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## Redstone school bus issue resolved for 1993-94

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Redstone residents were told last week about the curtailed, but continued, school bus service for the 1993-94 school year.

At the town meeting held Tuesday night, July 13, residents were informed that Redstone's contracted bus service would be provided to the three core schools attended by most children on post — Williams Elementary, Westlawn Middle School, and Butler High School. The Huntsville city school system has agreed to transport students to magnet schools from central pickup points.

The city will transport students from on post pickup points to two fulltime magnet schools: the Academy for Academics and Arts, and the Academy for Science and Foreign Language. The city will also pick up for special education and handicapped students.

For part-time magnet schools — those which students attend only part of the day, such as for sports instruction — the city will transport from the core school to the magnet school. The city will then return the students to the core school where they will be picked up by the Redstone contractor buses for the trip home.

School bus registration for students on-post will be held July 29 through Aug. 4 at Bicentennial Chapel, rooms 3 and 5. Register from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, except Aug. 3 when signup will extend to 6 p.m. This is for all Redstone students who want to ride the school bus this year — including full-time magnet school and special needs (handicapped, etc.) students. "All they need is proof of active-duty status," said Todd Hutto, deputy director for RASA's Directorate of Logistics. He stressed that this is *bus* registration only, not school registration.

Redstone had been faced with revising its contracted bus service because of money constraints. Huntsville city schools begin their 1993-94 school session Aug. 18. Redstone residents have the opportunity to meet with the school principals at "Parent/Principal Night" Aug. 16 from 7-9 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel.

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AFTER THE MEETING — Talking after the town meeting are, from left, Col. Ross Sanders, the deputy post commander; Sgt. Maj. Jack Ferguson of RASA; and MSgt. Bill Beardsley of Missile Systems Training Department, Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

## Rec area, building to be named for former commanders

Col. Carroll Hudson and Maj. Gen. John Medaris will be remembered in separate ceremonies during September in which Redstone facilities will be dedicated in their honor.

Recreation area 2, formerly known as the civilian recreation area, will be renamed the "Colonel Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Complex" Sept. 25 at the Redstone Arsenal Family Picnic. Hudson was the first commanding officer of the Redstone Ordnance Plant (redesignated Redstone Arsenal in February 1943).

Building 4488, home of the Missile Command's Acquisition Center, will be named as the "Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris Center for Acquisition Excellence." A dedication ceremony is to be held sometime in September, according to Mike Baker, chief of the MICOM Historical Division.

Both memorializations were approved in mid-May by Brig. Gen. James Link, then deputy commanding general for MICOM. There is a possibility that Hud-

son's stepdaughter may attend the recreation area dedication, according to Baker. He said Medaris' son will try to attend the building dedication.

Hudson's military career of 26 years was highlighted by his tenure here at Redstone. He turned the first soil in the construction of a shell loading and assembly plant on Oct. 25, 1941. He later, as commanding officer of Redstone in the late 1940s through early 1950s, again created the facilities base for rocket and missile development. Many structures of this era still stand at Redstone.

Medaris' military career spanned four decades. He activated the Army Ballistic Missile Agency (ABMA), for which building 4488 was constructed as the headquarters facility. Medaris later commanded the U.S. Army Ordnance Missile Command, being responsible for development, acquisition, and fielding of every Army rocket and missile system.

### Hudson biography

Hudson was born on Sept. 15, 1899 in Los Angeles. Hudson began his military career as a Navy enlisted man during World War I. In 1922, he received a degree in mechanical engineering from Leland Stanford University. Hudson was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the Army Reserve, Ordnance Department, on Jan. 23, 1926. From 1935-38, he served on active duty in the Civilian Conservation Corps. Long active as a reserve officer, he was recalled to active duty as a major in August 1940 and attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. In December 1940, he was assigned to the Ammunition Division of the Office, Chief of Ordnance.

Hudson served as commanding officer of Redstone Arsenal from Sept. 25, 1941 to Oct. 1, 1943. He was briefly reassigned to the Office of the Field Director of Ammunition Plants in St. Louis but returned as  
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## Likes recipes

Editor:

FREE BEER!

Actually, that was just an editorial strategy to catch the attention of David Douglas, recent author of a letter to the editor in the July 14 *Redstone Rocket*, objecting to the ice cream recipes in the July edition of the RDEC-CPO Link.

The ability to get and keep the attention of the intended reader is something that has always challenged editors of newsletters. The entire front page of June 23 *Redstone Rocket* was devoted to an excellent article by Sanda Martel concerning the recent arrival of *PS Magazine* at Redstone Arsenal. The Preventive Maintenance Monthly has enjoyed enormous success with comic book style characters Connie and Bonnie in providing information to soldiers in an informal, easy to understand format. Information that might otherwise get printed as "Rack Wearing Apparel Metal Enamel" gets much more effectively communicated as a coat-rack. Equally important, *PS* magazine is READ, and not dumped into the wastebasket.

The RDEC-CPO Link provides information on a variety of subjects that can be pretty dry reading, and which might easily be missed/ignored by many employees in regulation format. It also serves as an excellent tool for improving communication (both formal and informal) between Army's best Laboratory and one of its best Civilian Personnel Offices. Getting to know (and thereby better serve) the customer is one of the key features of both TQM and ACOE. Both of those efforts use resources that, as Mr. Douglas points out, "ultimately is the public's money," but both programs are making a difference due to the involvement of PEOPLE, with the clear support of management, from the top down. Those ice cream recipes, along with other articles and useful information, were provided by some of the top managers and best PEOPLE in RDEC. Hopefully, they will be a part in continuing the ongoing improvements in both communications and service.

Having worked on five installations in three countries, I have seen a lot of newsletters. I would say that the efforts CPO and RDEC employees are doing to produce this newsletter, as extra duties above and beyond their job descriptions, should be applauded. I hope that the RDEC-CPO Link will continue to provide information to readers on topics that will be timely, informative and useful.

My vote is for brownie recipes next quarter!

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## Articles of interest

Editor:

(Reference Mailbox July 14) I'm sorry you did not like the RDEC/HRO Link Bulletin. Thank God, you have the right in this "Great Nation" to express your displeasure. I pray to God it may forever be this way for all of us. I realize no person can please everyone. I'm not offended nor do I apologize for the article on "Our Great Nation" and the Declaration of Independence. As for the recipes, it was fun and if you love homemade ice cream as I do, hope you will try one of them. I'm sure there have been many comments regarding the bulletin, some critical and some positive. Keep an eye out for the next one, maybe you will enjoy it more. In the meantime, the CPO staff will continue to prepare articles of interest to the RDEC community.

Margaret Sands  
RDEC Pers Mgmt Br, CPO

## American flag

Editor:

To the reader of our RDEC/HRO Link Bulletin (reference July 14 Mailbox): It amazes me that a civil servant of the federal service, and a citizen of the United States of America would question the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of this "Great Nation." Thank God for it and for those that gave their lives so that you and I can enjoy freedom and see our flag displayed throughout our nation.

Peggy Winstead

## Traffic enforcement

Editor:

There should be signs posted at every entrance gate to the installation, "Warning, you will receive a traffic ticket during some time you are on this post."

I received a speeding ticket, coming down the hill on Goss Road near the Guest House, traveling at 35 mph. A military policeman immediately zoomed out from the Guest House parking lot, lights glaring, to stop and issue a ticket. The MP stated, "I caught you doing 35 mph coming down the hill." He was correct for I hadn't reached the 25 mph sign yet at the bottom of the hill. I was issued a \$50 speeding ticket. I found out that to fight it would have cost me court fees. It also would have been the policeman's word against mine so I paid the ticket.

Last week I also saw pink slips on several parked cars outside of the Thrift Shop. They were warning tickets against parking on the grass where the gravel ends. For years now cars have parked there, which are parking slots without gravel. Come on, now! I understand the need to enforce reckless drivers or those exceeding the speed limit to extremes but it seems to me the post has gotten *slap happy* and ridiculous in the issuance of tickets. Everyone I have spoken with who travels on post is angry! Many have also stated that the post lost control when they removed the guards at the gates. Surely there must be a better way to maintain speeders than getting ticket happy!

Name withheld by request

## Sexual harassment

Editor:

Another case of the legal system gone berserk.

Sexual harassment is immoral, should be illegal, and guilty offenders should receive an appropriate punishment. In this country sexual harassment has been declared and made illegal through a definition which is in gross error. The present definition does not limit an act of harassment to intent, but to how one person perceives an act or circumstance as being harassing to another person. The definition also varies with each accuser's perspective. Such a definition allows an accusing person to place guilt on another person independent of the accused person's intent. In some cases this guilt is placed by accusation without any known action of the accused.

With this type of definition, accused persons are assumed guilty and must prove their innocence. The

accused may also be forced into proving a negative which is scientifically impossible. (The classic case being when Clarence Thomas tried to prove he did not sexually harass Anita Hill.) Therefore, any judgment as to the accused guilt or innocence is totally subjective. It is patently wrong by any civilized standard of law and by our present Constitution to define and enforce a law by this present criteria. Our legal system has now substituted justice with a variable standard of political correctness. Thus, justice is perverted and injustice prevails.

Putting intent by the accused as a requirement in the definition of sexual harassment will correct this wrong. Although intent may be hard to prove and some guilty persons will go unpunished and some innocent persons suffer; it is still better than any system of law where the intent of the accused is ignored.

Robert E. Betts

## An MP's view

Editor:

I have been a military policeman here for just over a year now, and have been looking for a reason to write to the *Rocket* for the majority of that time. A couple of weeks ago, one was given to me.

I was dispatched to a building in the housing area because of a pregnant woman who was having some sort of complications; that in itself was not that unusual, but for the fact that when it was all over and done with, the husband of the woman thanked me and asked that I relay the message to the other two patrols that responded to the call. I don't know if we saved a life that night, but we did our job and did it well. I have been an MP for almost five years now, and in that time, I have been complimented three times for doing my job. I don't do my job for the praise, but it sure feels good to hear it once in a while.

In the time since I enlisted, I have been lucky enough to have had the chance to assist in training our canine patrols, I have also worked field duty, law enforcement, and worked with schools to educate the public as to what a cop does the eight or 12 hours that they are working. I have been fortunate to work with some very good people; of course, there have been some bad ones as well. I can honestly say that the military police on Redstone are some of the best. That is to be expected in any line of work, but this one is constantly under scrutiny by the public, as well as our supervisors. Good deeds are normally recognized, but the mistakes or bad deeds are almost always punished more severely than if the average person had done the same thing. I am not disputing the fact that we speed down Goss; but occasionally, we have emergency calls and a very short time to get from A to B. When a request for backup, or an alarm comes over the radio, I would rather go fast than see someone get hurt because I was somewhere else stuck in traffic.

