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Early-outs help Missile Command avoid forced layoffs

BY SKIP VAUGHN

People throughout MICOM breathed a sigh of relief with the news that the separation incentive pay and voluntary early retirement authority had worked: The Missile Command won't need a reduction in force this year.

When the application period ended April 9, the final number of MICOM early-outs was 532. This total of voluntary Separation Incentive Pay recipients included 267 who left by optional (regular) retirement, 206 by voluntary early retirement, and 59 resignations.

The Missile Command, of course, was not the only local Army agency offering these incentives. About 600 people altogether, including MICOM's 532, had submitted their paperwork to the Civilian Personnel Office by last week. The early-out application period at Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School was scheduled to end April 23; and the window for Defense Intelligence Agency is slated to stay open until June 30. Leonard Farbman, chief of technical services branch at Civilian Personnel Office, doesn't expect many more applications to come in.

Voluntary separation incentive pay is a first. Public Law 102-484, part of the 1993 defense budget, authorized bonuses up to \$25,000 for people in the Defense Department who either resigned or took early retirement. This was a special authorization as part of that public law to aid the Defense Department in its downsizing efforts. To be eligible for VSIP, people had to be either optional retirement eligible, early retirement eligible, or eligible for resignation. Also, there had to be some tracking to show that by getting the incentive, the person saved somebody's job. The more years service the applicant had, the more VSIP he or she could receive. Most of the people who applied locally received the full \$25,000, according to Farbman.

Voluntary early retirement authority or VERA was open to people age 50 with 20 years of service; or those any age with 25 years service. "There's a 2 percent reduction for each year under age 55; and five years of service must be civilian time," Farbman said.

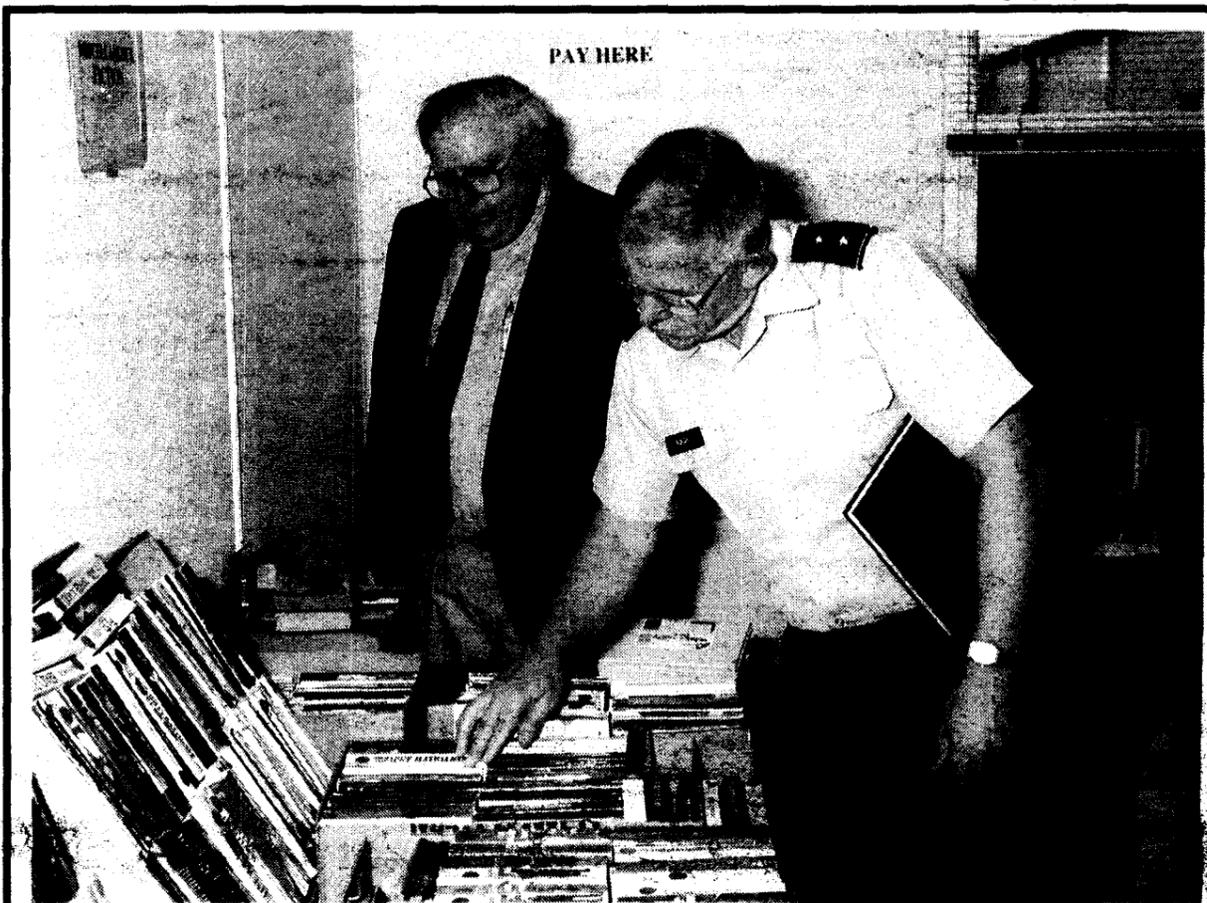
Now that the Missile Command's early-out window and most of the other agency windows have closed,

business at the technical services branch is beginning to return to normal.

"I think the exercise was a wonderful success. We

met our objective which was to prevent a reduction in force," Farbman said.

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BOOK SALE FUND-RAISER — Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, commander of the Missile Command, browses through books at the AER book sale held April 12-16 and April 21-22 at the headquarters building. Looking on is Darrell Routon, a program analyst in the Program Analysis and Evaluation Office, who was the event's coordinator. The books were contributed by the MICOM community; and the sale raised more than \$500 for Army Emergency Relief, according to Denise Grisham, a management assistant in the PA&E Office. Rigby, a native of Aspermont, Texas, bought the first book — appropriately titled "Texas."

Logistic assistance rep honored for his Somalia tour

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The conditions were austere — including dust and bugs — but the mission to Somalia was worthwhile, according to a MICOM logistic assistance representative who deployed there for Operation Restore Hope.

John Neuding, based at Fort Bragg, N.C., was the only Missile Command LAR to deploy in support of the relief mission to that African nation. He reported on his Somalia tour during a visit here last week. On Jan. 6 Neuding departed Pope Air Force Base in Fayetteville, N.C., arrived in Mogadishu Jan. 7, and returned to the states March 12.

"It's something that needed to be done, and still needs to be done to support these people and help these people," he said, referring to the relief operation. "So I would hope the UN would not just pull out."

Asked about the condition of the people, Neuding reported that the people in Mogadishu "weren't in real bad shape" — mainly because a warlord was still in control there; but there were starving people outside the city. He described the disrespect for human life in Somalia where a bounty might be paid for killing someone. "They don't look at life the same way" that people in the United States do, he said. "So, it's every man for himself over there."

The people's opinions toward the Americans did change for the better; the situation was improving; and Neuding did see expressions of gratification from the



BACK HOME IN U.S. — Logistic assistance representative Neuding, the only MICOM LAR who deployed to Somalia, is accompanied by his wife, Barbara, during a visit to the Missile Command last week.

people. "But there's still a lot of unrest internally between the clans," Neuding said.

He expects to see continued United Nations efforts in that troubled country, and for the U.S. to have a role in those efforts. "I think we're going to be there for a while as a small force anyway as part of the UN task force," Neuding said.

Neuding, a fire support LAR who specializes in air missile systems, deployed in support of the 10th Mountain Division out of Fort Drum, N.Y. Last week he described the logistics problems encountered during the operation. For example the 10th Mountain Division deployed without all of its authorized stockage list, prescribed load list, test vans, and support equipment. "This was not poor planning," stated one of the viewgraphs he showed. "At the port there was not enough room for all of the equipment and a lieutenant colonel at the port made some uninformed decisions."

"Hindsight is great," Neuding said at one point, while describing the logistics problems. "We can look back and say this is what happened, but at the time..."

During his visit here Neuding received the Superior Civilian Service Award from Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, commander of the Missile Command. According to the citation, the award was his "exceptional and truly dedicated service in support of Operation Restore Hope. He deployed with and lived with the soldiers, exposing himself to every hardship and discomfort including hostile fire. His technical competence, dedica-

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Gate guards

Editor:

Now that Gate 5 on Hansen Road is accessible from the new wide Triana Boulevard and the almost finished Johnson Road, the gate is closed. I realize there has been a cutback on the guard force. My problem is, now that I use Martin Road every morning, I don't see any guards. If Martin Road can be open without guards, why can't Hansen Road be open without guards? There could be many reasons for this, but none I can understand.

