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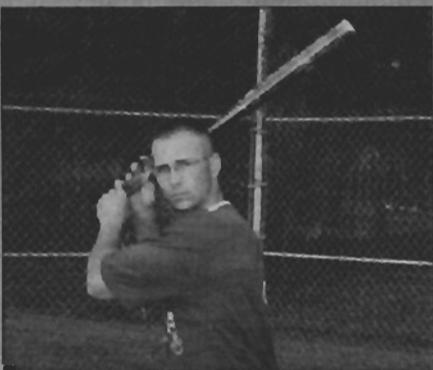
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Provost marshal eyes enhancements

Security changes under consideration should be gradual, mostly transparent

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Redstone's new provost marshal has never been this close to home during his 16-year career.

Maj. Brad Scofield hails from Murfreesboro, Tenn., only a short drive from Redstone Arsenal. He and his family can now travel back and forth to visit his parents and in-laws. It's a welcome difference from their past two years in Korea.

"This is that one time in your career you get to be close to your extended family,"

Scofield, a 1986 graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, said.

He succeeded retiring Maj. Dave Dunn on July 1 after serving as chief of security for the U.S. Forces Korea provost marshal office at Yongsan Garrison, Seoul, since May 2000.

"My goals would be to ensure the safety and security of the Redstone Arsenal community and to improve the quality of service we provide to the community," Scofield said.

"I think force protection has been addressed adequately here at Redstone from the short period I've been here. However there are some enhancements we are entertaining that will help to improve the safety and security of Redstone Arsenal."

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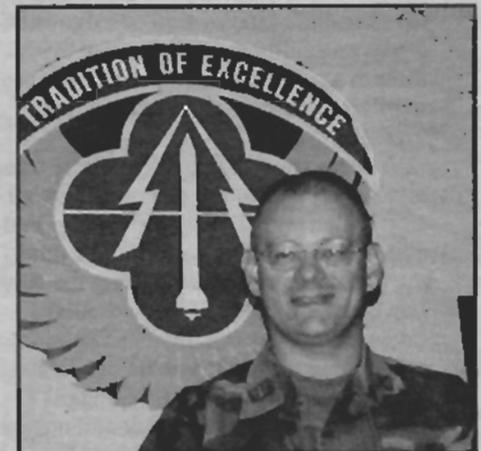


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SECURITY CHIEF— Maj. Brad Scofield, provost marshal since July 1, says he's glad to be a part of the command team.

One-stop goal a step closer at military pay office

Ribbon cutting set July 15 for office's new location

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The relocation of the Defense Military Pay Office wasn't as simple as packing a few boxes and waiting for the movers.

Workers from the director down battled spiders, dug out roots, trimmed trees, clipped hedges and cleared debris from the front entrance of the newly renovated building until all that remained was a single tree on a bed of fresh mulch.

"A bird's nest was the only thing that saved that tree," Kathy Weller, director of Defense Military Pay Office, said. "When we started, we were just going to trim everything back. It looked like an overgrown jungle out there. But the more we clipped, the worse it got. The bushes were all brown. So we started clearing away a little at a time. Lisa (Brown) became known as the hack saw lady."

Weller sits in Sonya Morris' office, supervisor of military pay and travel, the faint smell of new carpet still lingering in the air. She and Morris talk and can now laugh about what it took to relocate from the office near Vincent Park to the east side of building 3207 on Hercules Road.

The community is invited to the grand opening of the new DMPO on July 15 at 9 a.m. After the ribbon cutting, there will be an appreciation awards ceremony and a tour of the facility.

"We're so proud and grateful for the building," Weller said. "It took a lot of help from a lot of people and we appreciate every one of them."

The genesis of the move began several years ago with the "one-stop" concept to bring several services together for easier in- and out-processing for soldiers.

"First they were going to move housing here so RASA renovated this side of the building for them but they didn't want it or

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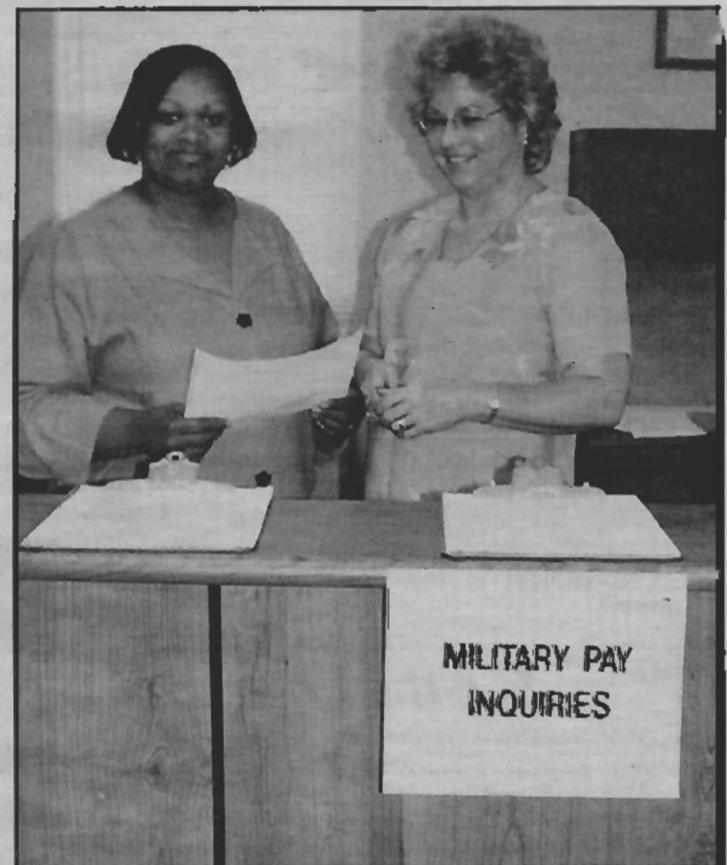


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

NEW BUILDING, NICE FIT— The Defense Military Pay Office moved from its Vincent Park location to the newly renovated building 3207 on Hercules Road two weeks ago. Sonya Morris, left, supervisor of military pay and travel and Kathy Weller, director of DMPO, finalize plans for the ribbon cutting ceremony July 15.

Signs unwelcome on perimeter fence

My morning commute takes me from Madison to the post through Gate 7 off Martin Road east. Since I travel this way twice a day, something has come to my attention which has me a little irritated. The source of this irritation lies with the Edgewater Homeowners Association. It seems the people of the association have taken it upon themselves to use a part of the RSA fence which runs along Zierdt Road and the intersection of Edgewater Drive as a billboard to advertise everything from neighborhood barbecues to regularly scheduled association meetings.

