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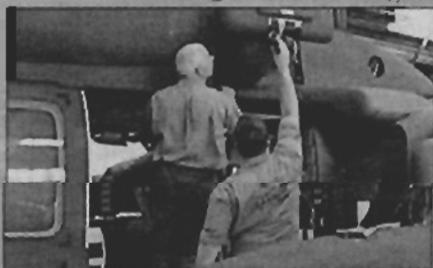
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Missile school marks 50th anniversary

Heritage Hall renamed as part of celebration

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A soldier spray washes the front entrance of Heritage Hall. It's a sure sign that something's up.

Inside this former post theater, Jerry Campbell welcomes a visitor and confirms the obvious. Something is definitely in store for Heritage Hall, according to Campbell, the acting director of instruction for the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

On Friday at 10 a.m. it will be the site for the 50th anniversary celebration of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. And during that ceremony, Heritage Hall will be renamed Heiser Hall in memory of Lt. Gen. Joseph Heiser.

"He is commonly referred to as the 'father of munitions,'" Campbell said. "He rose from the rank of private to lieutenant general and he ensured that munitions were where they should be all through the Second World War, Korea and into Vietnam. I

think he participated in just about every major battle in Europe."

In the same ceremony, the 59th Ordnance Brigade headquarters building 3300 will be renamed Newhall Hall in memory of Col. Henry Newhall.

"He was officially the first commandant of the school," Campbell said of Newhall. "The way it used to work, the post commander was the commandant and whoever was in charge of the school was the assistant commandant. And in 1955 Col. Newhall assumed command of the Ordnance Guided Missile School and held that position until 1959."

Scheduled participants in the ceremony include retired Col. Joel Heiser of Citadel, S.C., son of the late lieutenant general; and Robert Newhall of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Charles Newhall of Willow Grove, Pa., sons of the late Col. Newhall. They will receive an 8-by-10 picture of their father and a duplicate of the bronze plaque that will honor his memory in the respective building.

The inscription on the plaque for Heiser Hall includes the late lieutenant general's motto: "A well supported combat soldier is

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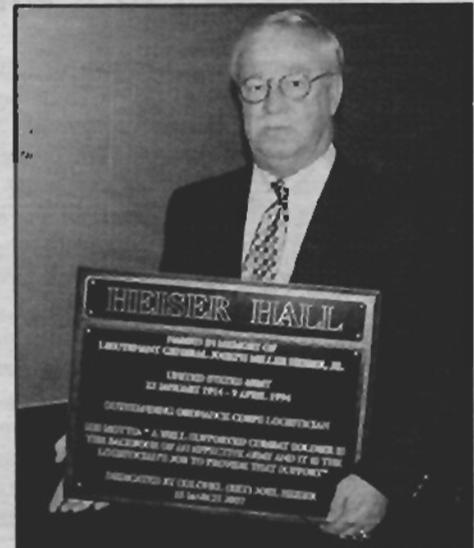


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DEDICATION PLAQUE— Jerry Campbell, acting director of instruction for the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, shows a duplicate plaque that will be presented to the son of Lt. Gen. Joseph Heiser during Friday's dedication of Heiser Hall. The former Heritage Hall will be renamed as part of the 50th anniversary celebration for OMMCS.

Fox Army Health Center honored as Army's top treatment facility

2001 Award for Excellence given by surgeon general

By SANDY RIEBELING
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Administrators at Fox Army Health Center knew they had a great staff that provided top notch care but they were a little surprised to find out it was the best in the Army.

On Feb. 4, Col. Joan Campanaro, commander of Fox, received the Army Surgeon General's 2001 Award for Excellence during the national Tricare conference in Washington, D.C.

The award recognizes the Army medical center, community hospital, health center and health clinic that earned the highest composite score in patient satisfaction, quality and productivity during 2001.

"We scored the highest of all Army medical treatment facilities," Campanaro said. "I was a little surprised when I found out we'd won the award, but I guess I shouldn't have been. I know we have a

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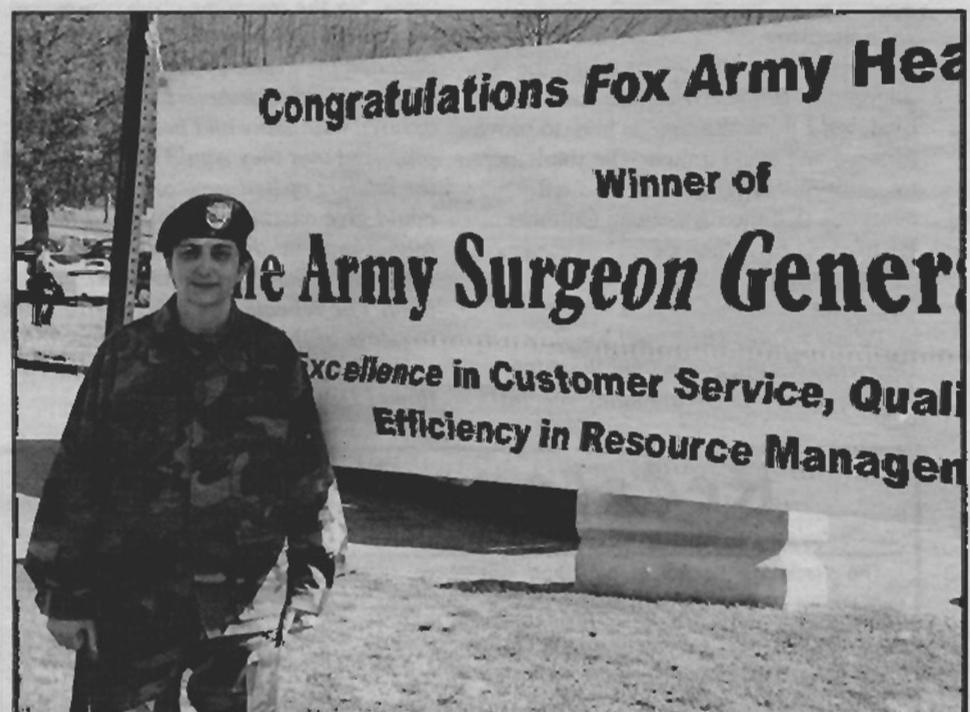


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

BEST OF THE BEST— Fox Army Health Center received the Army Surgeon General's 2001 Award for Excellence, rating highest among the top treatment facilities in the Army. Col. Joan Campanaro, FAHC commander, accepted the plaque on behalf of her staff at the annual Tricare Conference in Washington, D.C. Feb. 4.

