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Home team up to bat in ACOE awards competition

Army Communities of Excellence evaluation team to visit post Monday



CLEANUP TIME — From left Brenda Chapman, Ann Neese, Jamie McGraw and Janet Dinges, all of Information Systems Command-MICOM, clean up the area around building 5201.

BY SKIP VAUGHN

In baseball parlance, Redstone Arsenal's ACOE efforts have reached the bottom of the ninth inning — the time of decision.

A two-member Army Communities of Excellence evaluation team will visit Monday, March 9 to evaluate this installation in the Most Improved category. Redstone is a finalist along with Fort Polk, La., for a \$125,000 award.

The home team is preparing for this visit with a postwide cleanup week March 2-6. Everyone on post is encouraged to clean up their building, inside and out. The Self-Help Center can provide garbage bags and lawn equipment, until the supply runs out; and Tommy Freeman of Directorate of Engineering and Housing can be reached at 876-4245 for those who need extra trash pickup.

"The (evaluation) team will have an itinerary as far as where they will go, but they can stop at any building they want to," said Cindy Parmer, a program analyst in the management engineering branch at Redstone Arsenal Support Activity. "A lot of the evaluation will depend on the way that they're serviced and the way the buildings look on the inside."

Col. Thomas Fincher and Lt. Col. Bruce Greenfield, members of the ACOE office in Washington, D.C., are due to arrive Sunday and conduct their evaluation Monday. A by-invitation-only reception is set for 6 p.m. Sunday at the Marriott in Huntsville.

"And then as a wrapup, we will have a fish fry Monday night at the Rustic Lodge," Parmer said. For reservations to the 6 p.m., \$7-per-plate event, call 876-4122.

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Family symposium addresses quality of life issues

BY SKIP VAUGHN

About 100 delegates from throughout the Redstone community met Thursday and Friday to address Arsenal quality of life issues at the fifth annual Redstone Arsenal Family Symposium.

"The purpose is to identify and prioritize total Army family issues for leadership to be able to reflect on Army family goals," said Sue Paddock, family action plan manager at Army Community Service.

Delegates represented the Missile Command, Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, Readiness Group, Strategic Defense Command, Dental Activity, Medical Activity, Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Support Group, reservists, Navy people, youth, military family members, civilian employees and military retirees.

Past symposiums have been one-day events. This one, held at Bicentennial Chapel, was two days because of feedback last year that the work groups needed more time.

Eight work groups addressed a total of 141 issues raised in a quality of life survey. The work groups included medical/dental; Commissary/AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Service); youth support; single soldier; family housing/facilities maintenance; traffic/transportation/personnel/finance; morale/welfare/recreational activities; and civilian support. Civilian support, consisting of civilian employees, was a new work group this year.

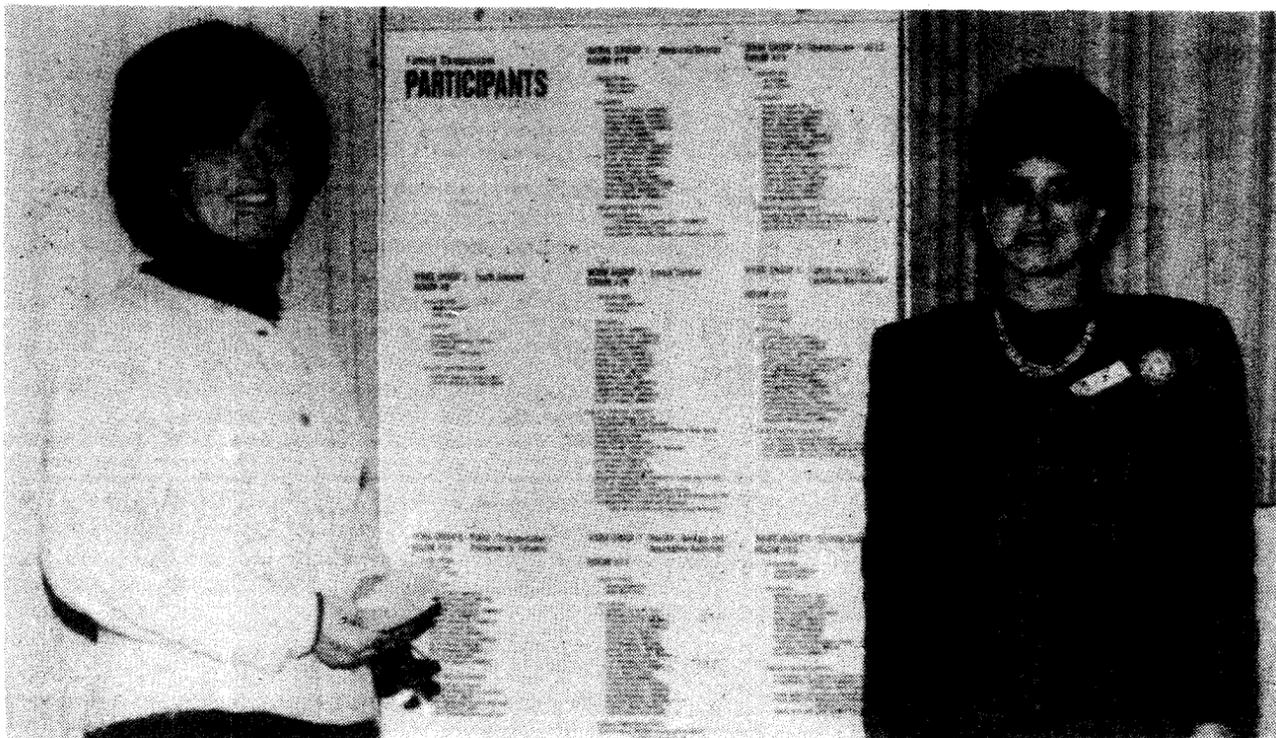
Delegates were assisted by more than 40 subject-matter experts. These are people who actually work in the category assigned to a given work group. Each work group met both days, with the exception of the

youth support group whose four youngsters met only the second day. An estimated 300 people attended the symposium's opening ceremony held Thursday morning.

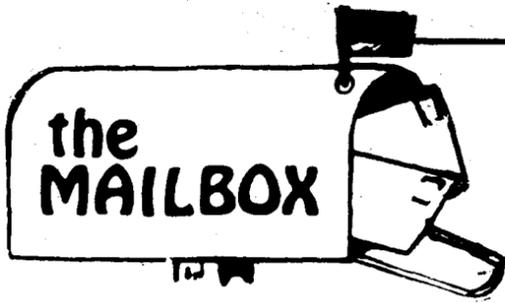
"This is a tremendous process," Col. James Link,

deputy commander of the Missile Command, said during the outbrief session Friday afternoon. "Just think about it, this is democracy in action. This is a town meeting with teeth."

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COORDINATORS — Among the symposium coordinators were Martha Stewart, left, and Sue Paddock.



In your debt

Editor:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all the kindnesses shown me during my husband's illness and death. Your calls, cards, flowers, visits, gifts, donations of leave, and especially prayers have helped sustain me in these darkest hours of my life. It means so much to have a place to work where people are so caring and generous. I'll be forever indebted to you.

Kay Pepper
Product Assurance Directorate

People who care

Editor:

I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during the loss of my brother (H. Lloyd Stewart Jr.). It eases the sorrow to be surrounded by people who care. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Jennifer Jones
The Stewart Family

Enlisted Club

Editor:

This is regarding the closing and new hours of the Enlisted Club. I felt this observation of the Enlisted Club needed to be brought to the attention of all E-1s through E-4s and other personnel who work at Redstone.

I and a few other concerned taxpayers, have noted that \$2.3 million was spent on a building and fixtures to serve enlisted personnel of Redstone Arsenal.

Yet, within less than one year, the facility has gone from a thriving business to shambles.

Anyone who has worked in any business or had any business training at all, could tell you that you do not bring in customers by raising prices or cutting back hours. One of the basic rules of business is supply and demand. Also, it takes at least two years to earn a profit before you start cutting hours or anything else.

The E-1s to E-4s really need a place to go. Give this place a chance. Where can they go to eat besides the mess hall, Burger King, etc. Some of the troops have B-shift which (means) they could use the club.

It's really a shame what these people have done to this beautiful club. If they thought it wasn't going to work, why use all that money from the taxpayers to build this place and not use it for what it was meant to be used for?

There are also a lot of civilians that work on Redstone who loved eating there during the week.

In conclusion, I hope I have opened some eyes to this dilemma and that the soldiers and all the personnel of Redstone will possibly look into this matter.

"Concerned taxpayer"
(Name withheld by request)

(Editor's note: J.R. Brown, director for Directorate of Community and Family Activities, provided the following response.

"The new Enlisted Soldiers' (EM) Club was built with a combination of locally generated funds (Soldier dollars) and money from the Army's Central Morale, Welfare and Recreation account.

"We have lost money since the new EM Club opened. In reviewing our club operations, we found that the soldiers were not eating at the club and decided to focus our programs to best support the desires of our soldiers.

"After discussions were held with the military commanders, command sergeants major, and first sergeants, we agreed to discontinue our food programs and target our programs toward more entertainment functions and scale back the operating hours, and offer programs and quick-fix food five nights a week. These initiatives have been welcomed by most of our soldiers and have resulted in the club being able to operate with minimal loss.

"Questions may be directed to Jim Mullen, chief, Community Operations Division, Directorate of Community and Family Activities, telephone 842-2265."

People page

Editor:

Looking through the Feb. 26 *Rocket*, I noticed a listing of award recipients from MICOM organizations. My congratulations to them all. I know many of them personally and appreciate the fact that they have been recognized, some were timely, some were perhaps a little late due to one or another cause.

During my term in the military, it was a custom to often hear the phrase "present and accounted for," which causes me to wonder.

Many MICOM organizations were absent from the People column that were recognizing their employees. Where are the others?

Hollis Bridges
Management analyst
Resource Management Directorate

Hospital tribute

Editor's note: The following letter was addressed to the commander of Fox Army Community Hospital, and was forwarded to the Rocket.

In late 1991 my hearing aids, which had been provided through Eisenhower Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Ga., ceased to function properly. I contacted the bio-medical maintenance unit of your organization, where a Don Lopp called the audiology clinic at Eisenhower and arranged to send my hearing aids to them for repair. The response was that the aids were too old to repair, that I should obtain a new hearing test and send the results to them so that they would obtain new aids. Mr. Lopp then referred me to your outpatient unit, where arrangements were made through the Troop Medical Clinic to give me a hearing test. This was done, and I was instructed to take the results to your patient representative's office for transmittal to Eisenhower. Marvalee Durham forwarded the test results as requested; and shortly thereafter an Eisenhower representative called me for an appointment to receive the new aids.

I went to Eisenhower in late January 1992 to receive my new aids, where it was found that I had an infection in one ear that required immediate attention. I again contacted the Outpatient Clinic and was assigned to Dr. John Wisda for treatment, which was successful.

My purpose in writing you this lengthy narrative is to let you know that in every instance in which I contacted the appropriate personnel of your organization, I was treated with the greatest courtesy and my pro-

blems were handled promptly and competently without exception. I could not have asked for more, and I am convinced that you have an excellent organization staffed with exceptional people.