Not far from the position where these signs and banners are posted is another sign which warns: No Trespassing; Federal Installation. As such, I don't think the association should be using the RSA fence as a billboard. This particular intersection is also a popular venue for political advertising, yet the candidates are smart enough to post their signs on posts along the right-of-way and not post their signs directly on the fence. So my question is, why does the association think it has the right to hang its self-serving banners and adverts on the RSA fence?

In my opinion, the association is a separate entity which, like all others, has no right to hang signs or advertisements on a fence which doesn't belong to them without the express permission of the

owners and in particular not on any property of the federal government. Doing so would constitute criminal trespassing and is something which should be addressed by the commanding general of RSA. While we strive to be good neighbors to our local community, this installation does not exist for the purpose of promoting a specific neighborhood or homeowners association. If the association feels the need to advertise something, they have every right to do so. What they don't have is the right to use a part of this installation to assist them in doing so.

Robert J. Salinas
LOGSA

Editor's note: Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided the following response. "You are correct. The perimeter fence surrounding Redstone Arsenal is owned by the federal government and should not be utilized by anyone without specific permission to hang or display signage of any type. We met with the Edgewater Homeowners Association representative on Friday, June 28 and asked them to remove any banners that were attached to the perimeter fence at the entrance to Edgewater Estates. They agreed to remove the signs and apologized for the trouble. They agreed not to utilize this fence to display banners in the future. Thank you for your concerns and alerting us to this situation."

'Active Harvest' ends with a blast

Soldiers collect, destroy unexploded ordnance

By Spec. CHRISTINA DAVIS
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EAGLE BASE, Bosnia and Herzegovina — The heavy tracks of a Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle were recently used to crush illegal and unwanted weapons and accessories collected during this year's month-long Operation Active Harvest campaign.

Remaining munitions, grenades and unexploded ordnance were blown up June 24 to complete the weapons destruction process.

One Stabilization Force 11 mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina is Operation Active Harvest, a weapons collection program designed to rid local communities of dangerous and unwanted illegal weapons and other munitions.

The program is a cooperative effort between the multinational forces in country, local officials and SFOR 11 to encourage the Bosnia and Herzegovina citizens to turn in illegal or unwanted weapons and ammunition as well as report ordnance to local authorities for collection.

Every weapon turned in shows that the program is working, officials said. However, many illegal and unwanted weapons

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Marrow donors give gift of life

What would you do if one day you were notified that your child, parent, friend or someone else close to you has cancer? What would you do if that same person was told you have only one chance to live, a bone marrow transplant? Then you discover that no one in your family is a match. Where do you turn?

This happened to me a few months ago. I received a phone call from Coni Tiefel, a friend of many years. "Hi Bob, I am afraid I am calling with some bad news!" I brace myself as she explains that her husband, Mark, is hospitalized with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). I immediately asked what I could do. At the time, there was nothing I could do directly but pray for him. Mark is currently in remission, however, he is still very ill and is hospitalized frequently for infections and other problems due to the continuing chemotherapy required to keep the disease at bay. Should it recur, the prognosis is not very good.

There is some good news to report, there is a cure for ALL. A bone marrow transplant! Mark's sister, his only family, is not a match, so Mark is on the national register for a bone marrow transplant. I did some research and found I can be directly involved and assist Mark in his quest for a cure. The Department of Defense has a program to recruit donors at no cost to them, the Bill Young Bone Marrow Donor Program. However, the odds of finding a person with compatible bone marrow are small — but improve each time a person registers.

The Bill Young BMDP provides a good opportunity to register without cost to you. Donors must be between the ages of 18 and 60 and in good general health to register. They must sign a consent form to register their results in the DoD data base. Next, a small blood sample will be drawn. The DoD is covering the cost of the drive.

All samples gathered during the drive will be placed on the national registry. If anyone is deemed a possible match for someone in need of a transplant, they will be contacted confidentially and asked for another blood sample to conclusively establish a match. Several tests must be completed before a transfusion can take place. A donor can decline to continue at any point. Complete confidentiality is maintained throughout all procedures. You can read all the information about the program at the DoD web site www.dodmarrow.com. Your donation can give the gift of life.

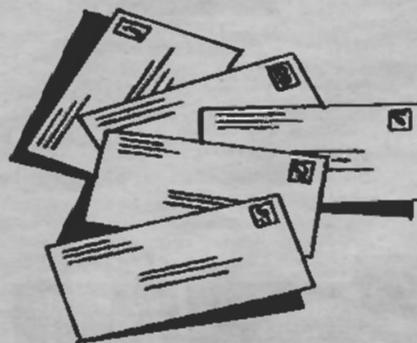
The drive will take place Aug. 8 at the Recreation Center on Patton Road near the bowling alley. It will last from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. If you have a group you would like to pre-register and schedule a time, you can call Sgt. Maj. Bob Furia, OMMCS, at 842-9770 between now and July 12. My e-mail address is robert.furia@ommcs.redstone.army.mil. Or you can contact Jean Weisser, IMMC, 876-2484 or wilmajean.weisser@redstone.army.mil. We are both on the Redstone Arsenal global directory.

Sgt. Maj. Bob Furia

Rocket rumblings: Should baseball test for steroids?

Here's the *Rocket* rumblings question for this month: Should professional baseball players be tested and disciplined for steroid use?

Send your opinion — in 50 words or less — to the *Redstone Rocket* at the following e-mail address: skip.vaughn@redstone.army.mil; or via fax at 955-9138.



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National Guard band puts music to Armed Forces Week

151st band performs for Concert in Park

By KIM GILLESPIE
For the Rocket

The 151st Army National Guard Band will help kick off Armed Forces Week 2002 by performing at Huntsville's "Concerts in the Park" series July 22. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. in Big Spring Park, near the Eternal flame, and is free to the public.

Armed Forces Week will be celebrated July 22-26, and the Monday night concert featuring a military band has become an annual event.

"The Arts Council has always requested military bands for various events, but we've tried specifically over the last several years to schedule a military band for Armed Forces Week," Shannon Magers of the Arts Council Inc. said. The free concert is a co-production of the city of Huntsville and the Arts Council. "The Armed Forces Week concert usually has one of the highest attendances of the series, outside of the opening and closing concerts. Last year we had nearly 2,500 people attend," she said.

In addition to the concert, military

hardware exhibits featuring aviation and missile systems will be set up along the perimeters of Big Spring Park and the Von Braun Center. This year will also feature a rock-climbing wall for kids.

"This is truly a family-oriented event. It's also a great way to bring the military and the community together," Magers said.