Letters to the editor

General Stanford was true leader

Thank you so much for the eloquent response from the EEO regarding the subject letter to the editor ("Deceased general deserves better," March 6 *Redstone Rocket*). I served with Maj. Gen. Stanford and was proud of the way he led soldiers. He was a true sol-

diers' leader. He didn't see himself as a black man. He saw himself as a leader — a leader of soldiers of all race, color and creed... I am glad that Maj. Gen. Stanford was secure with his race and position in life...

Name withheld by request

How about just American Festival?

I attended the seventh annual African-American Festival held on Thursday, Feb. 28 in Bob Jones Auditorium. This program was excellent. The theme was, "Team Redstone Standing United."

The attendances, as I observed and as noted by the narrator, by white and other non-African Americans were low. I have asked some of my white American friends why they didn't attend. Some of the replies indicated that they felt it was mainly for African-Americans.

During the meeting while people were standing, the narrator suggested that each person shake hands with the people next to them or hug them and state, "I am an American." I complied with the suggestion and I felt good about the acceptances and interactions received.

On the above date, I am turning in a suggestion titled, "American Cultures Festival." If this suggestion title is implemented throughout all government agencies who have an annual culture festival, it would embrace a generic title which embraces people from all backgrounds and heritages, which include: black American, white American, Native American, Hispanic-American, Asian-American, or any other background of your choosing.

It is not my intention to lessen the importance of the African-American Festival, but I think the time is here to move forward and stand united. The implementation of this suggestion should tell everyone that the "American Cultures Festival" is for everyone.

Winslow L. Hill

Editor's note: The Equal Employment Opportunity Office provided the following response. "There are many special

observances to celebrate diversity in our work force, i.e. African American History, Asian-American History, Native American History, Hispanic-American History, Women's History, Equality Day Observance, Individuals with Disabilities, etc. We have discussed the possibility of having one inclusive festival or Diversity Day. After canvassing the work force by survey and the special emphasis program committees, it was determined that the majority of those surveyed and the committees did not want to give up their individual months. It was believed by everyone contacted that more participation could be encouraged by managers supporting the various events. We need to recognize our diversity and support each other to reach our individual and organizational potential," the EEO Office said.

The African-American Festival Committee provided the following response to the letter. "The African-American Festival Committee is very proud that the writer attended the festival, for this person is truly an American that wants people to learn more about other Americans that are not part of his/her race.

"The committee fully commends the writer for the awesome observation that very few Americans of varying races attended the event, other than the large number of African-Americans. It can be assured that many had been invited and promised that they would be there. Maybe the leaders of Redstone organizations could give maximum consideration to requesting that the teaching portion of the event ('Team Redstone: A Reality or Myth') be repeated on the last five working days of the month (or starting ASAP) and even make the event a 'Consideration of Others' training session.

Contract secrecy called into question

Why is it that when contractors come to work in our area, the COR treats the contract like some deep, dark secret, and will not let us read the contract?

In cases of classified material this is understandable, but shouldn't a contract be a public document?

If those of us who work with the contractor personnel could read the contract, then we would have a better idea of our obligations to the contractor personnel, and their obligations to us. As it stands now, when new contracts are let, we do not know what we are supposed to provide, and what the contractors are required to do. This can result in a conflict of interest and/or outright fraud if we require something of the contractor that they are not required to do, or if we provide some supplies or expendable materiel that they are not allowed to receive or are supposed to provide themselves under the contractual terms.

Please answer this in the *Redstone Rocket*.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Acquisition Center provided the following response.

"Please keep in mind the fact that African-American history has traditionally been overlooked by mainstream America. Many Americans still don't accept the fact that African-Americans had such outstanding inventions as the gas mask, traffic light and many others. The African-American Festival is part of the motionally observed Black History Month of which the month's founder, Carter G. Woodson, fought long and hard to establish. This festival combines all of Team Redstone's efforts to display and teach significant details about Black History, as mandated by AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, page 92, paragraph 6-18.b and authorized by the first presidential proclamation, February 1976. Furthermore, this activity constitutes Team Redstone's combined effort toward being part of America's effort to

"Thanks for your good question. A simple answer is that nothing prohibits government personnel with a need to know from being allowed to read a government contract. However, a larger issue involved here appears to be assuring that the regulations that govern contractors in the workplace are adhered to. The primary regulation involved is the Federal Acquisition Regulation at FAR 37.114, Special Acquisition Requirements. This section requires extensive oversight of service contracts to assure contractor personnel do not perform inherently governmental functions, do not perform outside of the scope of the contract, and do not have access to any unauthorized information, classified or unclassified. A primary role of the Contracting Officer's Representative, COR, is to make sure contractor and government personnel alike do not violate this regulation. I'm sure that is what the COR in your situation is doing. Since this is such an important issue, and you are obviously trying not to violate this or any other regulations, I recommend you discuss your concerns directly with your COR and/or the actual Contracting Officer for the contract."

highlight the extremely important contributions that African-Americans contribute to the greatness of this nation. With all this in mind, you may now have a better feel for why, during Black History Month, the festival will continue to be held each year in February and remain the 'Festival of African-American Music, Art and Portrayals.'

"...The concept of the 'Festival of African-American Music, Art and Portrayals' was uniquely conceived as part of Team Redstone's events for Black History Month. Furthermore, Team Redstone encourages as many events as sponsors are willing to present. It would be outstanding if the writer and enough people of all races would help form a team that can fund and present an 'American Multicultural Festival' during the summer months," the festival committee said.

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March 20 the deadline for updating post telephone directory

Organizations and employees should verify their listings

By JIM BOWNE
For the Rocket

The Corporate Information Center has extended to March 20 the deadline for submitting corrections for the next issue of the Team Redstone Telephone Directory. A few organizations have already responded, but many have not.