I know that the people on this post do their jobs well, but every time I "strap my gun on," I may very well never make it home to see my wife again. How many others on this post can say the same thing? The saddest part of the whole thing is that very few people would care for more than a few days. I accept the risks involved in my chosen profession, and I knew that there was that chance when I enlisted.

I enlisted to help people, not to take money out of their wallets. I don't get any of the money out of the tickets I write and resent it when I hear people belittle us for doing our jobs. The easiest way in the world to avoid a ticket is obvious: Don't break the law. We get no credit for protecting the public, but we do get the blame for writing the ticket that puts points on a license.

Instead of trying to look through that microscope we live under, try to look at things through our eyes. You'll be surprised at how different things look. Instead of cursing that MP for using their light bar at the house next to yours at 2 in the morning, try thinking about why the cars are equipped with what is called emergency equipment in the first place. It is not an easy thing to do, but try it sometime.

Law enforcement personnel will be "the bad guys" as long as there are ticket books, but a little appreciation goes a long way. After all, the cop that writes you a ticket today may be the one that pulls you out of a burning car or house tomorrow. Which one is more important to you? They're both part of my job.

Name withheld by request

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# Redstone has environmental problems under control

BY PAM ROGERS

With the announcement that Redstone Arsenal has been added to the Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List, there has been some concern on the part of Redstone residents about the safety of living and working here.

The first thing that officials of the Missile Command's Environmental Management Office point out is that, despite the fact that Redstone does have some environmental problems, there is no danger to people who live and work here.

There are areas that contain hazardous materials, but these areas are not generally accessible, according to Bill Schroder of the Environmental Management Office.

"Most of these sites are in secluded areas that generally have restricted access to start with or are not readily accessible to the public due to their location in restricted areas.

"Some are fenced, and there are signs posted indicating the location of these contaminated areas," he said.

There have been problems with some people who tear the signs and fences down to gain access to some of the areas, but entering a contaminated area isn't generally dangerous, unless the materials are removed or the soil is disturbed, Schroder said.

"Our major problems are in the ground water," he said, adding there are no problems for people who walk around or hunt near the areas. Any water they contacted would be surface water.

## Origin of problems

To more fully understand why Redstone has environmental problems, one should have an idea of the things that have been done on this piece of land over the past 50 or so years.

Operations at Redstone Arsenal involving hazardous materials can be divided into three distinct categories. The first was chemical warfare production during World War II. The second was the period of industrial leases for the production of insecticides and other industrial chemicals, including chlorine, iron carbonyl, metal plating and propellants during the late 1940s through 1970. The third is rocket and guided missile research and testing beginning in 1949.

In 1941, as America armed itself for the war that seemed inevitable, the Army determined that there was a need for a new chemical warfare production facility. The spot chosen was roughly 32,000 acres of land bordering the Tennessee River southeast of the town of Huntsville.

Production at what was then Huntsville Arsenal began in March of 1942 and included mustard, lewisite, phosgene and tear gas. The arsenal also produced various colored smokes for use in grenades, white phosphorus, and gel-type incendiaries, such as napalm.

During the course of the war the complex of facilities at what is now Redstone Arsenal grew to include Redstone Ordnance Plant and the Gulf Chemical Warfare Depot. The ordnance plant, located on what is now the southeast portion of Redstone, produced burster charges, rifle grenades, bombs and demolition blocks. The facility also filled shells and with chemical munitions.

The depot was located on the extreme southern part of Redstone, with docks along the river. It received and issued bulk chemicals, chemical munitions, decontamination equipment, protective materials and gas mask spare parts.

All of these operations resulted in waste products that the Army disposed of according to the accepted

practices of the day. Some of the legacies of this era can still be seen in the form of filled-in, fenced and marked sludge ponds containing arsenic or acid. These areas are far away from the housing areas and are monitored closely.

At the end of World War II, the mission of Gulf Chemical Warfare Depot changed, along with its name. The word "warfare" was removed from the name and the facility became a major turn-in point for chemical weapons and their supporting equipment.

Thousands of tons of chemical ordnance were received, classified, and either stored on site or shipped to other locations during 1945 and 1946. The depot also had the mission of destroying German chemical ordnance captured during the war.

In 1947 Huntsville Arsenal was determined to be surplus to the Army's needs and plans were made to put it up for sale. Before the sale could be made, however, the complex had to be decontaminated.

A Chemical Corps Technical Escort Team spent over a year here demilitarizing and burning chemical ordnance, emptying chemical storage tanks and burning the contents, and making sweeps of "bone yards" and scrap metal heaps for forgotten chemical munitions. The team completed its mission in 1949.

Also in 1947, the Calabama Chemical Company and the John Powell Chemical Company leased some of the old chemical production buildings and began manufacturing the insecticide DDT. The Olin Corporation later took over the operation and production continued through 1970, when the Army terminated the lease because of concerns over DDT pollution. The Army cleaned up these sites in 1979 and 1980.

## Consent decree

In 1983 a consent decree was issued by the U.S. District Court to govern the cleanup by Olin of DDT contamination left behind in the Huntsville Spring Branch and Indian Creek system. Olin, using state-of-the-art techniques to remediate the creek system, completed its construction in 1987 and the area has been monitored since that time.

The Environmental Protection Agency last week held a public meeting in observation of the 10th anniversary of the consent decree and "one of the most successful remediations of an NPL site in the nation," according to Schroder.

The advent of guided missile and rocket production here in 1950 marked the beginning of Redstone's current environmental problems. The business of making, cleaning and disposing of rocket propellants requires heavy-duty solvents. Unfortunately, the accepted

handling practices in past years for these solvents turned out to be very detrimental to the environment, according to Schroder.

The main culprit is trichloroethylene, or TCE, now known to be a carcinogen, that is a super degreaser and came into widespread industrial use during World War II. It did a fine job of cleaning and flushing rocket motor production equipment after each use. The TCE was re-used several times but eventually became dirty and had to be disposed of. Because the TCE had explosive propellant in it the only approved method of disposal was open burning. TCE was disposed of in great quantities from about 1950 until 1980, Schroder said.

TCE is no longer used, but the dumps where it was disposed of, and the pits where it was burned along with spent rocket propellant, are among the 289 solid waste disposal sites on Redstone Arsenal. Almost half of these sites pose no danger whatsoever to the environment and will be managed as they exist. Ninety-one sites are the responsibility of Marshall Space Flight Center, and 198 are the responsibility of the Army.

A total of 47 of these sites have been or are being studied for remedial action. Interim remedial action at the worst of the sites has already begun, according to Schroder.

That site is an open-burn area situated inside a restricted area in the south-central portion of Redstone near the Tennessee River. From 1955 until 1980 spent rocket propellant contaminated with TCE was burned in two unlined, open pits. Unburned TCE leached into the soil and then into the ground water. The treatment facility under construction will pump out groundwater in the area, decontaminate it, and discharge clean, treated water back to the environment in accordance with requirements set forth by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

Plans are also under way to study the remaining 47 solid waste sites.

## Things to remember

There are a few things people who live and work here should remember, according to Schroder.

Even though areas of possible contamination on the installation are known, fenced and monitored, anyone who finds anything unusual, such as a shell or other ordnance, should not pick it up. Report it to the military police or the ammunition surveillance office immediately.

Also, obey contaminated area signs and don't cross fences that enclose these sites.

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Redstone Arsenal's commanding officer on Dec. 7, 1943. During these tours, he developed the arsenal into one of the best equipped, most productive munitions manufacturing centers in the nation. During World War II, Redstone Arsenal produced some 80 percent of the Army's chemical ammunition and never failed to meet a production quota. Redstone Arsenal won the coveted Army-Navy "E" Award five different times, and Hudson won the Legion of Merit for his outstanding achievements and expertise in the manufacture of munitions. Hudson left Redstone on March 15, 1946 to become commanding officer of Joliet Arsenal. That same year, he received a Regular Army appointment. In April 1947, he was assigned to the Philippines and later moved to Okinawa as Ordnance officer for the Ryukyus Command.

On Nov. 1948, Hudson was reassigned to Redstone Arsenal as commanding officer. During this tour, he guided the installation through a mammoth facility construction program for the development of ordnance rockets and guided missiles, while maintaining the capability for production of conventional ammunition. He also oversaw an expansion of the arsenal's mission to include field service and procurement responsibilities for rockets and guided missiles on a nationwide basis. One of his last acts before concluding his final tour at Redstone on May 7, 1952 was the establishment of the Provisional Redstone Ordnance School, predecessor of the present-day Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

In addition to being awarded the Legion of Merit, Hudson also received several other awards and decorations. These included the World War I and World War II Victory Medals, the American Defense Service Ribbon for duty prior to Pearl Harbor, and the American Theater Ribbon. Hudson died on June 4, 1992. In 1993, he was inducted into the U.S. Army Ordnance Hall of Fame.



HUDSON



MEDARIS

### Medaris biography

Medaris was born in Milford, Ohio on May 12, 1902. He graduated from Springfield, Ohio High School where he served as an officer in the Cadet Corps three years. Later he studied mechanical engineering at Ohio State University and was cadet captain in the ROTC. He left the university prior to graduation to accept a commission in the Regular Army.

Volunteering for service in the Marine Corps at the age of 16, Medaris served in France during World War I and was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal. He returned to Europe in 1944 as Ordnance officer, 1st Army, and served in that capacity until the end of World War II. He directed the efforts of 20,000 Ordnance troops supporting the combat elements.

Medaris served with II Corps in Tunisia and Sicily before joining headquarters, 1st Army, whose campaigns included those of Normandy, Northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe. As part of his duties as an Ordnance officer, it fell to Medaris to identify the first German V-2 rocket fired against the 1st Army in Europe.

In 1955 he arrived at Redstone Arsenal to command the newly-established Army Ballistic Missile Agency, where Medaris directed the work of a team of rocket scientists which included many of the German rocket pioneers who developed the V-2.

This team, headed by Wernher von Braun, developed the launch vehicle which sent the Free World's first earth satellite, Explorer I, into orbit the night of Jan. 31, 1958.

In March 1958 Medaris left ABMA to command the Army Ordnance Missile Command. Subordinate to this command were ABMA, the Army Rocket and

Guided Missile Agency, White Sands Missile Range, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Redstone Arsenal. Medaris was responsible for all Army Ordnance programs in the rocket, guided and ballistic missile, space fields.

Medaris retired from the Army in 1960 and in 1970 was ordained as a Episcopal priest. He died July 11, 1990 at his home in Highlands, N.C.

