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Aluminum recycling turns cans into soldier dollars

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A mild winter has held down the price for aluminum, but Redstone's aluminum recycling program should still yield plenty of dollars for the soldiers' morale, welfare and recreation fund.

Last week four tractor-trailer loads of drink cans collected on post were taken to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office recycling center here. They were crushed into about 65 bales, each weighing around 180 pounds. It takes about 5,000 cans to form one rectangular 2-by-3-foot bale.

"We've probably got about twice as much as we had last year," said Dave Popel, chief of the logistics and maintenance branch in the services division at Directorate of Community and Family Activities. Last year's unbaled load was sold locally at 32 cents per pound, resulting in around \$3,200 in proceeds to the morale, welfare and recreation fund. This year's

market rate is only 25 cents per pound of aluminum. Officials here hope to get a higher price, at least 30 cents per pound, by crushing the cans into 180-pound cubes for easier storage.

Aluminum cans are collected in recycle boxes located at Army buildings. Some of the cans also come from the housing areas. Cans are picked up periodically and stored at building 3619 southend; the aluminum is then sold, usually semiannually or annually depending on the price for aluminum. The proceeds go directly to the morale, welfare and recreation fund to benefit soldiers.

"It's the post aluminum recycle program. And our slogan again is 'Turn your cans into soldier dollars,'" Popel said. The recycle program is under the Directorate of Community and Family Activities. J.R. Brown is the DCFA director, and Bill Goldstein the deputy director. Greg Miller is the recycle program coordinator.



THE CRUSHER — A baler, on loan from the DRMO in Pensacola, Fla., lifts an aluminum cube from its compactor. The operator is John Collins of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office.



BALES FOR SALE — Standing near some of the aluminum bales are, from left, Joe Washington, property management supervisor at Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office; Jim Pyle, chief of DRMO; and Dave Popel of the Directorate of Community and Family Activities.

Redstone's aluminum recycle program began in 1986 and has progressed each year. Proceeds are usually around \$1,200.

"We appreciate all the help in all the programs (at various buildings which have the recycle boxes)," Popel said. "We might be a little slow in having some of the boxes picked up, and that's due to having one person for recycle. If they would call 876-1418 when their recycle container gets about three-quarters full, that'll give us another day or two to get over there before it overflows." People can also call 876-1418 if they need an aluminum-recycling box.

It will probably be a month before the aluminum bales at DRMO are sold, according to Jim Pyle, chief of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office. They will be marketed nationally for sale to the highest bidder.

Redstone's total program for recyclable materials has already yielded big results this fiscal year. "The first quarter of this fiscal year we have given back to Redstone over \$80,000 in recycling money," Pyle said.

Officers must decide this week on RIF potential

Editor's note: The Missile Command's office of the adjutant general provided the following release concerning the military reduction-in-force.

A recent message from U.S. Total Army Personnel Command highlighted information to help RIF eligible officers assess their risk of being involuntarily separated by the RIF board.

In estimating how they stack up against their peers, RIF eligible majors should consider such factors as selection for resident command and staff college, completion of command and staff college by correspondence, and manner of performance. Captains should be branch qualified and should consider primarily their manner of performance. Although PERSCOM assignment managers cannot predict RIF board decisions with absolute certainty, they can and will provide an assessment to officers who appear to be at high risk when compared to their peers. Officers ap-

pearing before the RIF board who have not already done so are strongly urged to contact their assignment manager as soon as possible for a risk assessment.

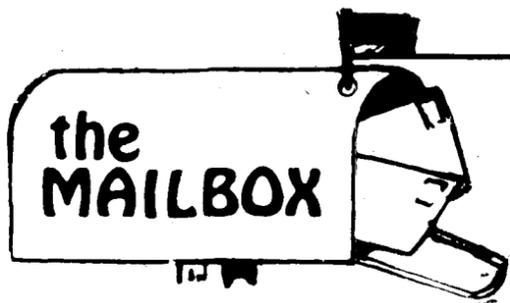
From the RIF eligible population, approximately 740 majors and 700 captains will be separated in fiscal 1992 either by a RIF board or through voluntary separation. As of Feb. 19, only 251 majors and 431 captains in the RIF zone have applied for separation under the Voluntary Incentive Program. Accordingly, officers must not assume that there will be sufficient volunteers to offset a reduction-in-force.

The following table illustrates the magnitude of differences in separation pay for involuntary RIF separation and the two options under the Voluntary Incentive Program (special separation benefit and voluntary separation incentive). The voluntary separation incentives or VSIs listed represent net present value.

Grade/Years Service	RIF	SSB	VSI
Majors with over 14 years	\$59K	\$88K	\$190K
Captains with over 10 years	\$36K	\$54K	\$102K

Obviously, the decision to reject Voluntary Separation Incentive or Special Separation Benefit should be carefully weighed against the risk of surviving the RIF board.

Applications for VSI/SSB must be received in career management branches at Personnel Command no later than Feb. 28. No extensions can be granted due to scheduled convening dates of the RIF boards. Redstone Arsenal officers who desire to apply for VSI/SSB in lieu of the RIF board and have not already submitted their applications should contact the Military Personnel Office immediately. For more information, call Maj. Skip Sharples or E.J. Dlugasch 876-1671.



Space Camp

Editor:

I read your article entitled "Military youngsters can win awards to Space Camp," *Redstone Rocket* Feb. 19. This is an excellent article and a very worthwhile program.

However, I am very saddened by the fact my daughter, a military dependent, a fifth grade straight-A student who has twice visited the space museum and who is very interested in science and math, is ineligible to compete for a space camp award.

I am an active duty military officer, have served at Redstone Arsenal for the past three years and am a homeowner in Huntsville (certainly within a 50 mile radius). However, my daughter lives primarily in Knoxville, Tenn. Upon calling Army Community Service, I was told that she is ineligible to compete. Why does such a worthwhile program which desires "for as many people as possible to apply," choose to discriminate against Redstone Arsenal military personnel who may not have full custody of their children?

Lt. Col. Clarence E. Cunningham
Missile Command

Nasty habits

Editor:

In response to "Adult supervision" (Mailbox Feb. 19), I would like to sympathize with you about the mess made of recycling bins and trash left for pick up.

The neighbor in our duplex moved out; an all around nice guy and family that kept a neat-as-a-pin home and yard. He cleaned his quarters, filled numerous boxes and garbage bags, and left them for pick up at the curb side. Sure enough, the neighbor across the street waited until the neighbor next door left and then proceeded to sift through the boxes. In their wake, they left debris scattered over a 10-foot area! But guess what? It wasn't the kids — it was the parent! In fact, it was the servicemember himself that made a conscious effort to rummage through someone else's trash and leave it for someone other than himself to pick up. We know because my husband and I watched in disbelief as he did it! What exactly did we do, you ask yourself? Well, instead of creating an even bigger feeling of discontent — I had already called the MPs numerous times, as had others, about other "in-

fractions" by this family — we slipped out in the dark of the night and cleaned up the mess.

In a nutshell, I guess it goes to prove that if parents don't take a firm stand on the behavior of their children, then the children will grow up to have the same nasty habits and never change! Please parents, don't be afraid to say "No" to a child's behavior. In fact, expecting your child to "clean up" an unsightly mess that they created won't hurt their character either. Sometime later in their lives, someone may appreciate your efforts as a parent.

Victoria Perreault
Redstone Arsenal

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Army buys more Avenger air defenders

The Army awarded a \$436 million multi-year production contract to the Boeing Defense & Space Group Missiles & Space Division in Huntsville Feb. 20 to build 679 Avenger fire units.

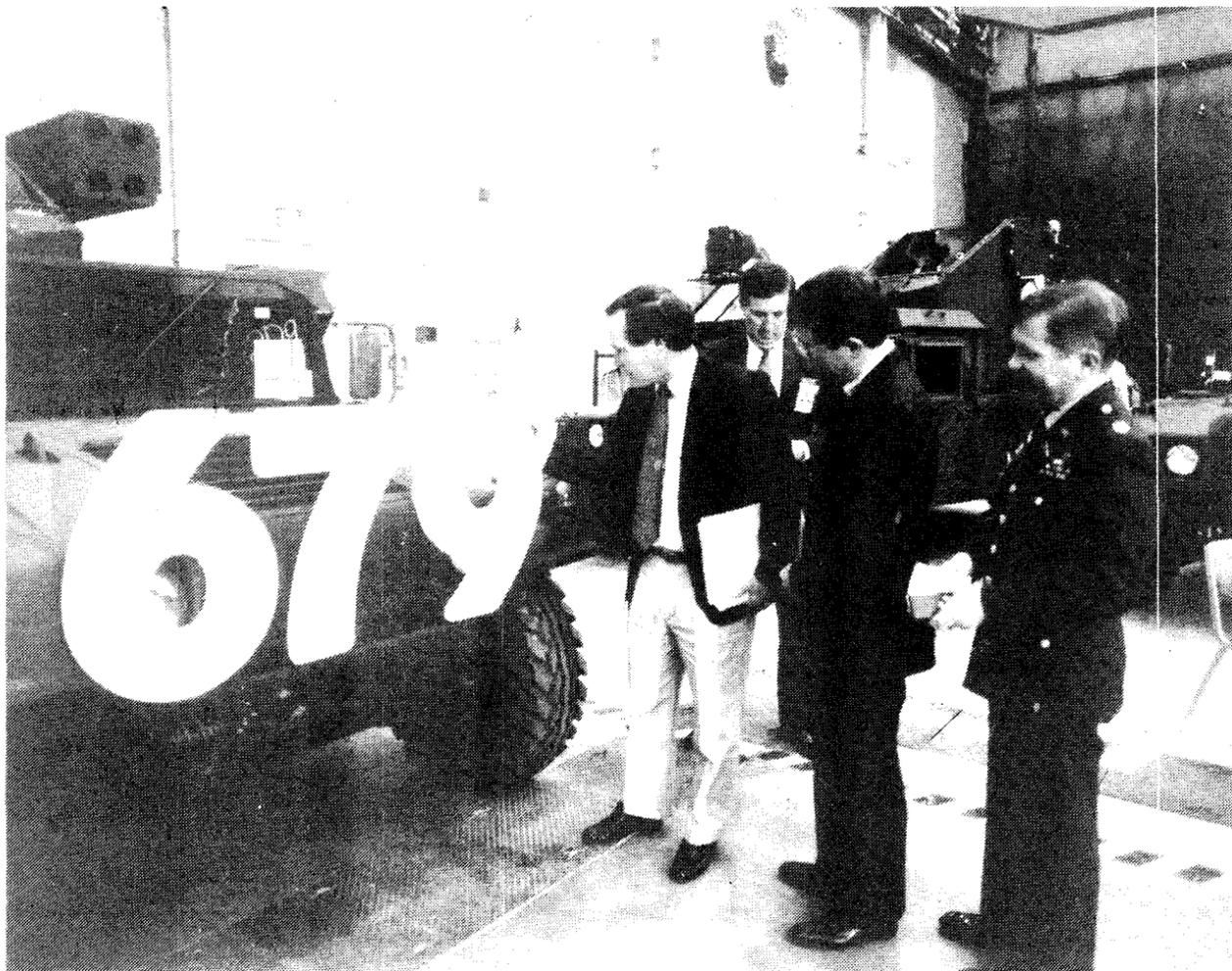
MICOM made the award for the Program Executive Officer Air Defense and the Avenger Project Office.

