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By EVETTE BROOKS
For the Rocket

Dr. Larry O. Daniel didn't live to see the day, but his dream has come to fruition.

That dream will be realized during a ribbon-cutting ceremony next Monday at 9 a.m., officially opening the Dr. Larry O. Daniel Prototype Integration Facility.

The PIF is a \$7.6 million military construction project, begun in August 2000 by contractor B.L. Harbert International.

Wes Patterson, of prototype engineering division, has worked with Harbert International on the design and construction of the 60,000 square foot facility. The facility includes office space, a high bay, shop assembly, clean room, lab space, paint booth, shop assembly and engineering workspace. Also, the PIF has a tactical hardstand for the staging of weapon systems.

"It has been a very rewarding experience to be part of this project and to see the dream of Dr. Daniel become a reality," Patterson said.



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ENGINEERING SITE— The Dr. Larry O. Daniel Prototype Integration Facility will provide prototype development, manufacturing, systems integration, modification, experimentation and subsystem or system testing.

The PIF is government owned and operated. It will rapidly respond to AMCOM, DoD and warfighter needs.

The facility will provide customers in the technical communities with the capability to perform prototype development, manufacturing, systems integration, modification, experimentation and subsystem or system

testing. DoD customers will be provide research development, and prototype star-of-the-art technologies for new and existis electronic and mechanical hardware. T PIF will also generate the documentation be used for future contract solicitations.

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Community celebrates armed forces July 21-27

Annual local observance has full slate of events

Armed Forces Celebration Week 2002, July 21-27, is now less than a week away, but there is still time to plan to attend the scheduled events.

Free activities

The week's free activities include:

- July 21 — Huntsville-Madison County Botanical Garden offers free admission to active duty and retired military and their families;

- July 22 — Prototype Integration Facility ribbon cutting at building 5404 at 9:05 a.m.;

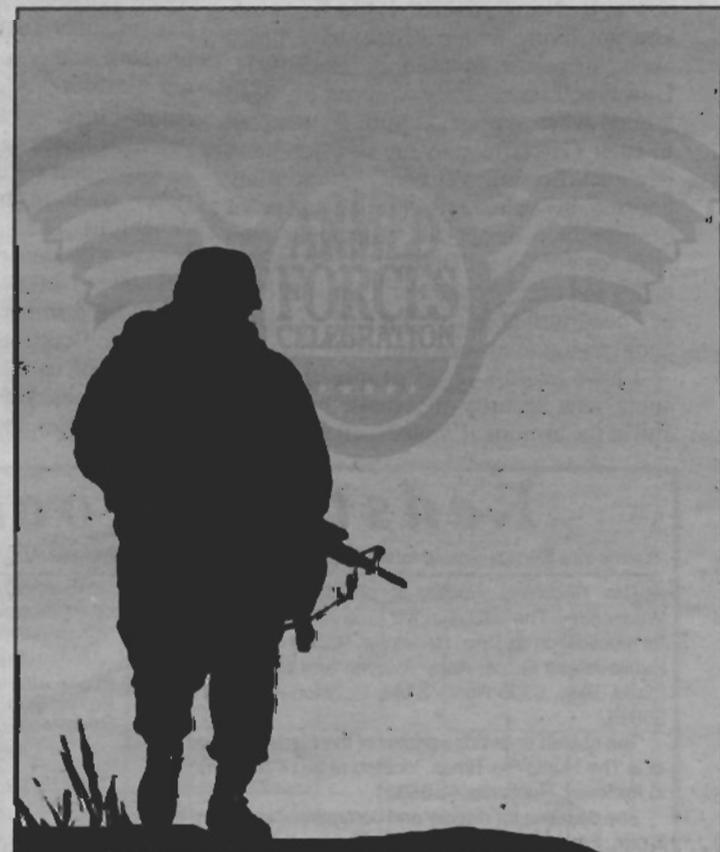
- July 22 — "Concerts in the Park" featuring the 151st Army National Guard Band, and military hardware and equipment exhibits at Huntsville's Big Spring Park at 6:30 p.m.;

- July 27 — Huntsville-Madison County Botanical Garden, Early Works Museum, Alabama Constitution Village, Huntsville Historic Depot, Burritt on the Mountain- A Living Museum and the U.S. Space & Rocket Center offer free admission to active duty military and their families and retired military. For more information regarding these events, call the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce at 535-2000.

NCO/Soldier of Year luncheon

Tickets are still available for Redstone Arsenal's annual NCO and Soldier of the Year Luncheon scheduled July 22 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Post CSM Roscoe Johnson leads

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Thanks to America's troops

At a critical moment during the Revolutionary War, when his army was surrounded and in danger of being destroyed, General Washington issued this order: "Put only Americans on guard tonight." Washington knew, at that moment of crisis, he could rely on those citizen-soldiers-volunteers who had left behind their families and farms to risk everything for the cause of freedom.

Thanks to their service and sacrifice, America achieved her independence. And every July 4th since, Americans have come together to give thanks for our freedom and what our country has become: the freest, most creative and dynamic nation on earth.

This Fourth of July across America, families will enjoy picnics and parades, and the uplifting beat of "Stars and Stripes Forever." But our celebrations are tempered by the knowledge that the freedoms we hold sacred and dear have once again come under attack.

So today, as in General Washing-

ton's time, we take comfort in the knowledge that Americans like you are on guard tonight — soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

Like the Minute Men who dropped their pitchforks and took up rifles to defend their new nation in 1776, each of you stepped forward to defend America against the new threats of this new century.

Through your service and sacrifice, you help make every day Independence Day for the United States of America. Our people are free because your hearts are brave. And so on this Fourth of July, we stop to say to each of you: Thank you for what you do for our country.

Donald Rumsfeld
secretary of defense

Editor's note: This is the text of the Fourth of July video statement to troops by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, videotaped July 4 at the Pentagon.

Kudos to Youth Services

I would like to take the time to commend the new and improved Youth Services on Redstone Arsenal. My son attended there from 1999-2000 and since that time he hasn't attended until recently to sign up for the 2002 Summer Camp Program. Prior to this program, the system was very unorganized but thanks to technology and the newly installed security cameras and other equipment, we as parents hopefully won't have to worry much about our children's safety or whereabouts. The counselors are very professional, dedicated and dependable employees. They

are very informative on all issues concerning the program and very caring where the kids are concerned. This program is definitely needed for the Redstone community and all family members to utilize; and the staff that they have on hand is just one example of how far this program will go in the future. I'd like to thank each counselor there for all that they do in assuring that when I drop my son off that he is well taken care of until my arrival. God bless each of you.

Gloria Dorsey
retired SFC

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.



Arsenal gate security gives awesome first impression

Nothing like an ID check to make you feel special

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I am a civilian. Let me say that with a bit of an apology and the little shoulder shrug that says "Well, that explains everything." Being new to the Rocket, I am also new to Redstone Arsenal. I, like everyone else not living under a rock, have heard about increases in security since 9/11. However, I hadn't fully wrapped my head around what that meant until I attempted to enter Gate I to start my new job here. My identification was checked, my trunk perused, my vehicle registration and proof of insurance inspected; all by big men with big guns. I sat amidst concrete barricades and orange cones, and I was in awe. My head turned this way and that, mouth agog, trying to absorb every tiny detail.