Donald W. Slagle

(Editor's note: Lt. Col. Randy Holloway, the provost marshal, provided the following response. "The issues revolving around the installation gates involve both manpower and funding constraints. As a result of the Army's downsizing, the DoD Security Guard Force sustained approximately a 40 percent decrease in personnel authorizations. This reduction significantly reduced the capability of the Guard Force to not only man installation gates, but also their ability to open and close these gates. An additional problem which is associated with the opening of Gate 5 is the fact that the intersection at Hansen and Patton Road must also be physically changed over to alter the normal flow of traffic. At this time, the present staffing of the Security Guard Force does not allow for the accomplishments of the recommendation posed in your letter.")

Caring supervisors

Editor:

The ladies in the AMC-Smart Weapons Management Office would like to take this opportunity to thank our supervisors for a truly special Secretary's Day. At 11:30 on April 21, we were invited to a Chinese lunch which was prepared and cooked for us by Lt. Col. Richard Hayes. What a treat that was! He set the tables complete with matching plates, placemats, napkins, silverware and glassware that he personally brought from home. He seated us and served our lunch to us and afterwards he washed the dishes while we relaxed. The ladies of AMC-SWMO were treated like queens and we can't say enough about his efforts to make us feel a part of the office team. He has always been a wonderful person to work with but

he really went out of his way to make us feel very special. Thanks to Lt. Col. Hayes and Howard Race, we feel good about the positions we hold and look forward to coming to work every day and to do the very best job we can. We feel very fortunate to have Lt. Col. Hayes and Howard Race for such caring supervisors who would try to make a day a little extra special.

Special thanks to Shirley and Peggy for the beautiful flowers. We had a great week!

Charlotte and Sandy

Ordnance Corps

Editor:

I am sure there are some soldiers and families who have served the Ordnance Corps for at least 14 years, especially E-7s and E-8s. These senior enlisted soldiers are being excluded from the Ordnance Ball.

Officers with 0-10 years in the Corps are requested to attend. I feel that this is unfair to those soldiers who have worked extremely hard to make the Corps what it is today.

For those of you "being all you can be" as a part of the great Ordnance Corps, (you) should not be left out and only have E-9s attend to represent the entire enlisted Ordnance personnel.

What would the Corps be like without the superior Ordnance enlisted soldiers the U.S. Army has serving today?

Donna Ragucci

Ordnance Corps soldier's wife

Help

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"We feel good about what has transpired; however, we feel the pressure of getting all the retirement papers finalized. We're putting in a lot of hours and a lot of resources to get the project finished. We have several people: counseling retirees, doing computations, processing the personnel actions, etc. There is a lot involved in doing a retirement package. It's probably the most complex action we do as far as the amount of paperwork involved. We feel good about the fact that most of the retirees we've talked to have been complimentary about the services provided to them," he added.

On March 8, opening day of the early-out window for MICOM, the technical services branch was inundated with 200 people in line during the first three hours. After that, there was a steady line of people the first three days; and the numbers declined after that. Normally, the retirement staff handles from 200 to 300 retirements a year. In this case, the staff did more than 500 early-outs in a very compressed period of time.

Staff members include Doris Gable, retirement officer; Judy Norris, retirement assistant; Claudine Robinson, a personnel management specialist; Tammy Walker, a personnel actions clerk; and Jerri Mitchell,

Block party

Editor:

Youth Services would like to extend our appreciation to all the organizations and many volunteers who assisted with the 1993 Community Block Party. Without your support the event would not have been a success.

Shelby Williams
Chief, Youth Services

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Armed bandits rob club here

Two men robbed the Challenger Club at gunpoint Wednesday night, April 21.

An undisclosed amount of money was taken in the robbery which occurred at 11:46 p.m. No one was injured, according to authorities.

Both men were of slender build, one between 5-8 and 5-10; the other between 5-10 and 6 feet tall, authorities said. They were believed to have fled in a small, light-colored car.

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— Leonard Farbman
Chief,

Technical Services Branch

a supervisory personnel management specialist. Also involved in this extensive paperwork process — by getting the documents down to the finance office — is the data management control section of technical services branch. Barbara Morrissey supervises that 12-member section. "I also think there's been tremendous teamwork in the branches within Civilian Personnel as well as the managers throughout MICOM in this total effort," Farbman said.

"I feel proud to have been a small part of this exercise," he said. "I'm pleased with the outcome and proud of the entire MICOM community for their work in achieving our objectives."

Chronology of events for RIF that never was

Here's a chronology of events from the Missile Command's canceled reduction in force:

- **Nov. 23, 1992:** MICOM announces it had begun contingency planning to reduce the work force.

- **Dec. 8-10, 1992:** Civilian Personnel Office conducts retirement seminars for the 1,348 MICOM employees who are currently or will be eligible for early retirement during the projected Voluntary Early Retirement Authority window.

- **Feb. 26:** The Department of Defense approves the use of voluntary separations/retirements and Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay to minimize or eliminate the need for a reduction in force. This comes just before the Missile Command proceeds with plans to issue more than 2,000 RIF letters.

- **March 8:** The 30-day window for voluntary separations opens; and on this day alone, 232 MICOM workers apply to take advantage of incentives to leave government service.

- **April 9:** Final total for Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay recipients at the Missile Command is 532. This includes 267 who depart by optional (regular) retirement, 206 voluntary early retirements and 59 resignations.

- **April 15:** Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, commander of the Missile Command, announces MICOM will not have a reduction in force this year because the command is slightly below the personnel strength it was required to achieve. The strength goal was 5,906.



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Defense Printing Service supports all area DoD needs

Editor's note: The following is based on information provided by the Defense Printing Service Detachment Office.

April 1992 marked a significant change in the management and control of the Printing Plant, building 5688.

Formerly a function within the Corporate Information Center, the Printing Plant is now part of a Department of Defense consolidation that places all printing/duplicating services under management of the Department of the Navy. Intelligence and tactical activities, and National Guard and Reserve organizations are excluded from this consolidation.

Anthony Tatum was named director of the Defense Printing Service Detachment office at Redstone. Formerly assigned to the U.S. Army Publications and Printing Command in Alexandria, Va., Tatum oversees DPS satellite operations that also includes the Corps of Engineers-Huntsville, Fort McClellan, Aniston Army Depot, DPS Branch Office at Fort McPherson and a satellite operation at Defense Logistics Agency, Marietta, Ga.

Wayne Dunbar, also previously assigned to the Publications and Printing Command, serves as deputy director.

Designated agency

DPS, as a tenant activity, operates a full service printing, duplicating and copying facility supporting the various missions of DoD activities in this area. The DPS operates as an industrially funded activity, meaning that it charges for printing and duplicating related requirements on a reimbursable, cost recovery basis in accordance with DoD and the Congressional Joint Committee on Printing guidelines.

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In the past, high volume printing and duplicating required the use of conventional offset printing methods which were time consuming, labor intensive and costly. Fast turnaround could only be achieved by paying overtime rates or sacrificing quality.

The DPS has recently implemented some changes that allow it to be more responsive to customers. We have expanded our production hours from a single shift operation to two shifts. This allows us to reproduce documents requiring quick turnaround and have ready for pickup or delivery in less time than previously required. Dependent upon the amount of work already received, we can provide quick copy service of your camera ready documents, which require simple reproduction, collating and stitching (1 to 150 pages requiring 1 to 100 copies) within 4-8 hours.

Less time may be arranged on a case by case basis. Requirements for larger copying and duplicating activities may be completed and ready for pickup or delivery within 24 hours. Most quick copy reproduction from your camera ready copy can be produced at a cost which is less than self-service copiers, to include reproduction, collating, stitching and associated labor. Delivery time for requests requiring special color or paper, finishing or handling may increase slightly and at a slightly higher cost. However, we will endeavor to meet each critical delivery schedule at the lowest possible cost.

We recently installed an electronic publishing system that allows us to provide high speed, high quality 600 DPI resolution images at 135 copies per minute from your camera ready copy. When provided with good quality black and white or color photographs, we can electronically merge them into the text portion of your document, and produce the desired number of copies without having to use more costly and time consuming offset reproduction methods previously used.

While offset printing technology still plays a vital role in the reproduction process, the new electronic publishing system gives us the capability to produce text and graphic images on 8 1/2 by 11 inch to 11 by 17 inch paper, producing high quality publications in a shorter timeframe.

Future plans include a media server capability for networking electronic publishing system. Customers will then be able to download digital data files to the electronic publishing system, allowing us to produce the requested copies direct from the digital data file.

Plans also include upgrading some of our current capability to provide multi-color quick copy service which will provide customers with the option to select highlight colors when there's a need to emphasize certain portions of publications.

Recognizing the technological advances in desktop computer hardware and software, we provide the end user with a much broader range of capabilities, even to the point of being able to electronically transfer files without having to produce hard copy. Quality copies can be produced on most desktop printers. However, most desktop printers are not conducive to economical production of multiple copies. Part of the mission of DPS is to provide efficient and economical support for the continued demand for multiple copy reproduction necessary to disseminate information to areas and ac-

tivities which are not fully automated. DPS is very much aware that current missions require immediate dissemination of information. Our goal is to be equipped with the capability to provide you with quality copying, duplicating and printing services within the timeframe you require.