Six hundred of the Avengers built under the contract will eventually go to Army tactical units. The remaining 79 are for the Marines.

The new order brings to 1,004 the total number of Avengers ordered by the Army since 1987.

The weapon carries eight ready to fire Stinger missiles in a gyro stabilized turret mounted on a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle.

Contract deliveries on prior orders will continue through 1992. First deliveries under the multi-year contract will occur in January 1993 and continue through early 1997.



SIGNING CEREMONY — Participating in a ceremony for Boeing's multi-year Avenger contract are, from left, Wayne Sheats, a contracting officer at the Missile Command; Bob Butler, Avenger contracts manager for Boeing; Ross Dessert, Boeing's Avenger program manager; and Lt. Col. Jerry Hamilton, the Avenger project manager.

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German dignitary to visit Friday

Dr. Alfred Gomolka, president of the Bundesrat (Upper House) of the Federal Republic of Germany and prime minister (governor) of the State of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, will visit Atlanta, Athens, Ga., and Huntsville Feb. 27-29.

Gomolka will be the highest ranking German official to have visited the Southeastern United States, as well as the first head of one of the new (eastern) German States.

On Friday he will travel to Huntsville where he will visit German Armed Forces Liaison Offices associated with U.S. government organizations at Redstone Arsenal and will view NASA's high tech center, as well as the Space and Rocket Center. (Adapted from news release provided by the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Atlanta, Ga.)

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Army Emergency Relief drive to kickoff Friday

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The Persian Gulf War brought an outpouring of donations for last year's Army Emergency Relief Campaign; and this year's AER drive chairman wants people to know that the need continues.

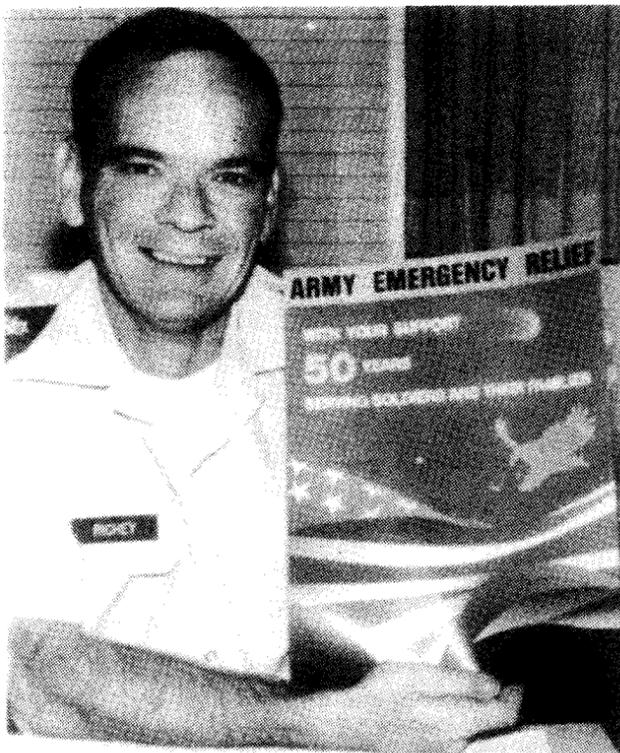
"We were extremely fortunate last year in that numerous local organizations and companies voluntarily contributed," Lt. Col. Rich Richey said. "I think it was partially their way of saying thank you to the soldiers for their efforts in Southwest Asia. And we certainly hope to receive the same support this year."

The 1992 AER campaign, set for March 1 through April 30, will have a kickoff 9-9:30 a.m. Friday in auditorium room A-115, building 5250. Col. James Link, deputy commander for the Missile Command, is to address leaders of Redstone's Army organizations at this meeting.

During the campaign, about 70 key representatives will solicit contributions from active-duty and retired military people. "While we do not directly solicit from the civilian counterparts, we certainly welcome their contributions," Richey said.

Active-duty or retired military can contribute by AER allotment; and anyone can donate by cash or check. The goal for this year's campaign is \$45,000.

"Our civilian counterparts here have always willingly helped our soldiers. It's a relationship I have not seen in any other post that I have been assigned to. I



CHAIRMAN — Richey, director of the Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization at OMMCS, is chairman for the 1992 Army Emergency Relief campaign.

certainly hope that with the end of the war all of our people haven't forgotten our soldiers because the need is still there," said Richey, a soldier for 21 years. He is the director of the Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Army Emergency Relief is "an Army program supported by Army soldiers that helps Army soldiers," Richey said. "It's Army people helping Army people."

"To me personally when I hear the term AER, I see a soldier that needs help; and AER helps soldiers," he said. "We're really fortunate too on this installation to have a lady like Juanita Adams, the post AER officer; she is just a super lady. That's who the soldiers go see when emergency arises. She's the one that processes either a loan or a grant."

An AER loan is money a soldier receives which he or she is able to pay back at another date, with zero interest. A grant is just that: money which does not have to be repaid.

"I ask everyone to support AER through contributions and specifically ask their support in special projects that raise funds for AER — from food sales to car washes. And certainly if anyone would like to contribute, or have questions in relation to how they can help AER, please call me at 876-5400," Richey said.

Planned fund-raising projects include food sales, car washes, the AER jail, and sporting events.

Family support group turns attention to Army downsizing

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A postwide support group for families of soldiers assigned elsewhere continues to serve its members and others waiting to rejoin their sponsors.

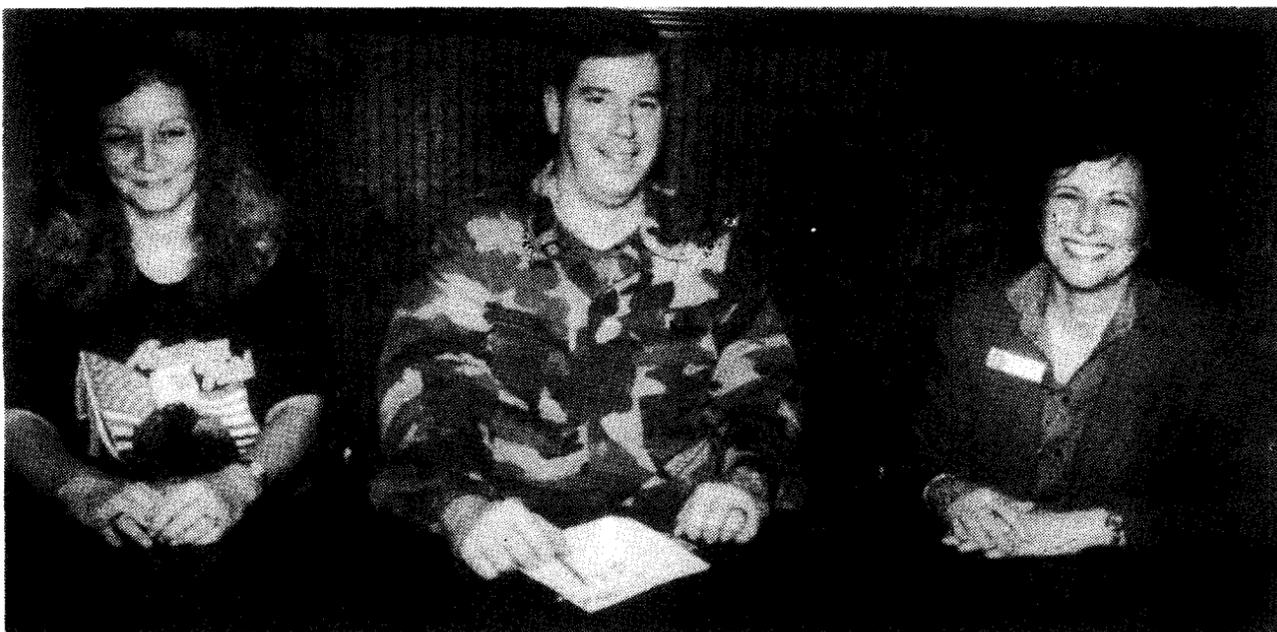
The Redstone Arsenal Family Support Group was formed in 1987, reached a membership peak during the Persian Gulf War, and remains in operation today. Its immediate plans include a joint meeting March 2 with spouses of Support Troops Battalion to hear an Army downsizing briefing in language non-military people can understand.

Through the years the group has had different names as the needs changed — from Waiting Wives Group to Chaplains Family Support Group to Redstone Arsenal Family Support Group. It is jointly sponsored by Army Community Service and the Chaplains.

"As the Chaplains Family Support Group they met weekly (during the war) and provided speakers and up-to-date information; they provided outings, trips to Nashville; they had dinners together. There was just a round of activities that developed based on the needs of the women who were attending. And membership at that time was anywhere from 95 to 150 people," said Virginia Dempsey, outreach program manager at OCS. "And the group became smaller as the soldiers came home. The group has never stopped."

"And in August of 1991, with almost all of our soldiers home, we became the Redstone Arsenal Family Support Group and began to focus on the wives of husbands who are on tours all over the world," she said.