I have heard a lot of people complain about new security measures, both here and at the airports. I've listened to tales of

woe involving long lines and unexpected delay. Before my little excursion I merely shook my head in sympathy, not really knowing what they were talking about. Now having seen these measures at work, I am not the least bit sympathetic. I was not agitated or aggravated. I was not even inconvenienced. I had a ball. We as Americans are always hearing about the latest study, the latest survey, that says we are overweight, out of shape, under-read couch potatoes. Maybe so, but for that five minutes at the gate I was the most pressing matter in a 10-foot radius. I was not a 5-foot-5 Alabama girl in pink with painted toes and a trendy haircut. I was a potential threat to security.

Now don't get me wrong, I would never want to be seriously considered dangerous. The notion makes me queasy. It was the idea that for once, I was an unknown factor. It was the idea that I could be a threat to anything other than Japanese Beetles.

Most of us walk through our days as Average Joes. We go to our jobs, go home to our families and the most risqué part of

our day is sneaking a nibble from the Reese Cups we keep hidden in our desk drawers. You might as well stamp "harmless" on our foreheads. It is a nice, safe existence. But it's not exactly a self-esteem booster. You start to think of yourself as "just a writer" or whatever you may do. You start to believe everyone else sees it that way, too. Life takes on the dull glow of tediousness and mundanity.

Commentary

So when a soldier that could snap you like a twig, with one hand behind their back while doing a crossword puzzle, looks you up and down before wishing you a good morning and waving you on your merry way, it makes you do a little mental re-evaluation of yourself. James Bond may have his top secret gadgets and slew of high tech weapons, but I have great shoes and an endless supply of potential. Maybe you do get winded on the trot from the parking lot to the build-

ing and maybe you know a lot more about the cast of ER than you will ever know about self defense, but somewhere inside you have the capacity to rise above your Lazyboy and be Somebody. (Note the capital "S.")

That's how I felt. I went on through the everyday trivialities with a smile on my face and a swagger in my step. I had had an epiphany. I was not "just" anything. Sure, I was still an Alabama girl in pink with painted toes, but I was also someone to reckon with. And that felt good. The people at the gate are highly trained and well armed, yet THEY were worried about ME. If that doesn't puff you up a little, then nothing will. Forget therapy, go through the gate. It's cheap, it's easy, and they don't want to hear about your mother.

OK, so maybe I'm crazy. Now that I've been printed, stamped, photographed and possess official identification, I won't get the same level of cautious perusal as before and I have to say I will miss that early morning dose of self affirmation.

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Deputy to commanding general applauds resource managers

Flinn says professionalism pays off in times of fiscal accountability

By SKIP VAUGHN
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The command's top civilian does a pretty good impression of Regis Philbin.

Jim Flinn, AMCOM deputy to the commanding general, used the popular television game show "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?," with host Philbin, as his whimsical vehicle to deliver a serious message Thursday. He was guest speaker at the monthly luncheon of the American Society of Military Comptrollers.

And what was his message?... Is that your final answer? Perhaps you need a lifeline...

Flinn told the resource managers that fiscal accountability is a must these days and an obligation to taxpayers. He also expressed his appreciation for their diligence, particularly in light of recent well-publicized troubles in the nation's business community.

"We won't have an Enron because of your professionalism," Flinn said. "You won't allow that to happen because you are far too professional, and I commend



Photo by Skip Vaughn

THAT IS CORRECT— Jim Flinn, deputy to the commanding general of the Avlation and Missile Command, gives his version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" during a luncheon talk to resource managers Thursday.

you for that."

The local chapter of ASMC, led by president Charlie Barnes, has more than 500 members including resource managers from defense agencies in the Redstone and Huntsville community. About 180 attended the luncheon held at Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road.



Photo by Ron Warren

Florida's own

Capt. Jason Mackay, commander of 95th Maintenance Company, Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment, participates in the change of command ceremony where he took command from Maj. John A. Wright. Mackay, a Florida native, comes to the 95th after serving as the Battalion S3, 68th Corps Support Battalion, Fort Carson, Colo.

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Army in action

Unmanned aerial vehicles do dull, dirty, dangerous work

Project office here expands to handle all Army UAVs

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Unmanned aerial vehicles are designed to do the dirty work. It's called the 3-D mission.

"The UAV puts eyes out there in places we don't want to risk having a manned vehicle operate," Col. John Burke, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems project manager, said. "Sometimes it's very dull, but necessary work — flying a pattern for surveillance or reconnaissance. UAVs can go into a dirty environment where there's the threat of exposure to nuclear, chemical or biological warfare. They are also sent into dangerous environments — battle zones. Dull, dirty, dangerous. The primary reason for the UAV is the three Ds."

The Army is working toward the development of several types of UAVs, everything from an extended range multi-purpose aerial vehicle that can fly at 25,000 feet with a range of 200 miles to vehicles weighing less than a pound and are about the size of a coffee cup.

Currently the Army's short range tactical UAV called Hunter is at work in support of several missions including operations in Kosovo, military equipment testing, and support to national training center rotations. It weighs about 1,600 pounds with a wing span of 29 feet. Hunter can fly 12 hours and has a 15,000-foot ceiling.

Systems for the field Part 14 of series

At the same time Hunter was on the prowl in the field, Shadow 200, a smaller tactical UAV, was making its way through design, development and testing. The Shadow weighs about 330 pounds with a wing span of 13 feet. It has a range of 125 kilometers and lasts about four hours. The Shadow system completed initial operational test and evaluation at Fort Hood, Texas, in May.

"Everything we've heard so far has been positive," Burke said. "But we're expecting the official report this month. After that we'll have a decision about moving forward to full rate production. The Army acquisition objective is 83 systems for this series."

The mission of both the Hunter and Shadow is to provide a near real-time, highly accurate, sustainable capability for over-the-horizon reconnaissance, surveillance, target acquisition, and battle damage assessment on the corps and division levels (Hunter) as well as for the maneuver commander (Shadow).

The intelligence gathered by a UAV assist military leaders in the planning stages by providing a picture of the terrain, location, size and capabilities of enemy forces, obstacles to the objective



ON THE PROWL— The Hunter, a short range tactical unmanned aerial vehicle, has been deployed to support operations in Kosovo with reconnaissance, surveillance, target acquisition, and battle damage assessment.

point, alternative routes and possibilities.

"It's like you want to go somewhere you've never been," Burke said. "Maybe you're driving to Atlanta to the airport and you've never been anywhere near the city. Wouldn't it be nice to send something up ahead to let you know how the traffic is, where the road construction is going on, if there are accidents. Just have a picture of what you're heading into before you get there and maybe even avoid a few problems."

The Shadow uses electro-optic infrared cameras to provide information back to maneuver commanders. Payloads demonstrated on the Hunter include EO/IR, jammers, laser designator/illuminator, VHF/UHF communications relay, chemical/biological detection and other capabilities. Both can be pre-controlled by programming in a pre-planned route or can be soldier operated using a radio transmitter.