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# Letters

(Cont'd from page 2)

## Speeding dangerous

### Editor:

This is in response to the ("Speeding ticket") letter in the *Redstone Rocket* on July 14. As an MP on Redstone Arsenal, I feel a need to respond to this so-called "law abiding citizen" who admits to breaking the law. If you are such a "law abiding citizen," why don't you obey the law and go the speed limit?

First of all, I would like to thank the few people who do obey the law and go the speed limit through the gates. There aren't very many of you.

The question you brought up to the MP about the need or logic of the speed limit at the gates was addressed to the wrong person. If you are so concerned about the speed limits at the gate, then go through the proper channels and try to get it changed.

The only thing dangerous about the speed limit dropping to 25 mph is people like yourself, "law abiding citizens," who don't obey the law. You are the ones who are creating the traffic hazard. Not only for the "real" law abiding citizens, but, for the civilian guards and MPs who sometimes do decal checks at all the gates. When was the last time you tried to stand beside a busy "interstate" and check to ensure that all those who come through are actually authorized to enter. Also you show how aware of the situation you are by thinking that all traffic has to slow down, both entering and exiting, when in fact only those vehicles entering are required to slow down.

MPs, whether you like it or not, have a job to do. That includes enforcing the "posted" speed limits, even at the gates. The only reason we issue so many tickets is because there are, as you put it, so many "law abiding safe drivers like you" out there.

If you think that the article about MPs "cracking the whip on speeders" is such a joke, keep being the "law abiding safe driver" that you are. I can almost certainly promise you that sooner or later you will receive another citation. And with your attitude, possibly even enough to lose your on-post driving privileges. Then you can walk through gate 9 and get a feel for the necessity for the lower speed limits firsthand.

By your statement of wondering how many of those 576 tickets were issued to people in the housing, billeting and school areas where "speeding is dangerous," I take it that you condone speeding unless it is in one of those areas. Well, that's typical "law abiding safe driver" mentality. The mentality that is seldom involved physically, but, usually causes those three, four, five or six car traffic accidents which occur at these gates.

If you think this ticket is not right and so "unnecessary," then you should exercise your constitutional rights and take the MP to court. Maybe, just maybe the judge will see that you are a "law abiding safe driver" and let you off the hook.

I could only hope that your insurance company will raise your rates in recognition of your "law abiding safe driver" habits. Then maybe you will realize that the laws are there for a reason, and breaking them is not the way to change them. It also gives your children, if you have any, a very good role model to emulate.

If it were within my authority, I would require anyone who was convicted of speeding through one of the gates to actually have to work an eight-hour shift checking decals and issuing visitor's passes just so you could understand the jeopardy you place the civilian guards and MPs, who periodically do decal checks, in when you "law abiding safe drivers" enter Redstone Arsenal.

One of our missions here at Redstone Arsenal is to make everyone's lives as safe as possible. The actions of these "law abiding safe drivers" place everyone else in danger.

Speeding is dangerous and illegal regardless of whether you are coming into gate 9 from the highway or riding through the housing areas. And I, for one, will continue to give these "law abiding safe drivers" their \$50 citations (as well as the points on their state drivers licenses) until everyone gets the message. But, of course, you do provide me with job security.

I would like to add that the entire contents of this letter in no way represent official policy in any way, shape or form. This letter is based solely on my personal opinion and beliefs.

Name withheld by request

## MPs here to help

### Editor:

In reference to the letter "Speeding ticket" printed in the July 14 edition of *Redstone Rocket*: If the driver is such a "law-abiding safe" driver, then why were they speeding when they know the limits posted? Just because there are no guards at the gates does not call for disregarding speed limits or any other violation.

I do not see that the MPs parking behind the gate shack are "hiding." They are in plain view as you pass the gates and if you are such "law-abiding" and "safe" drivers, then you would not have to worry about MPs who are doing their jobs.

No one seems to care about the MPs unless they get caught doing something wrong. Then all people comment on is that tickets and other such consequences are the only thing MPs are good for.

Please, next time you get stopped, think about how the MPs are here to help. If we didn't have law and order with the MPs to help us, there would be a lot more accidents, violence, and death. The speed limits and MPs are here for a reason, your safety. Please help out and be as much of one of the actual "law-abiding safe" drivers as possible.

Linda Nelson  
Redstone resident

## Special community

### Members of the Redstone Arsenal community:

As we leave Redstone Arsenal to take command of the Dental Activity at Fort Knox, Ky., we would like to thank you all for the friendship and support we have received during our three years here.

This is a very special community as we all know and as the Army has recognized with the Army Community of Excellence Award.

We are proud to have been a part of such a fine organization and we will be watching as you go on to win this year's overall best installation in the Army award.

Jim, Bev, John, Mark D'Anna  
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## Speed limits

### Editor:

(Reference the "Speeding ticket" letter in the July 14 Mailbox.)

The Provost Marshal Office in coordination with the Traffic Management Office, Directorate of Engineering and Housing is currently reviewing the posted speed limits of Redstone Arsenal, which includes the gate speeds.

Since the gates are still manned periodically during the day and full time during the evening hours, some form of device is proposed that would allow the gate operator to change the posted speed limit while the gate is in operation. This proposal would possibly be some form of illuminated sign or flashing sign to alert the motorist of the change in speed limit. Obviously, this procedure will take some time to complete and certainly a cost factor to consider.

At the present time, posted speed limits are there for the safety and consideration of others. If one person enters a speed zone at 25 mph and is obeying that speed limit and another person enters the speed zone at an accelerated speed considerably above that limit, then the safety of both operators and every person around is endangered. Personnel exceeding speed limits to the point of endangerment could be cited with reckless driving as well.

Please allow time for the system to work and obey the posted speed limits, if not for yourself, for the safety of others.

Provost Marshal Office

## Rules of road

### Editor:

After reading all the letters about MPs trying to make this post a safer place, I have found it necessary to respond. The place that I feel that safety should be

stressed the most, is in the housing area. I have lived in housing since October of 1992. It makes me very sick to see all that goes on in the housing area. What makes it worse, nothing is done about it. First, a majority of the children living in the housing area have a blatant disregard for the rules of the road. I am speaking of the ones who are riding bicycles. When I drive my car in the housing area, I move at a crawl because I know that a child might just come out from a driveway, behind a car into the road. Or they might even ignore the stop sign posted on the road on which they are traveling. Second, children are constantly just running into the street. My siblings and I grew up in areas very similar to the housing area, but we were taught to respect the rules of the road. We were also supervised when we were outside at young ages. I know what it is like to be a bicycle rider on the streets. I ride my bike frequently to work. I obey the rules of the road, to include the use of hand signals. I'm asking that parents educate their children a little bit about playing in or around street areas. I am also asking that the MPs set up some kind of bicycle driving class to educate children about the rules of the road. I write this letter, not in annoyance that I am always stopping to yield right-of-way to children, but in fear that someday a child might get seriously hurt or maybe even killed.

Kevin W. Haimovici

## Confidentiality

### Editor:

How much confidentiality is afforded to a letter writer who requests that his name be withheld? If a third party inquires as to the name of the author of such a letter, does the *Rocket* steadfastly refuse to provide the name or are there circumstances under which the name would be provided? If such circumstances exist, what are they?

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: David G. Harris, MICOM public affairs officer, provided the following response. "An individual who writes a letter to the editor of this newspaper and requests that we withhold his or her name can be assured that PAO personnel will protect the identity of the writer. We have never identified an individual letter writer to a third party.

"We prefer signed letters. We will print unsigned letters provided you sign them and tell us to withhold your name.

"We reserve the right to edit any letter.")

## Accident witness

### Editor:

On Wednesday, July 14th, I was involved in a car accident coming in gate 9 (Rideout Road, just inside the fence) at approximately 1:35 p.m. If anyone witnessed this accident, please contact Sharon Armstrong at 842-7590. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Sharon Armstrong

### Sign your letter

Letters will not be considered for publication in the *Redstone Rocket* unless they are signed and contain an address or phone number for the writer. Names are withheld on request but unsigned letters will not be used. Send letters to: *Redstone Rocket*, AMSMI-IN.

## Ex-Redstone soldier dies in Kansas

CSM John Woodyard, 45, formerly of Huntsville, died July 14 in Frankfurt, Germany.

His funeral will be Thursday in Scranton, Kan., with burial in Osage City, Kan.

Woodyard was in the Army 19 years. During that time he was stationed at Redstone Arsenal on two occasions. Survivors include his wife, Julia, daughters, Tamara Olive of Rota, Spain and Matcna Moebes of Orlando, Fla., parents John R. and Gilberta Woodyard of Lyndon, Kan., a sister and three brothers.

# Fort Hood calibrators convoy here for exercise

BY SKIP VAUGHN

TMDE Activity is observing calibration team members from Fort Hood, Texas, in action along with their hardware to get a realistic idea of the test, measurement and diagnostic equipment needs of today's soldier.

The Area TMDE Support Team and its equipment departed Fort Hood July 9; and its stay here is expected to last about two weeks. The soldiers arrived with their two calibration vans and two personnel carriers.

Some engineers and logisticians with Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity are observing the equipment recertification process, and how the team calibrates its equipment.

"Up to this point everything is going about as well as can be expected. The feedback that I'm getting is there's some valuable lessons being learned," said WO Mitch Steverson, the detachment commander from Fort Hood. Organizations involved include TMDE Activity, TMDE Support Group, 74th Maintenance Battalion, 95th Maintenance Company, and the Fort Hood detachment.

This calibration exercise for the week of July 12 was requested by the director of TMDE Activity. An informational memo states, "A complete calibration (reference and transfer level) of all Fort Hood equipment will take place at the 95th Maintenance Company. The purpose of the exercise is to evaluate the time, procedures, and equipment required to calibrate a complete AN/GSM-286/287 Calibration Set. From this effort, a report will be generated analyzing the data and documenting specific hardware/software problems. Also, USATA (TMDE Activity) management personnel will have the opportunity to observe the AN/GSM-286/287 calibration process."

Steverson describes the exercise as a fact-finding mission. "Better ways of doing business is what they're looking at," he said. "From what I've been hearing, it's not just going to affect the soldier out in the field, the 35-Hotel TMDE specialist; it's also going to affect our civilian counterparts that have calibration teams out there."

Normally, specific equipment from a detachment is recertified periodically when due for a checkup. In this particular exercise, the Fort Hood detachment brought all its vehicles and equipment whether or not they were due for certification.

This is not an evaluation of the detachment's performance but rather an effort to deliver a realistic picture of how a TMDE unit and its equipment operate. "It's supposed to be a no-pressure, do the best job you can, and get them actual real world data," Steverson said.

