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## Officials see safety in numbers despite slight increase in mishaps

*Slips, trips and falls blamed for 35 injuries during 2001*

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Accidents at Redstone in 2001 were reported slightly higher than the year before, with a total of 83 accidents that resulted in either lost time or medical expenses. This is 13 more than reported in 2000.

"I can't really give an explanation for the increase," Bryan Lorge, chief of installation safety division, said. "The numbers are still very good in comparison with the federal government and general industry numbers."

Slips, trips and falls were the No. 1 cause of injury for the year with 35 in 2001. Back injuries or exertions ranked second with 22 incidents. Being struck by objects, be it books falling from a shelf or metal shards from a grinding wheel for example, is the third leading cause of accidents with 13 reported in the year. Numbers are tallied from the Army-related agencies at Redstone with a population of about 10,000.

Traffic accidents, deer strikes, insect

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bites, cuts and bruises registered in low numbers. Lost time injuries decreased from 29 in 2000 to 25 last year.

"Changes in traffic patterns, parking and work hours caused by Sept. 11 didn't have much of an effect," John Frost, chief of AMCOM Safety Office, said. "People adapted very well to the skewed times and waits."

To increase safety awareness, Frost provides a safety briefing at the biweekly Team Redstone Community Leaders' Meeting, encouraging supervisors to share the timely tips with their workers.

"The last briefing was about space heater safety," Frost said. "This time of year a lot of people use space heaters and it's important to be aware of the hazards.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**SAFETY FIRST**— Before explosive operations of any kind are conducted at Redstone, safety officers inspect the area to be sure conditions are right. John Zuber, safety specialist, left, and Bryan Lorge, chief of installation safety division, look for surface danger zones on testing range maps before on-site inspections.

More than 25,000 residential fires are associated with space heaters annually."

The safety office also performs inspections, identifies hazards, creates safety action plans, distributes safety posters, posts

recall information for products used commonly by the work force and participates in the Newcomers' Orientation briefing.

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Photo by Beth Skarupa

**BRIGHTENING SMILES**— Kathy Brown, dental hygienist, cleans 1st Sgt. Scott Bartow's teeth at the dental clinic in Fox Army Health Center.

## Dental clinic's patients brush up on its services

*Move to Fox Army Health Center put medical care under one roof*

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If you thought the dental clinic's move to Fox Army Health Center in July meant that the clinic ended up with a smaller staff or expanded services to military dependents or retirees, you were mistaken.

"Nothing changed except for our physical location," Col. Craig Williams, clinic chief, said. "There's been a little confusion — we're not tied into Tricare for Life. Some people think that we were changing with our move, but we're not involved with Tricare for Life. Essentially we're staffed just for active duty."

The clinic has a staff of 12 including two dentists: Williams and Dr. Adele Myrie. Another dentist, Col. Robert Toney, is expected to return from deployment in Bosnia this spring.

"Dr. Myrie is a contract dentist — she'll be leaving in the summer. Col. Toney is my replacement," Williams said. "So it's like a shell game that moves around. We're hoping to have two dentists here. That's what we need."

The rest of the staff consists of a front desk clerk, a lab technician, an assistant who also does X-rays, an assistant who also is in charge of supplies, two full-time assistants, two hygienists and Sgt. Sarah Reynolds, the NCO-in-charge.

"Everybody has at least two hats so we can cover for each other when someone's out on sick leave or vacation," Reynolds said.

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## Resident misses cable connection

In November 2001, I returned from a temporary duty assignment and was informed that Knology no longer provided Redstone Arsenal digital cable service. I had been receiving this service for several months before it was taken away. When I spoke with a Knology representative and asked why they were taking away the digital service, their response was the "post housing maintainers" no longer wanted the digital service.

Why would the post decision-makers take away a service that was already available and being used by residents? The digital cable service could have led to a possible cable modem option for high-speed Internet access, which is currently unavailable to post residents. The current telephone infrastructure does not allow a resident to take advantage of a 56 kilobits per second (kbps) dial-up modem. On a post that has so many high-tech jobs and equipment, why are the residents of the base still connecting to the Internet at 28.8 kbps or less?

Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) is currently not available through BellSouth for post residents; and now, without digital cable service, a cable modem for

high-speed Internet access is impossible.

Is there an estimated time when the post residents will have high-speed Internet access either through a cable modem or DSL?

**SSgt. Donald W. Pettit**  
Air Force

*Editor's note: Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided the following response. "Knology Corporation, the franchised cable provider for Redstone, recently upgraded service to the surrounding Huntsville and Madison communities and due to some technical considerations, the company had to discontinue the availability of digital cable service to Redstone's residences. Basic services still are available. Knowing the need to provide this upgraded service to existing customers, as well as potential customers, Knology is aggressively pursuing a cost effective approach to service the installation with new and better service. The post is actively working with Knology Corporation through the post Acquisition office, in soliciting the upgrade of the base cable system in both the main base facilities as well as the housing and barracks area."*

## Another view of von Braun's legacy

After reading of the work being done for the new Von Braun Complex here on Redstone Arsenal in the *Redstone Rocket*, I cannot hold back any longer my questioning of the naming of the complex. I am aware of the importance of Wernher von Braun and his team in the history of Huntsville and their role in the U.S. space program. However, I am also aware of his role in World War II. Whether we wish to remember it or not, von Braun was a member of the National Socialist German Workers Party, or better known as the Nazis. He was also a member of the SS, the Schutzstaffel, the police wing of the military and the government, that was responsible for countless crimes against humanity. Some argue he joined so he could continue his rocket

research, but the fact remains unchanged that his work was directly responsible for the death of many of our allies and civilians in England, and thousands of prisoners who died while doing slave labor on his rockets.

As the son of a recently deceased U.S. Army World War II veteran, it offends me to see the naming of a U.S. Army complex on a U.S. Army installation for a former Nazi. This is an insult to all our World War II veterans, in my opinion. This man, regardless of his redeeming work later in life, fought in a war against our brave men and women in the war and lives of our brave soldiers were lost trying to destroy his work during the war.

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## Grandson overdue for recognition

My grandson took swimming lessons through Redstone Arsenal Outdoor Recreation in August 2001. He was supposed to receive a certificate from the American Red Cross on the last day of the program stating he had completed the class. He was very excited and thought he would have the certificate to hang on his wall.

The class ended, but a certificate was not provided. My wife called in September and was told that the contractor for the class had not received them from the Red Cross. She continued to call about the certificate, but never received any assistance or an adequate explanation as to what happened.

I called Outdoor Recreation in November and talked to a gentleman who said he was the contracting officer for the class. He stated that he was not previously aware there was a problem. Apparently none of the numerous calls my wife had made to his office reached him. He told me the contract was closed and he wasn't sure what the contractor might have done about the certificate. He said he would try to contact them and would let me know what might have happened. He didn't seem too confident that he could reach them and I never received a reply.

