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It's hard to believe that only seven years ago creating a web site was a new idea — one the Army didn't really like. That didn't stop the Historical Office from charging ahead and creating what is now considered one of the premier historical web sites in the country.

"I remember when I discovered the Internet," Claus Martel, AMCOM historian and web master for the Historical Office, said. "Our office was using PCs — 286s, 386s — and we had a little 5-inch black and white screen Macintosh we used for e-mail. That's when I realized the Internet was out there but it was archaic looking. I found one Army site at Fort Leavenworth (Mo.) and all it had was a list of who

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BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE— Historian Claus Martel created this montage as a sampling of the quality and diversity found on Redstone's Historical web site, which includes thousands of pictures and hundreds of online videos.

Korean War veteran finally gets medal in recognition of wounds 49 years ago

Purple Heart awarded in surprise ceremony

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If you knew Virginia Crislip, you'd know how hard it was for her to keep a secret, especially in her small town of Grant. But she did. For eight months she worked covertly with fellow church member and AMCOM employee Don Dixon in an effort to secure a Purple Heart medal for her husband, William, who had been wounded in the Korean War.

On March 10, William Crislip, 72, was presented with the Purple Heart in a surprise presentation ceremony at New Life United Methodist Church.

"I don't know how they kept it from me," Crislip said of his wife, Dixon and other church and family members involved in the ceremony. "I don't know how she kept her mouth shut all that time but I didn't see it coming."

In fact, that morning before church,

Crislip told his wife he didn't want to stay after church for the special ceremony the pastor had announced the previous week.

"I didn't say a word about it," Virginia said. "I just went about getting ready. But then when Pastor Phil (Howell) announced that an Army general would be making the presentation, Bill tapped my arm and said, 'I want to stay and see this.'"

"When Pastor Phil said they were going to honor me, I didn't know what to think," Crislip said. "I do stuff around the church but nothing to be honored for. When they asked me to come up on stage, I almost couldn't make it."

As the official party filed in, Crislip was overwhelmed. Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of AMCOM and Redstone led the way, followed by CSM Roscoe Johnson, AMCOM, Lisa Ramsey, field representative from Sen. Jeff Session's office, Don Powers, commander, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Glen Whitaker, VFW Post 6037 district chaplain, about 20 distinguished veterans and Crislip's own family and friends who didn't regularly attend

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Photo by Kim Gillespie

KIND-HEARTED VETERAN— William Crislip, along with his wife, Virginia, receives a Purple Heart medal at his church March 10, nearly 49 years after he was wounded in the Korean War. Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, presented the award.

Letters to the editor

It's time to question road sign

The sign on Martin Road east (Gate 1) that denotes the hours of operation for the gate appears incorrect to me. The hours are shown in military time, but a colon is included to separate the hours and minutes. My understanding of the correct form for military time is that no colon is used, e.g. 0600. As a

person who works for the military, I believe that this should be corrected.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided the following response. "Thank you very much for bringing this to our attention. The sign will be corrected immediately. Thanks again."

Volunteering makes more than cents

Volunteers are the backbone of the military community. We hear and read statements similar to this very often. Volunteers are the heart and soul of any military community. The value of the skills and services that men and women offer to the soldiers and their family members of the Army cannot be measured in mere dollars and cents. The value of a volunteer far transcends any tangible rewards they could be given because the time they so freely donate is given out of desire to better the community in which we all live. They are at their respective jobs because they want to be, and because they can help improve the quality of life for every member of the Redstone Arsenal community.

More and more employers are realizing the value of skills learned and dedication displayed while volunteering.

Most of us will never do great things,

but we can do small things in a great way. Everyone can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love.

There are volunteer opportunities that allow everyone to use the skills and talents they want to share. The Army Community Service is no exception to that rule. We have a great volunteer program that reflects diversity in opportunities to learn and grow through volunteerism. The goal of the Army Community Service is to serve the community. This cannot be accomplished without the assistance of dedicated volunteers. If you are interested in helping ACS achieve this goal, please contact the Army Community Service at 876-5397.

Sharon Samuelson

ACS volunteer coordinator

No-taxi rule may be off base

I had vehicle problems and called a taxi to get to work. The driver of the taxi informed me he was not allowed on base so I had to walk from the security gate. I, nor none of the people I have spoken to, knew this. I did call the MP Desk sergeant and confirmed the no taxi rule. I have three questions. First, since food delivery people can come on post, can I call them for a ride to work the next time I run into vehicle trouble? Second, will the on-post taxi pick someone up at a gate? Third, will the gate guards let a person use their phone when this occurs?

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Provost Marshal Office provided the following response. "The Provost Marshal Office would like to thank you for bringing the taxi issue to our attention. Under the current force protection condition, courtesy vans and commercial taxis are not allowed access to the

installation. That policy is currently under review to determine if procedures can be implemented to provide a balance between commercial taxi access and the requirement to provide installation security. The director of logistics is currently reviewing the military on-post taxi service contract. The on-post taxi service is for official use only and will not transport personnel from the gates to their place of duty. This service is offered by our base support contractor and is provided for government employees conducting official business on Redstone Arsenal. Redstone security personnel will be happy to allow an individual to use their phone to contact their organization to arrange transportation.

"To preclude similar situations from occurring in the future, any change to the installation's security procedures, where possible, will be publicized to keep the work force informed."

Commander reports from Afghan front

The following is an e-mail to me from Bob Nesbitt, the president of the 187th Regimental Combat Team Association that I belong to. Mr. Nesbitt included an e-mail from Col. Frank Wiercinski, brigade commander of the 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Ky., also commander of the Task Force Rakkasan currently deployed in Kandahar, Afghanistan. ('Rakkasan' is a Japanese word for 'paratroopers,' a nickname the soldiers of the 187th Infantry Regiment acquired as they were the first foreign army unit to occupy Japan after Japan surrendered to the Allies at the end of World War II.)

I would like to share Col. Wiercinski's exclusive account of how his soldiers (known as "Rakkasans") performed during Operation Anaconda with readers of the Redstone Rocket...

John Yim

former "Rakkasan"

Editor's note: Here's the text of the electronic-mail message from Col. Frank Wiercinski. "The air assault tab would be exceptional since that is exactly how we went — right down their throats. They didn't expect anyone would be able to do what we did and get as close to them in mass so quickly. The precision and speed of the air assault brigade was not what they thought about. I am very proud of your young Rakkasans. They fought with a tenacity and courage, they overcame direct and indirect fire, drove on, took care of one another and destroyed the enemy by the hundreds. We did take casualties, but all are stable and — by the grace of God, great planning, and great training — no KIAs to this point. It is what I am most proud of. The Rakkasans have struck a blow to the Al Qaida that will take them back years. There are several hundred Al Qaida that will never drive an airplane into our homes again.

