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Missile defense mission for Chen's organization

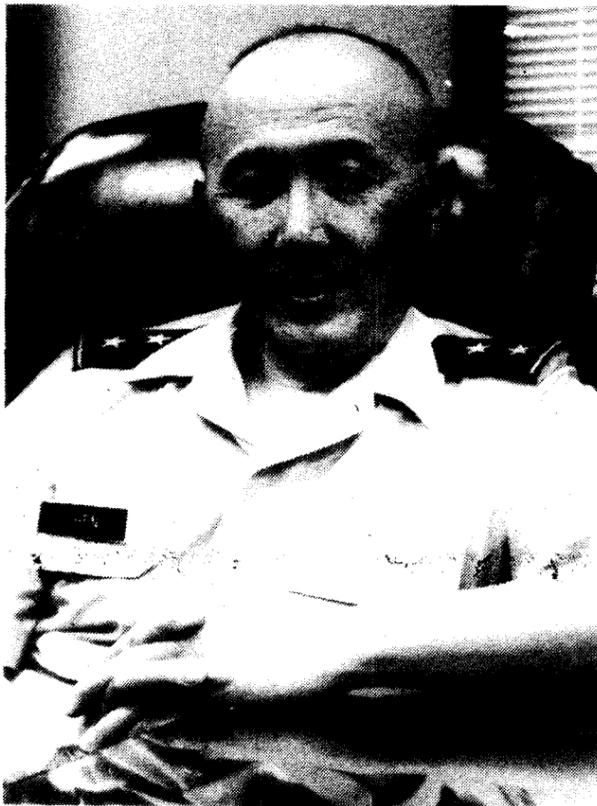
BY SKIP VAUGHN

The former Program Executive Office for Global Protection Against Limited Strikes is entering the post-Star Wars era with a new name that better describes its mission: the PEO for Missile Defense.

Maj. Gen. William Chen, the program executive officer for missile defense, said the name change effective May 24 is consistent with the recent announcement by the secretary of defense on the change from Strategic Defense Initiative Organization (SDIO) to the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. "We are pursuing programs based upon the secretary of defense priorities: number one, theater missile defense; number two, national missile defense; and number three, follow-on technologies," Chen said, during a visit here last week from his Washington office. "And in our case, where the Army PEO executes the missile defense programs, I felt it was important to use the broader term of Missile Defense as the PEO designation as opposed to Ballistic Missile Defense to encompass the mission of missile defense against cruise missiles which are considered non-ballistic. And of course Patriot and Corps Sam systems embody the capabilities against theater missiles that are ballistic as well as against the air-breathing threat to include cruise missiles."

The name change to PEO for Missile Defense was made by the Army based upon Chen's recommendation to the Army acquisition executive. Chen also consulted with the acting director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization who agreed with his proposal.

PEO for Missile Defense has two major components: the Army Theater Missile Defense Program Office and the Army National Missile Defense Program Office. Each of these program offices has pro-



PEO FOR MISSILE DEFENSE — Maj. Gen. Chen, who commanded Redstone until leaving for his Washington assignment as PEO in July 1992, has most of his workforce here. He visits Redstone about every two to three weeks.

ject managers or offices for their respective areas. For example the Army Theater Missile Defense Program Office includes the Patriot Project Office, Erint Project Office, THAAD (Theater High Altitude Area Defense), Arrow, and the Joint Target Acquisition Ground Station. The Army National Missile Defense Program Office includes the Ground Based Interceptor Project Office, the Ground Based Radar Project Office, the Regional Operations Center/Communications Project Office — which Chen says will probably be renamed to reflect its contribution to the command and control element — and the Site Development Office. Chen also has a small Washington office, PEO staff in Huntsville, and a number of field offices.

"I spend most of my time in Washington and I spend as much time as I can in Huntsville where the bulk of the people are and where the bulk of the work is," said Chen, who served as commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal until leaving for his Washington assignment as program executive officer in July 1992.

"The organization as a whole, since we formed up in July 1992, has gone through a consolidation and reorganization phase. I would categorize the first six months as being in the reorganization and consolidation phase. But meanwhile, throughout this period, we have been very active in the execution phase of programs; such as, the new programs that entered the demonstration/validation phase in September 1992 when contracts were awarded for THAAD and the Ground Based Radar. Meanwhile, Patriot has always had an ongoing active product improvement program known as the Patriot Growth Program to include development of the PAC-3 system known as the

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First roll-out slated for Ground Based Sensor

BY SKIP VAUGHN

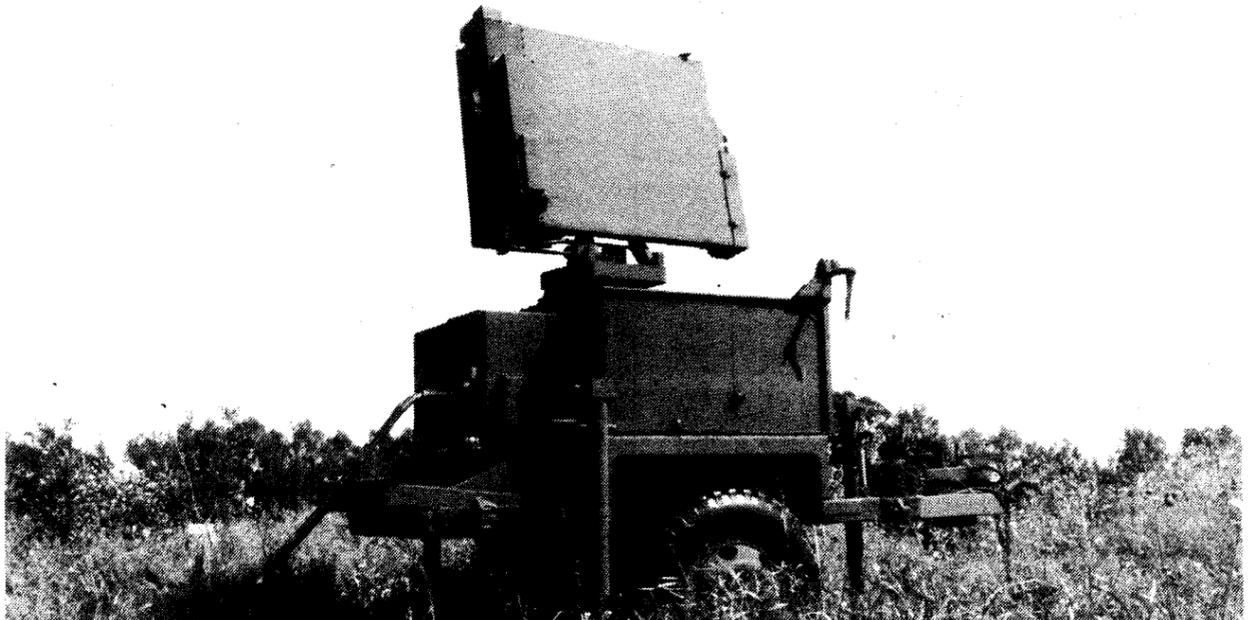
The Ground Based Sensor program for air defense command and control will reach a milestone with roll-out of the first GBS from the contractor June 8 at Fort Bliss, Texas.

"We're pretty excited about it. Some of the folks have been working for eight years to get to this point in the program," said Lt. Col. Mike Howell, the product manager for FAAD Sensors. Located in Huntsville, the product office is under the Program Executive Office for Intelligence and Electronic Warfare out of Fort Monmouth, N.J.

The ground based sensor is part of the Forward Area Air Defense (FAAD) program. Components of the sensor include a radar, a truck for transportation, a power generator, and identification friend or foe — which allows identification of friendly aircraft on the battlefield. Prime targets include fixed-wing aircraft, rotary-wing aircraft, cruise missiles, and unmanned aerial vehicles.

This automated system operates day and night. "It gives us a true air defense capability 24 hours a day," Howell said. The ground based sensor can provide target information for Avenger, Bradley Stinger

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READY FOR ACTION — This photo provided by the product office shows a FAAD Ground Based Sensor.

Chen

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Patriot Advanced Capability-3 system; the missile for PAC-3 will be either the Patriot multimode missile or the Erint (Extended Range Interceptor). Both the Patriot multimode and Erint are in the demonstration/validation phase leading to a down-select and entry into the Engineering Manufacturing Development phase. The current date for the Defense Acquisition Board for the entry into EMD for the PAC-3 missile is February 1994," Chen said.

"We've also been actively working the Corps Sam program which is headed to the Milestone-1 Defense



Education funds

Editor:

This letter is in reference to the letter in the May 12 issue of the *Redstone Rocket* in which several officers were questioning the cut of tuition assistance (TA). Dr. Peake of the Army Education Center noted that TAs were cut due to the lack of "operating funds." It's very interesting that those funds were being used to pay one of the Ed Center's employee's retirement bonus and benefits. Hard to believe, huh?

It may appear that only soldiers are shortchanged by this, but the matter goes deeper than that. Because the funds were spent to pay a government employee to quit working, a total of six contractor employees, working in support of the Ed Center, were laid off. Have any other offices on post had this happen to them? I doubt it seriously!

While the soldiers have been deprived of TA money they are entitled to, at least they can still count on a paycheck. This is more than can be said for the unfortunate employees who have lost their jobs because of this. So, when you enter the Ed Center or the MOS Library and you don't get adequate service or the material you need, you now know why!

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Acquisition Board in September 1993, subject to the outcome of the bottom-up review taking place within the office of the secretary of defense," he said. "For the Ground Based Interceptor, we had to defer acceptance of the contractor proposals which were to be submitted in mid-February this year and we are currently also awaiting the outcome of the bottom-up review as it affects the GBI program."

