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Redstone Arsenal honors its volunteers of the year

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The volunteers who support Redstone Arsenal agencies and organizations, will be honored at an annual luncheon 11 a.m. April 26 at the Challenger Club.

National Volunteer Week is April 17-23. Redstone's four volunteers of the year, and other honorees, will be recognized during the luncheon. Cost for lunch is \$6.60 to be paid to the Missile Command's Protocol office by noon Friday, April 22; call Sarah Brazzel at Protocol 876-7135.

The volunteers of the year for 1993-94 include Christa Devanney, military community sustained service award; Danette Venegas, community service involvement award; Capt. Scott Dallesasse, service to youth volunteer award; and Elizabeth Stengel, Redstone Arsenal military community sustained service award.

Other community honorees include Deborah Behel, Betty Haars, retired Col. Thomas Kunhart, Sherry Macklin, retired Col. Gary M. Stewart, Martha Welsh, Nancy Wood, and Capt. Catherine Yarberry. Here are profiles on the volunteers of the year:

**DEVANNEY****Christa Devanney**

Devanney has an simple explanation for her 25 years of volunteer service at various Army communities, including 13 years at Redstone. "I enjoy it," she said.

She serves as volunteer and welfare chairman at the Thrift Shop. Devanney also represents the Program Executive Office, Tactical Missiles as a member of the Thrift Shop board. "We try to have a representative of all the different organizations," she said.

Devanney's other volunteer work through the years

has included serving as a Scout leader, working with the schools, Red Cross, Army Community Service, Officers Wives Club, and church. She plans to continue volunteering when her husband, Col. Tom Devanney, retires this summer.

"It was right for me," she said, when asked why people should volunteer. "I really can't answer for other people, but it got me out of the house with other people and still I was home with the children."

When her children were small, she liked the flexibility that volunteering offered: She could stay home with the children and still find time to serve the community. Devanney, a native of the mountains outside Munich, Germany, first arrived in the United States with her husband in 1968. She began her volunteer work in 1969 with a Waiting Wives group in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Her husband's career took her to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., in 1970; Redstone Arsenal, 1971-74; West Point, N.Y., 1974-77; Fort Leavenworth, Kan., 1977-78; Korea, 1978-79; Orange County, Calif., 1979-80; Redstone, 1980-83; Washington, D.C., 1983-87; and back to Redstone in 1987. All through the years she volunteered her time with Officers Wives Clubs, schools, and other community activities. "OWC kind of goes through the whole thing. That's the first thing I joined — still at it," she recalled.

She and her husband, the deputy PEO for tactical missiles, have a daughter and a son. Katharina, 25 on April 11, works with the Calhoun College extension on post. Thomas, 20, works in Huntsville and attends Calhoun.

"It makes me feel good to help others," Devanney, 50, said. She plans to keep volunteering when her husband retires whether the family stays in Huntsville or not. "But I hope it's here," she added.

Devanney was surprised to win a Volunteer of the Year award. "There are so many people that in my view should have gotten it," she said. "It's really an honor. I'm thrilled."

Danette Venegas

Volunteering at Army Community Service is like a full-time job for Venegas, who contributes her time as an administrative clerk at ACS.

She works at the front desk and does administrative duties which include many of the worldwide files on the relocation program. Venegas sees personal benefits from her volunteer service. As an ACS volunteer, Army Community Service pays for her child care.

"To get me out of the house," Venegas said, when asked why she volunteers. "To get him (her son) around some kids. ACS pays for my child care. So, to get me out of the house and to get him in day care. And to know more about the military. If it wasn't for me coming out here, I wouldn't know all the programs the military has and what they have to offer."

Venegas works at ACS from 30 to 35 hours a week: "Monday through Friday usually, unless something was to come up."

The 26-year-old considers Phoenix, Ariz., her hometown; she spent about eight years there before coming to Alabama. She was born at Fort Campbell, Ky. — her father was in the military — and raised in New Mexico. And she graduated from Indio (Calif.) High School in 1985.

She and her husband, PFC Manuel Venegas, a medical specialist who works in the emergency room at Fox Army Community Hospital, have a son and are

**VENEGAS**

expecting their second child. Their son, Richard, 3 and a half, attends the Child Development Center. "I'm due (with the second child) at the end of June," Venegas said. She doesn't know whether the baby will be a boy or girl, but says she's hoping for a girl.

Venegas arrived at Redstone in October 1992 from Phoenix; and she became an ACS volunteer in January 1993. Asked if she does any other volunteer work, she said: "No, I basically do this here, like a full-time job; (I) pretty much consider this a full-time job here."

She finds the work experience beneficial. "I thought of it as a job where I can get my experience. Eventually maybe leading to something; you know, maybe leading to a position here. I think if it wasn't for me being a volunteer here, I wouldn't know how the military works," she said.

"After the baby's born, I'm going to be home at least a year. And then maybe I'll come back here and volunteer more, maybe if something else doesn't come up."

Volunteering is a way for military spouses to learn how the military works and to gain work experience, according to Venegas.

"I think ACS is a good place to volunteer, with the staff. Got some good staff here that are willing to work with you and train you if you don't have any experience," she said.

Capt. Scott Dallesasse

Dallesasse remembers how his parents attended his games when he was growing up. Now, as a volunteer coach at the Youth Center, he does the same for his and others' kids.

He serves as committee chairman for the Cub Scouts on post. And he coaches baseball, soccer and basketball for mainly 10-under youngsters. Dallesasse has been volunteering at the Youth Center ever since he arrived at Redstone three years ago.

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Club service

Editor:

... We brought our daughter out for lunch when she was visiting from Fort Lee, Va. This was a busy day at the Officers Club; and not finding a table in the dining room area, we proceeded to go into the Big Spring Lounge to eat. Someone emerged from the darkness and told us we had to leave. I mentioned that the dining room was full and that we had no other place to go. He said, "That is not my problem, lady, the bar is closed." He then shut the door and we heard it lock, right there in our faces. Needless to say, I was very embarrassed in front of my daughter, since we had told her so many good things about the service and food there at the club. Hopefully someone of authority will read this and understand that they have a problem in their establishment.

Gail Lumbus
Madison

(Editor's note: The Directorate of Community and Family Activities provided the following response. "We are also very embarrassed that this incident took place in the Redstone Officers Club. We strive to provide the best possible service and food as we serve the Redstone Community. We ask that in the future if any incidents occur, please bring them to the attention of the manager and he will deal with them whether it be our employees or other customers.")

CFC at work

Editor:

The CFC/United Way at Work Seminars were started in 1993 with the approval of Maj. Gen. Rigby. These seminars are offering some mental health assistance to the federal employee in coping with today's stressful environment in the workplace and at home. The data that has been collected from those who have attended these seminars indicates that these types of seminars are helpful and would like for them to be expanded. However, there is apparently an atmosphere of misunderstanding about these seminars.

CFC/United Way at Work is not a promotional program for those local agencies that are listed in the user's guide. The speakers contribute their time to come to us to present these seminars, are experts in their field of endeavor, and are concerned about the total person — mentally and physically. Yes, some of

them do perform professionally with some of the agencies that we support through our contributions during our campaign. However, the speaker does not promote that agency.