The 151st Army National Guard Band, based in Montgomery, includes citizen soldiers from across Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Florida. Members of the unit have varied professional backgrounds ranging from high school band directors and medical professionals, to scientists and office managers.

This year's concert will feature both patriotic and jazz music.

"Mayor Loretta Spencer specifically asked if we could get the 151st for Armed Forces Week after hearing them play at an event last year," Magers said.

The unit has received the Eisenhower Trophy for the outstanding company-sized unit for the state of Alabama, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Meritorious Unit Award for support during the Atlanta Olympic Games. Unit members have received the Army Achievement Medal for outstanding performance of duties at the U.S. Military



Courtesy photo

IN CONCERT— The 151st Army National Guard Band will perform at Huntsville's Big Spring Park on July 22 at 6:30 p.m. as part of the Concerts in the Park series during Armed Forces Week 2002.

Academy at West Point, and at Fort Campbell, Ky., during the welcome home ceremonies after Desert Storm. The 151st was one of only two reserve component bands activated for Desert Storm.

The unit meets two days a month for rehearsals and performances and 15 days, usually in the summer, for annual training (active duty). The band will perform at other venues throughout Armed Forces Week, including the NCO/Soldier of the Year luncheon and the Armed Forces Week luncheon, and will be on active duty status. The unit is commanded by CWO 2 Mark Mills.

According to Magers, the only difference attendees may notice between the

other Concerts in the Park performances and the Armed Forces Week performance is less parking available and street closures. "Williams Street will be closed and there will be less street parking, but the public garages will be open," she said. "As usual, there will be concession stands selling pizza, soft drinks and snacks, and attendees are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics."

For more information about the Armed Forces Week Concert in the Park, call the Arts Council at 519-2787, visit the web site at www.artshuntsville.org, or call the Aviation and Missile Command Public Affairs Office at 876-5302.

Former deputy post commander retires in local community

26-year Army career draws to conclusion

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Col. Brent Swart did what most retiring colonels tend to do after they get a taste of the Huntsville and Madison area. He's staying.

Swart and his wife, Chris, bid farewell to Redstone at his retirement and RASA's change of command ceremony July 1 at Bob Jones Auditorium. Col. Bob Devlin succeeded Swart as commander of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

"Brent was charged with taking care of people and property, and he's done a great job," Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said. He presented Swart the Legion of Merit for meritorious service as deputy

post commander, and awarded Chris Swart the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal for her work in many community events and organizations.

The Swarts will remain in Huntsville. Swart said he had been told 75 percent of the Army colonels who have ever served on Redstone Arsenal retire in the local area.

"It's been a great ride and Chris and I have loved every minute of it," he said.

Swart, 48, from Rocky, Okla., left with 26 years service. He became Redstone's garrison commander in June 2000.

"To Bob and Jennifer, you'll love it here," Swart told the Devlins. "I could not pick a better command team than Redstone Arsenal."

Devlin, 42, from Durham, Conn., spent the past year at the Pentagon as deputy director for programs in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics.

"Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Dodgen, thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the command team of Redstone Arsenal," Devlin said.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BEST OF LUCK— Col. Brent Swart receives regards after his change of command ceremony and retirement July 1. He was succeeded by Col. Bob Devlin as commander of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

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Depot worker earns Humanitarian Award for life-saving actions

Tobyhanna liaison officer helped heart attack victim

By KEVIN TOOLAN
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TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Travel can create unforgettable memories. Just ask Leo Kieczkajlo and Jim Dudley.

Kieczkajlo recently earned the Humanitarian Service award for life-saving actions during his co-worker's medical emergency. Tobyhanna's liaison officer at the Aviation and Missile Command at Redstone, Kieczkajlo was on travel to Fort Gordon, Ga., with Dudley, a logistics management specialist in the depot's Business Management Directorate. They were there to staff a depot exhibit at the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association's Signal Symposium last fall at the Army's Signal Center and School.

Early on the morning of Nov. 29, Dudley's after-dinner "indigestion" had turned into severe chest pain. He notified Kieczkajlo of his discomfort, and at his urging, Dudley had the hotel's front desk worker call a local ambulance service.

The medical technicians checked his vital signs and could not determine his status, but recommended he go to the hospital for a more thorough examination.

"Jim could have gone in the ambulance, but since we both were awake, I

drove him to University Hospital in Augusta (Ga.), which happens to specialize in cardiac medicine," Kieczkajlo said.

Upon examination, it was determined Dudley was having a heart attack. He was immediately hospitalized and scheduled for emergency surgical procedures, including angioplasty and the placement of a stent.

While he was being admitted, Kieczkajlo reported Dudley's condition to his acting director, Marti Stanczak. Stanczak contacted Dudley's wife Pat.

Pat, their son and oldest daughter immediately began driving to Georgia, with

Kieczkajlo relaying medical updates back through the depot to the family. He also arranged to have accommodations ready for them when they arrived. The family arrived while Dudley was in surgery.

"Leo was invaluable, I can't put a price on what he did in helping me and in keeping my family informed," Dudley said.

The hospital's physicians believed their prompt actions in the early morning hours of Nov. 29, combined with the immediate surgery, were lifesavers.

Kieczkajlo said his actions were instinctive. "No, I was never involved in a similar incident. On other trips with tech-

nical assistance and fielding teams, we've had workers injured, but never seriously enough to be hospitalized."

With Dudley out of danger, Kieczkajlo returned to the symposium for the remainder of the event, and then handled all of the administrative details to return the depot display to Tobyhanna.

Dudley was discharged three days after his surgery and traveled home with his family.

After his recuperation, Dudley returned to work earlier this year. He reports that he has made a full recovery and feels well.

Remember rules of road when riding bicycle

By LINDA DONNELLY
Fox Army Health Center

Summer is here and there are many activities in which you and your children will be participating. Let's do all we can to keep everyone safe and healthy. An activity that comes to mind during the summer is bicycle riding which can turn dangerous if safety education is not involved.

Parents, you should set limits on when and where your children may ride bicycles. These limits should be set according to their age, maturity level, and traffic situations. Children should

never ride at dusk or in the dark. Young children should only ride off the street and with adult supervision.

Every year in the U.S. about 800 people die as the result of a bicycle crash, mostly from head injuries. Many more are injured and many of these injuries result in permanent brain damage. All children, and adults, should wear helmets when riding a bicycle.

Studies show that a helmet can prevent about 85 percent of head injuries. Alabama law states that all persons under age 16 operating or riding as a passenger on a bicycle on public roads, trails, parks or other public rights-of-way are

required to wear approved bicycle safety helmets. Parents should instruct their children in the proper way to wear the helmet.