Clyde B. Brown
Major, USA(R), retired

Can-do attitude

Editor:

A recent edition of the *Redstone Rocket* contained a large list of individuals who received awards, promotions, and the like. This is a letter that would like to address some of those who are performing their jobs under adverse circumstances and who are adding to the quality of their product. Their names, to the best of my knowledge, were not on that list.

As many of you know, the support contract for photographic services has been under protest by a competing contractor. Mike Hinckley and crew moved into the photo lab several months ago to perform mission essential services. What a surprise I received when I recently carried some film negatives to the photo lab for a command project. Hinckley and crew have cleaned up the facility, introduced automation to log services, and provided customers with turnaround times for services that rival the old contractors' times. The contractors were operating with a full contingent of personnel. The photo lab operates with less than ideal staffing.

As with the photo lab, the motion pictures/graphics group, or MOPIC, is in the same contractor dilemma. Led by Marvin Solomon, personnel such as Allen Rhoades have been producing command briefings, videos, etc., that rival the quality of the best audiovisual outfit in Huntsville. This comment comes from one who was less than skeptical about "government" employees having the same expertise as our contractor friends. MOPIC, by the way, is not operating with the latest equipment or full staffing.

These two organizations truly embody the meaning and spirit of Total Quality Management, or TQM. The attitude is "Can-Do," the product is the best that they can deliver, and their work areas reflect a high degree of professionalism and pride. Here's the added bonus: This work is being performed at less cost than a contractor would charge.

Claus R. Martel
MICOM

Community program

Editor:

I wish to reply to Lt. Col. Cunningham's letter in this column on Feb. 26 concerning his daughter's eligibility for participation in the Army Community Service's Space Camp Award competition. This issue has been carefully considered in the past by the Awards committee.

The Space Camp Award program is entirely supported by Huntsville/Redstone Arsenal non-governmental community organizations. These organizations' intent is to support community children through this award program. The committee, by carefully defining our community limits as a 50 miles radius around Redstone Arsenal, ensures maximum benefit to those children living closely within the community serviced by the supporting organizations.

Our intent is not to discriminate against any group or category of children, but to provide greatest benefit to our community. I hope Lt. Col. Cunningham and others in similar circumstances will support this program's community service goals.

Mary Gustine
Chairperson,
Space Camp Awards

Sign your letter

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Army seeks proposals for next generation air defense

BY DAVE HARRIS

The Army has formally asked industry for concept studies on CORPS SAM, its next generation air defense system.

MICOM mailed the request for proposal to more than 100 contractors Friday after a week of intensive effort to ensure that the classified document met recent guidance from the Army Acquisition Executive.

"This was one of the first RFPs to go out since the AAE announced his initiatives to streamline them," Col. Richard A. Black, CORPS SAM project manager said. "It was clear to me and to the whole team that worked on this RFP that the MICOM Commander

and the Program Executive Officer Air Defense, both from their personal review and constructive criticism, wanted to make sure that the RFP spelled out our minimum requirements in a way that was clear and concise and understandable to the prospective contractors.

"We believe we did that. We had an enormous amount of help from the whole team. Each of the functional directors, just as an example, personally reviewed and certified their requirements and personally certified to General Chen that we were putting out a quality product. I want everyone who worked on this RFP to know just how much their efforts meant and how much they were appreciated."

The RFP requires contractors to propose their CORPS SAM concepts in terms of weapon and weapon platform, sensor and battle management, command, control and intelligence elements, support equipment and training.

The concepts are to be supported by contractor analyses and trade-off studies. Responses to the RFP are due in 60 days.

After evaluating the responses, the Army intends to award multiple firm fixed price contracts in the last quarter of FY92 funding six months of effort. The number of contracts awarded will depend on the available funds and the "value" of proposed efforts.

Ground based sensors contract goes to Hughes Company

The Army signed a contract Feb. 27 to buy 154 Ground Based Sensors (GBS) from Hughes Aircraft Company Ground Systems Group, Fullerton, Calif.

The contract value is \$452,423,146 for the nine year program and covers associated spare parts, deployment supplies and services and two pre-planned product improvements in addition to the truck mounted sensor systems.

An initial award for the first option of \$61,695,034 paid in increments will buy six pre-production units to be delivered in August 1993, undergo testing and then be fielded. Low rate initial production will begin in 1994 followed by full scale production in 1995.

GBS is a radar based sensor system mounted on a five ton truck with generator, an identification friend or foe device and communications equipment. It will identify helicopters and fixed wing aircraft, alert and send target information to Army battlefield air defense weapons to engage hostile aircraft.

GBS is a part of the Army Forward Area Air Defense System designed to protect future Army forces on the battlefield from air attack.

Features of this acquisition include its being an NDI or nondevelopmental item ready for production and the "Best Value" acquisition strategy that offers the best mix of technical and operational capabilities for the price.

Seven candidates competed for the contract: Hughes, Lockheed Sanders Inc., Raytheon Company, Raytheon/Siemens Plessey Radar (U.K), Titan Corp./Ericsson Radar Electronics (Sweden), Martin

Marietta Electronics Systems/Contraves-Italiana (Italy) and LTV Aerospace and Defense Co./Signaal (Netherlands).

GBS is managed by the FAAD Sensors Product Office here supported by MICOM. The product office

Team

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Fincher and Greenfield will be looking at the buildings here, the installation cleanliness and improvements, and customer services. "That's what they'll center on: the overall installation appearance and customer service," Parmer said. RASA's eight-member management engineering branch led by Marilyn Rouse includes Jean Keahey, the Missile Command's ACOE program officer. Its activities have included conducting assistance visits to various buildings to see what needs to be done in preparation for the evaluation, and providing ACOE awareness training. The Integrated Materiel Management Center has also assisted in providing the awareness training.

Department of Army is expected to announce the ACOE most improved winner by the end of March. The attitude here seems to be: Win or lose, Redstone has already hit a grand slam by improving its services and facilities.

"Be proud of where we are because we've come a very long way," Parmer said, "but always look ahead to where we can go."

"We want to shoot for the Commander in Chief's award, the highest honor an Army installation can achieve," she said. "This office would like to thank

reports to the Program Executive Officer for Intelligence and Electronic Warfare at Warrenton, Va. Lt. Col. Michael Howell is the product manager. Keith Roberson is his civilian deputy. MICOM's contracting officer is Terry Rodgers.

everyone that has participated in this program that has helped us achieve this great honor (as a most improved finalist); and with their continued support, we can make Redstone the best Army community. Redstone can achieve its goal of being the best Army community if we adopt this quote of Henry Ford: 'Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.'"

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Unmanned-aerial vehicle project office reorganizes

BY SANDA MARTEL

A new missile project office was inaugurated in Huntsville Feb. 26 as the Army Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (AUAV) Project Office reorganized to form two separate offices, the Short Range and Close Range Project Offices.

Col. Paul K. Tanguay is the new Close Range project manager. He was assigned to the AUAV in Huntsville Feb. 3. Prior to that, he served a three year tour as Training and Doctrine Command's system manager for Army UAVs at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Staff for the newly formed Close Range Project Office will come from the existing project, which employs about 80.

Navy Rear Adm. G.F.A. Wagner, program executive officer for cruise missiles project and unmanned aerial vehicles joint project, presided over the 10 a.m. ceremony at the Tom Beville Center.

Col. Stanley Souvenir will continue as project manager of the Short Range Unmanned Aerial Vehicle project.

Both the Short Range and Close Range programs are scheduled for reviews late this year. The Short Range program hopes to get approval to enter low rate production and the Close Range is expected to enter the engineering/manufacturing development phase.

Two contractors, McDonnell Douglas and Israel Aircraft Industries, are now competing for the Short Range System production contract and conducting tests at several test ranges.

The Short Range UAV will consist of air vehicles, modular mission payloads, data link system, mission planning control station (MPCS) and ground support equipment. The MPCS will have multiple vehicle/payload control and multiple frequency capability. It will receive, process and analyze data as



PROJECT MANAGERS — Col. Paul Tanguay, left, heads the new Close Range Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office. Col. Stanley Souvenir is the Short Range Unmanned Aerial Vehicle project manager.

Engineering Center's recent successful demonstration of three Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) sensors.

The performance of these small sensors, manufactured by Rockwell International, Kollmorgen and Rafael, demonstrated state-of-the-art technology needed for the Close Range air vehicle.

By congressional direction, separate U.S. military UAV programs were eliminated in 1988 and combined into a UAV joint program with the Navy as the executive service. The Close Range, Short Range and Medium Range form the family of non-lethal UAVs.

It was also in 1988 that the Army's Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office was established in Huntsville for the management of the Short Range program at Redstone Arsenal, with Souvenir as manager.

The U.S. military services, recognizing the importance of intelligence gathering to support planning and

execution of multiple and simultaneous forward operations, both along and behind the forward line of their own troops, have defined the family of unmanned aerial vehicles to perform that mission.

These vehicles will be capable of carrying modular mission payloads for extended periods of time and support commanders in battlefield operations and management.

Dance for Heart this Saturday

Editor's note: The Civilian Wellness Center provided the following news release.

Cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer in Alabama and in the nation. Perhaps you or someone close to you has been affected by this disease — this is your chance to help! Dance For Heart is a fun event designed to promote exercise as a lifelong activity for all ages, and to put our workouts to work for the American Heart Association.

Local instructors and clubs have joined in an effort to raise money through the Huntsville-Madison County Dance For Heart event. On Saturday, March 7, you are invited to put your workout to work with aerobic exercisers from all over Madison County, including the Redstone Arsenal Civilian Wellness Center's exercise classes. You will be eligible for door prizes and awards donated by businesses supporting our efforts, plus be awarded prizes based on the amount of money raised for this cause. Dance For Heart will be held Saturday, March 7 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Brahan Springs Recreational Center.

The Wellness Center staff invites all Redstone employees to join in and support the Redstone team. Call 955-6844 for information on how to participate.

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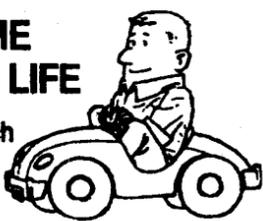
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Some loan promisers give consumers nothing but trouble

Editor's note: Capt. Roderick is chief of the Legal Assistance Office.

BY SCOTT RODERICK

Advertisements that promise loans generally appear in the classified section of local and national newspapers, magazines, and tabloids. They may also appear in mailings, radio spots and on local cable channels. Often "900" numbers that result in charges on your phone bill, or toll-free "800" numbers, are featured in the ads. However, simply advertising through recognized media outlets does not ensure the legitimacy of the company behind an ad. In addition, such companies often use delivery systems other than the U.S. Postal Service, such as overnight or courier services, to avoid detection and prosecution by postal authorities.

Some companies claim they can guarantee you a loan for a fee paid in advance. The fee may range from \$100 to several hundred dollars. Small businesses have been charged as much as several thousand dollars as an advance fee for a loan. But whether you are an individual consumer or a small business owner, the result is the same: Once the con artists have your money, they disappear and you never get your loan.