Seminar topics have been selected from the data that has been collected from those who attend, e.g., Burnout, Coping with Difficult People, etc. Because of the programs that are offered by the Wellness Center, Fox Army Community Hospital, and other services, it is my intent to try not to duplicate seminars that are available through these resources. Time is a valuable resource and these seminars are not abusing that resource but are adding value to those who attend.

The next one will be "Self-Defense for Women"; held at the Recreation Center on Patton Road. Date: May 10 from 10 a.m. to noon. This seminar will be for the "Ladies Only." There will be some "one-on-one" training during the session. Seating is limited. More information will be available at a later date.

My thanks to all of you who have supported these seminars and I invite all of you to come and participate with us.

Bobby C. Park
Chairman,

Local Federal Coordinating Committee
Tennessee Valley CFC

Allergy problem

Editor:

... I am a procurement technician (office/automation) GS-1106-05, in the Acquisition Center, building 4488, and I have a problem.

Since I quit smoking, three years ago, I have been overcome with allergies. I also have high blood pressure which seriously restricts my use of normal allergy medication. After suffering for over a year (all year long, not just seasonal suffering) I finally went through the allergy clinic. They found I was allergic to practically everything, so I started on a shot in each arm, twice a week.

Meanwhile, back at the old procurement "ranch," I found that most perfumes leave me gasping for breath, among other things. Perfumes, potpourri, colognes, air fresheners, etc., all of these things really aggravate my allergies and it keeps getting worse. To escape offensive smells I have to move around at church, in theaters, at meetings, etc., anywhere there is a gathering, sometimes more than once. I've pleaded with my co-worker(s) not to wear perfume in the office, to no avail. I had a letter from my doctor stating that I needed to be in a perfume-free area. After I asked my boss to intervene and that failed, I took the letter from my doctor to Occupational Health. They concurred with my doctor and then management offered me the opportunity to move a few desks down in the same office. The same office in which I would have to move around and work with the offending personnel. I agreed to do that, but I reconsidered because I don't see that as being a viable solution. In addition to the perfume factory here, we have bathrooms with all sorts of flowery emissions. Eucalyptus abounds! Don't get me wrong, I love flowers, but give me a break!

To make a long story short, in desperation, I went to Civilian Personnel and they are trying to find me a suitable "job swap"; but in the meantime the staffing specialist told me to put out "feelers," so-to-speak, and see if I could find one myself, which brings me to the following "deal": If there is an office out there, preferably a small building, small office force, where the personnel would be agreeable to not wear perfume, shaving lotion, cologne, etc., and there's a clerical person who would consider a job swap, please call the "allergy lady" at 876-5697.

"Allergy Lady" (Name withheld
by request)

Application cycle

Editor:

We are concerned about the decision Civilian Personnel Office has made not to accept MACES and Ramps packages during this normal application cycle.

If we qualified for a particular career series or announcements and we would make the list, we could be considered for positions left vacant by the domino effect from the VERA/VSIP.

With CPO delaying accepting any packages until the next open application period, this could very well prevent some of us from qualifying for the vacancies.

Why can't they accept the packages as scheduled and panel them as soon as time permits which would allow those of us applying at this time to be considered?

Two names withheld by request

(Editor's note: The Civilian Personnel Office provided the following response. "As with many other organizations, CPO has lost a significant number of employees. In order to devote the necessary resources to administering Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VSIP), balancing the workforce, filling critical vacancies, and contingency planning, efforts had to be curtailed in other areas. This included a curtailment in accepting, rating, and paneling applications. Normally, applications are evaluated twice a year. During FY '94, applications will only be evaluated once. We will resume accepting applications on 1 June '94. The vacancies filled during the VSIP window, 29 Sept. '93 to 28 March '94, were filled using applications which were accepted up through 15 Jan. '94.")

Smoke-filled building

Editor:

Maybe my son won't have to go to the hospital tonight. Maybe we can successfully fight this vicious asthma attack here in our home. Maybe, if we have to go to the Emergency Room, the doctors won't have to admit him. Oh God, if they have to admit him, I hope they don't have to draw blood gasses and pump his little body full of steroids. And maybe, if I had not taken my children to that damned bowling alley on post, this whole nightmare would not have happened. The thick tobacco smoke in the building triggered a severe asthma attack.

As I watch my bright, energetic 8-year-old struggle to get a medicated mist into his lungs, I think back to our plans for a fun evening at the post Bowling Alley. We had not been in there for 20 minutes before I realized my oldest son was having trouble breathing. We tried using the inhaler. That almost always works. It brought only temporary relief. I then realized, to my horror, that the smell of tobacco permeated the facility! Of course! We had to leave the facility. And now, almost five hours after leaving that vile, smoke-filled government building, my son can't sleep because he is in what doctors call "mild distress."

I just finished reading Capt. Peoples' letter in the April 13 *Rocket* about smoking in the Bowling Alley, in utter violation of DoD policy. And I also read J.P. Mullen's non-answer. I find it truly difficult to believe that we can't stop smoking (per DoD policy) in the Bowling Alley because of some lawyers or unions. J.P. Mullen, as director of Directorate of Community and Family Activities, could stop smoking in the Bowling Alley with the stroke of a pen, under existing Army policy.

The current situation in the tobacco-ridden Bowling Alley is awful. People are, quite simply, put at risk.

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Commander's letter: Volunteer week

Editor's note: Maj. Gen. Rigby, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, signed the following open letter to the Redstone community.

This year, the week of 17-23 April is proclaimed as National Volunteer Week. The national theme is "Volunteers, the Promise of a Nation." Accordingly, here at Redstone Arsenal, we take time to recognize and honor our volunteers who provide valuable contributions to our community.

Volunteers have traditionally served as the backbone of support for community welfare and service to the military family. They all have a common goal — the desire to lend a helping hand.

We must never overlook the invaluable service that is given so freely by volunteers in the Redstone Arsenal community. They bring our local agencies a diversity of knowledge, skills and abilities that greatly benefit our soldiers and families.

On behalf of the entire Redstone Arsenal community, I am proud to recognize our volunteers as a vital element of this community, and call upon all personnel to take this opportunity to thank volunteers for their continued support.

Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby
MICOM commander

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Volunteers

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"I enjoy working with the kids," he said. "Just watching their progress from the first day to the last day of the season, I just really enjoy seeing that."

It's nice to win, but winning is not his coaching priority. He likes the local youth league rule for ages 10-under: that every youngster has a chance to play 50 percent of the time.

"I guess I feel like I'm teaching the kids something. And I think after the season they can look back and see they've learned something. I'm for the kids playing 50 percent of the time. I'm not worried about competing; it's just the initial introduction to the sport itself," he said.

Dallesasse, 32, grew up in Geneva, Ill., which is west of Chicago. One of three children of Leroy and Pat Dallesasse of Geneva, he remembers his parents cheering him on at his games. "Mom would be fighting the umpires," he quipped. He played hockey, football and baseball. At Geneva High School, where he graduated in 1979, he played football and baseball all through his senior year. He played intramural sports at Illinois State University where he graduated in 1984 with a double major in physical education and health.

An ROTC graduate, Dallesasse's first Army assignment was at Fort Bliss, Texas, from 1984-87 as an air defense officer. He was branch transferred in 1987; and attended the officer advanced course at Fort Lee, Va., home of the quartermaster school. He graduated from OAC in October 1988. Dallesasse then went to Germany with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Nurnberg. He served in Germany for the next three years. "Initially I was the general supply officer, and then I had my company command. Nineteen months of command; took them over to the desert, did our mission and came back to Germany," he recalled.