Defense Secretary Les Aspin's announcement May 13 on the end of the Star Wars era did not change Chen's mission. "In essence the mission for the PEO has not been changed," Chen said. "Our elements were ground-based theater missile and national missile defense elements, and that has not changed. The future of BMDO will really be determined by the out-year funding guidance and the effect that the overall funding guidance will have consistent with the priorities of: one, theater missile defense; two, national missile defense; and three, follow-on technologies."

Chen is one of nine Army program executive officers. "PEO Missile Defense is unique within the structure of Army PEOs and the Army acquisition structure. We are the only PEO located in the Washington area whereas the other PEOs are located within the geographic area of the supporting Army development command/major subordinate command. The rationale for my PEO to be in the Washington area is the proximity to BMDO; and I believe there is merit and payoff for that proximity. One of my goals this past year was to ensure a smooth working relationship with SDIO, now-redesignated as BMDO; and I believe I have achieved that goal."

He visits Redstone an average of every two to three weeks. "And I always enjoy coming back to Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville. Since the bulk of the workforce is here, I like to spend time here and interact with my management folks that are here; although they also get plenty of opportunity to visit Washington. In terms of my management style, I like to interact with those that are working the issues and those that are doing the work," Chen said.

"We have approximately 400 (people) in the core and another 400 matrix support from both SSDC and

Martin Marietta gets Hellfire II contract

The Army contracted May 26 with Martin Marietta Corp. of Orlando, Fla., to build 3,905 Hellfire II missiles at a cost of approximately \$140 million.

This is the first production buy under the Hellfire II program. The majority of system components will be built in Orlando and Ocala with final assembly in Martin Marietta's new Pike County facility in Troy, Ala. Deliveries will begin late in 1994 after completion of follow-on production qualification testing.

Hellfire II is a joint Army and Marine Corps program with missiles built under this contract to be fielded to both services. An additional 4,000 missiles for

MICOM. We are still short our authorized strength," he said. "I might add that looking at the FY '94 amended budget request and looking at all the research and development and procurement funding of all Army PEOs, our PEO accounts for 20 percent of the total FY '94 R&D and Procurement funds for FY '94. And this is the largest share among all (Army) PEOs."

Chen sees a difference between how the Army and the other services have implemented the program executive office concept in the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. "Within the BMDO, each of the three services has a PEO but each has organized differently. The Air Force PEO for BMDO is PEO-Space and he has other duties that are pure Air Force in support of Air Force space programs. The Navy has designated their Navy Strategic Systems Program Manager to be the PEO for BMDO programs. So, both the Air Force and the Navy PEOs have additional Air Force and Navy responsibilities and duties; whereas, I am 100 percent devoted to missile defense and execution of BMDO programs. So, it appears to me that in the implementation of the memorandum of agreement between the service secretaries and the SDIO, the Army implemented the PEO concept to the letter as well as the spirit."

Chen expressed his appreciation to Redstone for its support of his organization. "I want to thank the Redstone community of SSDC and MICOM for their continued support of PEO Missile Defense. That support encompasses the whole realm of functional support — engineering, product assurance, logistics, contracting as well as the installation-level support for housekeeping functions. That support is essential for the accomplishment of our mission and I very much appreciate the responsive support that's been provided," he said.

He also congratulated Redstone on its winning of the 1993 Army Communities of Excellence award for best medium-sized installation in the continental United States. "I think that's a tribute to the leadership and to the workforce for having achieved and having won the best medium-sized CONUS award in ACOE. It's a goal that we started here a couple of years ago, and so it's great to win that distinction."

the Army and Navy will be procured during fiscal years 1994-96.

Hellfire II is an optimized version of the earlier Hellfire models with major improvements in capability against reactive armors and electro-optical countermeasures. It provides a bridge to Longbow, the next generation Hellfire missile which will have a millimeter wave radar seeker and share a common missile bus or body with Hellfire II.

The Hellfire II system is managed by the Air-to-Ground Missile Systems Project Office which is an element of the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles at Redstone Arsenal.

Army updates military drawdown plans

WASHINGTON — A mix of good news and bad news awaits active-duty soldiers as the Army of the '90s draws down into fiscal year 1994.

On the good side, "The FY 93 reduction in force for majors was canceled because there were enough takers of the voluntary separation measures, and because we were able to process some applicants for the new early retirement program," said Maj. Gen. Fred Vollrath of the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

What's more, Vollrath foresees no need for an enlisted selective early retirement board, either for the remainder of fiscal 1993 or for fiscal 1994.

As to officer SERBs, he reviewed the statistics to date: The FY 93 board selected 179 colonels, 143 lieutenant colonels and 60 majors. "SERB reductions are projected to continue as an officer-downsizing tool in fiscal 1994," Vollrath said.

The bad news on RIFs consists of the pending results from the FY 93 captain RIF, covering year groups 1983-84. Plans are under way for an FY 94 company-grade RIF.

Soldiers affected by offers of early retirement can look forward to the remainder of fiscal 1993 and on into the next year. In this regard, Vollrath said, "We've

sent out an Armywide message on eligibility criteria and application procedures.

"The plan provides for limited offers in fiscal 1993 to selected majors, warrant officers, special-branch officers, and non-commissioned officers in excess specialties and grades," he said.

More information on the evolving drawdown process will appear in the latest edition of the Army's Chain Teaching Program, scheduled for distribution in July. (Arnews)

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Sensor

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fighting Vehicle, and the Manportable Air Defense System (sometimes called "MANPADS Stinger").

Ground based sensor is in the production prove-out phase. A non-developmental item, the radar is in use now in Norway with the Norwegian Hawk System. Testing for the ground based sensor is planned for about the next 16 months. "When we tested this system out we ran it for 24 hours with very little failures, so we expect to have a very reliable system," Howell said.

Asked about the production plans, he said: "We will do the first production buy in FY '95; it'll be a low-rate production buy. And then in the middle of FY '95, we'll do a full-rate production decision for both the ground based sensor and the C2 program."

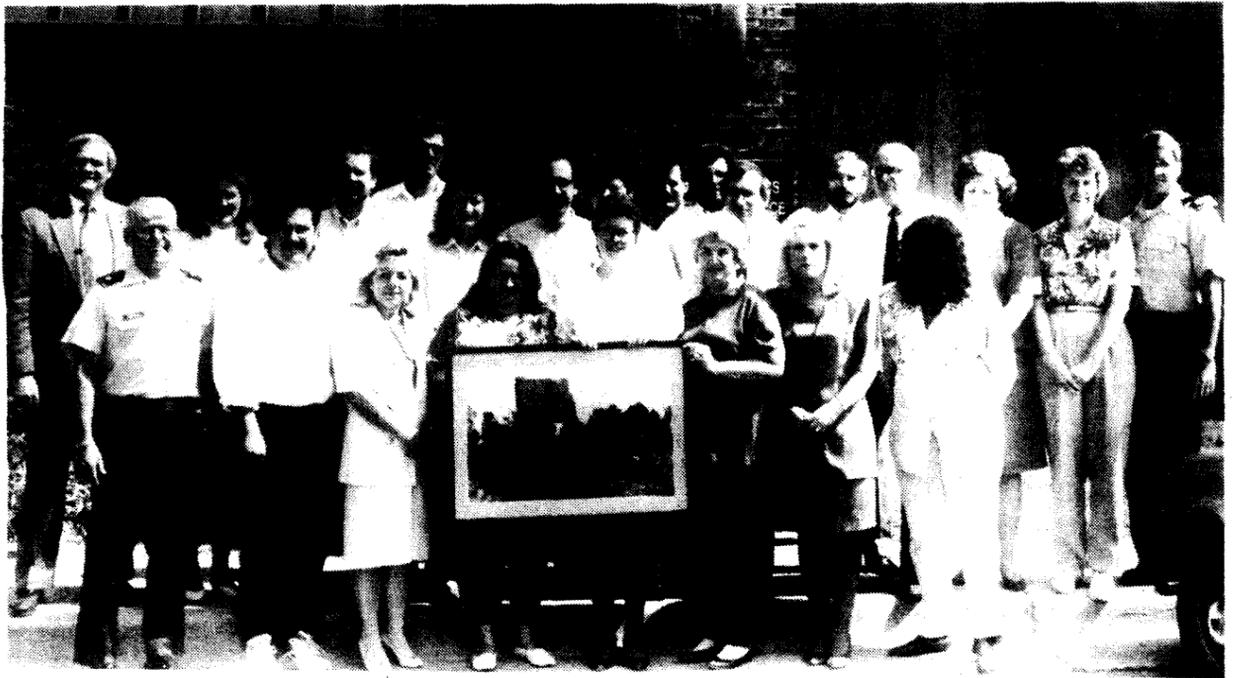
When testing is completed at the end of next year, that radar will be left at the test division; and then the next division will get the radar probably in the fourth quarter of fiscal 1996. The test division — either the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Stewart, Ga., or the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas — will probably get the first radar in May 1994.

"This radar gives us the capability against moving targets to ranges up to 40 kilometers (25 miles)," Howell said, describing advantages of the ground based sensor. "It's very precise in its position reporting; very reliable; and it's soldier-friendly... It's very versatile." From the time a target can be detected, the radar is handing off that information within four to six seconds; and provides updates every two seconds, according to Howell. Plans include making the system more mobile for use with a high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle as the transporter rather than a truck.

Original plans called for a ground based sensor to replace the FAAD radar; but the FAAD radar had a program delay a couple of years ago. "So, you might say we replace binoculars," Howell said. "It's kind of a shame because here we have the best air defense systems in the world, and air defense commanders are essentially using the same techniques used in the Battle of Britain to control the air defense forces."