Do not confuse advance-fee loan schemes with legitimate offers of credit from mortgage brokers, banks, savings and loans, and credit unions. Legitimate credit grantors may charge fees to process your loan application, but they will not guarantee that you will qualify for a loan. Illicit advance-fee schemes, on the other hand, either promise or strongly suggest that a loan will be provided in exchange for an up-front fee. Salespeople for such companies also may verbally promise that some or all of your advance fee will be refunded if your application is unsuccessful. Some fraudulent companies also may claim that your advance fee will be credited toward repayment of the loan. Usually none of these claims are true.

How to protect yourself

The Federal Trade Commission suggests the following precautions before you respond to ads for advance-fee loans.

- Be wary of advertising which claims that bad credit is no problem in getting you a loan. If money is not available to you through traditional lending institutions, it is unlikely to become available in response to a classified ad.

- Be cautious of lenders who use "800" and "900" numbers. You may call an 800 number which then directs you to dial a 900 number. You pay for 900 number calls, of course, and the charges may be high.

- Check out the company. Contact your local consumer protection agency and the state Attorney General's Office to learn if they have received any complaints about companies offering advance-fee

loans. Keep in mind, however, that suspect companies often establish their operation in one state, advertise heavily for only a few months, collect their loan fees, only to close up shop and move on to another state before complaints are registered and local authorities have a chance to act. Therefore, just because your local consumer protection agency has no complaints on file does not mean that an advance-fee loan business is legitimate.

- Be careful about making any loan agreements over the telephone.

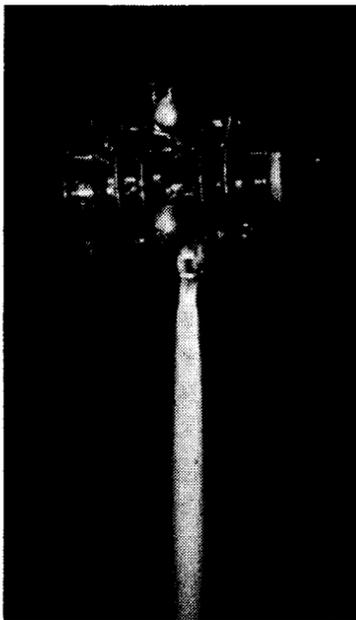
- Do not ever give your credit card, checking account, or Social Security numbers over the phone unless you are familiar with the company. This information can be used against you with other frauds. For example, if you give your checking account number over the phone to a stranger for "verification" or "computer purposes," the number may be used to withdraw money from your checking account.

- Ask to review any company's offer in writing, and make sure you understand the terms of the agreement before you complete the transaction.

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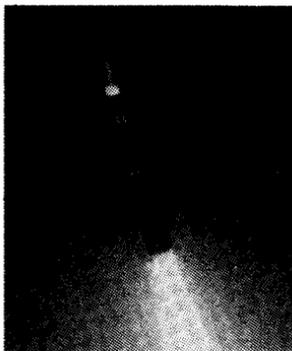
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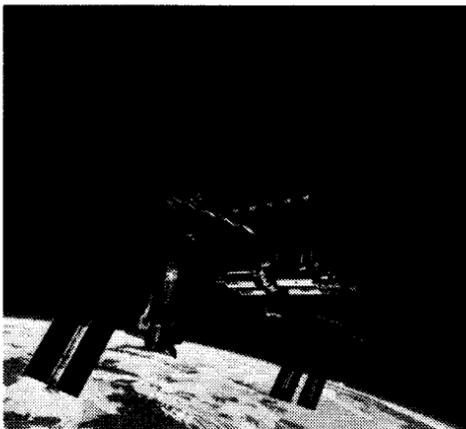
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Sergeants major plan July jubilee

FORT BLISS, Texas — The U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy is planning one of the largest NCO events in memory.

Designated the "USASMA July Jubilee," the July 6-10 activities in conjunction with the Academy's 20th anniversary will also feature a worldwide Noncommissioned Officer Education System (NCOES) Conference for both active and reserve components, and the Sergeant Major of the Army Leader Development Conference.

In addition to the Sergeant Major of the Army, and command sergeants major from every major command, the SMA's Leader Development Conference will have eight former Sergeants Major of the Army in attendance.

A formal dining-out will be held July 7 at the Airport Hilton in El Paso.

Spouses of the SMA Conference participants will be offered a full schedule of activities including a Spouse's Seminar. The Spouse's Seminar is patterned after the Academy's successful family seminars. The classes and guest speakers will focus on establishing and maintaining Family Support Groups.

All former Academy graduates, from 1972 through '92, and their spouses are invited to take part in the "homecoming-type celebrations" planned July 9-10.

Those interested in attending or who need more general information on the USASMA "July Jubilee" should call Sgt. Maj. Ron Samuelson at (915) 568-8448 or Autovon 978-8448. (Adapted from a U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy release)

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Black history program adopts forward-looking theme

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Row after row of attendees rose to applaud the six young boys who participated in Thursday's IMMC Black History Month program, not for what the kids had to say during their brief classroom skit, but for what they represent: the future.

This standing ovation underscored the forward-looking theme for the Integrated Materiel Management Center's second annual Black History Month program, "African-Americans 'Continuing Success Through Excellence'."

The hourlong event in the Post Chapel included music, reflections on notable black Americans, a poem, and the classroom skit. Members of IMMC conducted the program for a filled sanctuary.

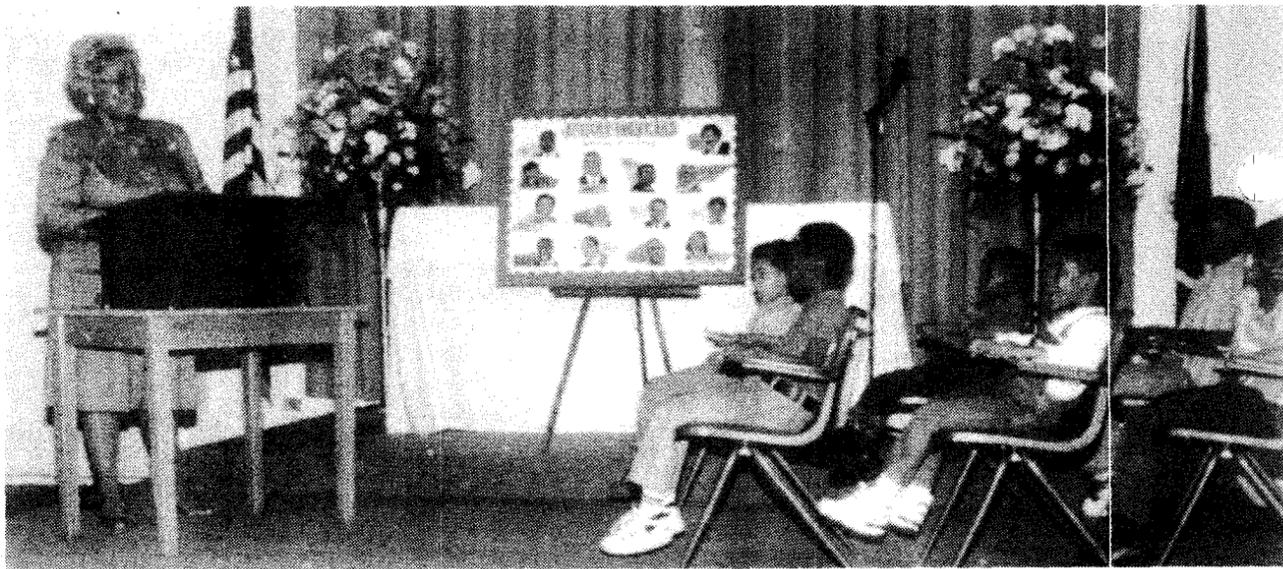
"We're celebrating not just black history, we are celebrating the history of America," said John Jude, the moderator. "This thing is all about togetherness. This black American history is part of that: American history."

At the end of the program, he asked the audience to applaud the efforts of the six boys in the skit and the attendees responded. "The future is indeed tied up in these children," Jude said.

Millie Smith, a supply systems analyst in IMMC's Materiel Management Directorate, was the program coordinator. She estimated 225 people attended. After the program, she reiterated its message about the importance of children to America's future. "It's becoming more of a necessity that we develop self-esteem in our children," Smith said.

The event came on the heels of the Army community's sixth annual Black History Month luncheon Feb. 24 which drew 800 people to the Challenger NCO Club.

Jim Flinn, the director of IMMC, commended his workers for their second annual program. Referring to the words of one youngster during the skit, he quipped: "You know, times are changing. My son wants to grow up to be Michael Jordan, too."



SKIT — Sameyetta Byrd acts as teacher for classroom of youngsters during the Black History Month skit.

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Military teens have new fitness room

BY PAM ROGERS

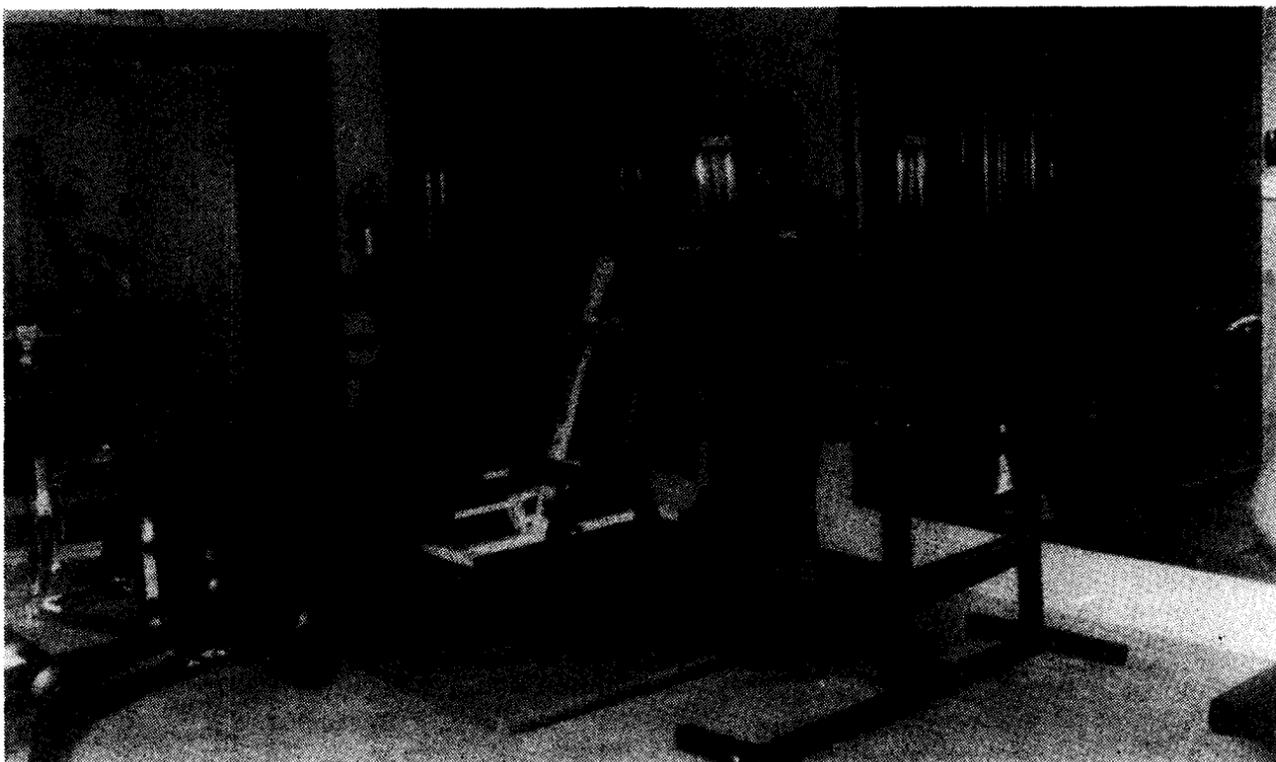
Teenaged members of Redstone's military families who are Youth Center members now have their own place to work out on state-of-the-art fitness equipment.