There are six important rules of the road to remember when riding a bicycle:

- Always ride with the traffic.
 - Always use hand signals when turning or stopping.
 - Stop and look both ways before entering or crossing a street.
 - Always stop at STOP signs.
 - Watch out for other people when riding on the sidewalk.
 - Always wear a helmet.
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■ Soldiers collect weapons door-to-door in Bosnia

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and munitions remain on the streets and in people's homes. Working directly with civil and military leadership, Operation Harvest can make BiH a safer place for everyone, officials said.

Ensuring a safer environment is just what the soldiers of Task Force Warhawk, including 1st Battalion, 163rd Infantry Regiment, and 1st Bn., 151st Inf. Regt., have done. The collection process took soldiers throughout the streets as they knocked on doors during June collecting weapons, ammunition and other ordnance left over from this country's war. The task force not only accomplished set goals, it exceeded them.

Task Force Warhawk infantrymen knocked on more than 400,000 doors and collected 560 weapons, more than 236,000 ammunition rounds, 375 various unexploded ordnance, more than 3,300 hand and rifle grenades, along with rockets, TNT, gunpowder, magazines and other various weapon accessories.

"It's pretty staggering," said Capt. Michael Moreni, Company A, 1st Bn., 163rd Inf. Regt., commander. "It's about five times greater than past numbers. It is a great accomplishment for Task Force Warhawk."

Their success can be greatly attributed to the door-to-door collections and support from the civilian protection groups, Moreni said. The local police hung Operation Harvest posters, attended radio and television shows and informed the people about the program, in a stepped-up effort to encourage participation.

"People are feeling more comfortable about turning things in," Moreni said. The Dayton Peace Accords regulates the Active Harvest program, but for the soldiers involved in going door-to-door in the summer heat of Bosnia, it means much more than following guidelines.

Moreni was quick to point out that 30 people have died in a village in Lukavac

this year due to unexploded ordnance, known as UXOs, and the collections they gathered throughout the campaign continue to make Bosnia a safer place. Destroying the weapons signifies the final process of Active Harvest. Without the constant help and expertise of the explosive ordnance disposal team, Task Force Warhawk could not have been so successful, Moreni said.

Not only did the 787th Ordnance Company (EOD) soldiers blow up the ordnance at the end of the month, they collected UXOs that the infantrymen came across during routine patrols. The infantrymen are not allowed to handle UXOs for safety reasons, so they relied on the 787th team to collect them.

"For the entire Active Harvest, it is our training that enables us to do our jobs safely," said Capt. Charles Phillips, 787th EOD commander. "Knowing when an ordnance item is armed or unarmaged; when it can be moved or needs to be disposed of in place; and how to make the item safe, or dispose of the item without causing injuries or destroying property is what makes our mission here so vital to SFOR."

Whatever their specialty, the soldiers who participated in Active Harvest were able to end the month with a crush and bang.

While a Bradley IFV operated by the 163rd soldiers smashed the weapons they collected at both Eagle Base and Forward Operating Base Morgan, the soldiers of the 787th EOD destroyed 300 UXOs at Bedrock and Sprint ranges over a four-day period. Since the start of SFOR 11 in April, the 787th EOD has destroyed more than 2,300 UXOs.

SFOR 11 will continue collecting illegal and unwanted weapons and munitions throughout the summer as an ongoing effort throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina to make the cities and villages safer for everyone, officials said.

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Just for kids

Madison youngsters get law enforcement lesson at camp



Redstone K-9 team, EOD department participate in second annual event

By KIM GILLESPIE
For the Rocket

Summer camp usually doesn't include police dogs and explosive gear. But this one did.

Personnel from the Provost Marshal's K-9 team and the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Department assisted the Madison City Police with its second annual Kids Camp. The weeklong Kids Camp was held at Discovery Middle School in Madison from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 24-28. The camp was developed by the Madison police for Madison students who complete their Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. This year's camp featured a Military Day on June 25; and Redstone's K-9 and EOD personnel conducted demonstrations of their respective areas of expertise.

"The camp is intended to help keep the kids occupied during summer vacation, and to share with them the types of activities law enforcement, the military and other emergency personnel perform," Madison police officer Wayne Kamus said. He is the DARE officer and one of the organizers of this year's event. "We really appreciated the help the Redstone Arsenal personnel provided. This is something that is very important to the community," he said.

This year's camp had more than 150 attendees around the 11-year-old range. "These kids are at an age where

Photo by Kim Gillespie

IN CONTROL— SSgt. Dwayne Talburt assists Shametria Moore with operating the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School's Explosive Ordnance Training Department's robot at the Madison Police's Kids Camp on July 25.

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New commander balances soldiering and motherhood

HHC 59th commander regards her soldiers as extended family

By Spec. EVAN MORROW
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Capt. Monica Hurst brought a maternal leadership style when she assumed command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 59th Ordnance Brigade.

"Capt. Hurst is very approachable and you can talk to her about anything. That is a real open door policy," Spec. Jason Byrd, who works in command group, said.

Hurst, who succeeded Capt. Bryan Bohan at HHC 59th on May 13, grew up in Great Lakes, Ind., with three siblings in a close-knit household.

Hurst tries to provide her 5-year-old daughter, Nadia, with the same care and support she received growing up. Nadia, who enjoys a variety of activities from sports to music, will turn 6 in August and

will be entering first-grade.

"She is my pride and joy, my mini-me," Hurst said.

Hurst makes sure that she works time into her busy schedule for activities that she and Nadia can do together.

"I am thinking we may enroll in the Taekwondo classes offered by MSgt. Jeffrey Davis and take piano lessons together," Hurst said.

Nadia spent June 2001 to June 2002 with Hurst's mother, Juanita, at her home in Moss Point, Miss. During that time, Hurst completed a tour in Germany, attended Combined Arms and Services School and finished up her master's degree in education from National Louis University.

"Family support has been a big help in raising Nadia. When servicemembers know that their children are being taken care of, they are better able to fulfill their obligations to the military," said Hurst, who has enrolled Nadia in the school age services available on post.

"As a single, divorced parent, I under-

stand the needs of dual military and single parent servicemembers," she said.

Hurst was commissioned Dec. 12, 1997 through ROTC at Southern University and attended the Ordnance Officer Basic Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Her first duty station was Miesau, Germany with the 191st Ordnance Battalion, 23rd Ordnance Company.

"At first I thought I was too family oriented for military life. I wanted to get out as quickly as possible, but I promised my father I would stay until I had tried out a company command," Hurst said. "The soldiers in my unit, the mission and the challenges posed by the job began to grow on me. The soldiers in the unit were my extended family and influenced me to stay in."