Neither carries weapons but the project office is working with the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate to arm them with Bat, Hellfire or Stinger missiles.

Evolving capabilities for tactical UAVs include teaming with manned aviation. In a demonstration of interoperability between Hunter and an Apache helicopter, the Apache received direct video feed from the UAV at all times. Apache was also able to control the UAV and the payload cameras for 76 minutes. When in control, the Apache directed the aircraft flight patterns by waypoint navigation to the target area and was able to slew the camera to identify the targets and send video to ground locations.

The Army stopped buying Hunter systems in 1996. There are seven systems in the field, each with eight aircraft and system components for mission and flight, payloads, launch and recovery and transport vehicles for hardware and personnel.



UNMANNED VEHICLE— The Shadow 200 provides near real-time capability for over-the-horizon reconnaissance, surveillance, target acquisition and battle damage assessment all without putting a soldier in harm's way. A decision to approve full-rate production is expected this summer.

Hunter will continue in its support roles as well as serve as a test bed for the up and coming extended range/multi-purpose UAV. It is undecided right now whether the UAV will be fixed wing or rotary wing. The ER/MP is expected to replace Hunter in 2007.

The Shadow is headed for the Objective Force. The project office will field the first system to the Interim Brigade Combat Teams in Fort Lewis, Wash., this month. UAVs planned for the Future Combat System, be it tactical, small or micro, are also managed out of the UAV project office.

In fact, the project office that used to manage only the tactical UAVs like the Shadow and Hunter has been assigned an expanded mission along with a new name.

Formerly known as the Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicles project office, the office is now the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems project office, and is responsible for the development, acquisition and sustainment of all of the Army's UAVs. The project office is still managed under the Program Executive Office for Aviation.

"We're excited about moving forward on these programs — the extended range/multi-purpose starting next year. We'll also be experimenting with small and micro UAVs with the Marines," Burke said. "But we want it all to work together. It's important that we provide an integrated family of UAVs — software, simulation, training supportability, testing, communications. They will be built to work together."

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Courtesy photo

Construction begins on five-bay car wash near Shopette

Morale, welfare and recreation funds pay for facility slated to open in fall

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Talk is cheap but a muddy construction site buzzing with the sounds of heavy equipment operation speaks volumes. Redstone's new car wash is under construction and expected to open this fall.

"Our customers have been asking for this for a long, long time," Dan Ahern, director of community and family activities, said. "Funding it was the challenge. We finally had the ability to compete for some money redistribution from the AMC MWR fund and got it."

The state-of-the-art, self-service car wash will house five bays, one of which is oversized to accommodate RVs and trailers, and deliver cleaning power through high-pressure wands and foam brushes. Vacuums, vending machines and a change machine are also included in the design.

Located on Vincent Road, south of the Shopette, the car wash will be managed through the Auto Skills Center, another MWR facility.

Chugach Support Services Inc. is the construction contractor for the project. This company, based in Alaska, is not affiliated with the base operations contractor. The contract allows four months for construction plus time for equipment installation.

Total cost of the project is \$457,000, split between the Army Materiel Command's MWR redistribution grant (\$385,000) and the balance of \$72,000 coming from Redstone Arsenal morale, welfare and recreation.

"It's money that's coming back to Redstone," Ahern



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

WORKING AT THE CAR WASH— Participating in the ground breaking ceremony July 10 are, from left, Art Cole, project architect; Bill Porr, director of public works; CSM Lawrence Rogers, command sergeant major for Redstone Arsenal Support Activity; Col. Bob Devlin, deputy post commander; Dan Ahern, director of community and family activities; and Bill Woosley, manager of the Auto Skills Center, the activity responsible for operation oversight of the facility.

said, explaining that the AMC fund gets its income from collecting AAFES dividend income from installations then installations compete to get the money back for projects

like the car wash. "We're returning money to the community for the services people want. This is going to be a top-notch facility. One that I'm sure will be well-used."

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Army logistics expert retired on a horse in 1992

The late Joseph Patrick Cribbins was 'Mr. Army Aviation Logistics'

By ADAM BERNSTEIN

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WASHINGTON — Joseph P. Cribbins, 88, a former steeplechase jockey who served in an Army horse cavalry division during World War II and spent the last 35 years as an expert in Army air cavalry safety and logistics, died June 14 at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda of complications following a hip fracture.

When he was inducted into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame in 1980, the citation read: "There is no individual who has had as much influence and long term impact on Army Aviation logistics as

Joseph P. Cribbins."

He had spent several years on active duty before retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1966 and joining the Army Department as a civilian. In that capacity, he played a major role in founding the aviation logistics office, which oversaw acquisition, research and development, production, distribution, maintenance and supply activities.

He became a much-decorated member of the Senior Executive Service before stepping down in 1992 as the Army Department's chief of aviation safety and logistics.

Then, at age 78, he was hired by DynCorp government contractors in Reston and at his death was special assistant to the president and chief executive for safe-

ty and aviation logistics. He worked every day, rising at 4:30 a.m., arriving at work about 6 a.m. and leaving for home as late as 8 p.m.

Joseph Patrick Cribbins was born in Millbrook, N.Y., to a horse groomer on Long Island estates. He attended the University of Nevada.

He was a professional steeplechase jockey and horse trainer from 1931 to 1940. An accident while harness racing — a wheel slipped off his sulky — ended his career. He was hospitalized for months.

He enlisted in the Army in December 1940 as a stable sergeant in the 101st Cavalry Division so he could be around horses. He went with the division to the South Pacific and participated in the Admiralty Islands campaign.

He later served on General Douglas MacArthur's staff, working in air transportation.

After the war, he worked for Delta Airlines and owned and operated a ranch in Nevada.

He was recalled to active duty in 1951 during the Korean War, arranging flights for military personnel coming and going from the conflict. His final active duty position, in 1966, was as special assistant for tactical air mobility.

He spent a year as special consultant to his mentor, Gen. Frank S. Besson Jr., commanding general of the Army Materiel Command, before embarking on his civilian career in aviation logistics.

He worked on safety and logistics issues for some of the most-advanced helicopter technology, including the Apache and Black Hawk models.

But at Col. Cribbins's retirement ceremony in 1992, he was mounted on a horse. Gen. Gordon Sullivan, the Army chief of staff, insisted.

The feeling was "he came to the Army on a horse, and we're not going to let him go any other way than on a horse," said retired Maj. Gen. Richard E. Stephenson, a friend of Col. Cribbins since the early 1960s.

Col. Cribbins was also a frequent visitor to the horse stables at Fort Myer.

His decorations included two awards of the Legion of Merit, three awards of the



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REMEMBERED— A memorial ceremony for Joseph Cribbins, known as "Mr. Army Aviation Logistics," was held July 2 at Bicentennial Chapel. Cribbins died on the Army's 227th birthday, June 14.

Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal.

He also received the Defense Department Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the Presidential Rank Award for distinguished executive in the Senior Executive Service, the Presidential Rank Award for meritorious service and the Army Department Exceptional Civilian Service Award.