Members include wives of soldiers stationed in Korea, Germany and Japan. "And we probably will have some other women whose husbands are doing short tours in Saudi," Dempsey added. The group is



DISCUSSING SUPPORT GROUP — From left are Mona Daniels, Chaplain (Capt.) Ben Collins, and Virginia Dempsey of Army Community Service.

open to spouses — male or female — and their children plus any extended family members such as visiting parents. Any interested family members are welcome to its monthly meetings, held the first Monday from 6:30-8 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. "If you think you need to be there, then the door's open for you to come," Dempsey said.

Mona Daniels found solace in the group while her husband, 1st Lt. Avis Daniels, was in Saudi Arabia from March to September 1991. He left her with two

teen-agers, two cars and three dogs plus she was a full-time student at Calhoun Community College.

"It helped me keep my sanity," said Daniels, who remains an active member. "There've been times in the middle of the night I'd feel the anger because the Army had my husband half a world away in Saudi Arabia. I could pick up the phone and have someone to talk to."

The monthly meetings are held in the evening since
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Aerobics dance marathon to benefit heart research

The Civilian Wellness Center is participating in a dance marathon March 7 to benefit the American Heart Association.

Aerobics enthusiasts from throughout Huntsville will take part in the "Dance for Heart," a dance marathon scheduled 8:30 a.m. to noon March 7 at the Brahan Springs Recreation Center.

Throughout the city, aerobics students will solicit sponsors to pledge donations which will be used for American Heart Association cardiovascular research, professional education and community programs. The annual Dance for Heart marathon is part of a nationwide effort by exercise dancers and students who participate in any form of exercise to raise money to fight heart disease and stroke, the nation's No. 1 killer.

The Civilian Wellness Center, participating for the first time, encourages all its members and other exercise enthusiasts at Redstone to take part. Each fitness center around Huntsville will provide a portion of the aerobics program; and aerobics instructor Cheryl Genis will represent the Civilian Wellness Center. Local businesses have contributed many door prizes. Prizes will also be awarded to those who collect donations.

"One of every two deaths in America is caused by heart disease or stroke," Genis said, "and we want to fight cardiovascular disease not only by raising money for research and education but to show people by example that exercise dance is fun and helps promote cardiovascular fitness."

This is the 10th year of the Dance for Heart marathon. Thousands of dancers are participating nationwide. Anyone interested in supporting Dance for Heart can call the Civilian Wellness Center 955-6844.

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Military people enjoy electronic tax filing at ACS

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The woman soldier and her husband sat in Dan Kelly's office at Army Community Service while Kelly typed away at his computer terminal. Within minutes, their taxes had been completed electronically direct to the Internal Revenue Service.

Outside a young Marine, Lance Cpl. Robert Skelton, had returned with his wife's signature after having his taxes filed electronically earlier that morning. Skelton, 23, from Eunice, La., was quick to praise the new electronic tax-filing system at Army Community Service.

"I think this is great," he said. "It's helpful and it's quick. I think it's a unique little service for personnel that are stationed here."

A Marine for two years, Skelton arrived at Redstone a year ago. His taxes were done electronically within minutes; and Kelly confirmed for him that he could expect the results from the IRS within about three weeks.

"Took I guess about 20 minutes — if that long," Skelton said, referring to the electronic filing process.

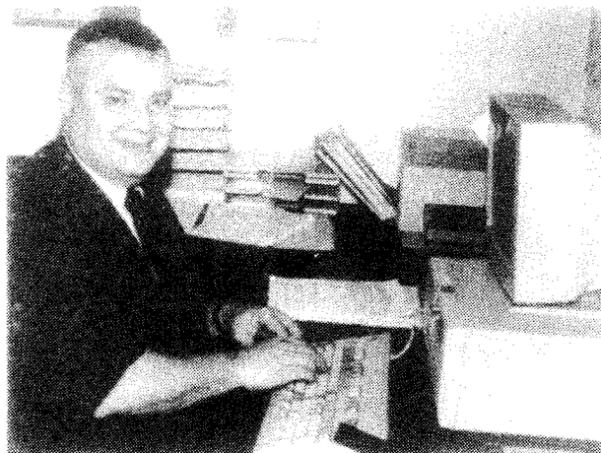
This is the first year for electronic tax filing at Redstone's Army Community Service, and business has been booming. This free service for active-duty and retired military people and their families began Feb. 10 and continues to April 15. Kelly, the consumer affairs program manager at ACS, said the soldier and her husband who just left his office Feb. 20 were the 104th couple served.

"It's faster, more accurate and it's free," Kelly said. "It shortcircuits the data input operation at IRS. Every return that's mailed to the IRS sits in a stack until a keypunch operator can get to it. We're putting it directly into a computer. Consequently, people get their refunds faster."

"We're excited about it. We estimate that we're saving the soldier between \$50 and \$100 over what it would cost if he went downtown, depending on the type of return that you have. And when you multiply that by the amount of folks we have on the Arsenal, it's a tremendous savings to the military community," Kelly added.

The service is offered by appointment; active-duty or retired military and their families can call 876-2859/5397. The hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 8-6 Tuesdays and Thursdays. Kelly does the returns daily in his office, room 205 at building 3491. 1st Lt. Ross Gagliano and Steve Dempsey, two of Redstone's 15 volunteer income tax assisters, do electronic filing in the evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Redstone's volunteer income tax assisters are members of the community who are donating their time and have attended IRS training. Volunteer income tax assistance or VITA is an Internal Revenue Service-sponsored program which has sites throughout



AUTOMATED TAX RETURNS — Kelly of Army Community Service files taxes electronically for active-duty and retired military people and their families on an appointment basis.

the United States. Last year Redstone volunteers did 700 state and federal returns, and achieved an excellent 97 percent accuracy rate overall.

The VITA program augments the electronic filing system which is becoming increasingly popular on military installations in the United States. In early 1991, Redstone's command group made obtaining the system here an Army Communities of Excellence issue. Army Community Service then ordered the materials, spending more than \$5,000 out of its budget. The equipment arrived last October. ACS had to buy a special high-speed modem and a laser printer. The software was purchased from Drake Systems out of Franklin, N.C. After the equipment was installed, Kelly had to pass a comprehensive IRS certification test which involved sending 30 test returns to the IRS in Memphis. Redstone received its certification Jan. 31.

"I'm thrilled with it, and I think most of the customers have been," Kelly said, referring to the electronic filing system. Sometimes people have their expectations dashed when they hear the refund they'll be receiving, but Kelly has yet to hear a complaint about the software. "The major complaint we've heard from folks is that we can't get them through here fast enough," he said, laughing.

People, when coming in at their appointed time, need to bring all W-2s, 1099s plus any other income or deduction related documents they possess. "Folks need to spend a few moments before coming in — to get organized, total their receipts and have the information in them in a form the tax preparer can use," Kelly said. "What I don't need is for someone to bring the information in in a grocery bag and I have to take

an hour to sort it all out; and that happens all too often.

"It's not necessary to have your tax form filled out, but I do require that you have your tax information in order. The computer automatically does Alabama taxes while it's doing federal, so they don't need to worry about that," he said.

Kelly recommends that people review the tax laws at the beginning of each year to ensure that they are having the proper amounts withheld each pay period. This is particularly important since President Bush announced in his state of the union address his intent to reduce withholding rates across-the-board, while tax rates — the amount of taxes due — remain the same. "Now there is something you can do about that, and that simply involves submitting a W-4 to your appropriate finance office authorizing the government to withhold an appropriate amount. And I strongly recommend people do that lest next February there be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth," Kelly said.

On another tax related topic, Kelly said: "A lot of Puerto Rican soldiers are experiencing great difficulty with their taxes this year due to a change in the tax relationship between the federal government and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. We have a retired CW4 Jose Rosa and his wife, Zaida, both natives of Puerto Rico, who have retired in the Huntsville area and have done extensive study on this situation, and can help soldiers in the Huntsville area who are experiencing this problem." The Rosas are two of Redstone's volunteer income tax assisters; call 876-2859 for an appointment.

Meanwhile, the computer equipment keeps humming at Army Community Service as another happy couple has its taxes filed electronically within 15 minutes.

OWC garden club looks to spring

Members of the Officers Wives Club's Garden Club are planning a wildflower walk in March.

Plans were made at the garden club's February meeting at the home of Jane Berg. Karen Stinson presented a program on "Growing Roses."

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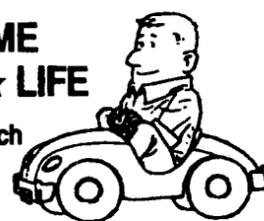
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BY SANDA MARTEL

Sharon Brassine has had quite a few unique experiences during her career. In her 13 years as a quality assurance specialist, she has climbed into trucks, crawled on railroad cars, and shivered in the depth of ships. She's worked in the cold, rain, heat and been assigned to remote locations without hot water.

But Brassine loves her job. The quality assurance specialist (ammunition surveillance) career field, established in 1920, is the Army's oldest civilian career field, Brassine said. Their mission is ensuring the Army's ammunition is transported safely, stored safely and inspected regularly.

Is it a dangerous job?

"You respect it. Sure, it's made to kill but if it's handled properly nothing's going to happen, unless it's a freak accident," Brassine said.

Brassine arrived at Redstone in August 1990 to become chief of RASA's Ammunition Surveillance Office. Recently, due to an internal reorganization, the office has become part of the Logistics Division with Brassine becoming chief of the Ammunition Surveillance Branch.

Brassine arrived here after completing an 18 month tour in Panama, having been there during Operation Just Cause in December 1989.

In addition to processing all the Army's ammunition arriving in Panama, she and her team of three inspected and prepared for shipment back to Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., all captured enemy ammunition, 600 tons of it, she said.

One of her favorite assignments was Korea, where she was assigned in 1979 and ended up extending twice and staying four and a half years.

"I loved Korea. I went thinking it would be outdated and backward, but when I got to Seoul and saw all the skyscrapers I was really surprised," Brassine said. "I did experience a culture shock. It was the first time I'd been out of the country, and I'd never traveled very much so being in Korea was a great experience for me."

Over the years she has frequently been asked, "How did you get into this line of work?"

An Indiana native, Brassine began her Army career at the Crane Naval Ammunition Depot, now Crane Ammunition Activity, as an ordnance worker on a bomb production line.