Dallesasse served in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Shield/Storm from December 1990 to April 25, 1991, departing after the war ended. He and his family arrived at Redstone in August 1991. A member of E Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, he is taking classes toward a master's degree in logistics at the Florida Institute of Technology extension on post.

He and his wife, Julie, have three sons: Matthew, 9, a fourth grader at Williams Elementary; Ryan, 7, a second grader at Williams; and Kevin, 5, a preschooler. Matthew plays basketball and baseball at Redstone; Ryan plays soccer and baseball; and Kevin is starting T-ball here.

"If an individual feels they have something to contribute to the youth, I think they should volunteer," Dallesasse said. "If you're there to support them, they'll remember that. My parents were there, and I hope I'm doing the same thing."

Elizabeth Stengel

Stengel has been a member of what is now known as the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club of Redstone Arsenal, since 1967. She has participated in the group's volunteer activities ever since.

"I enjoy it; I like to help people. There's so much help needed, I just enjoy helping," Stengel said. She has served as a board member the last two years, and is the decorations chairman. Besides her work with the NCO spouses, she volunteered at Army Community Service from 1970-74.

Stengel, 61, was born in Stuttgart, Germany. She married a U.S. soldier, Robert Charles Stengel, in 1958 and arrived in the states the following year. After another tour in Germany, to Heidelberg and Kaiserslautern, they came to Redstone in 1966. About two months later, he was sent to Vietnam where he served until 1969; MSgt. Stengel retired from the Army in 1970.

"In the (NCO) wives club, it was just like automatic," Stengel said, when asked how she became a volunteer. "It's a fun group. We have a bunch of terrific girls and it's really fun to work with them."

Among the group's volunteer activities are visits to the Windsor House nursing home in Huntsville. "It makes me feel good, especially when I go out to the nursing home. The old people, they look at you and



STENGEL

smile; they don't get many visitors. So, it makes you feel good to know somebody cares," Stengel said. "And those old people really appreciate when you sit with them and talk with them and pay some attention to them."

She believes more people should volunteer their time. "For one thing their help is needed very badly, and I think it makes everybody feel good," she said.

Asked how long she plans to continue volunteering, Stengel said: "As long as I can. With my health, I don't know; I've got arthritis so bad. As long as I possibly can. I hope it'll be a long time."

Gen. Rigby: My personal thanks for your ACOE efforts



Fort Lee, Va., has won this year's Army Communities of Excellence award for best medium-sized installation. Redstone Arsenal was named runner-up.

Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, signed the following open letter to the Redstone community:

"By now you have heard that Fort Lee has been named the Best Medium Installation in CONUS in the annual Army Communities of Excellence competition. Redstone Arsenal was named runner-up and won \$250,000.

"I know you are disappointed. So am I. Let's acknowledge it, put it behind us, and start planning for next time.

"There will be a next time. Redstone has won before. I have no doubt — and neither should you — that Redstone will win again. My only regret is that I won't be with you when it happens.

"This year's competition has moved Redstone to a new level. Our customer service is vastly improved. The physical appearance of the post has never been better. Our facilities are first rate and getting better.

"What impresses me most is the way every element in the local Army community came together in a true team effort. Keep that spirit alive and well and good things will continue happen.

"To each and every one of you, my personal thanks for all you have done to make our Redstone community what it has become in the last few years.

"You are winners in every sense of the word. I am proud of you and even prouder of your trust and support.

"I know one day someone will tell me that Redstone Arsenal has been officially declared to be the best post in the Army. I'll just smile and say 'Yes, I know.'"

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Transitioning workers meet potential employers April 28

BY PAM ROGERS

If you're a soldier or civilian who is leaving government service or the family member of such a person, the Army Career and Alumni Program has just the place for you to be on April 28.

It's ACAP's third Employer Day, designed to bring prospective employers together with quality workers.

At this employer day you might not see quite as many defense contractors as at past events, according

to Ramona Roy, Transition Services director for Redstone.

"We're looking at the companies that are hiring," she said, noting that many of the big defense contractors are downsizing.

"All the attendees have jobs available," she said.

The event will be held at the Officers Club from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees should dress appropriately and bring copies of their resumes.

Here is a list of companies that will be attending:
ENGINEERING-CONTRACTING — Champion International; Essex Corp.; Johnson Control World Services; Mason and Hanger National; MIS International; MTA Inc.; New Technology; Raytheon; Summa Technology; Vista Technology.

EDUCATION — Alabama A&M University; the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES — Alabama State Employment Service; Kelly Temporary Services; Snelling Personnel Services; Tennessee Department of Employment.

GOVERNMENT — Northeast Alabama Regional Small Business Development Council; U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Alabama Department of Revenue; Alabama Department of Transportation.

SERVICES — ACT Personnel Services; BAMSI; First Alabama Bank; Redstone Federal Credit Union; SSI Services.

LAW ENFORCEMENT — Huntsville Police Department; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

MANUFACTURING — Computer Data Systems; Disc Manufacturing; Daikin America.

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SALES/MARKETING — ADS Environmental Services; AHP Inc.; Dickens and Associates; Maintenance and Management Services; Marketing and Management Corporation; Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance; Orkin Pest Control; Train America.

TRUCKING — Hornady Truck Lines; J.B. Hunt Transport; Schneider National Carriers.

Here are some of the occupations the attendees are looking for:

Accountants, clerks, administrative personnel, computer programmers, computer analysts, software engineers, civil engineers, teachers, environmental field managers, contract managers.

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Law enforcement officers, trades and crafts, electronic technicians, tellers, cashiers, skilled laborers.

For more information about the Employer Day, call the ACAP office at 955-6490.

Environment work begins near photo lab

If you've seen people wearing protective clothing and masks working around the closed arsenic pond near TMDE and the photo lab lately, there's no cause to be alarmed. They're part of a crew that is checking the area for safety and health aspects prior to the start of interim remedial action at the site. They're wearing the suits because they are required to by environmental regulations that control work at sites like this.

The pond (really three separate ponds) is a relic from Redstone's World War II mission as a chemical weapons production facility. The 2- to 4-inch layer of four percent arsenic sludge that lies beneath 8 to 12 feet of earth is a by-product of the production of lewisite, a blistering agent.

During the years after lewisite production ceased, the ponds were capped and trees and brush grew on top of them. It has since been discovered that trees can disturb a soil cap and allow water to penetrate the soil,

so the Army awarded V&W Construction of Louisiana a contract to remove the trees, reinforce the areas of the cap that have eroded over the years, and repair the banks of a creek that flows around one side of the area.

One of the first things the company must do is take soil samples from the cap. Workers who take the samples will be wearing protective clothing. The sampling was scheduled to begin Monday, and when it is completed, the workers should be in normal work clothes.

About the only impact the work will have on the people of Redstone will be the traffic around the photo lab. Trucks will be hauling dirt in, and could cause some traffic delays. The road behind 5435 will be relocated and new fences will be installed around the site. Construction is scheduled to take approximately one year.

