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First project eyed for this fall in multiyear cleanup effort

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The first project of a multiyear effort to clean up Redstone's contaminated sites is expected to begin this fall.

A competitive contract is to be awarded in September and the work will probably begin in November. The targeted location is a site contaminated with arsenic, just south and east of building 5435. Cleanup of that site is expected to cost around \$1 million.

"And we expect to award (contracts for) clean up on four more sites during FY 94," said Dr. David Branham, director of engineering, housing and environmental activities. So, the cleanup is beginning but it will probably be fiscal 1995 before Redstone attains a sustained effort of about \$20 million per year in cleanup projects until completion. A preliminary estimate on the final price tag is \$350 million.

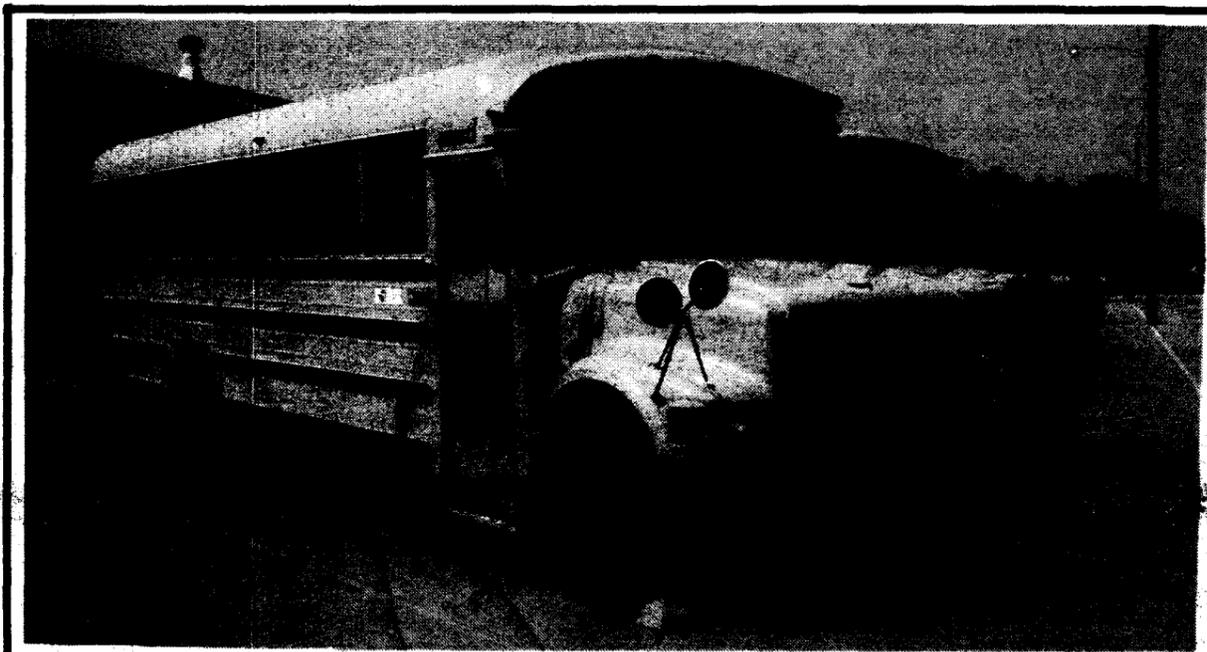
"We're looking at a multiyear cleanup to clean up things that occurred in the '40s, '50s and '60s."

— **Dr. David Branham**
Director of engineering, housing
and environmental activities

The money — to clean up sites contaminated in the 1940s, '50s and '60s — will come out of the Defense Restoration Program. "There will be no base

operating funds to pay for this," Branham stressed. Within the defense restoration program, a Defense Environmental Restoration Account has been set up as

the money source; this serves as the Defense Department's superfund account. The Army Environmental (See Project, cont'd on page 2)



READY TO ROLL — The fleet of school buses parked at the motor pool is ready to transport Redstone youngsters to the Huntsville city schools. The Huntsville school year opened last week.

Army's chief engineer keeps focus on Midwest flood

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Despite the flooding in the Midwest, the federal flood control structures have done the job they were designed for, according to the commander of the Army Corps of Engineers.

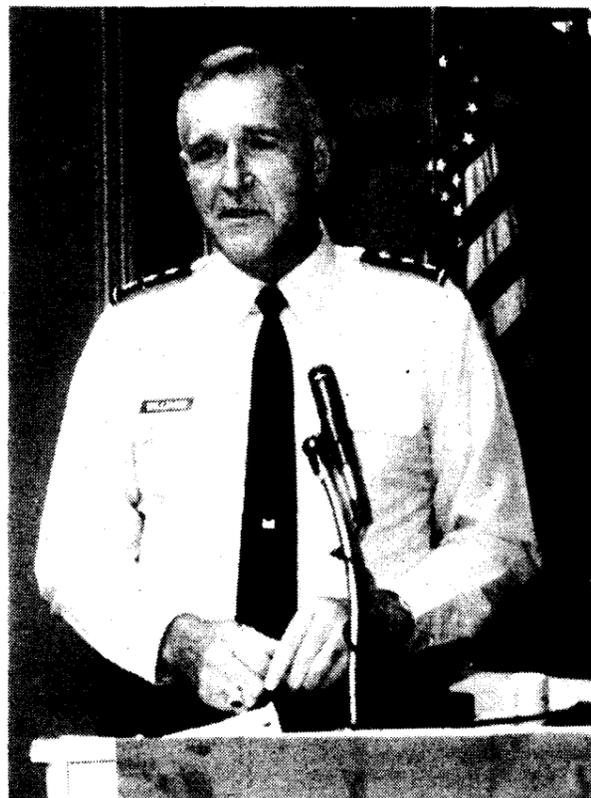
Lt. Gen. Arthur Williams, who spoke Thursday in Huntsville, said there will be national and regional debate on whether the non-federal levees should be replaced with federal ones. Three Corps of Engineers divisions and six districts are involved in the flood response effort. The flooding Mississippi River has caused an estimated billions of dollars in damage.

The Corps is involved in the response phase, the recovery phase and the long-range planning to prevent such a disaster from happening in the future. Williams said his focus has been on the flood of '93 for the past several weeks.

"We've got a long fight ahead of us in the upper Mississippi in regards to taking care of that flood action," he said.

Moving to other areas, the chief of engineers said the Corps is adjusting to a new administration in Washington, major change in Congress, and the ongoing changes in the military. These changes in the military include a move to a forward presence strategy and the personnel drawdown.

Despite having less soldiers — a 30 percent reduction compared to 1988 — and the many relocations, the Army has managed to accomplish its missions. "And I think they've done a very good job and I think



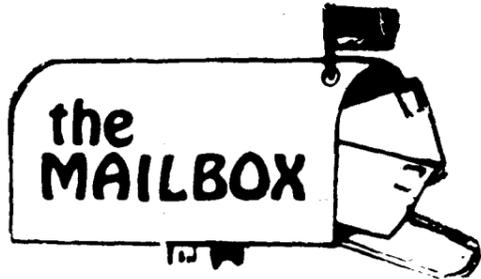
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the American public recognizes that," Williams said. Now, however, the Army's goal of being able to achieve "decisive victory" in conflicts such as Desert Storm, has taken on the broader meaning of providing disaster relief.

"The dilemma we find ourselves in today is how much can you do. You can only stretch the rubber-band so much," Williams said.

Williams, a native of Watertown, N.Y., and veteran of two tours in Vietnam, became the 48th chief of engineers and commander of the Corps of Engineers on Aug. 24, 1992. Corps of Engineers missions include construction and environmental restoration on military installations, and the Army's vast civil works program. The Corps also assists in recovery from natural disasters, regulates work in the nation's waterways and wetlands, conducts research and development, serves as the Army and Air Force real estate agent, and provides engineering services to 30 other federal agencies. The chief of engineers is the senior staff engineer for the Army, supervising the Army's worldwide facilities engineering and environmental activities and advising on combat and topographic engineering.

About 200 people attended Thursday's luncheon, the August meeting for the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), Huntsville Post, which was held at the Holiday Inn near Madison Square Mall.



In appreciation

Editor:

Grateful thanks to everyone who donated leave to me for my son's surgery and convalescence. Jared is doing well.

Special thanks to Rachel Mastin, Nerissa Thomas; my supervisor, J.P. Mullen; and all my co-workers in the Directorate of Community and Family Activities for their constant kindness and support since Jared's accident five years ago.

Donna L. Cruz

Health awareness

Editor:

I would like to add one more thing to the "Civilian Wellness" letter in the Aug. 18 *Rocket*. I've thought of this often over the years as I've read letters to the editor wherein the "us versus them (military versus civilian)" concept has been illustrated. The point is this: Many civilians are just as, if not more, dedicated to their jobs/careers as their military counterparts. We often bypass better-paying, better benefitted jobs on the outside because of loyalty or dedication to duty, not "just because we can't get anything better than a civil service job." Our peers in industry are rewarded for their service; why not us? Health awareness among employees increases morale, increases productivity, and decreases absenteeism. What better return on an investment?

Patricia Cox
IMMC

DENTAC event

Editor:

Mrs. Fowler and I sincerely thank you for the excellent article you did on the DENTAC Change of Command Ceremony on July 21. As well as providing a permanent record for DENTAC historical files, it is a valued remembrance for Mrs. Fowler and me.

Thanks again for your exceptional professionalism in keeping the Redstone community accurately informed of community events.

Col. Kenneth E. Fowler
DENTAC commander

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NEW FACILITY — Cutting the ribbon Aug. 17 for the new building for Records Management Division are, from left, Nell Couch, the division chief; Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal; and John Mountain, the MICOM corporate information officer. "This new facility I know is going to further improve the already superb way you service your customers," Rigby said. The new 4,000 square-foot facility, building 3644, is across the street from the division's former building on Patriot Drive.

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Center manages the Army's portion of that account.