Specialized publications sometimes require production equipment which we do not have within our current equipment inventory. Due to budget reductions within DoD and limitations set by the Congressional Joint Committee on Printing, we are unable to purchase some of the specialized equipment. Maintaining specialized equipment for very limited usage tends to be more costly than contracting the work through the Government Printing Office. Therefore, we procure the major portion of such printing jobs through contracts established through the GPO in accordance with Public Law.

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Post security posture remains unchanged

Redstone recently announced new hours for its perimeter gates. Those hours are now in effect; and the security posture here has not changed.

Access to the installation is limited to individuals who have official business on the Arsenal, according to the Provost Marshal Office. Private vehicles operating on Redstone Arsenal must be properly registered with the Army and display applicable decals.

Individuals desiring access to installation facilities must report to the visitor's reception center located on Martin Road (east) at Gate 1 during normal duty hours to receive appropriate visitor/vehicle permits. During non-duty hours and holidays individuals must report to the Military Police Station, building 3453, located on Ajax Road. Individuals who are visiting Marshall Space Flight Center must report to the NASA reception center located at building 4312, Digney Road, which is open 24 hours.

Here is a list of gate hours that went into effect April 19:

Gate 1, Martin Road east: Open daily 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and closed daily 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Gate 2, Buxton Road: Open Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Mon.-Fri. 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.; and closed weekends and holidays.

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— Provost Marshal Office

Gate 3, Redstone Road: Open daily 24 hours.

Gate 5, Hansen Road: Closed permanently.

Gate 7, Martin Road west: Open Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Mon.-Fri. 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.; and closed weekends and holidays.

Gate 8, Goss Road: Open daily 24 hours.

Gate 9, Rideout Road: Open daily 6 a.m. to midnight; and closed daily midnight to 6 a.m.

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Annual technical symposium includes MICOM reps

The Missile Command will be well-represented in the defense symposium portion of the ninth annual Technical and Business Exhibition/Symposium (TABES), May 11-12 at the Von Braun Civic Center.

This year's theme for the conference, sponsored annually by the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies, is "Emerging Technologies for the Changing Global Market."

Defense symposium

The Defense Symposium, chaired by Dr. William McCorkle and Dr. S.P.D. Smith, MICOM, will include discussions ranging from the defense budget to the changing aerospace business environment.

Scheduled defense symposium speakers and their topics include Maj. Gen. William Chen, program executive officer for Global Protection Against Limited Strikes, "Air and Missile Defense — A Changing Army"; Wallace Kirkpatrick, president of DESE Research, "The Defense Budget Environment"; Dr. Joseph Holmes, director of Missile and Space Intelligence Center, "Intelligence Challenges in the '90s"; George Williams, tactical missiles program executive officer, "Technology Needs — Tactical Missiles and the Changing World"; James Noblitt, vice president and general manager of the Boeing Company, "Government/Contractor Development Teams"; James McGovern, president of Teledyne Brown Engineering, "Aerospace Companies Coming to Grips with Dramatically Changing Business Environment"; and Dr. Roger Heinisch, vice president of engineering for Alliant Techsystems Inc., "Transition of Government Based Technology to Commercial Applications."

Single track approach

TABES '93 promises several unique aspects that distinguish it from past events. A single track approach replaces the concurrent symposia tracks offered in past years. The first day of the two-day conference will feature symposia on emerging technologies in space and manufacturing. The second day will address defense and environment.

The space sessions will concentrate on current, state-

of-the-art and emerging space technologies. Manufacturing will address issues such as challenges in manufacturing and advances in CAD technology. The defense symposia will discuss such topics as future technology needs for Defense Department systems, defense technology transfer, and the unique role of emerging technologies in future systems. Environment will examine the synergism that can occur when business and government work together to solve the world's pressing environmental problems. After each session, the speakers will be available for questions and discussion.

Nationally-known speakers

TABES '93 will offer several opportunities to hear from nationally renowned speakers. The keynote address at a Tuesday morning breakfast will be given by R. Gordon Williams, vice president and deputy general manager of TRW Space and Electronics Group. The annual World Trade Day luncheon sponsored by the North Alabama International Trade Association will feature Pulitzer Prize winning author and journalist David Halberstam. Halberstam is the author of "The Best and the Brightest," "The Reckoning," and his latest "The Next Century."

Wednesday morning's keynote speaker will be Dr. Victor Reis, director of defense research and engineering for the Defense Department. In this capacity, Reis serves as the principal staff assistant and adviser in the

office of the secretary of defense for scientific and technical matters, basic and applied research, and early development of weapon systems.

Walter Wiesman, youngest member of Dr. Wernher von Braun's German rocket team and longtime resident of Huntsville, will be the featured speaker at Wednesday's luncheon hosted by Huntsville Association of Technical Societies/TABES. Wiesman's topic will be "The Professional of the 21st Century."

Free/open to public

More than 200 exhibitors will fill the Civic Center with displays and hands-on experiences showcasing hardware and software systems for defense, space and commercial applications. Representatives from key industry, government agency and academic institutions will be on hand to discuss their latest R&D endeavors and promote their products. A corporate art exhibit will display the diverse and unique corporate art created for proposal, brochure or promotional purposes.

TABES '93, like its predecessors, remains free and open to the general public. Most meal events do require tickets and reservations. For general information and to receive a copy of the complete program, call the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies office 837-4287. For World Trade Day luncheon reservations, call the North Alabama International Trade Association 461-1147.

MPs to stop traffic for flag ceremony

Beginning May 1, Redstone Arsenal will reinstate a procedure to comply with military custom and tradition and show appropriate honor to the American flag.

Military policemen will stop traffic twice daily on Martin and Patton Roads, at 5:30 a.m. when the flag is raised, and again at 5 p.m. when the flag is lowered. This will affect traffic passing by buildings 5250 and 3300, MICOM and OMMCS headquarters, respectively.

"During this time, personnel should exit their vehicles and render the proper courtesy to the National colors," said Lt. Col. Randy Holloway, the provost marshal.



HAIL AND FAREWELL — The OMMCS Hail and Farewell held April 8 at the Officers Club drew a large crowd. Among the attendees are, from left, Capt. Steve and Debbie Behel; 1st Sgt. Ronnie Custis, SFC Wyonna Thomas, CSM Reginald Richardson and 1st Sgt. Richard Pitts.

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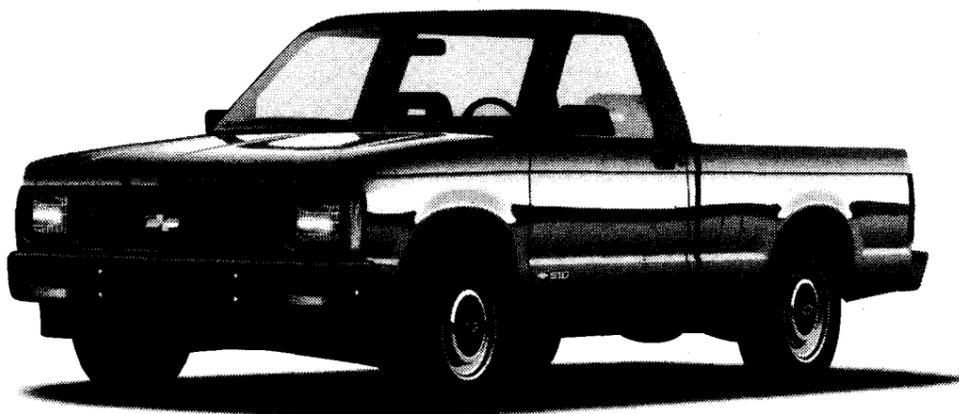
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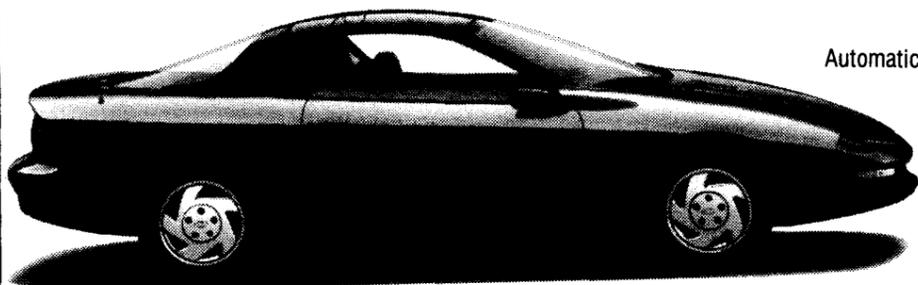
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Army Emergency Relief drive continues until May 15

With contributions still coming in, the Army Emergency Relief campaign reached more than 61 percent of its \$45,000 goal as of April 21. The annual drive continues until May 15.