Although CIC is responsible for the Telephone Directory, each and every person and organization at Team Redstone is responsible for submitting changes in personnel, organizations and structure, including corrections, additions and deletions.

"The information in the Telephone Directory can only

be as accurate as the information provided to us by the community," Vic Petty, director of CIC's Information Services, said. "We can only input information that is relayed to us. If we don't receive the corrected information from employees and organizations, the Telephone Directory will be published with inaccurate information. We want to publish the most up-to-date directory as possible, and we need the help of the entire Redstone community."

All AMCOM and tenant organizations should review their information in the current Telephone Directory and provide updated information, using the following guidelines:

• Organizational listings — Please submit changes to organizational hierarchy structure in alphabetical order, regardless of whether or not the element within the organization is a directorate, division or branch. However, the director and deputy should be listed prior to alphabetizing the rest of the

organizational elements. A sample format can be found under "Events" at <https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil>. Also be sure to let CIC know if the information you submit represents the entire input for your organization, or if it represents only the changes. Otherwise, what you submit could be published as your organization's entire input in the new directory.

• Personnel listings — Please review all assigned personnel in the current directory and delete the names of those who have left, and add new personnel as applicable, with all relevant information. All personnel should verify and update their individual telephone number and information by going to <https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil>.

All updated information should be sent by e-mail to alice.greene@redstone.army.mil or faxed to 876-7151. If you have questions about this update, call Geneva Murphy at 876-6103.

Black history show deemed success at department store

CPOC employee organizes event

Redstone worker Rosie Douglas organized a Black History Month program held Feb. 23 at Parisian Parkway Place.

"This is the first 'Black History Program' for Parisian," Douglas said. The variety show drew about 100 attendees upstairs in the department store on South Memorial Parkway.

Participants included Saba International Performing Arts Company, saxophonist Marcus Johnson of Alabama A&M Uni-

versity, harmonica player Freddie Taylor of Oakwood College, soloist Robert Pressley Jr. of Oakwood Academy; the three-member Array choir, with two members from A&M and one from Calhoun College; Lee High student Jonathan Gockler, portraying Frederick Douglass; and soloist Vanessa Cameron.

Kimberly Essex of WAFF television channel 48 served as mistress of ceremony. Plaques were presented to Essex and to Parisian Parkway Place.

"I would like to thank everyone for a very successful program," said Douglas, an employee of South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center.



Photo by Rosie Douglas/CPOC

READY FOR STAGE— Soloist Vanessa Cameron, in foreground on left, and saxophonist Marcus Johnson, at right, wait to perform during the Black History Month program Feb. 23 in Parisian Parkway Place.

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Sick Leave Award — Bertie Thompson, Karen Lambert, David Easterling, John Murphy, Wendi Weaver, Kris Keeton, Dawn Wood, Bob Neighbors, Myra Dupree, Larry Geldmeir and Tina Bragg.

Major week of events under way at missile school

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the backbone of an effective Army and it is the logistician's job to provide that support."

OMMCS has done its part in providing support for the Army through the past five decades, beginning in 1952 with the establishment of the Provisional Redstone Ordnance School. The first graduating class consisted of seven lieutenants.



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COLONEL NEWHALL— The 59th Ordnance Brigade headquarters building is being named Newhall Hall in honor of Col. Henry Newhall, who served as commandant of the Ordnance Guided Missile School from 1955-59 and died in 1975.

The facility has evolved from a school that planned and developed all phases of guided missile training to today's OMMCS that produces mission focused ordnance officers, warrant officers, enlisted soldiers and civilians who are technically competent in the munitions management, explosive ordnance disposal, electronic and missile maintenance, and test measurement and diagnostic equipment arenas. Col. David Hafele became commandant in June 2001. Including its various training locations, the school has 7,469 students this year.

"We have put many outstanding soldiers in the Ordnance Corps to support the Army over the last 50 years," Campbell said. "We've grown from that seven-person class to the size we are today in the different locations (including detachments at Fort Sill, Okla., Fort Bliss, Texas, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and the Ordnance Electronic Maintenance Training Department at Fort Gordon, Ga.).

"And thanks to the community of Huntsville for the support they've given us for the last 50 years because they have given us real good support."

Alumni from the missile school have been invited to Friday's ceremony to be followed by an open house in the school. Others interested can RSVP at 876-4305.

The ceremony is among a major week of events for the missile school. Activities include the Worldwide Ammunition, Missile, TMDE, and Electronic Maintenance Conference which continues through



Courtesy photo

GENERAL HEISER— Heritage Hall is being renamed Heiser Hall in honor of Lt. Gen. Joseph Heiser, an Ordnance Corps logistician known as the "father of munitions" who died in 1994.

Thursday, the 50th anniversary celebration Friday morning and the Ordnance Ball that night.

Ordnance Ball 2002 will be held Friday at 6 p.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., the Army's chief of ordnance. A choir from Lee High School will perform patriotic tunes. There will also be a cake-cutting ceremony. Cost is \$25 per person. For more information, call 1st Lt. Rasheed Muwwakkil of 832nd Ordnance Battalion 842-9143 or 876-7597.

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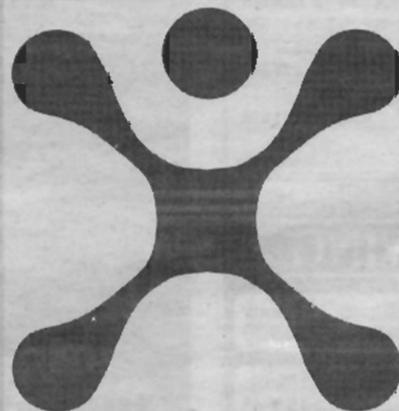
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hardworking, dedicated staff and based on the patient comments we get I should have known we were right up there with customer satisfaction. It's nice that other people see that, too — that the staff is recognized for the outstanding job they do."

The customer satisfaction score is based on random patient surveys conducted monthly by the Department of Defense. Quality is determined by the Joint Commission for Accreditation of Health Care Organizations survey conducted every three years.

"It ensures we provide quality, safe health care and that we are continuously looking at improving our processes," Lt. Col. Don Speers, deputy commander for clinical services, said.