Some 289 solid waste management units have been identified by Redstone officials. The term "solid waste management unit" doesn't necessarily mean there is a major contamination at a particular site. These sites range from places where there could be possible pollution — for example, a pad used to store drums which could be leaking — to major pollution sites. An example of the latter is a site at Thiokol where groundwater has been polluted with Trichloroethane (TCE).

Around 45 of the 289 total are considered major pollution sites. Also, about 100 of the total are considered NASA's responsibility, according to Branham. Of the 45 major sites, officials are focusing on the most polluted ones first as identified by test data. "Right now we're looking at 27 in great detail. Of course we will look at all of them," Branham said. "We have done at least some investigation on about 45."

Redstone officials have been studying the sites since 1986. Branham points out that the effort to identify, take corrective measures and report to environmental agencies, began from within — not from some outside agency initiating action.

"We're doing this on our own initiative well ahead of being forced to by any regulators," he said. "And it's our own initiative that's getting us put on the national priorities list."

Redstone is on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed national priorities list. EPA was accepting public comments on the proposed list until Aug. 23. After that EPA will review and evaluate the comments; and then EPA in Washington will make a final determination on whether or not Redstone will be placed on the national priorities list for environmental cleanup. This review period is expected to take about six months.

"The cleanup actions and progress that we're making will go on any way, whether or not we're on the NPL (national priorities list)," Branham said. He explained that the difference would be that Redstone, if listed, would have defined periods for getting work done and the process is open to public scrutiny. "But what we're actually doing (in cleanup) probably will be

about the same whether we're on the NPL or not," he said. "We're looking at a multiyear cleanup to clean up things that occurred in the '40s, '50s and '60s."

"It puts you more in a fishbowl if you're on the list; more eyes are watching you. It's easier to get money to clean it up, but the cleanup will occur regardless whether we're on the list or not. It may occur quicker because you can get money easier. But it's hard to say if it's a good or bad thing (to be placed on the list)," Branham said. "But again we're only being placed on this list because of our proactive nature. It's not like regulators coming in and looking at us and saying, 'OK we got you.' We told them."

Redstone's contaminated sites can be traced back to the various operations that formerly occurred here. During World War II, Redstone did a lot of chemical munition and other munition production. Arsenic, for example, was used in the production of lewisite, a chemical agent. And during the 1940s, the accepted practice — legal back then — was to dump it into a ditch in the ground; as a result, there is arsenic contamination in about a 4-acre area. In the 1950s and '60s, solvents were used for cleaning; and the accepted practice for disposal was to dump the waste. It wasn't until the 1970s that the environmental awareness movement started looking at such practices. The laws began forming in the early '70s. And environmental laws are still changing and growing today. Branham points out that Redstone is not unique in its environmental contamination: Any federal installation that had a manufacturing responsibility, and followed accepted practices of the 1940s and '50s, has a similar problem.

Public safety is not at risk, according to officials. "The sites are generally in remote areas or fenced off areas where people can't get to them," Branham said. "Plus, most of the contamination is not at the surface; it's down in the soil, down in the groundwater so you can't get at the contamination." Redstone's drinking water comes from the Tennessee River; two water treatment plants make potable water from the river. Redstone does not have wells.

Here's a look back at the original Redstone missile

Editor's note: Aug. 20 marked the 40th anniversary of the first flight of the Redstone ballistic missile. The following article was first published in the Redstone Rocket on Aug. 22, 1972.

Joseph Stalin died that March. In May, two men reached the summit of Mt. Everest. An armistice in July ended three years of fighting in Korea, but not the Cold War. It turned much colder in August when the Soviet Union announced that it had detonated a Hydrogen bomb.

On the day of the Soviet announcement, Aug. 20, 1953, a 69-foot missile called Redstone climbed slowly into a partially overcast Florida sky, the roar of its rocket motor overriding the cheers of the men who had launched it. A few stood silent. Some jumped up and down in the sheer excitement of a moment they would never forget.

One man, remembering it all 20 years later, said: "It was thrilling. Most of us had never seen a large missile fired. Looking back, I almost feel as though I was present at the creation."

The missile and the men who launched it had come to the desolate cape jutting into the Atlantic from an Army base in Alabama. Most of their countrymen in 1953 had never heard of the missile or the place where it had been designed and built, a place called Redstone Arsenal.

Twenty years is not such a long time, but the events of Aug. 20, 1953 seem in retrospect to have taken place several light years ago. The Redstone has come and gone and the men who built it and launched it have scattered. Some continue their work here in the Army missile program. Many are now working in the space program. Some have retired. A few have died.

Mention the name Redstone to those who survive and you touch a responsive chord because Redstone has always been something special to all of them. For many, Redstone is a password to a lost youth, a time when, fresh out of college, they set out to build a missile.

The thing about Redstone with most of them is that they really built it. They got their hands dirty on it. It was theirs.

What they did was of great importance to all of us in the Army missile program of today. Redstone was a success when the Army and the United States very badly needed success.

It's not generally known, but you'll find a story in today's (the Aug. 22, 1972) issue about how the missile got its name from a man who hoped not for success, but failure and who apparently thought that by linking the missile and its birthplace he could kill off the budding Army missile program with which he had little sympathy.

Redstone, of course, did not fail. It succeeded beyond its builders' fondest dreams.

— It was the first large ballistic missile developed in this country to reach operational status, first to be fired by soldiers, first to be deployed overseas.

— It gave the Army its first experience with mobile, long-range missiles.

— The first object fired over intercontinental range was launched by a Redstone.

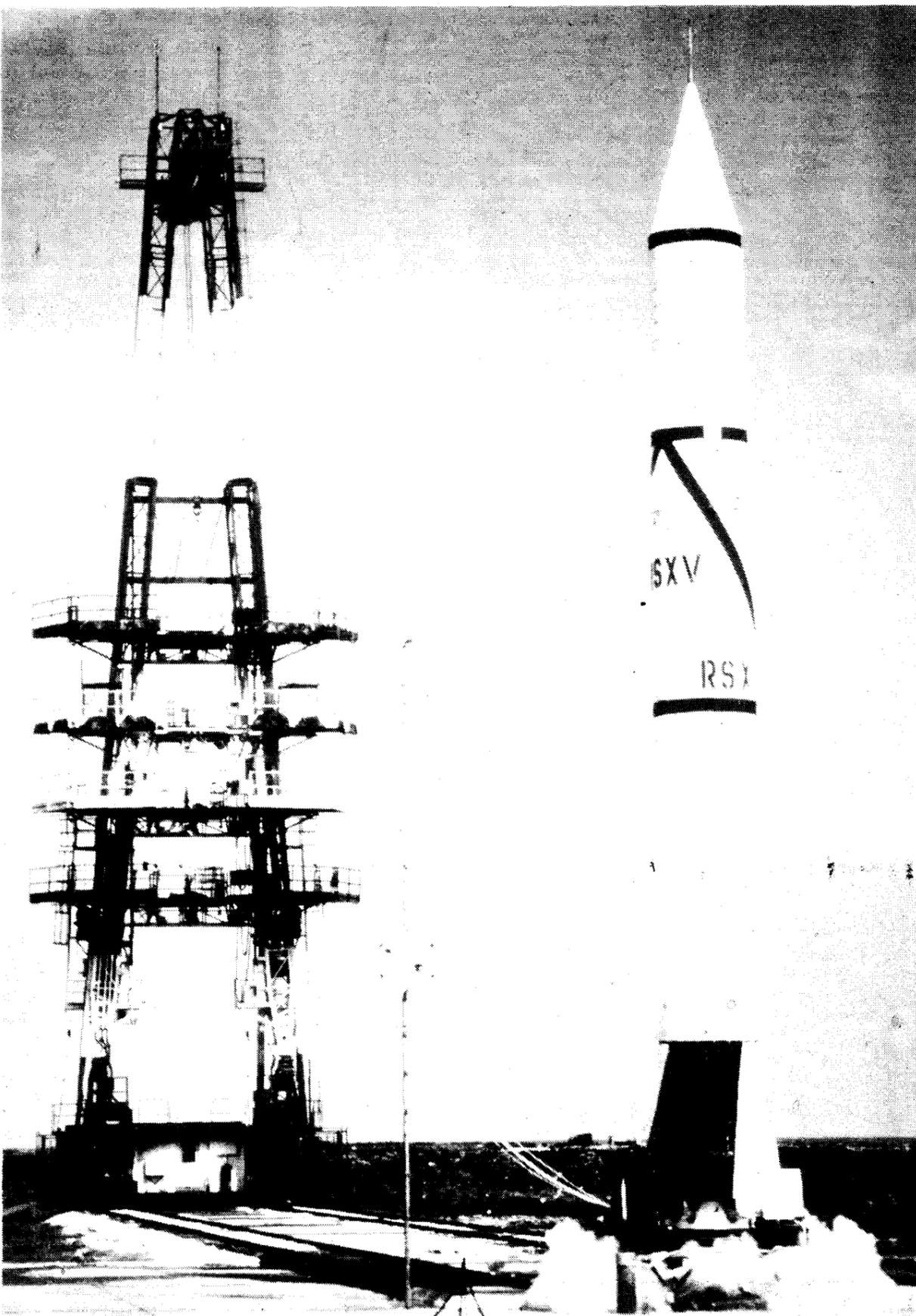
— The first man-made object flown into space and recovered intact was launched on a Redstone.

— The first missile that carried and detonated a live nuclear missile was a Redstone.

— The Free World's first scientific earth satellite was launched by a Redstone.

— Our first astronaut rode a Redstone.

Some of the men who worked on Redstone reminisce in this (1972) issue. We kept waiting for them to say it. They never did, so we'll say it for them: They don't build them like that anymore.



READY FOR LIFTOFF — This file photo, provided by Mike Baker, chief of the MICOM Historical Division, shows a Redstone missile about to lift off at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

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Year's best soldier, NCO announced at luncheon

Editor's note: The following was written by Sgt. Steve Barnett, MEDDAC, who is handling publicity for the Soldier of the Year/NCO of the Year ceremony.