The Army Aviation Association of America's Army Department civilian of the year award, which Col. Cribbins received in 1976, was later named in his honor.

He was an Alexandria resident and a member of United Community Ministries in Alexandria.

His wife, Helen Thorp Cribbins, whom he married in 1946, died in 1993.

He leaves no immediate survivors.

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Maid of honor

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, presents an award July 1 to Ruby Smith recognizing her 35 years of employment as maid to the Command Group. The ceremony, with a reception following, was attended by many of her co-workers, members of the Command Group and friends she has made through the years.

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Community invited to Parent/Principal Night next Monday

Parents can meet school representatives, register for bus and child care services

By SANDY RIEBELING
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It's still the middle of summer but with the newly adopted school calendar, it's already time for parents to start thinking about back to school issues. The first day of classes for Huntsville schools is Aug. 7.

Redstone's annual Parent/Principal Night will be next Monday at 5:30 p.m. at

the Recreation Center, building 3711. Representatives from Huntsville schools including Academy for Academics & Arts, Academy for Science and Foreign Language, New Century Technology High School, Butler High School, Williams Elementary/Technology Middle, Westlawn Middle and the special education department will be available to meet with parents, provide information about the schools and answer questions.

A separate room will be provided for school bus registration for children residing on the Arsenal.

"We will also have a display table with information on the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and Child and Youth Services will

have information and registration packets for before and after school care," Pam Berry, director of youth education support services, said. "This is the first year for the extended school calendar. I'm guessing parents are going to have a few questions about that."

With the new schedule, students start back to school about a week earlier but then get a fall break Oct. 7-11, after the first nine weeks. Child and Youth Services offers intercession camps during the fall, winter and spring breaks, for students in grades K-12.

The event is open to the Redstone community. For more information, call Berry at 955-6309.



Acquisition demonstration project briefings scheduled

Command workers urged to attend

PERSONNEL AND TRAINING DIRECTORATE
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In an effort to keep employees informed, AMCOM is sponsoring a series of briefings on the DoD Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project.

Representatives from the Department of the Army will conduct the briefings and provide an overview to Aviation and Missile Command employees on the demonstration project. The briefings will begin today in the Bob Jones Auditorium and attendance is mandatory for all AMCOM employees (less AMRDEC, since they are covered under the Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratory Personnel Demonstration Project).

The AcqDemo Project is designed to

improve the DoD acquisition, technology and logistics workforce through increased flexibilities to achieve quality through pay banding, recruitment, hiring, workforce education and training.

Briefings for managers, supervisors and team leaders will be held today at 1-4 p.m. and again July 30 at 8:30-11:30 a.m. Managers, supervisors and team leaders that are hearing impaired should be scheduled to attend today's session and are instructed to sit down front on the lower right side of the auditorium in front of the interpreter.

Briefings for AMCOM employees will be held today from 8:30-11:30 a.m., Thursday from 1-4 p.m., July 30 from 1-4 p.m., July 31 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., and Aug. 1 from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Employees who are hearing impaired should be scheduled to attend Thursday's session and are instructed to sit down front on the lower side of the auditorium in front of the interpreter.

For supervisors and employees on the second and third shifts, Channel 42 viewing will be available with closed live captioning for employees in accordance with the following schedule:

- Employees - July 30 from 1-4 a.m.

(third shift) and 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. (second shift), and Aug. 1 from 1-4 a.m. (third shift) and 6-9 p.m. (second shift).

• Managers, supervisors and team leaders - July 31 from 1-4 a.m. (third shift) and 6-9 p.m. (second shift).

In accordance with guidance from the AMCOM board of directors, primary organizational elements are requested to take appropriate steps to notify their workforce, schedule their employees and ensure attendance, even though participation of AMCOM bargaining unit employees is subject to reaching an agreement with the union.

For more information regarding the Acquisition Demonstration Project, you may view a series of briefing charts on the AMCOM home page. The charts are located on the right hand of the screen under Events. The AMCOM Acquisition Demo IPT is also working with Corporate Information Center to create an Acquisition Demo web link where AMCOM employees can obtain more information as well as ask questions or give feedback. Completion of this web page is expected next month and will be in the subject index of the AMCOM home page under Acquisition Demonstration Project.

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■ Dr. Daniel facility fulfills late director's dream

Facility

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"We are very excited about the new facility and all the capabilities that we now have," Steven Carr of prototype engineering division said. "We will be doing great things and hopefully will save the government a lot of money in the process."

Daniel, who died in a one-car accident in March 2000, was the director of engineering at the Research Development and Engineering Center, and longtime advocate of in-house prototype development and proof-of-principle before beginning weapon system productions.

He began his government career as a co-op student at Redstone. After graduating from Auburn with a degree in civil engineering, a master's degree in industrial engineering from Oklahoma State and a doctorate in general engineering from Oklahoma State, he worked as part of the NASA team during the first moon landing.

He became assistant project manager for production for the Patriot missile system, with responsibilities for the transition of systems from development to production.

Daniel's experience also included total



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VISIONARY— Dr. Larry O. Daniel, who died in a one-car accident in March 2000, served as director of engineering at the Research Development and Engineering Center. A ceremony next Monday will officially open the Dr. Larry O. Daniel Prototype Integration Facility.

quality management, value engineering and system engineering. Before becoming the director of engineering, he was director of system engineering and the associate director for systems.

■ Armed forces week includes luncheons, conference

Celebration

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the event; and Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, will recognize the winners.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$8 and can be purchased from the following: SSgt. A. Seneres 876-0963, SSgt. E. Austin 876-2141, SSgt. M. McGilton 842-7344, Cpl. F. Bollinger 876-5773, Spec. C. Jones 842-2631, Spec. L. Yancey 876-5893 and PFC J. Blancarte 842-9143.

Planning briefing for industry

The Advance Planning Briefing for Industry is an annual Team Redstone event that is scheduled during Armed Forces Week. This year's conference is July 23-26 at Bob Jones Auditorium. The conference theme is "Enabling the Objective Army," and will include Team Redstone presentations concerning present and future program requirements, to include teaming with industry, R&D requirements and a focus on acquisition. Gen. Paul Kern, commander of Army Materiel Command, will be the keynote speaker; and Michael Schexnayder, deputy director for acquisition, Objective Force, Army, and Stephen Ruffa of Defense Logistics Agency will also be featured.

For a complete listing of participants, speakers and the conference schedule,

visit the APBI web site at <http://apbi.redstone.army.mil>.

Registration cost for the conference includes a reception mixer July 23, a ticket to the annual Armed Forces Week luncheon July 24, a reception hosted by Dodgen on July 24, and lunch July 25.

Cost of the conference is \$415 for industry and academia, and \$290 for military and government personnel. Registration can be accomplished online through the APBI web site, or by calling 536-7000.

Armed forces celebration luncheon

The annual Armed Forces Celebration Luncheon sponsored by the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce and the Association of the U.S. Army is July 24 at 11:45 a.m. at the Von Braun Center's North Hall. Secretary of the Army Thomas White is this year's keynote speaker. Tickets are \$30 for individuals, \$400 for a table that seats six, and \$800 for a sponsor table. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Chamber of Commerce at 535-2000.