It is now six months later and no one has been able to help me or has even bothered to call my wife or me back concerning the matter. My grandson still asks me about the certificate, but I don't have an answer.

Awards at young ages are very impor-

tant to children. It helps to build their confidence and self-esteem. My grandson was very proud of what he accomplished during the lessons and should have received the certificate showing that someone acknowledged his achievement.

Can someone please help me obtain my grandson's certificate?

**Charles E. Aldrich**  
AMCOM SAMD

*Editor's note: Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided the following response. "The Outdoor Recreation staff apologizes for the inconvenience caused by your grandson not receiving his swimming achievement card. The contractor who conducts the swimming lessons coordinates with the American Red Cross for cards for those who successfully complete their swimming lessons. It usually takes several weeks before the contractor receives the cards, at which time he distributes them to the students."*

*"The swimming contract ends right after Labor Day, and up to that time last September the contractor still had not received cards for those students who took lessons near the end of the swimming season. It appears that at this point a lack of coordination between Outdoor Recreation and the contractor resulted in the cards not being distributed."*

*"Again, we apologize. For those who successfully completed swimming lessons last year and have not yet received their certificate, please phone Outdoor Recreation at 876-0302 after 9:30 a.m."*

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# Director of instruction leaves legacy at missile school

Ex-soldier and policeman  
Pat Dillaha died Jan. 13

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Pat Dillaha was best known as a family man who had high regard for soldiers, co-workers and peers and also enjoyed fishing.

Dillaha, director of instruction at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, died Jan. 13. He was 54.

Hundreds of soldiers, civilians from OMMCS and others from throughout the Huntsville community attended Dillaha's burial Jan. 16 at Maple Hill Cemetery.

He was known not only as a pillar within the Ordnance community but the Huntsville community as well. And although he is gone, he left behind a legacy that will be well remembered within the OMMCS community and that will help set the standard for future generations of Ordnance soldiers, George Benzenhafer, deputy commandant of OMMCS, said.

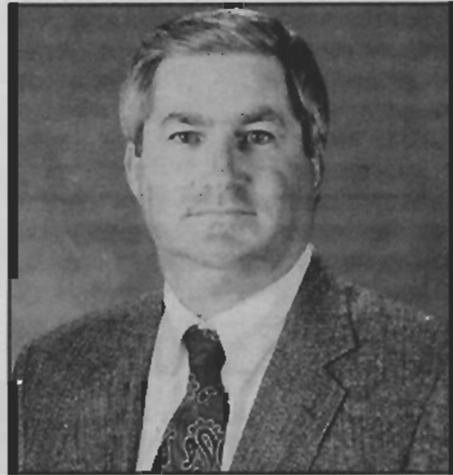
"Soldiers were always No. 1 in his mind," Benzenhafer said. "Training was very important to him. He always made sure that the soldiers had the best equipment so they could perform their jobs."

"What have you done for the soldier today," he adopted that motto from our previous commandant," Benzenhafer said. "Pat really took that to heart."

Dillaha's Ordnance roots reach back to 1966, where as a young soldier he trained at Redstone to learn how to use the Hawk missile system.

"I first met him then," Benzenhafer said. "He was a young private who had gotten married recently. He and his wife, Anita, lived in the same housing area."

After leaving the Army, Dillaha became a civilian instructor at the Missile Systems Training Department at OMMCS. At one time he was a detective in the Huntsville Police Department, but he eventually



Courtesy photo

**REMEMBERED**— Pat Dillaha, director of instruction at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, was 54 when he died.

returned to the missile school.

Dillaha held many positions throughout his years at OMMCS. He worked in the electronic training department, the missile systems department, the new systems training department as well as the integrated logistic support department.

"He had a good managerial style," Benzenhafer said. "He cared in earnest for all the people who worked for him."

"He was very soldier oriented," Jim Dehart, deputy director of instruction, said. "Whenever he had equipment decisions to make he always thought first, 'How is this going to affect our soldiers?' He was close to everyone that worked with him and for him."

"He was a great American," Benzenhafer said. "He was loyal to the organization, to the U.S. and to his family. His wife Anita and his daughter Angie were the center of his world."

Dillaha is survived by his wife, Anita Dillaha; one daughter, Angie Helms of Huntsville; two brothers, Dan Dillaha of St. Louis and Samuel Dillaha of Okeechobee, Fla.; and one sister, Wanda Sweet of Hutchinson, Kan.

# Space heater safety tips:

At least 300 deaths a year can be traced to the hazards of using space heaters. Some 25,000 residential fires are associated with space heaters annually. The AMCOM Safety Office provided the following tips to keep you safe this winter.

With all space heaters, keep at least 3 feet from combustibles; never use unattended; and make sure they have independent laboratory approval.

Electric heaters should have cords in good shape, a tip-over switch and be used only in dry locations.

"On the electric heaters there is a tag on the cord that shows it's UL approved but that only means the cord is approved," John Frost, chief of AMCOM Safety Office, said. "Be sure to check the heater itself. There should be a panel on it that shows it's UL approved as well. Also, check the tip-over feature to make sure it's working properly."

Kerosene heaters have special concerns because of the fumes. Be sure to use a CO monitor; keep it well maintained and never use gasoline.

## Back injuries rank second in post safety statistics

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"Safety is everyone's responsibility," Lorge said. "Each person is responsible for picking up stuff on the floor that doesn't belong there. Call the building custodian if you see a spill. Make sure and wipe your feet on the rug after coming in from the rain."

Using the handrails in stairwells is a Frost favorite tip. "If you do stumble, you'll be able to catch yourself. Just keep your hand lightly on the rail. It's simple and worth the effort."

Other tips include how to avoid back injuries. Awkward lifting and bending in the workplace are the biggest causes for injuries, according to Lorge and most of the problem isn't with workers who do a lot of lifting and moving in their jobs. It's the ones who don't.

"The No. 1 thing if you are lifting or moving something, get help," Lorge said.

"Don't struggle to try to do it yourself. And the second thing, watch your position. Even small weights if you're twisting and turning can cause injury. Stop and think about the best way to do it before you start."

"Most of our work at Redstone is hazard controlled, although we do some dangerous work with flight tests, test ranges and propulsion research but it is very well controlled by procedures and design of the operation," Frost said. "Naturally, depots have higher accident rates because of the nature of the work they do. And we are working with them on environment control."

The safety office also focuses on off-the-job safety because, "the penalty is the same if it occurs at home or work," Frost said. Articles, warnings and tips are posted for home safety on subjects including swimming pools, fireplaces, holidays and travel.

"We have a tremendous safety record here because we have supervisors and managers and a work force that is concerned about safety," Frost said.

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# Quality of life issues invited for annual conference

## Community volunteers wanted as delegates

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The smallest voice at Redstone can carry all the way to the Pentagon.

The Army Family Action Plan process makes that possible.