Each year Redstone Arsenal honors its top soldier and noncommissioned officer of the year with an appreciation luncheon where the winners are announced.

This year's event is set for Sept. 10 at the Officers Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Eligible to compete for the top titles are the monthly winners of the post soldier of the month award and quarterly winners of the NCO of the quarter award.

A selection board consisting of senior noncommissioned officers and Redstone's post sergeant major meets monthly to select the soldier of the month. Soldiers appear before this board only after they have been victorious at unit level competition.

NCOs appear before the board every four months to compete for NCO of the quarter.

Soldiers must have a broad knowledge on general military subjects, Army programs and current events. They are also evaluated on how well they present themselves to the members of the board. Quite often the competition is challenging and few points separate the winner from the other candidates. Confidence is a must. Two soldiers can both correctly answer the same

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question, but the soldier who is most confident of his or her reply will receive a higher score.

Ceremonies are held to honor the junior enlisted soldier selected as the soldier of the month and the noncommissioned officer selected as NCO of the quarter.

The ceremony consists of an award signed by the post commanding general and a certificate of achievement goes to all candidates. Senior officers and NCOs and numerous civic and business leaders are among the VIPs attending these ceremonies.

Owners and representatives of local businesses participate by presenting unsolicited gifts, meals and services to the soldiers.

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Soldiers of today can best be described as men and women who wear the uniform with pride. Men and women who serve their country with honor. Men and women who carry out assigned orders, tasks and missions with total dedication. Pride, honor and dedication is the substance of true champions. With it, anything can be achieved.

The following soldiers are competing for the 1993 Post Soldier of the Year: Spec. Chantel Sena, HHC MICOM; Spec. Steven Hess, HHC 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Spec. Ryan Aders, HHC 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Spec. Donzell Johnson, HHC MICOM; PFC Trina Minney, HHC MICOM; Spec. Paul Brady, HHC MICOM; and Spec. Matthew Fair, MEDDAC.

Competing for Post NCO of the Year are Sgt. Craig Muerer, E Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; S. Dennis Wagner, HHC MICOM; Sgt. Manuel Bojorquez, HHD, TMDE Support Group; SSgt. Terry Holldorf, NCO Academy. Also competing for NCO of the Year is Sgt. Lee Pinnell, F Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, a soldier of the month eligible to compete due to promotion.

Shalikashvili to succeed Powell as JCS chairman

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton announced his choice to fill the post of the nation's top-ranking military officer, currently held by Gen. Colin Powell, Aug. 11.

Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, and Commander-in-Chief, United States European Command Gen. John M. Shalikashvili will assume duty as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Oct. 1 pending Senate confirmation.

Clinton described Shalikashvili as "a soldier's soldier, a proven warrior," and "a creative and flexible visionary," in his White House announcement. "He is also a shining example of what is best about the United States and best about our armed services," Clinton said.

"I look forward with great enthusiasm, Mr. President, to helping you keep America's armed forces the very best that we have ever had," Shalikashvili said. He thanked the president for "... this opportunity ... to repay my country through service in such a position of such high responsibility."

Clinton said he nominated Shalikashvili in particular because "... his skills are uniquely well-suited to the security challenges we face today." He cited Shalikashvili's contributions in the revamping of NATO's military and political flexibility, and called him "... the right man to lead our forces in this challenging era."

The 35-year Army veteran immigrated from Europe at age 16, and is the grandson of a Russian general and the son of a Georgian army officer. He received his

commission from Officer Candidate School in July 1959, after a brief stint as an enlisted soldier.

The Warsaw, Poland-born future chairman holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Bradley University and a master's degree in international relations from George Washington University. He has served in a variety of command and staff posi-

tions in Alaska, the continental United States, Germany, Vietnam and Korea.

Shalikashvili's most recent assignments were as assistant to the chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; commander of the Kurdish relief effort Operation Provide Comfort; and deputy commander-in-chief, U.S. Army, Europe and 7th Army. (Arnews)

Custodial contractor for Redstone laying off 70 janitorial workers

BY SANDA MARTEL

Seventy janitorial workers are out of work at Redstone Arsenal due to layoffs Thursday by Cardinal Support Services Inc., the custodial contractor for arsenal janitorial services.

The cuts are a result of budget shortfalls for contracted services, which includes trash removal, restroom cleaning, floor and window cleaning and emergency cleanups as required.

Affected workers received layoff notices Aug. 19-20 which will be effective Sept. 1, according to David Adsit, contract manager for Cardinal.

"The layoffs will affect all of us. We don't know if there'll be further cuts as we go along. Working hours of the remaining employees could be cut from 40 hours a week to 32 hours a week," Adsit said.

"We've contacted state and local agencies to find

out what kind of retraining is available for the people we had to lay off. We want to put them in touch with people who can help them find work," Adsit said.

Layoffs were based on seniority. "It was literally the last one in was the first one out," he said.

Work schedules for remaining cleaning crews are being reshuffled to spread services among the 500 buildings the contractor provides various levels of service to, Adsit said.

The most immediate impact in serviced buildings will be reduction from daily to every other day trash removal and bathroom cleaning services.

The janitorial service contractor employed some 185 custodial workers prior to the layoffs. Cardinal has had the janitorial contract here since March 1990. It is a small disadvantaged business owned by local businessman Babu Kakani.

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New manager at Post Exchange 'excited to be here'

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The new manager of the Post Exchange says his goals for the PX include improving customer service and improving stock assortment.

"Those will increase sales which will in turn increase dividends to morale, welfare and recreation," added Ken Klein, who became general manager of the PX this month. He succeeded Chuck Lisgaris who retired.

"I'm excited about it," Klein said, about becoming the PX manager here. "This is my third PX manager position, but this is the largest exchange (compared to his previous exchanges)."

He managed the exchange at England Air Force Base in Louisiana from June 1988 to October 1990, and led the exchange at Moody AFB in Georgia from November 1990 to July '93. "Redstone is a larger exchange and possibilities are greater, so I'm excited to be here. Huntsville seems to be a nice community to live in," Klein said.

Asked about his plans as PX manager, he said:

There's always an emphasis on improving customer service. Obviously, in this particular location (at the Main Exchange) there's a shortage of space. There's certain items we're not able to offer the customer that we really should." Areas in which he would like to see quick improvement include the furniture category and major appliances.

Klein, 33, grew up in Kansas City, Mo. He is the second youngest of five children of John and Marilyn Klein who reside in Kansas City. He went to work for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) in June 1982, a month after graduating from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in marketing. "AAFES interviewed on campus, which they do nationwide. Actually, the first time I heard of AAFES was when I interviewed. And they have a unique organization objective which is to serve the military community. Nobody else had an objective like that which is why I chose AAFES. I can't think of a better category of customer to serve than the people who serve our country," Klein said.

He has had eight stateside assignments since joining



KLEIN

AAFES: San Antonio, Dallas, Chanute AFB in Illinois, Altus AFB in Oklahoma, Sheppard AFB in Texas, England AFB in Louisiana, and Moody AFB in Georgia. He started out with the exchange service in engineering; and his first retail assignment was at Altus AFB in Oklahoma. Klein was assistant manager at the Altus exchange from September 1984 to October 1985.

Klein and his wife, Mary Beth, who goes by "B," have two children: daughter, Shavonne, 6; and son, Sean, 22 months. He bought a house in Meridianville. He has a boat, and likes to water ski. Mary Beth, a school teacher by profession, taught gymnastics at the youth center at Moody AFB. She was once a professional Scottish Highland dancer who won the world championship in Scotland in both 1976 and '77. "As a

matter of fact, she was the first American to win the championship in her particular category so that was a big honor," Klein said.

This is his first time at Redstone and his impressions are favorable. "The command seems willing and able to work with the PX which relates to their interest in community activities," Klein said.

"The crew here (at the PX) seems to be professional. Most of the comments I'm receiving as I go around meeting the individuals are positive comments," he said. "I'm glad to be here; the community seems to be outstanding."

USO scholarship program open to military families

WASHINGTON — Soldiers with college-age children or with qualifying spouses have the chance to seek award of some 25 \$1,000 scholarships sponsored by the Budweiser/United Services Organization Scholarship Program.

In announcing this opportunity for the 1994-95 academic year, officials of the Washington-based USO explained that the program draws on a trust endowed by Anheuser-Busch Inc.

The USO-administered program seeks to "provide financial assistance, in the form of direct scholarships, to family members of active-duty servicemembers," officials said.

Selections are limited to undergraduate studies at accredited institutions.

Candidates may write for a procedural brochure and application form to the following address: USO World Headquarters Scholarship Program; 601 Indiana Avenue, N.W.; Washington, DC 20004.

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, officials said. (Arnews)

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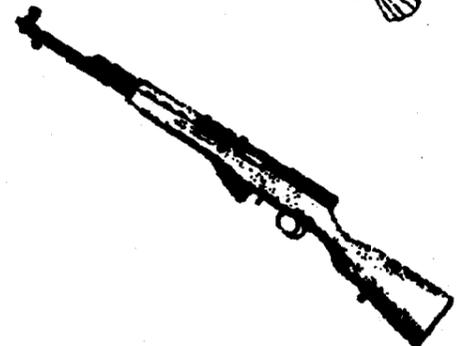
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BY DUTCH MEIER

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — It used to be said that the sun never set on Britannia. Similarly, today, it seems the sun is almost always shining somewhere on the men and women working for the Army Materiel Command. While many of us sleep or go about our routine, AMC people around the world are hard at work supporting soldiers in remote and sometimes hazardous locations, completing demanding and critical missions.

AMC's people are now, or have been recently, on the scene assisting relief operations at home and abroad. They've worked with disaster relief operations in the flood-swollen rivers of the American Midwest, according to Mack Truslow in the AMC Operations Center. AMC people are also in Somalia and the former Yugoslavia, he added, providing their logistics and maintenance expertise to United Nations' forces keeping the peace.