She worked there from 1967 to 1972 and moved to Yuma, Ariz., where she reentered civil service in 1975, ordering ammunition for a test facility.

It was while working there that she met two people



BRASSINE

who were trained quality assurance specialists in ammunition surveillance, Brassine said.

She applied for and was accepted onto the Army Materiel Command's intern program and was assigned for training to Sierra Army Depot, Calif. Following her training, she went to Korea, then had an assignment at Pine Bluff Arsenal, Ark. After that, she spent 18 months in Panama before arriving at Redstone in August 1990.

The Armywide quality assurance specialist (ammunition surveillance) career field has about 600 employees, including 98 women.

"Women are given every opportunity to get into the program and stay in it. It's one of the few career fields where you go into it knowing for a fact that you have to be mobile. Moving around is part of the game," Brassine said.

"For a woman to be happy in this line of work, she can't be one who worries about getting her hands dirty or breaking a fingernail," she said.

"We have a few married couples in the career field, but they have no guarantee they'll always be assigned together. Every effort is made to do so, but it can't always be that way. Like males, females are also assigned one-year unaccompanied hardship tours.

"I'd put it like this: Every effort is made to accommodate married couples in the field, but they're not catered to," Brassine said.

Brassine has been single for a number of years now, so moving around hasn't been a problem for her. Her daughter, now 25, lived with her for part of the time in Korea. Her daughter and several other relatives live in Indiana.

What Brassine likes most about the work are the challenges, she said. "The work is interesting; something new all the time, new challenges every day."

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Brassine said she really loves living in Huntsville. She describes herself as an outgoing person who never meets a stranger, a trait that has helped her in her career moves.

She likes all sports and her most recent interest is square dancing. "I've enjoyed all kinds of dancing all my life," she said.

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Medical program lingo defined for Champus users

Ever wonder what some of those perplexing Champus terms mean? Things like "allowable charge," or "catastrophic cap"? Here are some brief explanations of a few of the more common ones:

- **Allowable charge** — The amount on which Champus figures your cost-share for covered care. Champus computes the allowable charge from all bills from providers of care over the past year.

- **Authorized provider** — A doctor or other individual provider of care, or a hospital or supplier, approved by Champus to provide medical care and supplies. Generally, this means the provider is licensed by the state, accredited by a national organization, or meets other standards of the medical community. If a provider is not authorized, Champus can't help pay the bills.

- **Catastrophic cap** — An upper limit placed on your share of Champus-covered medical bills in any fiscal year (Oct. 1 through Sept. 30). The limit that an active-duty family will have to pay is \$1,000; the limit for all other Champus-eligible families is \$10,000. Charges beyond the Champus allowable charge, or charges for care not covered by Champus, are not covered by the cap. Those bills must be paid in full by family members or their military sponsors. Also, costs paid by active-duty families under Champus' Program for the Handicapped are not counted toward the cap.

- **Claims processor** — The contractor that handles Champus claims for care received within a particular state or country. They may also be called "fiscal intermediaries" or "FIs." They have toll-free telephone numbers to handle your questions. The health benefits adviser at the nearest military medical facility can tell you who the Champus claims processor is for your area.

- **Cost-share** — The portion you pay of the allowable charges for care on each claim. Your cost-share depends on your sponsor's status (active-duty or retired). The annual deductible for outpatient care,

and anything the provider charges above the allowable charge, are paid in addition to your cost-share. The Champus share is the difference between the allowable charge and your cost-share.

- **Deductible** — The amount you must pay each fiscal year on your outpatient medical bills before Champus starts sharing the cost. Your Champus claims processor keeps track of your deductible and subtracts it from your Champus claims after the beginning of each new fiscal year. How much you've paid toward your deductible in the current fiscal year is spelled out on the Explanation of Benefits form you receive when a claim has been processed.

Currently, the outpatient deductible for all Champus-eligible persons except members of active-duty families in which the military sponsor is pay grade E-4 or below, is \$150 for an individual, and \$300 for the whole family. The families of active-duty E-4s and below pay \$50 for an individual and \$100 for the family.

- **DEERS** — The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. That's the computerized data bank which lists all active and retired military members, and which should also include their dependents. Active and retired servicemembers are listed automatically, but they must enroll their dependents in DEERS, and report changes in family members' status (divorce, adoption, etc.).

Champus claims processors check DEERS before processing claims, to make sure patients are eligible for Champus benefits.

- **DRGs** — Diagnosis-related groups. DRGs are a relatively new way of paying most civilian hospitals for inpatient care under Champus. Under DRGs, Champus pays most hospitals a fixed rate for inpatient services, regardless of whether or not the hospital bills a different rate. The DRG amounts paid for inpatient services are based generally on national averages of costs for specific services.

The DRG payment system is used in all states except Maryland, and in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Most hospitals are required by law to accept the DRG payment for the inpatient care they provide. In such cases, you are not responsible for the difference between the hospital's billed charge and the DRG payment. You need only pay your cost-share.

Note: Individual doctors' fees for services they provide aren't paid by DRG amounts. You'll have to share the costs of those fees separately from the DRG costs of hospital inpatient services. Also, some hospitals (even within the so-called "DRG states") are exempt from DRG payment limits. They include psychiatric, cancer, long-term care, rehabilitation, and sole community hospitals exempt from Medicare. Some services, such as kidney acquisition costs, heart and liver transplants, and others, are also exempt from the DRG limits.

- **Explanation of Benefits (EOB)** — The EOB is a statement that the Champus claims processor sends you. Providers of care who participate in Champus also get EOBs when they send in the claims. This shows who provided the care, the service or supply received, the allowable charge and amount billed, the amount Champus paid, how much of your annual outpatient deductible has been paid, and your cost-share. It also gives the reason when a claim is denied.

- **Participate in Champus** — Providers of care who "participate" in Champus agree to accept the Champus allowable charge (along with your cost-share and deductible, if any) as the full fee for your care. Individual providers may participate on a case-by-case basis. They generally file the claim for you, and receive the check, if any, from Champus. Hospitals that participate in Medicare must, by law, also participate in Champus for inpatient care. For outpatient care, hospitals may or may not participate. (Champus News)

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New state license plate honors Purple Heart recipients

BY DANA KLINE

Drivers on Alabama highways will soon see a new license plate which honors Americans wounded in combat.

The new state license plate was signed into law by Gov. Guy Hunt last August. The plate for Purple Heart recipients was designed by Roger Schmidt, a recipient of the Purple Heart and commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Huntsville Chapter 2201.

Schmidt, who served in Korea and one tour-of-duty in Vietnam, works in the graphics department of the training support division at Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Several designs were made and Schmidt's was the one selected. He had been asked to submit a design by Preston Farish, past commander of Chapter 2201. "He asked for me to submit a design and it was chosen," Schmidt said.

The plate has a white background, with the Purple Heart medal on the left side. The words "Combat Wounded" are across the bottom and a small heart with "Heart of Dixie" is in the upper left-hand corner.

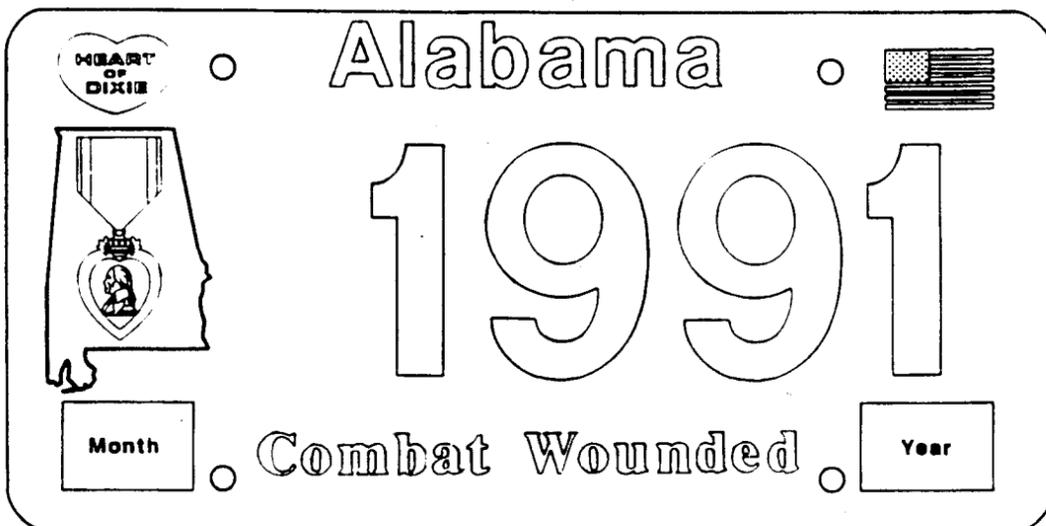
There is a new law concerning the plates in Alabama. Alabama is the only state that allows a surviving widow to continue using the plates.

"When I die, my wife will be allowed to continue having the plate," Schmidt said. "Other states require

that upon the death of the person, the survivor must turn in the special plate.

"I plan to continue working on projects for the Chapter," he said.

As you are driving down the state highways, watch for the new plate later this year. The plate won't be available until October, according to Farish.



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Going smokeless an unsafe alternative, dentists say

Editor's note: Redstone Arsenal Dental Activity provided the following article from the American Dental Association for "National Children's Dental Health Month."

Teens who use smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco or snuff) often believe that it is a "safe" alternative to smoking cigarettes. This is an unfortunate misconception. Studies show that smokeless tobacco may be more addictive than smoking cigarettes and may be more difficult to quit.

The primary cause of most oral (mouth) cancers is the use of tobacco products, according to the Dental

Activity. This year, an estimated 30,000 new cases of oral cancer will be diagnosed in the United States. Of these cases, about 9,000 will result in death.

In addition to the high risk of developing cancer, the teen who uses smokeless tobacco may run the risk of developing periodontal (gum) disease and tooth loss. The Dental Activity encourages teens to think about the facts:

- One can of snuff per day delivers as much nicotine as 60 cigarettes.
- Smokeless tobacco users become dependent on continued use because nicotine, an addictive drug, gives them a "buzz."

• When the supply runs out or the users try to quit, they may become moody, develop headaches and have trouble sleeping or concentrating.