Each installation holds an AFAP conference to surface quality of life issues. Those issues that cannot be resolved locally are forwarded to higher headquarters and from there to the Department of Army.

"It's been very good here at Redstone," Cathy Ryan, quality of life program manager for Directorate of Community and Family Activities, said. "We have the strongest AFAP program I think in AMC (Army Materiel Command), most number of delegates. We usually have between 60 and 80 which is what our goal is. And that's all based on demographics of community and the units so all areas hopefully have equal representation."

Redstone's 14th annual Army Family Action Plan conference is Feb. 19-20



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**PLANNING SESSION**— Discussing the Army Family Action Plan process are, from left, Cathy Ryan, quality of life program manager; Ben Magwood, delegate to the Armywide AFAP; and Evelyn Teats, who assists Redstone's conference.

from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. "It gives the community an opportunity to voice their issues and concerns," Ryan said.

The conference will include representatives from active duty military, family members, retired military, Army civilians, National Guard and reservists. The youth this year will have a separate program at a later date on a Saturday so they won't

have to miss school.

"For me as a family member, it benefits us," said Evelyn Teats, AFAP conference assistant and military spouse. "This is the first forum you can go to get an issue resolved. And if it (the issue) makes the cut, it goes forward. It's great for policy makers and it's great to hear family members' voices."

Ben Magwood, chief of the integrated

logistics support office at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, and Teats are both AFAP volunteers. Magwood, along with Bridget Simpkins, and SFC Ann Pegram, served as Redstone's delegates at the Army Materiel Command's conference last July 30 through Aug. 2 in Alexandria, Va. He was selected to represent AMC at the Armywide conference March 11-15 in Alexandria.

"As we proceed with the transformation of the Army, we have to provide the mental, the physical, the spiritual tools not only for the active duty Army but the retiree folks, the family members and so on," Magwood said. "AFAP is the forum we use to address these individuals across the entire spectrum. AFAP brings issues to bear to the chief of staff to attempt to make a difference. Because it's difficult to ask a soldier to go off and fight a war when his family is having the toughest time here at home; because you won't have an effective fighting force."

Five issues raised at last year's conference here, attended by about 75 delegates, went to higher headquarters and are to be addressed at the Department of Army

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### REDSTONE ARSENAL'S ARMY FAMILY ACTION PLAN CONFERENCE 19-20 February 2002 REGISTRATION FORM

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### Army Family Action Plan Conference Quality of Life Survey

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## Flag bearers

From left Dianne Stephans, Sheila Norckauer and Pat Jones of LAISO show off their patriotic side Thursday at work.

### ■ Clinic fills dental needs for active duty military

## Clinic

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The move to the health center was part of Operation Smaller Footprint. The dental clinic's old location was at a much bigger facility than it needed and had "a lot more chairs than care providers," Williams said.

The dental clinic staff was downsized when it went from 5 to 2 dentists during 1995-99. As part of getting smaller, changes were made in some administrative functions. About two years ago, the clinic lost its headquarters function.

After the move to the health center in July, the clinic here deactivated as an Army Dental Command Clinic and became a clinic of Fort Campbell, Ky. It wasn't a big change, since Fort Campbell was always the clinic's parent unit.

"It frees (Williams) up to do more patient care rather than paperwork," Reynolds said. Specialty care services continue to be referred to Fort Campbell, although the dentists try to keep such

referrals to a minimum.

"I think (the transition to Fox Army Health Center) has gone real well. Everyone here has been very helpful to us, very nice and very helpful," Reynolds said.

Another advantage of having the dental clinic at the health center is that all medical services are now under one roof. That's convenient for in-processing or out-processing, according to Reynolds, although the students now have to take a shuttle bus to the clinic instead of walking. Overall, people seem happy with the change.

What's the outlook for the dental clinic?

"I think we're pretty stable and adjusted now," Williams said. "I don't see (the clinic) getting any smaller - provided we don't have a Desert Storm or need to go back to having more dentists. Hopefully we're here to stay."

Although the clinic only serves active duty military, informational packets about insurance programs for dependents or retirees can be picked up there so they can receive dental care off post.

### ■ Reader questions von Braun's legacy

## View

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This city already honors him with the Von Braun Center in downtown and this should be enough. To name a building on Redstone Arsenal after him is a slap in the face of the millions who fought in World War II and the countless thousands who died. There are many people who are more deserving of having the complex named after them, such as Sgt. Paul Bolden of Huntsville who was awarded the Silver Star, four Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts, and was presented the U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor by President Harry Truman on

Aug. 1, 1945 and was later a civilian employee on Redstone Arsenal. There are others from the Huntsville area who are more deserving than von Braun. I know I would feel more pride walking into the Holden Complex than I would walking into the Von Braun Complex, named after a man who attempted to defeat our country and way of life in World War II.

**Bob Mulkey**  
AMCOM

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# Retired soldier survived actual 'Black Hawk Down' in Somalia

**Former helicopter pilot was captured by enemy**

By SSgt. SHARON McBRIDE  
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Michael Durant was piloting a Black Hawk helicopter that was among several shot down on a mission in Somalia in 1993. He survived but many of his comrades didn't.

Retired CWO 4 Durant was guest speaker at the NCO of the Quarter and Soldier of the Month luncheon held Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Besides being treated to multiple gifts and cash donations from sponsors on and

off post, Sgt. Calvin Foster Jr. of 95th Maintenance Company (TMDE), PFC Charlotte Kendricks of C Company 832nd and Spec. Arvin Dewberry of MEDDAC were treated to a motivational speech by Durant that chronicled that fateful day when his helicopter went down. He was held captive 11 days by hostile forces.

Durant spoke mostly on leadership and courage and how these two elements not only helped him during his mission in Somalia but how they can also be used daily.

"We were outnumbered 20-to-1," he said. "A lot of lives were lost that day. We were trying to round up the warlords and make things right for the people of Somalia. That day my two best friends were shot down. It was a day that changed my life forever.

"I was afraid, and a lot of people are

surprised to bear that, but remember courage is not the absence of fear, but the ability to overcome it and rely on all the training that you have received to accomplish the mission.

"Everyone I knew was killed that day except me," he said. When captured he had a broken back, leg and other injuries. But he was mentally strong.

"I never lost faith," he said. "I knew that I would come home."

Durant said his story is unique in some ways, but its essence runs throughout this nation's history. The repeating theme is that servicemembers have sacrificed their

all for the good of the whole.

"That's what it means to be an American," he said "That's what it means to have leadership and courage."

*Black Hawk Dawn*, a book written by Mark Bowden and now a major movie, chronicles the events that took the lives of Durant's friends and comrades. Durant said the author interviewed him while writing the book.

"It's well done and accurate," he said. "The author did a good job and thorough research." Durant works as a contractor at the Integrated Field Management Systems Office.