Initial guidance for a ground based sensor was put together in 1985; and approval came from the defense acquisition board in July 1986. A first solicitation was issued in 1988, but only three contractors applied; one showed up for the test, and did not meet the initial specifications. "There was a lesson learned from that. We tried to tell the contractor how to build the program... The Army acquisition executive told us to do it again, but this time use a performance specification," Howell recalled. A subsequent solicitation was issued in June 1990; and in September 1990, seven contractors showed up at the test range at Fort Bliss. All seven were tested then and again in March 1991. Source selection was completed in December 1991. The Missile Command awarded a \$60 million contract Feb. 27, 1992 to Hughes Aircraft Surface Systems in Fullerton, Calif., for delivery of six preproduction systems for use in the test program.

Fifty people work in the product office located on University Square in Huntsville; this includes core members of the office as well as matrix people from MICOM. "And it's a great team, let me tell you," Howell said. The product manager for nearly three years, he will be leaving in July to join the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles. His successor is to be Lt. Col. Jim Wells, a member of the Bat Project Office.



SENSOR TEAM — The product manager, Lt. Col. Howell, at left in front row, poses with other members of the FAAD Sensors product office which is located in Huntsville.

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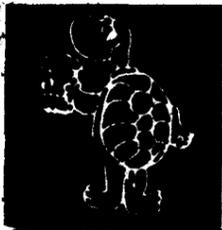
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Hospital conducts semiannual mass-casualty exercise

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Here's the scenario for the mass casualty exercise conducted May 24 at Fox Army Community Hospital: A speeding bus swerves to miss stray cattle and hits a large rock, injuring the driver and 13 passengers.

The 14 simulated casualties ranged from burns and blisters to impalements and severed limbs. The driver — depicted by Spec. Tony Marvan of B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion — purportedly had a bruised chest because he didn't wear his seatbelt.

Some of the other simulated victims included Spec. Antonio Flores of HHC MICOM, a severed right leg; Pvt. Eric Larimore of A Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, spurting blood from his forearm; Pvt. Matthew Backer of A Company 832nd, an object impaled in his abdomen; and Spec. Kasey Brown of HHC MICOM, heart attack.

Victims were triaged — categorized by severity of injuries — at the scene then taken by ambulance to the hospital's emergency room. There they were triaged again, to be put into four categories for treatment: immediate, minimal, delayed and expectant. Most of the patients in this exercise "went from immediate to the operating room," according to Capt. Mary Parker, chief of personnel and operations division. One of the victims was pronounced dead by a doctor upon arrival at the hospital; and the other 13 were treated. The simulated accident occurred on Bennett Drive behind the hospital building. The exercise began at 2:43 p.m. and ended at 4:05.

The hospital's mass casualty exercise is a semiannual requirement mandated by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

"We have this as a training exercise so we can learn from it and improve our emergency preparedness plan," Parker said. "I would say that we have some things to work out."

Lt. Col. Jack Durkan, the hospital's deputy commander for administration, said the exercise was "a tremendous training experience" for the staff.

Participants included soldiers from HHC MICOM and the 832nd Ordnance Battalion whose injuries were simulated with a moulage kit. Asked his assessment of the exercise SSgt. Anthony O'Neal, operations sergeant at the hospital, said, "It went fairly well."

The hospital's next mass-casualty exercise will probably occur in the fall in conjunction with the local community.



MEDIC RESPONDS — Capt. Nathan Ellis, chief of the emergency room, checks Spec. Flores who is among the simulated accident victims. Flores' injury is a realistic-looking severed right leg.



SIMULATED ACCIDENT — Pvt. Backer, with a simulated impalement to his abdomen, is among the victims in the hospital's mass casualty exercise. According to the scenario, a speeding bus struck a large rock after swerving to miss stray cattle.

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Patriot launcher on tap for Space and Rocket Center

BY SANDA MARTEL

Visitors to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center will after tomorrow be able to see an actual Patriot missile launcher, just like the ones used in Operation Desert Storm.

The Patriot Project Office will officially present the launcher Thursday at 2 p.m. It will become part of the Center's public missile exhibits, along with the Patriot missile previously donated.

The tactical launcher has been "gutted," according to John Beasley. No electronics or explosives remain in the launcher that could cause any danger.

"It's empty and welded and riveted shut," Beasley said. The canisters from which the missiles are launched are empty.

Preparing the launcher for a public display was a task of not small proportions. So the Prototype Engineering Division ("Skunk Works"), known for its "Quick Response" on any given project, performed all the necessary modifications and fabrications required to make the launcher safe for public areas.

The launcher weighs about 38,000 pounds empty, Raytheon's Randall Jones said.

The Patriot program has a rich history of significant Army firsts, ranging from the key technological developments of the phased array and revolutionary missile guidance technique.

The Patriot missile became a household word during the Persian Gulf War and was dubbed the "Scud-buster" because of its success in knocking out the Iraqi Scud missiles.

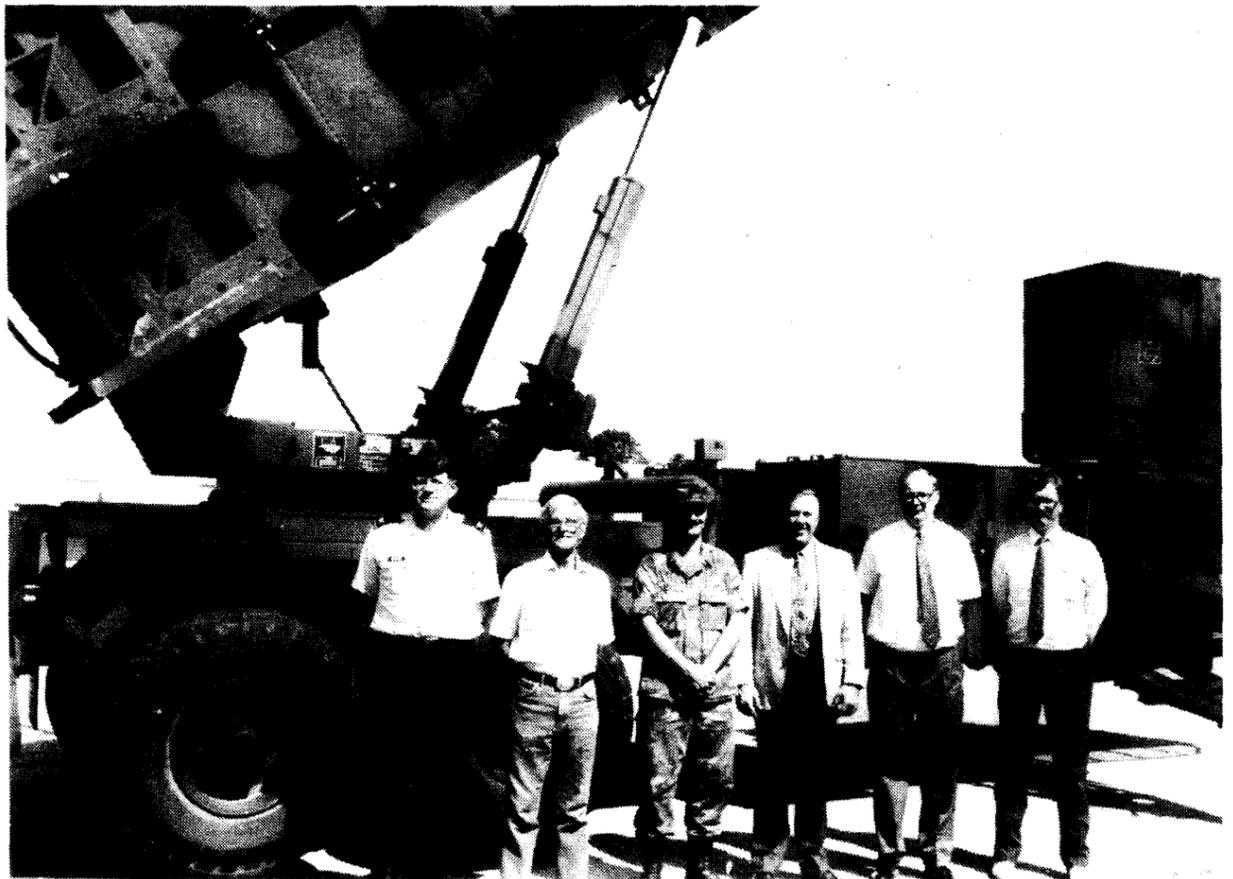
Patriot is the only fielded system with the capability to shoot down incoming ballistic missiles.

A Patriot battery, the basic firing unit, consists of a phased array radar, an engagement control station, computers, power generating equipment, and up to eight launchers. Each launcher holds four ready to fire missiles.

Raytheon Company Missile System Division of Lexington, Mass., is the prime contractor of the Patriot. Patriot is in the 12th year of production delivery.

Patriot is currently developing, testing and evaluating a series of modifications and upgrades to the ground equipment and missile. These improvements, known

as PAC-3, significantly improve the Patriot's capability and will be incrementally fielded from now through 1998. Patriot is deployed in five foreign countries.



PATRIOT LAUNCHER — Posing with the Patriot launcher that will be donated to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Thursday are, from left, Col. James Gustine, Patriot project manager, Pete Croft of "Skunk Works," SSgt. Jack Siebert of RASA and assigned to Software Engineering Division of RDEC, Randall Jones of Raytheon, and Vern Chance and John Beasley of Patriot Project Office.



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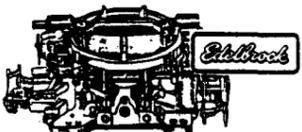


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Annual U.S. savings bonds campaign June 1-30

The annual campaign to increase participation in the savings bond program is under way in June. MICOM's goal is to achieve 45 percent participation, according to Aaron Walker, the savings bond coordinator for the Missile Command.