• Some users become so addicted that they keep a pinch of snuff in place day and night.

• Long-term snuff users have a 50 percent greater risk of developing oral cancer than nonusers because the nicotine in tobacco contains cancer-causing agents such as nitrosamine.

Because smokeless tobacco is harmful, labels have been required on all smokeless tobacco products since 1986. This law also prohibits television and radio advertising of smokeless products.

Smoking marijuana cigarettes linked to oral cancer

Smoking marijuana cigarettes may lead to cancer of the tongue and other areas of the mouth and neck, including the larynx, pharynx and the esophagus, reports the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD).

While tobacco is strongly linked to cancer of the lung and lower airway, marijuana appears to be linked to cancer of the upper airway and digestive tract, according to researchers from the Prince of Wales Hospital in Australia.

The Australian researchers studied two patients who smoked marijuana and developed tongue cancer. Because neither of the patients smoked tobacco or drank alcohol, which could have led to similar consequences, researchers believe that marijuana smoking could have been the sole cause of the disease.

"Heavy marijuana smokers risk many negative side effects, including heavily stained teeth, bad breath, a darkened side of the tongue and poor oral health due to neglect," says Dr. Eric Shapira, AGD spokesman. "They also inhale great quantities of tar, increasing the chances of developing cancer of the mouth and upper airway."

A previous study was conducted in 1972 with 200 smokers of hashish, the resin from the marijuana plant. The results showed that 87.5 percent had upper airway complaints.

One explanation, says the Australian researchers, is that marijuana smokers tend to inhale the smoke of their cigarettes rapidly and deeply, which leads to a faster deposit of tar and other organic compounds in the respiratory tract.

"Heavy marijuana smokers cause concern among dentists because marijuana can wreak such havoc in

the mouth," Shapira says. "A marijuana cigarette not only may deposit its poisons faster but also dumps four times more tar in the mouth and upper airway

than a tobacco cigarette. Marijuana contains about 50 percent more of the cancer-causing organic compounds than tobacco."

Redstone sweethearts enjoy Valentine's

BY DANA KLINE

The Challenger NCO Club was fixed up very nicely for Valentine's Day and the Noncommissioned Officers Association first Sweethearts Ball Feb. 14.

The dance floor was covered with red, white and pink balloons and the tables were decorated with alternating red and white table covers.

Every couple who entered received a flower for the lady and a chance to win a prize. Prizes ranged from a road repair kit to a trip to Reno, Nev., for the Noncommissioned Officers Association (NCOA) conference.

CSM Fred Luttrell, the command sergeant major for Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee, Va., was the evening's guest speaker.

Sgt. Maj. Daniel Snyder and Sgt. Maj. David Bussell handed out the prizes at the end of the evening. The grand prize went to Beverly Van Oostrum, wife of Sgt. Maj. Graham Van Oostrum.

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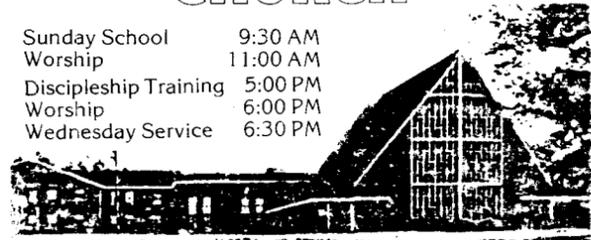
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- Mary Jo Burnell Performance Award
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- Betty Brock Performance Award
- Sharon Board Performance Award
- Melodee Costello Performance Award/On-the-Spot
- Walter Welborn Performance Award/Letter of Commendation
- Jerry Wiemers On-the-Spot
- Jane Wyatt Letter of Appreciation/On-the-Spot
- Jane Moring On-the-Spot
- Brenda King On-the-Spot
- Sheila Coker On-the-Spot
- Manuel Jones Performance Award
- Bryan Tatum Employee of Month
- Pat Hood Performance Award
- Mickey Pence Employee of Month

- Jim Owens On-the-Spot
- Jimmy Erves Employee of Month
- Mary Meighen Suggestion Award
- Betty Goble Employee of Month
- William Henderson Special Act or Service Award
- John Henriksen Special Act or Service Award
- James Griffith Special Act or Service Award
- Wiley Orr Performance Award
- Ron Rudd Performance Award
- Ed Daw Performance Award
- Leon Bradford Jr. Performance Award/On-the-Spot
- Enorris Johnson Performance Award
- Dave Wood Performance Award
- Arthur Nottingham Special Act or Service Award
- David McBride Promotion
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- Gary Henry On-the-Spot/Commander's Award for Civilian Service
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- Anthony Grayson On-the-Spot
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- Bobby McDonald Special Act or Service Award
- Ron Bearden Special Act or Service Award
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- John Crepeau Performance Award
- Dusty McGee Performance Award/On-the-Spot
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DoD revamps approach to environmental issues

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DoD is engaged in an all-out assault on environmental problems. Measures attacking waste and pollution affect acquisition and manufacturing processes, product materials and the management of materiel and solid wastes.

DoD tactics have changed. Emphasis now is upon a "front-end" approach that prevents problems at their source, said David Berteau, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for production and logistics. Agencies that once focused on cleaning up their hazardous wastes now must focus on preventing them or lessening their effects, Berteau told a Senate governmental affairs subcommittee.

For example, said Berteau, an Air Force model considers the "costs" of hazardous materials at various stages, from design to manufacturing to deployment to overhaul to disposal. Testing the model on the F-22 fighter, M-1 tank and Black Hawk helicopter has been a major step forward because program managers must now look beyond manufacturing, which is only a small portion of the hazardous material picture, he said.

"The F-22 can probably be considered the department's first major weapon system that truly incorporates environmental considerations into the earliest phases of the acquisition process," said Berteau. Considerations include requiring hazardous-material management plans; identifying chemical and substances that should be avoided; and developing a hazardous-material work group to advise the program manager and the manufacturer. Hazardous-material management will be a factor in the criteria for determining award fees, he said.

DoD not only will eliminate regulations that prohibit use of recycled materials. It will add provisions that explain how to use recycled or recyclable materials. DoD will also get rid of unnecessary packaging requirements.

The Department of Defense is working to eliminate use of chlorofluorocarbons — chemicals that attack ozone in the atmosphere. For example, DoD has reduced its usage of primary pesticide aerosols by 80 percent.

Most DoD process modifications have concentrated on hazardous and toxic elements of waste products because they present health and safety concerns. This has paid off, he said. Between 1987 and 1990, the department reduced hazardous-waste disposal by 40 percent. It set a target of 50 percent reduction of hazardous waste by 1992 compared to a 1987 baseline and a follow-on goal of 25 percent more reduction between 1992 and 1995. There is every reason to believe both goals will be met, Berteau said.

Berteau listed several efforts.

Fort Ord, Calif., for example, installed high-pressure spray washers to degrease and clean automotive parts, which eliminated the need for dip tanks filled with a hazardous substance.

The Navy at Norfolk, Va., tested an electroplating

treatment unit for plating processes with great success. The unit achieved a 99 percent reduction in cadmium and cyanide and 90 percent reduction in wastewater volume.

The Air Force developed a process to reduce concentrations of chromium and remove heavy metals from electroplating and industrial waste water. This process reduces chemical treatment costs and generates only 8 percent of the hazardous sludge produced by conventional methods. The process will save \$655,000 per year at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., when implemented at full scale.

Joint logistics commanders have 10 studies looking at five different non-hazardous ways to strip paint from equipment and aircraft, including plastic media blasting, dry ice, lasers, baking soda and even water. Many of these stripping methods have been implemented throughout maintenance depots, resulting in improved efficiency of operations as well as reduced environmental impacts. For example, two workers using paint-removing lasers can strip a fighter plane in four hours; a crew of 12 would need six days to do the same job using toxic chemical strippers. Thus, the new process not only reduces hazardous waste, it also saves time and money.

Pollution prevention

Maintenance depots generate about 70 percent of DoD's hazardous waste, said Berteau. These installations will spend nearly \$133.2 million from fiscal 1990 through 1992 on new, safer technologies. This is more than half their estimated hazardous-waste disposal bill during the same period, but these pollution prevention investments are money well spent, Berteau said.

Several factors influence materiel management and affect the amount of waste to be disposed of: shelf-life controls, inventory levels, order procedures and financial incentives. The new rule, therefore, will be to buy only items that DoD really needs.

Another important DoD action has been to reassign financial responsibility for hazardous-waste disposal to each activity that generates such waste. This has stimulated pollution-prevention incentives, continued Berteau.

Recycling programs

Materiel management also involves surplus property. According to Berteau, in fiscal 1990, surplus property purchased at a cost of \$1 billion was redistributed within DoD for further use. Another \$452 million worth was transferred or redistributed to state agencies and other authorized recipients. The department made another \$137 million selling usable and recyclable property. It also operates an aggressive use-oil sales program; according to the last annual account, DoD sold more than 5.1 million gallons to recyclers.

The department's recycling program is a major component of its solid-waste management approach. DoD

processed more than one-half billion pounds of materials from major installations in 1989 alone — equal to 5-ton dump trucks lined up end to end between Detroit and Chicago.

Besides saving resources, recycling generates revenue. In 1990, agencies earned almost \$31 million by recycling, and their 1991 revenues are expected to be higher. Recycling proceeds are returned to installations for environmental projects and for troop morale and welfare programs.

DoD efforts to procure environmentally beneficial goods also involve commissaries and exchange stores. Commissaries, which sell \$6.5 billion worth of products annually, have active environmental initiatives under way, said Berteau.

DoD is committed to being an environmental leader, he said. The department budget for environment-related concerns has never been bigger. The site cleanup program, for example, now at \$1.2 billion, has doubled in two years from fiscal 1990 to 1992 and will increase still more in 1993. In large part, this is because DoD has gone beyond the stage of studying problems and is spending most of the money on actual clean-up work.

"DoD will continue its efforts to make environmental a part of every defense mission. Defense and the environment are compatible," concluded Berteau.

Late military W-2s should arrive soon

Most military people here have their W-2 forms, but those who don't may have to wait for their reissued forms.