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## Camp X-Ray

U.S. Army PFC Jodi Smith watches from the outer perimeter as detainees in orange jumpsuits sit in a holding area in Camp X-Ray at Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during in-processing to the temporary detention facility on Jan. 14. The detainees will be given a basic physical exam by a doctor, to include a chest X-ray and blood samples drawn to assess their health.



Photo by SSgt. Sharon McBride

**CAPTIVE AUDIENCE**— Michael Durant, a retired chief warrant officer 4 whose Black Hawk helicopter was among several that were shot down during a mission in Somalia in 1993, was guest speaker at the NCO of the Quarter and Soldier of the Month luncheon held Thursday.

## Franks says focus on 'exploiting' intelligence

By JIM GARAMONE  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON. — The focus in Afghanistan remains the "exploitation" of sites for information and intelligence, Army Gen. Tommy Franks, chief of U.S. Central Command, said today.

Franks said U.S. forces and anti-Taliban Afghan forces are searching complexes, caves, houses, bunkers, trenches and compounds throughout the country.

"One of the things we want out of the exploitation of these sites ... is actionable information and intelligence that will permit us to disrupt planned terrorist activity," Franks said from a hotel near his headquarters in Tampa, Fla., during a teleconference with Washington and Tampa reporters.

Stopping already planned terrorist acts is the priority. He said his command has a means to sift through the information quickly and send it to the appropriate agency. The command can also sift for information that will help on the ground in Afghanistan.

Franks said the United States has said from the beginning of the operation "that there is a distinct possibility that terrorist acts can be committed today, tomorrow at a great many places around the world." He said there are more than 60 countries with terrorist cells. U.S. CENTCOM service members are continuing the search for Al Qaeda and Taliban leaders and targets. Franks said the "world is not a large enough place" for Osama bin Laden to hide.



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It was a beautiful day for Joey Hensley (rappelling) to work outside fixing leaky windows at the Sparkman Center Jan. 16. Hensley and co-worker on roof, Danny Isbell, left, are employees of Restoration, Coating and Sealant (RCS) of Birmingham. David Roberts of Chugach is with them.

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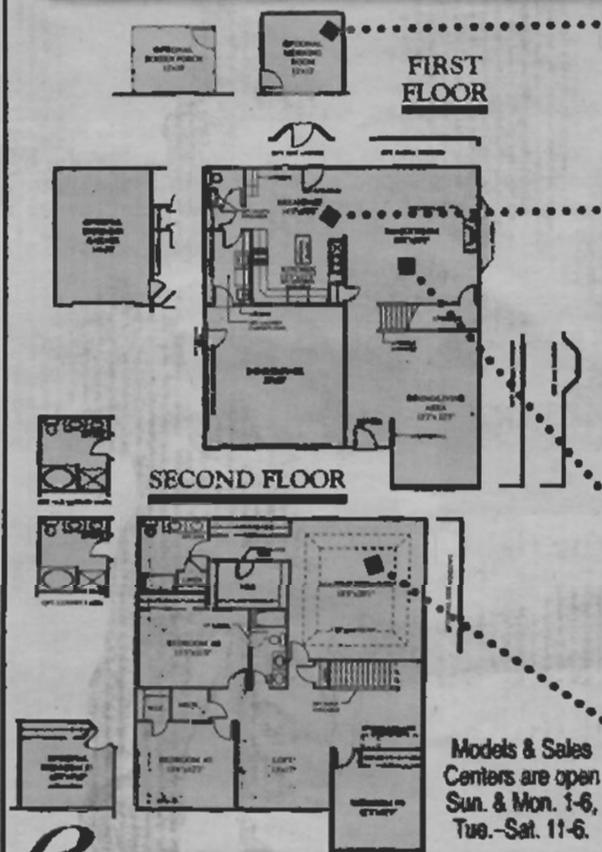
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# New year brings plans for new ACS building



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**SERVICE WITH A SMILE**— Shella Baker, left, ACS administrative assistant, helps PFC Sharnese Ethridge, Headquarters & Alpha Company, with a question. The welcome board behind her displays photos of all the ACS staff members so soldiers can immediately associate names with faces.

*Army Community Service looks back at successful year, forward to relocating sometime this spring*

By **BETH SKARUPA**  
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Army Community Service will be taking on a new look and continuing to expand services when it moves to a new building later this year.

"We're going to have a big reception area because that's one of the criteria for being a model ACS, to create a friendly atmosphere and welcome when you first come in," Sue Paddock, ACS director, said. "Everything will be on one floor, too, so it will be handicap accessible and we'll have a lot more room. It's going to be a really nice change."

Although building 3491 has been home to ACS for years, it has structural damage that includes a leaky roof. Paddock said the building is going to be demolished once ACS moves into building 3338 on Redeye Road. The move may be as early as spring or as soon as renovations are completed.

The renovations are being funded by Army Materiel Command, something Paddock doesn't think would have happened if

ACS hadn't passed accreditation last year. Redstone Arsenal's was the first ACS in the Department of the Army to pass review in August 2000 and receive accreditation at a ceremony in February 2001.

"ACS is not only the place people go when they first come to the installation. We have so many things and events going on all the time, basically every month," Paddock said. She listed the Special Olympics bowling tournament, the Special Olympics track and field support, Special Persons Day at the North Alabama Fair, the Army Emergency Relief campaign, Space Camp scholarship awards, Army Family Team Building classes and the quarterly newcomer orientations as examples.

"So it's a full year of special events and initiatives that keep us busy. Those are our normal schedule really and then we have some new initiatives," she said.

New programs include the Waiting Spouses get-togethers, the English as a Second Language classes that will be offered on post starting Jan. 24, and offering more financial readiness classes to soldiers and their families at night.

ACS also has information if a family has special needs or exceptional family

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# Rules relax for workers who earn frequent flyer miles

*Travelers can keep perks for own use under law*

By KIM GILLESPIE  
For the Rocket

Frequent flyer miles earned through official government-funded travel can now be kept for personal use.

The Department of Defense Authorization Bill (Section 1116) signed Dec. 28 authorized the change, and the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Committee issued an immediate change to the Joint Travel and Regulations (JTR) and Joint

Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR), which became effective Dec. 31. The Joint Ethics Regulation, DoD 5500.7-R, has been changed as of Jan. 10, to be consistent with the new law.

"As of right now, the guidance is very broad and may not reflect unusual or specific situations that may arise," Margie Wallace, AMCOM transportation officer, said. "Written guidance states that the policy has changed so that personal use of frequent flyer miles earned through official government travel is now authorized, and that includes points or miles earned through previous travel. Employees

should continue to follow transportation and travel policies carefully to mitigate the possibility of the misperception of abuse."

Revisions pertaining to "C1200 Relinquishing Promotional Items" are scheduled to appear in printed change number 183 of the JFTR, and 437 of the JTR, and can be found at <http://141.116.74.201/regchgs.htm>.