Photo by Spec. Evan Morrow
CHECKING IT TWICE— Capt. Monica Hurst, commander of HHC 59th, works with SSgt. Levon Green to make sure that the paperwork on her soldiers is up-to-date.

Police, youngsters say they enjoy week of activities

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they are extremely impressionable," Kamus said. "It's important that we show them what kind of impact our actions and their actions have. But we also want to make it fun."

Indications were that the group was having fun, but it wasn't just the kids. "We are enjoying ourselves too," said Capt. Jack Rush, the K-9 kennel master. Rush brought along officer Michael Nelson and his K-9 partner Pitjo, and officer Mark Thompson and Sgt. Michael Nelson. Nelson and Thompson performed demonstrations with Pitjo, showing how Pitjo is trained to help apprehend a suspect (Thompson in this case).

After demonstrating several situations, the K-9 officers took numerous questions from their audience that ranged from "Does the dog have a bulletproof vest?" (the answer being "yes") to "Do the K-9s help with the war on terrorism?" (another "yes," with additional information about the role explosives sniffing K-9s play, and how the K-9s assist with security at Redstone Arsenal).

Camp attendee Hannah Brooks had a dog treat on hand for Pitjo. "They told us yesterday that a military dog was coming so I brought a treat," she explained.

SSgts. Michael Cochran and Dwayne Talburt discussed the dangers of military and civilian ordnance and explosives, and demonstrated equipment such as the robot and protective clothing they use for safety in their profession. "The suit we use weighs about 80 pounds, but we're not the only profession that uses hot and heavy protective clothing — firefighters and hazardous waste disposal handlers wear similar suits," Cochran said.

Cochran and Talburt got some help from their audience with equipment demonstrations. Shametria Moore helped

the sergeants by donning the protective gear and using their robotic equipment to retrieve a "suspicious" ordnance item. "It was hot," declared Shametria, but there was no shortage of volunteers after her initial support.

"The kids just love the hands-on demonstrations," Kamus said while watching all the hands fly into the air when Cochran asked for additional volunteers.

Cochran and Talburt also had a timely message about the dangers of fireworks. "Not only can you lose fingers, hands and eyes, you can also be severely burned," he warned. But the warnings did not diminish the fun. Most of the kids described the demonstrations as "cool," and Kamus noted that even more kids attended the second day, Military Day, than the first.

"Everyone enjoys this — but Kids Camp wouldn't happen without people volunteering their time and equipment," Kamus said. "We really appreciated Redstone supporting us like this."



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CRIME DOG— Provost Marshal K-9 team officers Mark Thompson and Michael Nelson demonstrate the capabilities of Nelson's K-9 partner Pitjo at the Madison Police's Kids Camp.

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Tax assistance office gets return for teamwork, contribution

Army Materiel Command honors staff with team project award

By SANDY RIEBELING
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When Capt. Douglas Moore was assigned to head up the Redstone Tax Assistance Center earlier this year, he wasn't sure what to expect.

"People are a lot more honest than I thought they would be," said Moore who headed the team of five full-time soldiers and three volunteers that staffed Redstone's tax center from Feb. 1 to April 15.

The center filed more than 2,500 state and federal tax returns for soldiers, retirees and their families saving customers about \$185,000 in tax preparation fees and garnering refunds close to \$1.3 million for the season.

"The tax center can be a stressful environment," Moore said. "This group came together as a cohesive team and provided an excellent service to the community. We had an amazing team of people working this year."

He's not the only one who thinks so.

On May 23 the Redstone Tax Assistance Center was selected as the winner of the 2002 AMC Command Counsel Team Project award. The Army Materiel Command selects only one recipient of the award annually from all the legal offices under its command.



Courtesy photo

TAXING RESPONSIBILITY— The Redstone Tax Assistance Center filed more than 2,500 state and federal income tax returns saving the community \$185,000 in tax preparation fees. The center was selected as the winner of the 2002 AMC Command Counsel Team Project award. Staff from left include Estan Rodriguez, civilian volunteer, Spec. Michel Howell, MEDDAC; Randy Duff, civilian volunteer; MSgt. Kenneth Pope, NCO-in-charge of the tax center; Capt. Douglas Moore, officer-in-charge of the tax center; Sgt. John Douglas of HHC AMCOM and Capt. Christine Hackett, volunteer. Not pictured are SSgt. Robert White of D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, and Spec. Carl Robinson of HHC AMCOM.

"It was a real honor to receive the award at the AMC legal conference in Orlando (Fla.)," said Moore, whose regular duty is chief of administrative law in AMCOM's legal office. "I had no idea

we'd even been nominated. I'm sitting at the table at the conference thinking, 'Why am I here?' They pick someone from legal to go each year. I figured it was just my turn. The next thing you know, I hear them announce Redstone tax center as the winner. They called my name to accept the award.

"It was exciting to have something as a team," he said. "We started as a team, worked as a team. It was the neatest thing. The majority of people (working) in the tax center had very little tax experience. They got IRS training for a week, some local training and then to see some of them who had never done their own taxes now helping others do theirs. And they weren't all simple returns."

Moore credits the soldiers and volunteers for making the season run smoothly. The average wait time was about 10 minutes and the average return took about 40 minutes to complete. During special evening hours for AIT soldiers, the office averaged 40-50 returns a night.

Many of their clients were people who came back to the office after having been to another tax service.

"I think some people thought the quality wouldn't be there but the question really comes from how hard people are willing to work and how dedicated they are to the job," Moore said. "We did have some complex returns. One guy had lived in five states, owned two rental properties, a

boat slip and had even served in a combat zone. Things can get a little tricky."

But the staffers handled it all in stride. They covered appointments for each other, stayed committed to the job, kept a good attitude in difficult situations and bolstered office morale with smiles, jokes and a helping hand.

"The nomination came from the fact it was a small number of people working together as a team in a very complicated process and getting the job done," said Maj. John Hughey, deputy to the Staff Judge Advocate, who nominated the group for the award. "The survey showed that the customers were overwhelmingly satisfied. From 600 to 700 client questionnaires were completed and there was only one complaint. One. I'd say they did a great job."

Moore had no catastrophes to report. Minor computer glitches posed the most problems but timely responsiveness from the IRS and the Corporate Information Center kept delays to a minimum. Army Community Service chipped in with financial support for office supplies and provided a microwave and a few other supplies to make the office a comfortable place to work the extended hours.

Perhaps the hardest part, according to Moore, was working with the people who had done their own taxes at home and then came to the center to compare the figures.