AER had collected \$27,692.65 or 61.54 percent of its goal by April 21, according to Maj. Larry Smith, the campaign coordinator. The drive began March 1.

"We know there's still a lot of money out; people are waiting till the last minute to turn in. So, we're still hopeful," Smith said. "And we know weather's paid a big influence on fund-raisers because we've had some

bad weather. And personnel things going on have had a big impact.

"But folks are still contributing real well. And fund-raisers are going real well, so... I think we're going to get close," Smith added. "I think we'll do real well."

Upcoming fund-raisers include a Missile Command-sponsored softball tournament today; the IMMC golf tournament April 30 sponsored by the Integrated Materiel Management Center; and a no-tap bowling tournament May 4 and May 6 sponsored by Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School and the Missile Systems Training Department.



FOR A WORTHY CAUSE — Spec. Chantel Sena, left, NCO-in-charge for Bicentennial Chapel, presents a \$910.91 check to Army Emergency Relief. The check represents designated offerings contributed April 11 by Protestant congregations at both the Post Chapel and Bicentennial Chapel. Accepting the contribution is SSgt. Leonard Roberts, NCOIC for the AER campaign.



AER CAKEWALK — Jimmy Mastin, an equipment specialist at Integrated Materiel Management Center, helps jazz up the AER (Army Emergency Relief) fund-raising cakewalk which was part of the organization day events April 20 for Research Development and Engineering Center.



AER JAIL INMATES — Serving some time in the Army Emergency Relief fund-raising jail April 20 are Dr. William McCorkle, director of the Research Development and Engineering Center, and Col. Arthur Meier, deputy director. This was among the events at RDEC's organization day. The day's activities raised about \$5,000 for Army Emergency Relief, according to Maj. Bob Freeman, the center's AER coordinator.

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Many winners involved in Special Olympics event

Editor's note: Phil Palmer and Gerda Sherrill wrote the following article about the Special Olympics track and field event.



OPENING CEREMONY — Soldiers escort their Special Olympics athletes during the opening ceremony parade at Milton Frank Stadium.

To more than 500 Madison County youngsters, the Special Olympics at Milton Frank Stadium last week — after two inclement weather delays — was just as exciting as the Summer Olympics will be in Atlanta three years from now.

More than 70 Space and Strategic Defense Command employees joined hundreds of other volunteers from the Madison County civilian and military community to make this day a success for the youngsters. The SSDC participants had an opportunity to serve as escorts, giving them a chance to interact personally with the athletes. Each athlete was assigned a personal escort upon arrival who accompanied them throughout the day, making sure that they arrived at all of their events on time, received their ribbon awards, and then returned safely to their school representatives.

Other volunteers organized and ran the track and field events, staffed the concession booths, and served as "huggers" to cheer athletes on to the finish and reward them with a big celebration hug. The cheering

would be just as loud for the last place finisher as the winner.

"That's the wonderful thing about this event," said Phil Palmer, SSDC organizer. "Each participant is a winner, every athlete takes home a victory ribbon."

SSDC's deputy commander, Brig. Gen. Jan A. Van Prooyen and his wife represented the command this year. They attended an awards ceremony at the Madison County Courthouse just prior to the opening ceremonies and received a plaque of appreciation for the support provided by SSDC's civilian and military employees.

Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby and his wife represented the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal at the awards ceremony. Virginia Dempsey from Army Community Service served as Redstone volunteer organizer.

The actual Olympics began with a torch-run from the Courthouse to the stadium, where the torch was handed off to this year's Special Olympian who then lit the flame proclaiming, "Let the games begin."

The track and field events included a softball throw, long jump, 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash, 200-meter run, 100-meter walk, and a 25-meter wheelchair race.

"Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."
— *Special Olympics Oath*

Both males and females ages 8 through 30-plus participated.

This event was organized and coordinated by the Rockwell Huntsville Chapter of the National Management Association in conjunction with the Huntsville Schools' Special Education Department. More than 40 other military and civilian organizations and companies supported the event.

The Special Olympics Oath says: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." Thanks to SSDC volunteers and the countless others like them, there were only winners at Milton Frank Stadium last week.

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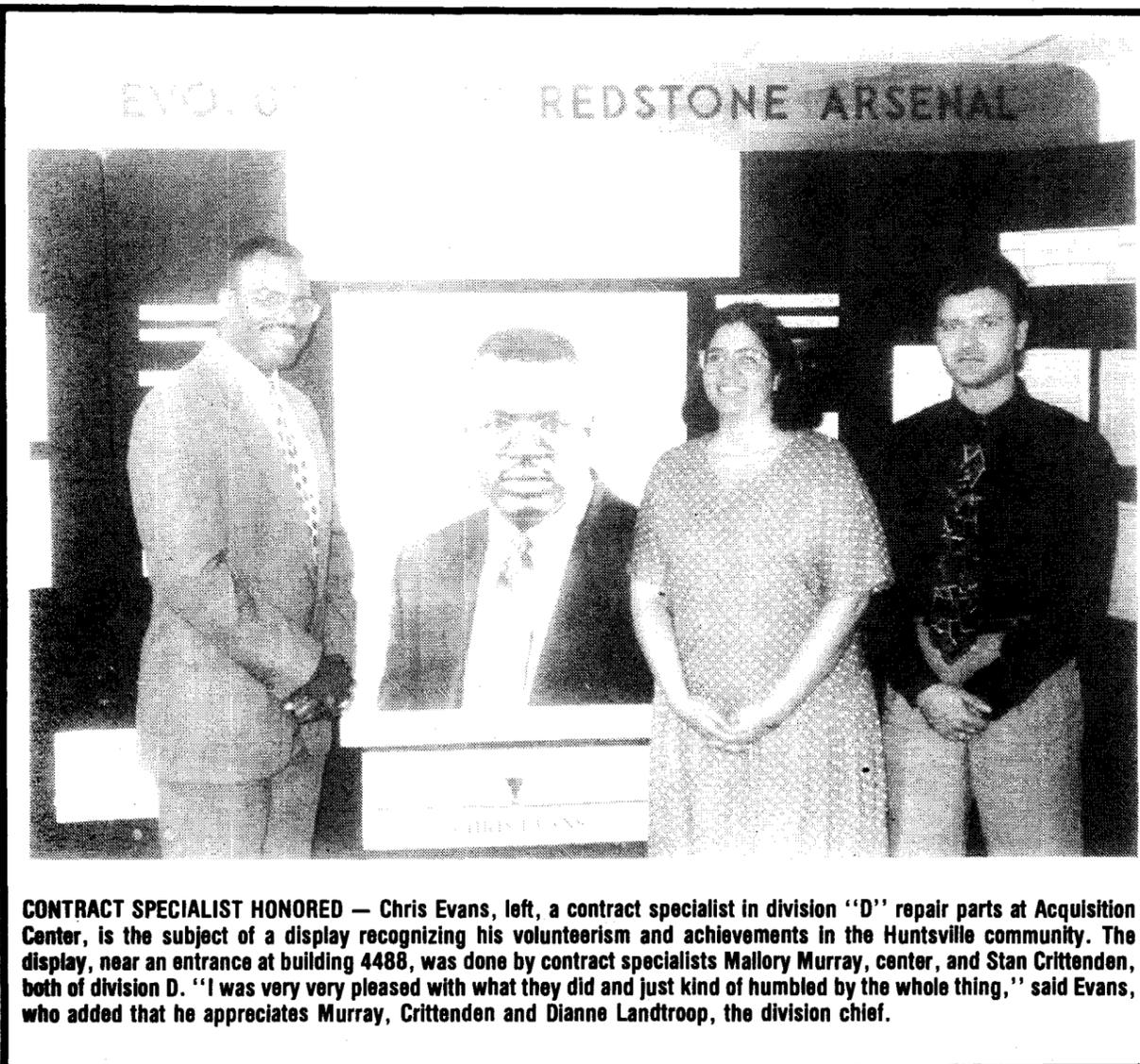
Shuttle bus hours tested in May

An experimental weekends/holidays schedule during May has been announced for the Redstone Arsenal/OMMCS shuttle bus service.

"Maximum usage of the shuttle bus service during this time period is encouraged. If the trial schedule proves to be a success, it will be implemented into the regular weekend/holiday schedule," states a news release. Point of contact for the schedule is SFC John Davis 876-2326.