The changes state: "A traveler on official business traveling at government expense on the funds of an agency... may keep promotional material (including frequent travelers benefits such as points or miles, upgrades, or access to carrier clubs

or facilities) for personal use. This applies to promotional items received before, on or after 31 Dec. 2001."

"We recommend that personnel who redeem frequent flyer miles or other promotional benefits keep a record of such redemptions," Wallace said. "Employees are also still required to use the contract carrier, and cannot dictate where miles are earned."

For Department of Army personnel, use of frequent flyer miles to upgrade to business or first-class travel is also permitted, but wearing military uniforms, or

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## Army Community Service relies on volunteers

### Plans

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member problems, as well as employment information and relocation classes.

"We used to just be a lending closet and AER, so we've really evolved and grown," Paddock said. "We have a full realm of services we offer to people from the time they come to the installation until the time they leave."

ACS has become a model to others as they prepared for accreditation last year.

Paddock traveled to several installations as a consultant, making sure they were ready for their accreditation reviews.

After the terrorist attacks Sept. 11 ACS's real mission changed dramatically, according to Paddock. Five military organizations, all National Guard units and Reservists in Alabama, contacted Redstone's ACS requesting pre-deployment briefings for the soldiers and their family members.

One National Guard unit ACS briefed is the guard unit that's serving at Redstone Arsenal now. ACS participated in the

reception at the Recreation Center to help provide one stop in-processing and traveled to the soldiers' hometowns to talk to their families. They were most interested in financial readiness and having a plan for separation as well as finding out about Tricare, I.D. cards and military pay.

"It was a big transformation for them," Paddock said. "Because we're proactive and we've gone to them, we've alleviated a lot of stress for them. We've given them support and let them know things ahead of time and given them a point of contact."

Several ACS initiatives involving prevention and education were put on the back burner during the last few months,

but Paddock says ACS is now ready to devote time to them again. One challenge is improving communication between Arsenal leadership and ACS and another is recruiting more volunteers.

"Since its inception ACS has traditionally relied on volunteers. We have a strong need for volunteers - we pay for child care and they get experience and a feeling for what military life is all about. We also need volunteers for special projects and events and for AFTB as well," Paddock said.

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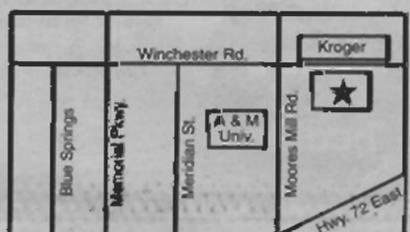
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# Delta basketball team has its way in rematch against HHC. 59th

## Devastating Dragons avenge journey loss

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The Delta Company basketball team made the comeback this time.

Delta Company, which lost to HHC 59th in the preseason tournament final, got a measure of revenge in the rematch Jan. 14 at Pagano Gym. The Devastating Dragons trailed early in the second half but surged to beat HHC 59th 53-47.

In the preseason final Dec. 18, Delta won the first game but lost the second game and the title to the 59th. After the tournament SFC Jerry McIntyre, the HHC 59th coach, speculated that "those old guys of Delta Company got tired."

Delta's "old guys" took note. "We saw it (the comment in the *Redstone Rocket*), so we all were like 'OK,'" Frederick Johnson, Delta's point guard, said laughing. "But this is no retaliation in the paper. We just let the game do the talking."

That's for sure. Johnson led the Devastating Dragons

(3-0) with 17 points. Bruce Hollis added 13 and Eddie Bryan had 10.

The Dragons were up 25-24 at halftime but the 59th took a six-point lead a quarter of the way through the second half. Delta guard Cedric Tims made some clutch baskets to key the comeback.

"We just played good defense and stuck with the coach's game plan," Johnson said, referring to Delta coach Jay Ragan. "But it was a good game. They played us pretty tough."

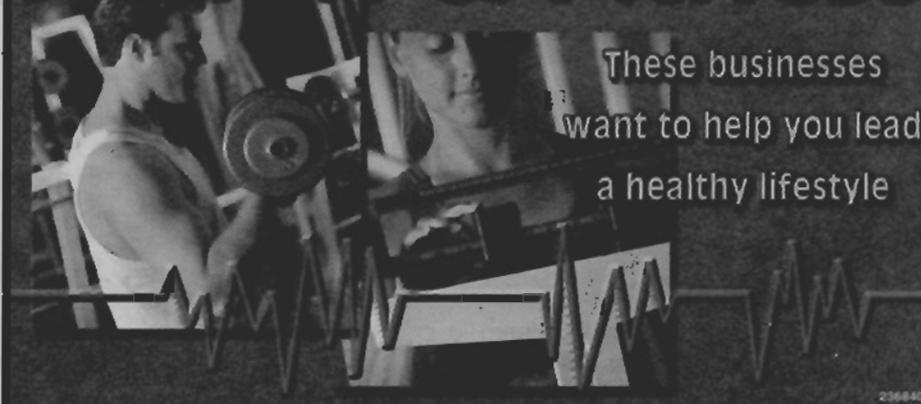
Patrick Perry scored 23 points and Robert Bullard had 13 for HHC 59th (1-2). In other games Jan. 14, AMCOM beat

Bravo team-2 47-27 and ROTC defeated Charlie 1st of the 167th (the gate guards) team-2 65-9. But the Charlie-2 guards did get their first win Jan. 16 by forfeit over Headquarters & Alpha.

Here were the standings as of Friday:  
• Eastern Conference - ROTC (3-0), Bravo-1 (2-1), Marines (2-1), HHC 59th (1-2), K Battery 4/14th Marines (1-2), Charlie 832nd (1-3) and Charlie 1/167th team-1 (0-2).

• Western Conference - Delta (3-0), AMCOM (2-0), NCO Academy (2-1), Charlie 1/167th team-2 (1-2), Headquarters & Alpha (0-2) and Bravo-2 (0-2).

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# Year 2001 deemed healthy for Fox Army Health Center

**Reduced wait time, new phone system among achievements for community**

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One of the biggest complaints customers had about Fox Army Health Center was getting lost in the phone system. Three months ago, a new phone system was purchased and after "working the bugs out," it has proven successful.

"Call volume was the problem," Col. Joan Campanaro, commander of Fox, said. "This new system can handle the volume. Anyone who calls our number should be able to get anywhere in the health center they need. Things are much better now."

Better communication is among several improvements in the health center since Campanaro took command in June 2000.

Flying in the face of criticism, Campanaro closed the Troop Medical Clinic on post and incorporated it into the Primary Care Clinic at Fox in May 2001.

"The time for sick call was too long," she said. "We were keeping students out of school too long. Plus, if they needed X-rays or lab tests, they had to come here anyway. We weren't getting the soldiers out until 11 or 11:30 (a.m.). On Jan. 28, we had 63 on sick call and we were done by 9 a.m. We've gotten some good feedback from the drill and first sergeants about the move."