DFAS official says wait for announcement

One of the top officials of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service told a roomful of anxious local DFAS workers April 14 "I don't have a clue" when asked if the agency planned to move additional work and people here.

He also said the wait to find out is almost over, predicting a Defense Department announcement on the sites selected by the end of the month.

John Barber, deputy director of DFAS, told a luncheon meeting of the American Comptrollers Association in the Officers Club that the decision package had been turned over to the secretary of defense and his staff for final review and approval.

Two years ago, DFAS set off a nationwide competition among cities bidding for a regional center, only to have that plan scrapped by then Secretary of Defense Les Aspin in 1993.

Since then DFAS has worked on a new plan to con-

solidate its 300 sites in the United States and overseas and cut its work force approximately in half.

Barber said site selection criteria in the new plan put heavy emphasis on using existing and available facilities on DoD bases impacted by downsizing or base closure decisions.

Huntsville Mayor Steve Hettinger presented Barber with a key to the city. Councilman Richard Showers named him an honorary citizen of Huntsville.

The Redstone Arsenal finance and accounting operation employs several hundred people. It was transferred from the Army to DFAS about a year ago.

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New buyout law causing administrative headaches

BY SANDA MARTEL

The recent law passed to allow all federal agencies to offer buyout bonuses is causing headaches for Department of Defense agencies who already had buyout authority in place.

The catch is that the governmentwide buyout program imposed limits the DoD program didn't have. Under the DoD buyout program, employees taking a bonus and leaving (retirement or resignation) were excluded from Defense jobs for just one year and faced no exclusion from other federal agencies.

Under the new law, signed by President Clinton March 30, people taking buyouts must repay full VSIP if employed by the government, by appointment or personal services contract, within five years after separation. The new law covers DoD.

In the case of Missile Command, which already had its VERA/VSIP well underway, people left on April 1

and 2, not knowing they were covered by the provision of the new law.

Now, personnel offices have been told they must notify these employees and give them a chance to reconsider.

What impact is this having locally? Leonard Farbman, chief of Civilian Personnel's Technical Services Branch said, that letters are being prepared to send to all people who had already resigned or retired from their jobs before the legislation was passed. That involved about 250 people. This action is necessary to be in compliance with the law, Farbman said.

Is it possible that the five-year exclusion will change anyone's mind about having left?

"It's highly unlikely in the case of retirees," Farbman said, noting that most who retire don't leave with the intent of coming back into federal service.

"It could be that people who resigned had a thought of going to work for another agency, but that possibility is somewhat remote," because there aren't a lot of other federal agencies hiring, Farbman said.

Of the 317 takers who left during the early out, 42 were resignations.

"Anytime you have something like this happen it creates vast administrative problems," Farbman said.

So what happens if someone who resigned, for instance, on April 1, gets the letter from CPO and decides to come back and reclaim his/her job?

"Individuals would be required to return to work on the day after they receive the letter; they would receive back pay for the days they've been gone from the work force; they would have to pay back any annual leave or retirement benefits they withdrew.

"If they didn't want to come back to work on the day after they got their letters, they could request annual leave until they could get back," Farbman said.

CPO plans to have the letters in the hands of those affected by April 27.

Future buyouts more costly

Another provision of the new law requires agencies offering buyouts to pay 9 percent of annual salary into a fund to cover buyout costs.

Some fear the DoD buyout program will be curtailed because of this additional cost, *Federal Times* reports in its April 18 issue.

Another provision of the new law requires agencies to pay into the federal retirement system \$80 for each employee on its rolls as of March 31 each year. This begins in 1995.

How the new provisions will affect future buyout programs remains to be seen.

AER campaign tops \$18,600

The Army Emergency Relief campaign here has collected more than \$18,600 but is behind last year's pace.

As of Friday the campaign total was \$18,639 for 41.4 percent of the \$45,000 goal, said Kaye Donovan, AER assistant coordinator. The fund-raising drive, which opened March 1, continues through May 15.

"We are falling behind last year's progress. At this time last year they had about \$27,000," Donovan said.

Upcoming fund-raising events include a fashion show April 22 at Sports Haven, a bass tournament April 23, the Acquisition Center's spring carnival April 28, the RD&E Center's AER/organizational day May 3, and the Integrated Materiel Management Center's spring fling May 5. "And of course there are bake sales and other things going on all the time," Donovan added. She can be reached for AER information at 842-8938.

Letters

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BY SKIP VAUGHN

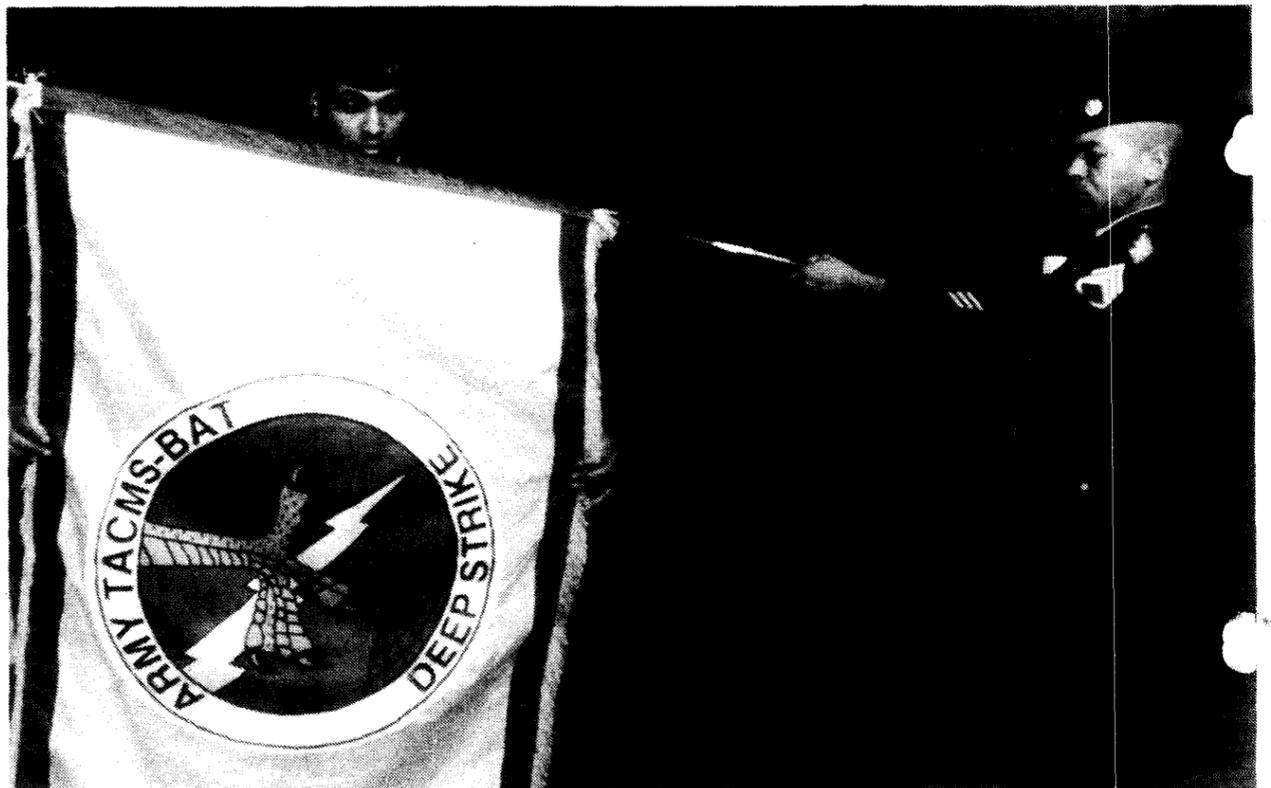
Two project offices under the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles have combined into one project office.