"I don't know what the news back home is saying, but the key word everywhere here is Rakkasan! You can hear it from other units and from Afghan children. The Rakkasan Screaming

Eagle Brigade was the perfect force for this fight and this terrain. The mountains we flew through and the LZs we landed on were at the 9,000 feet level in the snow and freezing cold. After fighting through their defenses, we destroyed the Al Qaida training camps, exploited their caves and bunkers and destroyed their weapons caches. The Apache attack helicopters laid down devastating fire for the Chinook transport helicopters to land. They did this under intense fire from the ridge lines, were hit multiple times and were so survivable that they continued to return time and again. The Air Force close air support bombed their concentrations and bunker complexes. We were able to resupply ourselves with food and ammo by sling loading in the same Chinook and Black Hawk helicopters, another thing they didn't think we had the capability to do.

"Predictions were that the soldiers would become sick from the altitude after 24-48 hours and would not be able to maintain their stamina. They didn't know they were talking about Rakkasan Screaming Eagles. We humped loads of 100 pounds and more through the mountains at 9,000 feet for 10 days, fighting as we went, both up and down the mountain slopes. No one quit, no one gave up, no one got 'sick' — they would not leave their Rakkasan buddy. Can't begin to tell you how proud I am of these soldiers. Before we went into the fight, I talked to them about their history and lineage as Rakkasans — I believe it is a big factor of our success. I will write more later, but know that these young Rakkasans did us all proud. The 101st Air Assault Museum now, and the new Rakkasan wing of the new museum, will be adding the exploits of the Air Assault Rakkasans to their displays and walls. And although we all cherish the Rakkasan wall memorial at the pylon, I am most pleased not to have to add another hero's name to this point. May God continue to grant us His grace and watch over us all. My very best to all — from all of us here. Rakkasan! Air Assault!"

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Arkansas plant to produce missile segment for PAC-3 system

New manufacturing facility run by Lockheed Martin

By PAM ROGERS
For the Rocket

One of Team Redstone's weapon systems is poised to make its way to the hands of America's soldiers with the grand opening recently of the new Patriot PAC-3 All Up Round Facility in Camden, Ark.

The plant, owned and operated by Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, will produce the missile segment of the PAC-3 system and could eventually employ up to 200 people when full-rate production begins.

The state-of-the-art manufacturing facility is based on Kaizen, a lean manufacturing concept that encompasses steady, continuous improvement in all areas. Robots are used in several steps of the manufacturing process, according to Lt. Col. Ed Mullin, PAC-3 product manager. One area in which robotic manufacturing is particularly essential is in the placement of attitude control motors, he said. These small solid rocket motors guide the missile during the final seconds of flight as it closes with its target. Each must be placed with exact precision, something

that is extremely difficult for a human worker to do.

"A machine can do the repetitive process the same way — it can load multiple ACMs with no rework. That's not so with humans. Those are the kinds of processes you want to automate," Mullin said.

Dr. Shelba Proffitt, deputy program executive officer for Air and Missile Defense, noted during opening ceremonies at the plant that PAC-3 is currently the only fielded hit-to-kill missile capable of defeating theater ballistic missiles carrying weapons of mass destruction, and that the people of Camden would be playing a big role in what could prove to be a long legacy in missile defense.

"We'll be making them for at least 20 years. It will probably evolve into another system, so it may go as long as 40 years," she said.

Col. Tom Newberry, Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense project manager, expressed his pride as a native son of Arkansas that Camden was able to land the PAC-3 work, adding that he was convinced the work force at the Camden plant will produce an unsurpassed product for America's soldiers.

"Those men and women out there defending us deserve the absolute best equipment we can provide," he said.



Lockheed Martin photo by Scott McGill

GRAND OPENING— From left are Steve Graham, Mike Trotsky and Ed Squires, all of Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control; Col. Tom Newberry, LTPO project manager; and Lt. Col. Gene Stockal of MDA.

PAC-3 is the latest version of Patriot that kills incoming targets through kinetic energy rather than with a warhead. It is managed by the Missile Defense Agency in Washington, D.C. and executed by the PEO AMD and LTPO in Huntsville.

Industrial worker recovering from burns suffered in mishap

An employee of the post support contractor was seriously burned March 12 in an industrial accident near building 3440.

James "Jack" Lang, a high-voltage lineman with Chugach, was working with two other linemen in trimming tree limbs away from power lines. They were repositioning the aerial bucket truck, with Lang as ground guide, when the ground he was standing on beside a steam pit

gave way and he fell into a cavity full of hot water from a leaking underground condensate return line. He caught himself under his armpits but his lower legs were immersed in hot water.

Lang suffered second-degree burns, officials said. He was taken to Huntsville Hospital and then to University of Alabama-Birmingham Burn Unit where he was listed in good condition March 13.

Chapel announces Holy Week activities

Bicentennial Chapel provided the following list of Easter week activities at the chapel:

Catholic — March 28, Holy Thursday at 5 p.m.; March 29, Good Friday at 6 p.m.; March 30, Easter Vigil at 7 p.m.; and March 31, Easter Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

Protestant — March 24, Palm Sun-

day at 11 a.m.; March 28, Last Supper at 7 p.m.; March 31, Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. behind building 3714; March 31, Breakfast at 8 a.m.; and March 31, Easter Service at 11 a.m.

For more information, call Bicentennial Chapel at 876-2409.



Courtesy photo

PX book signing

New York Times best-selling author Joe Weber, who served in the Marine Corps from 1970-75 as a carrier-qualified fighter/attack trained pilot, will be at the Post Exchange on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to autograph his book "Dancing with the Dragon." Weber lives near Pensacola, Fla., with his wife of 23 years, Jeannie.

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Missile school still serving Army after 50 years of training

People through years have ensured quality

By SKIP VAUGHN
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It's been 50 years since the missile schoolhouse doors first opened at Redstone Arsenal.

Since then the name has changed but the essential mission has remained the same: providing quality training to soldiers. People have made that happen through the past five decades, beginning in 1952 with the establishment of the Provisional Redstone Ordnance School.

Current members, alumni and friends from the community gathered Friday to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. The site for the event Heritage Hall, formerly the post theater, was renamed Heiser Hall during the ceremony.

And the 59th Ordnance Brigade headquarters building 3300 was renamed Newhall Hall.

"Today we are here to celebrate the tremendous accomplishments of this school over the past 50 years," said Col. David Hafele, who became the school's 30th commandant in June 2001.

The name Heiser Hall honors Lt. Gen. Joseph Heiser, an Ordnance Corps logistician known as "the father of munitions" who died in 1994. Newhall Hall honors Col. Henry Newhall, who served as commandant of the Ordnance Guided Missile School from 1955-59 and died in 1975.

Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, one of the three guest speakers, recalled how the school and Huntsville have grown up together. "Huntsville was put on the map by the work that was done at Redstone Arsenal," said Spencer, a resident since age 7.

Ken Carroll retired as OMMCS assistant commandant in 1999 after serving the school in various roles for 41 years. "I

cannot emphasize enough the quality of people that worked at the school during my tenure," he said.