"AMC's people come from as close to the hotspots as Frankfurt, Germany, and as far away as Tooele Army Depot, Utah, and many more locations in between. They're experts in logistics support skills including aviation and refrigeration maintenance, water purification and supply operations," Truslow said.

Midwest flood support

One example of AMC's efforts to provide humanitarian support is the work done with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide safe water to flood victims along the Mississippi and Missouri River waterways, Truslow said. Thousands would be without clean, fresh, drinking water, if not for AMC's technical expertise.

"Logistics Assistance Representatives from the Aviation and Troop Command, here in St. Louis, Mo., have been working hard to keep 'reverse osmosis, water purification units' up and running," said Dan O'Boyle, an ATCOM spokesman. "These LARs have been assisting members of Iowa Army National Guard units operating the ROWPUs by lending their maintenance expertise, to help supply thousands of gallons of potable water for victims of flooding in America's heartland whose supplies have been contaminated."

National Guard units from North Dakota, Alabama, Ohio and Arkansas have sent the water purification equipment being supported by the LARs, according to Truslow in AMC Operations.

AMC also has a number of people supporting several other training and humanitarian missions, Truslow said, using AMC members located in the continental United States, as well as overseas.

Deployed abroad

For example, one of AMC's people on the scene has been working in Macedonia. This supply LAR deployed from his home station with V Corps, Frankfurt, Germany, in early July, according to Ray Coffman, deputy chief of the AMC-Europe Logistics Assistance Office.

"Tony Cross, one of our supply operations specialists, is there to keep the logistics support flowing. He's been AMC's asset supporting the 300 American peacekeeping troops of Task Force ABLE SENTRY who were sent from the Berlin Brigade to the former Yugoslavia," Coffman said.

Other AMC members have also been scheduled to deploy abroad with American and allied forces, according to Coffman. Three LARs will be among the support staff for participants in exercises in Saudi Arabia

and Kuwait from August through October. They'll include: a Logistics Assistance Officer from Europe; a LAR from the Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command; and, the third another LAR from Missile Command.

Somalia shipment

More recently, though, AMC members readied a shipment of 60 M113A2 armored personnel carriers, drawn from Defense Logistics Agency stocks at Red River Army Depot, headed for Somalia. The first 12 were transported by plane from Barksdale Air Force Base, La. They were modified to install crewmember armor protective kits upon arrival in Somalia.

The balance were handled by a team of AMC civilians at the Texarkana, Texas, depot who worked portside in the blistering heat and withering humidity of Charleston, S.C., in July. They installed armor kits on a shipment of 48 APCs before loading them on the cargo ship, according to an AMC operations officer.

"This was pretty impressive, considering the great bulk of the work was done in the final 48 hours before loading," said Maj. Del Van Gorder in the deputy chief of staff for logistics office.

These tracked vehicles were being sent to the U.N. forces safeguarding convoys bringing much-needed food to famine victims in the starving African nation, Van Gorder explained. "In addition, the APCs were shipped with a battalion's supply of tools, spare parts and lubricants," Van Gorder said. "The shipment was also sent with a machinegun and ammunition per vehicle."

A supply of M79 grenade launchers and rounds was also sent, he added. The AMC civilians doing this work were: Travis White, Gerald McCarty, James Poole, Larry Roseberry, William Lollar, Jimmy Notley, David Jolly, Judy Flowers, Hugh Phillips, Ronald Harp, Bruce Richardson and William Coffey.

Another LAR, Homer Gee, from Fort Bragg, N.C., representing Tank-Automotive Command, Warren, Mich., worked closely with the Red River depot team and made all the necessary arrangements for the work site such as lights, tools and equipment. He said their work demonstrated a strong sense of urgency and appreciation for the mission they were supporting.

"The folks on this crew worked long and hard hours. You could tell by the way they went about their jobs installing cupolas to mount defensive weapons and shields for exposed crew members, that they had a strong sense of professionalism and personal commitment to their mission," Gee said. "When this team was done, every one of these vehicles, was in excellent condition. They would be able to roll off the ship in the receiving port at Mogadishu and go directly into their mission as soon as they got fueled up and loaded with the crew's weapons and communications equipment. I guess you could say we sent 'last-generation equipment' that was in first-class condition."

The M113 vehicle design has been in use by U.S. forces since 1960, and has seen several product improvements over the years. It has many roles, according to Cecil Green, AMC's spokesman at Red River.

"The M113 operates in numerous roles, including a carrier for infantry or engineer troops, a medical evacuation carrier, and a maintenance support vehicle," Green said.

The FM radios for these vehicles, which can send and receive signals over approximately a five-mile range, were also prepared by AMC people. A 10-person team of workers at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., checked out the NA/GRC-160 radios from "G-stock" at the Defense Distribution Depot

there, and transferred to the AMC depot staff to final check them for shipment, according to depot Public Affairs Officer Kevin Toolan.

He said the radios were function-tested and inspected by technicians who then added any necessary equipment such as microphone handsets and antennas.

Preparation and delivery of these modified, radio-equipped personnel carriers involved other AMC people and organizations, too.

The first 12 of the 13-ton APCs, which had arrived by air, were modified by AMC LARs on the ground with the American contingent of U.N. forces. Gun shield kits for these APCs had been sent on the cargo planes carrying the vehicles to UNOSOM.

MICOM LAR involved

Once all 60 are in use by members of the U.N. Organization-Somalia, said Mike Walsh, the LAO, whose home station is Fort Carson, Colo., they'll be taken care of by LARs from several AMC elements. These people, their parent organizations and home stations include: James A. Patton, TACOM, Fort Bragg, N.C.; James P. Patton, ATCOM's aviation staff, Fort Campbell, Ky.; Mike Martinchick, Communications-Electronics Command, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; Jim Clark, ATCOM's troops support staff, also at Fort Huachuca; and Mike Hoskin, Missile Command, Fort Carson, Colo.

No, that's not a mistake in that list — there are two people named Jim Patton. Walsh said that having two members of this team with the same name hasn't been too tough to deal with, though.

"They have separate specialties, so when someone calls or we get correspondence, we get it sorted out fairly quickly, most of the time," Walsh said.

Walsh added a sobering note about the potentially hazardous duty with UNOSOM. He said all the civilian team members assigned in Somalia take their example from the soldiers serving there.

"We wear Kevlar helmets and protective vests all the time here and we travel either in fast-moving ground vehicle convoys or by helicopter, as much as possible. This area has even come under occasional sniper and mortar attacks by rebels and bandits since we got here."

Walsh said his team works up to 18 hours a day, every day of the week, to support equipment for soldiers in five UNOSOM locations around Mogadishu.

"Knowing our work is important to so many people helps us keep our morale up," said Walsh, "despite the long hours and sometimes dangerous surroundings."

Walsh noted that despite the mortar shellings and outbreaks of small arms fire in the area, he and his team have been able to continue their critical support to UNOSOM forces. He added that nearby beaches have been closed since he arrived.

"The beaches weren't safe anymore, and so the local commander closed them down," Walsh said. "There were sharks in the water and snipers on land."

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New commander of Fox Hospital arrives from Aberdeen

The new leader of Fox Army Community Hospital is an experienced hospital commander who comes to Redstone from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Col. William Wong served as commander of Kirk Army Health Clinic and director of health services at Aberdeen since July 1990. He assumed command of Fox Hospital in a change of command ceremony Aug. 18.

"We have heard only good things about Huntsville, Ala., and about Redstone Arsenal in particular," Wong said. He told the many attendees from the community that Fox Hospital faces many challenges, particularly fiscal constraints, but will be able to meet those challenges. He said he feels fortunate that Lt. Col. J. Mark Kirk, who served as acting commander since January 1992, will be staying on as deputy commander for clinical services.

"I look forward to working with you and for you in the months to come," Wong said in closing.

Wong, a native of New York City, was commissioned in the Army in July 1970 after finishing his obstetrics-gynecology residency at St. Luke's Hospital, N.Y. He obtained his bachelor of arts degree at Columbia College, N.Y., and his medical degree at the State University of New York, Downstate Medical College. He completed his internship at Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn. The colonel's military education includes the AMEDD Basic, Advanced, and Command courses, the Medical Management of Chemical Casualties Course, the Toxic Chemical Training for Medical Support Personnel, and the Medical Effects of Nuclear Weapons Course.

After serving his initial active duty tour as an obstetrician in Okinawa, Japan, he moved to the 97th General Hospital in Frankfurt, Germany in 1973. Wong was then reassigned to the 196th Station Hospital, SHAPE, Belgium, where he was the deputy commander for the clinical services and chief of obstetrics-gynecology. From 1978-86, he served as chief of obstetrics-gynecology at DeWitt Army Community Hospital, Fort Belvoir, Va., and as the senior



WONG

attending physician for both the family practice and obstetrics-gynecology residency programs. He then returned to Europe in 1986, serving in the positions of chief of obstetrics-gynecology and deputy commander for clinical services at the 45th Field Hospital in Vicenza, Italy. During this assignment, he was responsible

to the 7th Medical Command as the consultant in medical-legal matters pertaining to obstetrics-gynecology.

His military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Army Service Ribbon.

Wong is board certified in obstetrics-gynecology. He holds a medical license in Virginia and Florida. He is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics-Gynecology, and is a member of the American Medical Association, Association of Military Surgeons, the American College of Physician Executives, Association of the U.S. Army, and the American Fertility Society.

He is married to the former Janice Suzanne Oliphant of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Their children include Karin, Nathaniel, Alexander and Jeremy.

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VA insurance hoax revived by profit-seeking groups

WASHINGTON — An insurance hoax that has returned time and again for more than 40 years to create administrative problems for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has been revived by groups asking veterans to pay for assistance in collecting a nonexistent life insurance dividend.

"In the past, the insurance hoax caused only administrative problems for VA. Now there are those who are trying to make a profit at the expense of veterans, and we are resolved to stopping them," said VA Secretary Jesse Brown. "I have instructed the VA Inspector General to work with the Postal Service to do everything possible to put an end to this latest version of the hoax and to alert all veterans."