The room, containing a stair-stepper, rowing machine and weight training equipment has been open about a month and is already popular among 13- to 18-year-olds, according to Youth Services Director Shelby Williams.

"We've had about 20 kids a day, and we're hoping more will come in," she said. The equipment is most popular with 15- and 16-year-olds.

"The kids were working out in the post gym, but now they have a place of their own," she said.

The idea for the room came from the Teen Discovery group, and was purchased with year-end funds.



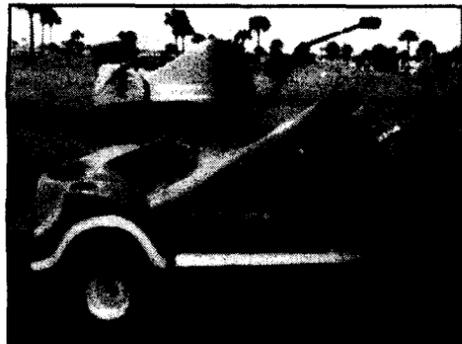
EXERCISE EQUIPMENT — Williams stands in the new teen fitness room at the Youth Center.

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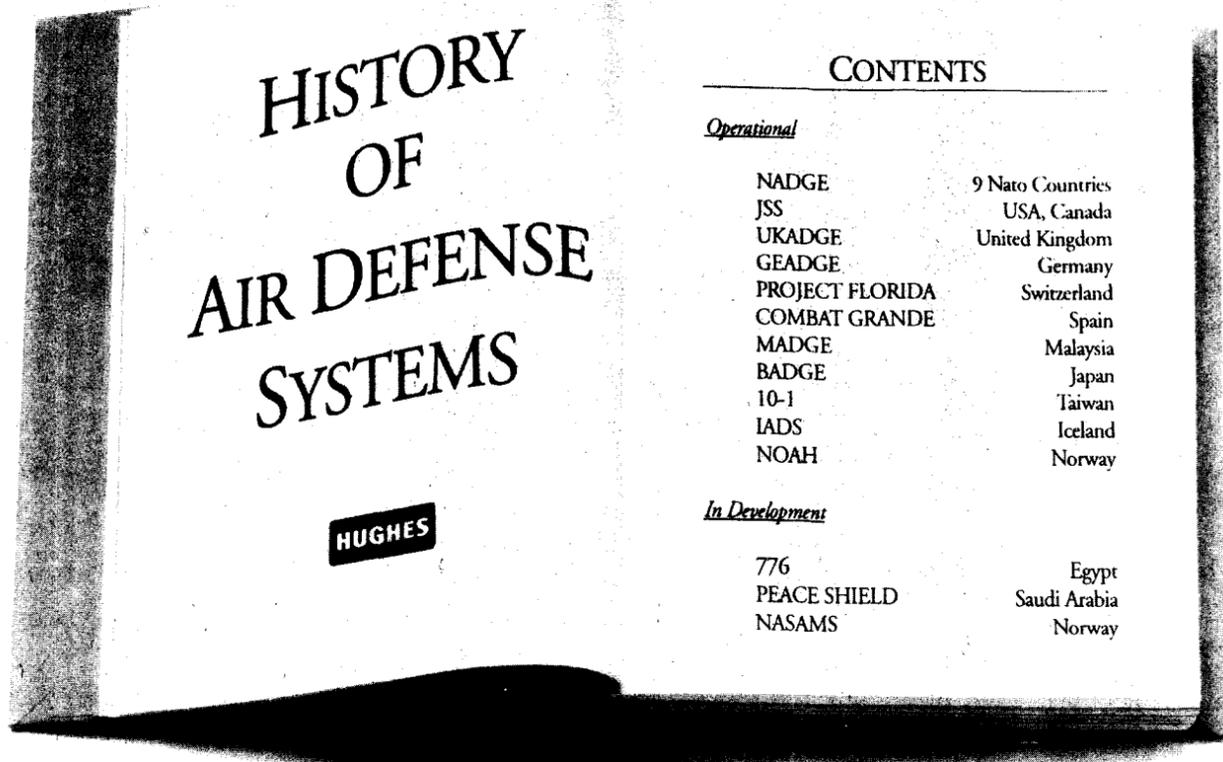
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Federal employee scholarship program enters sixth year

Editor's note: Parrish is Tennessee Valley representative for the Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund.

BY JAN PARRISH

The Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund scholarship competition is here again. Entering its sixth year, FEEA is proud to have awarded over \$320,000 in scholarships to civilian federal and postal employees and their family members.

Last year alone winners came from 40 states and overseas and represented every major federal agency. Twenty-seven of the 160 winners were federal employees. The balance were dependent family members.

Scholarship awards are based on merit and range from \$250 to \$1,000 per student. Minimum requirements are at least three years of federal service and a 3.0 grade point average. Only federal and postal employees and their families are eligible. Applicants may be high school seniors or students continuing their college education. Selection criteria include academic achievement, community service, a recommendation and a two-page essay.

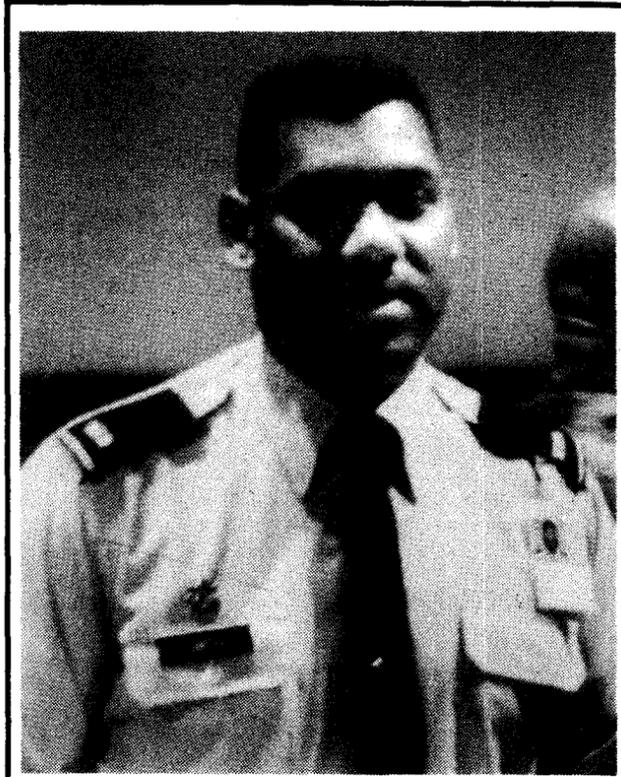
You may obtain an application for a FEEA scholarship by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to FEEA Scholarship Program, Suite 200, 8441 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton, Colo., 80123-3245. Your local FEEA representative also has a limited supply of these scholarship applications. Write me, Jan Parrish, at P.O. Box 17233, Huntsville 35810.

The FEEA scholarship program, as well as FEEA emergency assistance, is made possible by federal employee donations to FEEA, pledge No. 0415 in the Combined Federal Campaign and, in part, by a contribution from Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

Since funding is limited and the scholarship competition is stiff, FEEA encourages all students to consider its student loan program as a source of additional educational funding. FEEA student loans offer some of the lowest guarantee fees and interest rates. FEEA has arranged for more than \$8 million in student loans to federal employees and their families.

In addition to scholarships and student loans, FEEA provides emergency assistance to federal employees

and their families. If you know of anyone who is employed by the federal government (postal workers included) who needs monetary help with an emergency, contact your local FEEA representative or write to: FEEA, Suite 200, 8441 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton,



BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM — CWO 2 Glen Smith, from the program management office at Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, lectures on Black History Month Feb. 25 at the Post Theater. Soldiers from E Company and F Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, attended this event.

Colo., 80123-3245; phone 1-800-323-4140. Please do not use the toll-free telephone number to request scholarship applications because a self-addressed, stamped envelope should be enclosed for these types of requests.

Savings bond sales set new record

WASHINGTON — January sales of Series EE U.S. savings bonds reached \$1.3 billion, breaking all previous records for January sales since the Series E bond was introduced more than 50 years ago. Sales reported for the month were 40 percent over the \$953 million in sales for January a year ago.

"It is reassuring that people are buying stock in America," said U.S. Treasurer, Catalina Villalpando. "Saving a little bit at a time has long been the strength of American working men and women, and this habit appears to be going strong."

The value of U.S. savings bonds held by Americans reached an all time high of \$139.4 billion as compared to \$127.3 billion a year ago. Savings bonds that are held five years or longer earn market-based interest rates or a guaranteed minimum rate, whichever is higher. Market-based rates change each May and November. The current semiannual market-based rate is 6.38 percent. The guaranteed minimum rate is 6 percent.

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Community urged to support Army Emergency Relief

The need for Army Emergency Relief support is even greater this year because of the economic problems many military families are experiencing.

That was part of the message hammered home at the 1992 AER kickoff held here Friday. This year's fund-raising campaign, March 1 through April 30, has a goal of \$45,000.

"There's a lot of people out there living on the edge," Col. Jamēs Link, deputy commander of the Missile Command, told a roomful of Redstone military and civilian leaders. "AER is that safety net."

He encouraged the Army officials to be innovative in their fund-raising efforts and to become personally involved in the campaign. "We've got to be as innovative as we possibly can because we're talking

about very serious business in the lives of soldiers and their families in our command," Link said.

"I'm confident that we're going to have a super campaign this year," he said.

Lt. Col. Rich Richey, chairman for this year's AER drive, gave an overview of Army Emergency Relief which is having its 50th anniversary. AER provides zero-interest loans and also grants to soldiers when emergency arises.

"Redstone is a caring community, we can be proud of ourself; but again, we can't rely on past glories," Richey said. "As Col. Link stated, the need is actually on the rise."

Active duty or retired military can contribute by AER allotment; and anyone can donate by cash or

check. Planned fund-raising projects include food sales, car washes, the AER jail, and sporting events. Anyone who would like to contribute or has questions about how he or she can help AER, call Richey 876-5400.



AER KICKOFF — Link addresses Redstone leaders at the 1992 kickoff for Army Emergency Relief.