Security around the health center has been tightened since Sept. 11, allowing only one way in and out of the health center, through the south entrance near the pharmacy. Patients must have at least one form of identification or must be escorted while they're in the building. The new policies haven't caused problems in service, according to Campanaro.

Changes in the structure of care at Fox have occurred recently. Patients on active duty or enrolled in Tricare Prime (about 10,000 people) now have an assigned pri-

mary care manager at Fox.

"In the past, people didn't know who their doctor was," Campanaro said. "Now there is one person who manages your care, refers you to specialists, gets your information back from the specialists. It provides continuity in care and I believe, better quality." Patients are allowed to request a change in their primary care manager if they don't like the assigned doctor.

Additional staff at the pharmacy along with a "call ahead" campaign for refills has decreased wait times from 55 minutes to 17 minutes for prescriptions.

"The Red Cross volunteers are an important part of the pharmacy," Campanaro said. More than 35 people volunteer in several areas of the health center. "All our volunteers are appreciated. We couldn't run this health center without the help of the Red Cross volunteers."

Increasing the network of downtown providers put The Sports Medicine Clinic into service for Fox which means patients no longer have to go to Cullman or Decatur for orthopedic treatment.

"We're also very proud of our military surgeon," Campanaro said. "He has privileges at Crestwood and Huntsville Hospital so he is able to perform the surgeries downtown while providing pre-op and post-op services here. He's steadily increasing the number and severity of surgeries performed downtown."

Fox Army Health Center employs 12 physicians, two physician assistants and five nurse practitioners and provides a myriad of services and clinics including Primary Care Clinic, family practice, pediatrics, active duty sick call, general surgery, occupational health clinic, physical therapy clinic, behavioral medicine clinic, alcohol and substance abuse programs, public health and education, access to a 24-hour advice nurse and supports a pharmacy, lab and X-ray service.

All this is done while supporting the readiness mission. Deployments for physicians and enlisted in 2001 included two to Kosovo, one to Bosnia and three to Egypt for "Bright Star," a 90-day training

exercise. The staff also engages in their own military training which includes a weekend field exercise with a litter obstacle course, confidence course and evacuation training.

"These next few months will complete a very successful command for me,"

Campanaro said. "We have received the highest customer satisfaction rating in DA for all MEDDAC and medical centers and that's because we have wonderful people working here. They honestly care about the patients and giving great care to them."

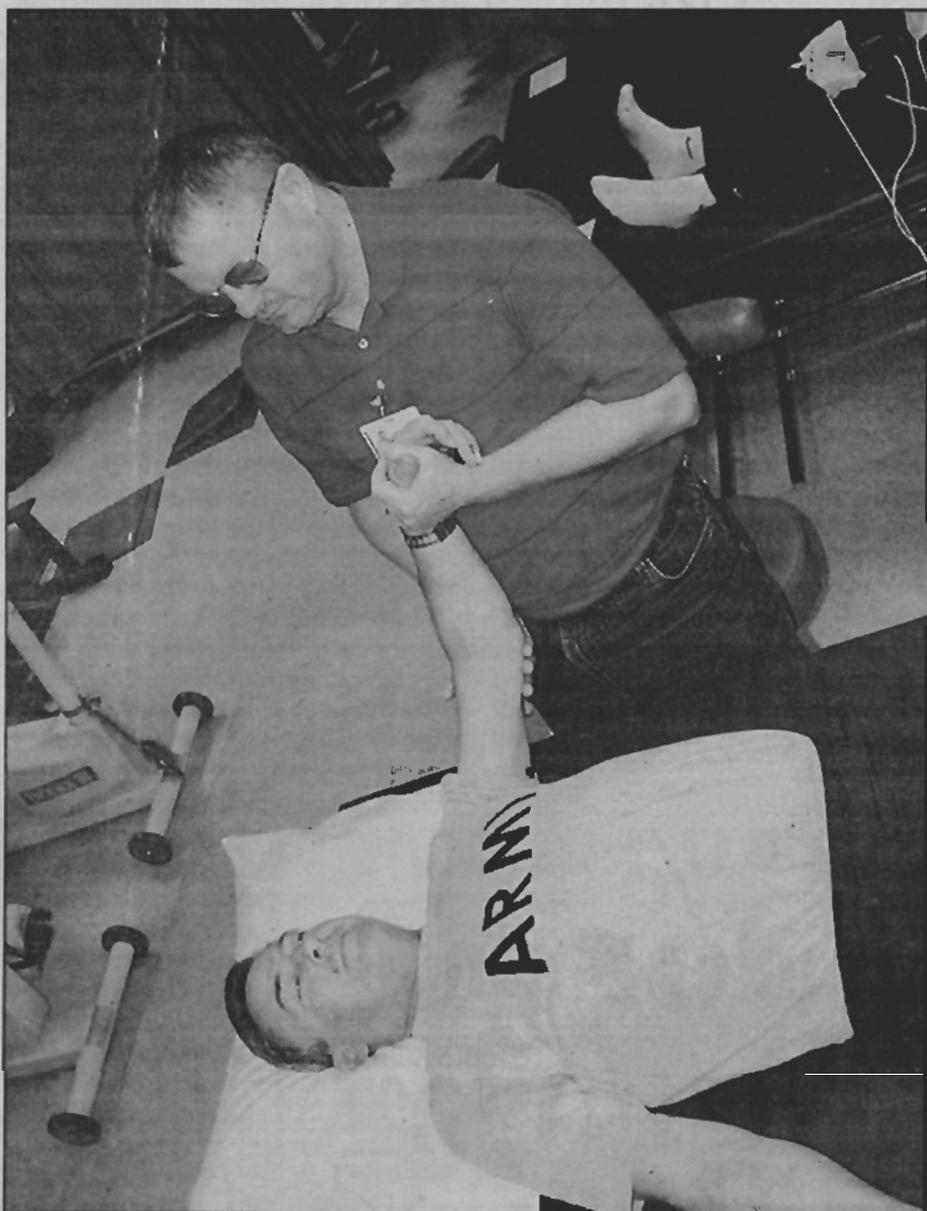


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**JUST A LITTLE MORE STRETCH—** Dale Berland, physical therapy assistant at Fox Army Health Center, works on injured shoulder of SSgt. Timothy Powell, C Company, 1/167th Infantry, Alabama National Guard.



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# Redstone's new chaplain arrives from Italy assignment

*Kingsville, Texas, native asks directions to chapel*

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Redstone's new chaplain arrived from Italy, drove from Atlanta and got a one-day pass at Gate 1 on Martin Road. Chaplain (Col.) Michael Chilen admired the sprawling installation and its modern buildings.

But then he got lost trying to find Bicentennial Chapel.

Besides that understandably shaky start Jan. 14, Chilen says he couldn't be happier in his first Alabama assignment. Chilen, who served three years as senior chaplain of the U.S. Army Southern European Task Force (Airborne) in Vicenza, Italy, succeeded Col. Christen Anderson who retired last year as AMCOM's command chaplain.