VA's Regional Office and Insurance Center in

Philadelphia reports veterans and active duty personnel throughout the country have received flyers, including return forms, from groups or individuals offering veterans assistance in applying for the dividends or in answering questions they may have for fees ranging from \$2 to \$15 for each request.

The flyers falsely claim that dividends from veterans' life insurance policies are available to any veteran who applies. For veterans who served at least two years in the military, the flyers claim the dividends range from \$264 for two years of service and increase for each additional year of service.

The phony applications and flyers, past and present, claim the dividends have been recently authorized by Congress. In fact, there is no such dividend for veterans who do not keep their insurance in force, nor

a rebate for active duty personnel. No legislation has been approved or proposed by Congress.

In the past, the hoax applications were unwittingly printed in magazines, newspapers and newsletters, or distributed in handbills.

The hoax has caused wasted effort by thousands of veterans, active duty personnel and dependents, and has generated needless labor and mailing expense by VA.

Legitimate insurance dividends are automatically paid, usually on the anniversary date of the policy, to approximately 3 million veterans with active policies for four GI life insurance programs. No application is needed to receive the dividend payment. (News release from Department of Veterans Affairs, Regional Office in Montgomery.)

Federal employee fund can help Midwest flood victims

Editor's note: The following release came from the Omaha District Corps of Engineers, Public Affairs.

As the damage caused by flooding in the central states spreads, the Federal Employee Education and Assistance fund (FEEA) has announced that it will make assistance available to civilian federal and postal employee families impacted by the rising water.

FEEA provided more than \$50,000 in similar assistance last fall to federal employees affected by Hurricane Andrew in southern Florida. Early speculations indicate that it will receive as many requests for assistance from flood victims as were received last year in Florida.

FEEA will provide federal employees in the central states with combination grants and interest-free loans totaling up to \$500 a family. Employees must complete a simple application, available by calling

1-800-323-4140; writing FEEA at Suite 200, 8441 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton, Colo., 80123; or faxing a request to (303) 933-7587. Most requests for assistance can be processed within 48 hours of receiving a completed application.

The FEEA emergency assistance program responds to individual federal employee emergencies every day. In all, it has provided more than one-half million dollars in cash assistance to federal families in need.

However, past assistance during Hurricane Andrew and the current requests from flood victims have seriously depleted available emergency assistance funds. FEEA must rely on federal employee donations in order to fill additional assistance requests. Employees can 1) send donations directly to the FEEA Flood Relief Fund, 8441 W. Bowles Ave., 200, Littleton, Colo., 80123-3245; and 2) designate their Com-

bined Federal Campaign donations via payroll deductions to FEEA, Pledge 0415.

FEEA is a private, non-profit charitable tax-exempt agency founded in 1987 exclusively to serve civilian federal and postal employees and their dependent family members through educational and emergency financial assistance. FEEA receives no government funds. It depends primarily on employee donations, Pledge 0415 in the annual Combined Federal Campaign.

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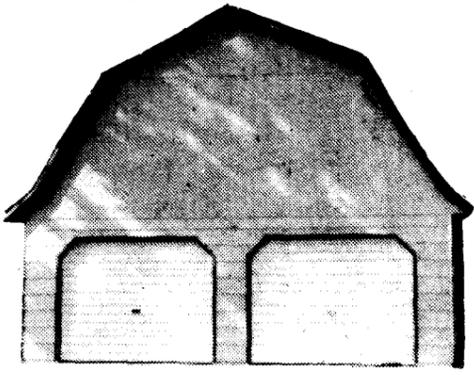
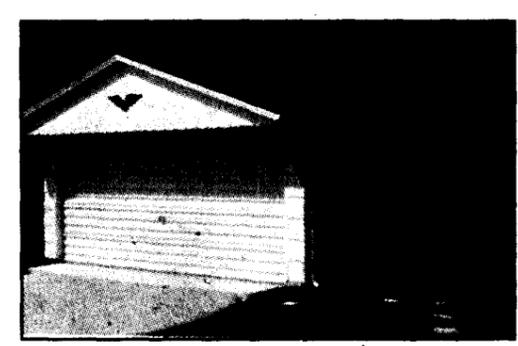
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Civilian softball league awards trophies to top teams

The Civilian Welfare Softball League officially closed its year Aug. 18 with the awarding of trophies to the winning teams from the season and postseason tournament.

SESI Eagles, represented by Mike Malone, won the A Division and first place in the tournament. The Lasers, represented by Mark O'Driscoll, placed second in the A Division and third in the tournament.

The Powderkegs, represented by John Klingel, took second place in the tournament and second place in the B Division. First place in B Division went to Thiokol, represented by Greg Bentley.

Major League finished third in A Division while TNT placed third in the B Division.

"We had 10 teams and an average of 20 a roster — 200 people, give or take a couple," said Bob Mulkey, league president, describing this season's participation. The open league included some women players. Its season began in the second week of April and finished in August, including a tournament during the two weeks at the end.



SOFTBALL CHAMPS — From left are John Klingel of the Powderkegs team; Greg Bentley of Thiokol; Mike Malone of SESI Eagles; Mark O'Driscoll of the Lasers; and Darrell Griffith of the TNT team.

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Coed softball teams have close tourney

Lethal Weapons launched a fatal assault on the Rifiers on Aug. 17 in the postseason CWF Coed Softball tournament finals.

Led by player-coach Jim Fletcher, Lethal Weapons overcame a 4-0 deficit to defeat the Rifiers 8-7 and take the postseason championship.

Lethal Weapons was to play the NASA winner on Aug. 24 on NASA field 3. "Hopefully they will fire the big guns again," said Jesse Nobles, the league co-president.

Neither Nobles nor Lt. Col. Jeff Schrepple will return as co-presidents next year. Schrepple is being reassigned in his Army duties; and Nobles is ready to step down. "After three years, I want to let somebody else get an opportunity to grow. That's a real growth experience, man, I'll tell you," Nobles said. Anyone interested in serving as next year's president should call him at 876-8420.

Most of the games in the Coed Softball tournament were close, decided by one or two runs. "Any of the other seven teams could've taken it also," Nobles said. He added that he hopes all the teams will return next year.

The tournament's final four teams and their coaches included Lethal Weapons, the eventual winner, and its coach Fletcher; the Rifiers, coached by Lane McGee; the Rippers, Kim Lund; and the TOW Jammers, Capt. Robert Nieves.



PATRIOT DETACHMENT CEREMONY — The Patriot Training Detachment, under OMMCS, at Fort Bliss, Texas, conducted a change of command ceremony June 23. From left are Col. William Stirling, commandant of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, who officiated at the ceremony; Maj. Ronald Phillips, outgoing commander of the detachment; and Maj. Vernon Knight, incoming commander. Also attending the Fort Bliss ceremony was Lt. Col. Lawrence D. Johnson, director of Missile System Training Department at OMMCS.

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Task force examining DoD's role in drug war

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Secretary of Defense Les Aspin recently formed a task force to review DoD's counterdrug efforts.

"This is the right time to take stock of our efforts to help stem the tide of illegal drugs entering the country," Aspin said. "First, we have to make sure all DoD resources are used in the most effective way possible, and second, we have to make sure we're making the most efficient contribution to the counterdrug effort."

This marks the first time the department has reviewed its national anti-drug efforts since the DoD program started in 1989, said Brian E. Sheridan, deputy assistant secretary of defense for drug enforcement, policy and support. His office falls under the undersecretary of defense for policy. The review comes as some critics question the effectiveness of DoD's efforts, particularly in air and sea interdiction, he said.

Task force officials will discuss DoD's counterdrug efforts with law enforcement agencies, the military services and the intelligence community, Sheridan said. He expects the review to take about two months.

Under Sheridan's leadership and armed with a \$1 billion annual budget, DoD's counterdrug program involves all military services, the five geographic military commands, the National Guard Bureau and agencies such as the Defense Intelligence Agency and Defense Security Assistance Agency.

"We'll look at what we've been doing wrong and where we need to improve," said the 33-year-old Schenectady, N.Y., native. "We'll be getting guidance and overall strategy directions from the new national counterdrug director, Lee Brown." Brown, former



Brian E. Sheridan, deputy assistant secretary of defense for drug enforcement policy and support, says the panel examining DoD's role in the effort is the first since the program began.

New York police commissioner and Houston chief of police, took office in June.

During Brown's swearing-in ceremony, Clinton called drugs "a many-headed monster" and said "fighting drugs requires a multifaceted offensive and the maximum use of the resources we have as a people."

A DoD liaison officer works in Brown's office. Sheridan noted, "DoD's efforts will dovetail with the strategies outlined by him and the National Security Council.

"We're a support agency," Sheridan said, emphasizing DoD isn't the lead department in the drug war. "We support local, state and national law enforcement agencies — Drug Enforcement Administration, Customs Service, Coast Guard, police departments. Our main goal is to provide whatever support we can to those agencies in the most cost-effective way we can. But until we complete our review, it's not clear whether we'll see greater participation by active duty and National Guard forces.

"But given the background of director Brown in local law enforcement and a president who is interested in making streets safer, it's possible that we will be asked to provide more support on the local level," said Sheridan, a former CIA intelligence officer and political-military analyst. "We already provide extensive support to police departments."

DoD support includes detection and monitoring of drug traffickers; training federal, state, local and foreign law enforcement officers; supplying and helping maintain excess DoD equipment, such as boats, computers, helicopters and telephones for law enforcement agencies; and providing translators and intelligence analysts.

Eighty percent of military voted in 1992

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Recent reports indicate service members and their families got out in record numbers to vote in the 1992 federal election.

More than 80 percent of the military voted in the election, compared to 63 percent in 1988, said DoD voting officials. In addition, the percentage of votes by family members in the 1992 election increased by 23 percent over the 1988 figures. The figures are derived from post-election surveys of military communities by DoD's Federal Voting Assistance Program office.