"We'd have to explain why the numbers didn't match," Moore said. "Sometimes they'd get a little upset. Nine times out of 10, people are really honest. Occasionally people tried to deduct things they couldn't. We had to turn away a few because we wouldn't compromise the integrity of the tax center. It's not worth going to jail over."

All in all it was a good experience, Moore said; one that he would gladly accept again in the future.

"The focus of this award is on the team," he said. "The soldiers and volunteers here made it happen. I was blessed with a lot of good people. I think they deserved the award."

Moore accepted the plaque from AMC at the luncheon May 23 and held a special awards ceremony for the staff June 21 at Redstone where each received an award certificate. Full-time staffers included Moore, the officer-in-charge, MSgt. Kenneth Pope, now retired but served the tax office as the NCO-in-charge, SSgt. Robert White of D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, Sgt. John Douglas of HHC AMCOM, Spec. Carl Robinson of HHC AMCOM, Spec. Michel Howell of MEDDAC and volunteers Capt. Christine Hackett of the Space and Missile Defense Command, Estan Rodriguez and Randy Duff.



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■ Provost marshal wants to slow outbound traffic at gates

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This will likely include lowering the speed limit for vehicles exiting the perimeter gates. Typically incoming motorists slow to 10 mph and come to a complete stop for the badge checks at the gates. But the traffic exiting the post averages 40-45 mph. "I think there's a safety consideration there," Scofield said.

Under a phased program being considered, outbound traffic may eventually have to maneuver through the same granite barriers that incoming vehicles encounter. "I think that goes hand-in-hand with reduction of speed limits on the gates," Scofield said.

Also likely is re-implementation of visitor control procedures throughout the installation which "reduces the possibility of someone being here that has no business here," he said.

Most of the security changes should be transparent to Redstone's work force, according to the provost marshal. "We're going to gradually implement these enhancements over a period of time," he said.

Scofield, 37, moved to Murfreesboro from his native Fort Wayne, Ind., when he was 15. He earned a bachelor's degree in

criminal justice from MTSU in 1986 and received his commission out of ROTC. He received a master's in management in 1996 from Webster University.

He was stationed in Germany from 1987-90, Fort Lee, Va., from 1991-94, Fort Bliss, Texas, from 1994-96, Fort Bragg, N.C., from 1996-2000 and then Korea. He served as deputy provost marshal for the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg from May 1998 through May 2000.

He and his wife, Shaila, a Murfreesboro native, have three sons, Andy, 11, Adam, 9 and Alex, 5.

"I took my entire family with me on the two-year assignment in Korea, a great experience for them," Scofield said. "My middle son, Adam, who just turned 9, earned his black belt in Taekwondo during the two years there, which is quite an accomplishment."

Scofield's hobbies include fishing, hunting, reading and coaching children's sports. He said he was impressed by the friendliness of the people at Redstone and in the local community.

"I look forward to serving the community," he said. "I think we have a great team here at Redstone. I just want to be a part of that team and contribute. I want to help ensure a safe and secure environment so people can focus on their mission. I'm glad to be here."

■ Move pays off for military pay office

Pay

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couldn't use it for some reason," Morris said. "Then the Housing Office moved and they ended up on the other side of the building so that left this side empty."

At the same time, the former DMPO offices were deteriorating and in need of serious repair but the word from their headquarters, Defense Finance and Accounting Services in Indianapolis, was that there was no money for a move.

Weller had been in touch with Reba Tyler at the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity. Tyler coordinates space for workers on the Arsenal and knew about the one-stop concept.

"Thank God for the people who had vision and helped us get moved," Weller said. "The old place was dark and drab and the spacing was all wrong. We had big open spaces and then other people crammed together. Reba saw all that, did the measurements and here we are."

They got the building, but it took some scavenging to find the office furniture.

While some of the staff shopped the Arsenal's warehouses for appropriate furniture, Weller made some calls to other organizations on post and found out that through the course of several moves, the Apache Project Office furniture was about to become available. When they saw it, they knew it would be perfect,

down to the color match of their new blue carpet.

Things were falling into place quickly. DFAS was online to pay for the move and install telephone lines. They had the furniture to fill their offices and create an inviting customer service area but no matter how good the inside looked, soldiers and families still had to pass by the tangled overgrowth of weeds and shrubs to enter the office.

The DMPO services thousands of active duty military, retirees and their families regarding military pay in consideration of special actions, retirements, separations, re-enlistments, bonuses, in-and-out-processing, permanent change of station travel, accessions, and VIP processing.

"A lot of times soldiers coming on post come here first," Weller said. "We wanted a place that was inviting and comfortable, easily accessible. Inside is looking good. Our employees brought things from home to decorate their offices and the walls. But we needed to get the outside in shape."

Weller and several volunteers braved the heat and battled the brush to make the outside a welcoming sight. She and Morris even chipped in and bought the mulch. They finished the outside work in a few days, completed the move and were open for business at their new location June 17.

"It was an adventure," Morris said. "And we are highly appreciative."

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Dentist returns to roots after three months in Kosovo

He flies a plane, rides a Harley and flosses six days a week

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His military career has taken him around the globe, his latest stop in Kosovo, but Dr. (Col.) Bob Toney is back home in Huntsville and glad to be here.

Toney will succeed Dr. (Col.) Craig Williams as the officer-in-charge of the Dental Clinic at Fox Army Health Center in August when Williams moves to Fort Benning, Ga.

It's been a case of musical dentist's chairs since Toney and his family arrived at Redstone nearly a year ago. He was set to take charge of the dental clinic last August but Williams' orders were extended so Toney worked alongside his long-time friend in the clinic until December when he received orders to report to Kosovo for a three month tour.

"It was my first time to Kosovo and I'm glad to be back home," Toney said.

Home doesn't just mean the states. Toney grew up in Huntsville, attended University of Alabama-Huntsville and did his graduate work at University of Alabama at Birmingham. His wife, Alison, is a Huntsville native and the couple have two children, Elizabeth, 15, and Juliana, 11.

Dentistry wasn't a boyhood dream for Toney. He didn't decide on his career until college and even then, there was no inspiration that explains his choice.

"I don't have any dentists in the family," he said. "I don't really know why. Well, I do remember going to the dentist as a kid and seeing that he wore nice

clothes and worked in a nice office. I guess it seemed like a nice job. And I've always enjoyed tinkering with my hands."

He was commissioned into the Army Reserves in 1979 through ROTC. In 1983 he switched to active duty. His career has landed him in Honduras, Texas, Korea, Kentucky, Maryland (where he earned his pilot's license) and then a six year stint in Belgium at the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Powers of Europe, a NATO base, before arriving at Redstone last year.