"It's truly a very active congregation with a lot of people with deep faith," said Chilen, a Catholic priest. "And it's a privilege to be a part of this community and its congregations."

The Army gave him a choice of Hawaii, Germany or New Jersey but Chilen selected a Redstone assignment because he had already been to the other places. This would be a new experience for him.

"It's a very positive (first) impression," he said. "This chapel is impeccable. It just makes you feel like a million dollars - the chapel, the staff. I've been around the Army. Redstone Arsenal is well attended; I mean they take good care of it."

Chilen, 59, was born in Salina, Kan., and grew up in Kingsville, Texas. He was the second oldest of six children (four girls and two boys) born to two teachers. From a very young age, he wanted to become a priest, he said. Chilen was 14 when he entered Catholic seminary in 1956 in San Antonio.

He was ordained a priest in 1969 in Corpus Christi, Texas. Officially he's still on loan to the Army as a priest from the Diocese of Corpus Christi. Chilen joined the Texas National Guard as a first lieutenant in January 1970 in Corpus Christi; and he entered active duty as a captain in 1976 at Fort Hood, Texas. Subsequent assignments and schools included the 3rd Armored Division in Friedberg, Germany; the chaplain advanced course at Fort Monmouth, N.J.; basic training brigade at Fort Jackson, S.C.; the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Forces Command in Atlanta; Wuerzburg, Germany; Fort Polk, La.; Japan; and Italy.

As senior chaplain of the U.S. Army Southern European Task Force (Airborne) from 1999-2002, Chilen led six chaplain teams, ministering to over 3,000 service-members, civilians and family members in the military communities of Vicenza and Pisa.

"Chaplain Mike Chilen has been an absolutely invaluable leader in the SETAF staff and community as our spiritual leader and shepherd of our flock, as a constant source of wisdom and common sense and as a friend and a confidant to many soldiers and their families," Col. John Schorsch, SETAF chief of staff, said. "As a Catholic priest, Father Chilen has also been the bearer of the Catholic sol-

diers' symbol of faith in the best tradition of the Chaplain Corps. He will be truly missed."

Maj. Gen. Robert W. Wagner, the SETAF commander, awarded Chilen the prestigious Legion of Merit for his service upon his departure.

"I want to be humble," Chilen said of his goals at Redstone. "And I want to be able to carry the religious symbols of all the different people here."

In his spare time he enjoys writing and playing golf.

"It's a very pretty post, lots of space," he said. "And the new buildings. It's got to make you feel good about a place like this."

And what about getting lost on his first day? "Like I said, it was a new place," he said laughing. "People were friendly when I asked directions."

*Editor's note: This article includes information from Margaret Heatherman of U.S. Army Southern European Task Force (Airborne) Public Affairs.*



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RETURNED TO STATES— Chaplain (Col.) Michael Chilen joins Bicentennial Chapel after three years as senior chaplain of the U.S. Army Southern European Task Force (Airborne) in Vicenza, Italy.

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## Redstone carpool connection available online for workers

As the New Year continues to unfold, the Team Redstone Carpool Connection on the AMCOM Infoweb intranet home page continues to grow. Click on <http://carpool.redstone.army.mil> to check it out.

The Public Affairs Office worked with the Provost Marshal Office and the Corporate Information Center to produce the site, with an eye toward lessening traffic volume and reducing access gate wait times.

The site is simple, user-friendly, and should reduce the number of vehicles entering the Arsenal, while saving gas

money.

If Internet Explorer will not open the site, the following steps must be taken. Go to the Tools option on the Internet Explorer menu bar. Then click on Internet Options. Go to the Connections tab and click on the button LAN Settings. Make sure that the only box checked is "Automatically detect settings." Press "OK" on this tab. Press "OK" on the next tab.

Employees are encouraged to offer suggestions and recommendations for improvements by calling the Public Affairs Office at 876-4161.

## Black Hawk helicopters support New York City rescue efforts

DCMA RELEASE

Defense Contract Management Agency Black Hawks answered the call of the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey for assistance Sept. 11 during the aftermath of the World Trade Center attacks in New York City.

The Program Integrator/UH-60 instructor pilot for the Utility Helicopters Project Office, CWO 4 John Kinsaul, distinguished himself by his outstanding achievement as the helicopter aircraft commander during that mission. Crews from DCMA Sikorsky responded by ferrying emergency medical technicians, local doctors and supplies to the scene of

the disaster.

Kinsaul and his fellow pilots planned for sustained operations around the city and its boroughs. His exemplary efforts and professional skill turned a quick reaction rescue mission into a highly efficient military operation. Kinsaul safely guided his aircraft and its precious cargo onto the Wall Street Heliport, only blocks from Ground Zero, and safely executed a landing through the blowing dust and debris.

Brig. Gen. Edward Harrington, commander of the Defense Contract Management Agency, is to present awards to all those involved in the mission that day Feb. 6 at Ground Zero in New York City.

### Local conference voices carry to Pentagon

## Conference

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conference in March. These included: free dental care for family members and retirees; flexibility of Tricare referrals; complexity of Tricare policies and procedures; laws governing sick leave; and amending current law to allow sick leave contribution toward Federal Employees Retirement System annuity.

The Armywide conference was originally scheduled for last October but was postponed to March because of security concerns after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Volunteers are wanted to serve as delegates for Redstone's AFAP conference in February. They can ask to participate in the following six work groups: medical/dental, housing/facilities maintenance, civilian support, commissary/AAFES, MWR

activities, and travel/transportation/personnel/finance.

Unit points of contact will solicit delegates. Also interested persons can call Ryan at 842-8375 or register at the following web site: [www.redstone.mwr.com](http://www.redstone.mwr.com). Quality of life survey forms should be available at the Commissary, Fox Army Health Center, Post Exchange, Sparkman Cafeteria, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, and the Space and Missile Defense Command. Anyone can submit a survey form; and you don't have to become a delegate in order to raise an issue.

"This is a Redstone Arsenal conference so we invite all tenant activities," Ryan said. "It's not just AMCOM and OMMCS. It's the entire Redstone community."

"It's just a great way to have an active, positive role in their community and to make the Army a better place for those that come after them."