In comparison, the national average increased by a little more than 5 percent, to 55.9 percent. In 1988 just over 50 percent of the general public voted.

Service breakdown shows that 72.9 percent of the Army voted compared to 56.4 percent in 1988; Navy, 79.9 percent to 74.3 percent; Air Force, 82.2 percent to 59.6 percent; Marine Corps, 81 percent to 65 percent; and Coast Guard, 84.1 percent to 67.3 percent.

"These 1992 increases can be directly attributable to the aggressive voter assistance programs conducted by the commanders and to the progress made with the states in simplifying the absentee voting process," said Phyllis Taylor, DoD's federal voting assistance program director.

Electronic transmission of election materials, to include ballots, and increased acceptance and use of the federal write-in ballot are just a couple of the measures some states have adopted to make it easier for absentee voters, said Taylor.

Even with 80 percent turnout, 20 percent of the military didn't vote in the election, said DoD voting officials. Those who didn't vote said they had no candidate preference, did not know how to vote absentee or did not trust either the candidates or the political parties.

Also, some individuals indicated they had requested absentee ballots but did not receive them.

Corps of Engineers opens training site

BY JUDY WILSON

During the Army chief of engineers' visit to Huntsville last week, one of his more pleasant duties was to cut the ribbon on a new training facility.

Located in a leased facility on University Drive, the Information Systems Modernization Program (ISMP) Train-the-Trainer (TTT) Institute evolved out of the need to train Corps of Engineer employees to use the new automated Corps of Engineers Financial Management System (CEFMS). CEFMS will automate the Corps' financial business processes, saving time, reducing paper flow, improving accuracy, and providing immediate records of expenditures and disbursements.

The four classroom facility will accommodate up to 60 students in each 23-day training cycle. It is an operation of the Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters, which is supported by the Corps' Huntsville Division.

Vera Bell and Betty Batts, two training technicians from the Corps of Engineers Bevil Center, will be located in the ISMP. John Bramblett is project manager for training development. Bruce Johnson is project leader for Huntsville Division.

Lt. Gen. Arthur Williams, chief of engineers and commander of the Army Corps of Engineers, cut the ribbon on the new facility Thursday.

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Powell: Joint Chiefs support gay compromise policy

BY JIM GARAMONE

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Defense officials told legislators they can support President Bill Clinton's new policy on homosexuals in the military.

Dubbed "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue," the policy goes into effect Oct. 1.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Colin Powell told the House Subcommittee on Military Forces and Personnel he believes the military

will be able to successfully implement the policy. Powell said he and the rest of the Joint Chiefs spent a lot of time considering the issue.

"We've challenged our assumptions," Powell said. "We've argued with each other. We've consulted with commanders at all levels. We have talked to the troops. We have spoken with family members who have a view on this subject. We examined the arguments of those on the other side of the issue also."

Powell said all concerned had to try to reconcile two sets of conflicting views. One side believed homosexuals should be allowed to serve openly. The other sees open homosexuality in the military as detrimental to the cohesion, morale and esprit of the U.S. military.

He said the issue was not what is acceptable in the civilian world, but what is acceptable to an armed force. "To win wars, we create cohesive teams of warriors, warriors who will bond so tightly that they are prepared to go into battle and to give their lives if necessary for the accomplishment of the mission or for their buddies," Powell said.

"We can't do anything — we shouldn't let anything happen that disrupts that feeling of cohesion, this process of bonding."

He said the United States has the best military in the world. To stay the best, it is sometimes necessary to subjugate individual rights for group benefits. "Homosexuals who have been willing to keep their orientation private have understood this and have been successful members of the team, even though it required a sacrifice on their part," Powell said.

The chairman said the military is a mirror of what happens in society. But, he said, the military cannot get ahead of society. He said the military has successfully mixed persons of all races, economic backgrounds and geographic areas, but open homosexuality asks the military to deal with issues American society has not yet dealt with.

"Military service requires sacrifice in many forms," Powell said. "The proposed compromise permits gay and lesbian Americans to serve if they are willing to keep their orientation a private matter. It's a sacrifice we ask them to make, and it's a sacrifice we believe is necessary for the overall good of the service. We won't ask. We won't witch hunt. We won't chase. We will not seek to learn orientation."

Powell said these are significant changes. "I believe the president and the secretary have decided well," he said. "I think they have brought before the Congress and the American people a position that we can implement successfully."

U.S., Ukraine agree to promote military contacts

BY JIM GARAMONE

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Defense Secretary Les Aspin and Ukrainian Defense Minister Col. Gen. Konstantin F. Morozov signed a memorandum of understanding setting up a framework for military-to-military contacts between the two countries.

leaders ensure their nation's security and independence."

Aspin said some areas where the U.S. military can help Ukraine include defense budgeting, logistics, military housing, military law, dealing with the environment and helping military personnel transition to civilian life.

He said another area is converting Ukrainian defense industries to civilian production. The military agreement is part of a larger web of relations encompassing economic and political cooperation as well. Aspin said one of the most important issues under the agreement is Ukraine's obligations under the strategic arms reduction treaty and the nonproliferation treaty.

"I look forward to continuing discussions with Minister Morozov on the proposal I have made for early deactivation of nuclear weapons and for getting the flow of U.S. assistance going for dismantlement of nuclear weapons," Aspin said.

Following the Pentagon ceremony, U.S. defense officials announced Ukraine has started dismantling 10 nuclear-tipped missiles.

Aspin hailed the memo, the first between the United States and a former Soviet republic. Ukraine is one of four former Soviet republics with nuclear weapons.

Morozov thanked Aspin for his support and said the new framework allows the two defense establishments to work together for solutions to today's problems.

Aspin said the first meeting under the memorandum will be held this fall. This will be followed by meetings between the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and their Ukrainian counterparts.

"This agreement will help us build that new security partnership in Ukraine," Aspin said. "By creating a strong relationship with the Ukrainian Ministry of Defense, we can help Ukraine's civilian and military

Center to help solve property shipment problems

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Service members and civilians who experience government transportation problems can now call a toll-free number for help.

The Military Traffic Management Command established a customer service center to help individuals with property shipment, domestic freight, international cargo and passenger travel problems that haven't been solved through normal channels.

The center, located in Virginia, isn't meant to replace the local chain of command or installation transportation offices, said Air Force Maj. Michael A. Cohen.

"The center will provide customers with the means of referring questions, issues or complaints not resolved at the installation level and to obtain assistance when other actions have not worked to the customer's satisfaction," said Cohen, the center's chief.

Center workers have a goal of solving problems

within 24 hours. The center has specialists in each transportation field. For example, one individual handles passenger movement problems, while another deals with household goods movement.

Recent cases the center handled include gypsy moths in household goods, a privately owned vehicle stranded at a port for six months, discrimination problems and waste, fraud and abuse complaints.

The center idea developed through total quality management initiatives, said Cohen.

"We are filling a void that has existed for a long time," he said. "We take pride in letting the customer know that the buck stops here."

The center is open Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern time. The toll-free telephone number is 1-800-576-6862; facsimile, 1-703-756-2140. Or write to:

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PARTNERSHIP FOR A DRUG-FREE AMERICA

Multiservice anti-drug efforts earn Defense awards

WASHINGTON — By the time it takes you to read this paragraph, somewhere in the United States a youngster drops out of school. The statistics are ominous. Every eight seconds, a student calls it quits. Only 40 percent of poverty-level students get their high-school diplomas.

Since last May, volunteers at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, have been working hard to reverse this trend, and on Aug. 16 their efforts paid off when their program was named the best in the Army in an Aug. 16 Pentagon ceremony.

The recipients of the secretary of defense's Military Services Community Drug Awareness Award were praised by Deputy Defense Secretary William Perry.

"What you (in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and the reserve components) are doing is saving the future," Perry said as he handed out the award plaques. "You all can be proud of the work you've done here."

For their part in that work of countering the drug menace, the volunteers represented by Sam Houston's garrison commander, Col. Edward G. Bradshaw, now have \$100,000-plus to continue funding their programs. The additional money accompanies the award for each recipient.

Bradshaw noted that Sam Houston's success with its two separate but related programs drew on postwide voluntarism, from private to colonel.

Focusing on fifth-grade students in the environs of San Antonio, the first program, La Salida ("the way out"), seeks to help students transition to middle school. Its projects center on building and improving students' self-image and self-confidence.

Students spend two days and one night at nearby Camp Bullis, where they receive hands-on instruction in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), dental hygiene and home safety. They receive anti-drug, anti-gang and anti-crime discussions and are physically challenged with an obstacle course, rappelling and athletics.

More than 500 children have attended in five sessions, which have involved some 250 military and civilian volunteers.

The second program also relies heavily on support from volunteers. Called the Community Mentor Program, it provides volunteer mentors on a one-on-one basis to "at-risk students" in local schools for 60 to 90

minutes per week. In its 2.5-year history, the anti-dropout program has extended mentorship to more than 600 students.

Program developers chose to focus on the transition period to middle school because they say it is a critical point in a child's life — the period where a child begins to succumb to the pressures of gangs, drugs and crime, or finds "a way out."

Also on hand for the occasion was Army National Guard Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard. His organization was cited for its teamwork in drug-demand-reduction education and prevention. (Arnews)

Apparent illegal dump site investigated

Army and federal authorities are investigating an allegation of illegal burial of petroleum wastes at a missile test range on Redstone Arsenal.

Acting on information from an informant, Criminal Investigation Division investigators at Redstone have located a site near the southern boundary of Test Area 1 that appears to have been used as a dump for waste oil products, scrap metal, electrical wire and other debris in the recent past.