Here's the May 1-31 trial schedule for Redstone Arsenal/OMMCS shuttle bus service for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays:

- Arrival 1 p.m., departure 1:10, location 3417 (ATM).
- Arrival 1:30, departure 1:40, location Civilian Recreation Center.
- Arrival 2, departure 2:05, Pagano Gym.
- Arrival 2:10, departure 2:20, Post Exchange.
- Arrival 2:35, departure 2:45, Madison Square Mall.
- Arrival 3:05, departure 3:15, Post Exchange.
- Arrival 3:35, departure 3:55, Civilian Recreation Center.
- Arrival 4:15, departure 4:25, Pagano Gym.
- Arrival 4:30, departure 4:40, 3417 (ATM).
- Arrival 4:45, departure 4:50, Pagano Gym.
- Arrival 4:55, departure 5:05, Post Exchange.
- Arrival 5:25, departure 5:35, Madison Square Mall.
- Arrival 5:55, departure 6:05, Post Exchange.
- Arrival 6:10, departure 6:15, Pagano Gym.
- Arrival 6:20, departure 6:50, 3417 (ATM).
- Arrival 7:10, departure 7:20, Civilian Recreation Center (last trip).
- Arrival 7:40, departure 7:45, Pagano Gym.
- Arrival 7:50, departure 8, Post Exchange.
- Arrival 8:20, departure 8:30, Madison Square Mall (last trip).
- Arrival 8:50, departure 9, Post Exchange (last trip).
- Arrival 9:05, departure 9:10, Pagano Gym.
- Arrival 9:25, departure 9:35, 3417 (ATM).



CONTRACT SPECIALIST HONORED — Chris Evans, left, a contract specialist in division "D" repair parts at Acquisition Center, is the subject of a display recognizing his volunteerism and achievements in the Huntsville community. The display, near an entrance at building 4488, was done by contract specialists Mallory Murray, center, and Stan Crittenden, both of division D. "I was very very pleased with what they did and just kind of humbled by the whole thing," said Evans, who added that he appreciates Murray, Crittenden and Dianne Landtroop, the division chief.

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Child Development Center to increase its fees in June

A new fee schedule has been announced for the Redstone Arsenal Child Development Center. The new fee schedule results from a directive received from the secretary of defense requiring semiannual fee review. The Military Child Care Act passed by Congress in November 1989 mandates a uniform fee policy, based on total family income, for all child development centers throughout the Defense Department.

Effective June 1, the center will increase its fees between \$4 and \$9 per month. There will be no increase for income category one (\$11,000-under). Fees will continue to be paid on a monthly basis. Hourly fees will increase to \$2.50 per hour. As a result of last year's Army Family Action Plan Symposium, a multiple child discount will continue to be part of the new fee schedule. The annual registration fee per family will increase to \$15. This registers any children within

"Parents we have lost in the past have returned after comparing on and off post programs."

— Ruth Taylor
Center director

the family for all available Child Development Services programs.

There are 250 children enrolled at the Child Development Center and 60 children in School-Age/Latch Key program.

"We hope our parents will weight our program quality over the slight fee increase. The staff at the

Child Development Center is made up of a significant number of Army family members, so we feel we are sympathetic to the needs of the military families," said Mike Frasher, chief of Child Development Services.

When comparing the Child Development Center to off-post facilities, "parents should compare professional qualifications of staff, hours of service available per week (58 hours a week) at the Redstone Arsenal CDC, and whether the center participates in the Alabama child care food program. These are all important indicators of quality and value," Frasher said.

"Some of our parents have looked off-post for child care," said Ruth Taylor, director of Child Development Center. "Parents we have lost in the past have returned after comparing on and off post programs."

- For income category \$11,000 and under, the new monthly rates are \$169 for the first child, \$162 for each additional child, and \$85 for the School-Age/Latch Key program. (School-Age/Latch Key provides care during the school year — before and after school.)

- For income category \$11,001 to \$27,000, the new monthly rates are \$199 for the first child, \$191 for each additional child, and \$100 for the School-Age/Latch Key program.

- For income category \$27,001 to \$40,000, the new monthly rates are \$256 for the first child, \$247 for each additional child, and \$128 for the School-Age/Latch Key program.

- For income \$40,001 to \$55,000 the new monthly rates are \$308 for the first child, \$299 for each additional child, and \$156 for the School-Age/Latch Key program.

- For income category \$55,001 and over, the new monthly rates are \$360 for the first child, \$351 for each additional child and \$181 for the School-Age/Latch Key program.

- The hourly fee rate will be \$2.50 per hour.

"We hope that all parents will continue to support the quality Early Childhood Education program available at the Arsenal," Frasher said.

Preventive Medicine Service adopts new schedule May 1

Preventive Medicine Service is changing its hours to better serve its patrons.

Effective May 1, the new hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. "This is an effort to improve services to the Redstone Arsenal community in conjunction with the newly-implemented Alternate Work Schedule," states a news release from Preventive Medicine Service.

Sections included are as follows: Occupational Health, Industrial Hygiene, Environmental Science, and Community Health Nursing.

"Occupational Health (OH) will be in full operation at 7 a.m. This will accommodate the military in getting their audiograms done earlier," the release states. "OH will be able to see employees from the third shift as they are leaving their shift and the second shift as they are beginning their shift. Also employees returning to work from sick leave or injury, reporting through OH, will get to their work stations earlier with less interruption in their work."

"Any injury occurring after 3:30 p.m. may report to FACH (Fox Army Community Hospital) Emergency Room," the release concludes.

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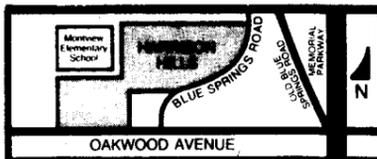
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LANDSCAPING — Sgt. Maj. Lewis Lockett, left, leads the soldiers and civilians of OMMCS Logistics Division in a landscaping project at building 3338. The project was designed by Gwenda Hall of OMMCS Protocol Office; she had been detailed at Logistics for over a year where she planned the landscape last summer. From left are Lockett, Sharon Knowles, Sgt. Emmett Johnson and Spec. John McCartney.

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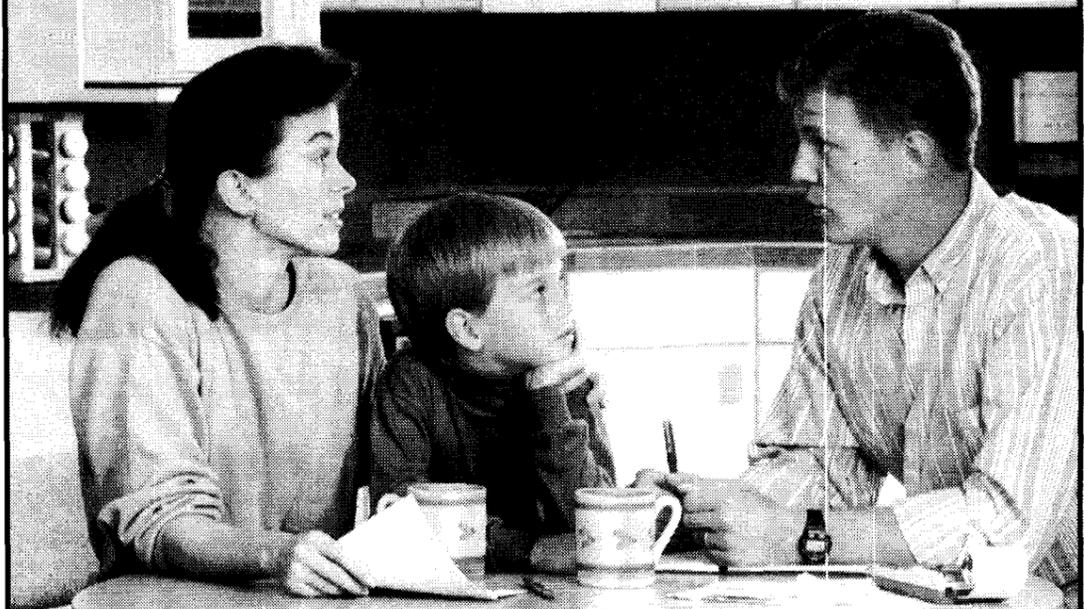
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ADCCS EMPLOYEE OF MONTH — Renee Ford, left, accepts the ADCCS Project Office Employee of the Month Award for March from Pennie Martin, process action team member. Ford is secretary to the chief, program management division. According to the award citation, she was selected for "her cheerful, caring attitude, her willingness to accomplish any task, and her ability to find good in everyone and every situation. Renee exemplifies the characteristics of a valued employee."

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tion to mission, and extreme willingness to assist contributed substantially to missile systems readiness and overall mission success," the citation states. "He performed above and beyond the standards of the United States Army Missile Command and the United States Army."

Neuding, 41, a native of Circleville, Ohio, has worked for the Army since 1971 and became a logistic assistance representative in 1983. Unlike many LARs, he did not previously serve in the military. Neuding, before becoming a LAR, was an electronic technician with the depots — at Lexington Blue Grass, Ky., and at Anniston. He has been at Fort Bragg since January 1992, after 11 years in Germany. After the Persian Gulf War, Neuding deployed to Turkey in support of Operation Provide Comfort.

He and his wife, Barbara, have two children: a daughter, Leah, 9; and a son, Eric, who will be 11 on May 2.

"He was there (in Somalia) and we were there to help protect these people," Barbara said. She added that she asked her husband if he were ever afraid in that troubled land, and that he replied: "No, I knew God would protect me."