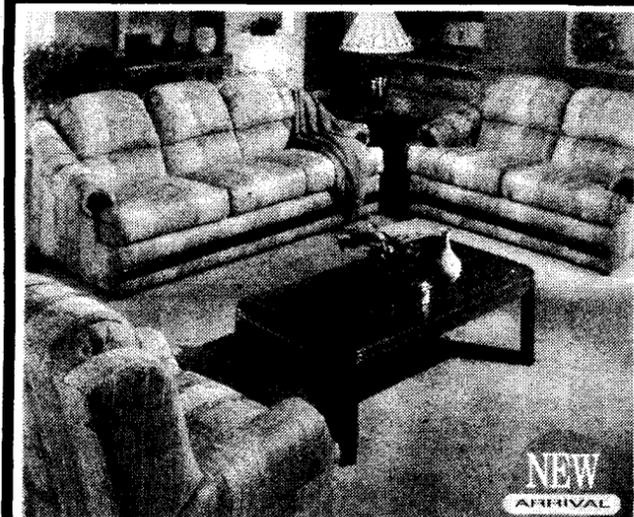


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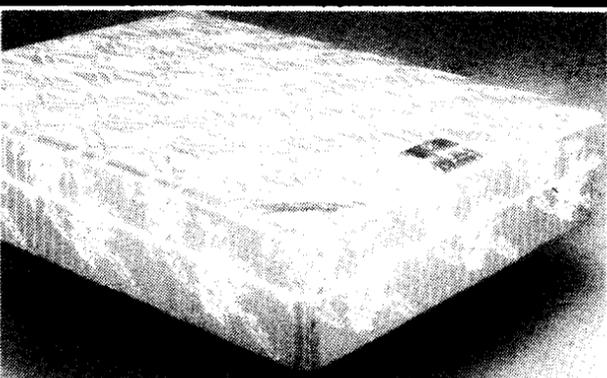
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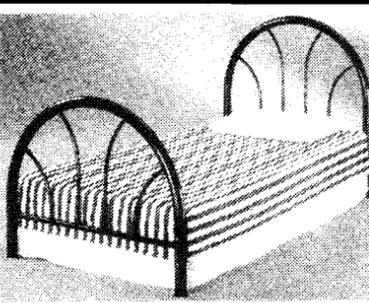
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SDC plays major role in upcoming space conference

The Strategic Defense Command will co-chair the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Space Programs and Technology Conference and Exhibition slated for March 24-26 at the Von Braun Civic Center.

Other co-chairs include Marshall Space Flight Center, the U.S. Air Force Space Systems Division, and the U.S. Navy Space and Electronic Warfare Division. Top-level representatives of each of these agencies will discuss America's current and future plans for space during the opening plenary session.

A government or contractor identification badge will admit individuals to the opening plenary session scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 24 or to see a collection of high technology exhibits provided by SDC, NASA and a number of major aerospace firms. Exhibits will be open from 11 to 5 each day.

More than 70 sessions are scheduled during the three-day period and more than 400 papers will be presented. There is a conference fee to attend these sessions.

The Army has arranged three conference sessions, according to SDC technical co-chair, Dr. William O. Davies: Army Space Systems in the morning on Wednesday, March 25; Army Space Technologies in the afternoon March 25; and Army Space Exploitation in the afternoon March 26. James Katechis, Ground Based Interceptor project manager, and Dr. Shelba Proffitt, Advanced Technologies director, will act as session chairpersons.

Maj. Gen. Louis J. Del Rosso, director of the Army's Space and Special Weapons directorate, will keynote the Army Space Systems sessions. Keynote speaker at the Army Space Technology Programs session will be Dr. William E. Howard III, director of Space and Strategic Weapons, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition.

Seven SDC representatives will present papers at these sessions, including:

- *Kinetic Energy Anti-Satellite (ASAT) Weapons System* by Joseph Stegmaier and Michael Grannan, ASAT Joint Program Office.

- *Dormancy for the Ground Based Interceptor* by Ivan Martinez and John Liston, Ground Based Interceptor Project Office.

- *Anticipated Interceptor Propulsion Technology Advancements by the Late 1990s* by Dr. D.C. Sayles, Kinetic Energy Weapons Directorate.

- *Exoatmospheric Interceptor — A Gold Mine for Signature and Impact Data* by James Katechis, Ground Based Interceptor project manager.

- *High Bandwidth, Wide Field of View Lasercom Demonstration* by John C. Johnson, Advanced Technologies Directorate.

Col. Arthur Theobald, deputy director of SDC Systems Analysis/Battle Management Directorate, will serve as panel chairman for a Wednesday afternoon session on "Space Support for Desert Storm." Panel members will include Col. Michael Keaveney, Army Space Command commander; Marine Col. Charles Geiger, Naval Space Command deputy commander; and Col. Curtis A. Davis, Air Force Space Command director of Strategic and Tactical Plans and Space Applications.

On-site registration fees are \$345 for AIAA members and \$460 for non-members. Conference attendance is free to student and retired AIAA members, with non-member students charged \$25.

A special on-day registration fee of \$150 for both members and non-members includes copies of the technical papers presented that day in addition to breakfast and lunch.

For additional information or to register, call AIAA at (202) 646-7463. Army employees should submit DD Form 1556 and SMI-1269 to their agency training office immediately if they wish to attend.

Re-sampled water tests negative

In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, the information management officer at Fox Army Community Hospital provided the following notice concerning Redstone water samples. The samples were not properly submitted during December and January to the state:

"The Redstone Arsenal water system failed to satisfactorily submit bacteriological samples as required by the rules and regulations of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management during the months of December 1991 and January 1992. In that the bacteriological samples were not satisfactorily submitted, the bacteriological quality of the water during this period of time was questionable. Samples submitted during the period of time in question were contaminated with confluent growth and thus were not considered valid samples by the state.

"Follow-up measures taken included the re-sampling of the water system on Feb. 24. All results were negative for coliform and confluent growth on Feb. 25.

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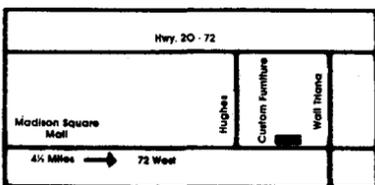
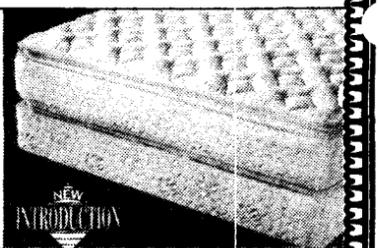
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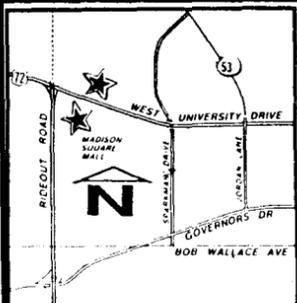
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Red Cross blood drive

A blood drive will be held 8 a.m. to noon Thursday at the Recreation Center, building 3711. Anyone can donate blood at that time on a walk-in basis. "This is for people that are on Alternative Work Schedule, to give them a site for Thursday," said Linda Clark, a donor consultant for the American Red Cross blood services.

Scout-a-rama

Redstone Arsenal Cub Scout Pack 234 will be selling Scout-A-Rama tickets in front of the Post Exchange on March 7 and 14 and also on April 4. The annual Scout-A-Rama, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 11, is open to the public and will be held at the Jaycees building at the old Huntsville Airport. Scout-A-Rama will have Pack displays and Scouting information, games for young and old alike, Pinewood Derby races, food and fun for everyone. The tickets cost \$1 each and include coupons for the Huntsville Stars, Lasers, Burger King and entrance to Scout-A-Rama. "Support the Scouts, buy a ticket and come have some fun!" For more information call Timothy Dube, den leader for Den 9 of Pack 234, at 721-0253.

Arts & crafts fest

The annual Spring Arts & Crafts Fest will be held March 6-8 at Parkway City Mall. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 6 and 7, and from 12:30-6 p.m. March 8. More than 60 booths will feature the works of craftsmen from throughout the Southeast. These include ceramics, china painting, woodwork, needlework, basketweaving and more. Part of the proceeds of the Arts & Crafts Fest will benefit local charities. For more information call Joyce Thotterow, chairperson, 837-3341.

Post Theater movies

Thursday — *The People Under the Stairs*, rated R, 102 minutes. Friday — *An American Tail: Fievel Goes West*, G, 75 minutes. Saturday — *Star Trek VI*, PG, 109 minutes. Sunday — *Star Trek VI*. Tuesday — *Rush*, R, 115 minutes. All shows begin at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children.

Job Information Day

There will be a Job Information Day on Monday, March 9, at Army Community Service, Bldg. 3491. From 8-11 a.m. representatives from the civilian personnel office and the non-appropriated fund activity will answer employment questions and discuss job opportunities. At 1 p.m. there will be a class on filling out the SF171 federal employment application. To register or for information call 876-5397.

Youth services

Soccer instructional clinics will be held beginning March 4. Clinics will be held Wednesdays from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. They are open to military dependents between the ages of 6 and 12. *The Youth Services Block Party* in celebration of the Month of the Military Child will be held April 4 on the grounds around the Youth Center. Rain date is April 5. There will be food, music, rides, moon bounce, games, displays and demonstrations. For more information about Youth Services activities, call 876-5437.

Pet vaccinations

Due to military training, the Veterinary Treatment Facility will be changing its clinic days to Thursdays and Fridays until further notice. Mondays through Wednesdays will be limited to scheduling appointments, filling prescriptions and the sale of over-the-counter products. To schedule an appointment, call 876-2441 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Services are limited to active duty and retired military.

Civilian Wellness Center

"You wanted it — you got it": The Wellness Center will be open until 7 p.m. for the month of March. *Aerobics*: Spring is just around the corner, so come shape up 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*: 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 meet at the old post gym, building 5663. "Want to start your own walking club? We can come to your building to get you started!" Call Robin at 955-6844. *Light Lunch*: Try the Post Restaurant's new "Light Lunch" coming in March. "Lunch choices lower in fat and calories — enjoy!" *Wellness tip of the week*: Your toothbrush could remain contaminated for up to a month when you are getting over strep throat, sinusitis, a virus, upset stomach or diarrhea; so toss it! Research at the University of Oklahoma has shown that patients who took antibiotics and changed toothbrushes recovered more quickly than those who didn't make a brush switch.

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.

Things to do

Enlisted Club: Ladies Night, March 12, from 7-10 p.m., with door prizes; for E1-E4 and their guests. *Challenger NCO Club*: Bama Buffet, 5:30-8:30 p.m. March 12, cost \$7.95. *Officers Club*: International Night — win a trip; 6 p.m. March 12; "great food from around the world."

Computer users

Huntsville MAC Users Special Interest Group on Desktop Publishing will meet 7 tonight at Parisians Community Room, Parkway City Mall. "The meetings help Macintosh users exchange information and understand the process of desktop publishing using various software application programs." For more information, call 880-3761.

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.

Hospital pharmacy

The commander of Fox Hospital's Pharmacy has authorized a reduction in operating hours. Effective immediately, the pharmacy will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition the pharmacy will discontinue its Saturday morning operations. These reductions are required due to a shortage of pharmacy staff.

NCMA scholarships

Huntsville Chapter, National Contract Management Association (NCMA) will award a minimum of three scholarships of \$750 each to assist deserving college undergraduate students in pursuit of a baccalaureate degree. To be considered for this scholarship, the applicants must meet the following criteria: 1. Must be a sophomore, junior or senior with at least one semester or quarter remaining. 2. Must be in good standing at one of the following local schools: Alabama A&M University, Athens State College, Calhoun State Community College, Columbia College, Faulkner University at Huntsville, Oakwood College, Phillips Junior College, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, or Wallace State Community College. 3. The student must be pursuing a degree in acquisition, contract, logistics, or procurement management, or a related field, such as economics, finance, marketing or accounting. 4. Qualification is determined by such factors as academic record (minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale), demonstrated potential, need for assistance, and interest in pursuing a career in contract/procurement management. Applications are due by May 22. For more information and applications, call Emil Posey 544-0430.