The Army TACMS project office and Bat project office are now the Army TACMS-Bat Project Office. The marriage was held April 12 at Sports Haven.

"I'm truly honored with the opportunity to serve as the Army TACMS-Bat project manager," said Col. Willie B. Nance Jr., in taking the reins of the combined project office. He served as Bat project manager for the past two years.



PROJECT MANAGER — Nance addresses attendees at the ceremony upon taking the reins as Army TACMS-Bat project manager.



NEW COLORS — Soldiers unveil the colors of the newly formed Army TACMS-Bat Project Office.

Nance praised both the Bat and Army TACMS teams for their accomplishments. Col. David Matthews, who served as the Army TACMS project manager, has "done a great job," he said. Nance told Matthews, "I'm honored to take the reins from you for this (Army TACMS) system in the future."

Army Tactical Missile System is a ground-launched missile system consisting of a surface-to-surface guided missile with an anti-personnel/antimateriel warhead configuration. Army TACMS missiles are fired from a Multiple Launch Rocket System modified M270 launcher and are deployed within the ammuni-

tion loads of corps MLRS battalions and/or division artillery MLRS batteries.

Bat is a brilliant, self-guided, anti-armor submunition used to autonomously seek, identify, attack, and destroy moving tanks and other armored vehicles. Bat submunitions can be carried deep into enemy territory by a delivery vehicle, then dispersed over a target to selectively attack and destroy the target.

"To the folks in the Army TACMS-Bat Project Office and the industry team that will support the Army TACMS-Bat Project Office, the Army has given us a great challenge and I look forward to working with you as we fulfill that challenge," Nance said.

The project office's mission is to provide the Army a system that gives "the capability to strike with precision on the deep battlefield and more importantly that protects our soldier," he said.

Matthews reflected on the "bittersweet completion" of his four years as Army TACMS project manager. "I can say unequivocally that I've never had more fun," Matthews said. Combining the two project offices was the right decision for both systems, he said, predicting a "fruitful marriage."

The ceremony included deactivation of the Bat project office, deactivation of the Army TACMS project office, and activation of the Army TACMS-Bat Project Office. George G. Williams is the program executive officer for tactical missiles.

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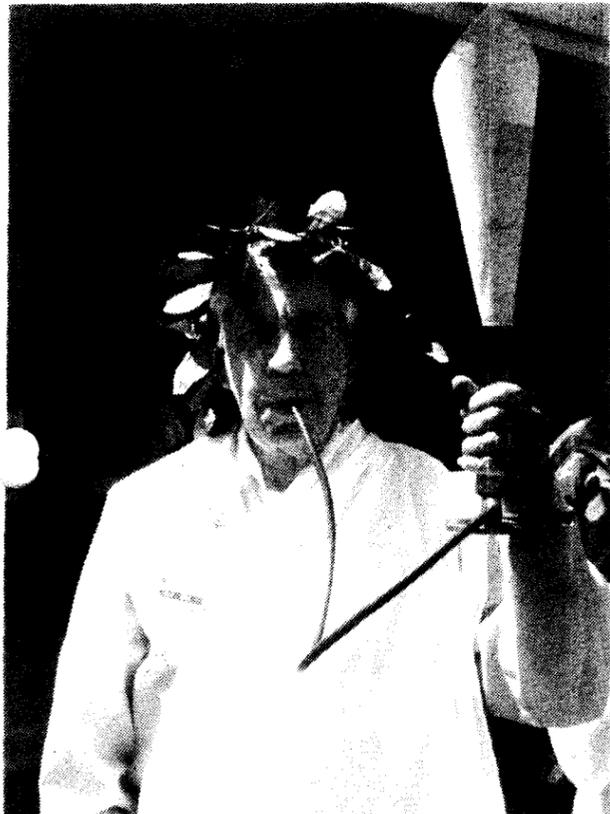
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Medical laboratory workers have Olympic fun and games

BY SKIP VAUGHN

With tongue in cheek, the hospital commander told about all the work the laboratory athletes had put into their preparation for the inaugural Laboratory Olympics. Col. William Wong then opened the fun by pro-aiming, "Let the games begin."



TORCH BEARER — Retired Lt. Col. Richard Cox, a Red Cross volunteer, sets the tone for the Laboratory Olympics.

The Fox Army Community Hospital workers competed in five events Thursday in what is to become an annual activity for National Medical Laboratory Week. Smiles and laughter abounded during the three team events and two individual events. "I'm getting a kick out of this," said MSgt. Patricia Simmons, the senior medical NCO, as she tested her whistle while serving as one of the judges.

The red "Proteus" team won the first event: the personnel protective equipment relay. In this race the team members donned lab coats, gloves, face shields

and booties, gathered blood tubes — really tubes of water with food coloring — and raced to the other end of the field where they placed the tubes in a rack. "It was a close race, hard fought all the way. It was a true Olympic effort," quipped judge Lt. Col. Russell Taylor, the chief nurse.

In the second event, the pipetting skills relay, the green "Coagulates" team rebounded with a win. Each member used a pipette to transfer hydrochloric acid — really water — into an empty container. Like the first event, this was a relay which required running to and from the pipette table. "I'm outta breath. I can't run no more," panted Spec. Janet Pete, a member of the winning team.

The Coagulates team also won the urine cup stack event which required members to run to a table to pour urine — really Mountain Dew — into a cup, put a lid on the cup and then stack each cup. This proved challenging because the wind kept blowing the cups over.

"This event not only requires hand, eye and finger coordination; it also requires a degree in engineering," quipped judge Lt. Col. Jack Durkan, the deputy commander for administration. The Coagulates won despite having only a three-cup stack at the end.

Spec. Dave Maxwell won the phlebotomy skills — dart throw — event; and Becky Duplechin took the biohazard trash toss — ball throw into open can — event. Prizes included coffee mugs. T-shirts were presented to the judges.

Participants included the following:

- Red "Proteus" team members: Colleen Fanning, PFC Martha Mears, Bobby Gray, Spec. Tiffanie Fuller, Spec. Richard Laboone, Shirley Ledbetter, Spec. David Maxwell; Capt. Renee Beckham, chief of the department of pathology; and Sgt. Lewis Rawls.

- Green "Coagulates" team members: Mike Pace, Spec. Lydia Allen, Becky Duplechin, Spec. Kevin Napier, Donna Ragucci, Alice Horn, Joe Tibbs and Spec. Janet Pete.

- Debbie Jones served as master of ceremonies; and Colleen Fanning was the chairperson for activities during Laboratory Week, April 11-15.

- Judges included Lt. Col. Jack Durkan, Lt. Col. Russell Taylor, Maj. (Dr.) Carter Hale, Lt. Col. Gwendolyn Fryer and MSgt. Patricia Simmons.

- Dr. William Bell served as team physician; and retired Lt. Col. Richard Cox was the torch bearer.