Sword of Honor

The tradition of wearing the Mameluke sword as part of a Marine Corps officer's wardrobe very nearly became history during World War II.

The war effort consumed every available bit of metal in the nation. Marine Corps officers were officially encouraged to turn in their swords for scrap metal.

According to records, they refused, and the tradition lived on. After the war, the Corps restored the sword as a required item for officers.

SSDC manager gets engineering award from alma mater

BY GERDA SHERRILL

The University of Alabama's College of Engineering has selected Robin Buckelew from the Space and Strategic Defense Command as a 1993 Distinguished Engineering Fellow.

Such a selection is a unique honor granted to only a small percentage of the total graduates, faculty and friends of the College. Buckelew, a graduate of the College, is being recognized for her contributions to the engineering profession.

Buckelew is the director of SSDC's Systems Directorate and responsible for the command's systems analysis, systems simulation, systems engineering, and functional/specialty engineering. Her responsibilities include provision of a large portion of the matrix support required by the Program Executive Office for Global Protection Against Limited Strikes. In addition, the product manager for Extended Air Defense Test Bed reports to her.

She has a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, a master's degree in mechanical engineering from UAH,



BUCKELEW

and is completing her doctorate dissertation in engineering at UAH.

Buckelew began federal service as a summer aid for

NASA at Marshall Space Flight Center in 1966; was a cooperative education student for the Missile Command; worked for MICOM as an aerospace engineer; analyzed Soviet missile guidance and control and performance at the Missile Intelligence Agency; and joined one of the predecessors of today's SSDC, where she became the command's second female member of the Senior Executive Service earlier this year.

She has authored many technical papers and studies and has received many awards, including the Superior Civilian Service Award, the National Society of Professional Engineers' Engineer of the Year award for SSDC, the Federal Women's Program Outstanding Career Achievement Award, and UAH's award for Highest Graduate Academic Achievement. Buckelew is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Alabama, district 4 director for the Capstone Engineering Society, and also a member of the AIAA's Missile Systems Technical Committee.

Buckelew and her fellow recipients were honored and presented their special plaques at an awards ceremony April 13 at the University of Alabama campus.

Troop volleyball

Here are the troop volleyball standings as of April 22:

Eastern Conference	W	L
C Company 832nd	6	1
F Company 832nd	6	1
HHC 832nd	6	1
NCO Academy	4	3
MEDDAC	0	5
E Company 832nd-2	0	6
Western Conference	L	
E Company 832nd-1	4	1
D Company 832nd	4	1
B Company 832nd	1	4
TMDE	1	4
HHC MICOM	1	5

Golfing retiree hits hole-in-one

Billy J. Sherrill of Huntsville, an Army retiree, hit a hole-in-one at Redstone Golf Course April 18.

Sherrill used a 3-wood to make this gem on hole 5 which is 180 yards, par 3. Some say the 5th hole is the most difficult on which to hit a hole-in-one.

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Orienteering meet proves tough challenge in the mountains

BY TONY RAMOS

7 a.m. Saturday, April 17, Vincent Park: With low-lying fog hugging the ground and heavy clouds hovering overhead, 300 pairs of wet boots and hiking shoes shuffle back and forth awaiting the challenge ahead.

Lt. Col. Joseph Paddock, commander of 832nd Ordnance Battalion, stands at the podium. The opening ceremony has begun. Soldiers in company formation, representing battalions throughout Redstone, stand ready listening to the final instructions and rules for this 832nd Ordnance Battalion Orienteering Meet. In the pavilion at the back of the formation, a group of mostly-civilian teams also listens.

The course consists of 12 preselected locations throughout Madkin and Weeden Mountains with a value of five to 20 points per location based on the level of land navigation skills required to reach them. A three-member team or an individual can attain 120 points should they reach all 12 locations and return to the starting point in the allotted time. Companies earn their total score by combining their various teams' final scores.

Returning even one minute after the three hour limit means immediate disqualification — regardless of point achievement. Compared to last year's meet, this year's orienteering challenge is tougher. Yet, everyone present — from the Ranger qualified to the newly arrived students — is willing to give it their best shot.

8 a.m.: Off into the woods they go in teams or alone; their coordinates plotted on a 1:50,000 scale topographical map of the area. A protractor, compass and their own sense of direction to guide them; everyone is in good spirits, encouraged by the sudden change in climate. The fog has lifted, clouds parted; the day now sunny and cool is a hiker's dream.

10 a.m.: Two hours into the meet the hosts, Madkin and Weeden Mountains, seem to be smiling complacently at each other across the saddle that separates them. Although a handful of teams are doing very well, most are beginning to realize what the mountains already know — reaching all the locations hidden among their folds and ridges, obscured by the blooming, spring vegetation, is much tougher than it seems.

Looking at the mockup of the mountains set up at the starting point with the locations clearly tagged, many non-participants (support volunteers) are given to theorize how they could find all the points. Back in the woods, however, things are proving more difficult. The battledress uniforms worn by the controllers at each location, their silence (part of the rules), and the heavy vegetation hinder many teams. Though they may be close enough to smell the coffee being poured from the controllers' thermos, teams walk right past the controllers in their search.

11:30 a.m. Vincent Park: Teams are starting to come in. Exhausted, their foot gear covered with scrapes, nicks and mud, their shirts soaked with sweat despite the day's mild temperatures; the effort clearly visible in their eyes; one foot grudgingly and unwillingly forced in front of the other, the teams reach the scoring station. The pain and punishment the mountains bestowed upon them is almost tangible to the observer.

Noon: The award ceremony ready to begin, soldiers taking a respite from the day's adventure cover every available inch of grass at Vincent Park. Warily, they are eating and drinking refreshments purchased at booths set up by HHC, and Alpha and Charlie Companies of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion. Proceeds from the food sale will be donated to the Army Emergency Relief campaign. It is amid all the smells of spring mixed with hamburgers being cooked on the grill, sweat and shoe polish that the awards ceremony begins.

The individual winner receiving a gold medallion and certificate is Ron Sumera, a retired lieutenant colonel, with 75 points and a time of two hours and 46 minutes.

Second place goes to Maj. Peter Torok, MEDDAC, with 70 points and a time of three hours. He receives a silver medallion and a certificate.

The first place team category goes to HHC 832nd with a total count of 100 points and a time of three hours. Team members Sgt. Gary Robinson, Sgt. Luis Jimenez and Spec. Stephen Daniels receive a gold medallion and a certificate.

Second place, with 90 points and a time of two hours and 49 minutes, goes to E Company, 832nd. Team members include Capt. Gordon Vandussen, SSgt. Rickey Taylor and SFC Robert Blum. They receive a silver medallion and certificate.



READING MAP — Team 58 plots its next location on the map. Sgt. Harry Duncan, left, and Spec. Roderick Spencer, both of Military Personnel Office, discuss their next objective as Mark Markselig looks on.



WINNERS — Lt. Col. Paddock, left, applauds as members of E Company, 832nd celebrate their victory in the unit category of the orienteering meet. Capt. Vanessa Weissman raises the first place trophy while 1st Sgt. John Steffen joins in the celebration by raising the company's guidon.

Third place goes to B Company, 832nd with 85 points and two hours 54 minutes. Team members include SSgt. Michael Payne, Sgt. Dale Mollett and Sgt. Marvin Merillat. They will be taking a bronze medallion and certificate.

In the unit category first place goes to E Company, 832nd with 285 points. The winners receive a trophy and a streamer for their guidon. Second place trophy

went to B Company, 832nd with 280 points. Placing third and also winning a trophy was HHC 832nd with 270 points.

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Sealift commander explains heart of Somalia operations

BY F. PETER WIGGINTON

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Operation Restore Hope in Somalia drew on Desert Storm lessons learned and proved the importance of pre-positioning materiel, timing and communications, the commander of Military Sealift Command said.

"A lesson learned from Desert Storm was to be smart about how you move things," said Navy VADM Michael Kalleres. "It costs a lot of money to ship heavy equipment and supplies on airplanes if you have many items." Kalleres recently spoke to the Defense Writers Group in Washington.

"Since we're now a joint command, the Joint Chiefs of Staff agreed we'd move the heavy stuff by ship and the people by air. That way, we don't have people sitting on ships, forever waiting to do their job. That has a great impact on readiness, because troops can train up to the last 20 hours, and they are more physically fit. They come aboard, pick up their heavy equipment, go off and do their jobs."

He said sealift involves three operations: pre-positioning, surge and sustainment.

"Prepo" ships, the Marines' blackhull — black bottom, noncombatant — boats, were the first to land. Surge, or fast-sealift, ships, which are government-owned but operated by civilian companies, delivered the heavy equipment of the 10th Mountain Division. Finally, sustainment operations began. Sustainment operations involved shipping everything from food and water to ammunition. It even involved shipping a "change of skivvies, because there's no K-Mart or 7-11 in town," Kalleres said. All of this cargo was containerized and carried on U.S. liners into Alexandria, Egypt. The cargo was transhipped from there by two military sealift command ships into Mogadishu.