Outdoor recreation

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.

Military personnel office

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

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.

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.



Call 876-1500 to place your free carpool ad.

Albertville/Guntersville

Carpool wanted from Albertville or Guntersville to 4488, hours 7-4:30 (Alternative Work Schedule). JoAnn Hyatt 876-2721.

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.

Post gym

Pagano Gym has changed its age limit policy. Formerly the limit was 14 and older; the new policy is 16-and-over dependents. Youth under age 16 may enter the facility if accompanied by a parent or guardian, and must be seated in the stands to observe athletic contests or other activity. For more information call Ted Compoc, sports director, 842-2574.

NCO wives

The NCO Wives Club will have its monthly meeting Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. in the Challenger NCO Club. Anyone wishing to join may come to the meeting; or for more information, call Judy Fredrich 828-6885.

Chapel events

Prayer breakfast: The ecumenical prayer breakfast will be held 6 a.m. Thursday, March 5 at the Challenger NCO Club. Scheduled speaker is Sgt. Clarence Johnson of HHC MICOM. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$2.50. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 876-5707/3433. *Ash Wednesday*: The First Day of Lent occurs March 4. While not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is an important day for Catholics. Masses with distribution of ashes are 6:30 a.m. at Post Chapel, and at noon and 5 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Ash Wednesday for Catholics is a day of strict fast and abstinence. Abstinence means no meat, and should be observed by everyone over age 14. Fast implies no eating between meals; and the size of the two smaller meals combined should not be as large as the main meal. Drinking of beverages is always permitted. "This law applies to those between 18 and 59. For reasons of health or unique situations, obviously neither law applies." *Fridays* during Lent should be observed as days of abstinence whenever possible. However, a single violation would not constitute a serious matter. Continuous or contemptuous acts would be of more serious concern. "Positive acts such as prayer, self-imposed mortification, especially acts of charity, are really more in the spirit of Lent and should be emphasized." *Stations of the Cross*: Stations of the Cross during Lent are held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. "A very pious and moving devotion, it certainly is most appropriate during this Holy Season."

Kitten found

A black and white, shorthaired kitten, about 6 months old, was found Feb. 26 in the Redstone Arsenal housing area. The owner should call Connie Carter 895-0517.

(See more announcements on page 13)

Carpool Hotline

Motorcycle safety course

A motorcycle safety training program has been established at Redstone Arsenal for all motorcycle owners operating motorcycles on post. Every motorcycle operator is required to have a card verifying completion of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Better Biking Program. The next class is 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21 in building 3222 on Snooper Road. To reserve a space, civilians are required to prepay \$15 and military personnel must show their ID. All trainees for the March 21 course must register by 4 p.m. March 19. Should the weather be inclement, the classroom portion will still be given and the range rescheduled. To register call Marilyn Lewis or Chris Miller 876-3084, or stop by building 3324 (MOS Library).

TRADOC forum

The TRADOC Inspector General will have an open forum for OMMCS family members and retirees March 23 at 7 p.m. in building 3481W (International Student Company classroom). All OMMCS family members and retirees with concerns for the RADOC IG are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 876-1092.

Blacks in government

Blacks in Government will have its monthly meeting 11:30 a.m. March 17 at the Officers Club, room 4. The buffet line will be utilized.

Resource managers

Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will have its monthly luncheon 11:30 a.m. March 12 at the Holiday Inn, Research Park. Scheduled speaker is Robert W. Young, deputy for cost analysis office, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management). For reservations call Shelly Hart 722-1906, or one of the reservation members.

Student exchange

The Nacel Summer Exchange Program is seeking families in this community to host students from France (ages 13 to 18) for four weeks in July. Families must be willing to include the student in their family and community life, and show interest in the French language and culture. Knowledge of the language is not necessary. Nacel Cultural Exchange is a non-profit organization devoted to international understanding and language education, offering students of other countries the opportunity to experience the American way of life. If you are interested in more information about hosting a student, a meeting will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Huntsville Public Library; or call 880-8525 or 721-1568.

Surplus sale

A local spot bid sale of government surplus property will be held Thursday 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 8-3 today, 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.

832nd family support

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion Family Support Group will meet 7 p.m. Thursday 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.

Space lecture

The Huntsville Chapter of the National Space Society will present Mikhail Ya. Marov, chairman of the department of planetary physics at the M.V. Keldysh Institute in Moscow, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Space and Rocket Center. His topic will be "Does Russia Have a Future in Space?: Can the Former Soviet Space Program Survive." This will be a public lecture and discussion. Admission is \$3 per person. For more information, call Greg Allison 971-6064 or (evenings) 859-5538.

Ammunition management careerists

The Ammunition Management Career Program midyear Department of Army screening panel will convene May 11-15 at the Army Defense Ammunition Center and School, Savanna, Ill. The panel will evaluate both mandatory and voluntary AMCP registrants eligible for promotion to GS-11 through GS/GM-15 grade level positions Armywide. The panel will evaluate "initial" submissions for remainder of the 1992 referral year (Sept. 30, 1992), "add-on" submissions to initial submissions already evaluated by the '92 annual panel, "reconsideration" submissions which request a review of specific element ratings assigned by the 1992 annual panel, and "updates" to previously rated packages. *All careerists wishing to be referable must submit either an initial, add-on, reconsideration, or update submission.* Careerist packages must be submitted to Bobby L. Sharp, the activity career program manager, by April 17. He can be reached at AMSMI-MMC-AM, phone 876-0341/0343, building 5681, room B20S.

NCO Wives Club plans scholarship

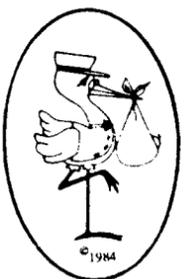
The NCO Wives Club will award a scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Applicants must be family members of active, retired or deceased NCOs.

An applicant must show evidence of acceptance by an accredited scholastic institution, and submit a 500-word essay on one of three recommended topics. All essays will be judged and a winner selected. An overall "B" average is required; and an official transcript of high school grades must be submitted with the application.

The application deadline is 7 p.m. April 15. For more information, call Beryl Cutts 852-3607 or Mary Parrish 882-0590.



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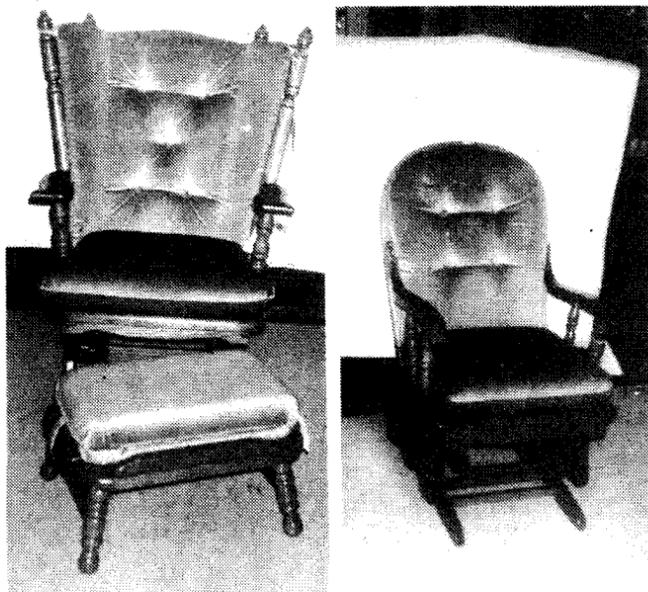
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Coast Guard cutter docks at military recreation area

BY SANDA MARTEL

A U.S. Coast Guard cutter on a buoy tender run between Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tenn., docked Friday at Redstone.

The *Quachita* left Chattanooga Feb. 20 on a run to Pickwick Dam and return, a seven to nine day trip, according to Master Chief Boatswain Mate Vince Vita, *Quachita* commander. It's a run the cutter does about 20 times each year to put in place navigation aids for commercial river traffic.

"We check, reset and replace buoys as necessary," Vita said, noting that some 1,300 buoys are in place in the 450 miles of river between Knoxville and Pickwick, as well as some 280 lighted navigation aids.

Two sizes of buoys were being pulled on the barge behind the cutter, 8-foot buoys weighing 185 pounds and 9-foot buoys weighing 285 pounds. When in place in the river, the buoys get anchored by 1,000-1,500 concrete sinks and wire rope.



U.S. COAST GUARD CUTTER — The *Quachita*, an Indian name meaning *Silver Waters*, was commissioned in 1962 and operates out of Chattanooga. The 750-horsepower cutter pulls a barge and the outfit is 180 feet long.

On Saturday, the *Quachita* crew of 13 was to host a reception aboard the cutter for the southern region's Coast Guard Auxiliary holding its convention in Huntsville over the weekend.

"We like to keep up a good working relationship with the Auxiliary," Vita said.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a uniformed civilian component of the Coast Guard. They are unpaid volunteers who teach public education on boat safety, perform courtesy marine examinations, and conduct safety patrols on the river during the summer months.

"We're not law enforcement agents; we're a cross between a rescue squad and tow truck. We help prevent accidents. In reality our main function is helping people on the river when their boats run out of gas," said Bill Benson, Auxiliary district staff officer for vessel examination.

There about 100 Coast Guard Auxiliary members in the Tennessee Valley area, Benson said. Their semiannual conference ran Thursday through Sunday in Huntsville.

Troop basketball

Here are the troop basketball standings as of Feb. 28:

| Eastern Conference | W | L |
|-------------------------|----|----|
| F Company 832nd | 13 | 0 |
| HHC 832nd-2 | 9 | 5 |
| HHC MICOM-1 | 9 | 6 |
| 515th | 7 | 7 |
| HHC Cmd & Staff | 6 | 8 |
| NCO Academy | 4 | 10 |
| B Company 832nd | 3 | 10 |
| HHC 832nd Hawk Division | 0 | 15 |

| Western Conference | W | L |
|--------------------|----|----|
| 95th | 13 | 1 |
| Marines | 11 | 4 |
| C Company 832nd | 10 | 5 |
| HHC 832nd-1 | 8 | 6 |
| D Company 832nd | 8 | 7 |
| E Company 832nd | 7 | 7 |
| HHC MICOM-2 | 5 | 10 |
| MEDDAC | 2 | 12 |

Troop bowling

Here are the Troop Intramural Bowling standings as of March 1:

| Tuesday's Conference | W | L |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| HHC 832nd-1 | 387.5 | 162.5 |
| F Company 832nd-2 | 326.5 | 223.5 |
| HHC MICOM-1 | 291 | 259 |
| HHC MICOM (Airfield) | 280.5 | 269.5 |
| MEDDAC | 277 | 273 |
| HHCTSG | 271 | 279 |
| E Company 832nd (DCD) | 269.5 | 280.5 |
| D Company 832nd-1 | 266 | 284 |
| Navy | 265 | 285 |
| NCO Academy | 251 | 299 |
| E Company ETTD-3 | 214 | 336 |
| Marines-2 | 192 | 358 |

Baseball team seeks ushers

The Huntsville Stars baseball club is accepting applications for responsible and outgoing individuals to work as ushers during the upcoming season.