- The Fox Army Community Hospital Laboratory workers expressed their appreciation to everyone who helped celebrate Laboratory Week; they also thanked the following contributors: FACH staff and patients, Dr. William Bell, Dr. Peter Vevon, Dr. Pedro Arroyo, El Mejicano, Gold's Gym, K-Mart, Kwik Kleen Cleaners, Lee's Magic Tunnel Carwash, The Mill, New Age Carwash, Plamor Bowling Lanes, and Wal Mart.



PIPETTING SKILLS RELAY — Spec. Janet Pete, of the green team, and Bobby Gray, of the red team, compete during the pipetting skills relay. The green team won.

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Child abuse prevention focus of month-long observance

April has been designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month at Redstone Arsenal.

Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, signed the following open letter:

"Our children deserve the best we have within us. They look to us to be their protectors, role models, heroes and heroines. Children who are loved and nurtured grow up to love and nurture others. They give back to their own families, their neighborhoods, and the entire nation the good that was bestowed on them. When we show we care, they can show they care.

"The military lifestyle requires that children make

many sacrifices in the interest of military readiness. They are asked to move and make adjustments — giving up treasured friends, teachers, and familiar surroundings. They are asked to deal with the frequent absence of a parent and make the most of limited time together while also learning to grow up with the unspoken fear that if a war occurs, their parent could be called away.

"And, because adults become used to the frequent moves and changes, we must never forget to show our children how much we appreciate them for putting up with our chosen life. Remember — they didn't volunteer for the job of being a military child.

"Sometimes children bear the brunt of the stress

adults experience being in the military. This may mean children are yelled at, hit, or neglected by the very people they look up to for guidance and love. This treatment — which is called child abuse when it is severe — has long-term effects for a child; and, it causes them to really question how much we care for them.

"In honor of our children, I therefore declare that April 1994 be designated as 'Child Abuse Prevention Month.' I hope that the entire community will celebrate our children and participate in the special events scheduled to honor our youngest members. During the month of April and throughout the year, we need to express our deep gratitude and affection for our children," the Commander's Letter concluded.

OMMCS soldier recognized by German government

MWO 4 John Federico Jr., a proponent action officer for the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, was awarded the Bronze Meritorious Cross of the Bundeswehr by German army Lt. Col. Hanns Hollube in a ceremony April 5 at building 3300.

The award, which is the highest peacetime award a soldier can receive from the German army, was awarded to Federico for his role in Operation Silent Echo.

The operation's objective was the retrograde of all nuclear weapons from the European theater. It was initially projected as a three-year operation but was completed in only nine months. Federico, who was a staff action officer for the U.S. Army Europe's deputy chief of staff for logistics, played a key role in the operation.

"I was both surprised and honored to receive such a prestigious award from the German government," Federico said.

Federico, who is from Jersey City, N.J., was drafted into the Army in 1966 and received his appointment in the Warrant Office Corps in 1973. He will retire June 30 with 28 years of active service; and he and his wife, Patricia, will reside in Guntersville.



TOP HONOR — Hollube, left, congratulates MW4 John Federico Jr. upon his receiving the Bronze Meritorious Cross of the Bundeswehr. Federico's wife, Patricia, looks on.



GOOD CAUSE — The Security Assistance Management Directorate held a bake sale Thursday to benefit Army Emergency Relief. The sale started at 7:30 a.m. and ran until everything was sold out, according to John Jacobi, event organizer. Werner Lawther, SAMD deputy director, left, makes a purchase from Marilyn Whiteford and Jacobi. Jacobi said that AER helps not only active duty soldiers, but reservists and National Guard members as well.

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Reuse program office thanks maintenance contractor

The base support contractor and its motor pool workers were recognized last week for their repair work in the Army's equipment reuse program.

George W. Reed, acting chief of Systems Applications Management Office, part of the Weapon Systems Management Directorate, presented certificates April 13 to BAMSI Inc. and members of BAMSI's Maintenance Facility. "We'd like to show our appreciation for the outstanding support that you've provided," Reed said.

The Systems Applications Management Office receives phased-out systems and inactive systems, finds potential customers for this equipment, and coordinates its reuse throughout the Defense Department. BAMSI has refurbished equipment targeted for reuse.

"The quality of work that we receive out of BAMSI has been way above the depot refurbishment program. Without them our (reuse) program wouldn't be the success story that it is," Reed said.

He cited as an example the vans which were refurbished for the in-theater missile repair activity as a lesson learned from Operation Desert Storm. BAMSI completely redid the trailers including the lights, interiors and exteriors. The vans were then issued to the In-Theater Missile Repair Activity which is part of the Integrated Materiel Management Center. This equipment was to be on display April 19 during a visit by Gen. Leon Salomon, commander of Army Materiel Command.

Marvin Barber, BAMSI's project manager for installation service support, accepted the certificate on behalf of BAMSI. He thanked the motor pool workers for their efforts. "I want to express my appreciation to each one of you individually and collectively," Barber said.

Members of BAMSI's Maintenance Facility include Steven Hargrave, Mitchell Brown and Bobby Barnett, truck shop and trailers; David Woodis, Phillip Ring, Edward J. Miller, Paul Kennedy, Gary Batchelor and Michael J. Barnes, heavy equipment, generators, air conditioners; Willie L. Baker and Timothy W. Baker, tire shop and lubrication shop; Robert Whiteford,

supervisor of vehicle/equipment maintenance; Robert D. Sartain, supervisor of equipment management branch; Gordon Lones, supervisor of allied trades;

Roy L. Scott, body and paint; Johnny Massey, welding; William Hogan, Ricky Logston and J.C. Moore.



MAINTENANCE FACILITY FOLKS — Members of BAMSI's Maintenance Facility pose together after last week's award ceremony.

Troop bowling

Here are the Troop Intramural Bowling standings after last week's games:

Tuesday's Conference

| W | L | |
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| Readiness Group-2 | 459.5 | 240.5 |
| Readiness Group-1 | 410.5 | 289.5 |
| Anchors E Company 832nd | 388.5 | 311.5 |
| F Company Equate | 383.5 | 316.5 |
| F Company MSTD | 382.5 | 332.5 |
| HHC 832nd | 367.5 | 332.5 |
| Readiness Group-4 | 366 | 334 |
| MEDDAC-2 | 361 | 339 |
| MEDDAC-1 | 340 | 360 |
| HHC MICOM | 325.5 | 374.5 |

200 games bowled April 12:

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| Avery Hollifield (F Co. MSTD) | 208 |
| Scott Allison (F Co. Equate) | 206 |
| Louis Flores (Anchors E Co.) | 204 |
| Timothy Mickleson (MEDDAC-2) | 201 |

Thursday's Conference

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| DOT Last Year's Champs | 450 | 225 |
| Hooters | 382.5 | 292.5 |
| HHD USATA | 380 | 295 |
| MLRS F Company | 378 | 297 |
| NNTK | 351.5 | 323.5 |
| Master Blasters | 332.5 | 342.5 |
| 49 ORs | 327 | 348 |
| Navy | 290.5 | 384.5 |

200 games bowled April 14:

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| Chuck Tonn (Hooters) | 224 |
| Don Harris (NNTK) | 222 |
| Ann Lee (Hooters) | 209 |
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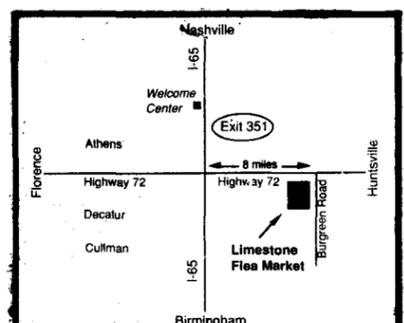


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Military retirement home gets boost from sergeants major

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A retirement home for military retirees could open at Redstone Arsenal by late 1996, according to organizers.