"I liked it well enough in Belgium," Toney said. "We traveled a lot. The kids got to meet children from other places, try the foods, see the cultures. I think it was good for them. But it's especially hard on the kids when you have to move."

The family is settled in Monrovia, maybe for good this time. Toney is thinking about retiring in a few years. But that's something to be decided later.

For now he keeps his Aerospatiale four-seater plane at the Flying Activity and rides his Harley Davidson Softail to and from work on nice days.

He's been back at the clinic since April and sees things running smooth. It may be a bit more of a challenge when Williams departs, leaving only two dentists to care for the military population on post.

"We do mostly cleanings, fillings, root canals and crown and bridge," Toney said. "About 95 percent of what we do is basic nuts and bolts dentistry. We have a very stable staff here. The clinic is doing well, accomplishing the mission."

The regular Dental Clinic staff includes two dentists, two hygienists, a receptionist/office manager, lab technician, NCO-in-charge, three assistants and a supply person.

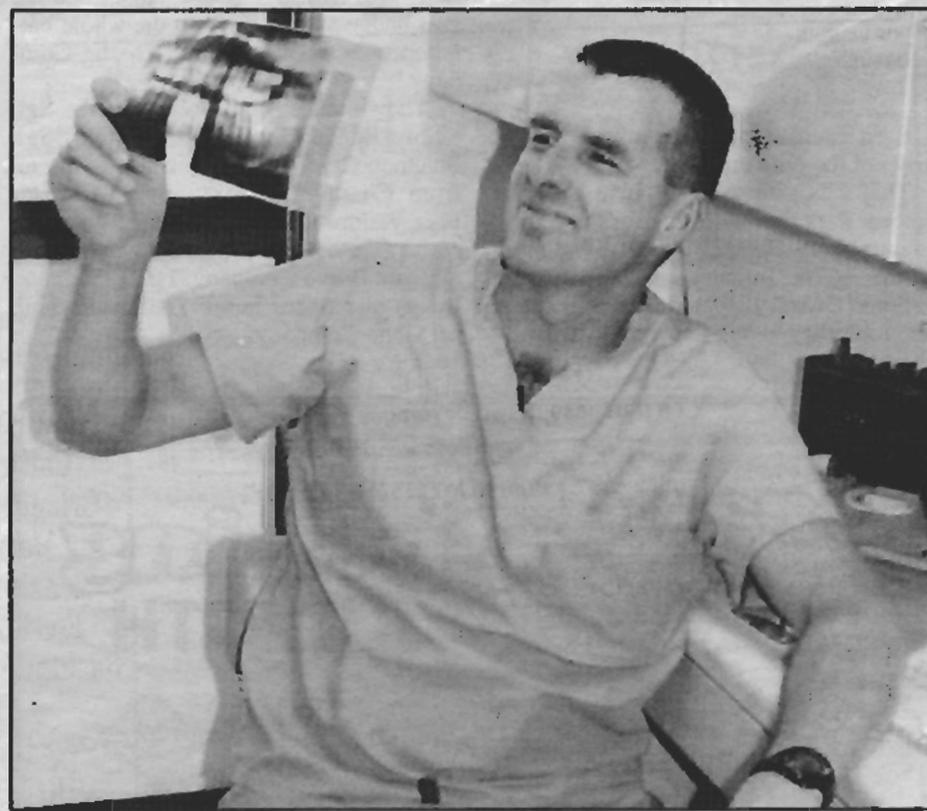


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CHECKING THE CHART— Dr. Bob Toney will be the new officer-in-charge at the dental clinic when Dr. Craig Williams transfers to Fort Benning, Ga., in August.

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Eleven Guardsmen earn Expert Infantryman's Badge

Eighteen within battalion took test at Vincent Park

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Rain can't stop infantrymen, particularly not the elite ones.

That was proven again June 27-29 at Vincent Park during testing for the Expert Infantryman's Badge by the 1st Battalion of the 167th Infantry, Alabama Army National Guard. Eleven of the 18 soldiers who took the challenging test passed.

"It turned out well," Capt. Daniel Pugh, commander of Charlie Company, said. "We had 11 soldiers that earned the EIB badge and that's from the whole battalion, that's not from just Charlie Company."

They include SSgt. Bobby Griffin, Sgt. Scotty Skiuner, 1st Lt. Erik Sateren, SSgt. Shannon Cryer and Spec. Blake Scott, all from Charlie Company; Spec. Christopher Waldrop, 1st Lt. William Ellis, Sgt. Jeffery Carlisle and Spec. Nathan Russell, all from Bravo Company; 1st Lt. Shannon Suggs and Spec. Jamie Thompson, both of Alpha Company.

Despite the rain that weekend, "everything went fine," Pugh said. "We didn't alter with the weather. That's part of being infantry."

The battalion includes a headquarters company and Alpha, Bravo and Charlie companies. Eighteen members of the 300-soldier battalion who completed prerequisites since May converged on Vincent Park for three days of train-up from June 24-26 followed by the actual testing.

They included eight soldiers from Cullman-based Charlie Company, augmenting security at Redstone since last October; six from Pelham-based Bravo, providing force protection at Anniston Army Depot; and four from Valley-based Alpha, serving security at Fort Rucker. The 1st Battalion, based in Talladega, last conducted testing for the Expert Infantryman's Badge four years ago at Fort McClellan.

Not everyone can attain the elite badge anyway. Pugh, who previously earned the badge, estimated that only 10 percent pass the test. Fifteen of Charlie's 100 soldiers had previously earned the badge, including

five who took the test in April at Fort Benning, Ga. They included Pugh; 1st Lt. Jack Eagly, executive officer; 2nd Lt. Roger Moss, 1st platoon leader; Cpl. Benjamin Smith, a team leader for 3rd platoon; and Spec. John Holzer of 1st platoon.

"It's so physically and mentally challenging," Pugh said. "You can only fail two (of the 33) tasks and you have to be able to retest on those tasks within one hour of failing it."

The infantry skills tested include first aid, weapons proficiency, map reading, call for fire, emplacing mines, individual movement techniques, hand grenades, anti-tank weapons, and communications. The six stations throughout Vincent Park each tested about five different events.

The prerequisites were just as challenging: qualifying as expert on the M-16 rifle, scoring at least 70 percent on all events in the physical training test, doing day and night land navigation, and completing a 12-mile road march with all equipment and a 35-pound ruck sack within three hours.



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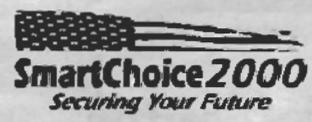
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Win or lose

Flowers blossoms for Bravo Company softball team

Hard-hitting third baseman leads Bulldogs into season

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Joe Flowers has already made an impact with Bravo Company's defending champion slow-pitch softball team.