"If you enjoy dealing with people and you want to work in a fun and relaxed atmosphere and get paid to watch a baseball game — we want to hear from you," states a Stars release.

The Stars are also hiring for other types of seasonal employment — concessions, batboys, cleanup crew, security, Starlettes and ground crew.

Apply in person at Joe W. Davis Stadium, second floor, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or 8:30-1 Saturday.

RDEC basketball team falls to second place

The RDEC basketball team last week suffered its third loss of the season and dropped to second place with only one game left in the regular season.

Research Development and Engineering Center's team lost 66-57 to the Nutcrackers in a game played Feb. 25 at the Madison County Coliseum. "We played pathetic," said Tommy Harris, the point guard. Charlton Sample had 15 points, and Tom Hall 11. Melvin Allen led the Nutcrackers with 19.

RDEC was coming off an 87-84 win Feb. 20 against the Acquisition Center's P&P-2 team. Its leading scorers in that game were Sammie Jackson with 33, Chuck Jones 20 and Sample 18. P&P-2 was led by Wesley Brackett with 33.

Entering its final game of the season March 2 against Todd Hauling, RDEC sported an 11-3 record. The first place team, J&J South Central, was 12-2 before its final game March 3 against Chi-Chi's. The single-elimination tournament for all eight teams in YMCA men's "A" division will begin March 4.

200 games/600 series bowled Feb. 25:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| Chuck Davis (MICOM-1) | 213, 203, & 602 series | 233 |
| Shannon Tennant (HHC 832nd-1) | | 213 |
| Phil Mosley (MEDDAC) | | 211 |
| Tom Rahn (F Company-2) | | 203 |
| Doug Parmeter (DCD) | | |

| Thursday's Conference | W | L |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| F Company 832nd-1 | 342.5 | 207.5 |
| E Company ETTD-1 | 337.5 | 212.5 |
| HHC, Cmd & Staff | 326 | 224 |
| Marines-1 | 289 | 261 |
| E Company ETTD-2 | 271 | 279 |
| 515th Ord. Co. | 269.5 | 280.5 |
| I & I Staff USMC | 265 | 285 |
| E Company CAD | 263.5 | 286.5 |
| HHC MICOM-2 | 256 | 294 |
| F Company 832nd-3 | 251 | 299 |
| D Company 832nd-2 | 230.5 | 319.5 |
| HHC 832nd-2 | 210.5 | 339.5 |

200 games bowled Feb. 27:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Alex Sumlin (CAD) | 204 |
| Ken Williams (Marines-1) | 231 |
| Don Brisebois (F Company-3) | 224 |
| Mark Phillips (F Company-3) | 222 |
| Keith Wynn (I & I Staff) | 217 |
| Terri Russell (HHC Cmd & Stf) | 204 |
| Bill Young (ETTD-1) | |

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Editor's note: Mullins is director of the Civilian Wellness Center.

BY ELISA MULLINS

March is National Nutrition Month, and the Civilian Wellness Center would like to offer some ideas to help you celebrate.

Try making one change in your eating habits this month. Here are some healthy ideas:

- Eat more fruits and vegetables.
- Eat more beans, peas and legumes.
- Try low-fat cheese (look for one with less than five grams of fat per ounce).
- Eat 100 percent whole wheat bread.
- Increase the fiber in your diet.
- Learn to read labels.
- Drink more water and less cola, coffee and tea.
- Eat slower — enjoy your food more.

• Drink skim milk instead of 2 percent or whole milk.

Americans are educating themselves about the important role diet plays in overall health. So take note, Redstone employees: During the month of March, Post Restaurant Manager Bill Bullen will be offering some menu changes on a trial basis. Buildings 5250 and 4488 will be the test sites for a new "Light Lunch" choice. These will include tasty, lower fat lunch choices for around 400 calories or less. Some new breakfast items are also on the menu, such as low-fat yogurt and high fiber bagels and cereals to start the day out right. In addition Bullen has chosen to switch to canola oil, a more heart-healthy mono-unsaturated cooking oil.

We encourage you to try out these new food choices in March, and hopefully Bullen will have a great enough response to continue the Light Lunch. Here is your chance to eat right, Redstone!

Keene wins UAH 10K road race

Boeing engineer Kevin Keene continued his banner road racing year Sunday afternoon with a win in the annual UAH Spring 10K (6.2 mile) Race.

Keene finished in 33:36, beating fellow Boeing engineer Carl Nicholson by 14 seconds. Keene, 30, of Madison, led from the beginning then Nicholson caught up about a mile into the race; Keene took the lead for good about a half mile later.

"I fully expected him to catch me because for a 45-year-old, he can really run," Keene said, referring to his lunchtime training partner. "But I guess the thought of him (being) right there gets those legs to move a little faster."

Margaret Robinson, 17, was the first female finisher in 40:25. There were 108 finishers overall, including 21 females, in the race run on a warm sunny day at the campus of University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Here are the age group winners:

Male: Overall — Kevin Keene (33:36).

15-under — Cameron Brown (40:30), Ben Johnson (56:47). 15-19 — Mike LeMaster (37:32), Kyle Merritt (38:06), Collin Martin (42:32), Zac Wible (45:20). 20-29 — Mark Dummer (35:19), Craig Armstrong (37:05), Jim Clemens (38:08), Mike Greene (40:53). 30-39 — David Zajic (37:03), Ronnie Nelson (37:09), Jim Elibrahim (39:15), Bobby Wilson (39:25). 40-49 — Carl Nicholson (33:50), Lawrence Hillis (35:45), Al Rosenberger (35:54), J.D. Turner (40:40). 50-59 — Jim Oaks (39:00), Ellis Whitt (40:17), Earl Jacoby (41:07), Arvis Bobo (42:18). 60-69 — Mac McCrady (45:51), Lyman Jackson (48:44), Patrick Forton (50:08), Richard Sloan (53:04). 70-over — Ernest Ritch (62:36), Augustus Ford (71:38).

Female: Overall — Margaret Robinson (40:25).

20-under — Natalie Fahey (49:26), Martha Hoelzer (55:03). 20-29 — Teresa Tarter (57:25). 30-39 — Jamie Clay (42:01), Yong Yancura (42:30), Kelly Allen (45:03), Jennifer Bryant (52:28). 40-49 — Nancy Turner (45:39), Barbara Roberts (60:35), Betty Terry (61:27), Ann Stanley (61:41). 50-59 — Barbara Meyer (52:38), Alice Hoffman (54:11), Jackie Clark (55:31). 60-69 — Betty Dooley (60:57).

Old mortar shells determined empty

Old mortar shells excavated from an abandoned railroad bed in the Marshall Space Flight Center area of Redstone Arsenal have been X-rayed, opened and found to be empty.

A total of 15 shells had been unearthed, 12 on Feb. 10 by workers digging dirt to fill in a ditch and three more a couple of weeks later.

Both times, the area was sealed off and experts called in to move the mortars to explosive storage bunkers for safekeeping.

After examining the rounds, the experts determined they were empty and posed no hazard.

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Boy Scouts thanked for ACOE beautification projects

Redstone Boy Scouts have been recognized for their beautification projects on post as part of the Army Communities of Excellence.

"All of these projects are ACOE projects. They're in support and were worked through the Outdoor Recreation branch," said Gail Glass, program director for Outdoor Recreation. Bill Moreland is chief of Outdoor Recreation.

Col. Joseph Mabry, deputy post commander, presented plaques to Eagle Scouts Mike Bryson, Johnny Popel, Mark Driggers and Keith Kerlin; and certificates to their fellow Scouts who helped on their Eagle projects. Certificates were also presented to members of Boy Scout Troop 237 for a troop project to improve the aesthetics of the civilian recreation area and monthly clean the Rustic Lodge.

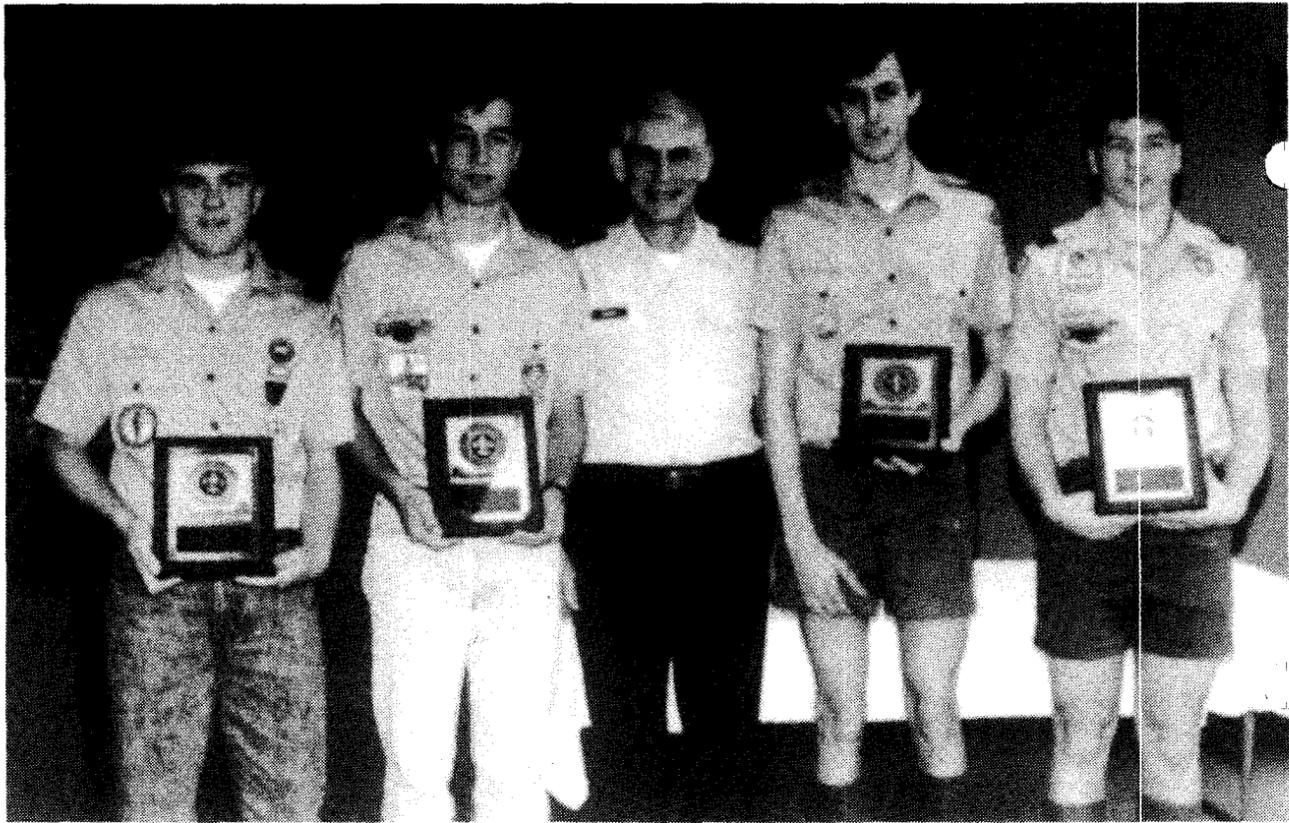
The awards ceremony was held Feb. 22 at the Youth Center. It was followed by a tour of the Airfield and the airfield fire station, and a cookout at the Youth Center.