"We have asked for congressional transfer of land (93.7 acres) from Redstone Arsenal to this organization," said retired Maj. Gen. George Turnmeyer, chairman of the Redstone Retired Military Residence Association and a former commander of this installation. "And the request will be made by members of our (congressional) delegation to the Army. And the effort has the strong support of Gen. Rigby and senior officers of the Army.

"What we have in mind is a mix of high-rise apartment units and individual cottage units. We anticipate about 350 total units," Turnmeyer said.

The facility will be open to retired military of all ranks and services. The proposed site is behind the Officers Club going out toward the Space and Rocket Center.

This effort received a boost April 11 with the contribution of a \$1,000 check from the Sergeants Major Association of Redstone Arsenal. "This is a total surprise to our whole organization," Turnmeyer said in thanking members of the association.

MSgt. Tim Ayers, president of the Sergeants Major Association, presented the check to Turnmeyer. The money represents proceeds from bingo at the Challenger Club. The 33-member association supports efforts that benefit the military community, active duty and retired, Ayers said.

Regarding the construction timetable, Turnmeyer said: "Upon congressional approval of the transfer of the land to our association, final design and selection of the builder will take place. We anticipate that the facility will be ready for occupancy approximately two years from the date of the land transfer authorization by the Congress.

"I feel if we're lucky, Congress could approve it as early as this session" which could mean opening in late 1996, he said.



CHECK PRESENTATION — Ayers presents a \$1,000 check to Turnmeyer, for the Redstone Retired Military Residence Association.

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Bowling Center invites Redstone community for summer

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

BY MICHELLE JENNESS-STULTS

The Bowling Center invites the Redstone community to sign up for summer leagues.

Three leagues will run through the summer, ending around the first or second week in August (bowlers may vote on the number of weeks they bowl). The leagues include: Sunday night mixed, starting May 8; Wednesday night mixed, starting May 18; and Friday night major/minor (adult/child), beginning the first week in June. Teams will bowl weekly, from 6 to about 8:30 p.m.

Major improvements have been made at the Bowling Center, modernizing the center and enhancing its

overall appearance. New synthetic lanes have been installed; state-of-the-art automatic scorers keep score for you; and new carpet has been added.

Other features include Brunswick automatic pinsetters, astrolite seating, a game room with pinball machines, video games, a bowling machine, juke box, and a snack bar.

The bowling center is located just inside gate 10, on Patton Road, adjacent to the Recreation Center and Post Theater.

The Redstone community is invited to join any of the leagues offered. Active duty and retired military, civilian employees, Redstone Arsenal contractors, NASA employees and their families are all welcome to

utilize the bowling center. For more information on joining a summer league, call 876-6634.

Sports Haven

St. Patrick's Day brought the opportunity to raise money and have a fun celebration March 17 at the Sports Haven. Volunteers raised \$324.95 for Army Emergency Relief during Sports Haven's St. Patty's Day Bash. The Bash was a huge success thanks to celebrity bartenders and waitresses who volunteered their time and energy to raise money for this significant cause.

Volunteers included Maj. Gen. Joe and Colleen Rigby; Post CSM David Holmes; MSgt. Horn, MSgt. Ludlowe, Lee Hicks, Nick Kallo, Michelle Jenness-Stults, Jeanie Begeman, Sonya Ponder and Joann Smith. All tips taken in by bartenders and waitresses during the evening went to AER.

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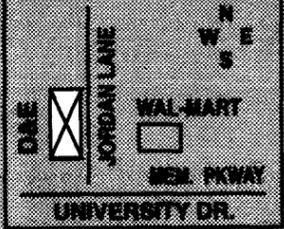
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ACOE EVALUATION CHIEF — Lt. Col. Stephen Trent, left, Army Communities of Excellence evaluation team chief, gets ready to depart on his inspection tour with Col. Thomas Hooper, commandant of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. Among the things Trent inspected while here were the Central Issue Facility and the F Company, 832d Ordnance Battalion barracks.

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BY PAM ROGERS

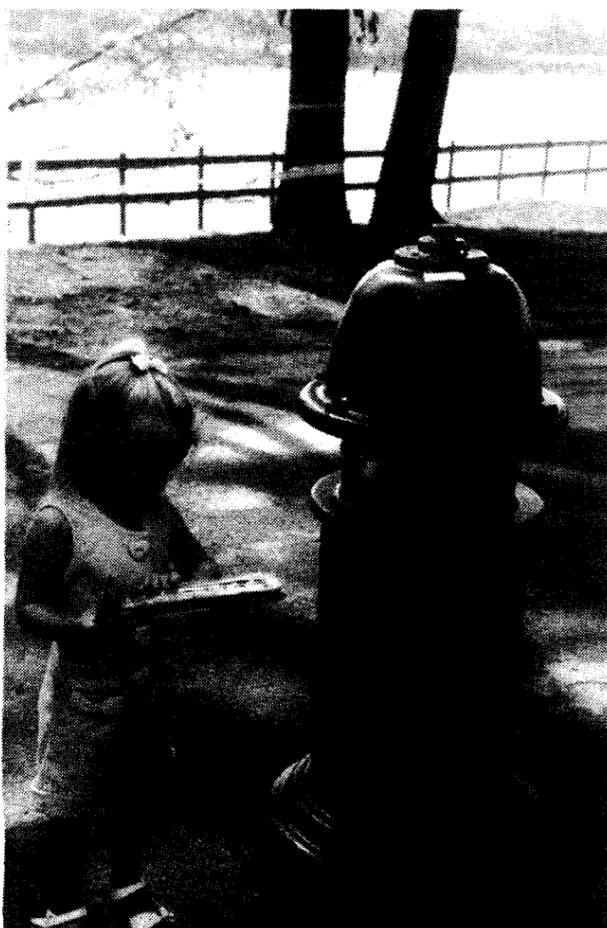
Serving the community is the mission of the Redstone Fire Department, whether its members are fighting fires, giving tours or contributing ladders for postwide cleanup.

A few of the Redstone firemen got together recently to talk to the *Rocket* about the ways they serve their customers.

"One of the lesser-known things we do is vehicle extrications," said Bobby McFarland, district chief of the Rideout Road fire station. Firemen use "the jaws of life" to rescue people from wrecked cars. They also can provide basic life support, can respond during a



FIREFIGHTERS — A few members of the Redstone Fire Department include, from left, front row, Bobby McFarland, Jerry Lewis, Sandy Boyd; back row, Ronald Schrimsher, Terry Davis, Keith Galeano, and Willie Pope.



EDUCATION — Pluggie is one of the fire prevention training aids used by the department. Pictured with Pluggie is Carmie Boyd, daughter of Sandy and Joey Boyd, both Redstone firefighters.

hazardous materials incident, rescue stranded boaters, and have even pulled adventurous children out of storm drains.