Kalleres said sealift moved nearly 4,000 vehicles into the area. It also transported about 1.5 million square feet, or 339,000 tons, of materiel, which amounts to one-tenth of the entire Desert Storm operation.

About 26,000 troops were airlifted into the area. The Marines constituted the first 16,000, with the balance made up primarily of the Army's 10th Mountain Division, augmented by the Army's 7th Transportation Group.

"Since the early 1980s, we've realized it's necessary to have equipment pre-positioned in order to quickly respond," Kalleres said. "If you get there soon enough, you can deter a lot of mischief."

The decision to move into Somalia was made on Dec. 4. The next day, pre-positioned ships sailed from Diego Garcia — an island in the Indian Ocean — because they are always ready to deploy. These ships are stocked to handle humanitarian work as well as

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hostile encounters. Each blackhull ship can carry up to 4,000 personnel, a 30-day supply of food, water, generating power and ammunition, and some tanks.

Kalleres said the advantage of fast-sealift ships is they are packed to move cargo directly into action. Supplies are loaded in unit configuration and can be moved to the battlefield immediately. They don't have to be offloaded to a pier, then be sent to a warehouse and then be sorted. One fast sealift ship carrying 150,000 square feet of materiel — the equivalent of 150 C-5 jet transport loads — can travel upward of 30 knots, but cruises at about 27 knots.

"Timing is everything," he said. "Fast-sealift ships were there quickly, in about two weeks. That's the right way to operate, because the commander can decide where he wants to place everything. He isn't under pressure, saying 'I've got all this stuff waiting. What are we going to do with it?'"

The third lesson is to keep in-transit information going constantly, the admiral said. With time differences of as much as eight hours, it was important to avoid having to wait for messages. He spoke daily through satellite connections with airlift, surface and sea divisions and shipping company executives.

"If you supply a commander with data, then he is very comfortable when he places his troops. We had the least risk factor because soldiers in an armored vehicle or truck with their communication equipment are a lot safer than if they are waiting around in Mogadishu without their equipment," said Kalleres.

Communicating with everyone helped sealift personnel anticipate problems they would encounter at the port. Even presidents of ship companies acquainted with Mogadishu forewarned him about what crews would encounter.

For instance, he explained, the port in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, has 14 berths and water 40 feet deep. Mogadishu has approximately 1½ berths and water only 30 feet deep — "about enough room for one fat kid and one medium size one," the admiral quipped. The Mogadishu port was not much bigger than a good-sized parking lot; a large, older port was only 4 feet deep, he remarked.

The command evaluates ports according to 10 standards including security, lighting, cranes and off-loading. He said on a scale of 10, Mogadishu rates a zero. "They had concrete and something to moor a ship to."

He described the port as being decimated, filthy and ramshackle. Every day "technicals" — little more than armed gangs — fired rounds into the port to discourage offloading food. Also, there was no light, no power, no water.

"The country had effectively committed suicide by intention. They not only destroyed the power-producing and pumping plants but they confiscated or stole all the conduit, all the copper wire. Every pole, if it still stood, had no wire. There were no transformers; all the piping and fuel pumps were shot through. They had gone so far as to pull conduit out of the walls to sell or barter."

He said that most countries have some water source that can be chlorinated. Since that was not the case in Somalia, U.S. forces were lucky the Army had reverse-osmosis capability — 300,000 gallons per machine per day.

Security in the area was limited because the port is an open area. The containers used for civilian relief supplies were lined up at the port to provide protection for those operating the port. However, the containers proved to be detrimental because thieves would sneak in at night and try to hide inside and later grab a truck to steal or pilfer food and other relief supplies. Since the port was never built to move more than 1,100 tons a day, military personnel bulldozed buildings to double the width of exits.

"Actually, it was just rubble control, since buildings were shot up anyway," said Kalleres. "We ended unloading at about 1700 hours (5 p.m.). The last truck out of there was usually the one that got stopped or shot at. There was a lot of jockeying for space between 4:30 and 5 not to be last." He said convoys dealt with everything from sophisticated hijackings to young kids sitting atop buildings with shark-size hooks to snag bags as trucks moved past.

But the problems were surmounted, he said, and the attitude of those working on the operation was upbeat. Kalleres said everyone who went to Somalia is changed forever. Initially, he said, everybody complained because ships began to arrive Dec. 25.

"But it later dawned on them, 'Christmas is a time for giving.' We didn't have to worry about wrapping packages. Just hand them off," he said. "We were giving gifts all the time, and no wrapping paper. This was a net win."

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Announcements

Officers wives

The OWC final function of the '92-93 club year will be held Tuesday, May 11, at the Officers Club. Officers for '93-94 will be installed and the OWC board will present welfare and merit awards. Brunch is \$6.25. Make reservations by noon May 7 to Tess McKaig 721-1256 or Sheila Wilson 882-6722.

Troop bowling awards

The awards ceremony for the intramural regular bowling season and postseason tournament will be held April 29 at 4:30 p.m. at the Redstone Bowling Center. Lt. Col. James Kincaid is to present the awards.

Lost glasses

Lost during MICOM tour on April 15: a pair of trifocal eyeglasses with blue frames in a brightly flowered case. Reward offered. Call Faye Armstrong 955-0533 or 876-9710, or 233-6391.

Pap smears

"Free Pap Day" — pap smears for women age 45 and older — is scheduled May 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (by appointment only). Call Planned Parenthood of Alabama 539-2746. These pap smears are provided by Southeastern Pathologists Associates of Birmingham.

Furniture refurbishing

Offices with furniture in need of refinishing or repair can still obtain these services on a limited basis, according to RASA. Although current work goals are to maintain furniture in a safe and serviceable condition, some limited cosmetic work can be done, especially if the work is an approved ACOE initiative. Offices with funds available to reimburse for services rendered are invited to consider the cost savings of refurbishing rather than purchasing new furniture. For more information, call Lee Miller 876-8636.

Youth physicals

Fox Army Community Hospital will conduct physical exams from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 8 for those youths required to have a physical for summer athletics, summer camp, or day care. To schedule a physical, call central appointments 955-8888. Another physical exam session will be held in August for children who require a physical prior to entering school next fall. Children should wait for the August session for school physicals.

Community activities

Arts and Crafts: There will be a Mother's Day project for youth at 2 p.m. May 1 and at 5:30 p.m. May 4 at the Arts and Crafts Shop. Bring a T-shirt that fits Mom and create a gift for her. Reservations are required. For more information, call 876-7951. **Summer Day Camp:** Registration for the Redstone Arsenal Youth Services 1993 Summer Day Camp begins May 1. Summer day camp will be held from May 25 through Aug. 17 with camp hours being from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for Youth Center members ages 6 to 12. Cost is \$40 per week for one child, \$35 per week for each additional child; or \$8 per day on a space available basis, or \$2 per hour (only four spaces available). Snacks and lunches must be provided by parents or guardians; however, the snack bar will be open daily for lunch at \$1.50 per child per day. For more information, call 876-KIDS. **Teen Discovery:** On May 7 at 7 p.m. at the Youth Center, Teen Discovery will present a Male and Female Beauty Walk/Fashion Show. General admission is \$1. Two age groups will model: 6-12 years and 13-18 years. Contestants will be judged in two categories — dress and casual attire — and must register at the Youth Center by 6:30 p.m. May 7 to qualify. For more information, call 876-KIDS. **Bowling Center:** The Redstone Bowling Center will be closed May 10-25 for installation of new synthetic lanes; regular hours will resume May 26. Summer hours of operation for the Bowling Center from May 1 through Aug. 31 are 3-10 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; closed Sunday and Monday.

Program on cults

The 832nd family support group's May meeting will present a program on cults with Channel 31 TV news reporter Kim Albright as guest speaker. The meeting will be May 6 at 7 p.m. in the Post Chapel activity room. Bring a snack to share. Free child care will be provided.

RASA 'boss line'

The Redstone Arsenal Support Activity is interested in hearing your feedback on the services RASA provides. Your message will be recorded so RASA can act on your concerns or suggestions. If you will leave your name, address and phone number, RASA will provide you with a response. The telephone number is 876-6201.

Civilian softball

Any individuals who would like to play in the Civilian Welfare Softball League should call Bob Mulkey 842-8637.

Family advocacy classes

Marital Communication, a four-week class, will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Tuesday beginning May 11 at Army Community Service. This class is open to couples, military or civilian, who are interested in improving communication and exploring more creative ways of dealing with differences. For more information, call Jennifer Clark of ACS 876-5397. **Anger Management**, a four-week class, will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Thursday beginning May 6. This class is for anyone who would like to improve their ability to channel anger in more effective ways. For more information, call Jennifer Clark of ACS 876-5397.