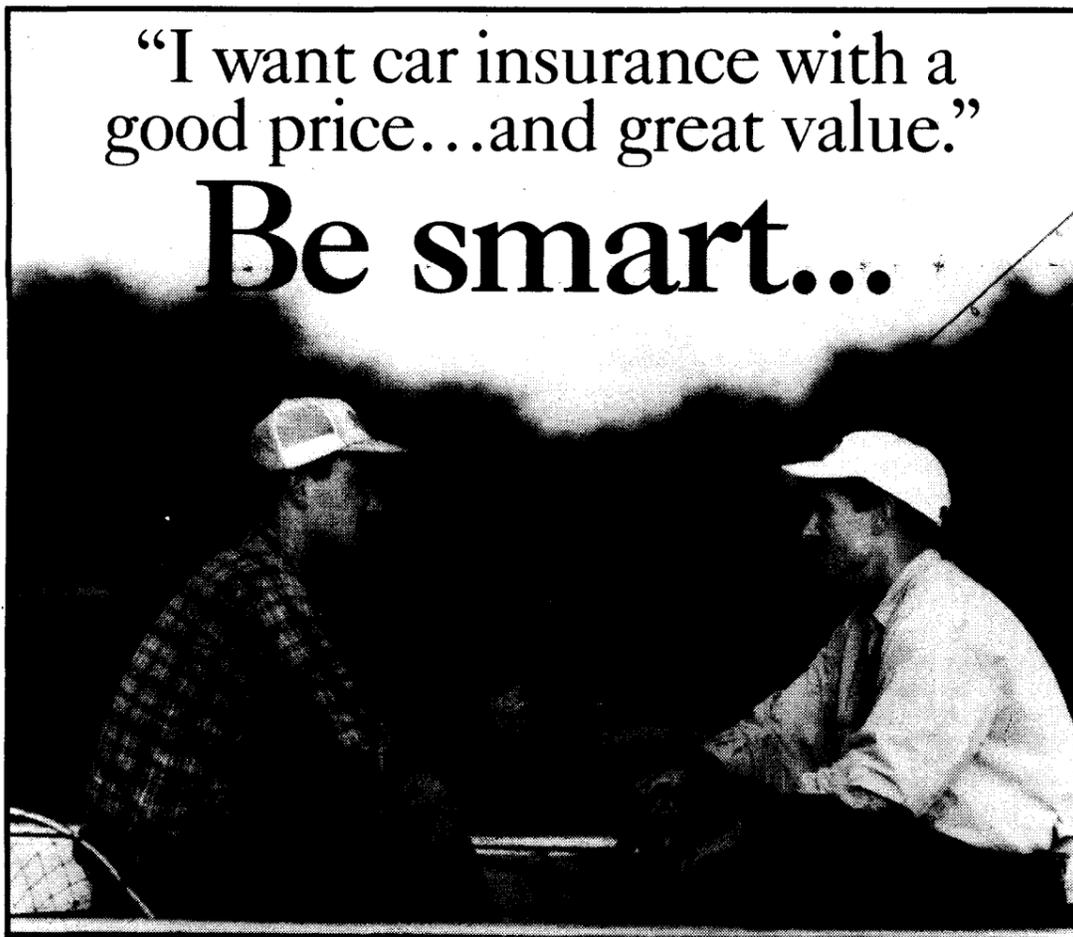
Using a backhoe, investigators found oil-soaked soil beneath the surface along with a container from which the contamination appears to have leaked. To minimize disturbance to the site, investigators did not dig extensively once they found evidence of illegal

dumping. They said there was a strong odor of fuel oil present.

The site is in a remote, restricted area of Redstone Arsenal and poses no threat to anyone.

Representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency and Alabama Department of Environmental Management have visited the site and are working with the Army in investigating the illegal burial and determining a course of action for cleaning it up.

Investigative findings will be turned over to the U.S. Attorney.



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Announcements

Purple Heart recipients

Madison County veterans seeking to get on the county list of Purple Heart recipients, to be located in the Courthouse on the first floor, must submit proof of receiving the award — discharge form or 214 or set of orders. Veterans, and the families of deceased veterans, should present this evidence to the George A. Rauh Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 2201 Huntsville. Send evidence of the award to Morgan Campbell, 3205 Joslin St., Huntsville 35805-4938.

Guard/Reserve officers

The 3392nd U.S. Army Reserve Forces School in Huntsville will again offer the Reserve Component Combined Arms Services Staff School (CAS3) course during training year '94. The CAS3 is mandatory for captains with a date of rank of Oct. 1, 1987 or later. The CAS3 course consists of three phases. Phase one is a correspondence phase which must be completed prior to enrolling in phase 2. The 3392nd USARF School will teach phase 2 over an eight-month period, October 1993 to May 1994, with classes meeting in Huntsville the first weekend of the month. If there are enough students to form a second class, that class will meet the third weekend of the month. A class is also being formed in the Anniston area. The final phase of CAS3 will be a two-week active duty training phase held at Redstone Arsenal in July 1994. Completion of CAS3 will be mandatory for promotion to major beginning in fiscal '94 so eligible captains should complete the course as soon as possible. To enroll in CAS3 or for more information, call Lt. Col. Emmett Magathan 895-4460 or Lt. Col. Doug Prestegard 882-4470.

Command and General Staff Course

The 3392nd U.S. Army Reserve Forces School in Huntsville will offer Command and General Staff Officers Course (CGSOC) classes for academic year '93-94 beginning the week of Oct. 4. Classes meet one night a week at locations across northern Alabama. Active Army, Reserve, and National Guard officers as well as Department of Army civilians (GS-11 or above whose duties call for knowledge of the subject matter) are eligible for CGSOC. Captains with a date of rank after Sept. 30, 1987 must complete the Combined Arms Services Staff School prior to enrolling in CGSOC. For more information or to enroll, call Maj. Tom Perrin 726-5724, Maj. Marty Martin 876-9718 or the 3392nd USARF School 535-6218.

Troop flag-football

A flag football A&R meeting will be held 10 a.m. Sept. 1 upstairs in the sports office at Pagano Gym. Each unit should send a representative. For more information, call Joe Reed or Donald Lewis 876-7969.

Alcoholics Anonymous

The Redstone Arsenal AA Group meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of the Bicentennial Chapel.



Troop bowling league

The military intramural bowling league is scheduled to begin Sept. 14. All units are encouraged to participate. Each unit may enter as many teams as desirable. The league is restricted to military members only. There is a meeting scheduled at the Recreation Center, building 3711, Sept. 2 at 1 p.m. "We need all team captains to attend so we can ascertain how many teams we'll have to enable scheduling of the Bowling Lanes." For more information, call SFC Bill Holliefeld 876-8538 or SFC Russ Horn 876-2189.

Sports Haven

Here are the hours of operation for the Redstone Sports Haven: Lunch buffet — from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Dining room — 4-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and from 4-11 p.m. Friday. Bar — 4-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and from 4-11 p.m. Friday. Delivery service — 4-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 4-11 p.m. Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Sports Haven is located at building 3400 (the former Enlisted Club) near the corner of Gray and Ajax roads. People can call in orders at 882-2459.

Military leave

Attention all military personnel and supervisors of military personnel assigned/attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, MICOM: Army Regulation 630-5 states that except in special circumstances accrued leave at the end of the fiscal year "will not" exceed 60 days. Military personnel who have had the opportunity to take leave throughout the fiscal year, but failed to do so, will lose all accrued leave over 60 days on Oct. 1. However, there are still 64 days left in this fiscal year to use any accrued leave that exceeds the authorized limit. Don't wait until the last minute to submit your requests for leave.

Saint Barbara celebration

The annual Saint Barbara Celebration will be held Nov. 20 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at the Officers Club. For information on how to nominate someone for the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara, the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara, or the Artillery Order of Molly Pitcher, call Renee McArdle or Maj. Jeff Brooks 876-8367. The last day to submit nominations for an award is Sept. 24.

Community counseling: inspirational music

Gaynell Colburn, a professional entertainer who is wheelchair-bound due to an alcohol-related car crash, will perform at Redstone Arsenal Aug. 25-26, according to the Community Counseling Center. She will give two 90-minute performances at the Post Theater. The first performance, at 4 p.m. Aug. 25, will be a closed command performance for the OMMCS student population. The second performance, at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 26, is open to military, civilian employees and their family members and guests. Colburn, of Baltimore, Md., is a vocalist, percussionist, electronic and computer drummer. The Community Counseling Center said, "We are very excited about having such a quality entertainer perform here at Redstone Arsenal..."

Girl Scouts

The Fall Recruitment Drive for Girl Scouts and Adult Volunteers began Aug. 23. Registration forms should be available from Williams, Westlawn and Butler schools and the Youth Center, for the Arsenal Girl Scout Program. For more information, call Susan Carr 837-9149 or Bobbie Buxbaum 837-1635.

E Company commander

E Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion will have a change of command ceremony at 4 p.m. Friday on the quadrangle behind building 3435. Capt. Vanessa Weissman will relinquish command to Capt. Hardee Green. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony would be held at the Recreation Center, building 3711.

Wednesday mixed bowling

There will be a meeting of the Wednesday Night Mixed Bowling League at 5 p.m. Sept. 1 at Redstone Bowling Lanes. "We plan to begin bowling on Wednesday night, Sept. 8. There are a limited number of vacancies left so sign up now." Call Harry Evans 842-2145 or Sandra Recio 842-6756.

Post Theater movies

Thursday — *Guilty as Sin*, rated R, 115 minutes (Dolby Stereo). Friday — *Guilty as Sin*. Saturday — *Last Action Hero*, PG-13, 131 minutes (Dolby Stereo). Sunday — *Last Action Hero*. Tuesday — *Son-in-Law*, PG-13, 95 minutes (Dolby Stereo). Admission for Thursday and Friday shows is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 for children. Admission for all other shows is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children.

Air defenders

Alabama Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association will have its bimonthly luncheon Tuesday, Sept. 7 at the Officers Club. Social begins at 11:30 a.m., and lunch will be served at 11:45. Maj. Gen. William Chen, program executive officer for missile defense, is to speak on "Reminiscences on Air Defense." Cost of the luncheon will be \$7 for individual and corporate chapter members, and \$8 for non-members. Persons wishing to attend should call Shirley Brown 895-8928 by noon Sept. 3. "Please provide Officers Club, VISA, MC, or DC card numbers when calling."