Retired Lt. Gen. Charles Eifler, who served as sixth commandant of the Ordnance Guided Missile School from 1959-61, pointed out the significance of the

words under the school's crest "Scientia ad Justitiam" which means "knowledge for righteousness."

"The school needs to be sure that every soldier that steps out of here has got to be honest and precise in what he does," Eifler said.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

NEW NAME— The former Heritage Hall is renamed Heiser Hall during the ceremony held Friday for the 50th anniversary of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. From left are Col. David Hafele, OMMCS commandant; retired Col. Joel Heiser of Charleston, S.C., son of the late Lt. Gen. Joseph Heiser, and the retired colonel's wife, Brigitte.

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Missile intercept test over Pacific Ocean deemed successful

Program has four hits
out of six attempts

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT RELEASE

The Missile Defense Agency announced Friday it has successfully completed a test involving a planned intercept of an intercontinental ballistic missile target. The test took place over the central Pacific Ocean.

A modified Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile target vehicle was launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., and a prototype interceptor was launched approximately 20 minutes later and 4,800 miles away from the Ronald Reagan Missile Site, Kwajalein Atoll, in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The intercept took place approximately 10 minutes after the interceptor was launched, at an altitude in excess of 140 miles above the earth and during the

midcourse phase of the target warhead's flight. This was the fourth successful intercept for the Ground-based Midcourse Defense Segment, formerly known as National Missile Defense.

The test successfully demonstrated exoatmospheric kill vehicle flight performance and "hit to kill" technology to intercept and destroy a long-range ballistic missile target. In addition to the EKV locating, tracking and intercepting the target resulting in its destruction using only the body-to-body impact, this test also demonstrated the ability of system elements to work together as an integrated system. The test involved the successful integrated operation of space and ground-based sensors and radars, as well as the Battle Management, Command Control and Communications function to detect the launch of the target missile, cue an early warning radar to provide more

detailed target location data; and integration of a prototype X-Band radar (based at Kwajalein) to provide precise target data to the EKV, which received the target updates from the In-Flight Interceptor Communications Systems at Kwajalein.

The EKV separated from its rocket booster more than 1,400 miles from the target warhead. After separation, it used its on-board infrared and visual sensors, augmented with the X-Band radar data provided by BMC3 via the In-Flight Interceptor Communications System, to locate and track the target. Sensors aboard the EKV also successfully selected the target instead of three balloon decoys. Only system-generated data was used for the intercept after the EKV separated from its booster rocket. A C-band transponder aboard the target warhead did not provide any tracking or targeting information to the interceptor after the interceptor was launched.

Officials said the test was a major step in an aggressive developmental test program, and was the fourth successful intercept in six attempts. They will continue to pursue this testing regime to achieve a layered approach to missile defense, using different architectures to deter the growing threat of ballistic missiles carrying weapons of mass destruction.

Over the next several weeks, government and industry program officials will conduct an extensive analysis of the data received during the flight test to determine whether anomalies or malfunctions occurred during the test, evaluate system performance and determine whether or not all flight test objectives were met. Since the system is in the developmental phase of design and testing, performance of individual elements and the overall system integration was as important as the actual intercept.

Missile school's worldwide conference focuses on Army transformation

Defining force of future
among event's objectives

By MSgt. PHILLIPS LABOY
832nd Ordnance Battalion

Last week once again the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, under the command of commandant Col. David Hafele, took time out to sponsor the 2002 Worldwide Ammunition, Missile, Test, and Electronics Maintenance Conference here.

The conference focused on Gen. Eric

Shinseki's, the Army chief of staff's, vision of finding the right technological solutions to allow the Army to put a combat force of one brigade anywhere in the world in 96 hours, a division in 120 hours, and five divisions on the target area within 30 days.

Part of the WAMTEMC this year focused on the Objective Force and how it would look in the distant future. The Objective Force was defined as a full spectrum force manned, organized, equipped and trained to be strategically responsive, deployable, agile, versatile,

lethal, survivable and sustainable across the wide spectrum of operations on tomorrow's battlefield. The goal of all this specificity is to allow our leaders and soldiers the opportunity to fight, survive and win on the battlefield of the future.

Attendees for this year's WAMTEMC included representatives that briefed Brigade Combat Team program updates, Transforming the Army to the Objective Force, Munitions transformation strategy, and a presentation on G-4 logistics transformation, to list a few. All of these areas focused on Shinseki's intent for our Army

to be the most esteemed institution in the nation, the most respected Army in the Free World, and the most feared ground force to those whose actions would threaten the vital interests of the United States worldwide. Finally, the OMMCS staff hopes that all attendees of WAMTEMC will leave with a true understanding of the transformation process and what the final objective will look like when we get there.

Editor's note: MSgt. Phillips Laboy is NCO-in-charge of the support office for 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

Historical Office web site earns widespread acclaim

History

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worked there and what their titles were. There was nothing on it."

But that little trip to the world wide web opened the door of possibilities for Martel. People were constantly calling the office looking for pictures and information about the command, from its early production years during World War II, to the von Braun rocket team, and then later as a center for excellence in missilery and aviation.

At the time, the historical office had two very popular publications in print, "Redstone Arsenal — Yesterday and Today" and "Redstone Arsenal Chronology." Martel knew a web site would be the perfect place to showcase the information, making it available to anyone interested.

With the help from folks at the Corporate Information Center, and armed with three meaty items for show on the site, the Redstone Historical web site was launched April 18, 1995.

"We were so proud," Michael Baker, command historian, said. "It was the first Army web site to have content, not just talk about personnel and who they were."

That first month the site got 274 hits, all but one was from the historical office

staff themselves.

"We'd go out in the hall and drag people in, plop them down in front of the little black-and-white screen and show them what we'd done," Martel said.

Because the technology was cutting edge and the site was managed by another organization, the process of updating it was cumbersome. By September 1995, Baker gave Martel the go ahead to explore the possibilities and manage the site himself.

"A lot of the early work that went on was done out of pocket," Baker said. "Claus put in long hours learning many things just by trial and error. He invested a lot of himself."

Around the same time, the Chief of Military History created a strategic planning panel and held a meeting at Redstone. Baker was on the panel and had a firsthand look at how his new historical web site was received.

"They didn't like it," Baker said, smiling at the irony of that first meeting. "They thought putting Army history on a web site was undignified and didn't like our blue collar attempt."

The panel was back here in October '97 with the Chief of Military History's web master in tow. By then the Redstone site had an archive of more than 1,000 pictures and had begun videos online.

"They were still against photos and

didn't want video online," Martel said. "Now they have pictures galore on their web site and several people working on it. If you look at our web site and then theirs, you can see ours is the base for their site. But we're still unique in having a full multimedia experience."

The site was growing, changing, pushing the edge and getting recognized for it across the country. It was written up in the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, *Newsweek* and even in an encyclopedia. In 1997, the Army Materiel Command acknowledged it as an outstanding site.

Other commands are seeing it as a standard to achieve. In 2000 Baker was invited to Fort Rucker by the TRADOC historian to share with his group the evolution of the site and lessons learned.