Editor's note: This year's performance by the U.S. Army Soldier Show for members of Redstone Arsenal and the local community is scheduled Oct. 3. The event will feature two performances at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Von Braun Center's Concert Hall. Information and details pertaining to the show and tickets will be publicized in upcoming months prior to the performance.

■ Guardsmen at gates make newcomer feel secure

Security

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Now when I wave and say thank you as I pass through security it will not be casual courtesy, I will truly mean it — if for the strangest of reasons. That's how life is. We are moved and motivated by the simple and absurd that happens to hit us at precisely the right moment. So don't sit in your car and grumble that the line is so long and how it's probably going to

make you late. Enjoy your own free helping of personal validation and be glad you didn't need a talk show to get it.

The next time the magazines at the grocery store checkout scream at me from their metal racks that my knees are fat, or that I had better know how to prepare a seven course meal in 8.4 seconds or my existence is meaningless, I will remember the semi-automatic angels in green at the gates and smile. Cosmo doesn't know who they're messing with: I am a bad mammajamma.

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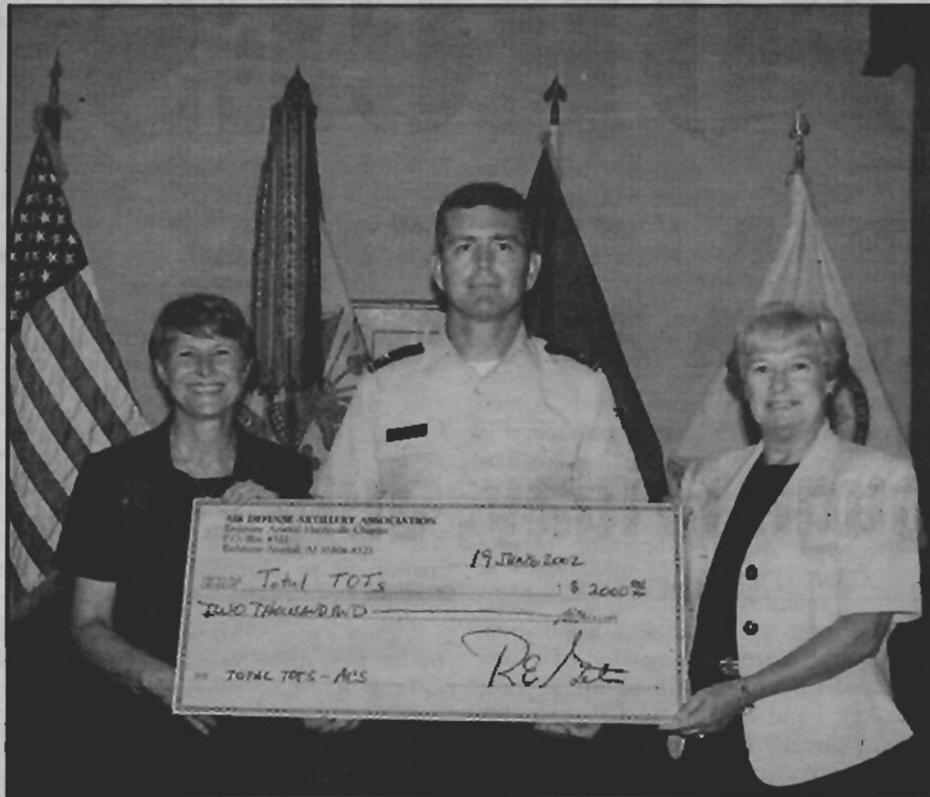


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BIG CHECK— From left are Virginia Dempsey of Army Community Service, Col. Tim McKaig of Air Defense Artillery Association and Pam Stieglitz, the Total Tots chairperson.

Total Tots donation amounts to \$2,000

By SKIP VAUGHN
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A program that provides emergency child care for military families has received a boost from the Air Defense Artillery Association.

ADAA's Huntsville Chapter presented a \$2,000 check to the Total Tots program during its July 9 luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club. Virginia Dempsey of Army Community Service, a coordinator for the program, and Pam Stieglitz, the Total Tots chairperson, accepted the check from Col. Tim McKaig, chapter president.

"I want to promise you that every penny of this money is going to child care for a military family member," Stieglitz said. "So I want to thank you very much."

The chapter, with 180 individual members and 30 corporate members, raises money through dues and its annual conference. This was its first contribution to Total Tots.

"It was clear that it was going to a cause that meets the needs of our soldiers here," McKaig said. "Just as a parent, I can appreciate peace of mind that when you need child care it's there for you in emergency situations."

The program, which began in 1986, provides emergency child care and respite care for military families during situations

such as sickness in the family, medical emergencies, relocation problems and special needs. Organizers included the chaplains office, the Officer and Civilian Women's Club and the Enlisted Spouses Club. Army Community Service was invited to the second meeting and it was decided the program would be housed at ACS, run by a committee and funded by donations. Twenty-three children have been served since last October.

"It's called Total Tots because it's totally for the child," Stieglitz, a volunteer, said. "That's what's made it a success over the years."

"We work very closely with Child Development Services, with their programs," Dempsey said. "And we do offer 24-hour child care when it's necessary."

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, the luncheon's guest speaker, gave his outlook for the air defense artillery branch.

"We have all been well served in our branch by a couple of things," he told the 122 attendees. "First of all, we have very visionary leaders. The second thing, our air defense soldiers are the most professional in the Army."

Bob Eison, an engineer with contractor CAS who supports the Lower Tier Project Office, was inducted into the Order of St. Barbara. Those who have made significant contributions to the air defense artillery branch are inducted into the Order of St. Barbara, patron saint of artillery.

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Hawaiian shake

Members of the Hawaiian Fun Polynesian Dance Troupe perform a Tahitian dance during the second annual "A Taste of Hawaiian Festival," June 15 at Big Spring Park. The free event drew a crowd for music, entertainment, Hawaiian fashion show, Hawaiian attire contest and refreshments. "This festival is a way of bringing the entire family together," organizer Rosie Douglas, who works at South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center, said. "Our future goals are to continue to bring cultural awareness and contribute to breast cancer awareness."

Facility becomes hotbed for firefighter training

Construction project upgrades training pit

By MIKE WASSELL
Installation Compliance Team leader

Several years ago there was a large diesel spill at the fire training facility when a valve failed. This failure caused the fire training pit to be filled with diesel; and after several days of heavy rain, the diesel floating on the rainwater breached the walls. A large remediation of petroleum contaminated soil and asphalt was required to clean up the site. At that time the Directorate of Environmental Management began investigating ways to make the fire training facility environmentally sound, while meeting the operational training requirements of the Redstone Fire Department.

Originally, the fire training facility consisted of a concrete curb lined with firebrick around a pit. The pit had a sand bottom with a liner underneath it to help prevent petroleum contamination. At the time of construction, it was a state of the art training facility. Operationally it worked well but when firefighters would ignite the diesel and fight the fire, some of the diesel and ignited fuel would splash over the curb as the fire was extinguished.