Asked the advantages of savings bonds, Walker said: "The security, primarily; and also, when you compare even the base rate — the lowest rate of 4 percent you're guaranteed — it's still higher than most CDs." He also pointed out that interest earned is not subject to federal income taxes until the bonds are cashed or reach final maturity in 30 years; and interest earned on bonds is exempt from all state and local income taxes. In addition, bonds may provide tax savings when used to finance higher education.

Civilian and military people may authorize payroll deductions for purchase of savings bonds. Bond denominations available include \$100, \$200, \$500 and \$1,000.

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"The approximate market rate now is 6 percent that they're paying," said Walker, an accountant in the managerial accounting section in the MICOM Finance Office.

A bond campaign kickoff meeting for all points of contact and canvassers was held May 25 at the Rocket Auditorium. An estimated 150 people attended the event in which the guest speaker was Ed Buckbee, director of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

Participation in the bond program at MICOM increased from 35 percent to 42 percent in 1992, according to Walker.

Gen. Jimmy Ross, commander of the Army Materiel Command, stated in an open letter on this year's campaign: "The purchase of savings bonds is one of those fortunate transactions where both buyer and seller profit. Let's all work together to make this the most successful campaign ever."



FOR SAVINGS BONDS — Officials who delivered remarks during the savings bonds campaign kickoff meeting include, from left, Walker; Col. Michael Boyd, MICOM chief of staff; Buckbee; and Col. Melson Kahue, director of Resource Management at MICOM.

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WW II DISPLAY — Several static displays such as the one shown here were set up at the Post and Bicentennial Chapels by the World War II Commemorative Committee. The displays could be seen throughout Memorial Day weekend and served as a reminder of the sacrifices U.S. troops have made throughout history. The posters, only a few of a series, are to be shown over the next three years as a mobile exhibit on post and in Huntsville.

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Ninth annual armed forces celebration coming up

BY PAM ROGERS

Huntsville and Madison County are making plans now for the ninth annual Armed Forces Celebration to be held June 28 through July 1.

Of special note in this year's observance will be the tribute paid to World War II. The 50th anniversary of World War II is being observed through 1995.

The Charlie Lyle band will kick off the celebration Monday, June 28 with a free Gazebo Concert at 7 p.m. in Big Spring Park. The program will include music from the war years of the 1940s, and a military color guard will get things started.

The entire community is invited to share in a little military pomp when Redstone holds its regular retirement parade Tuesday, June 29 at the parade field on Patton Road. Static displays of military hardware will provide some extra interest. The event is free and open to the public.

Attendees of the annual Armed Forces Luncheon will hear scheduled guest speaker Lt. Gen. William H. Forster, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for research, development and acquisition. The luncheon will be held at noon Thursday, July 1.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce.

Be sure to catch one of the performances of the U.S. Army Soldier Show, appearing at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, July 1 at the Von Braun Civic Center. This show, produced, directed and performed entirely with soldier talent, is always a hit. It's free, but you need a ticket to get in. Tickets are available at the Recreation Center on Patton Road, the Chamber of Commerce, *The Huntsville Times*, WBHP Radio and WZYP Radio.

Coed softball

Here are the standings for the Coed Civilian Welfare Softball League as of May 27:

Eastern Division	W	L
Bebe's Kids	5	1
Rifters	4	1
Rippers	3	2
TOW Jammers	2	2
Virtual Reality	3	4
HWIL Simulators	1	5

Western Division	W	L
Lethal Weapons	3	1
SSDC/COE	3	3
Pray for Rain	2	3
IMMC Fanatics	2	4
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CWF softball

Here are the Civilian Welfare Fund (CWF) Softball League standings as of May 28:

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Lasers	6	3	-	.667	2
Major League	5	3	1	.625	2½
Rads	4	4	-	.500	3½
Powderkegs	4	5	-	.444	4
Thiokol	4	5	-	.444	4
TNT	3	4	-	.429	4
Snapperheads	1	8	-	.111	7
Storms	1	8	-	.111	7



CHANGE OF COMMAND — On May 5, Capt. Eric Wood relinquished command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 74th Maintenance Battalion (TMDE) to 1st Lt. Curtis Taylor. From left are Lt. Col. David Osborn, commander of 74th Maintenance Battalion; Taylor; and Wood.

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Military children win way to Space Camp this summer

This year 10 children from active duty and retired military families won trips to Space Camp, Space Academy and Aviation Challenge.

Forty-eight children from the Redstone Arsenal community applied for the opportunity to attend a weeklong session this summer at Space Camp for fourth through sixth graders, Space Academy for seventh through ninth graders and Aviation Challenge for 10th through 12th graders.

The students' handwritten essays on the topic of "Why I Want to Go to Space Camp/Space Academy/Aviation Challenge" were numbered with all identifying names deleted. They were judged on content, creativity, sincerity, grammar, spelling and neatness. Each child also had to have the school certify that he or she maintained an overall C average.

Space Camp winners include Steven Anfield, Whitesburg Middle School; Stacey Blair, Madison Middle School; Kristina Hammond, Academy of Science and Foreign Languages; and Matthew Modlin, Holy Spirit School. Space Academy winners include Sarah Carr, Academy of Science and Foreign Languages; Paul Chappell, Holy Spirit School; Susan Dotson and Earl Irving, Hazel Green Elementary. Aviation Challenge winners include Karen Rader, Alabama School of Mathematics and Science; and Tracey Samanka, Butler High School.

"The essays were very well done and I know that the children must have worked very hard on them," said Mary Gustine, chairperson for the Space Camp awards program. "It would be wonderful if we could have sent every child that wanted to go, but only 10 could be selected: four for Space Camp, four for Space Academy and two for Aviation Challenge. We hope that every child that didn't win this year will try again next year."

Sandy Culberson, co-chairperson for the awards program, said: "Since I have been working with the Space Camp people, I have come to see what a wonderful opportunity is being made available to our military children. It is a once in a lifetime chance to learn about science in a very special way and have a great time."

The four sponsors included the Association of United States Army, the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club, the Officers Wives Club and the Thrift Shop. These organizations donated the money to send the children to the camps scheduled June 20-25. Normal tuition cost is \$600 for a youngster to attend Space Camp, and \$650 for Space Academy and Aviation Challenge.

Judges this year included Christy Devanney, Liz Mars and Charles Salvo from the Thrift Shop; Bill Harrison from AUSA; Blanche Moore from the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club; Sylvia Ryan from the Officers Wives Club; and Lt. Col. Al Phillips as the at-large judge.

Col. Ross Sanders, deputy post commander,

recognized the contribution of these supporting organizations and congratulated the winners at the Space Camp/Space Academy/Aviation Challenge awards ceremony held May 20 at the Post Chapel. The approximately 50 attendees included the parents, children, school principals and counselors, representatives from the sponsoring organizations and special guests. Col. Michael Boyd, the Missile Command

chief of staff, was the guest speaker. Dr. Tommie Blackwell, director of education for the Space and Rocket Center, gave each child a cap from their respective camps; and Boyd presented each child with a certificate signed by the post commander.

Space Camp began at the Space and Rocket Center in 1982. Redstone has been providing awards for military youngsters to attend since 1984.



AWARD WINNERS — In front row, from left, are Earl Irving, Stacey Blair, Kristina Hammond, Matthew Modlin and Sarah Carr. In back row, from left, are Paul Chappell, Susan Dotson, Steven Anfield, April Rader (standing in for her sister Karen), and Tracey Samanka.

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Clinton says U.S. will face more challenges in future

BY JIM GARAMONE

AMERICAN FORCES INFORMATION SERVICE

President Bill Clinton welcomed home service members from Somalia and said that the work they accomplished saved tens of thousands of lives.

"Your successful return reminds us that other missions lie ahead for our nation," Clinton said. "Some we can foresee, and others we cannot. As always, we stand ready to defend our interests, working with others where possible, by ourselves where necessary."

Clinton spoke to about 200 Somalia veterans during a ceremony on the White House lawn, May 5. Marine Lt. Gen. Robert B. Johnston, who turned over command in Somalia May 4 to the United Nations, led the troops.

The president told the assemblage, which included Defense Secretary Les Aspin and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that the troops who went to Somalia proved multilateral coalitions can accomplish distinct objectives.

"Some will ask why, with the Cold War ended, we must still support the kind of preeminent military capability you and your comrades represent," Clinton said. "I say it is because we still have interests, we still face threats, and the world has not seen the end of evil."

Clinton said the troops in Somalia faced difficult and dangerous conditions. He contrasted Somalia before the U.S. mission with today. Six months ago, he said, hundreds of thousands were starving, and armed anarchy ruled.

"Today, food is flowing. Crops are growing. Schools and hospitals are reopening," he said. "If you and all who served with you had not gone, tens of thousands would have died by now. You saved their lives. You gave the people of Somalia the opportunity to look beyond starvation and focus on their future."

He said the Americans who served in the African

country wrote a new chapter in the annals of international peacekeeping and humanitarian assistance. The work of the just can prevail over warlords, Clinton said, and American service members proved that international peacekeeping organizations can face new challenges. "And you have proved yet again that American leadership can help mobilize international action to create a better world," he said.

Clinton remembered the eight U.S. service members

who died in Somalia: "We salute each of them. America will never forget what they did or what they gave."

Clinton thanked the troops who served. "You have the admiration of the world and the thanks of your country for continuing the tradition of our armed forces and the values that make us all proud to be Americans," he said. "In the words of the Scriptures, 'Blessed are the peacemakers.'"

Powell offers watchwords for leadership success

BY MASTER SGT. LINDA LEE, USA

AMERICAN FORCES INFORMATION SERVICE

Courage. Competence. Sacrifice. Caring. Selfless service.

These are the watchwords for a successful leader, whether military or civilian, said Army Gen. Colin Powell. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff recently spoke about leadership at the Virginia Military Institute's Gen. George C. Marshall ROTC awards seminar.