By the middle of 2001 the site was averaging about 700,000 hits monthly. Then Sept. 11 struck. Within a week of the terrorist attacks, the government shut down all of its public web sites pending review.

"We thought that was going to be the death of us," Martel said. "We were off line for a month. Before we could come back on, we had to justify everything on the site. Lori Pendley from CIC was great to work with. We were one of the first sites back up."

But a lot was missing. Security scrubbed the site to eliminate information that could be considered a security risk. Most of the information contained on the

web site was approved but the links to many other sites, including many military sites, had to be pulled.

"Because other government sites were not in compliance with the new security mandates, we couldn't offer a link to them," Baker said. "Our aviation sister site was pulled and it looks like it will be a while before it comes back online."

What's frustrating for Baker and Martel is to see other public government sites and even contractor sites, still providing detailed information about weapon systems, planes, helicopters and equipment while the historical aviation site is still being scrutinized.

— With just a click of a few keys, Baker was able to pull from an Army web site the mission, description and specifications for the Multiple Launch Rocket System, including foreign counterparts, foreign military sales, program status and projected activities.

"And yet the EEO web site is still off line because of national security," Martel said.

With so many other government sites off line, Redstone's historical site was inundated with e-mails and the e-mail option had to be removed.

"We had hundreds of them," Baker said. "People looking for jobs, questions about retirement checks, facility rental, medal

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CID agents on lookout for credit card fraud

Employees caught misusing government purchase cards

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Just don't do it. If you are authorized to use a government credit card to purchase supplies and services, don't use the card for anything other than official business. If you do, you'll be committing fraud against the U.S. government and the Criminal Investigation Command will be watching.

"Recently we've had a lot of employees divert government property for their own personal use," Janet Salas, a special agent with CID at Redstone Arsenal, said. In 2001, there were two cases of credit card fraud and the cost to the government was \$5,036.19. Salas said some fraud suspects purchased items such as groceries for their family or a VCR and a recent credit card fraud investigation resulted in a washer and dryer being seized as evidence.

How does a cardholder get away with making such purchases?

"They get on the computer and it's so easy (to make a purchase), they figure we can't check on everything," Salas said. "But they don't realize, it may take us a while - we may get a little information and we don't open up on it until six months to a year later - but we will get to it."

She explained that in most cases the approving officials or supervisors were not doing the checks and balances as they should. They should at least try to do random 10 percent spot checks, she said. The approving official, also known as the billing official, is ultimately responsible for purchases made with the government credit card.

"All the cardholders and billing officials



Photo by Beth Skarupa
ROOM FOR EVIDENCE— Janet Salas, a special agent in the Criminal Investigation Command, stands beside evidence seized during a government credit card fraud investigation.

have another job," Betty Jo Cloud, the agency organization program coordinator for the AMCOM government purchase card, said. That's why she offers required training monthly for people new to the program and voluntary refresher training quarterly for current cardholders and billing officials. In addition, the current cardholders and billing officials are required to attend her annual training session.

"I do so many (training sessions) because everybody has other jobs. I try to keep them updated on new regulations this way and I also keep them updated by e-mail and anything I think might help them do a better job I do by e-mail, too," Cloud said.

She noted that the government purchase card she works with is also com-

monly referred to as the "IMPAC card." It is used to purchase base support type supplies and services. It is not the same as the government credit card used for travel.

Last month Salas became a regular guest speaker at Cloud's training sessions to discuss fraud, theft and mishandling of the purchase card. She also plans to speak at training sessions at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. As part of the training, she explains what CID is and warns cardholders and billing officials not to abuse the card or they could get caught.

"The biggest thing is, people think it's the government's money so it doesn't matter if they spend it. But it's our money, it's all of ours," Salas said.

Sometimes employees are caught mishandling the government credit card. Often they say their supervisor told them to make a questionable purchase, but Salas cautioned that it's the cardholder's responsibility to make sure each purchase is authorized and necessary.

"For example, we had people buying their own water (for the office) because it didn't taste good. You can't do that unless you go through Environmental and have the drinking water tested ... A lot of times we hear, 'Well my boss told me to get it.' But if they knew it was wrong, they're still responsible. The IOP (Internal Operating Procedure) states up to date information. If you're in doubt, call Betty Jo and she'll set you straight. She'll put you in the right direction," Salas said.

Usually CID finds out about fraud through sources that call them with information. Internal Review and Audit Compliance can also audit a cardholder and ask for records going back three years. Records are compared to the nonexpendable items on the property book.

"The cardholder cannot redelegate

their authority, so another person cannot give the credit card number on the telephone or take you out shopping with the card - it's fraud against the U.S. government if they do so," Cloud said. "Nonexpendable items must go through the property office and be bar coded, that's very important. All items must be purchased for official government business and should not leave Redstone - in other words, don't take them home."

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Criminal Investigation Command

As stated in the IOP, intentional use of a government purchase card for other than official government business "will be considered an attempt to commit fraud against the U.S. government and the cardholder will be personally liable to the government for either the amount of any non-approved purchases or possibly subjected to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 287."

"It's right out there for them, so they can't say they don't know (that it's wrong)," Cloud said. She urged cardholders and approving officials to call her at 876-1024 if they have questions about purchases.

If you have information about a possible case of government credit card fraud, call CID at 876-2037 or call the military police at 876-2222. Salas said details must be provided to support accusations, but sources can be kept confidential.

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his church.

"That commanding general of the Arsenal, he's a nice person; and the command sergeant major was a nice guy," Crislip said. "It was the first time I ever got to shake a general's hand. And they both gave me coins. It was really wonderful."

Dodgen also gave Virginia a coin, one her grandson "wants desperately but there's no way," she said. "That was as neat as it could be and I'm hanging onto mine."

Dodgen and Johnson presented the Purple Heart medal and certificate to Crislip. Ramsey also presented a letter from Sessions. A brief history of the Purple Heart was read, along with a summary of how Crislip was injured.

"I was an infantryman in Fox Company, 32nd Infantry Division," Crislip said. "When we got to the front line, they handed me a Browning automatic rifle and pointed me in the right direction."

A few months later on May 9, 1953, Crislip was standing watch at the outpost in front of the main line.

"All the sudden there was mortar and artillery coming in," he said. "A couple of us got in the bunker but it took a direct hit. I was buried under the rubble. I don't remember anything after the explosion. Danny Oakley dug me out. I spent almost two months in the hospital with a brain concussion."

Because of his injuries, Crislip didn't return to his unit but was assigned to a postal unit as a finance clerk in Wonju, Korea. Since he never returned to his combat unit, he was never awarded the Purple Heart.

"I always thought you had to shed blood for your country to get that medal," Crislip said. "I had some cuts and scrapes but nothing that I thought was enough to get a Purple Heart."

Crislip is still affected in his shoulders, head and neck by those injuries.

After two years of service, Crislip was honorably discharged in 1954 and returned to his manufacturing job in Ann Arbor, Mich., where he met his wife, Virginia. They both worked for the same company. They both retired from the company in 1982 when it was announced that the company was moving to Huntsville.