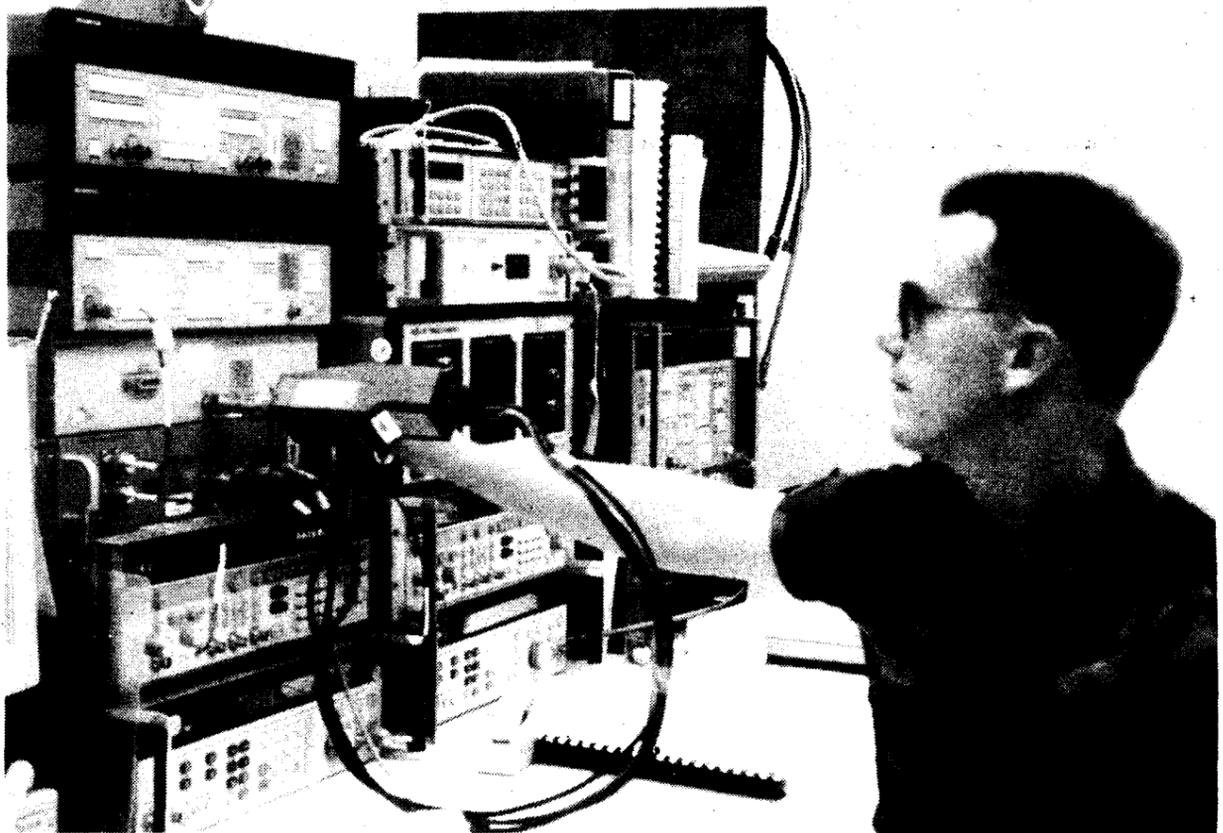
Other members of the detachment team include SSgt. Steven Fischer, NCO-in-charge; Sgt. Philip Mistretta, Sgt. George Coulson, Cpl. Ronnie Brasel, Spec. Stephen Hogue, Spec. Denis Gizinski, and the supply person, Spec. Lourdes Colon. The detachment supports the 2nd Armored Division and the 13th Corps Support Command, both of Fort Hood.

The exercise benefits the soldiers by giving them the opportunity for input in today's TMDE world and benefits the civilians by enabling them to see the military side for planning purposes, according to Steverson.

"Although it's been stressful sometimes in getting here and getting set up day to day, if this data is used the way we've been told it'll be used it's been well-worth the effort," he said. "We may not have enjoyed riding 900 miles here, and we may not enjoy riding 900 miles back but we're proud to do the job the director's asked us to do."



FROM FORT HOOD — Fort Hood soldiers, from left, Gizinski, Hogue, Brasel and Mistretta, pose in front of one of the two five-ton, expansible calibration vans they brought with them to Redstone. They are part of an eight-member team.



CALIBRATING EQUIPMENT — Sgt. Brian Emperley of 95th Maintenance Company checks out a signal generator work station brought from Fort Hood.

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# TOW team members recognized for their Somalia trip

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Two members of TOW Project Office were honored July 13 for their participation in a team that went to Somalia after reports of TOW missile failures.

Lt. Col. William Nichols, who led the six-man team, received the Meritorious Service Medal. John Bier, an engineer, received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service. The team was in Somalia June 17-30 to determine missile failure causes and take necessary corrective action.

"It continues to demonstrate to all of us the teamwork between TOW Project Office and the MICOM community," said Lt. Col. Robert Armbruster, the TOW project manager.

George Williams, program executive officer for tactical missiles, said, "I think the job that this team did is outstanding, and I want to congratulate all of you for the great job that you did." Williams presented the Meritorious Service Medal to Nichols.

Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, pointed out that 16 TOW missiles were fired the previous night with 16 hits on the target. "So, you guys did a super job over there," said Rigby, who presented the Commander's Award to Bier.

The other members of the team included Hans Tees and Mike Wells, both from Hughes Aircraft; and Arthur Goding and Romero Morin, both from Corpus Christi Army Depot.

No single contributing factor for the failures was determined, according to Nichols. "No single factor has been positively identified, and we have a full team of MICOM and contractor personnel who are currently working on that feverishly both here at Redstone Arsenal, Tucson, Ariz., and El Segundo, Calif.," he said. "We're not only looking at the missile but we're looking at hardware from the helicopter. We're looking at live missiles that we brought back from Somalia and we're looking at missile debris from missiles that



**HONOREES** — Lt. Col. Nichols received the Meritorious Service Medal while Bier received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service for their participation as members of a TOW team that went to Somalia.

we recovered from Somalia that had previously been fired."

Nichols, 39, from Haleyville, Ala., has been in the Army for 17 years. He has been with TOW Project Office a little over a year; this is his second time with TOW. His title in the project office is assistant project manager for missiles. Nichols is a single parent of two children: son, Ryan, 10, and daughter, Ashley, 4.

Referring to his team Nichols said, "What we did was very minor in comparison to the fact that we're still having soldiers over there that are putting their life on the line over there (in Somalia) every day. We got to come home quickly, they stayed."

People here should not forget that the work they do

— filling requisitions, etc. — provides support those U.S. soldiers in Somalia, Nichols said. "If they lose sight of that, then they have lost sight of what their real job is," he said. He added that every requisition filled, and every problem corrected, ultimately affects the soldier in the field.

"I was given an award today that I don't feel like I earned; I feel there's a lot of people here behind the scenes that helped us. We couldn't do it alone. And we did nothing special except what we were asked to do," Nichols said.

Bier, 31, is a native of Sandusky, Ohio. He began his government career in 1984 and has been with the project office since 1988. Bier and his wife, Beverly, have a 3-year-old son, Austin. Unlike the other members of the team that went to Somalia, he had no prior military background. Bier called his first trip to a combat zone, "exciting, adventurous."

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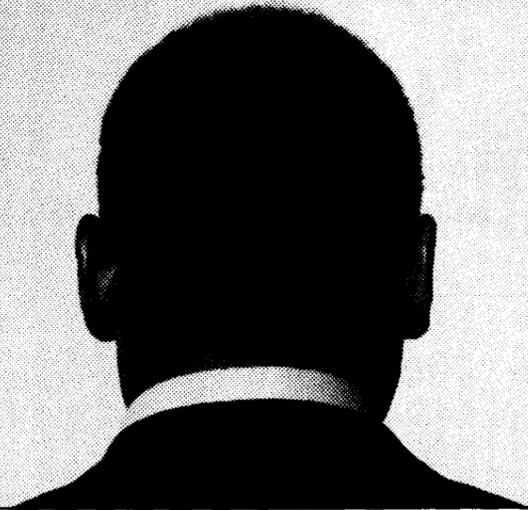
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# OMMCS sergeant returns from Somalia assignment

BY TONY RAMOS

After spending the better of six months in Somalia, Sgt. Denise Brooks has returned to OMMCS and her job at the Security Division.

Brooks had said she was looking forward to her Somalia assignment; and apparently it measured up to her expectations. While in Somalia, Brooks worked as an administrative section sergeant in the operations section of the Command in charge of the Somalia relief effort operation. This job brought her face-to-face with Col. Brian Lee, a former commander here of the 73rd and 832nd Ordnance Battalions. Lee was Brooks' supervisor while she was there. Lee has also returned to Redstone and is special assistant to the executive director of Logistics Support Activity.

If things got rough, tense or edgy during the assignment, it's hard to tell because you won't ever hear Brooks complain. Brooks is dedicated to the Army and holds strong convictions in her role in the military.

She tried to extend her stay in Somalia, but due to administrative technicalities she was unable to do so: A soldier can go on temporary duty for up to 179 days; one more day and it becomes a permanent change of station move. This, and other Army guidelines, prevented her from extending her stay.

Back on the Arsenal, Brooks was quite busy her first week here. Her husband, SFC Lucky Robertson III, returned from his Korean tour that same weekend. Now they are taking a well-deserved vacation which includes going to Texas to pick up the three children who were left with an aunt while Brooks went to Somalia.



WELCOME HOME — Brooks, fourth from left, is greeted by Capt. Don Drummond, company commander of HHC 832nd, while other staff members of the unit look on. A banner, hung June 24 at the entrance of the company's building, says "Welcome Home Denise Brooks."

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# Garnes, Gormley win annual 5K races at UAH

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Despite the humidity and annoying gnats, Leo Garnes and Debbie Gormley outclassed their respective fields in the Women's Distance Festival 5K (3.1 mile) races held Saturday night at UAH.

Garnes, 25, from the island of Barbados, won the men's race in 15 minutes and 33 seconds. Gormley, 26, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., won the women's race which followed in 18:05.

"I was looking to break 15 minutes at least," said Garnes, a member of the track team at Alabama A&M University. This was his first 5K on the roads; his only previous 5K was a 14:20 on the track. Garnes represented Barbados in the 5000 in the 1992 Olympics at Barcelona.

"This race tells me what I need to do for cross-country season at A&M," Garnes said. "The season starts late August."

Gormley was running her first race in a month after finishing 13th in Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, Minn., June 19 in a nifty 2 hours, 45 minutes and 43 seconds. In this 5K race at University of Alabama-Huntsville, she successfully defended her title from last year and lowered her winning time from 18:17 — despite the humidity and the gnats. "It was hot," she said, referring to the humidity. Gormley said she got "soaked" while warming up for the race.