"(Your personnel) must see you sacrifice for them. You must set the moral, ethical and the physical standards for them. You must always demonstrate your competence to them," Powell emphasized. "Train them, lead them competently. They must see you put yourself at risk for them. You must be a problem-solver for them."

"You must totally give your loyalty to them and no one else. You must care for them. You must always give them selfless service," he said, adding the young leaders must love their troops with "all your soul and all your mind. Nothing more will be asked of you. You must give nothing less than that."

Powell said Marshall personified leadership as a military officer and U.S. statesman. Marshall was Army chief of staff during World War II and masterminded the mobilization that built the victorious Army. But he was more than a warrior — he served as secretary of state and gave his name to the plan that rebuilt Europe after the war. He then served as secretary of defense.

Powell also believes that without Marshall there might not have been the NATO alliance and the idea of containment might have been just words, not a policy that proved successful against the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact. For his efforts, Marshall received the 1953 Nobel Peace Prize.

"Service, service, always service. It was the mission. It was the call of country. The quiet power of the man lay in his utter selflessness," said Powell. His success as a leader could be found in his integrity, compassion and wisdom, his personal sacrifice and hard work, and in his dignity.

The values that made Marshall a great American leader still apply today, Powell said. "They are the very real measure of a person's worth in every generation, and they will be for as long as there is a human civilization worth defending," he said.

Remember, he added, that upon no other institution does America depend more for values and integrity than it does the armed forces.

"That's why I charge each of you to fight for those values, to make them a part of your character, to make them a part of your life," he said.



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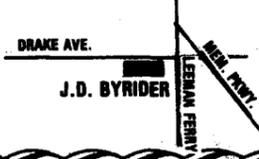
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Investigation continues into the Challenger Club heist — the first

BY SKIP VAUGHN

April 21 seemed like just another Wednesday night at the Challenger Club; but, little did the management know, this would not be an ordinary night.

It was closing time. This particular night the club had its bingo operation going on, as it does four times a week. The club also had its regular bar operation and dining room operation; but, by far, its biggest moneymaker was bingo. After the bingo operation had finished, and all the patrons had left, the time was 10:30 or 10:45 p.m. The manager locked the door so that more people could not enter. A number of club workers stayed to count the money, put things away, clean up and so on. And they locked all the money in the safe.

As the employees finished their particular duties, they left. The final three — the manager and two other women — prepared to leave at about 11:45. They turned out all the lights and walked toward the front entrance. They approached the glass doors and looked out with apprehension at the dark parking lot. As they got ready to leave, the manager reached up to get the key and unlock the door. But the moment she unlocked it, two men rushed to the door. There was a pushing contest as the two men tried to force open the door and the three women tried to close it. One of the men pushed his handgun through the opening; and the shiny chrome or metal finish of the weapon reflected light from the parking lot. The men, both of whom had handguns, forced their way inside.

"One man was wearing a white (baseball) hat and a white scarf — it's kind of like a country and western handkerchief, but they were wearing them to cover their nose and just below their eyes. And their hats were pulled down low," said David Bourne, special agent in charge of the Redstone Resident Agency, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID). The other man was wearing a dark baseball hat with a dark scarf.

The terrified women feared they would be raped or assaulted; and they began pleading for their lives. "The men either said 'Give us the dough, give us the dough'; or, 'We want money for dope.' And perhaps in the excitement, 'dough' could've been misunderstood as 'dope,'" Bourne said.

When it was clear that the men just wanted money, the manager opened her purse and offered them the \$14 inside. The men threw down her purse and said they wanted the club money. "Initially they grabbed the larger older lady, who was the bartender, and told her to open the safe. She's pleading with these two guys and telling them 'I can't open the safe, I don't have the combination.' Then they asked who does have the combination, and that's when the night manager stepped forward and said 'I have the combination,'" Bourne said. The men then told her to open the safe, and she told them the safe was in the office. They said to open the office and she replied that the alarm would go off when she unlocks the office door. The two men then discussed what they should do; and the one in the black hat said, "Let's go for it."

While the man in the black hat went to the office with the manager, his partner in the white hat took the



CHALLENGER CLUB — This is the front entrance of the Challenger Club; the club was robbed April 21.

other two women to the restroom. The white-hat bandit had already told the two women that they would be put into the bathroom. He entered the restroom with them and stayed with them without turning on the light; the only illumination inside the bathroom was an exit sign. In the bathroom, one woman pleaded to keep her purse because it contained her heart medication. The man politely told her to keep her purse. Both women pleaded for their safety and said they had families. "And the man in the white hat said, 'No ma'am. I'm not going to hurt you; I've got two kids of my own,'" Bourne said.

Meanwhile, the man in the black hat had the manager unlock the office door with a key; she then unlocked the safe with a combination. He stood behind her the entire time, ordering her not to look at him. As the safe was opened, he guided her by the shoulder and told her to sit on the floor and look down at the floor. "What he quickly did was scoop up the bills out of a couple of cash drawers; they didn't take all the money," Bourne said. "They just quickly reached in and scooped up the loose bills and, near as we can tell, they didn't take any of the rolled coins."

The manager, sitting on the floor with her head down, noticed some smoke. Unlike the bathroom, the lights were on in the office. The manager was more concerned about the robbery in progress than the smoke, so didn't worry at that time about its origin. The man in the black hat said, "Let's go to the bathroom." The manager got up and started walking down the hall to the bathroom. The man in the black hat stayed behind her. "She doesn't know if the guy followed her or never left the office," Bourne said.

As the manager got within 20 feet of the bathroom, she saw the man in the white hat walking at a fast pace

toward the front door. She joined the other two women in the bathroom. They still feared for their safety. "So, these ladies try to barricade or block these doors with the furniture that's in the bathroom. But there's no way to brace these doors; there's no windows in there — it's all concrete block all around," Bourne said. Finally, one of the women opened the door and looked into the hallway; she saw that the entire hallway was filled with smoke. The women concluded that the bandits set the club on fire. They crawled from the bathroom up to the main entrance where there are several telephones. The manager called authorities at 12:02 and told them that the club had been robbed and set afire.

Military police responded; the fire department responded; and it was determined that the smoke had not been caused by fire but by a smoke device.

"As they (the bandits) left, we believe they were driving a car. As a matter of fact, we believe they were driving a mid-size white car with four doors and tinted windows with no Arsenal sticker on it. And that's because that car was seen in the parking lot by people who left right before the robbery," Bourne said.

As the men left, they apparently threw their hats and bandannas out on the road because these items were found; and the items fit the description provided by the three women. The smoke device, which had been ignited, was found on the office floor. This device is readily available on the market; its commercial applications include sewer testing to check for leaks, and to check for air flow in heating and air conditioning. The device produces a thick, white smoke; and burn time is about three minutes.

It was 17 minutes from the time the bandits confronted their victims until the manager called to alert

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authorities. "I would suggest the two men were inside the club eight or nine minutes," Bourne said.

The man wearing the black hat was described as slender, probably 5-10 to 6 feet tall. The man wearing the white hat was described as slender, probably 5-8 to 5-10. Their faces were covered and they were wearing dark-colored cloth gloves. They are believed to be black and in their early 20s.

"Let me say this about both of them: They are very, very polite, to the extent of saying yes ma'am, no ma'am, please, thank you," Bourne said.

The hats, bandannas, smoke device and other items from the grounds — cigarette butts, pieces of trash paper, and tin cans — have been sent to the U.S. Army

Crime Lab at Fort Gillem, Ga. The white hat is a game-quality, Yankees cap made by Russell Athletic Wear and available nationwide. The black hat is also a game-quality hat made by Russell Athletic Wear, but carries the insignia of a minor league team: the Yakima, Wash., Bears. "Yakima, Wash., is not a big place but it does have a military training area used to a large extent by soldiers at Fort Lewis, Wash., and to a lesser extent by soldiers of Fort Ord, Calif.," Bourne said.

It is not known whether the bandits were military or civilian; and the investigation not only encompasses Redstone but surrounding areas as well. The robbery is not believed to be gang-related. In most gang incidents

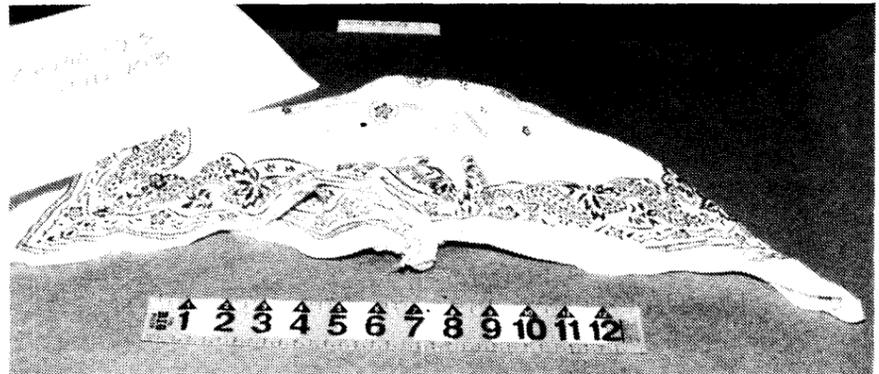
there is more violence, less politeness and the coveted insignia would never be discarded.

"This investigation is the highest priority thing going in this office," Bourne said, when asked about the possibility of an arrest. "And an arrest is a legal decision; in this type of case, probably as a result of a grand jury indictment or a judge issuing an arrest warrant — two bodies of which I have absolutely no control. Will I be able to find out who did it? Absolutely."

He welcomes help from the community. If anyone can provide any information that might be helpful in solving this case — the first robbery in recent years at Redstone — call the CID office 876-2037; at night and during weekends, Bourne can be contacted through the Military Police desk 876-2222.



YANKEE'S FAN? — One of the bandits wore this N.Y. Yankees baseball cap and matching white bandanna.