Williams PTA

Williams Elementary PTA will have its first meeting of the 1993-94 school year Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. The back gate (gate 7) will be open. The program will include: meeting PTA officers, presentation of the budget, explanations of special programs and events for the coming year, including the carnival on Oct. 23 and the after-school enrichment program. Cost to join the PTA is \$3.50. For more information or if you'd like to volunteer in any capacity, call Debby Howell 430-3220, Karen Sunday 880-6534 or Dawn Osborn 837-2786.

Troop veterans

"Needed: anyone who served with A Troop 1/11 ACR from December 1969 to April 1970." Call George Burks 881-8094.



Family child care

Child Development Services offers care for your children. One of the options is Family Child Care. FCC providers have openings in homes on Redstone Arsenal. A list of certified providers and registration packets may be obtained at building 257 on Wesson Circle.



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Community activities

Civilian Wellness Center: At 11 a.m. Sept. 9 Leigh Johnson, a registered nurse from Crestwood Hospital's behavioral science department, will be at the Recreation Center, building 3711, providing tips on hilarity therapy and how it can help you. For information call the Civilian Wellness Center 955-6844. **Outdoor Recreation:** Sharpen your shooting skills Sept. 4-5 with pistol/rifle shoots at Shield's Range on Buxton Road; the pistol competition is from 3-4 p.m. Sept. 4, and the rifle shoot is from 12-4 p.m. Sept. 5. Both competitions require a \$1 per hour fee. Trophies will be awarded. For more information, call 876-4868. **Soldatenstube:** Visit the Soldatenstube, building 3511-G1, every Thursday and Friday evening for an authentic German dinner. Hours of operation are: Thursday — 5-9 p.m. bar, 6-9 p.m. dinner; and Friday — 4-9 p.m. bar, 6-9 p.m. dinner. For reservations call 876-6595 or 955-6114. After 5 p.m. call 881-5181. **Bowling Center:** The Redstone Bowling Center has new synthetic lanes and automatic scorers. "Our new equipment will make your game more enjoyable." For more information, call 876-6634. **Officers Club:** The Officers Club will be closed Sept. 6 in observance of Labor Day. "Have a safe holiday!" Third annual International Beer Tasting — This event will be held from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Officers Club; tickets are on sale now at \$5 per person; "the \$5 admission includes beer samples from here and abroad, an excellent assortment of hors d'oeuvres, and a souvenir glass." For more information, call 830-2582.



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.

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Science leadership traits apply to other walks of life

BY F. PETER WIGGINTON

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The leadership qualities that have vaulted DoD into world-class technology status are available to other potential leaders, said Anita Jones, Defense Research and Engineering director.

To develop an idea and move it from research to exploratory technology to advanced technology is not easy. The process requires the sustained, aggressive vision of a worthwhile goal and perspiration over sometimes frustratingly long periods of time to reach success. And these qualities are required of all leaders, she said.

Jones said the work of leaders in the science and technology arena yielded precision strike capabilities in Desert Storm. These leaders developed sensors that gave service members a decisive combat advantage. This is the kind of leadership that yielded the Global Positioning System, which permitted troops to know their exact locations.

"These are examples of what the real leaders in the science and technology arena can do. That is war-

fighting information, and to me it's very exciting," she told the 1993 DoD Executive Leadership Development Program graduating class during recent Pentagon ceremonies.

Such leadership requires a sustained vision that some technology might exist that can be harnessed, said Jones. In DoD, that goal is to meet national security needs. As an example, she used diamonds.

Navy thermal conductivity researchers wondered if diamonds would be as good as copper in transferring heat away from objects, she said. They found diamonds are more than 2.5 times as good.

Researchers then wondered if they could make diamonds. Jones said they found not one, but several methods. Next, advanced technology sought to harness such results into products useful for defense.

"Getting control of the technology so it does what you want takes years, it takes vision, it takes guidance and leadership. That is what is happening today, and it looks very promising," said Jones.

She added that technology leadership is no different from leadership required in the world at large. A

leader must have a clear, long-term vision, "whether for you, for your organization, for your project, even for your family." Such vision will guide a person through the day-to-day decisions required to eventually reach a goal.

It is better if the vision is aggressive or audacious. Life is too short to pick something unimportant, she said.

For instance, Jones credits Deputy Defense Secretary Bill Perry with being the "Father of Stealth." She said he had a long-term vision that DoD could field vehicles the enemy would be unable to see. He had to go to Congress and defend that. "Today, you'd say, 'Well, of course, that is a vision worthy of tremendous investment.' Well, he had to fight his way toward that goal," she said.

"Defense needs leaders, and the department is a tremendous place for leadership opportunities. Because of changing times, I think there is even more opportunity than there has been in the past," Jones concluded.

Environmental legacy program gets continuing support

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The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense has decided to fund \$55 million to continue DoD's environmental Legacy program.

The program is a congressionally mandated activity begun in 1991. It provides a framework to inventory, manage, conserve and restore biological, geophysical, cultural and historic resources on department lands.

Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, subcommittee chairman, made the announcement during recent ceremonies at the Capitol to honor Constance Werner Ramirez, historic preservation officer for the Army and head of DoD's Cultural Resource Task area.

Inouye said the \$55 million for fiscal 1994 may seem small compared to total defense appropriations. But, he said, the amount is significant in the sense that other accounts have been cut and Legacy was not.

Inouye said the end of the Cold War ushered in a new age for the U.S. military. People now see it engaged in such activities as aiding monsoon victims in Bangladesh, peacekeeping in Somalia and distributing

food throughout the world in various humanitarian activities.

"For too long whenever anyone mentioned the Department of Defense, it conjured up pictures of bombs and missiles," he said. "But today we have Legacy. No longer are we just destroying things. We are restoring and preserving."

He added that the appropriation serves as testimony that Ramirez's work has not gone unnoticed.

The Society for American Archaeology presented its annual Golden Trowel public service award to Ramirez for outstanding contributions to the protection and preservation of the nation's cultural heritage.

The award credited her with working to protect the abundance of cultural resources that exist on the nearly 25 million acres of DoD land. It recognized that under her leadership, military installations are enhancing management of archaeological and historical sites. She has organized new partnerships among DoD, federal agencies, nonprofit organizations and universities to improve resource stewardship and to leverage Legacy dollars.

Sherri Wasserman Goodman, deputy under secretary of defense for environmental security, also stressed the importance of the program and added her praise for Ramirez.

"In the post-Cold War era we need to take more seriously the costs we've incurred in creating weapons of mass destruction and the legacy of contamination we have to clean up. We also need to look at the natural and cultural resources that we must preserve, and it is in that vein that the Legacy program is so important," said Goodman.

She added that she is reorganizing the new Office for Environmental Security to address her program of cleanup, compliance, conservation and pollution prevention.

And to help assure the good stewardship and appropriate administration of the new \$55 million resource, Goodman said she has asked Ramirez to work directly with her in planning the integration of Legacy into the new environmental program.

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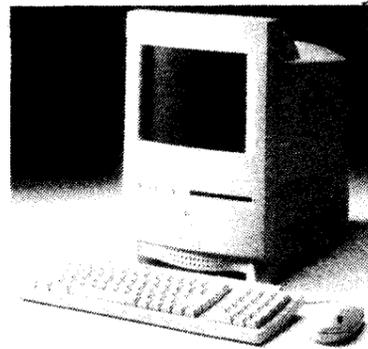


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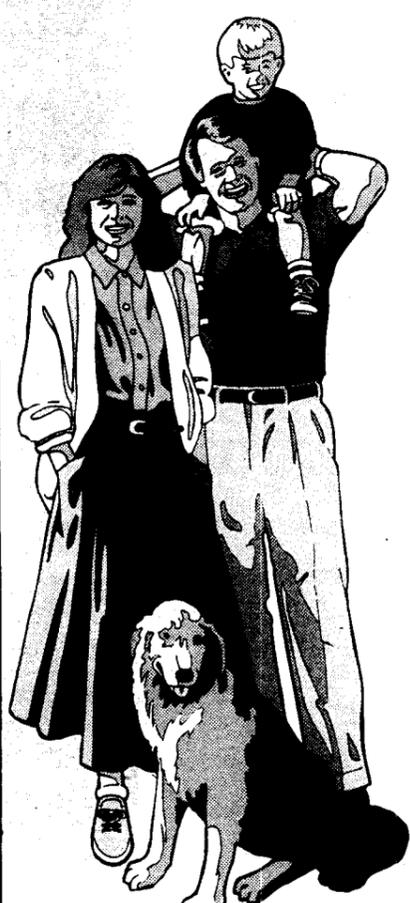
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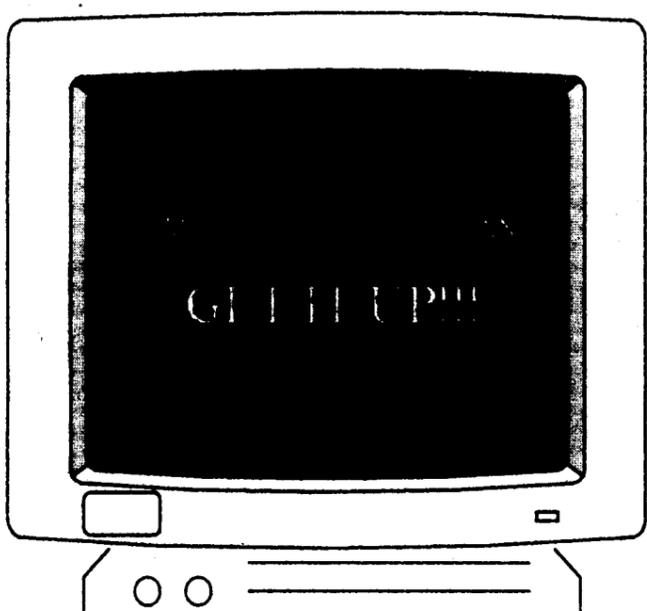
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