"Let's not talk about the gnats," she said, adding that those flying pests made the air seem thicker.

There were 230 finishers in the men's race which started at 7 p.m., and 149 finishers in the women's race which began at 7:45. This annual event is sponsored by Huntsville Track Club.

Overall and age group winners include the following:

- Male:** Overall — Leo Garnes (15:33).  
 Master — Andy Nathan (16:50).  
 Age 7 — David Sanders (24:21). Age 8 — Eric Little (32:27). Age 9 — Allan Dull (33:59). Age 11 — Eric Warren (19:27). Age 12 — Jordan Leo (22:55). Age 14 — Brandon Hill (24:06). Age 15 — Cameron Brown (17:06). Age 16 — Michael Salmon (18:27). Age 17 — Gene Kowel (20:31). Age 18 — Mike Lemaster (16:51). Age 19 — Rob Esslinger (17:09). Age 20 — Adam Sheppard (17:18). Age 21 — Marc St. John (20:17). Age 23 — Carlisle (full name unavailable) (21:07). Age 24 — Craig Armstrong (16:58). Age 25 — David Puritan (16:39). Age 26 — Tim Horvath (16:34). Age 27 — Ricky Austen (16:54). Age 28 — Dink Taylor (17:20). Age 29 — Dewayne Satterfield (16:55). Age 30 — David Mayo (16:43). Age 31 — Mark Dummer (17:12). Age 32 — John Quinlivan (17:36). Age 33 — Jay Hillis (17:33). Age 34 — Jim Puckett (18:54). Age 35 — Mike Allen (16:45). Age 36 — Charlie VanValkenburg (17:42). Age 37 — Joe Francica (17:19). Age 38 — Dixon Duffett (19:53). Age 39 — For-



DEFENDED TITLE — Gormley relaxes after winning the Women's Distance Festival 5K for the second consecutive year.

rest Callicutt (19:20). Age 40 — George Prude (20:58). Age 41 — Terry McCullar (17:44). Age 42 — Don Evans (20:47). Age 43 — Al Rosenberger (17:53). Age 44 — Michael Crouse (17:17). Age 45 — Dave Micale (17:36). Age 46 — Carol Nicholson (17:45). Age 47 — Tom Armstrong (21:02). Age 48 — George Franklin (20:43). Age 49 — Jim Upton (19:47). Age 50 — Mike Moran (24:18). Age 51 — Ray Farley (21:29). Age 52 — Brian Miller (21:10). Age 53 — Ray Fanning (22:42). Age 54 — Jim Oaks (20:13). Age 55 — Johnny Rushing (24:24). Age 56 — Carl Senkbeil (24:54). Age 57 — Tim Hopper (20:51). Age 58 — Sam Graham (25:12). Age 59 — Charles Terrell (22:09). Age 60 — Malcolm Gillis (18:53). Age 61 — Lyman Jackson (23:56). Age 62 — Frank Key (27:48). Age 65 — Mike Dooley (28:16). Age 67 — Jay Grove (26:24). Age 68 — Gene Simonson (28:09). Age 72 — E.R. Ritch (29:13).

**Female:** Overall — Debbie Gormley (18:05).  
 Master — Sandra Berg (22:49). Age 7 — Anna Czuchurski (29:37). Age 8 — Amanda Webster (34:33). Age 9 — Tiffany Wilborn (31:46). Age 10 — Sarah Evans (26:30). Age 11 — Natalie Fahey (21:03). Age 12 — Meg Crosby (27:41). Age 15 — Laurie Davis (20:09). Age 17 — Jennifer Dull (22:13). Age 18 — Margaret Robinson (18:47). Age 19 — Rachel Scissom (28:53). Age 20 — Kristen Roberts (22:00). Age 21 — Linda McKinney (25:31). Age 23 — Sheryl Dummer (21:13). Age 24 — Laura Hayes (25:09). Age 25 — Lorna Bader (24:57). Age 26 — Samantha Law (24:17). Age 27 — Kristen Martin (23:12). Age 28 — Becky Winter (24:54). Age 29 — Sally Wilging (21:23). Age 30 — Jill Parker (21:49). Age 31 — Laurie Mauldin (19:11). Age 32 — Michelle Pate (20:24). Age 33 — Julie Zingarelli (22:32). Age 34 — Barbara Saunders (19:56). Age 35 — Ovella Jessee (25:22). Age 36 — Angie Buckley (24:15). Age 37 — Ginny Hornberger (21:34). Age 38 — Sandra Youngblood (25:50). Age 39 — Pat Guillebeau (24:24). Age 40 — Diane Shelton (24:07). Age 41 — Nancy Sheppard (21:41). Age 42 — Judy Granger (24:43). Age 43 — Judith Campbell (25:35). Age 44 — Kathy Tooker (22:53). Age 45 — Betty Jones (32:28). Age 46 — Sally Nolan (26:47). Age 48 — Susan Bryan (32:57). Age 49 — B.G. Crittenden (28:03). Age 51 — Jenny Street (24:53). Age 52 — Alice Hoffman (27:28). Age 55 — Jane Mitchell (36:10). Age 56 — Barbara Meyer (25:22). Age 58 — Shirley Feaux (40:44). Age 59 — Boots Hill (33:21). Age 65 — Betty Dooley (29:55).



OMMCS ON DISPLAY — These three illustrators for the Missile Command's Corporate Information Center — from left Greg Smith, Raejene North and Earl Jackson — did this impressive display that will represent the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School as a traveling exhibit. Though Missile Command employees they work at OMMCS building 3321 (TV Branch building), and take care of OMMCS graphic/illustrative needs. The team of illustrators has been doing some outstanding work for OMMCS and the 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

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# Redstone Arsenal Thrift Shop has successful year

The Redstone Arsenal Thrift Shop contributed about \$22,800 to the local community during the past year.

Marylin Day, publicity chairman for the Thrift Shop, provided the following release: "The volunteer and paid staff of the Redstone Arsenal Thrift Shop are to be commended for a great year. Due to the long hours and hard work by all, the Redstone Arsenal Thrift Shop Welfare donations to the community were a grand total of \$22,796.32 from June 1992 through May 1993. We would like to thank the community for letting us help them in their time of need.

"Solicitations from the community are welcome and our welfare contributions will be decided upon and given out on a quarterly basis. The Redstone Arsenal Thrift Shop Board will review all new welfare con-

tribution requests at their August 1993 meeting," the release concluded.

Here is a list of Thrift Shop welfare donations as of May 25:

- Academy for Science and Foreign Language, \$500; Army Community Service, \$250; American Red Cross (First Aid on Redstone Arsenal), \$165; American Red Cross (Teddy Bears, RSA), \$200; American Red Cross (HIV/AIDS Peer training), \$1,050; Boy Scout Troop 308 (Trailer), \$2,300; Boy Scout Troop 308, \$300

- Butler High School Civitan Club, \$100; Butler High School Girls Soccer Team, \$120; Challenger Elementary School, \$261.95; Consolidated Chaplains Fund (Food Baskets), \$3,500; Elderly Mission Faith Presbyterian Church, \$720; Fox Army Community

Hospital Medical-Surgical Ward, \$1,712; Gift Certificate to Officers Wives Club Fundraiser, \$50; Gift Certificate to Volunteer Luncheon, \$50; Girl Scouts of North Alabama, \$500; Madison School SAVE, \$2,336; Magics Basketball Team RSA, \$100; Military Retiree Day, \$100

- Redstone Arsenal Girl Scouts, \$500; Scholarships to Space Camp/Academy (4), \$2,500; St. Vincent De Paul Society (Holy Spirit), \$500; St. Vincent De Paul Society (St. Joseph's), \$1,000; Total Tots RSA, \$2,000; United Cerebral Palsy of Huntsville/Tennessee Valley, \$367.87; Westlawn Middle School Band, \$1,000; Williams Elementary School (toward Stage Curtain), \$500; and Volunteer Luncheon Sheet-cakes, \$113.50.



**BIG SENDOFF** — MSgt. Gary Curtis, chief of Ordnance representative at the Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Va., got a big sendoff in a luncheon held in his honor at the Challenger Club. Curtis, who was assigned to Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, was pivotal in helping Ordnance soldiers reclassify into new occupations when the drawdown put the "bite" into many careers. Curtis is currently attending the Sergeant Major Course at Fort Bliss, Texas. At the luncheon Col. William Stirling, OMMCS commandant, left, presents him with the Meritorious Service Medal.

## Jobs bill aimed at aiding new veterans

Recent veterans whose military skills don't readily transfer to civilian jobs may now get help from a new federal training program that will pay certain costs to participating private employers, said Samuel Maraman, director of the VA regional office in Montgomery.

The Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act (SMOCTA) is aimed at veterans discharged after Aug. 1, 1990, who have had difficulty getting steady work. Jointly implemented by the departments of Defense, Labor and Veterans Affairs, the program will pay wage reimbursements up to \$10,000 to employers who establish approved training and offer prospects of long-term employment. Reimbursement of up to \$12,000 is available for training certain disabled veterans.

"This program not only provides jobs for veterans, but it also provides an excellent opportunity for employers, including small businesses, to add employees to their workforce and get help in offsetting training costs at the same time," Maraman said.

VA will perform program administration activities along with the Department of Labor. VA will also provide educational, vocational and readjustment counseling to qualified veterans who are interested in these services. The Department of Defense is funding \$75 million earmarked for employers who provide jobs to qualified veterans.

To qualify, a veteran must have been honorably discharged from active military service after Aug. 1, 1990, and served for more than 90 days, unless discharged earlier because of a service-connected disability. Eligibility is then based on either the Defense Department's determination that the veteran's primary or secondary occupational specialty is not readily transferable to the civilian workforce, or the veteran is unemployed at the time of application and for at least eight of the 15 weeks immediately preceding application. Eligibility also is extended to veterans discharged after Aug. 1, 1990, who have a VA service-connected disability rating of 30 percent or more.

Employers can apply to participate in SMOCTA by contacting the nearest employment or job service office for details, applications and assistance in establishing approved training programs. Veterans also may contact their nearest employment or job service office for assistance, or call their nearest VA regional office toll-free at 1-800-827-1000. (VA release)



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# ACOE kickoff celebration should be fun for everyone

The Redstone Arsenal community is invited to help kick off the 1993-94 ACOE campaign on July 28, from 11 a.m. until close of business, at recreation area 2 near the Tennessee River. Rain date is July 29.

"This is our opportunity not only to say 'thank you' to everyone who made our 1992-93 winning possible, but to start the coming year's effort off in a positive, fun celebration," states a news release.

Included in these Army Communities of Excellence festivities are games, prizes, entertainment, food, and "the chance to socialize with your peers and co-workers in a relaxed and informal setting while supporting this year's celebration."