Rain also caused problems. After a heavy rain the pit would fill with rainwater and the residual petroleum, which was always present in the sand bottom, would leach out of the sand and float on the rainwater. Since it is illegal to discharge a petroleum water mixture to the environment, Chugach was required to remove the diesel water mixture and take it to the central oil water separator for processing. In addition, with temperatures reaching more than 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit during the training exercises, the concrete would crack and spall, making its useful life very short. This naturally reduced the life of the training facility and encouraged petroleum discharges to the environment.

When we first started looking at fire training facilities that were environmen-



Photo by Danny Brandon of SpecPro

FILL 'ER UP— The fire training pit is filled with water prior to training and the fuel oil is floated on top of the water before it is ignited. This is done for both safety reasons and to add to the useful life of the pit.

tally friendly, there were no designs that met our operational needs. We considered replacing the original pit and adding a system of steel drains flowing to a steel oil-water separator. We used steel so the system would not fail under the high temperatures of the incoming liquids and would be flame proof. We also decided to add a graded apron around the outside of the pit to capture the overflow of diesel and ignited fuel that occurred while the firefighters conducted live fire training. We designed the apron to direct the overflow of the diesel and ignited fuel to the oil water separator. To alleviate the concrete spalling and cracking, we investigated the properties of different types of concrete and found a company out of Birmingham called Plibrico that manufactured refractory concrete.

Plibrico had been in business since 1914 and was originally called Pliable Fire Brick Company. In 1960 they changed their name to Plibrico. The product we used for the training area is called Plicast-27-KK. The KK stands for kwik kure (quick cure) concrete. The quick curing is accomplished by the addition of fibers to the concrete, which act as capillary tubes

for the water trapped in the concrete. When the concrete is first brought up to operating temperature, the fibers provide a pathway for the water to escape quickly during the rapid heating process. The concrete also contains high temperature stainless steel needles, which are added to increase the structural strength of the concrete. It is stable up to an operational temperature of 2,700 degrees Fahrenheit.

The new fire training facility now has a curb and an apron made of the Plibrico

refractory concrete. The pit is 80 feet in diameter and the apron is 14 feet wide. It also has a liner that was placed approximately 2 feet underground to contain any petroleum leakage that may occur through the bottom of the pit. The pit floor consists of a thick mixture of 75 percent sand and 25 percent concrete to ensure it can withstand the operating temperatures. The mixture of sand and concrete works very well at the pit floor. It has the consistency of very soft sandstone and is fluid enough to fix itself when it cracks, and maintain a relatively flat bottom without running out through the oil water separator. Now, when it rains, due to the new drainage system, the diesel water mixture is passed through the oil water separator where the diesel is captured so there is no need to pump out the pit. In addition when the firefighters are done with their training, any excess diesel water mixture can be drained to the oil water separator further reducing operational requirements and environmental risks.

This project was done in partnership with the Redstone Arsenal Fire Department to ensure we constructed a state-of-the-art facility that was both environmentally and operationally friendly. This facility is used not only by the Redstone Arsenal firefighters but the Huntsville Airport Fire Department and fire departments from as far away as Nashville and Birmingham.



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SMOKE ON WATER— This facility is used not only by the Redstone Arsenal firefighters but the Huntsville Airport Fire Department and fire departments from as far away as Nashville and Birmingham.

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Depot bound

Col. Bill Guinn will assume command of Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., during a change of command ceremony Thursday. His most recent assignment was as the deputy director for logistics, U.S. Pacific Command at Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii. Guinn succeeds Col. Robert English III, the depot commander since July 2000, who will become military deputy at the Integrated Materiel Management Center at the Aviation and Missile Command.

Refresher clinic conducted for non-destructive testing

The turnout at the fourth annual Non-Destructive Testing Refresher Clinic, held June 24-28 at the Huntsville Radisson Inn, was deemed a success. Sixty-six attendees arrived from around the world for a Monday evening breakout session with the AMCOM Safety Office, Army Aviation Enlisted Proponency and the TMDE Activity. Jack VanKirk, PM Aviation Systems technical chief, provided the opening remarks.

Attendees spent the week in refresher training classes specific to the non-destructive test equipment fielded by the Aviation Ground Support Equipment Office. The refresher clinic is just one of the continuing support mechanisms utilized by the AGSE NDT Center of Excel-

lence to provide continuing support for the soldier in the field. Classroom theory training blocks and hands-on training labs were available for attendees. Part of the instruction was the mandatory radiographer eight-hour refresher training; and this classroom refresher along with the hands-on exercise conducted at Redstone Arsenal enables field radiographers to be in compliance with Army regulations.

The hands-on training blocks afford attendees the opportunity to perform inspections on components from all models of aircraft in the Army inventory. Condemned components from Safety of Flight and Aviation Safety Action Message are made available for practitioners to demonstrate their skill finding true

service discontinuities. NDT Center of Excellence Level III personnel oversee the training to offer guidance.

In addition to the NDT training, 23 radiation protection officers attended classes conducted by Keith Rose from the Safety Office. He reviewed radiation theory, radiation safety, Army regulations and program requirements.

A mid-week reception and equipment display allowed the attendees to see the latest in NDT equipment and talk to manufacturers. Multiple vendors from industry provided displays.

Editor's note: This article was adapted from an Aviation Ground Support Equipment Office release.

Changes to make Thrift Savings Plan more user friendly

By SFC KATHLEEN RHEM
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Upcoming improvements to the Thrift Savings Plan for both military and federal civilian employees will make the program easier to use.

Lt. Col. Tom Emswiler, an Army lawyer who directs the Armed Forces Tax Council in the Pentagon, said the most significant change will be that accounts will become daily valued, instead of the

current monthly valued. All transactions will be updated daily, he said.

Other changes include better online access to accounts and participant statements expressed in shares and dollars, instead of just dollars as the current statements are.

All changes are due to be implemented Sept. 16. Emswiler said no action is required from participants. However, he cautioned, there will be a two-week period from the end of August until Sept. 16 during which participants will be unable to make certain changes to their accounts or make withdrawals.

"For that two-week period when they're actually transferring accounts into the new record-keeping system, there's going to be a pause in your ability to do certain things," he said. "But otherwise, this is basically going to be seamless."

TSP participants will gain the ability to make changes daily, "but this isn't meant to make you a day trader," Emswiler said. "Think about your long-term investment needs and don't move your accounts simply based on short-term market fluctuations."

He noted the Thrift Savings Plan is intended to be a retirement investment plan. "That means it's a long-term investment, you don't want to just jump around based on short-term needs," he said. "You want to develop your investment strategy based on what level of risk you're willing to accept, whether your needs are long-term or short-term, and then stick with that plan."

For more information on the Thrift Savings Plan, visit www.tsp.gov. A chart outlining the upcoming changes is available online at www.tsp.gov/forms/tsp11.pdf.

Columbia College

Request For Third Party Comment

Columbia College is seeking comments from the public about the college in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency.