They expected to stay in Michigan. After all, his daughter and son and their children lived there. Virginia's daughter, Geri, however, worked for the same company as Crislip and chose to move to Huntsville.

"We came down here over the winter to help Geri remodel her kitchen," Crislip said. "A couple of years later, Geri and her husband bought a cabin here on Preston Island. She called us up and asked us to come down and live in the cabin while we remodeled it."

Eventually, Crislip sold his home in Michigan and moved to Preston Island.

Crislip's children Katy and Frederick were unable to make the trip with their families to attend the ceremony but Geri was quite a help in the preparation.



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BASIC TRAINING— William Crislip was drafted as an infantryman 1952 and just five months later suffered serious injuries when his bunker was shelled by North Korean soldiers. He was awarded the Purple Heart March 10.

"We're here together all the time so I couldn't do much calling or e-mail," Virginia said. "Geri helped with that and with the cakes for the reception afterwards."

Getting the necessary forms from William's military service without him getting suspicious took some ingenuity.

"I saw something on television about knowing where your personal papers are and asked Bill where his military papers were. I told him I wanted to copy them and put them in the Bibles."

It was just clever enough to work. Virginia was able to get the papers to Dixon, who had approached her earlier about trying to get a Purple Heart for Crislip.

Through casual conversation at their church, Dixon discovered that Crislip was never awarded the honor due him and wanted to see if he could do something about it. He talked to Virginia and the two decided to keep it a secret, just in case it didn't work out.

"Even though I work in CPAC, I don't know much about the military system," Dixon, chief of customer support B, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at the Aviation and Missile Command, said. "Lew Spencer guided me through the process and helped me get the information and documents to the right people for verification." Dixon received the Purple Heart in the mail in January, after about eight months of paperwork, and set about organizing a presentation.

"General Dodgen graciously agreed to do the presentation but it was nice that several others would have been honored to do it as well," Dixon said.

In talking about his war days, Crislip admits that when he was drafted, "I didn't want to go. When I was up on the line, if anybody would have run, I would have passed them but nobody ran. I figured if the guy next to me had guts enough to stay, I'm not going to leave him. After it was all over, I was glad I put in my time."

When he talks about his medal and all the people that made it possible, his voice quivers with emotion.

"Nothing like this has ever happened to me before," he said. "I just can't explain what it means to me. And that all those people would go to all that trouble... well, that is love."

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President Bush creates Homeland Security Advisory System

Initiatives aimed at improving coordination, communication in fight against terrorism

By LINDA KOZARYN
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Federal, state and local authorities, law enforcement agents and the American people need to know about terrorist threats as quickly as possible.

To ensure that happens, President Bush on March 12 signed a directive creating the Homeland Security Advisory System. White House officials say the system is the foundation for building an effective communications structure.

Part of a series of initiatives to improve coordination and communication in the fight against terrorism, the advisory system would provide a national framework for federal, state and local governments and private industry, allowing officials to communicate the nature and degree of terrorist threats.

Government officials would determine if a threat is credible and whether it has been corroborated. They'd also determine the gravity of the threat and whether it is specific and imminent.

Government officials would also characterize levels of vigilance, preparedness and readiness in a series of graduated

threat conditions. These threat conditions would help federal, state and local government officials, law enforcement agents and citizens decide what action they could take to help counter and respond to terrorist activity.

Based on the threat level, federal agencies would then implement protective measures that the government and the private sector would take to reduce vulnerabilities. States and localities would be encouraged to adopt compatible systems. The advisory system would also include public announcements of threat advisories and alerts and inform people about government steps to counter the threat. The announcements would also provide information to help people respond to the threat.

Heightened threat conditions could be declared for the entire nation, for a specific geographic area, or for a functional or industrial sector, White House officials said. Officials would use a color-coded system: conditions green, blue, yellow, orange and red.

Condition Green would indicate a low threat of terrorist attack. Government and law enforcement authorities would refine and exercise protective measure plans and regularly assess facilities for vulnerabilities and take steps to reduce them.

Condition Blue would indicate a general risk of terrorist attack. Among other precautions, authorities would check com-

munications with emergency response and command locations. They would also review and update emergency response procedures and provide the public with necessary information.

Condition Yellow would indicate significant risk of terrorist attacks. Protective measures would include increasing surveillance of critical locations; coordinating emergency plans with nearby jurisdictions and implementing contingency and emergency response plans, as appropriate.

Condition Orange would indicate a high risk of terrorist attacks. Authorities would coordinate security efforts with armed forces or law enforcement agencies and prepare to work at an alternate site or with a dispersed work force and restrict access to essential personnel only. Additional precaution would be taken at public

events.

Condition Red would indicate severe risk of terrorist attacks. In this case, emergency response personnel would be assigned and specially trained teams would be pre-positioned. Authorities would monitor, redirect or constrain transportation systems, close public and government facilities and increase or redirect personnel to address critical emergency needs.

The president has given the attorney general responsibility for developing, implementing and managing the Homeland Security Advisory System. Government and law enforcement officials and the public will have 45 days to comment on the plan. Ninety days later, in coordination with the Office of Homeland Security, the attorney general will present a system to the president for approval.



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1950s bash

Dan Ahern and Christof Howard consider their selections on the jukebox during a Morale, Welfare and Recreation awards ceremony Feb. 28 at the Officers and Civilians Club. The club offers many theme parties for corporate functions, luncheons, awards ceremonies and office get-togethers. For information call 830-CLUB (2582).

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Registered nurse focuses on eye health and safety

Annual vision examination, eye protection prescribed

By NITA JONES
Fox Army Health Center

A thorough eye examination every year or two (annually after age 60) is essential to maintaining eye health and good vision; but, says the American Optometric Association, practicing good eye care habits between exams also helps.

Some things to do: wear sunglasses with maximum ultraviolet protection (block 99-100 percent of UV-A and UV-B); eat a low-fat diet that includes at least five fruits and vegetables; wear proper eye safety equipment when doing eye hazardous activities at work and home or when participating in eye hazardous sports; take periodic rest breaks from your computer or other close work to relax

your eyes; find out how any drugs you are taking may affect your vision; be alert for symptoms indicating a need for prompt consultation with your optometrist. These include blurred or distorted vision, pain in the eye, squinting, eye irritation or eye fatigue.

Motorcycle safety

Most people know that a helmet makes motorcycling safer, but three other things set the safe motorcyclist apart from the unsafe one, according to the American Optometric Association: visibility, eye protection and good vision skills.

Motorcyclists can increase visibility by putting open triangles of reflective material on the front, sides and back of helmets. For greater daytime visibility, fill the triangles with daylight fluorescent material. Motorcycle headlight use during the day is required in many states and can make a difference in visibility. Sound eye protec-

tion means wearing goggles or face shields made of tough polycarbonate plastic to protect eyes from dust, dirt and flying objects. And bikers need good vision skills, sharp distance vision, good "teamwork" between the eyes, the ability to change focus from near to far quickly and the ability to see in low light, and that means regular eye examinations, AOA says.

