsenal/Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 11 at the Officers Club, rooms 3 and 4. Scheduled speaker is Col. Donald H. Watt Jr., project manager of Air-to-Air Missile. Cost will be \$6 per person. RSVP by Dec. 9 to Holly or Rita 722-1744/1745, CORPS SAM Project Office. Payment by either check or credit card number must be received not later than close of business Dec. 9.

Change of command

On Dec. 9 at 4 p.m., Capt. Donna Alberto will relinquish command of F Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, to Capt. John Robinson in a ceremony at Pagano Gym. A reception will follow in the company dayroom, building 3436E. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Outdoor recreation

Hunting volunteers: Letters requesting to be a hunting volunteer will be accepted Dec. 9-20. The letter should be addressed to the Outdoor Recreation director, building 5132. For more information, call 876-HUNT.
Turkey shoot: A turkey shoot will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 14 between the Trap and Skeet Ranges at the Outdoor Recreation Center on Sportsman Lane. Prizes to be awarded include turkeys and hams. Cost is \$3 per shot. "No skill required to win." Outdoor Recreation will furnish the ammo. You can bring your own 12-gauge shotgun or use one of Outdoor Recreation's. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/1373.

Transportation managers

An adhoc DA Transportation Management civilian career program (SKAP, CP-24) screening panel will meet Jan. 15-16 to evaluate careerists who are currently GS-12 and have a minimum of nine months time in grade by the date of the panel for promotion to a GS-13. This is the only category of initial submissions that will be accepted by the panel. Reconsiderations, add-ons, and no-changes will be accepted from the July 1991 panel. Original and four copies of the following forms are required: DA Form 5245-R (CP-24 Army Civilian Career Program Appraisal); DA Form 2302-R Civilian Personnel Qualification Record; DA Form 4338-R Civilian Career Program Availability Statement; and most recent performance appraisal. Forward original and four copies to AMSMI-MMC-MM, building 5681, room B4S, Vivian Hollingsworth, no later than Dec. 11. For more information, call 876-1531.

Post restaurants

Here's the Post Restaurant Fund's Christmas Holiday Schedule: Dec. 23 to Jan. 2 — Mobile trucks and building 5678 closed; all other units open 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with limited menus. Dec. 25 — All units closed. Jan. 1 — All units closed.

NCO wives

The NCO Wives Club will have its monthly meeting Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Redstone room of the Challenger NCO Club. "Please join us to make reservations for the Christmas party Dec. 13." For more information, call 828-6885.

Commissary hours

For your shopping convenience, the Commissary will change its operating hours Christmas week. The Commissary will open Monday, Dec. 23 and close Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 25-26. Operating hours for Christmas week are as follows: Monday, Dec. 23, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, closed; Thursday, closed; Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Black History committee

The first meeting of the Black History Month Committee will be held 1 p.m. Friday in conference room B-200 at Missile Command headquarters building 5250. For more information, call Bonnie Kilgore 876-8946 or SFC Samuel Locke 876-8648. The theme for Black History Month, February 1992 is "African Roots Explore New Worlds: Pre-Columbus to the Space Age."

Engineer group

The Huntsville Chapter of the Alabama Society of Professional Engineers will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Madison Square Holiday Inn. Steve Finnell, Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce, is to speak on "economic development in Huntsville." Reservations are not required. All area engineers are invited to attend. For more information call John Ozier, Huntsville Chapter president, 837-8882.

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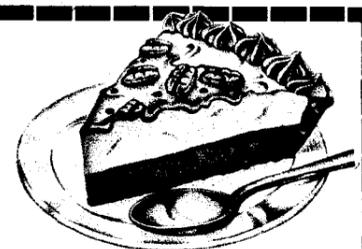
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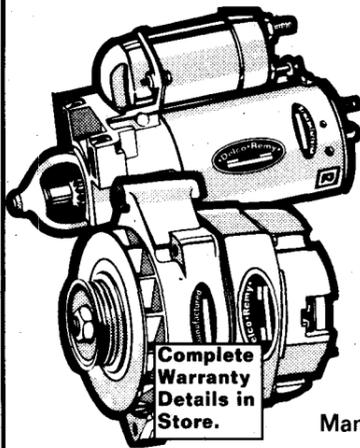
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