Productivity is scored by the number of patients treated on a daily basis based on available staff. Fox serves about 10,000 people.

Campanaro has made some major changes since taking command in 2000, including closing the Troop Medical Clinic and moving soldier treatment to the Primary Care Clinic at Fox.

"One of the toughest categories for customer satisfaction is in the 18-24 age group," Campanaro said. "A big chunk of that group is our young soldiers — soldiers who went through the change from the troop clinic to here. Making that change seems to have helped with cus-

tomers satisfaction."

Campanaro is convinced that "staff empowerment" also plays a key role in the success of the patient care.

"The staff is empowered to fix things at the lowest level," Campanaro said. "There's no lingering and waiting for someone else to solve the problem. When they see something, right away they get together and work out a solution."

Mammograms on Saturday was a direct result of staff problem solving. When a patient needs a routine mammogram, the health center must schedule it within 30 days of the request. Radiology was so busy that they were having to push the test to nearly the last day of the window. So personnel in the department decided to open Radiology one Saturday every quarter (more when necessary) for mammograms, to ensure service in a timely manner. Problem solved.

"Winning the award made me feel wonderful," Campanaro said. "Yes, I walked across the stage and accepted it but this is their (the staff's) award. They are the ones that do the day-to-day work. I am so very proud to be their commander."

Also recognized for medical excellence in 2001 were Lyster Army Community Hospital, Fort Rucker, Ala., Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii, Heidelberg MEDDAC, Heidelberg, Germany, and Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Fort Jackson, S.C. While all the facilities listed received the Surgeon General's Award for Excellence, Fox scored highest among them.

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Army in action

Javelin system a throwback to light weaponry of frontier

**Shoulder-fired missile
deadly against armor**

By SANDY RIEBELING
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Samuel Colt's revolver of 1836 was called the "great equalizer" for obvious reasons. The Army's Javelin works the same way for today's soldiers and Marines.

"It's a 50-pound, shoulder-fired missile system that defeats 72 tons of tank," Lt. Col. Philip Carey, Javelin product manager, said. "The Javelin gives the light infantryman more firepower against heavier opposition forces. No more is the infantryman considered just a speed bump. They are able to kill main battle tanks with this system. It gives them a chance to reshape the battlefield."

The Javelin, first introduced in 1996, is a "quantum leap" ahead of its predecessor, the Dragon, according to Carey. It is a

manportable, shoulder-fired, fire and forget antitank weapon system capable of destroying any armored vehicle in the world. The 2,500 meter range allows the gunner to fire and yet stay out of the effective range of the enemy armored vehicles' coaxial machine guns. It also provides multi-mission capabilities against bunkers, hovering helicopters and other threat equipment.

The system is at work with soldiers and Marines fighting in and around Afghanistan. In video footage from Operation Enduring Freedom, the long green launch tube can be seen slung over the shoulder of many American troops.

Like the Colt of yesteryear, the Javelin is small, easy to carry yet extremely lethal

against massive armored targets. The fire-and-forget feature allows the gunner to quickly fire the missile then take cover against enemy return fire.

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The command launch unit has an integrated day/night thermal site effective in most weather conditions. The missile uses a small propulsion burst to launch out of the tube then while still in the air just a few yards in front of the gunner, a second, larger burst ignites and propels the missile

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ON TARGET— Only bits and pieces of mangled metal are left after the Javelin hit this T-72 tank during a test firing at Redstone Arsenal last year.



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STOPPING POWER— With the Javelin, a manportable, shoulder launched missile, light infantry units have a fighting chance against armored vehicles and tanks.



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Technology takes leap with light antitank system

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to the target. The missile has an imaging infrared seeker and both a top attack and direct attack options. The tandem warhead contains a precursor warhead designed to clear away explosive reactive armor while the main charge warhead will penetrate and defeat current base armor and projected armor threats.

"The command launch unit is the brains of the system," Carey said. "All the software for the system is in the CLU so if there are software upgrades, the missiles don't have to be reprogrammed. The launcher and missile together weigh about 50 pounds. It's a lot of weight but the soldiers we talk to that have it are grateful for it."

As important as having the system is knowing how to use it. Because missiles are expensive, both the Army and Marines use a basic skills trainer which allows the student gunner to execute the complete Javelin tactical engagement sequence just as he would with a live missile round, but without the expense of live firing.

The trainer includes a launch tube and command launch unit, nearly identical to fielded models, which are connected to a computer that feeds data to the trainer and provides immediate feedback about the gunner's performance.

"For the Marines, the BST is all they use to train," Carey said. "The Army

allows one confidence (live) fire a year per unit. About 95 percent of those who have trained with the system hit the target on their first live fire.

"It's one of the best received new weapon systems I've seen in the Army," Carey said. "Wherever we go in the field we've had a universally good response. The soldiers that carry the Javelin believe in the systems. The units that don't have, want it."

And they will get it. Javelin will serve each axis of the Army transformation campaign from legacy to interim and finally in the Objective Force. But weapon systems "don't just materialize," according to Carey.

"We've got some hard working, gritty people here determined to develop and provide the soldiers with the best equipment the Free World can provide. The military, civilians and contractors work tirelessly toward that goal."

Javelin is a joint program with the Marines, managed by the Close Combat Missile Systems Project Office. It is in full rate production and has been fielded to the Rangers, 82nd Airborne Division, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), the 1/508th Infantry Regiment, the 2nd Infantry Division (Korea), the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y., 3rd Brigade of the 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash., 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii and to 27 active Marine infantry battalions.