YAKIMA BEARS — The other bandit wore this Yakima, Wash., Bears minor league baseball cap and matching dark bandanna.



SMOKE DEVICE — One of the bandits ignited this smoke device inside the office of the club.

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READY TO RUN — The 74th Maintenance Battalion (TMDE) invited Gen. Jimmy Ross, commander of Army Materiel Command, and Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, commander of the Missile Command, to participate in a 3.5-mile run April 29. Leading the pack are, from left, Ross; Rigby; Brig. Gen. James Link, deputy commander of the Missile Command; and Lt. Col. David Osborn, commander of 74th Maintenance Battalion.

Do You Know

Who served on the committee that wrote the Declaration of Independence?

Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman, Robert Livingston

Which state had the most signers of the Declaration of Independence?

Pennsylvania
(nine)

How many future presidents of the United States signed the Declaration of Independence?

two
(John Adams, Thomas Jefferson)

Who was the oldest to sign the Declaration of Independence?

Benjamin Franklin
(70)

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Proposed gun club subject of meeting

Editor's note: Jenness-Stults is a marketing assistant in the marketing and advertising branch at Directorate of Community and Family Activities.

BY MICHELLE JENNESS-STULTS

A meeting will be held at 5:15 p.m. June 10 at the Recreation Center, building 3711, to discuss the establishment of a proposed Rod & Gun Club on Redstone Arsenal. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Planned topics include the establishment of a Rod & Gun Club; clarification of the club's concept; and recruitment of individuals to assist in the establishment of the club.

A survey was distributed in April to hunting and fishing permit holders in order to get their input on this subject. Of the 171 individuals who replied, 154 expressed interest in such a club. Of that 154, some 54 percent reported they would utilize the club often or very often. Membership dues of \$5 per month won 54 percent of surveyed individuals while 37 percent stated they are willing to pay \$10 per month. Other results indicated that 17 percent want hunter safety, 15 percent favor a food and beverage resale operation, 15 percent want gun resale, 15 percent request target shooting, and 12 percent would like marksmanship classes.

For more information about the proposed Rod & Gun Club or the scheduled meeting, call 842-2188.



CONTRIBUTION TO GIRL SCOUTS — Sgt. Maj. Steve Healy, treasurer of the Redstone Arsenal Sergeants Major Association, presents a \$500 check to Linda Rass, leader of Girl Scout Troop 53. Looking on are Karen Rass and Shannon Healy, right. This was among three \$500 checks presented by the association to Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops of Redstone and Huntsville from proceeds raised during its first Spring Golf Tournament.

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GOLF FUND-RAISER — The Redstone Arsenal Sergeants Major Association held its first Spring Golf Tournament on May 21 at the Redstone Golf Course. Proceeds were presented to Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops from Redstone and Huntsville. Sgt. Maj. Timothy Ayers, second from left, president of the association, presents a \$500 check to Buddy Beckwith, leader of Boy Scout Troop 302. Looking on are Sgt. Maj. Steve Healy, left, treasurer, and CSM David Holmes, right, finance committee chairman.

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Tuskegee Airmen helped end segregation in the military

BY RUDI WILLIAMS

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German *Luftwaffe* pilots called them *schwartzte Vogelmenschen* (black birdmen) out of respect for their combat exploits. White American bomber crews called them the Red-Tailed Angels in appreciation of their unwavering protection against Nazi fighter pilots.

They called themselves the Lonely Eagles. Today, they're known as the Tuskegee Airmen, America's World War II African-American fighter pilots. Their unit — the 332nd Fighter Group — was called Red Tailed Angels by white bomber pilots because the tails of their aircraft were painted red for identification.

The DoD leadership will honor these pioneering aviators on the 50th anniversary of their first combat mission, June 3.

The history of the African-American airmen was one of surmounting obstacles. One of the first black aviators during World War II was Benjamin O. Davis Jr. He and 12 other black airmen were the first cadets in the Tuskegee program. Tuskegee instructors trained 992 African-American pilots; 450 would see combat.

These men had to fight their own government, segregation and stereotypes before they could fight the Nazis. But black fighter pilots went to war and convincingly shattered skepticism about their race's lack of smarts and guts to fly combat aircraft.

After graduating in March 1942, Davis, now a retired lieutenant general, took the 99th Fighter Squadron to North Africa to fly missions against tanks and provide air support. The 99th flew combat missions over North Africa, Sicily and Anzio Beach in P-39, P-40, P-47 and P-51 fighters. Initially, the 99th was attached to a British group because American commanders didn't want them.

Davis returned stateside in the fall of 1943, was promoted to colonel and took command of the 332nd Fighter Group, which he took to the Italian war zone in December. Comprised of the 100th, 301st and 302nd Fighter squadrons, the 332nd became a four-squadron group when the 99th joined the outfit in Italy. The 332nd Fighter Group was assigned to the 15th Air Force.

The African-American pioneers set an unparalleled record of never losing a bomber to enemy fighter aircraft while flying cover for B-17 and B-24 bombers over Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Italy, Bulgaria, Greece and Poland. From bases in Italy, they also destroyed enemy airdromes, railroads, highways, bridges, river traffic, troop concentrations, radar facilities, power stations, coast-watching surveillance stations and hundreds of vehicles while on air-to-ground strafing missions.

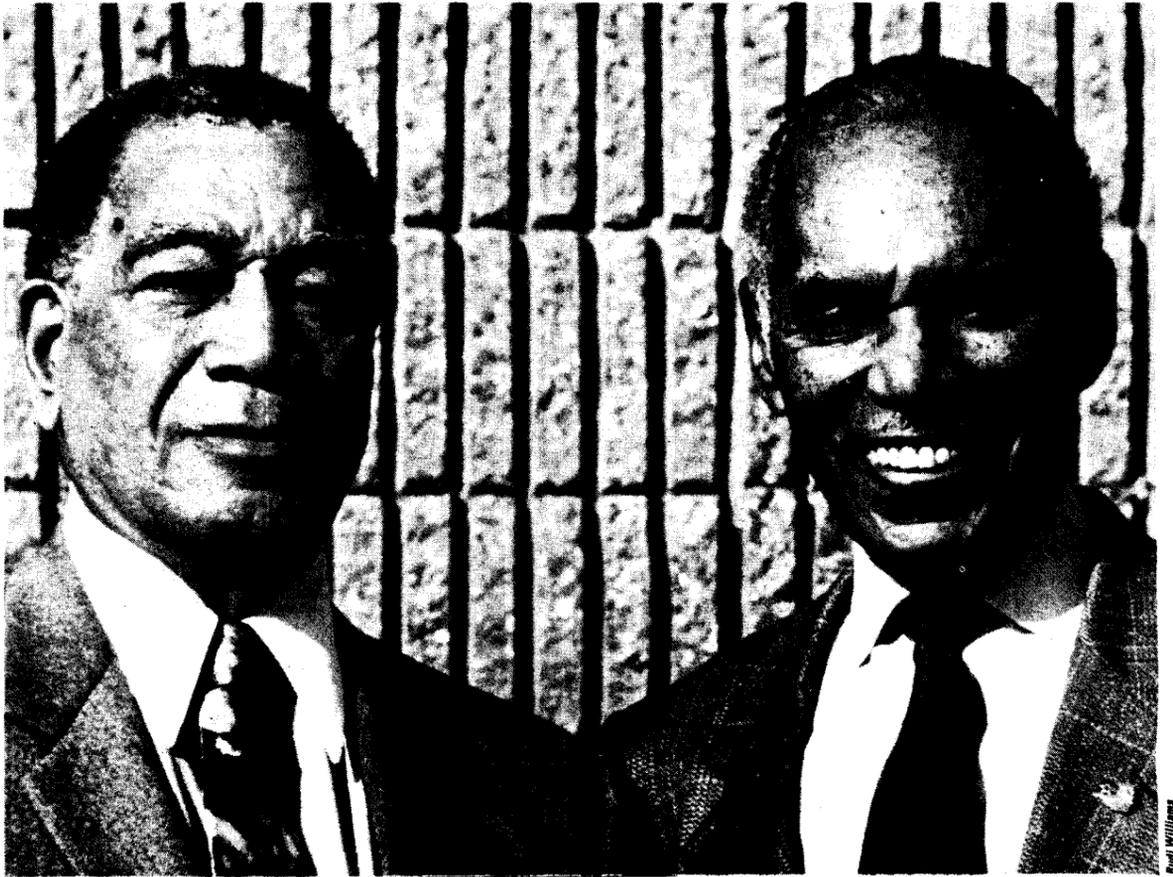
The reason for this record of success was segregation and racism, said Tuskegee Airman Roscoe C. Brown Jr., who rose to the rank of captain. "We knew we had to be better than the white groups to make our reputation. Col. Davis insisted we not stray off to shoot down fighters when they tried to entice us. We stuck with the bombers. The white bomber pilots wanted the Red Tails to escort them because we didn't allow enemy pilots to draw us away from the bombers like the Yellow Tails, Candy Stripes and the other groups.

"Those groups had more victories in the air than we did, but they lost bombers to enemy aircraft fire — we didn't lose any," Brown said proudly.

They demonstrated this professionalism and daring

during one of their most demanding escort missions — a 1,500-mile bombing raid on March 24, 1945, again, the Daimler-Benz plant in Berlin. The German air force put up its newly developed jets to fight the P-51 Red Tails. The black airmen fought the pride of the *Luftwaffe*. Three German jets fell blazing to the ground, victims of the 332nd. The black airmen damaged others.

Brown, a flight leader on the mission, shot down the first jet. "We were escorting B-17 bombers, weaving over them in P-51s at about 25,000 feet, when I saw these shiny jets out of the corner of my left eye." He broke formation, zeroed in on a jet and blew it out of the sky. Two of his wingmen followed the other jets and knocked two of them down.