Like most of the team, he's a newcomer. But he stood out for the Bulldogs at the plate and in the field during the preseason tournament.

"Probably the key thing was his batting average overall," first baseman/outfielder Reggie Williams said. "He probably had the most home runs on the team. He hit a ton of them.

"He played third base. Actually he's an outfielder but we had to put him at third base because we had no one else to play it. He's probably the best outfielder on post."

Bravo, which won last year's postseason tournament, went 7-1 en route to the preseason title. The Bulldogs beat HHC 59th 22-9 and 21-17 in the preseason final June 27 at field 14, avenging a 15-13 loss to the 59th on June 20. The regular season was scheduled to start July 8.

Flowers batted cleanup for the first two games and then third in the order. He went 4-for-4 with two home runs and a triple in his debut against Headquarters & Alpha, a 19-9 win June 17. He had a homer, triple and double in a 14-6 win over NCO Academy June 18. Flowers homered again June 20 in Bravo's only loss. He went

3-for-4 with two homers in a 18-7 win over Headquarters & Alpha June 25. The next night he went 2-for-4 with a triple and double in a 16-10 win over MEDDAC and 3-for-3 with two homers in a 19-11 win over the 902nd. In the final doubleheader against HHC 59th, Flowers went 4-for-6 with a home run.

Altogether Flowers, who wears No. 8, batted a lofty .690 (20-for-29) with nine homers, three triples and two doubles.

"He's a great asset to the Bravo Company Bulldogs," Henry Hayes, left center and coach, said. Hayes and Stanley Parker are the only returnees on the 14-member (including one female) roster.

Flowers, 24, from Mulvane, Kan., joined the Army in January and arrived in March from basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. He played center field and right field 1997 and '98 for the baseball team at Coffeyville College, an NCAA Division I junior college in southeast Kansas. He was rated the No. 1 defensive outfielder in the state for the Jayhawk Conference. Batting .300 both years, he had six home runs as a freshman and 10 as a sophomore. Flowers graduated from Coffeyville with an associate of applied science degree in May 1998.

"I got looked at by Friends University (in Wichita)," Flowers said. "Actually they recruited me, they wanted me to play center field for them. And I just decided to pursue other things."

He moved to Cleveland in August 1998, attended Akron University and worked. He played left center for an A-league softball team in Cleveland.

Although he's played ball most of his life, Flowers is

a novice infielder. His infield experience began about two days before Redstone's preseason tournament.

"We were taking batting practice and I was just kind of screwing around at third base. And Drill Sgt. (Hayes) said he needed me to play third because we were short-handed," he said. "I think I told him I'd play any position he needed me to."

The defensive transition hasn't been easy for Flowers, a Kansas National Guardsman. He will return to his unit,

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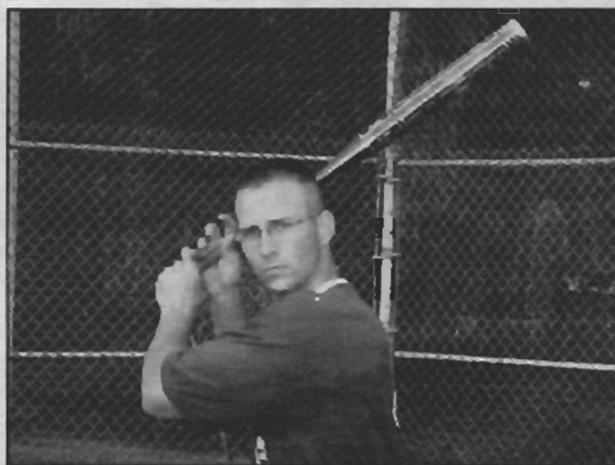


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SLUGGER AT PLATE— Joe Flowers batted .690 with nine homers, three triples and two doubles during the preseason tournament.



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Greg Roberts of contractor Paragon System, a member of Team ALCOE was honored with a luncheon. Roberts is transferring to the Amarillo,

Texas, area.

John Gray, deputy to the commander of Letterkenny, presented Team Letterkenny members with caps of distinction and thanks to all for a job well done.

James and Marcia Storts are returning to Letterkenny Army Depot; and their last day with Team LEAD, Consolidated Maintenance Activity was June 19. The Storts received plaques and numerous other awards. In conjunction with their regular duties, both Storts were appointed as safety and hazardous material officers. During their tenure the Consolidated Maintenance Activity, Logistic Center of Excellence had no lost-time accidents in 604 days. James is a system mechanic and Marcia is an electronic mechanic.

■ Kansas Guardsman has college baseball experience

Slugger

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the 323rd Ordnance Battalion out of Fort Riley, after graduating Aug. 5 from the Multiple Launch Rocket System repair course.

"It takes a lot of thinking," he said of playing third base. "You've got to be real disciplined and it's gonna take a lot of hard work on my part to be where I really want to be. I wasn't nearly satisfied with my defense. I had my share of errors. I'm just gonna have to get some time in at

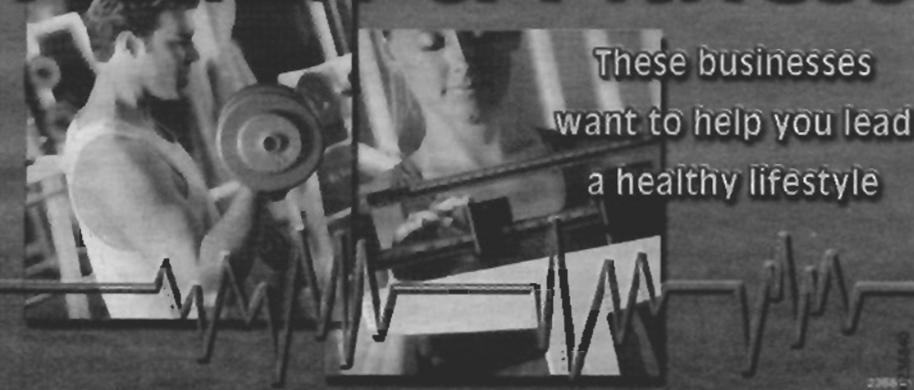
that position and just bear down and get the job done."

Flowers, who prefers baseball over softball, also enjoys lifting weights, racquetball and golf. "I've got pictures of me with a bat and ball at 2 years old," he said. He also has a fiancée, Laura Fehmann of Wichita.

He likes Bravo's chances this season.

"Man, I think we have outstanding potential," Flowers said. "Everyone seems real dedicated and willing to put in the hard work it's gonna take to win."

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