Door prizes are sponsored by SatoTravel, American Airlines, Walt Disney World, Dollar Rent a Car, Huntsville Stars, Huntsville Marriott, Choice Hotels International, Space and Rocket Center, Dollywood, Dixie Stampede, and more.

"You won't want to miss it! See you there," the release concludes.



**FOR THE COMMUNITY** — Ricky Sauls, a graphics illustrator with Directorate of Community and Family Activities, displays the 1993-94 ACOE poster, flyer and t-shirt at the Post Exchange bulletin board. ACOE t-shirts are available for \$5 at the Recreation Center, building 3711.

## Here's the ACOE kickoff schedule

Here is a schedule of events for the ACOE Kickoff, July 28 at recreation area 2 (rain date is July 29):

- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. — personnel arrive; lunch served; signup for games including volleyball, adult and youth softball, badminton, basketball, and horseshoe pitching teams.
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. — background music.
- 12:55 p.m. — introduction of the commanding general.
- 1-1:15 — ACOE remarks by Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.
- 1:15-1:30 — door prizes.
- 1:30-4:30 — organized games begin.
- 4:30 — cleanup.

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

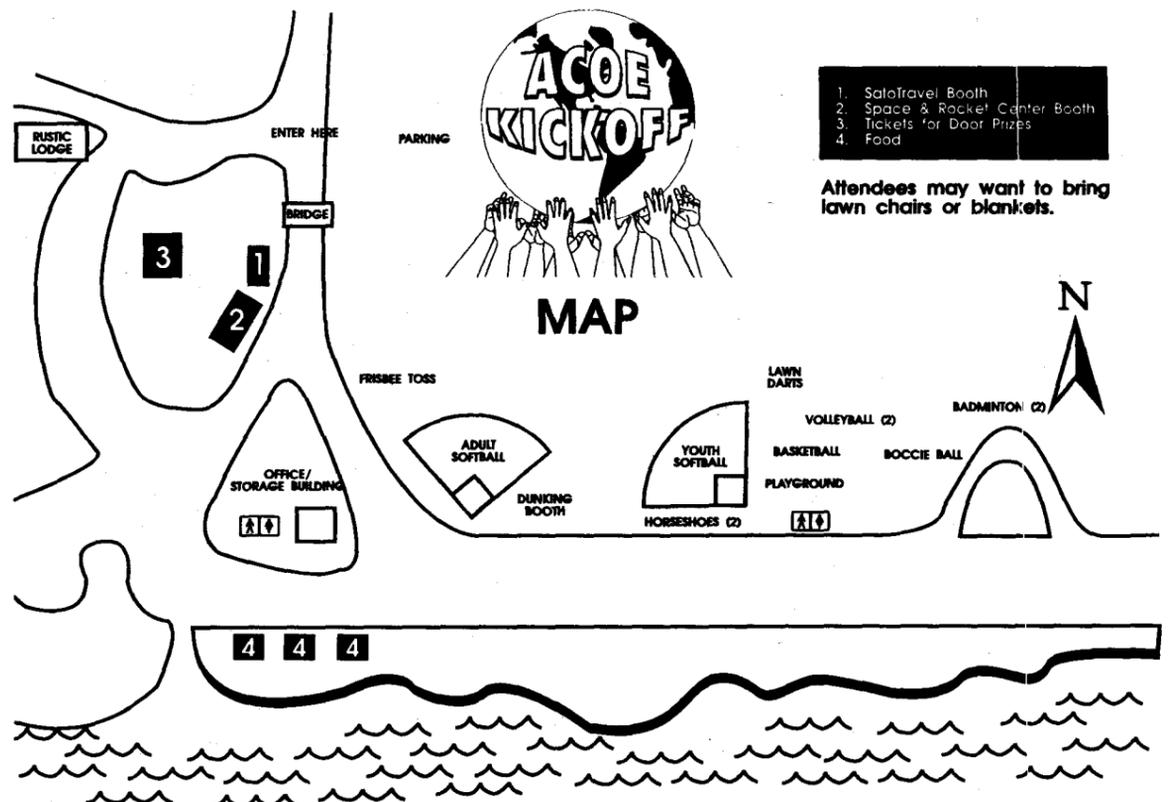
**BY MICHELLE JENNESS-STULTS**

The entire Redstone community is invited to Joe Davis Stadium on July 26 at 7:35 p.m. for Redstone Arsenal's "Buy Out Night." This is sure to be an exciting baseball game with the Huntsville Stars playing the Greenville Braves, Atlanta's double-A affiliate. A rain date of July 27, 7:35 p.m. is set.

Free tickets are available at the Recreation Center, Post Exchange, Commissary, MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) facilities, and from military representatives. Each ticket admits four persons. Upgrades are available (reserve seat \$2, and box seat \$3).

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# People



**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** — John Simmons of MLRS Project Office has his blood pressure checked by Red Cross volunteer Wilma Fancher last Thursday in building 5250. The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign in conjunction with the United Way of Madison County offered blood pressure screening conducted by the American Red Cross, Madison County Chapter. Some 231 people had their blood pressure checked that day, according to George Gunter, the Missile Command's CFC coordinator. "It's just a continuance in a series of United Way/CFC seminars or events," he said.



**MERIT AWARD** — Lt. Col. Dennis Loeffelholz, product manager for systems integration in the Tri-Service Standoff Attack Missile (TSSAM) Project Office, receives the Legion of Merit during an award ceremony July 12. He retires from the Army July 31. George Williams, program executive officer for tactical missiles, makes the presentation while Loeffelholz's wife, Jane, looks on.

The following people received awards or were promoted within the past month:

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# Seven more SSSC contracting workers earn degrees

BY GERDA SHERRILL

The Space and Strategic Defense Command recently gained seven additional academic degrees in its Contracting and Acquisition Management Office. Larry Ridgeway graduated from Florida Institute of Technology with a master's degree in management. Linda Bentley, Amy Bradley, Astrid Lahiere, Joanne Lewonczyk, Belinda Peck and Robbie Phifer finished at Athens State College with bachelor degrees in business administration.

Personal satisfaction, goal setting, and burning ambition were the driving forces that pushed these seven employees of all ages (ranging from 28 to 57) toward completion while juggling jobs, families and school for periods of six up to 13 years. In some cases, they promised themselves to pursue the next higher degree, having recognized the value of education in today's competitive job market.

Bentley, a supervisory contract specialist, graduated magna cum laude, has one daughter, three sons, one 3-year-old granddaughter, and a patient husband, Maurice. "I want to advance in my chosen career field," she stated, "and night classes at Athens were the most feasible way." Now she might be able to enjoy her hobbies of sewing, gardening, and the arts all over again.

Bradley, a procurement analyst, has a 10-year-old son and is vice president of the Arab Gymnastics Parent Club. She said, "It was important for me to finish school, to make the commitment to do so, and to know that I could — that's what makes me feel great." She intends to take a break now, spend time with her son, and take in some water skiing, horseback riding, and boating.

Lahiere, secretary to the chief, graduated summa cum laude, is married to Joseph, a retired SSSC employee who is now a realtor, has two sons — Richard who has a doctorate in chemical engineering, and Julien with a master's degree in clinical psychology — and a 2-year-old granddaughter, Jamie. "My hopes and ambitions for the future are to become a better person," she said, "to use my abilities to help myself and others, and to use my education to advance in my career."

Lewonczyk, a contract specialist, also graduated summa cum laude, is married to Don, a cattle rancher, has three sons and three grandchildren, and is ready for more challenges in the acquisition field. "I plan to spend more time helping with the cattle, hay, and the rest of the ranch life," she stated. "My husband has been extremely patient and supportive throughout my seven years of evening classes."

Peck, also a contract specialist, had always wanted to obtain a degree and now hopes to advance in the procurement career field. "My two children, Kelli, age 9, and Drew, age 5, are extremely happy to be spending more evenings with me now that my studies are behind me," she said. To top it all off, she might even find time to get married again.

Phifer, a contract specialist, graduated summa cum laude from Athens and lives with her husband, Steve, in Elkton, Tenn. She began her college career in 1983 with a scholarship to Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tenn., and started to work with the government in 1984. "My future plans include the serious pursuit of a master's degree in contract management," she said.

Ridgeway, a procurement analyst, is married and has two sons, Paul and Sean. He had been driven by the desire to improve and enhance his leadership and supervisory skills and said, he now hopes to move into a management position soon where he will be able to



RECENT GRADUATES — From left are Bentley, Lewonczyk, Lahiere, Phifer, Bradley and Peck. Not shown is Ridgeway.

apply these skills. In the meantime, he enjoys jogging, watching baseball, and church activities.

SSDC Huntsville has been the center of excellence for ballistic missile defense technology development for more than 36 years and proudly counts 518 bachelor, 202 master, and 41 doctorate degrees among its professional civilian work force of 1,112, thus in-

creasing the percentage of "degreed" employees to slightly more than 68 percent. As Brig. Gen. Jan A. Van Prooyen, SSSC's deputy commander, stated in his first town hall meeting, "my organization does not have any visible facilities such as laboratories or firing ranges, it consists primarily of people, and we are only as good as our people."

## MICOM recognized for employment of deaf

The Missile Command has been recognized by the Alabama Association of the Deaf for its employment of deaf people over the past three decades.

MICOM received an "Alabama Employer Award" at the association's state convention in Birmingham June 24-26. The award recognized this command for its "commitment to employment of deaf people for over 29 years."

As of July 14, 45 MICOM workers had some degree of deafness, according to Bernard Collier of the Missile Command's Equal Employment Opportunity Office. This includes 39 workers who are hard of hearing (total deafness in one ear or inability to hear ordinary conversation, correctable with a hearing aid); five who have total deafness in both ears with understandable speech; and one who has total deafness in both ears and is unable to speak clearly.

The Huntsville chapter of Alabama Association of the Deaf, in a paper nominating MICOM for the Employer Award, stated, "Civilian Personnel Office, including the coordinator for the physically handicapped, has performed outstanding hiring practices of deaf people for the Missile Command and its support groups. The number of deaf employees has been variable with as many as 30 or more in the time period.

"U.S. Army Missile Command and its support groups have worked in concert together motivating their deaf employees to set high standards on their jobs

and have encouraged them to make significant productivity contributions to their defense works, resulting in numerous awards for them. The Missile Command and the Woman's Program in Equal Opportunity Office are aware of the deaf employees' capabilities to the effect that they have provided deaf employees opportunities to obtain more training in order to improve their job performances," the nomination paper said.

During the state convention, James C. Arthur of Grant was elected president of the Alabama Association of the Deaf. Thomas Wheeler, a deaf aerospace engineer at Marshall Space Flight Center, received the National Association of the Deaf's Golden Hand Award.