Home gardening

Safety goggles are a must for home gardeners, says the American Optometric Association. Power lawn trimmers alone cause more than 1,500 eye injuries a year. Tree or bush branches can cause painful scratches to the eye. Fertilizers and weed killers have the potential to cause burns or eye irritations. The association recommends gardeners wear wrap-around safety goggles made of polycarbonate, a plastic that is the strongest lens material available. Gardeners should look for a label saying the goggles meet the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Z87.1 standard. Since ordinary prescription glasses, contact lenses and sunglasses do not provide adequate protection in eye hazardous situations, safety goggles should be worn over them, the association says.

Editor's note: Nita Jones is a registered nurse in occupational health at Fox Army Health Center. March is Eye Health and Safety Month.



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Women's History speaker

Earla Lockhart, staff minister for the First Missionary Baptist Church, is scheduled speaker for the Women's History Month program Thursday from 2-3:30 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. The Team Redstone Women's History Month Program Committee will present "Women Sustaining the American Spirit." For more information call SFC Annie Bryant of AMCOM Equal Employment Opportunity Office at 876-8648, SFC Ann Pegram of OMMCS EO Office at 842-9765; Roals Douglas, program chairman, at 842-9283 or Priscilla Caraway-Vinson, Publicity Committee, 313-2121.



Photo by Ken Case

Corpus Christi funeral

Col. James Budney, commander of Corpus Christi Depot, Texas, presents to Dorothy Sheehan-Jones the American flag that was draped over the casket of her husband, retired Col. Luther Griffin Jones Jr. who commanded the depot from 1968-71. The retired colonel died March 3. He was 85.

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Mayor views Pentagon banner, says America has changed

By JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Mayor Mary Manross of Scottsdale, Ariz., looked proudly today at a banner from her city that hangs in the Pentagon. She said Scottsdale's gesture was motivated by a desire to "do something" in the days after the terrorist attacks on the United States.

Manross, in town for meetings of the

National League of Cities, said the attacks in New York and on the Pentagon changed everything, even for cities far away from the scenes.

Speaking personally, she said, the attacks changed the way Americans relate with their families and each other. "Speaking as the mayor, I can tell you it has changed the way our city operates," she said. "We've had some changes in priorities. We're really trying to plan ahead,

because the technologies will be far more sophisticated in the future."

She said cities have come to realize that they are going to have to "sacrifice other things to ensure our safety and to work regionally and statewide and nationally."

Security has become a concern of residents of Scottsdale, located near Phoenix, in a way not contemplated before the attacks. There are millions of people in the area, and there are a number of military bases nearby.

"The largest nuclear power plant in the world is in the desert west of us, so we have to be cognizant of that security, too," she said.

The banner, hanging in Corridor 9 of

the Pentagon, is one tangible result of the change in America, Manross said. "Two days after the 11th, our community was distraught and upset like the rest of the country," she said.

The city held a meeting at the Scottsdale Stadium. "People only had 24 hours' notice that it was happening, but we had thousands of people come to the ball field," she continued. "People came to pray together to get some comfort from one another. Out on the baseball field, we had people signing the banners.

"We wanted to send the message here that folks are not forgotten and that everybody cares and everybody is praying for them."



Photo by Jim Garamone

ARIZONA GREETINGS— Mayor Mary Manross of Scottsdale, Ariz., visits the Pentagon corridor where hangs a banner signed and sent by well-wishers in the Phoenix suburb.

X-Band Radar workers receive individual honors

Col. Tim McKaig, X-Band Radar project manager, presented the following awards March 6 to members of the X-Band Radar Project Office, Ground-Based Midcourse Joint Program Office:

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Federal workers get option for long term care insurance

Early enrollment program set March 25 to May 15

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Over the past year the Office of Personnel Management has provided updates on the progress of implementing Long Term Care Insurance for the federal family. OPM has announced that John Hancock and Metropolitan Life have been selected as the carriers who will offer this valuable new benefit. The two companies have formed a joint venture company that will be dedicated to the implementation and administration of the federal LTC program.

There will be two opportunities for eligible individuals (active and retired civilian employees and uniformed service-members) to enroll in LTCI provided by LTC Partners. The first opportunity, the Early Enrollment Program, will be held from March 25 through May 15. The early enrollment program will allow eligible members of the federal family who already appreciate the need for LTCI to enroll during that time frame. It is important to note that not all plan features will be available during early enrollment. Premium payments may be made to the provider through automatic bank withdrawal and direct billing, however, payroll deduction will not be available. Premium costs, not yet available, will be

announced soon. OPM also plans to provide a calculator on its web site, www.opm.gov/insure/ltc to assist with decisions about LTCI.

The second opportunity to enroll will be the first LTCI open season to be held from July 1 through Dec. 31. At that time all benefits options under the program will be available and payroll deduction will be implemented. Those who enroll under the early enrollment program may switch to payroll deduction during the LTCI open season.

OPM has determined that the provider, LTC Partners, is solely responsible for all core functions that support this program. LTCI may be unfamiliar to many people; employees should rely on the experts at LTC Partners to field any questions that they may have about long term care in general or about any aspect of the plan. Personnelists and/or Army Benefits Center - Civilian (ABC-C) counselors are not to answer any questions regarding this insurance other than to direct employees to the provider.

Employees who are interested in receiving information about long term care will be able to subscribe to a series of informational bulletins being produced by LTC Partners. Post cards for requesting a subscription will be sent through normal distribution channels. LTC Partners will also provide information regarding enroll-

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Enrollment will be made directly with LTC Partners. Enrollments cannot be accepted through any servicing personnel office or the ABC-C. Employees may also

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Longbow milestone

Don Barker, left, deputy program executive officer for tactical missiles, Dr. William H. "Bud" Forster, vice president for Land Combat Systems, Northrop Grumman, and Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sorenson, program executive officer for tactical missiles, tour the Land Combat Systems facility in Research Park. The tour was part of a special event marking the production of the 5,000th Longbow Hellfire missile.

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Army in action

Kinetic Energy Missiles prove speed kills heavy armored targets

Line-of-Sight Anti-Tank system mounted on Humvee vehicles

By SANDY RIEBELING
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Faster than a speeding bullet... That's the beauty of the Army's Line-of-Sight Anti-Tank weapon system. There's no warhead on the 10-foot missile that flies a mile per second. The combination of speed and mass creates enough raw energy to kill any armored threat on the battlefield.

Fitting the weapon onto the top of a Humvee was the real challenge.

"The system has been around a while,"

Col. Jed Sheehan, project manager for Kinetic Energy Missiles, said. "It was developed during the Cold War, mounted on much heavier vehicles like the Bradley. It was supposed to be the main tank killer but when peace broke out and the wall came down, the program was put on a shelf as a technology program. It was good technology but there were no funds."