Former Tuskegee Airmen Roscoe Brown (right) and Lee Archer have been friends for more than 50 years. Archer, a wartime ace with five victories, is a retired chief executive officer of General Foods Inc. Brown, president of Bronx (N.Y.) Community College, shot down two planes, one a German jet fighter over Berlin on March 24, 1945.



After returning to Italy from a combat mission, Capt. Armour G. McDaniels points out a cannon hole in his aircraft.

"My shooting down the jet was the only time the 332nd Fighter Group got on *The New York Herald Tribune* front page," said Brown, who later knocked down another Germany fighter.

The *Herald Tribune* said Brown was "the first Negro fighter pilot to engage and destroy an enemy jet plane. ... He is one of three Negro pilots of P-51 Mustangs who were credited with destruction of jet planes during a 45-minute aerial dogfight over Berlin on March 24."

His wife at the time, Laura Jones Brown, was asked if she was happy about this accomplishment. "Happy?" she said. "Of course I am. It was Roscoe's first plane. He has been in action eight months, has had 64 missions and is due for leave soon. He was fretting in one of his letters that he would have to come home without a plane to his credit."

The 332nd received the Presidential Unit Citation

for the mission for "displaying outstanding courage, aggressiveness and combat technique."

Flying 15,533 sorties on 1,578 missions, Tuskegee Airmen shot down 111 enemy aircraft in aerial combat and damaged another 25. They also destroyed 150 aircraft on the ground and damaged another 123. They're also credited with an unusual accomplishment — sinking a German destroyer with machine-gun fire alone.

Sixty-six Tuskegee Airmen were killed in aerial combat. Another 32 were shot down and captured. The men received a total of 95 Distinguished Flying Crosses, a Legion of Merit, one Silver Star, two Soldier's Medals, eight Purple Hearts, 14 Bronze Stars and 744 Air Medals and clusters.

And there were hundreds of unsung heroes — the ground support personnel, said Brown.

Although he's proud of the African-American pioneer aviators' exploits in the air war, Brown places

that second in importance to their contributions toward integrating the armed forces.

"The key thing I like to remember is our struggle against discrimination and our struggle to be recognized as excellent first-class citizens," said Brown.

"The war was on two fronts," he said. "The war against discrimination in our own country, in our own service and the war against the enemy. The war against the enemy was a lot easier, because discrimination is ingrained in American society."

Segregation blanketed the nation in the 1940s, Brown said. Blacks knew to stay in a black hotel when they went to Washington, Birmingham, Ala., or anywhere else. They rode in the back of public transportation, he added.

"In the northern states, black folks lived in black communities," he continued. "When you were in the military, you were expected to observe the customs — separate, but equal."

"In the military, that meant separate officers' clubs, post exchanges, parts of the hospitals — everything," Brown said. "We were young, believed in ourselves, so we challenged it — we attempted to enter the officers' club at Selfridge Field, Mich. We were very upset when they refused us admission. So we went on leave and in protest, decided to report late."

He and several counterparts were arrested for trying to attend an "all-white" movie theater on the air base at Walterboro, S.C. "When they threatened to court-martial us, we said, 'That's fine, the government is spending \$25,000 or more to train us to fly combat missions,'" Brown recalled. "You're really going to look great to the secretary of war when you court-martial us because we insisted on our American rights on an Army base."

When the black airmen returned to the theater the next night, the "white only" sign and chain had been removed. "The theater was integrated," he laughed. "They would have been damn foolish to lock up 20 black pilots scheduled to go overseas to fly combat missions."

Before the war, conventional wisdom said blacks didn't have the smarts to fly aircraft, drive tanks, operate artillery and didn't have the guts to fight, according to historians. But the success of the Tuskegee Airmen and other all-black units disproved that myth. After African-Americans proved their mettle, President Harry S. Truman signed an executive order in 1947 eliminating segregation in the armed forces.

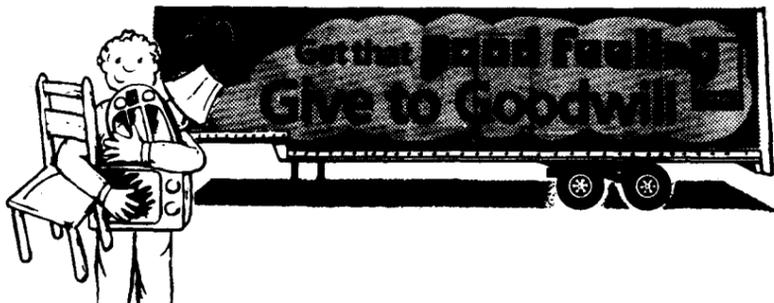
"The ironic thing is that there's a shortage of African-American pilots in the Air Force today," Brown said.

Officials at the Air Training Command agree. They said the Air Force wants at least 6 percent of its pilots to be African-Americans — the same percentage of African-Americans who graduate from college. As of Dec. 31, 1992, there were 9,567 pilots in the Air Force; 290, or 3 percent, were African-Americans.



Returning to Italy after a successful combat mission in August 1944, Capt. Andrew D. Turner, left, and 1st Lt. Clarence P. "Lucky" Lester discuss some of the details. "Lucky" Lester shot down three enemy planes on one mission with a P-51 Mustang fighter.

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Announcements

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Government surplus sale

A local spot bid sale of government surplus property will be held June 7 in the Defense Reutilization & Marketing Sale building 7427 on Warehouse Road. Registration starts at 7 a.m. and the sale begins at 8. Some of the items for sale include refrigerators, military clothing, filing cabinets, camera equipment, modular furniture components, typewriters, drafting tables and data processing equipment. These items may be inspected from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 1-3 and on sale day from 7-8; DRMO is closed Fridays. Report to building 7413 on Red Oak Road to view property available for sale and to obtain catalog during the inspection period.

Redstone family picnic

The Entertainment Committee for the 1993 Redstone Arsenal Family Picnic is seeking individual and group volunteers to perform in the Sept. 25 event at the civilian recreation area. Employees of Redstone Arsenal, OMMCS, MICOM, and the Space and Strategic Defense Command, and their families are encouraged to participate. The Integrated Materiel Management Center is this year's sponsor for the picnic. For more information, call Henry Haygood 876-7169. Responses are needed by Aug. 31.

RDEC blood drive

On June 4 the American Red Cross bloodmobile will be located in the east parking lot of building 5400 from 6:30 a.m. until noon. "All donors please register in the guard trailer. Appointments are necessary; call Mary Keegan at 876-3085 to make your appointment. Cancellations please call."

Housing referral office

"In order to update our records, (we) request that all active duty servicemembers residing off post provide their current address to the Housing Referral Office, now known as Community Homefinding, Relocation and Referral Services (CHRRS)." Either stop by the CHRRS office, building 111, room 139, or call Dean Curry 876-7171/7172.

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Smoking cessation support

A group support session, open to former Smoking Cessation Class participants, will be held from 11 a.m. to noon June 9 in the MEDDAC classroom at Fox Army Community Hospital.

Boating safety

In honor of National Safe Boating Week (June 6-12), the Redstone Flotilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a Boating Skills and Safety course on Thursday nights from June 10 to July 22. The class, which may lower your boat insurance premium, will be conducted from 6:30-8:30 in building 3305, room 114. A material fee of \$12 will be collected on the first night of class. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 890-2220 (days) or 830-6621 (evenings).

Warrant officers

Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association will meet at 11:15 a.m. June 9 at the Officers Club. This month's topic will be retired issues. A pay-as-you-go lunch will be available. Members and non-members, active duty and retired are invited. To RSVP or for more information on the association call MWO 4 Don St. Germain, chapter president, 842-2864; CWO Bob Borden, secretary, 876-1909; or retired CWO Wayne Hamilton 851-9066.

Community needs surveyed

The Department of the Army and the Army Materiel Command are conducting a survey designed to evaluate community programs and services at installations around the world. During the month of June, surveys will be sent to 2,000 randomly selected active duty and retired personnel and active duty family members. Information obtained from these surveys will be used to assess current services, marketing effectiveness, and the need for new programs and services. If you or your family member receive a survey, please complete and return it promptly. "Your opinion is extremely important and will greatly assist the Family Support Division in serving you more effectively."

Post Theater movies

Thursday — *Married to it*, rated R, 112 minutes. Friday — *Untamed Heart*, PG-13, 102 minutes. Saturday matinee — *Homeward Bound: the Incredible Journey*, G, 84 minutes. Saturday — *Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey*. Sunday — *Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey*. Tuesday — *Rich in Love*, PG-13, 105 minutes. Matinee begins at 2 p.m. All other shows begin at 7 p.m. Admission for all shows — except Thursday and Tuesday — is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 for children. Thursday and Tuesday admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children.

Learning center

Effective June 6 the North Army Learning Center, building 3349, will be closed on Sundays. For more information, call Donald B. Williams 876-9427.

Carnival

The AKA Carnival, sponsored by Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Old Huntsville Depot. "Kids, parents and friends, join the AKAs for this day of fun."

Officer fellowship

The Officer Christian Fellowship "exists to build up the individual member in his walk with God, his family, and his associates, while reaching out to the Redstone community." Bible studies, fellowship, and other activities are planned. For more information, call Capt. Holger Jacks 721-3995 or Capt. David Rice 837-8441. "Babysitting arrangements have been made."

Abandoned vehicle

Provost Marshal Office identified the following abandoned vehicle: a yellow 1980 Ford Thunderbird, identification number 0G87F14266066DEY6. The owners or anyone knowing the owners should contact SSgt. Mettert of Provost Marshal Office, operations section, building 3453, 842-2441/2442.

ID card facility

The ID card issuing facility will not be open on the first Saturday during June and July. The next scheduled first Saturday opening will be Aug. 7. For more information, call 876-5430.