Soldiers' reissued W-2 forms are generated by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service — Indianapolis Center. At present, DFAS is experiencing problems with the computer program which provides data for reissued W-2 forms. The problem is being worked and a solution is expected by March 6, according to Joe Duggar, chief of military pay at Finance and Accounting.

"By then (March 6), I hope we've got a W-2 to everybody," Duggar said. The local military pay section will notify individual soldiers and Personnel Administrative Centers (PACs) when the reissued W-2 forms are received from Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

Like civilian workers, most soldiers already have their W-2s but some may not for various reasons and require a reissued or duplicate form. "Maybe 150 or 200" soldiers at most are in this situation, Duggar said. Soldiers who have lost their W-2 can call Helen Dean 876-1379 or Carol Bobo 842-8730.

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Support

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many spouses work. The chapel provides free child care to attendees. Various chaplains attend the meetings and provide either one-on-one service or participate in the group discussion.

Chaplain (Capt.) Ben Collins is a Redstone newcomer who appreciates the role served by a support group for families separated from soldiers. "It's essential. My experience in Korea was if a guy's family stayed at an Army post and his wife was involved in a family support group, they didn't have any problems," Collins said. "So, it becomes essential for anybody that's living through a short tour."

The family support group's March 2 meeting is a joint session with Support Troops Battalion spouses so both groups can hear about Army downsizing and have their questions answered. Attendees should know their spouse's military occupational specialty. "Officers need to know their MOS and year group," Collins added.

Anyone interested in joining the family support group can call Dempsey at Army Community Service 576-5397 or Collins 876-5707. Spouses of Support Troops soldiers can call SFC Frank Southern 842-2500.

"We really hope that many of the women — even those whose husbands are on leave with them right now — will take the opportunity to come to the program March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. (at Bicentennial Chapel)," Dempsey said.

"If there are any wives out there that feel like they're alone or need help, all they have to do is call," said support group member Daniels. "We'll give a helping hand."



ACOE CHEERLEADERS — Fox Army Community Hospital held its Army Communities of Excellence training Friday at the Challenger NCO Club. From left, Maj. Mike Gerrity and nurses Marty Lee and Annie Friend show off a newly issued ACOE poster which will soon be seen all over the Arsenal. With less than two weeks to go before the ACOE evaluation team visits Redstone on March 9, most organizations have conducted training sessions to instill a quality customer service attitude in employees.

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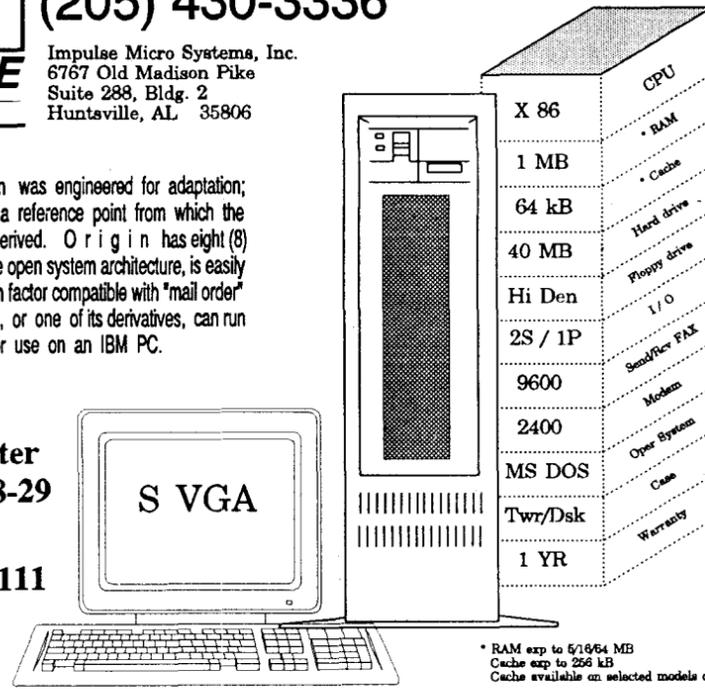
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Keene paces Boeing Gold team win in Engineers 10K

Kevin Keene won the 10K (6.2 mile) and led his Boeing teammates to the team title in the ninth annual Engineers Run 5K and 10K road races held here Saturday.

Keene, 30, of Madison, finished in 33:05 to pace the Boeing Gold team's win in the 10K. "It was a good day to run, a great day for the weather. I just started out fast, was in the lead and hung on to it. The second place guy was right on my heel the whole way. It made me go a little faster," Keene said.

"With the winds and the hills and all that, I'm pleased with the race," he said. "Everybody was looking to run a good race for the team."

Jamie Clay was the top female 10K finisher in 41:16. Carl Nicholson won the 5K in 16:11; and Meshelle Whitt was first female in that race in 21 minutes.

There were about 280 runners in the 10K, and 142 in the 5K. Presented by the Huntsville Post of the Society of American Military Engineers, the annual road races benefit the SAME Student Scholarship Award Fund. This year's prime sponsor was Lockwood Greene.

Here are the overall and age group winners for each road race:

Male 10K: Overall — Kevin Keene (33:05).
 14-under — Mike Cirelli (47:34). 15-19 — David Cain (34:06), Brian Coontz (40:32), John Moran (40:52). 20-24 — James Clemens (37:46), Maurice Wearda (41:17), Michael McClure (44:44). 25-29 — Mark Dummer (35:01), Jay Perry (35:57), Scott Lee (38:40). 30-34 — Bruce Mann (35:16), Rob Tekulve (35:21), David Zajic (36:11). 35-39 — Terry Daniel (33:14), Ray Ashworth (36:04), Kim Koenig (36:20). 40-44 — Steve Rice (35:53), Al Rosenberger (35:58), Gary Grace (36:26). 45-49 — Ken Drenon (36:37), Steve Brown (36:51), Dick Franklin (37:47). 50-59 — Chuck Singleton (43:13), John Weeks (44:31), Charles Terrell (44:58). 60-over — Patrick Forton (46:25), Louie Hargett (51:27), Frank Perkins (55:20).

Female 10K: Overall — Jamie Clay (41:16).
 15-19 — Jessica Cirelli (49:13). 20-24 — Nancy Wigginton (1:05:06). 25-29 — Sally Wigginton (43:32), Melanie Wallace (43:54), Sara Pauls (45:01). 30-34 — Ginny Hull (43:45), Geri Mashburn (46:43), Grace Ragland (47:01). 35-39 — Sarah Grace (41:44), Mimi Hughes (46:53), Diann Tolbert-Easley (50:54). 40-44 — Faye Loyd (42:42), Joan Bell (54:14). 45-49 — Sandy Berg (48:19), Betty Terry (59:03), Ann Stanley (1:05:04). 50-59 — Alice Hoffman (52:08), Barbara Meyer (52:42), Jackie Clark (54:28). 60-over — Betty Dooley (1:01:11).

Team 10K: Winners by combined time for top three members of each team — Boeing Gold (1:45:34), Rust International (1:53:12), Boeing Platinum (2:11:18).

Male 5K: Overall — Carl Nicholson (16:11).
 14-under — Cameron Brown (18:25), Robert Peterman (20:56), Kevin Brown (22:35). 15-19 — Mike Lemaster (17:31), Daniel Berg (18:18), Kevin Uptain (18:40). 20-24 — Ricky McNeal (19:26), Cress Garvin (24:25), John Petit (29:38). 25-29 — Andy Hissam (16:36), Patrick Thole (17:36), Terry Quillen (17:41). 30-34 — Michael Yarnell (17:17), Ronald Nelson (17:42), Douglas Cubbison (17:52). 35-39 — Bill McDowell (18:36), Keith Hallmark (18:52), Steve Nix (19:15). 40-44 — Tom Lawton (19:36), David Hathaway (20:11), Bill Beam (20:44). 45-49 — Don Wallace (18:48), Mike Marshall (19:45), George Franklin (20:02). 50-59 — Jim Oaks (17:45), Malcolm Gillis (18:52), James Teague (19:24). 60-over — Richard McCrady (21:19), Lyman Jackson (22:29).

Female 5K: Overall — Meshelle Whitt (21:00).
 14-under — Natalie Fahey (21:33), Stephany Lewis (32:18), Cortney Cooper (38:13). 15-19 — Lisa Greene (22:01), Parker Cruce (25:47), Desiree Runkle (26:60). 20-24 — Heather Bryant (31:43). 25-29 — Tara Richardson (22:27), Jill Parker (22:56), Nancy Fagerman (24:31). 30-34 — Pamela Dean (22:09), Sharon McFall (22:25), Rhonda Passero (23:45). 35-39 — Jean Grotophorst (21:56), Fran Unland (22:54), Jennifer Bryant (23:49). 40-44 — Pam Marshall (22:31), Betsy Gunn (26:30), Mary Compton (27:26). 45-49 — Barbara Roberts (26:42), Dorothy C. Steele (35:14). 50-59 — Cele Coyle (24:23), Louise Tinsley (26:17), Margaret Craig (27:36).



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Troop bowling

Here are the Troop Intramural Bowling standings as of Feb. 24:

Tuesday's Conference	W	L
HHC 832nd-1	372.5	152.5
F Company 832nd-2	313.5	211.5
HHC MICOM-1	281	244
HHC MICOM (Airfield)	269.5	255.5
MEDDAC	265	260
HHCTSG	262	263
D Company 832nd-1	260.5	264.5
Navy	253	272
E Company 832nd (DCD)	250	275
NCO Academy	235	290
E Company ETTD-3	200	325
Marines-2	179	346

200 games/600 series bowled Feb. 18:

	234, 201, & 615 series
Russ Horn (Airfield)	234
Bob Thorne (F Company-2)	224
Mark Handzel (DCD)	223
Gayle "Cricket" Trammell (MEDDAC)	219
Mark Gerecht (NCO Academy)	214
Leo Avizinis (HHC 832nd-1)	201
Shannon Tennant (HHC 832nd-1)	

Thursday's Conference	W	L
E Company ETTD-1	326	199
F Company 832nd-1	324.5	200.5
HHC, Cmd & Staff	304	221
Marines-1	275.5	249.5
E Company ETTD-2	268	257
E Company CAD	261.5	263.5
515th Ord. Co.	259	266
I & I Staff USMC	258	267
F Company 832nd-3	234	291
HHC MICOM-2	233	292
D Company 832nd-2	212.5	312.5
HHC 832nd-2	196	329

200 games/600 series bowled Feb. 20:

	235, 228, & 640 scratch series
Al Lagajino (515th Ord. Co.)	212 & 204
Bill Young (ETTD-1)	211 & 203
Steve Cook (F Company-1)	210
Chris Smay (D Company-2)	210
Graham Van Oostrum (F Co.-3)	210
Rich Collins (F Company-1)	203

RDEC basketball team takes two more wins

The RDEC basketball team is zeroing in on its final game of the regular season March 2 after two big wins vs. fellow Redstone teams last week.