Here are the Eagle Scout projects:

- Bryson led a project to beautify the Igloo Pond area. Through his efforts and the efforts of Boy Scout Troop 308, trees were cut from around the pond and brush and debris were cleared to make a picnic area; picnic tables were built; a gazebo was built; a walking path lined with wooden rail fencing was made from the picnic area to the launch area; and bases were built for refuse collection receptacles.

- Popel led a project to upgrade the areas surrounding the Bradford Sinks, Finance, Thiokol and Igloo Ponds. Through his efforts and the efforts of Boy Scout Troop 303, the area adjacent to the ponds was cleared of brush and undergrowth; the water was cleared of debris using boats; and areas that needed trash receptacles were identified and wooden bases were built for them.

- Driggers led a project to refurbish the Outdoor Recreation archery range. Through his efforts and the



HONOREES — Col. Mabry, center, poses with the four Eagle Scouts who received awards Feb. 22; from left are Bryson, Popel, Driggers and Kerlin.

efforts of Boy Scout Troop 303, the area was cleaned; brush was cleared from around archery trails; new targets were designed and built; excelsior archery target bales were replaced; and station signs were remade.

- Kerlin led a project to beautify the Outdoor Recreation area. Through his efforts and the efforts of Boy Scout Troop 237, gazebos were built with privacy fencing installed around them; shrubs and flowering plants were planted; and a split rail fence was built.

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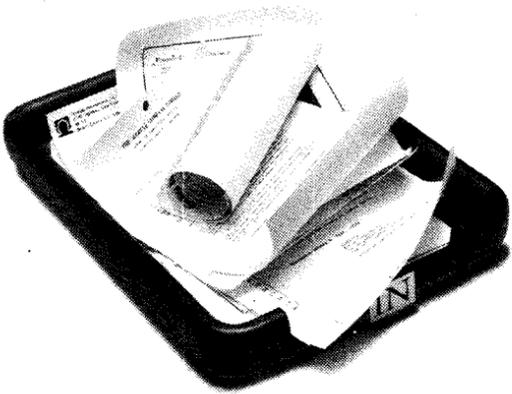
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Top medical/dental issues included availability of orthopedic services and cardiac care at Fox Hospital, and maintaining an adequate stock of drugs at the hospital's pharmacy. The Commissary issues included misconceptions of customers about the workings of the commissary, and current operating hours which do not fit the needs of active duty military. The Post Exchange was asked to increase its variety of clothing, expand its space by going forward with plans to move the clothing sales store to another building, and upgrade the workmanship in its alteration shop. Youth support issues included increasing publicity of youth services, building an indoor swimming pool and roller-skating rink on post, and having coaches teach basic fundamentals of the sports that they coach.

In the single soldiers area, issues included outdated billeting procedures; inadequate hours and stock of goods at the Troop PX; and insufficient street lighting on Aerobee Road between the troop area and the dining facility. Family housing/facilities maintenance issues included: Work orders in preventive maintenance require waiting for a repairman; the area coordinator program needs more command emphasis; and continuous sidewalks are needed in the housing area, troop area and on other areas heavily traveled by pedestrians such as Vincent Road. Traffic/transportation/personnel/finance issues included too long a wait to obtain an initial secondary dependent ID card; excessive traffic speed particularly in the housing area; and the shuttle taxi is not meeting the needs of the community. Morale, welfare and recreation issues included a need for a new post gym and additional fitness equipment; family child care for exceptional family members is needed on post; and prices for child care for families of multiple children are too expensive at the Child Development Center. Civilian support issues included a need for a civilian-employee child care facility; a need for leave without pay for special situations; and non-job related training and development which would enable clerical employees to progress into other fields.

Issues and recommendations from the symposium will be compiled into Redstone's family action plan. Followup meetings to discuss issues and what has been resolved are scheduled for 9-noon May 5 and 1:30-4 p.m. May 7 at the Recreation Center. Issues requiring action by higher headquarters will go to the Army Materiel Command and from there possibly to Department of Army. The AMC family action plan conference is scheduled for July 13-16. The Department of Army family action plan conference is usually held in October.

"Excellence Through Communication" was the theme for Redstone's symposium this year.

Family symposium participants included the following:

- **Medical/Dental work group** — facilitators Mary Morgan and Phil Temple; delegates Richard D. Black (OMMCS), Donna Blaylock (OMMCS), William Everage (OMMCS), Archie L.



WORK GROUP — Virginia Dempsey of Army Community Service serves as facilitator for the Civilian Support work group which was a new group at this year's symposium. At left is Ashley Tyson of the Civilian Personnel Office.

Emanuel (OMMCS), Fred Fugua (OMMCS), Karen Glass (MICOM), Kenneth Goodrich (OMMCS), John E. Graddick (OMMCS), Scott Jefferson (OMMCS), Johnnie Narren (OMMCS), Brandon Parker (retiree), Dorothy Patrick (TMDE), Bruce Spain (MICOM), Jean Simon (ACS Education Committee) and Rich Thibodeau (OMMCS). Subject matter experts included Robert Calabrisi, civilian resource coordinator (Champus); David Dennis of Dental Clinic; Mark Kirk, deputy commander for clinical services, and Jack Durkan, deputy commander for administration at Fox Army Community Hospital.

- **Commissary/AAFES** — facilitators Al Phillips and Ben Collins; delegates Henry W. Beall (retiree), Herbert G. Bowles (OMMCS), Karen A. Chase (OMMCS), Alex Johnson (OMMCS), Carmen Kasler (Navy), Robert Knutson Jr. (OMMCS), Edgar A. Labrador (MEDDAC), Carroll Lollis (OMMCS), Maureen O'Brien (SDC), Patricia McKinstry (OMMCS), James Phares (MICOM), Frankie Southern (MICOM), Terry W. Thomas (OMMCS), Tony Williams (OMMCS) and Willie Williams (OMMCS). Subject matter experts included Stanley Drejewski of Post Exchange; Ann Mims, Post Exchange services manager; and Lee Wainwright of the Commissary.

- **Youth support** — facilitators Martha Stewart and Greg Taylor; delegates Keisha Ellis, Loughlin "Lucky" McEnroe, Vic Vergara and Cornelius E. Williams II. Subject matter experts included Barbara Dumas and Shelby Williams, both of Youth Center.

- **Single soldier** — facilitators Frances Howard and Dan Kelly; delegates Robert Allen (OMMCS), Vincent Andrews (OMMCS), Terrance Brown (OMMCS), Kurt Bubolz (OMMCS), Tony Channel (OMMCS), Peggy A. Clark (OMMCS), Merry De Anda (OMMCS), Becky Docks (MICOM), Tyhe Hayes (MICOM), Matthew Shablin

(OMMCS), Cynarra Moore (MICOM), Fredrick K. White (OMMCS), Victor J. Wynne (OMMCS) and Terri Hampton (OMMCS). Subject matter experts included Felix Battle, dining facility; Carol Burchett, Enlisted Club manager; Ed Dlugasch (also assisted with transportation/personnel work group); Jack Ferguson of RASA; Diane Gilliam of Recreation Center; Dennis Hardin, dining facility; CSM William Jones of TMDE; Ann Moorer of Finance; Don Olsen of Transportation; Margaret Patton, chief of billeting and family management branch; Pat Peake of Education Center; CSM Reginald Richardson of 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Kim Sumpter, PX sales and merchandising manager; and Lee Wainwright (also assisted with Commissary/AAFES work group).

- **Family housing/facilities maintenance** — facilitators Ernest Peck and Karen Scott; delegates Lynne Barnes (OMMCS), Carlos Buitrago (OMMCS), Anthony Darling (OMMCS), Paula Evans (OMMCS), Sandra J. Holmes (NCO Wives Club), Ceil Jellett (Officers Wives Club), Gregory Mattson, Marilyn Milne (OMMCS), Renita M. Miller (OMMCS), Elizabeth Obergon (OMMCS), Brenda O'Neal, Katherine Owens (SDC), William Pennington (MEDDAC), Paul Pinkerton (PEO Fire Support), Kenneth Tanner (OMMCS) and Wyonna M. Thomas (OMMCS). Subject matter experts included Lela Adcock, housing manager; Diane Bowers of MICOM Environmental Office; Mike Hubbard, chief of engineering division at DEH; and Tim Summers of DEH.

- **Traffic/transportation/personnel/finance** — facilitators Ed Fahey and Carla Whisenant; delegates Todd A. Bick (OMMCS), Gene Jones (OMMCS), Herlindo Landavazzo (OMMCS), Alicia Leal (OMMCS), Daniel Leskowsky (OMMCS), Gerald A. Ludick (retiree), William Martin (MICOM), Terry Miller (MICOM), Robert Neville (MICOM), Marion Sanders (OMMCS), Chris Senn (MICOM), William Nunn (OMMCS) and Catherine Yargery (OMMCS). Subject matter experts included Doris Cantrell of Finance; Frank Copeland of Directorate of Logistics; Ed Dlugasch of Military Personnel Office; Randy Holloway of Provost Marshal; Bobby Noles, traffic; and James Woodard of Directorate of Logistics.

- **Morale/welfare/recreational activities** — facilitators Dennis Anderson and Mary Moreillon; delegates Robert J. Bennett (retiree), Emmett J. Boylan (retiree), Reginald Brown (OMMCS), Douglas Culver (OMMCS), Marilyn Day (DENTAC), Cheryl Genis (OMMCS), Gary Houston (MICOM), Robert Justice (MICOM), Garrett Lacy, Paul Michael (Reserves), Cheryl Montanye (OMMCS), Moses Nervis (TMDE), Michael Nitz (OMMCS), Heather Raschick (OMMCS), Patrick Richardson (OMMCS), Rhonda Robertson (OMMCS), Margaret Scheaffer (MICOM), Andrea L. Tanner (OMMCS), Johnnie Warren (OMMCS) and James Young. Subject matter experts included Diane Bowers (also assisting with family housing work group); Mike Chemsak, chief of community recreation division; Ted Compo, Pagano Gym; Mike Frasher, Child Development Center; Lee Hicks, club system; Mary McGough of Education Center; Bill Moreland, Outdoor Recreation; Jim Mullen, club system; and Ruth Taylor of Child Development Center.

- **Civilian support** — facilitators Virginia Dempsey and Samuel Locke; delegates Mildred M. Balch (SDC), Mary Ann Brown (TMDE), Roy E. Fosnight Sr., Annie Friend (MEDDAC), Mary Hughes (OMMCS), Ann Owens (MICOM), Victoria Perrault (Readiness Group), Lawrence Welcome (retiree) and Gay Williams (OMMCS). Subject matter experts included Pat Anthony, personnel staffing specialist at Civilian Personnel Office; Diane Bowers (also assisting with family housing work group); Donna Givens, employee development assistant at CPO; Theotis Horn, management-employee relations specialist at CPO; and Ashley Tyson, labor relations specialist at CPO.



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