In the Army's quest to build a lighter, leaner, meaner and more mobile force, they took a second look at LOSAT. The technology had already been proven. The system could provide overwhelming lethality. In 1998 the program entered an Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration for development on a High

Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle. "The test program in the mid '90s worked the bugs out of the system," Leland Middlebrooks, deputy project manager for KEM, said. "We didn't have any technical issues. Now it's mostly integrating it onto the Humvees which are not large vehicles."

Starting with the chassis, wheels and engine of a heavy Humvee, modifications were made to support the weight of four 178-pound, 10-foot missiles plus the box-like Optical Head Assembly fitted between the two sets of missiles. An armored windshield and panels were added for increased survivability.

A blast deflector was installed atop the vehicle to control the effects of the plume of smoke and fire from the rocket motor upon launch.

Missile launch and guidance capabilities are performed through a modified IBAS Electro Optical System that includes a CO2 laser beam, controls, cameras and second generation Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) acquisition sensor, all housed within the vehicle. Additional equipment includes an integrated computer system, flat panel displays, auto tracking for two targets, tactical navigator system and digitized communication.

A crew of three, driver, commander and gunner, operates the LOSAT system. Controls are redundant for the commander and gunner.

When the enemy is spotted, the gunner is able to lock onto the target with the fire control unit, select a missile, and launch. Launch to kill time is 3-5 seconds. When the missile is launched, a 1.3 second burn propels the missile to Mach 5 speed, which is about one mile per second. The missile has an aft-looking receiver that gets data from the fire control unit. To stay on course, small attitude control motors on the missile burn as needed for guidance. The gunner tracks the target while the fire control provides updates to guide the missile to the target. The Humvee must be stationary while firing but because of the short time lapse between fire and kill, within a few seconds, the vehicle can be on the move

again. Or, if needed, additional missiles can be fired only seconds apart.

"This gives our early entry forces firepower they don't have now," Sheehan said. "We can shoot a tank long before he gets in range to shoot us. It also has a secondary mission of bunkers, buildings and fortified positions. There's nothing out there that stands up to it."

Systems for the field Part 4 of series

Fitted on a Humvee, the LOSAT is highly mobile, able to be transported by all the Air Force cargo planes and can be sling-loaded by UH-60 and the CH-47 helicopters.

The program was accelerated in 1999 and is now performing both ACTD and System Design and Development to usher it into the Army's transformation program as a Legacy to Objective Force weapon system.

Risk reduction tests were performed last summer which resulted in a few modifications. Production Qualification Testing to test the fire units being built now is scheduled for February '03. Firing units (Humvee and special equipment) cost about \$3.5 million each. Missiles cost about \$200,000 each. The Army funded procurement for five battalion sets, which equates to 180 firing units including associated equipment such as resupply vehicles and trailers. About 1,660 missiles will be purchased. The contract for the first 144 KEMs from Lockheed Martin is expected to be signed in April.

The 82nd Airborne Division is expected to take delivery of the first 12 fire units in mid FY '03. After they put the system through its paces, additional tweaking and testing will be done before Low Rate Initial Production begins. Fielding of the five selected battalions will be completed in FY '12.

About 30 staff in the Kinetic Energy Missile Project Office manage the LOSAT as part of the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles mission at Redstone.



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OVERWHELMING LETHALITY— The Line-of-Sight Anti-Tank system uses a 10-foot Kinetic Energy Missile fired off a Humvee to obliterate heavy armor on the battlefield.



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Reenlisting in Afghanistan

CSM Daniel R. Wood, right, 4th Battalion, 31st Regiment, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), is reenlisted by Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, on Feb. 20.

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Web site sets record for hits in February

History

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inquiries, operational weapons systems, people restoring old Army equipment and looking for a part. We even had soldiers in the field hit our site looking for information because we're all that's out there."

As a result, hits for February set a record at 844,099. By the end of the

month, the Redstone historical site will have received more than 28 million hits since beginning in April 1995.

Even with the added restrictions, www.redstone.army.mil/history will continue to grow.

"Our goal is to make history come alive," Martel said.

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Win or lose

HHC 59th trying to rise up in postseason basketball tournament

Favorite ends season with 15 straight wins

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It's time for "March Madness" at Pagano Gyn.

The postseason basketball tournament opened Monday night at Pagano for the 12 unit teams. Games start at 6 each night through Thursday and March 25-27. The final for the double-elimination tournament is 6 p.m. March 27, according to recreation assistant Eddie Whitman.

"Raise up," the motto for HHC 59th, could extend into the postseason. HHC 59th (15-2) was clearly the tournament favorite by finishing the regular season

with 15 straight wins. After winning the preseason tournament, HHC 59th opened the season with losses against AMCOM and Delta and has arisen ever since.

"Anybody can beat you on any given night and we're just going to have to stay focused," HHC 59th coach Jerry McIntyre said. "The most important thing is staying out of the losers bracket."

HHC 59th ended the regular season March 12 by beating Charlie Company 64-48. Benjamin Carter, a 6-foot-3 forward, led the way with 16 points. Robert Bullard, a 5-11 guard, added 12 off the bench.

Lemuel Kelly had 17 and Jason Stewart 14 for Charlie (11-7). HHC 59th led 33-26 at halftime.

"We basically rotated, tried to keep our

guys as fresh as possible because we have a small team," McIntyre said. He meant small as in limited numbers since HHC 59th only has seven players.

The starters include Carter, 6-3 forward Patrick Perry, 5-11 center Laevrmonde Watts, 5-11 point guard Sheldon Goldsmith and 6-0 guard Darian Butler. The reserves are Bullard and 6-1 center Levon Green.

Referring to Goldsmith, McIntyre said "he's pretty much solidified our team because he just got in a couple of weeks ago."

In a season final March 11, Bravo team-1 beat Charlie 63-53. Amos Jackson scored 21 points and Donte Fisher had 12 for Bravo-1 (14-4). The Bulldogs led 25-23 at halftime.

Stewart scored 20 points and Tenea

Clark added 10 for Charlie.

Here are the final regular season standings:

Eastern Conference	W	L
HHC 59th	15	2
Bravo-1	14	4
Charlie	11	7
ROTC	12	6
Marines	9	9
K Battery 4/14th Marines	5	13
Charlie 1/167th team-1	2	15

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

Annual event on track for recognizing local school athletes

Sports ball 2002 set for May in club

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The fourth annual sports ball for Huntsville and Madison County schools is May 18 starting at 6 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club.

This catered event, with 60 attendees expected, is to be held in ballrooms 4 and 5.

"Every year we have somebody from the Arsenal," organizer Constance Lee Jones said. Past participants have included post CSM Roscoe Johnson.

The students attend for free, courtesy of various sponsors from throughout the community. Jones' father, Charles Cooke, who died in 1998, started the event for children of all ages.

"We call it 'sports ball.' That's what my dad called it. It's to show good sportsmanship to all the students," said Jones, wife of retired SSgt. James Albert Jones.

After her father died, several people helped Jones keep the event going every year. They included Andre Booker, who

ran track for Johnson High and is now in the Marine Corps.