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# Depot doing good job of overhaul on MLRS vehicles

RED RIVER ARMY DEPOT, Texas — A “roll-out” ceremony marked the successful achievements under a contract at Red River Army Depot to repair and overhaul Multiple Launch Rocket System vehicles.

Two of the tracked MLRS vehicles recently rolled off the depot production lines and were formally turned over to officials from the Missile Command in the ceremony.

The two vehicles were the first of 13 that will be repaired at the depot under the terms of an \$8.7-million contract awarded by MICOM last year.

Work done under the contract includes detailed inspection and repair of the MLRS units, and rebuild and overhaul of the launcher system, as required.

When completed, each vehicle will have a new engine, new track and road wheels, new electrical wiring, and other modifications. Each vehicle will also be repainted to give it a “like new” appearance.

The MLRS maintenance contract was the first major contract awarded to Red River after the Department of Defense implemented procedures requiring competition between military depots and civilian industry for certain types of work.

“Last year, we were in direct competition with private industry to win this contract,” said Col. Thomas A. Dunn, deputy commander, “and our successful work now underlines the fact that our workload and livelihood depend on delivery of a quality product, on time, and at a competitive cost.”

John D. Keeton, representing MICOM at the ceremony, noted that competition between private industry and the military will be a way of doing business in the future.

“In fact,” he said, “the future in Defense belongs to those who give the highest quality at the lowest price. We at MICOM feel that we have received that from Red River.”

Red River has been involved with the repair of MLRS since 1981, but the current work here is the first done as a result of the competition process.

The MLRS is a free-flight artillery rocket system, consisting of a 12-round launcher mounted on a highly mobile, tracked vehicle. Each MLRS vehicle is capable of firing rockets one at a time or in rapid ripples to ranges of more than 18 miles.

The MLRS was widely used during Operation Desert Storm, providing heavy volumes of fire to support front-line combat troops. (Editor's note: This article originally appeared in the Red River Review.)

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**MLRS ACCEPTANCE** — Bobby McDonald, second from left, representing the Missile Command, signs the documents formally accepting the first MLRS vehicle repaired and overhauled at Red River Army Depot as part of an \$8.7 million contract. Also present from MICOM was John D. Keeton, left.

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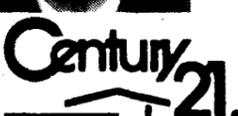
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# Announcements

## Family housing

Due to renovation of 178 on-post family housing units, two and three-bedroom units are immediately available for occupancy by military personnel with accompanying family members in grades E1-E6. If you are living off post you may apply for these quarters at the Family Housing Office, building 111, room 140, Monday-Friday, 7-4:30. Although you may apply immediately for these quarters, you must fulfill your lease obligations prior to moving on post. Eligible personnel will be authorized a local move and storage of excess household goods at government expense. For more information, call Cynthia Ziegler 842-9193.

## Housing update

The Housing Office is in the process of updating housing requirements records for all military personnel assigned within commuting distance of Redstone Arsenal. All personnel are requested to contact Ms. Ziegler, 842-9193, or Ms. Rodgers, 876-6666, to update your records if you have had a change in rank, organization, marital status or number of dependents since you in-processed at the Housing Office.

## Office closing

The Military Personnel Office will close 10:30-4:30 July 28 to allow employees to participate in an ACOE kickoff picnic. Commanders with soldiers departing Redstone on July 28 for reassignment must ensure all post facilities are cleared and the soldier reports to Military Personnel Office, building 3710, for final outprocessing prior to 10 a.m. July 28. Soldiers separating from the Army on July 28 must report to the Transition Management Branch, Military Personnel Office, building 3708, prior to 10 a.m. July 28. Failure to outprocess by the allotted time will preclude departure until after 11 a.m. July 29.

## ACOE kickoff

Everyone is invited, July 28, 11 a.m. until close of business, to Redstone Arsenal's 1993-94 ACOE kickoff at the recreation area 2. Rain date of July 29 has been set. Get your FREE lunch ticket from an ACOE representative. Support ACOE and enjoy an afternoon of great food, fun, games and special entertainment. For more information, call Jody Brenner 842-2566.

## ACOE t-shirts

Colorful ACOE t-shirts are available for \$5 at the Recreation Center. "Show your pride by wearing yours to the ACOE kickoff on July 28." For more information or sizes available, call 876-4531.

## Post restaurants

All post restaurant cafeterias are offering FREE fresh peach shortcake with any \$3 purchase on July 22. "Stop in and let us treat you to FREE dessert." For more information, call 876-8741.

## Youth art camp

The Arts and Crafts Shop welcomes youths ages 10-14 to Youth Art Camp July 29-30, 2-5 p.m., for two afternoons of crafts and fun. Reservations are required. For more information or reservations, call 876-7951.

## Newcomers orientation

The newcomers orientation will be Aug. 3 at the Post Chapel, from 9-11:30 a.m. Permanent-party military who are newcomers should attend. Family members and DoD civilians who supervise military employees are encouraged to attend. Child care is provided on site at no cost to attendees.

## Immunization clinic

Alabama public schools require that all newly enrolling students have certain immunizations. Your children can get these and the mandatory blue card at Fox Army Community Hospital Immunization Clinic Aug. 2-13. The Immunization Clinic will open from 8-3:30 daily during this period.

## Sports physicals

Fox Army Community Hospital will hold a physical exam day Saturday, Aug. 7 from 8-noon for youths who need physicals prior to participating in fall sports. Please pick up a physical exam form at Outpatient Records at the hospital and complete the biographical portion prior to the day of the exam. Parents are encouraged to get their children's immunizations updated prior to the Physical Exam Day. The Immunization Clinic will be open Monday-Friday, Aug. 2-13 to accommodate this. Children who have had a physical exam within the past year will not require another exam for fall sports. Physical exams are not required for public school enrollment.

## TQM cadre

You are invited to attend the graduation luncheon for Cadres 16, 17 and 18 at the Officers Club on Thursday, Aug. 5, 11 a.m. Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby will address the graduates and present certificates. Cost is \$8.65 per person and payment must be made to your organizational point of contact by COB July 30 and is acceptable in cash, check (payable to RSA Officers Club), Master Charge, VISA, Diner's Club or O'Club. If your organization does not have a POC, then call the Quality Institute, 895-4416/4417, and place your reservation with Nancy Hodges or Renee McDaniel.

## Discount tickets

The Recreation Center is selling special discounted tickets to Six Flags Over Georgia July 26-30 ONLY. Price of tickets will be \$13.50, a savings of \$11.50 off the gate price at Six Flags and \$4.50 off the Recreation Center regular price. Tickets are nonrefundable and may be used any day for the remainder of the season. The center opens at 1:30 daily except July 28 (open at 5 p.m.). Tickets may be purchased each day of the sale starting at 1:30 (except the 28th). Call the ticket hotline 24 hours a day 876-4531.

## 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.

## Child development openings

Redstone Arsenal Child Development Services has openings in the Child Development Center (CDC) and School Age Latch Key (SALK). Both of these programs provide high-quality child care at reasonable rates. These services are open to both military and Defense Department civilians. For information concerning child/caregiver ratios, activities, food, etc., call Central Registry 876-3704 or stop by building 257 Wesson Circle.

## Story hour for kids

The library on post is having "Story Hour" for children ages 3 to 5 each Wednesday from 11 a.m. until noon.

## Babysitting class

Supplemental Programs and Services of Child Development Services will sponsor a Babysitting Class July 26-30 at the Bicentennial Chapel. Monday, July 26 will be the CPR class and First Aid; it will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an hour off for lunch. Class will be from 9-10:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday. Individuals must be 13 years or older to qualify. Class limit is eight. To register call Jan McVey 876-7888.

## Hip-hop party

A hip-hop party, including a rap contest, will be held Friday at 8 p.m. at the Elmore building on the campus of Alabama A&M University. For more information, call 880-3843.

## HHC MICOM soldiers

HHC MICOM policy requires that all soldiers assigned/attached to HHC MICOM, with duty in or around the Redstone Arsenal area, be administered their Army Physical Fitness Test by the HHC MICOM training section personnel. The HHC MICOM training section will be administering physical fitness tests at 6 a.m. at "Tin City" on the following dates: July 29, Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 15 and Sept. 29. Arrangements can be made to accommodate special circumstances by contacting the company commander, Capt. Richard Kruczek. "If you're due/overdue a semiannual APFT this is your opportunity to meet your regulatory physical fitness requirements and have a little fun in the process."

## Bachelor auction benefit

The seventh annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bachelor Benefit will be held 7:30-11 p.m. July 22 at the Huntsville Marriott. The social hour will be from 6:30-7:30. "This year's theme is 'An Evening of Magic' and begins with a relaxed social hour where one can mingle with the bachelors, and bid on the silent auction items. The 'Evening of Magic' will entail magic carpets and wishing lamps." Tickets for the event are \$15. For more information, call 533-5077.

## Surplus sale

A local spot bid sale of government surplus property will be held July 28 in the Defense Reutilization and 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, dental chairs, filing cabinets, electric equipment, data processing equipment, wood desks, outboard motors, books and manuals, electric stove, washer/dryer unit, and pallet jacks. These items may be inspected from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 22, 26 and 27 and from 7-8 on sale day (DRMO is closed on Fridays). Report to building 7406 on Red Oak Road to view property available for sale and to obtain a catalog during the inspection period.

## Configuration managers

Huntsville/North Alabama Chapter of the Association for Configuration and Data Management will meet 6-8 p.m. July 22 at MEVATEC, 1525 Perimeter Drive, Suite 500 (across from Home Depot on Highway 72). The topic of the presentation will be "An Overview of CALS." Anyone directly or indirectly affiliated with configuration and/or data management, government or industry, and the general public is invited to attend. For more information, call Jennifer Keller or Cynthia Hauer 890-8000.

## Native-American heritage

There will be a Native-American planning committee meeting at 1 p.m. July 29 in room A-104 at building 5250. This meeting will begin preparations for the Native-American heritage event scheduled for Nov. 18. All interested personnel are invited. For more information, call Kate Love 876-8015 or MSgt. Thomas Griffith 876-8648.



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## Southeast Huntsville

Carpool member wanted from north of Weatherly Road, close to Whitesburg Drive, to 106 Wynn Drive; hours flexible; two to three times a week if possible. Gene Walker 955-1609.

## Troop sports

A&R meetings are planned for the following sports: racquetball, July 26 at 2 p.m.; tennis, July 27 at 2 p.m.; trap and skeet, July 29 at 2 p.m. Meetings will be held at the sports director's office, Pagano Gym, building 3474. "It is imperative that a representative from each unit be present." For more information, call Joe Reed 876-7969.