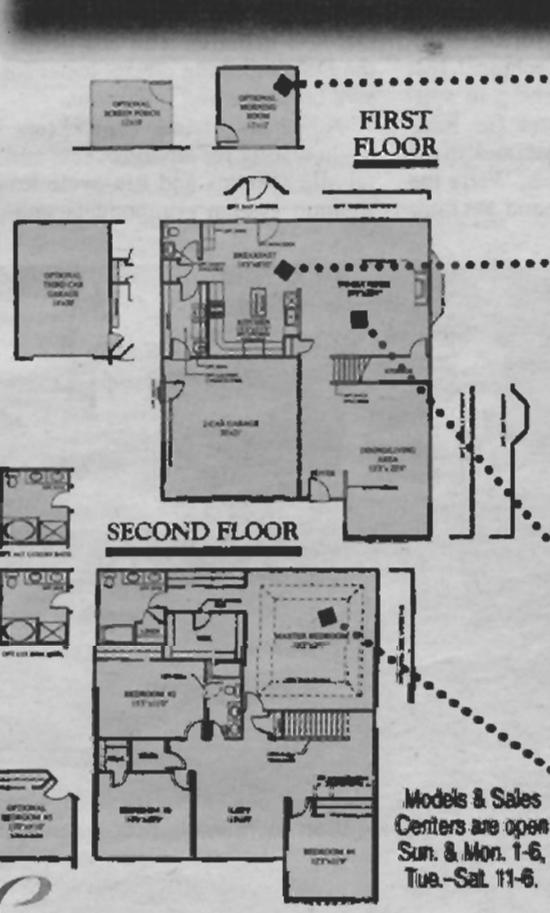
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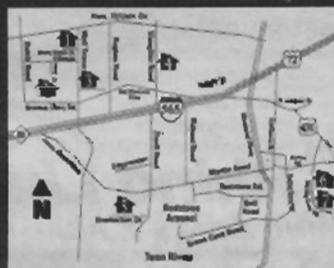
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RTTC offers full test capabilities for community

Center not just for small missile range or environmental testing

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Redstone Technical Test Center is here to support Team Redstone and north Alabama's testing needs.

"We're trying to say to the community, 'We are your test center.' We came from here, we're here now and we want to be part of the future," Charlie Crocker, the center's technical director, said.

He explained that RTTC's origins go back to the beginning of Army missile development work at Redstone Arsenal in the 1950s or early '60s. Now the center is the "cradle-to-grave" test capability for tactical missiles and the component and subsystems test capability for larger missiles.

"That's our mission," Crocker said. "The key word in Redstone Technical Test Center is Redstone - we're here to support the customer. We're here for Redstone Arsenal, Team Redstone and those supporting the Army off post ... We're the test center they can come to and get sup-

port from and we want to preserve that and expand that capability for them."

Although the center does not have large missile ranges like those found at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., or extremely large environmental facilities, Crocker stressed that it has about everything else.

RTTC is a diverse test center with several different types of test facilities. Although some of its customers may have a narrow perspective of its test capability because they are only using one area of testing such as its small missile ranges or environmental testing, RTTC has a full complement of outdoor facilities, testing laboratories and environmental facilities.

The test center is one of six in the Army's Test and Evaluation Command. It is unique in its ability to test inert and explosive components, subsystems and total systems for all Department of Defense materiel. The test center is also the DoD lightning effects tester for explosive ordnance and munitions.

Advanced testing capabilities include flight testing for small rockets and guided missile systems and life-cycle testing for weapon system components and/or sub-

systems. The test center also offers portable test capabilities and test technology, test program management and oversight expertise.

"Our thought is to get the job done within the resources available. So we're very responsive and flexible to people's needs. We respond to required changes from our customers and find a method to get things done quickly."

— Charlie Crocker, technical director
Redstone Technical Test Center

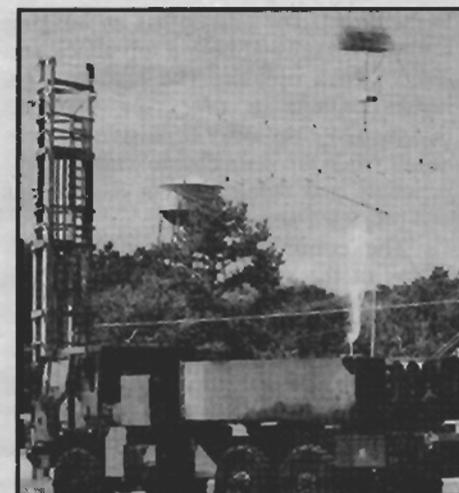
RTTC has facilities for testing electro-optical devices, lasers, target designators and locators, tracking devices, and guidance subsystems in laboratory and simulated battlefield conditions that include obscuration and countermeasures. All types of natural and operationally induced dynamic and environmental testing can also be performed.

"I'd like to highlight three particular capabilities: our sensor laboratory testing capability, our electromagnetic environmental effects test capability that's called 'E3' and dynamic test capability, and our airfield test capability," Crocker said.

The Aviation and Missile Command's Aviation Engineering Directorate recognizes RTTC as an independent site for providing airworthiness testing of components and subsystems installed in Army aircraft.

RTTC also is a "Distributed Site" for OSD's High Performance Computer Modernization Office. As a DS, the center owns and operates a high performance computer in support of its own efforts and the efforts of RDEC.

In terms of the future outlook, RTTC is taking its missile capabilities and applying them to aviation and getting involved in the Army transformation. The center is actively playing a part in the testing of weapons, particularly missiles going on the vehicles for the Army's interim force, and working heavily with the AMCOM



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LIGHTNING STRIKES— The RTTC conducts a direct lightning test of the Highly-Mobile Artillery Rocket System to verify the safety of the motor igniter of the MLRS rockets in a direct strike lightning environment.

community and TECOM to get involved with testing weapons and sensors for the Army's Objective Force.

"We are seeking to establish a strong cooperative relationship with the Aviation Technical Test Center at Fort Rucker and other aviation-related development and testing organizations in support of Army aviation," Crocker said. "We want to work with the other centers."

RTTC has a culture that Crocker describes as "entrepreneurial." One reason he cited for this entrepreneurial spirit is that the center uses a lot of advanced technology in testing. He said the best example of that is that it's a leader in the application of modeling and simulation technology in test and evaluation. The test center is working closely with the Research Development and Engineering Center in this area, particularly the Systems Simulation and Development Directorate.

"We're also entrepreneurial in the fact that we try to push down responsibility and decision making to as low a level as

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LOOKING UP— Darris McCarrell, senior test engineer at the Redstone Technical Test Center, and Todd Richburg, AMTEC aviation technician, prepare a MEDEVAC helicopter's external hoist for testing.