The college will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit Sept. 23-25, 2002 by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

Columbia College has been accredited by the commission since 1918. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the commission's Criteria for Accreditation and General Institutional Requirements.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college to:

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Group fills needs for weight loss surgery patients

*Members share information,
provide emotional support*

By KELLEY LANE
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In August 1999 Carnie Wilson, daughter of Beach Boy Brian Wilson and member of the singing group Wilson Phillips, had what is known as a gastric bypass. This is a surgical procedure for the obese, reducing the size of the stomach in an attempt to lose weight. Wilson's surgery was a success and she now graces interviews, magazine covers and the cover of her new book, 150 pounds lighter. Gastric bypass, however, is not an option limited to the rich and famous.

Here in Madison County a support group has been started for those who have undergone, are in the pre-operative stages of or are researching the procedure. They call themselves The Wings of WLS.

Weight Loss Surgery, or WLS, is not what it used to be. Most people can recall the "stomach stapling" of the late '70s and early '80s. It promised drastic results, but more often than not patients found complications and difficulties instead. This is not the same procedure as gastric bypass. Gastric bypass as it is performed today is only about five years old. As with any new procedure interest has been massive, especially with celebrity endorsement and huge results. Since no standard doctor protocol or post operative instructions have been set thus far, the importance of research and information for those interested is immeasurable. Web sites such as Obesityhelp.com offer information and support for candidates, but a support group can offer a personal touch that a computer cannot give.

Putting faces on a procedure gives one a chance to not only see the impact WLS has had on actual lives, it also presents the opportunity for one-on-one sharing of information, personal experiences, hugs and sometimes tears.

Before March of this year the closest groups were in Cullman or Birmingham. Having had her surgery in September 2001, Michelle Hagan was making the two hour trek to Faces of WLS, the Birmingham group. She found it hard to maintain her level of involvement with such a lengthy commute.

"I talked with the group leader in Birmingham and she encouraged me to start a support group in the Huntsville area. In March of 2002 Wings of WLS took flight," she says. "I had a meeting place and a friend helping me, Terri Hansen. Terri was looking into having the surgery and had a data base consisting of people in the Huntsville area considering or who have had WLS...she e-mailed them about our meeting. In the mean time, Terri introduced me to Tammy O'Brien. That's pretty much how we got started."

Tammy O'Brien is another WLS success story. She works at Redstone Arsenal as a documentation specialist for Morgan Research Corp. under Technical Data Management Systems in building 5687. When a lifelong friend in Mobile told O'Brien she was going to have the surgery after unsuccessfully trying an endless list of things to lose weight, O'Brien wasn't sure exactly what her friend was getting into. When all went well, she began her own research. What she found out was that she was an excellent candidate for the procedure herself. She had been struggling with weight issues her entire life and WLS sounded like it could be the help she needed. After six months of research, she located a doctor in Birmingham. After four months of consultation with him, she changed doctors.

"Finding a doctor is a very personal thing. You have to be comfortable and trust them," O'Brien advises. She is also quick to say that just because a particular physician is not for you doesn't mean they are a bad doctor, but that their style or manner may not be what you are looking for.



Photo by Tim O'Brien

BEFORE SURGERY— The night before her laparoscopic gastric bypass, Tammy O'Brien weighed in at 241 pounds.

O'Brien soon found another doctor she was comfortable with. After attending a seminar held by this physician and an initial consultation, she decided to proceed.

On January 18, O'Brien had a laparoscopic gastric bypass. The procedure was done through several small incisions just large enough to admit the surgical instruments necessary. She was released from the hospital that Sunday. So far she has had no major complications. She has, however, lost 75 pounds and 10 dress sizes — going from a size 26 or 28 to a size 16. She is still losing weight, and hopes for 45 pounds more to bring her down to the ideal weight for her height. She says the support group has been invaluable.

When The Wings of WLS meet, they are a relaxed and friendly group. They schedule speakers regularly. They have doctors speak about the procedure and after care. Psychiatrists lecture on thought reconditioning toward food and eating. For a lot of people, the relationship with food is an emotional one. The surgery is just a tool, not a magic wand that will fix everything. People having WLS must restrain themselves not only in the physical aspects of eating, but in the mental and emotional ones as well. This is where the open discussion format of the meetings comes into play. Group members compare results, complications, and how they are dealing with their own experiences. Pre-operative members, their supporters, and those simply researching can frankly discuss the pros and cons, and their individual concerns with others in all stages of the surgery.

They are part information resource and part emotional backup for their members and guests. The Angels Program is a perfect example. When a member is ready to undergo surgery, he or she will ask another member to be their angel. As an "angel" that member will usually accompany them to the hospital. They will then act as emotional support and informed friend to the patient and their family. The angel keeps the rest of the group up-to-date on the status and well being of the



Photo by Kelley Lane

HAPPIER NOW— Tammy O'Brien is smiling, six months later and 75 pounds lighter. Her goal is to lose 45 more pounds.

member in surgery. The angel also updates the Egroup, the online branch of Wings of WLS. The mother of a member, affectionately called "Ma Wings" sends each member to surgery with a handmade pillow in the shape of the group's symbol, a butterfly. After surgery when the member has returned to meetings, they have a clothing exchange where members trade larger size items that no longer fit for smaller sizes as they lose weight. They share food samples and offer advice on vitamin supplements. When a member died from major complications, the first and only death in the group, they pulled together to help comfort her family and each other. This is the family side of WLS. They want everyone to know exactly what they're doing when considering surgery, but also that they are not doing it alone.

"If you look, you will find somebody else with the same problems you have," O'Brien explains. She and the rest of the group invite anyone considering the surgery or their friends and loved ones to come to the meetings and learn more about the procedure than the statistics and medical data.

O'Brien stresses that this is major surgery. "People realize this isn't something you jump into. Even before having surgery you get information and see the personal side of WLS."

Members are of all walks of life and range in age from 18 or 19 and up. Some work on Redstone Arsenal or have a spouse that does; others are from the community at large.

Wings of WLS meets twice a month on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7 p.m. in room 011 through 013 of the Hope Building at Asbury United Methodist Church, 980 Hughes Road, in Madison. Entrance is through the playground side of the Hope Building. Michelle Hagan can also be reached by e-mail at mhagan@knology.net, or you can call O'Brien at work at 842-1278.

Medical irony: Too much iron can be unhealthy

Buildup of deposits in body can damage, destroy organs

By LINDA DONNELLY
Fox Army Health Center

Hemochromatosis, also known as "iron overload disease," is a disorder that causes a buildup of iron deposits in the body. This iron buildup can severely damage or destroy organs, to include the liver, heart and pancreas.

There are two types of hemochromatosis:

- Hereditary or genetic. This type is the most common form of the disease and is passed down through families. A screening

test is available for people who have the disease in their family. It is possible to be a carrier — meaning you have the gene, but not the disease, but can pass it on to your children. Contact your healthcare provider for further information on testing.

- Acquired or secondary. This type of the disease can be caused from having chronic liver disease, many blood transfusions, certain blood disorders, or from taking excessive iron supplements.