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# Local student gets insider view of U.S. national security

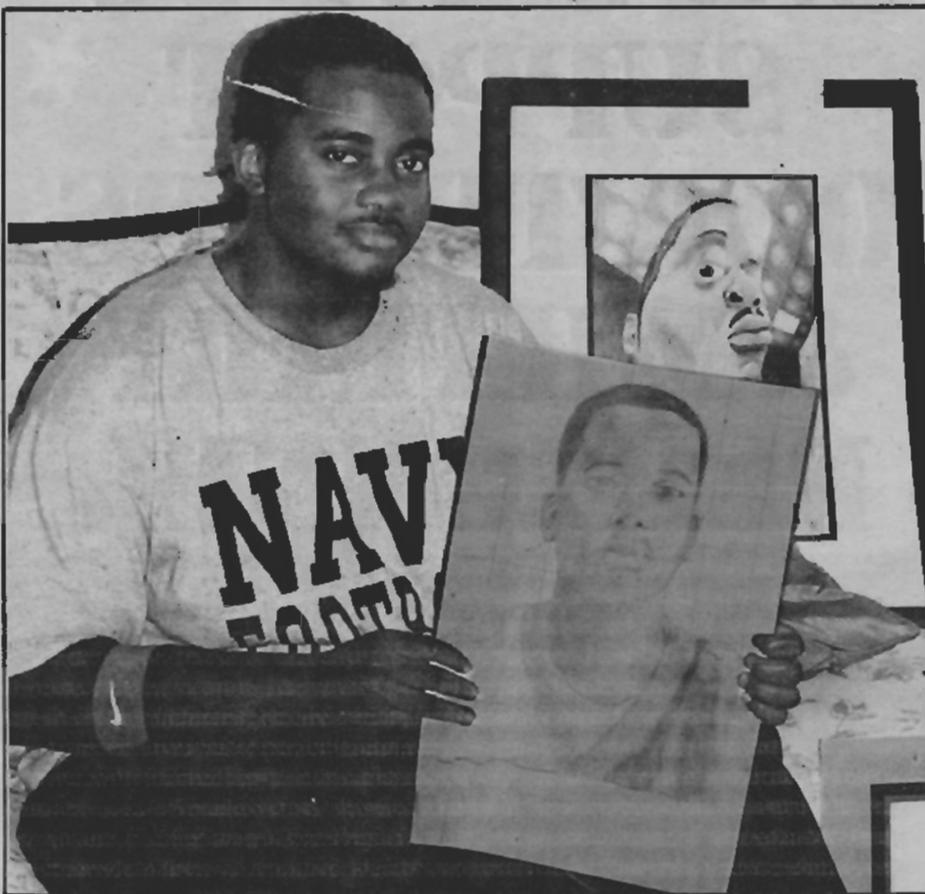


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**FUTURE LEADER**— Lee High School junior Marcus Buckner-Perry, showing some of his artwork, attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy in October.

## Son of Redstone worker attends Washington forum

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To get on a plane headed for Washington, D.C. or not to get on the plane. It wouldn't have been a tough decision for 16-year-old Marcus Buckner-Perry before Sept. 11.

"I didn't want to get on the plane for real," Perry said. "After I was on, I started to relax and fell asleep. The next thing I know there's a kid screaming 'Mom, Mom, there's the Sear's Tower.' I jumped up and looked around. We weren't supposed to be anywhere near Chicago. Thank God we weren't."

The plane was on course to deliver Perry to Washington, D.C. for a six-day National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy Oct. 23-28. Perry was selected for the honor after being nominated by his JROTC Senior Army Instructor at Lee High School, retired Lt. Col. Edgar Cancel. Perry took JROTC during his freshman and sophomore years at Lee. He along with 350 students across the nation got a chance to see firsthand how America plans for peace and prepares for crisis.

Perry and his mother, Redstone worker Madonna Buckner, had concerns about safety. Many of the students scheduled to be in the October session of the youth forum canceled after the attacks. It was then, more than ever that Perry wanted to go, even with the security concerns. "I don't just want to see it on CNN," Perry told his mother. "I want to see it for myself."

The students spent part of the time sightseeing — Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Vietnam Wall, Korean War Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, U.S. Naval Academy and several museums including the Smithsonian. The Capitol building tour was canceled because of tightened security.

"It was my first time in Washington," Perry said. "I was surprised by the architecture all around the city. Some of the major buildings had amazing architecture." Perry has won several art awards and plans to major in architecture at Pratt Institute after graduation.

"But the Pentagon..." Perry said, shaking his head with sadness. "We only got to drive by it but we saw the damage. The hole was huge. It didn't seem that big in pictures but when you see it in person..."

When not out on the road, the students divided into groups of about 20 and had group discussions on topics related to current events and how government works to address and react to situations such as the terrorist attacks.

"We spent a lot of time in group meetings," Perry said. "It was OK for a while. All most people could talk about was bin Laden. What was he doing? Where was he? Some wanted peace, others wanted war and some just wanted to see him dead."

"I understand why people were so (fixated on the subject) but I was there to see how the defense structure works and see the people who do it, not just what bin Laden was doing. I guess it was a little frustrating at times but it was still a good trip. We had a couple of keynote speakers that were interesting."

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■ Student sees how government works in D.C.

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Perhaps, because their talks were not centered around terrorism and bin Laden. Navy Capt. Jeffrey Sapp, commanding officer of the Naval ROTC and professor of Naval Science at Southern University and Texas A&M College, gave an inspirational speech about individualism and what every person has to offer.

"He talked about not staying with the crowd and do your own thing — you know, be strong within yourself. That was good," Perry said.

Overall it was a good trip, Perry said. They had to do reading homework and problem solving as part of the forum. It was not something he'd planned for or applied to so the opportunity was a welcomed surprise.

"We didn't know he'd been nominated," Perry's mother said. Buckner is an inventory management specialist with the Scout Observation Directorate, OH-58D but has been detailed to the AMCOM Operations Center as an action officer. The two found out about the honor through a letter from retired Adm. William J. Crowe that arrived Aug. 9 congratulating Perry on selection to the forum.

"I did some investigating on what the

program really was," Buckner said. "The trip was going to cost a lot of money, but I could see that it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity." The trip, including the forum, airline tickets and new clothes (jeans were not allowed), totaled more than \$1,500. Money well spent, according to the pair.

Perry's nomination was based mostly on leadership skills (identified by his JROTC instructor) and academics. The 6-foot, 260-pound defensive and offensive tackle for Lee High School spends as much time on the field and working out as he does studying. He's been named in "Who's Who Among American High School Students," is a member in the National Beta Club, won several art awards and was named superior cadet in JROTC.

Because of class scheduling conflicts, Perry was unable to participate in JROTC this year. He is a junior deacon at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

His trip taught him several things about how government works. "What I really found out was that things take a lot of time to get done in the government — it takes years to get things put through," Perry said. "But one of the best things was the chance to get to meet students from all over the country and hear the different opinions. I got to see how others think."

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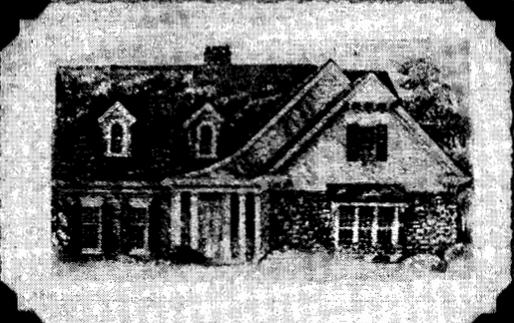
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