## Pagano Gym

Pagano Gym will be closed from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 28 for the ACOE picnic. For information call Ted Compoc 876-2943.

## Herb society

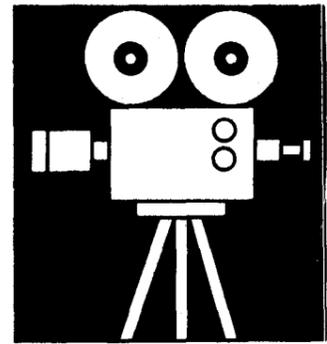
Herbalist Tommie Bass, author of "Plain Southern Eating from the Reminiscences of A. L. Tommie Bass" (compiled by John Crellen), is the planned featured speaker at the next meeting of the Huntsville Herb Society. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 22, with social time at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville Botanical Garden Administration Building. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call 534-6700.

## Pest management session

On the first Wednesday of each month, Diane Bowers of Directorate of Engineering and Housing will have a pest control question and answer session. The first session will be Aug. 4 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Self-Help Center, building 3500. For more information, call the pest control hotline 955-0933.

## ID card facility

The ID Card issuing facility will be open Saturday, Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Active duty personnel in uniform will not — repeat, not — be given preference on this day. Individuals with questions concerning this opening should call 876-5430.



## Post Theater movies

Thursday — *Falling Down*, rated R, 113 minutes. Friday — *Happily Ever After*, G, 74 minutes (Dolby Stereo) (Animated). Saturday matinee — *Happily Ever After*. Saturday — *Sliver*, R, 115 minutes (Dolby Stereo). Sunday — *Sliver*. Tuesday — *Map of the Human Heart*, R, 109 minutes (Dolby Stereo). All shows begin at 7 p.m. The matinee starts at 2 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children for all movies except for Saturday evening. Admission for Saturday evening is \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for children.

# Carpool Hotline

# Law covers liability for Army vehicle accidents

*Editor's note: Maj. Burgan is the acting staff judge advocate for Redstone.*

**BY LINDA BURGAN**

The Federal Tort Claims Act relieves U.S. government employees, military and civilian, of personal liability for damages to other persons' property and for injuries or death to other persons they negligently cause while operating a government vehicle within the scope of their employment. "Other persons" include occupants of other vehicles, passengers in the employee's vehicle and pedestrians. The Federal Tort Claims Act provides the exclusive remedy for claims resulting from negligent operation of motor vehicles by government employees in such cases, which means the individual driver may not be sued in his or her individual capacity nor be held individually liable.

The driver of a government vehicle must have been acting within the scope of his or her employment for the Federal Tort Claims Act to apply. Generally, the protection will not apply if the employee commits willful and wanton negligence, for example drunk driving, or willful misconduct. Nor will it generally apply if the damage or injury occurred at a time when the employee had significantly deviated from the most direct route or was conducting personal business. In such cases, the employee will be personally liable for damages or injuries he or she negligently causes.

**THE PROTECTION GENERALLY APPLIES,** whether the employee is driving a government vehicle, a rental vehicle, or his or her privately owned vehicle. However, in order for use of a rental vehicle or privately owned vehicle for government business to be within the scope of employment, such use must have been previously authorized. Employees are normally required to use a post taxi or other General Services Administration (GSA) leased vehicle. If an employee must go beyond the service area of the post taxi and a GSA vehicle is not available, the employee, with proper approval, may use his or her own vehicle or a rental vehicle to conduct official business and be protected under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

The Federal Tort Claims Act will not cover damages negligently caused by an employee to his or her privately owned vehicle, even when it is being used for official business. If, however, another person causes an accident which damages an employee's privately owned vehicle authorized for use to conduct official business, the employee may file a claim with the Army claims office for the loss. The maximum amount payable on such a claim is \$2,000 unless the vehicle causing the damage was a military vehicle, in which case the employee may be paid for the full amount of damages. The employee must first file against the insurance company of the person who caused the accident and/or with their own insurance company before filing a claim with the government.

**DAMAGES TO RENTAL VEHICLES** being used for official business pursuant to written orders are covered by rental car agreements which have been negotiated by the Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC) and include comprehensive and collision damage waiver coverage on the rental vehicle. When the SatoTravel office on post reserves a rental car for a traveler on official business, they reserve the car under the MTMC negotiated agreement. If

travelers arrange for rental cars themselves, they must ensure they show a copy of their orders, ask for the government rate and that they do not use any special rates offered by the rental car agency, such as "weekend" specials or similar offers.

Lastly, if an employee negligently causes damage to a government vehicle, he or she can be held financially liable for up to one month's pay under the Report of Survey system.

## School

(Cont'd from page 1)

In other business at the town meeting, residents were assured that their drinking water is safe. Some people had expressed concern after the Environmental Protection Agency announced Redstone was selected to be on the national priority list for environmental cleanup.

Lt. Col. Randy Holloway, the provost marshal, discussed a vehicle identification etching program which "hopefully will kick off in the next four to six weeks." Nationwide there is an increasing number of vehicle thefts; and vehicles with vehicle identification numbers (VIN numbers) etched in the windshield are less likely to get stolen, he said. Etching will be done at the Military Police Substation by appointment, at 876-2752, when the program begins.

Redstone will have its annual National Night Out, a fun event for crime prevention, Aug. 3 from 6-10 p.m. at ballfield No. 8 on Goss Road. Planned activities include a street dance on Hughes Drive.

In the area of civilian hiring, Don Dixon of the Civilian Personnel Office said hiring has been "severely limited" because of downsizing. He encouraged people interested in jobs to apply to ensure they get considered for any available opportunities. Military spouses may be eligible for the DoD Priority Placement Program. Others will have their applications accepted on an as-needed basis.

Sgt. Maj. Jack Ferguson, the sergeant major for Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, explained the unit sponsorship program in which organizations can volunteer to accept responsibility for upkeep of gates, roads, and areas. He can be reached for information at 876-8850 or 842-2564.

The Army Career and Alumni Program will have its next "Employer Day" job fair Aug. 24 from 10 a.m. to about 4 p.m. in the Challenger Club, announced Lew Spencer of the ACAP office.

Other activities which gave brief presentations dur-

ing the town meeting included Youth Services, the Chaplains Office, the Commissary, Dental Activity, and Fox Army Community Hospital. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions after each presentation.

"I'd like to thank everybody for coming out tonight and providing your valuable input," said Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, during his concluding remarks for the meeting. The next town meeting will be held Oct. 19.

## CWF softball

Here are the Civilian Welfare Fund (CWF) Softball League standings as of July 14:

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Lasers	6	2	.750	½
Major League	6	3	.667	1
Hawaiianoids	5	4	.556	2
Rads	4	5	.444	3
B Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Snapperheads	5	3	.625	—
Thiokol	4	4	.500	1
TNT	4	5	.444	1½
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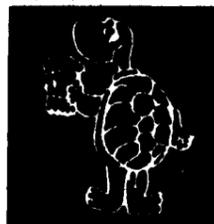
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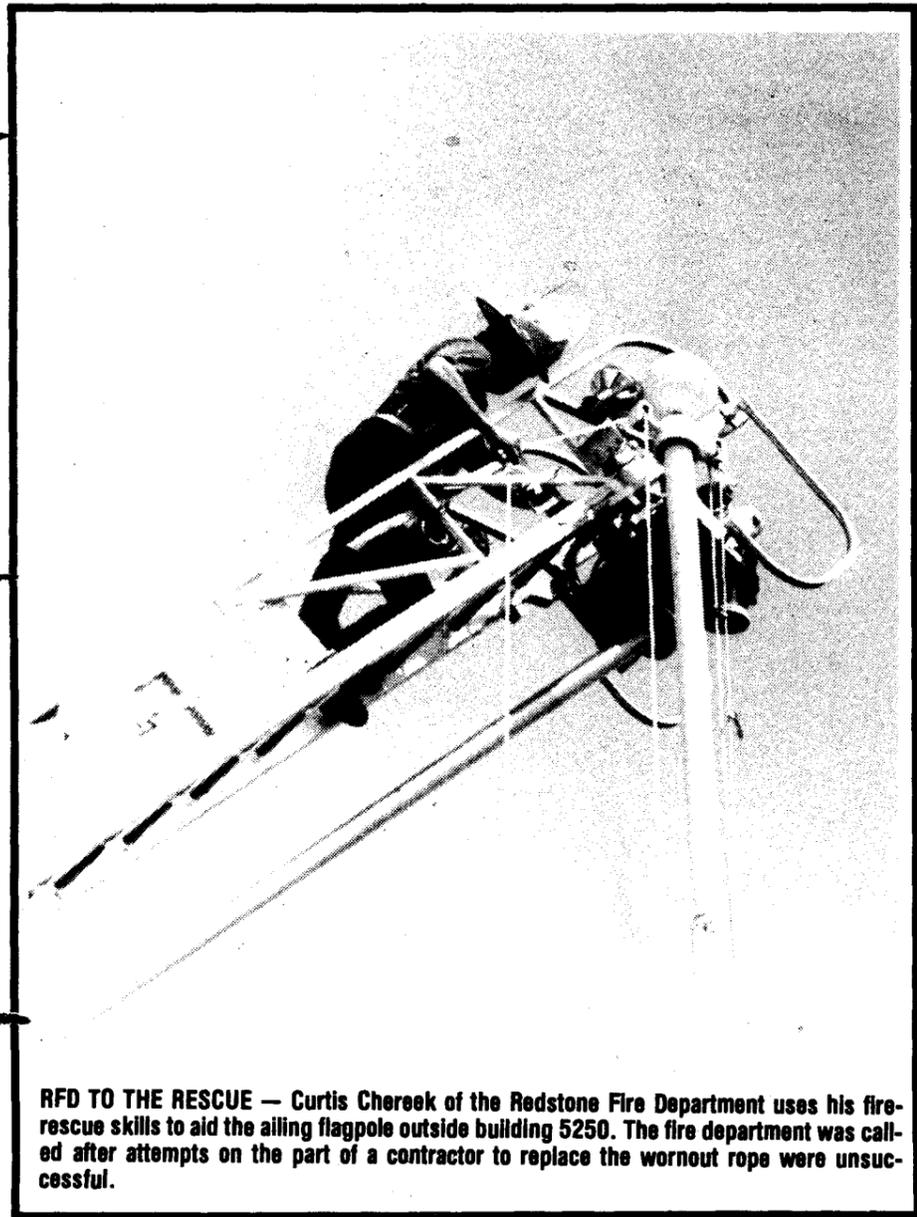
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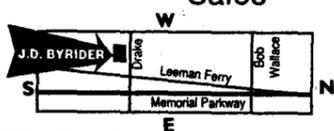
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