Area beautification program

Starting in May, an Area Beautification Program will be implemented here at Redstone. The area beautification program was established to promote aesthetic improvement and foster pride within the Redstone community. The Directorate of Engineering and Housing will begin accepting nominations for recognition May 1. Anyone may nominate an area they consider worthy of a beautification award. Nominations should be forwarded to AMSMI-RA-EH, Attn: Customer Relations Representative, building 7613, room 221, no later than the 15th of each month since winners will be announced on a monthly basis. An appendix to MICOM Regulation 210-2, Installations Post Regulations is being staffed and distribution will be made defining the program. For more information, call Anita Harrison 955-6600.

Teachers' exam

The National Teachers' Examination (NTE) CORE only will be administered June 16. The NTE Specialty will be administered July 14. Each test begins at 8 a.m. These examinations are offered to the Military/Reserve free of charge only once. There is a fee for any retests. Any civilian/dependent may request the CORE for a fee of \$40, and the Specialty for a fee of \$60. This fee should be paid at time of requesting the examination. Your requests should be submitted for the CORE before May 12, and the Specialty before June 9. Anyone desiring these examinations should contact their education counselor before the cut-off ordering dates. For information call Ms. Rosenberg 876-9762 or Ms. Stout 876-0080, building 3222.

Hunt/fish shop

Redstone Arsenal Exchange's Hunt and Fish Shop will open April 30 in building 3475. Watch for a grand opening flyer for more details.

Vehicles sale

General Services Administration will conduct a spot bid sale of vehicles at 9 a.m. May 11 at the GSA sale lot here on Roland Road, building 3631. Inspection periods are 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. May 10 and 8-9 the morning of the sale. For more information, call 876-4067/1021.

Federally Employed Women

FEW will have its April meeting at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Holiday Inn, Research Park. For more information, call Lori Garner 876-8888.

Pistol/rifle shoots

The Rifle/Pistol Association will hold a pistol shoot Saturday and a rifle shoot Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. at Shields Range on Buxton Road. For more information, call Gail or Joe 876-4868/6854.

Ordnance Ball

The annual Redstone Arsenal Ordnance Ball, in celebration of the 181st anniversary of the Ordnance Corps, will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at the Officers Club. For more information or reservations, call Capt. Roy Fishel 876-9240.

Contract managers

During National Contract Managers Week 1993, the North Alabama Purchasing Managers Association (NAPMA) and the Huntsville Chapter for National Contract Management Association (NCMA) will jointly sponsor an all day workshop May 5 at the Holiday Inn, Research Park. The workshop will consist of six sessions (11 mini-workshops with two topics running concurrently). Registration is scheduled from 7-8 a.m. Workshops will begin at 8 and continue through 4:30 p.m. Cost for all day is \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members. Individual sessions are \$20 each for members, \$25 for non-members. Reservations requested by May 3; call 830-1792. The mini-workshop topics cover Commercial Contracting and Federal Contracting. "The co-sponsorship of NAPMA and NCMA is the first time for such collaboration in Huntsville and is a positive sign of the cross-fertilization going on in industry as a result of economic developments." For NAPMA membership information, call Dan Sorrells 730-6326; for NCMA membership information, call Michele Gentry-Jones 722-5453.

Fox Hospital day

Fox Army Community Hospital will be closed for TQM Appreciation Day, Thursday, May 6 at 1:30 p.m. All clinical and administrative sections of the hospital will participate. A pharmacist will be on call. The Emergency Room will remain open.

ID cards

The ID Card issuing facility will be open Saturday, May 1 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. "Active duty personnel in uniform will not — repeat, not — be given preference on this day." For more information, call 876-5430.

Learning center

Effective May 1 the interpreter for the hearing impaired — who has been at the North Army Learning Center, building 3349, every Wednesday afternoon — will be at the NALC only on the first and third Wednesday of each month. For more information, call Donald B. Williams 876-9427.

Retired officers

Huntsville Chapter of The Retired Officers Association is to have its regular monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 at the Officers Club. Scheduled speaker is retired Lt. Col. Gary Yates, an account executive with Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. For more information, call retired Col. Gordon Dyson 539-9846.

Ultimate frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee Coed League officially begins April 29. For more information call Floyd Roberts 544-1967 or 539-6881; Rick Szczepanski 895-4132; Debbie Curbelo 876-3546 or 461-0786.

AER Spring Fling

An Army Emergency Relief fund-raiser will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday in front of building 5681. This event will include a flea market, bake sale, hot dog and hamburger sale, and dunking booth. Sponsors include the Integrated Materiel Management Center's fire support systems division and maintenance programs division. Door prizes will be given away. "Come on down and have some fun and support AER."



AER bowling tournament

A no-tap bowling tournament, sponsored by Missile Systems Training Department, will be held May 4 and May 6 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Redstone lanes. Proceeds will go to Army Emergency Relief. Nine pins count as strikes. Registration fee is \$15 for singles, \$25 for teams (four bowlers). Prize money for first, second and third place will be determined by the number of entries; part of the entry fee will go toward prize money. For more information, call SFC Danio Grac.n 876-2419. This tournament is open to everyone.



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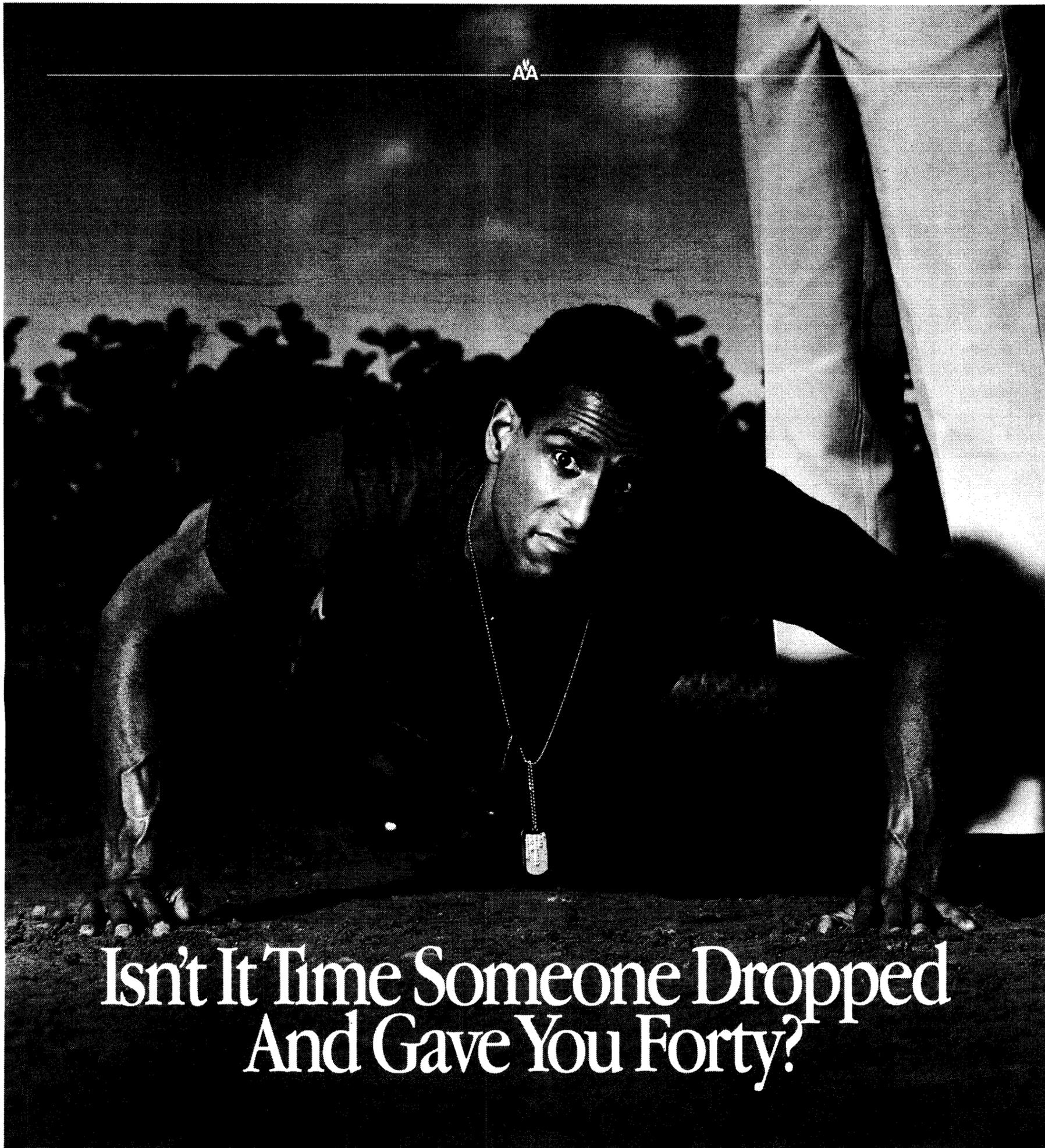
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