"I got involved in it in 1999," said Lance Cpl. Booker, stationed in Quantico, Va. "Ms. Jones asked me to help her sell ads and business cards to different businesses and people."

Booker, then a junior at Johnson, attended the sports ball in 1999 and 2000. As a senior, he received a plaque at the event as Johnson's best middle-distance runner. Sponsors pay for each student's meal and plaque; and the honorees include top graduating athletes from area schools.

"It made me feel that somebody recognized and wanted to show their appreciation toward us," Booker said. He graduated from Johnson in 2000 and joined the Marine Corps that June.

Booker, 20, returned to Quantico last Thursday after visiting his mother, Doris Booker Harris of Huntsville. "I just came down here to visit my mother and to carry my daughter (3-year-old Mia Staton) back with me," he said. His wife is Julia Booker, a Baltimore native.

He plans to try out for the base track team at Quantico, schedule permitting. He ran track three years at Johnson including

the 400 meters, 800, 4-by-400 relay, 4-by-800 relay and 300 hurdles. He placed eighth in the 400 meters at the state outdoor meet as a senior.

Booker had track scholarship offers from Stillman College and Alabama State University but joined the Marines instead to support his daughter.

"My father (Willie Booker) was in the Marine Corps during Vietnam," he said. "They said Marine Corps boot camp was harder than the rest of them and I just wanted to go for the challenge."

He said he will try to return to Huntsville in May to attend this year's sports ball.

"It showed recognition of how the people of Huntsville did look at other sports besides just basketball and football. They did recognize track and supported it, even though they (the sponsoring businesses) didn't have kids that went to the school," Booker said.

"I hope this program continues to go on and help other students just like it recognized me and other students that attended school," he said.

For more information about the sports ball, call Jones at 859-4850.

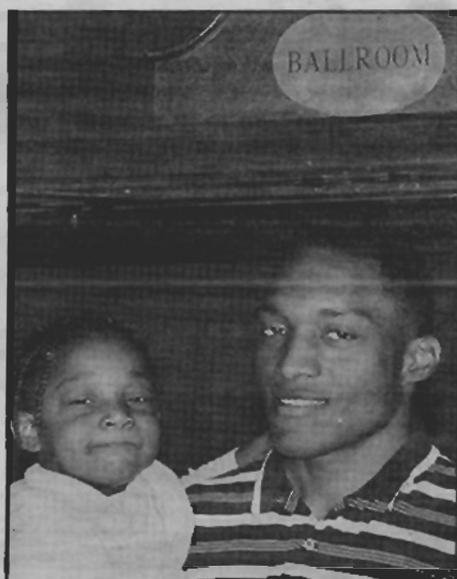


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CLASS OF 2000— Lance Cpl. Andre Booker, holding his 3-year-old daughter, Mia, attended the sports ball in 2000 as a Johnson High senior who starred in track. He will try to return from Quantico, Va., for this year's ball May 18 at the Officers and Civilians Club.



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Rate reduction credit can baffle taxpayers while doing returns

Tax assistance officer provides his answers

By Capt. DOUGLAS MOORE
Tax assistance officer

While the mere thought of new tax law changes makes many taxpayers shake their heads in disgust, most people welcomed the tax rebate check they received last summer. The rebate amount received varied up to \$300 for singles, \$500 for heads of household, and \$600 for those filing married jointly. Most of us did not have any problems spending the money, but now that the 2002 tax season is in full swing many eager tax return preparers have a flurry of questions about how to handle this unexpected windfall.

"How did the tax rebate check come about?" Answer: The Tax Relief Act of 2001 issued the tax rebates to deliver in advance the benefit of the newly created 10 percent tax bracket. This essentially reduced the lowest tax rate from 15 to 10 percent for the first \$6,000 of taxable income for singles, \$12,000 for married couples, and \$10,000 for heads of household. As a result, the maximum rebate amount for each filing status is the same as the maximum tax savings the taxpayer would reap from the 10 percent bracket. For example, a single person having the first \$6,000 of income taxed at 10 percent, instead of 15 percent, realized a tax savings of \$300 - the maximum rebate amount for those filing single. Because the rebate served as an advance payment for the creation of the new 10 percent tax bracket, this new bracket is not included in the 2001 tax tables. Congress simply chose the advance tax rebate in hopes of reinvigorating the slumping economy early, instead of waiting to use the

2001 tax return to effectuate this change.

"How do I report the rebate check on my 2001 tax return if I received the full amount for my filing status?" Answer: If you received the maximum rebate, there is nothing to report on the federal income tax return. While the federal government will not tax the rebate check, most state income tax schemes require you to report this amount for income tax purposes. Check your state tax guide for further information.

Rate reduction credit

"What happens if I did not get the tax rebate check or received less than the maximum rebate amount?" Answer: Taxpayers may be eligible to claim a "rate reduction credit" on the 2001 tax return for the amount they should have received based upon a calculation determined in the Rate Reduction Credit Worksheet provided in the tax instruction booklet. Among those likely to be eligible for the credit are lower income workers who earned more in 2001 than in 2000 or those whose filing status changed in 2001. Since the IRS issued the rebate checks based on amounts reported on the 2000 tax year return, this credit takes into account your 2001 income and filing status in order to determine if you qualify.

"Does the rate reduction credit apply to dependents?" Answer: While dependents were not eligible for tax rebates last year, they cannot technically claim the rate reduction credit. However, they may benefit from the new 10 percent tax rate indirectly by filling out the special "Tax Computation Worksheet for Certain Dependents" in the IRS instruction booklet. Many dependents that had income in 2001 will receive some benefit, but most individuals will likely receive less than the maximum benefit. This is partially due to the fact that depend-

ents tend to have lower income levels as well as the ability to claim a standard deduction of \$4,550. For example, a student worker claimed as a dependent would have to earn at least \$10,550 in order to have \$6,000 of "taxable income" and reap the maximum \$300 tax cut.

Windfall amount

"What happens if I received more of a rebate last year than I was due based on my 2001 income?" Answer: The IRS does not require any taxpayer to return or report the difference of any windfall amount you might have received due to your income being higher in 2000 than in 2001.

"In there confusion in the ranks?" Answer: The IRS has found the rate reduction credit to be a source of many mistakes on this season's tax return. Many taxpayers who received the full rebate amount record it on the line for the rate reduction credit when they should leave it blank. Others who are eligible for the rate reduction credit fail to fill out the credit worksheet inside the tax form instructions and lose the benefit of possible higher refunds. Keep in mind the general concepts outlined above in order to minimize problems on your return. Never fill out the refund credit worksheet if you are not eligible or cannot remember with full certainty the amount of the partial rebate you received. If you received the rebate check last year, but cannot either remember the rebate amount or find your IRS Form 1275 stating the amount, call the IRS automated tax information hotline at 1-800-829-1040 for assistance.

For any further questions on the rate reduction credit or other related 2001 tax issues, please call 313-5727 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit the Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Center located in building 3489 off Ajax Road.

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