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Foreign disclosure officer follows rules for success

Intelligence and security worker honored by Department of Army

By KIM GILLESPIE
For the Rocket

Larry Richards, the Aviation and Missile Command's foreign disclosure officer, Intelligence and Security Directorate, was awarded the Department of the Army's first Kenneth C. Raymer Memorial Award Feb. 26 at the Army Worldwide Foreign Disclosure Conference in Las Vegas.

The award recognizes the foreign disclosure officer who best exemplifies the characteristics of loyalty, integrity and selfless devotion to duty in providing their command with timely, responsive and transparent Foreign Disclosure support to the Transforming Army. According to Army officials, it also sets the standard for enthusiasm and "can do" attitude expected of foreign disclosure officers.

Richards admits to being both flattered and humbled by the award.

"I knew Ken Raymer and I truly admired him. He was an outstanding foreign disclosure officer, and I'm honored to be recognized by an award named after him," Richards said. The award was inaugurated this year in memory of Raymer and as a benchmark for the rest of the foreign disclosure community worldwide.

Richards, with 43 years of public service, spent 28 years in the military and his last 12 years at Redstone Arsenal. He has seen the workload for release of military information on weapons systems steadily increase in his last six years as foreign disclosure officer.

"The key to being successful in this field is to make sure each case is treated in an unbiased manner and to follow the rules and regulations that guide the release of this material. But I credit my personal success here at AMCOM to the exceptional cooperation I get from the command," Richards said.

Richard's supervisor, Hal Lockhart, security division chief, forwarded Richard's nomination for the Raymer award to the Department of Army. Lock-



Photo by Kim Gillespie

HONOREE— Larry Richards, foreign disclosure officer in Intelligence and Security Directorate, received the Army's first Kenneth C. Raymer Memorial Award recognizing outstanding foreign disclosure support.

hart largely credits Richards for the good relationships ISD has with its customers.

"A major part of the nomination package for this award relies on customer input, and Larry is referred to as 'a champion of cooperation.' His ability to make information flow so easily between team members — what I think the award refers to as transparency — is a skill that only the most outstanding employees have," Lockhart said.

The plaque awarded to Richards was given on behalf of Lt. Gen. Robert Noonan Jr., the Army's senior military intelligence officer. Additionally, a perpetual plaque, with Richard's name and succeeding awardees, will be displayed in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, in the Pentagon.

"This is really 'hot stuff' in our world and it shows what an outstanding asset Larry is to us," Lockhart said. Nominations were received from major commands and program executive offices throughout the Army.

"I've never really been one to display awards, but I do plan to show this one off," Richards said.

■ Test center supports aviation and missile systems

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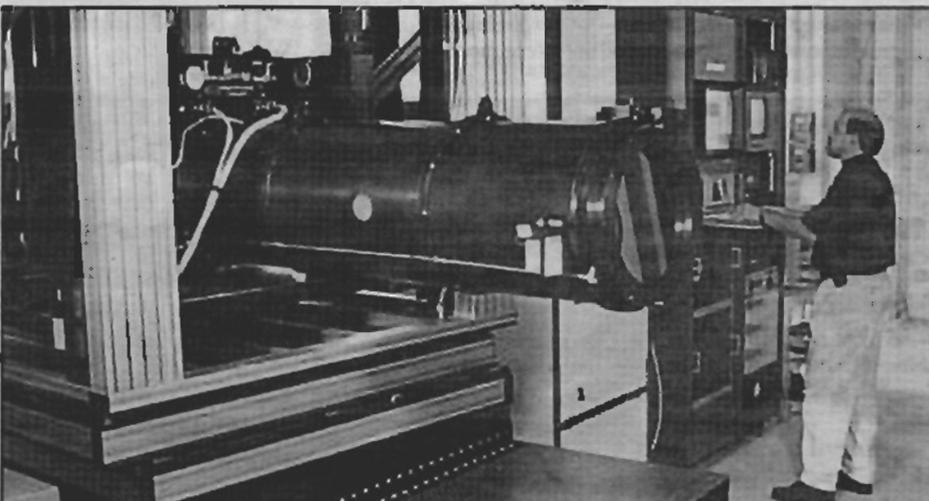
possible. So if a young person wants to come to work here and make an impact on the world, we want to give them as much responsibility as they can stand," Crocker said. "We're not a top-driven organization. We believe in driving down responsibility and it's a great place to work because of that."

The test center has a strong repository of knowledge on missiles and missile testing. "Since we deal with missiles so long,

not just in early development or in full-scale development or as users dealing with changes and making sure it works in the field, in some cases we know more about the missiles than anybody, including the contractor that built them," Crocker said. "We're a leader in the use of technology."

RTTC also is extremely customer-oriented, according to Crocker. He says one reason is that the center gets very little operating funds or institutional money. The vast majority of its funding comes from the customer.

"We do a good job and provide a quality product to our customer," Crocker said.



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ROTC graduates return to alma mater under alumni program

University of North Alabama participates in recruiting effort

By ANNIE VARNELL
UNA journalism intern

FLORENCE — The University of North Alabama Department of Military Science is participating in the new Officer Returning Alumni Program, which gives Army Reserve Officers Training Corps alumni a chance to contribute their time in order to benefit their alma mater.

Capt. Christopher Todd Wilson, a 1998 UNA graduate from Florence, is one of the first to participate in this new program. All university Army ROTC programs across the nation are participating in the program, but only 20 available slots were open to alumni

officers this year.

"It gives opportunity to make known the availability of scholarships and leadership development available through the ROTC," Wilson said.

The Officers Returning Alumni Program is in its trial period. For 10 days following their initial duty, which typically lasts two to three years, officers who participate in the program return to the university from which they graduated. They assist in recruiting efforts for their university's ROTC program.

Wilson says the ROTC program can provide valuable leadership skills that are marketable in the military and the private sector. The Army ROTC is a pre-commissioning training program to prepare students for service to the country as Army officers.

"It is an excellent way to graduate college debt free," Wilson said.

Wilson graduated from UNA with a major in criminal justice and sociology and a minor in military science.