Research Development and Engineering Center's team avenged an earlier loss by beating the Acquisition Center's P&P-2 team Thursday night by a score of 87-84. This improved its record to 11-2.

On Feb. 17, RDEC whipped the Defenders 91-75. Leading the way were Sammie Jackson with 19 points,

Charlton Sample 18, Tommy Harris 15, Tyrone Belcher 11 and Dan Viglianco 10. The Defenders, including players from both Product Assurance Directorate and System Engineering and Production Directorate, were led by Lawrence Kay with 21.

RDEC played the Nutcrackers Feb. 25 and will play its final game of the season March 2 against Todd Hauling. The Madison County Coliseum is the site for both games.

Troop basketball

Here are the troop basketball standings as of Feb. 21:

Eastern Conference	W	L
F Company 832nd	12	0
HHC MICOM-1	8	5
515th	7	5
HHC 832nd-2	7	5
HHC Cmd & Staff	6	7
NCO Academy	4	9
B Company 832nd	2	10
HHC 832nd Hawk Division	0	13

Western Conference	W	L
95th	11	1
Marines	10	2
E Company 832nd	7	4
C Company 832nd	7	5
HHC 832nd-1	6	6
D Company 832nd	6	6
HHC MICOM-2	4	8
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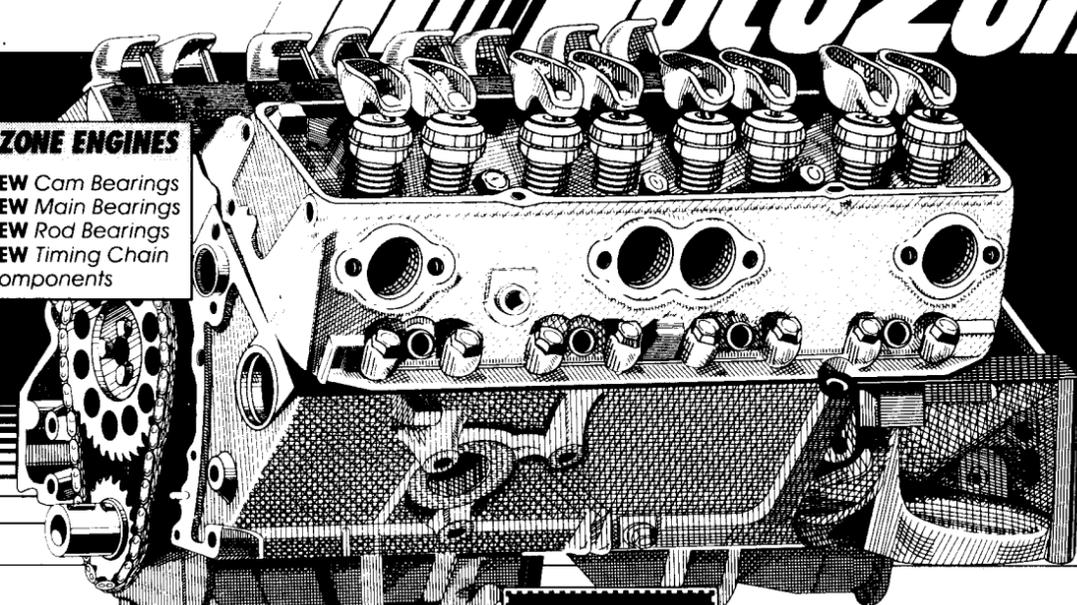
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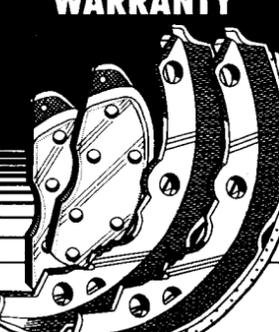


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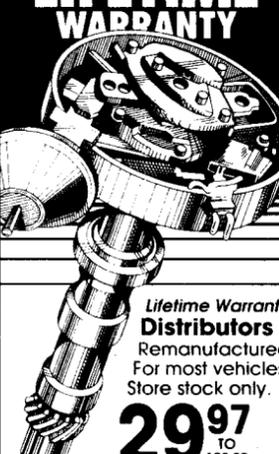
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Announcements

Turkey shoot

A turkey shoot will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday on the Trap/Skeet Range at the Outdoor Recreation Center on Sportsman Lane. Prizes to be awarded include turkeys and hams. Cost is \$3 per shot. "No skill required to win." Outdoor Recreation will furnish the ammo. You can bring your own 12-gauge shotgun or use one from the Outdoor Recreation Center. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/1373.

Free tax help

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, in cooperation with Army Community Service, will offer free tax assistance with tax form preparation by Internal Revenue Service-certified assisters from 1-6 p.m. March 7 and March 8 at the Post Exchange. Be sure to bring all your paperwork (W-2s), and any tax forms you have received. Copies of tax returns from prior years are also helpful. Assistance is provided in filling out federal and state tax forms, preparation of 1040EZs, 1040As, and 1040s. Assistance cannot be offered for business returns or other complex tax problems. The service will be provided on a walk-in basis for active and retired military and their family members.

Officers wives

Fun and games are on the Officers Wives Club's schedule for March. "Please join us at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 10 at the Officers Club." Only OWC members can win prizes. For reservations call Suzanne Bessler 721-9362, Sonia Taylor 722-8134 or Martha Fisher 772-8255 by noon Friday, March 6. Cancellations by noon Monday, March 9.

CPR course

The Madison County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a Community CPR course from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 2 and 4, and again from 6-10 p.m. March 5 and 9 at the Red Cross building, 1101 Washington St. Cost of the course is \$25. Participants can preregister by calling 536-0084 ext. 320.

Cleanup week

March 2-6 has been designated as postwide ACOE Cleanup Week. The purpose is to put finishing touches on interiors and exteriors prior to the DA Evaluation Team visit on March 9. Garbage bags are available from Self-Help Center, and special garbage pickups can be scheduled by calling Tommy Freeman 876-4245.

Outdoor recreation

Pistol/rifle shoot: The Rifle/Pistol Association will hold a pistol shoot Saturday and a rifle shoot Sunday at Shields Range, from noon to 4 p.m. Some ammunition will be on sale for both of these events. For more information, call Gail or Joe 876-1373. **Marina Activity:** The annual boat inspection and fish fry will be held 1 p.m. March 21 at the Marina Activity building 8014, on the corner of Buxton and Shields Road. The boat safety inspection begins at 1, and the fish fry at 4. All boat owners are encouraged to attend. The fish fry will have a participation fee of \$6 for adults, \$3 for children age 12 and under. Reservations are required to ensure enough for everyone planning to attend. March 7 is the reservation deadline. For more information, call Steve or Christine Torok 883-1838 or Elizabeth 876-4868.

Travelogue film

The Huntsville Kiwanis Club invites you to its 28th year of "Travel and Adventure Series": motion pictures narrated in person by world travelers. The next film, "The Russian Experience," will be presented 7:30 p.m. March 3 at the Huntsville High School auditorium. Admission is \$4. Discounted season tickets and senior tickets are available. For more information, call 539-2817.

Military personnel office

The Military Personnel Office will be closed from 8:15-10:15 a.m. March 6 to allow civilian and military personnel to attend mandatory training on ACOE (Army Communities of Excellence) Awareness.

Smoking cessation class

A six-session smoking cessation class will begin in March at Fox Army Community Hospital. Class is free and open to all Fox Hospital recipients and civil servants. The first session will be March 2, 9-10:30 a.m. and sessions two through six will be 9-10 a.m. on March 4, 9, 11, 18 and 25. Space is limited, registration is necessary. Call Susan Goodman 876-8831.

Black History program

The Integrated Materiel Management Center will sponsor a Black History Program at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Post Chapel. There is no admission charge; everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call Marsetta Bearden 842-7985 or Alfreda Tabb 842-8683.

Post Theater movies

Thursday — *The Fisher King*, rated R, 137 minutes. Friday — *House Party 2*, R, 94 minutes. Saturday — *Father of the Bride*, PG, 101 minutes. Sunday — *Father of the Bride*. Tuesday — *City of Hope*, R, 130 minutes. All shows begin at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children.

Bake sale

E Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, will hold a bake sale Feb. 29-30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the PX and Commissary. Proceeds will be donated to the ACS emergency food locker. For more information call 1st Sgt. Jennie Larder 842-2219.



Troop sports

Volleyball: Company level volleyball Athletics & Recreation (A&R) meeting will be held March 17 at 9 a.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711. This meeting is for coaches and assistant coaches. For information call Joe Reed 876-7969. **Post softball:** The men's post softball team and women's post softball team are now signing up players; these teams are for active-duty military people. Coaches are also needed. For information call Joe Reed 876-7969. **Master's Basketball:** A master's basketball game — for active duty military over 35 years old — will be held March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Pagano Gym. Anyone wanting to sign up can do so at the gym. After the master's game, the third annual Company level All-Star basketball game will be played at 7:30.

Car washes

Bravo Company: B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion will hold a car wash at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 7 at the PX Service Station. Cost is \$2 for cars, \$3 for trucks, and \$5 for vans. Proceeds will go to the 832nd Ordnance Battalion Layette Set Program. **Alpha Gators:** A Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion will have two car washes at the PX gas station to benefit Army Emergency Relief. The first will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 14; the second is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 25. Cost is \$4 for cars, \$5 for trucks and vans. All proceeds will be donated to AER.

832nd family support

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion Family Support Group meets 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5 at the Recreation Center, building 3711. Scheduled speaker is John Mason, coordinator for Champus Select at Fox Army Community Hospital. Everyone is invited to attend.