FEW banquet

Federally Employed Women will have its 1993 installation banquet Friday, June 11 at the Challenger Club. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., and dinner at 6:30. Cost is \$15 per person. Make reservations by close of business June 8 by calling Anita De Graffenried 876-4105. Scheduled speaker is Dr. Delia Black; and officers will be installed by Dr. Pauline Cason.

United Way/CFC at Work

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign in conjunction with the United Way of Madison County is offering a seminar on "Heart Disease: Risks and Prevention" from 10-11 a.m. June 15 in the Rocket Auditorium. The seminar is to be conducted by Mark Noble, a clinical physiologist from the Preventative & Rehabilitative Sports Medicine Associates Inc. Noble is a volunteer for the American Heart Association which is a United Way/CFC agency. This seminar is open to all military and civilians. Seating will be on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call the CFC office 876-9143.

Rummage sale

The Butler High School Quarterback Club will have its annual rummage sale Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school gym. Proceeds will go to the Butler football, cheerleading and dance teams. All remaining items will be sold at half price the last hour. Donations are being accepted until June 4. Parents are needed to work the day of the sale. For more information, call Mrs. Howell 837-6564.

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 possess a card verifying completion of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Better Biking Program. The next class is Saturday, June 5 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in building 3222, Snooper Road. There is no fee for this course. To register, call 876-8838/3084 or stop by building 3324 (MOS Library) by 2 p.m. June 4. Should the weather be inclement, the classroom portion will still be given and the range rescheduled.

Best yards

Here are the Yard of the Month winners for May: Maj. Wesley F. Walters of 293 Simpson Drive and Sgt. Jason W. Brown of 1322-B LaCrosse Drive, best single unit; WO 1 Ricky Hicks of 466-B Tripp Drive and SSgt. Terry A. Holldorf of 232-A Niblo Drive, best multiunit; and B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, building 3411, best unit (barracks). The family housing winners receive a certificate of appreciation, a color photograph of the ceremony, and a free meal from the respective club for the winners and guest. The best unit receives a certificate of appreciation, a color photograph of the ceremony, and a \$200 check. All winners also receive a sign to display in their yard for the month of June. Honorable mention for May's Yard of the Month went to Lt. Col. Michael I. Howell of 12 Wadsworth Drive, officer; SSgt. Joseph R. Kendall of 1236-B Nike St., enlisted; SSgt. Jeffery L. Cribb of 1150-E Hof Circle, enlisted multiunit; and C Company 832nd, barracks.

832nd family support

The 832nd Family Support Group will meet 7 p.m. Thursday in the Post Chapel activity room. Kim Albright of Channel 31-TV News is to speak on northern Alabama cults. "Please bring a snack to share. Free child care is provided."

832nd organizational day

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion will have its battalion olympics and organizational day Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Vincent Park. Schedule for activities includes: 8-11 a.m., battalion olympics (mile run, 220 meter dash, 440 meter relay, long jump, 5K mountain run, swimming events, shot put); noon to 2, free lunch; and noon to 4, organization day (dunking booth, horseshoe toss, and more). For more information, call 1st Lt. Renee Vessels 876-0033.

Logistics engineers

Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Society of Logistics Engineers will have its June luncheon meeting June 15 at the Holiday Inn, Madison Square Mall. Social is set for 11:30 a.m. to noon. Luncheon cost is \$7 per plate. Sam Fields, project manager for the Sparkman Building, is scheduled speaker. For reservations call Melody Garner 883-4451, Judy Hester 842-8962 or Mary Breedwell 955-0504.

Community activities

ACOE kickoff: The Redstone community is invited to help kickoff the 1993-94 Army Communities of Excellence campaign July 28 from 11:30 a.m. "until close of business" at the civilian recreation area near the Tennessee River. Rain date is July 29. "This is our opportunity not only to say thank you to every one who made our 1992-93 winning possible, but to start the coming year's effort off in a positive, fun celebration." Festivities will include games, prizes, entertainment and food. For more information call Jody Brenner, ACOE coordinator, 842-2566. **Civilian Wellness Center:** Linda Steakley, registered dietitian, will provide an informal brown-bag awareness lecture on "How to De-Fat Your Lifestyle" at 11 a.m. June 9 at the Recreation Center, building 3711. "Also join us for the Lowfat Muffin Bake-off contest to be held following the presentation. Bring your favorite healthy, lowfat muffin recipe and some samples — to be judged by a panel of Redstone dignitaries." To enter your culinary creation, call the Wellness Center 955-6844. **Family crafts:** The Arts and Crafts shop invites the Redstone community to "bring your whole family" at 6 p.m. June 4, 11, 18 and 25 to learn a different craft together. "Different activities will be planned with lots of emphasis on family togetherness." For a supply list and details, call 876-7951.

Thrift Shop

Hours of operation for the Thrift Shop include: Wednesdays — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with walk-in consignments from 10-12:30 and consignments by appointment from 1-5. Fridays — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with walk-in consignments from 10-12:30. Saturday openings, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., are scheduled July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. Shoes can now be consigned but must be in very good condition.

Hospital waiting rooms

Magazines are needed for the waiting rooms at Fox Army Community Hospital. "Please bring your used magazines to the Red Cross office at Fox Hospital." For more information, call 882-9448.



Carpool Hotline

Call 876-1500 to place your free carpool ad.

Madison Square area

Ride wanted from the Madison Square Mall area — University Drive/Rideout intersection — to 5201, hours flexible. Melissa Rountree 955-6535.

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FOR SALE: 1986 Buick Estate Wagon, 9 passenger, delux interior, all power, air conditioning, am/fm cassette, 68K miles, excellent condition, \$3700. On orders to Germany, must sell. 837-3487.

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FOR SALE: 1989 Hyundai Excel, 4 door, automatic, air conditioning, am/fm cassette, 62K miles, \$2200. 852-3072 after 5 p.m.

ATTENTION: Did you purchase a large wood-vine basket from the yard sale at 423 Hughes Dr. R5A, on Saturday, May 5? This basket has great sentimental value and was not for sale (husband's mistake). I will pay double for its return. Please consider. 837-4483.

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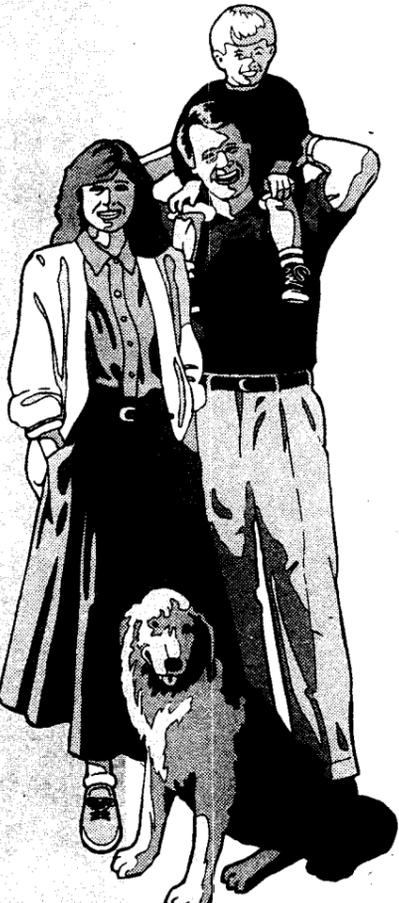


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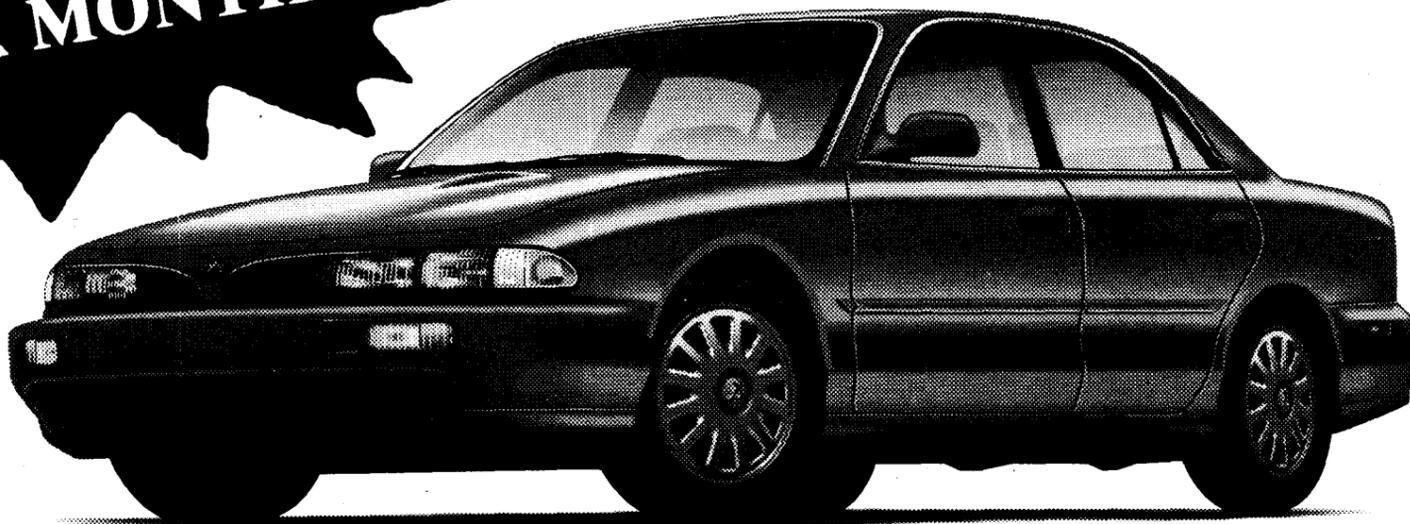
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