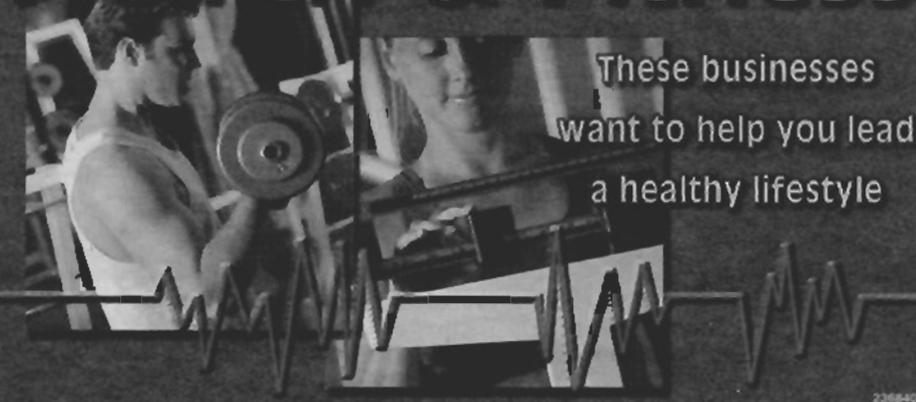
After graduation and commissioning as an Ordnance officer, Wilson's initial assignment was to the 191st Ordnance Battalion in Germany for three years in ammunition management. He served as battalion ammunition officer and platoon leader of the operation section.

Being in the service has allowed Wilson to travel throughout Europe. He has traveled to the Netherlands, France, Italy, Belgium, Australia, Czechoslovakia and many more places.

After visiting UNA, Wilson will begin his next assignment at the Combined Logistics Captain Career Course at Fort Lee, Va.

For Wilson, the Officer Returning Alumni Program has not only allowed him to visit his old campus, but also his hometown and family.

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NCO Academy works overtime to beat Delta in basketball

Virgil Swain scores 30 in regular season finale

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Virgil Swain made it happen for the NCO Academy basketball team against Delta Company.

First he scored 23 points in regulation, including a game-tying jumper from the top of the key in the closing seconds to send the game into overtime. Then he added seven points in the extra five minutes.

Swain finished with a season-high 30 as the NCO Academy beat Delta Company 70-58 in overtime March 6 at Pagano Gym. The game was tied 52-all at the end of regulation.

"Everybody played great. I've got to give it to the team," said Swain, a 6-foot-2 forward. "That's one of the best games we've played together as a team."

Michael Hodnett added 12 for the NCO Academy (8-9) who trailed 21-20 at halftime.

Demetrius Bastian scored all six of Delta's points in overtime and finished with 29. Cedric Tims added 14 and Chelsie Stokes had 12 as the Devastating Dragons fell to 12-3.

"That was our last regular season game (before the tournament) so we needed to win to go out," said Swain, a Birmingham native. "We were struggling the last half of the season. We needed to go out on a high."

The NCOs did just that, living up to the academy's motto: "NCOs make it happen."

"Everybody just dug deep," Swain said. NCO Academy coach Terrance Fran-

cis told the team to keep pressuring the basketball and make every shot count. And the NCOs responded by outscoring Delta 18-6 in the overtime period.

Swain, 37, played at Emma Sansom High School in Gadsden. He walked on at Alabama A&M University but a broken right ankle in 1983 ended his college career before it began.

Swain, the only permanent-party member of the academy team, arrived at Redstone from Saudi Arabia in September 2000. During his 18-month tour in Saudi, he played in the Eastern Province Basketball League. Previously he played on post teams at Fort McClellan, Ala., and Fort Lewis, Wash.

"It was a must-win," Swain said of the game against Delta. "I've got a little rivalry between the players with Delta Company. It's kind of a personal thing."

With the regular season slated to end last night, the postseason tournament was expected to start March 18. Here were the troop basketball standings as of Friday:

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Bravo-1	13	4
Charlie	11	5
ROTC	11	6
Marines	8	9
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Western Conference	W	L
Delta	13	3
AMCOM	12	4
NCO Academy	8	9
Bravo-2	7	10
Charlie 1/167th team-2	3	14

Bravo captures annual Commander's Cup sports trophy

Initial entry training unit wins for first time ever

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Any unit facing Bravo Company in a given sport can expect a long day on the playing field.

Bravo Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion has won the Commander's Cup for 2001, marking the first time ever that an initial entry training unit claimed the coveted all-sports trophy. The Marines had won the cup the previous four years.

The Bulldogs won with 412.8 points followed by the Marines with 381.6 and Delta Company with 370.2. Bravo Company took six championships in five team sports. "A phenomenal accomplishment," said sports director Ted Compoc.

Col. Brent Swart, deputy post commander, presented the 29th annual Com-

mander's Cup in a ceremony March 5 at Pagano Gym.

"I think it's a great feat for Bravo Company and the soldiers," Bravo 1st Sgt. Tom Lettis said. "It's not just about winning in intramural sports, it's teaching them about having a positive attitude. And I feel if a person has a positive attitude in sports, he's going to have a positive attitude in life. We try to teach them that from day one. We just try to teach them to be successful. And intramural sports helps a unit grow as a family and build on its esprit de corps."

Bravo Company won the racquetball tournament, the softball season and tournament, the volleyball season, the flag football season and the 5K run. Capt. Ajay Sihra succeeded Capt. Mary Walsh as commander of Bravo's 294 soldiers in June, about midway through the sports year.

"When you put together 12 drill sergeants and a chain of command that wants to win, has the spirit to win and is not

going to settle for second place, you'll be a winner," said Lettis, who coached every sport and played quarterback in flag football and pitched in softball.

"We tell everybody: If you don't get up early and stay late, we're gonna beat you."

The Marines had first place finishes in the softball and basketball seasons. Delta Company won the racquetball tournament

and the flag football season and tournament.

"It's a great thing for soldiers," Swart said of team sports. "It's great for their confidence, for their morale and it gives them something to do during the year."

The trophy, established in 1973, culminates a year of competition in flag football, basketball, golf, racquetball, volleyball, softball and a 5K run.



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DOGS RULE— Bravo athletes include, from left, Drill Sgt. Henry Hayes, Drill Sgt. James Massey, Sgt. Demmonique Walker and Drill Sgt. Stanley Parker.