Self-Help center

On Monday, March 2, the Self-Help Center hours will be 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. instead of the normal hours of 10-6:30. The Self-Help Center will resume its regular hours March 3.

Girls spring soccer

The Orange Crush Soccer Club is conducting tryouts on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. at the Fern Bell soccer field for girls desiring to play competitive soccer in the under-12 age bracket. In order to be eligible to compete in this age bracket, girls must have been born between Aug. 1, 1979 and July 31, 1981. For more information, call Gene Preston 881-0670 or Ryan Black 883-8184.

Retired officers

Huntsville Chapter of The Retired Officers Association (TROA) is having its regular monthly meeting today at the Officers Club. Buffet luncheon starts at 11 followed by a program which is to include a presentation by Robert L. Livingston on the subject "Alert and Personal Protection." This is to be followed by country music performer Liz Real. All members and their guests are encouraged to attend.

Club news

Challenger NCO Club: German Buffet served on Thursdays "Nationality Nights" March 5 and 26. The buffet is served from 5:30 until 8:30 for \$7.95. "Then join us in the Lunar Lounge for the 1950s and '60s sound with dance contests and door prizes." **Enlisted Soldiers' Club:** Ladies Night, March 12, from 7 until 10, featuring door prizes — \$25 for first, a large pizza for second, and a small pizza for third prize. **Officers Club:** Big Band sound provided by the "South Jackson Street" band this Friday night; candlelight buffet from 6 until 8 and dancing from 8-11. Cost is \$8.95.

Women's network

Women's Network of Huntsville, local affiliate of the National Association of Female Executives, will meet March 5 at the Huntsville Hilton. Social begins at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6. Melinda Herzog of Burritt Museum is to speak on "The Mountain of Health: the History of Monte Sano Mountain from 1814-1930." Reservations can be made by calling 536-1527 by noon of the Tuesday preceding the Thursday meeting. For more information, call Patty Schuessler 837-9367 or Cheryl Crabb (evenings) 882-1341.

Women engineers

Society of Women Engineers will have its monthly meeting Tuesday, March 3 at 11:30 a.m. at Shoney's Restaurant, 4951 University Drive. Laurie Ann Aten, M.D., from the Consortium for Space Life Science, is to speak on "Keeping humans alive in space." For more information, call Kate Leonard 776-4972.

Federal women

The North Alabama Chapter for Federally Employed Women will meet 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5 at Wings West, 6125 University Drive. Jerry Barclay, a Huntsville attorney, is to speak on "Child Abuse — Madison County Cares." Attendees will order from the menu; and the public is invited. For more information, call Pat Hill 828-4761.



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Surplus sale

A local spot bid sale of government surplus property will be held March 5 in the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Sale building 7427 on Warehouse Road. Registration starts at 7:45 a.m., and the sale begins at 8:45. Some of the items for sale include office stands, safe, books, office supplies, building material, pallet jack, power supplies, bicycles, refrigerators, tables, beds, desks, chairs, file cabinets, typewriters, test equipment, televisions and metal bookcases. The items may be inspected from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 2, 3 and 4, and from 7:45-8:45 sale day. A list of items for sale and additional information will be available during the inspection period in building 7406 on Red Oak Road.

Officers Wives' funding

The Officers Wives Club is now accepting this year's funding requests for consideration in April. These requests should be mailed to the attention of Donna Ramsay, OWC welfare chairman, Officers Club, P.O. Box 8192, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35808. The OWC provides funds for beneficial organizations that serve the military in the community.

Understanding your teen

Youth Specialties Ministries will hold a seminar to help parents understand their teenagers at the Heritage Baptist Church March 7, 1-4 p.m. Created and designed by a respected team of Christian youth workers, parents and family counselors, this unique seminar is up to date and loaded with the kind of practical help and encouragement parents need to strengthen families and help children grow up successfully in today's world. For more information, call David Carter 859-4013.

Civilian Wellness Center

Aerobics: Shake the winter blahs with Cheryl and low impact aerobics. The Civilian Wellness Center offers classes free of charge to members at 4:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the old post gym, building 5663. "Come join our team at the 'Dance for Heart' on March 7 — prizes and lots of fun!" For more information, call the Wellness Center 955-6844. **Walking club:** February is Heart Month, and the "Wellness Walkers" want you to join the walking club every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. If weather permits, they meet at the Wellness Center, building 4460, to walk outdoors; otherwise, they would meet at the old post gym, building 5663. "Want to start your own walking club? We can come to your building and get you started!" Call Robin at 955-6844. **Fitness testing:** Fitness testing available to Wellness Center members checks for cardiorespiratory fitness, strength, flexibility, and body composition (percentage body fat). Call 955-6844 for an appointment. **Nutrition:** "Watch the Rocket for info on the Post Restaurant's 'Light Line' coming in March." **Wellness tip of the week:** Have trouble sleeping at night? An exercise program might help. According to the Sleep Disorders Center of Detroit, active people have more energy in part because they sleep better after being active. This in turn helps them have more energy for the next day.

Carpool Hotline

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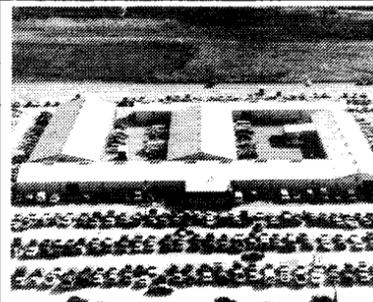
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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FNSI) FOR MODIFIED LANCE ROCKET MOTOR TESTING AT TEST AREA 5, REDSTONE ARSENAL, AL

An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been written which evaluates static test firing of a modified LANCE storable liquid propellant rocket motor at Redstone Arsenal (RSA) Test Area 5 (TA-5). The modifications include substitution of the oxidizer, motor changes to give reduced thrust/extended duration operation, addition of an altitude nozzle, deletion of sustainer operation and missile spin-up feature, and revisions to the propellant tanks and motor controls.

Static firings of solid and liquid propellant rocket motors have been conducted for 29 years at the TA-5 site. The TA-5 complex includes five major test stands; a blockhouse for test control, instrumentation, and staff offices; and associated support facilities. The testing experience with the LANCE propulsion system at TA-5 is unmatched by any other facility.

Test operations at TA-5 are conducted on a scheduled, but not continuous, basis. Approximately 99% of static test firings will be conducted during daylight hours and not during rain in order to permit photographic records. Area access is strictly controlled at all times. Static firing tests require test site personnel return to the safety of the blockhouse. Signage, flashing lights, and audio signals located on TA-5 will alert site and near-by personnel of impending test operations.

The EA finds that the operations at TA-5 will have no adverse noise effects on RSA residents or residents on the South side of the Tennessee River (closest community is Lacey's Spring, approximately 3 miles Southeast). In general, the audio signature involves a short period (generally less than 40 seconds) of high amplitude sound generation rather than a sharp report similar to an explosion. Sound focusing, under certain atmospheric conditions, could present a louder than usual noise in the adjacent communities. The short period of firing and sound suppression utilized at TA-5 will minimize this impact if it occurs. Other environmental consequences such as heat, visual signatures (smoke, steam, exhaust cloud, bright light), smell, and startle are considered secondary effects of motor operation as far as personnel and fauna are concerned.

Water traffic on the Tennessee River that passes approximately 1/2 miles Southeast of TA-5 at the closest point will be minimally affected due to intervening high terrain/dense forest vegetation, probable high ambient noise level, and low probability of being close to TA-5 during the short period of test firing.

Normal engine test operations are not expected to generate dangerous or hazardous combustion products. Air and water quality will be in compliance with Alabama Department of Environmental Management requirements. Hazardous waste, if generated during testing, will be handled, collected, controlled, neutralized, stored, transported, and reported in accordance with MICOM Hazardous Waste Part B Permit No. AL7 210 020 742. Established procedures exist for emergencies and test failures. In the event these occur, test area procedures will be activated to contain hazardous discharges and mitigate their effects, emergency teams dispatched, and local authorities promptly notified.

Test Area 5 is sited adjacent to a flood plain. The map diagram for the 100 year flood plain does not extend into TA-5. No permanently occupied structures are located in the TA-5 area.

Archaeological/historical surveys have been conducted in the TA-5 area. In the vicinity of TA-5 there are two cemeteries that are properly marked and preserved. Static test firings do not cause any disruption of, or damage to, these protected sites.

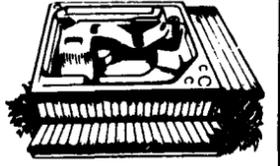
There are no endangered species in this area. Over the past 29 years, operation of TA-5 has not caused any significant changes to the environment in its area to either the flora or fauna. No has operation affected the human environment or activities during this time. Future operations are not expected to change this environment.

Alternative rocket motor test facilities have been surveyed with respect to capabilities for the proposed test and environmental consequences. Facilities at the USAF Arnold Engineering Development Center/Tullahoma, TN; USAF Phillips Laboratory/Edwards Air Force Base, CA; NASA White Sands Test Facility/Las Cruces, NM; and the rocket motor manufacturer were considered. Each of these test sites offer adequate test capabilities, and facilities developed for minimal environmental consequences. They do not provide any test advantages with respect to the modified LANCE test program. The "no test" alternative has been considered and rejected due to the necessity to verify propulsion system performance, reliability, safety, and operating procedures of the engine before commitment into a large, complex SDIO program.

There are no viable alternatives to the testing required nor test sites that would be more acceptable for the conduct of R&D testing of the modified LANCE rocket motor than TA-5. Noise, air, and liquid pollution are recognized products which would have the greatest potential environmental consequences at this site. Since these tests are not conducted on a continuous basis, and significant noise attenuation, atmospheric dilution, and liquid neutralization will occur before reaching off-site areas, the consequences are not considered to be significant. Other environmental consequences are minor and not accumulative. It has been assessed that the use of TA-5 for this test series will not have a significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

The EA is on file at the MICOM Environmental Office, Building 7613. Questions or comments about this action may be directed to Mr. William M. Liles, Chief-Static Test Branch, STERT-TE-F-ST, 876-5324 or Mr. David G. Harris, Chief-Public Affairs Office, AMSMI-IN, 876-4161.

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