Approximately three out of every 1,000 people in the United States have hemochromatosis. Those predominantly affected are from English, Swedish, French and Portuguese descent. Men are more likely than women to develop symptoms of

hemochromatosis. Due to the slow buildup of excess iron, symptoms are typically not experienced until after age 40. Early symptoms of the disease may be vague and are often similar to those of other diseases, or of aging. They can include weakness, fatigue, weight loss, joint pain (particularly in the knees, hips and fingers), impotence, change in skin color to a gray or brown, and rapid heart rate.

If left untreated, hemochromatosis can cause cirrhosis of the liver, hepatitis, liver failure, heart failure, loss of body hair and breast enlargement in men, diabetes, or arthritis.

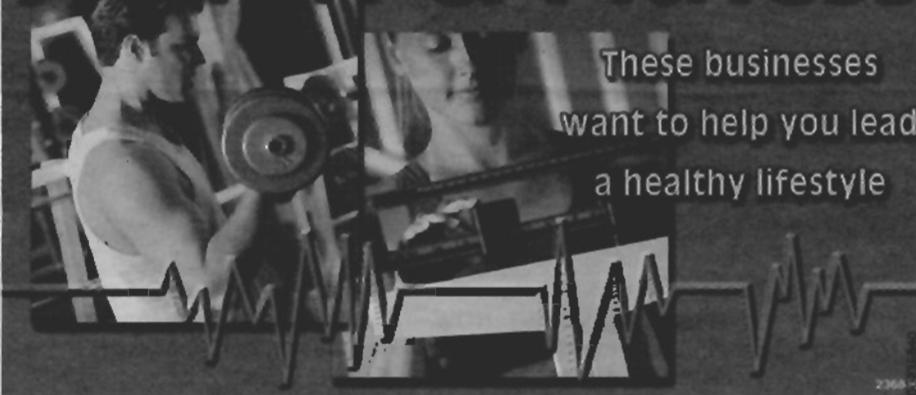
If treatment is begun early, most people don't experience serious complications

and can have a normal life expectancy. Blood tests can determine the level of iron and then a liver biopsy may be performed. Treatment is generally very simple. Excess iron is removed from the body by removing blood. Some people need to have as much as a pint per week removed. Once the iron levels are within the normal range, periodic blood tests will determine the need for further treatment.

If you have any of the aforementioned symptoms, or a family history of hemochromatosis, contact your healthcare provider.

Editor's note: Linda Donnelly is a health systems specialist at Fox Army Health Center. July is National Hemochromatosis Screening Awareness Month.

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NCO Academy team gives MEDDAC early lesson



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FIRST OUT— Leadoff hitter Brett Holder of HHC 59th fails to reach safely as Charlie 832nd first baseman Sean Anderson digs out a throw from shortstop Dale Espinoza. But HHC 59th went on to win 15-3 on July 9.

Softball season opens with many hits, errors

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Once the NCO Academy offense gets going, it's hard to stop. Just ask MEDDAC.

The NCOs delivered eight runs in the first inning and 11 in the third en route to a 22-12 win over MEDDAC on July 9 in troop slow-pitch softball at field 14. The error-filled game ended after three and a half innings because of the 10-run rule.

"We've got some work to do," Academy coach Thomas West said. "We've got a good team."

Clinton Coonce went 4-for-4 with two RBIs and scored four runs as the NCOs improved to 2-0 on the young season. Dennis Gibbs added three hits, a double, three runs and two RBIs. Chris Dart also doubled, had two hits and scored twice.

"(MEDDAC's Michael Copeland) was pitching meat pitches," Gibbs said. "He was pitching them over the plate."

"Hitting we're right on target," Dart said. "We really need to work on the fundamentals, on our defense in the field."

MEDDAC jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first without the benefit of a hit when Academy pitcher Wade Chandler walked the first three batters. Both runs scored on sacrifice flies. But MEDDAC quickly fell behind in the bottom of the inning in its season opener.

"I think that we just had too many errors (six)," MEDDAC coach Johnny Davis said. "It was a well-played game by NCOA, they gave outstanding sportsmanship unlike some of the other teams. They played real hard even with their injuries."

Davis, who played shortstop, went 2-for-2 with two RBIs, including a sacrifice fly in the first. He also scored twice. MEDDAC was outhit 21-11.

MEDDAC third baseman David Blackwell pointed out that the team also started slow last season but ended up in the postseason final against eventual champion Bravo Company.

"I thought overall everyone did OK," said Blackwell, who went 1-for-1 with a sacrifice fly RBI. "We'll practice and hopefully we'll do better."

In other season openers July 8-9, Bravo d. Charlie 832nd 19-8, NCO Academy d. Marines 11-7, HHC 59th d. Charlie 167th 18-1, Charlie 167th d. Delta 16-8 and HHC 59th d. Charlie 832nd 15-3.

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The AMCOM EEO Office will conduct the "2002 Mandatory Training in the Prevention of Sexual Harassment and EEO Update," through September. The session will be held at Bob Jones Auditorium as follows: 9-10 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. Aug. 20, Aug. 28, Aug. 29, Sept. 11, Sept. 19 and Sept. 30; and from 9-10 a.m. Thursday and Sept. 3. Please bring something to write with. For more information, call Kate Love of the Equal Employment Opportunity Office 876-8015.

NCO/soldier of year luncheon

The NCO/Soldier of the Year Luncheon is next Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal. The theme of this year's luncheon is "United We Stand: Rebuilding the American Dream by Returning to Tradition." For tickets, \$8 each, call the following unit representa-

tives: MEDDAC, Cpl. Bollinger 955-0384; NCO Academy, SFC Casto 876-6164; 95th TMDE, Spec. Yancey 876-5893; AMCOM, Spec. Jones 842-2631; Headquarters & Alpha, PFC Blancarte 842-9143; D Company, SSgt. McGilton 842-9771; B Company, SSgt. Señeres 876-0963; C Company, Drill Sgt. Austin 876-6594; and HHC 59th, SSgt. McGilton 842-9771.

Army concert tour

The classic rock band Styx, with special guest Kansas, will perform at 8 p.m. Aug. 24 at the Redstone Arsenal Activity Field as part of the 2002 Miller Genuine Draft Army Concert Tour. Styx is known for hits like "Come Sail Away," "Rockin' the Paradise" and "High Enough" while Kansas enjoyed hits like "Dust in the Wind," "Point of Know Return" and "Carry On, Wayward Son." Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the gate. Gates open at 6:30 that night. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com, the ITR at the Recreation Center, the Sparkman Cafeteria, the Officers and Civilians Club, Hotel Redstone, and Post Exchange customer service (for authorized PX users). For tickets or more information call 830-2582, 876-4531 or visit MWR online at www.redstonemwr.com.

Thrift shop

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Photo by Ronald Bowman

Civilian of year

Dick Winter, president of the Association of the U.S. Army, Virginia Peninsula-General Douglas MacArthur Chapter, presents the Department of the Army Civilian of the Year Award to Donald Skrinjorich, aerospace engineer in the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, Aviation and Missile Command, Fort Eustis, Va.

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Butler High reunion

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