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Mary Gibson truly cared about soldiers and their families

Wife of former post commander dies at her home in Maryland

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Mary Gibson spent more than 30 years serving her country although she never wore a soldiers' uniform. She was an Army wife and is remembered for her devotion to making the military a better place for soldiers and their families.

Mary Helen Cannon Gibson of Mount Airy, Md., died March 1 at her home. She was the wife of retired Maj. Gen. Emmitt

Gibson, former commander of the Aviation and Missile Command.

The Gibsons came to Huntsville from St. Louis where Maj. Gen. Gibson was commanding general of the Aviation and Troop Command before he became the first commander of AMCOM from July 1997 to July 1999.

Having just been diagnosed with breast cancer and recovering from surgery when she arrived in Huntsville, Gibson still remained active in the community, embracing the responsibilities of the commanding general's wife. As such, she served as the honorary volunteer supervisor at Army Community Service, in a

leadership role with the Officer and Civilian Women's Club and on the board of directors for the Thrift Shop. She served on the board of directors of the Red Cross and the Burritt Museum in Huntsville. She also took an active role in many community activities and events.

"She was always here to greet VIPs and worked a lot of special projects," Sue Paddock, chief of ACS, said. "You could see how she truly cared about the soldiers and their families."

On the advisory board for the Thrift Shop, Gibson was instrumental in the early efforts to relocate the shop from a dilapidated building on ATACMS Road to

the updated facility on Hercules.

"She was very down to earth," fellow Thrift Shop board member Sharon Samuelson said. "She worked on several thrift shop committees and she was very easy to work with. She really had the care and welfare of the soldiers and families at heart. She tried to provide the very best programs and opportunities for them."

But there was another side to Mary Gibson, one Stella Broderick was privileged to see. Stella is the wife of Cliff Broderick who served as AMCOM's chief of staff during the Gibsons' tour here.

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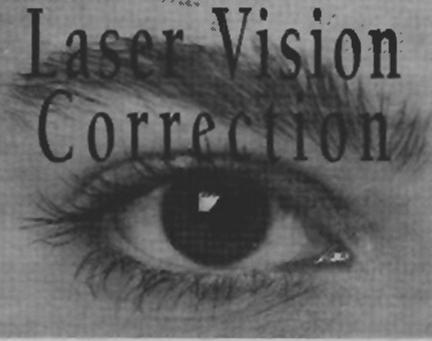
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"We got to know the Gibsons very well," Stella Broderick said. "Like most military wives, Mary was involved in a lot of volunteer work. Because of that, she met many other volunteers and she was quick to advise the young ones not to overextend themselves. Volunteering can be overwhelming. Mary always told them, 'Never feel guilty about taking time for yourself and your family — that's what life is about.' She understood that."

Leading by example, Gibson took the opportunity, as often as possible, to escape to the beaches of North Carolina. Born in Ayden, N.C., and with her mother still living nearby, Gibson spent many hours on the sandy shores, drinking in the energy of the sun.

"The beach and water were her therapy," Stella Broderick said. "She called the sun her energy. She loved the quiet time there and she loved to spend time with her

children and grandchildren there."

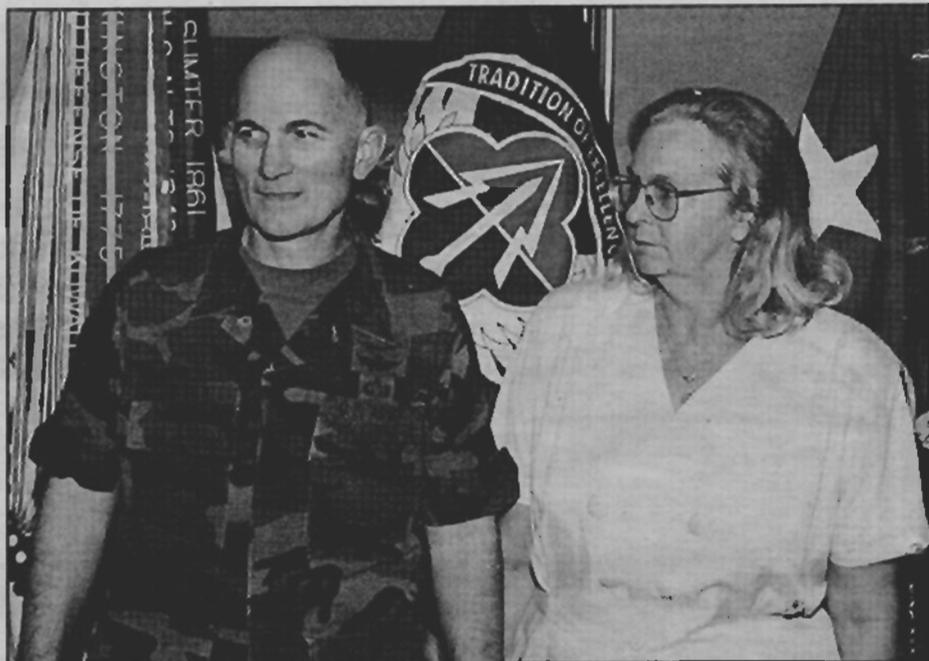
When she couldn't get as far away as the beach, she enjoyed golfing.

"She was game for anything," Stella Broderick said. "She had a great sense of humor. I think that's one of the reasons she made it so long. She was a fantastic lady."

Gibson was 56. She is survived by her mother, Hazel Shockley Cannon, her husband, children Mary Anna Jordan of Durham, N.C., and Frank Gibson of Emerald Isle, N.C.; a sister, Raye Shimer of Kinston, N.C.; and grandchildren Alyson and Eric Jordan.

A celebration-of-life memorial service will be Thursday at the Fort Myer (Va.) Old Chapel, with Army Chaplain Paul Vicalvi officiating. Inurnment will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the charity of one's choice. Condolences may be sent to retired Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, 3653 Camelback Drive, Mount Airy, Md., 21771.



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REMEMBERED— Mary Gibson, pictured in 1997 with her husband, retired Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, former commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, died March 1. A celebration-of-life memorial will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Fort Myer (Va.) Old Chapel.

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