If that sounds unusual, consider some of the other services they render: making "rain" for Army training films, washing mud deposited by floods out of buildings, pumping out flooded basements, and replacing ropes on flagpoles.

Fire prevention education is a big area of customer service for the Redstone firefighters. Educational activities include tours of fire stations for school and Scout groups, participation in the annual Night Out Against Crime, drills, inspections and lectures for offices and housing areas, and visits to the Child Development Center and Youth Center.

The department's Sparky the dog and Pluggie the fireplug animated characters are very popular with the younger set, and the Huntsville schools have found out that the Redstone Fire Department puts on a good show.

"We have over 2,000 children come from off post every year," said Jerry Lewis, a driver-operator at the Vincent Road Fire Station.

The Redstone department also supports other fire departments in the surrounding area.

"We have a mobile charging unit for breathing ap-

paratus that we loan to communities in the surrounding area," McFarland said. Fire departments without such equipment can use Redstone's unit to recharge breathing apparatus at the scene of a fire.

The department has a mutual aid agreement with the city of Huntsville that was implemented during the tornado of 1989. All firefighters were called into work during the aftermath of the tornado, either on the scene, or working at the Arsenal.

Training is an important part of being a firefighter, and Redstone has one training area that is in demand by other fire departments.

"We have an environmentally-approved burn pit for fuel fires," McFarland said, adding that it's one of the few in the Southeast. Redstone makes it available for the training use of other fire departments, and recently it was being used by the Nashville Fire Department.

With all these examples of customer service, it's no wonder Redstone has been named the best fire department in Army Materiel Command.

Sadly, though, there is one area of customer service the department just cannot perform, according to Assistant Chief Willie B. Pope.

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Longtime motorcycle rider still enjoying hobby

BY KEN MCCOOEY

It all started out with help from his friend and it only took a couple of times till Ben Harris was hooked. It's not drinking or smoking that Harris is addicted to, but a passion he has for riding motorcycles.

While it may be a common thing for somebody to have a passion for motorcycles, Harris' is unique in the fact that he is 81 years old and still rides one to this day.

"I got my first ride behind someone in 1934," Harris said. "If you get a good ride on one and don't get scared, it's easy to fall in love with them."

Harris was so enamored with motorcycles that he purchased his first motorcycle shortly thereafter. "The first bike I bought was a Harley in 1936," Harris said. "It cost \$336 out the door."

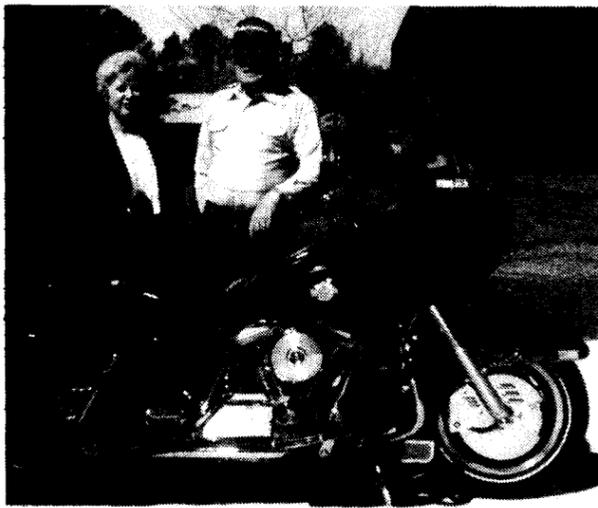
Harris has spent a lot of time on motorcycles and that let him witness the start of a motorcycle tradition. "I was at Daytona Beach for the first motorcycle race there in 1937," Harris said. "I don't go too much anymore down to Daytona, it's too crowded and it's no fun. It takes forever to get anywhere."

Even though he doesn't plan any road trips to Daytona Beach in the near future, he still plans on doing some other road trips on his motorcycle. "In May I'm going to Richmond, Ky., for six days for a rally," Harris said. "In July I'll go to Asheville, N.C., for five days for another rally. Other than that I don't have any long trips planned."

One long trip that Harris has wanted to take was a trip across the country on his motorcycle. He finally made that trip when he was 68 years old. "I've always wanted to ride across the country and it was 1980 before the first time I rode all the way from California to the east coast," Harris said. "But since then I have made six round trips." In addition to cross country trips, Harris rode his motorcycle to Mexico several times. He and his wife, Mary, rode all the way from Alabama to Canada and back a couple of years ago, and in 1984 they flew to Hawaii and rented a motorcycle and toured the island of Oahu. Harris says that his wife enjoys riding as much as he does but doesn't have as much time as he does since she is still working.

Harris does take many long trips on his motorcycle but sometimes he likes to take his bike out for little jaunts to here or there just out of love for riding.

"I enjoy riding," Harris said. "Some mornings I'll



WITH HIS HARLEY — Harris poses with his daughter, Ann Moore, and his Harley Davidson motorcycle. Harris, 81, is still a motorcycle riding enthusiast and has no plans on stopping in the near future.

ride 85 miles up to Tennessee and have breakfast and someday I'll ride up to Chattanooga and back."

While people are shocked to find out Harris is 81 years old and still an avid motorcycle rider, some are even more shocked to find out the feats he has accomplished at his age. "They really don't think I'm that old," Harris said. "They're really kind of shocked to find out how old I am. Then they really go into shock when they realize I ride all the way to California."

One of the biggest things Harris likes to do is to look up people he knew a long time ago and pay unexpected visits on them. "I used to live up on Cumberland Mountain and there are a lot of people who still live up there," Harris said. "About five or six weeks ago the wife and I went up there to spend a night and Sunday we went to the church I use to go to Sunday School at in 1922. There were about eight people I knew there."

Harris also enjoys looking up old Army "buddies." He served three and a half years in the 81st Infantry Division with the 906th Field Artillery Battalion in the Pacific (Japan) during World War II. He has located

at least 50 Army buddies to inform them of the 81st's annual reunion to be held in Kansas City, Mo., in August. He and his wife attend each year and thoroughly enjoy renewing old acquaintances.

Working in and around the house has cut back on Harris' riding time in recent years. He plans to get more riding time in this summer though. "I've got so much work to do around here that it has cut back on my riding," Harris said. "But I'll get back to it shortly and get caught up. It's almost time for the wife to give me a 30 day pass so I can go again."

Although his riding hours have dwindled recently, Harris has no plans on giving up motorcycling in the near future. "I don't plan on giving it up, but you'll never know when I'll have to," Harris said. "When it gets to the point where I don't feel safe or I'm not able to do it I'll probably keep one and just shorten my trips."

Harris is the father of Ann Moore, protocol officer at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.



PROMOTED TO CORPORAL — Spec. Lonnell Brooks, second from left, of Contractor Support Detachment-South (CSD-S), Counterintelligence Support Battalion, 902nd MI Group, INSCOM, was laterally promoted to corporal April 1. Cpl. Brooks was also recognized for winning CI Support Battalion Soldier of the Quarter. Office personnel attending the ceremony include, from left, Mary Boone, industrial security specialist; Brooks; Maj. Gary Leopold, commander of CSD-S; and C.W. "Pitts" Halupka, industrial security specialist.

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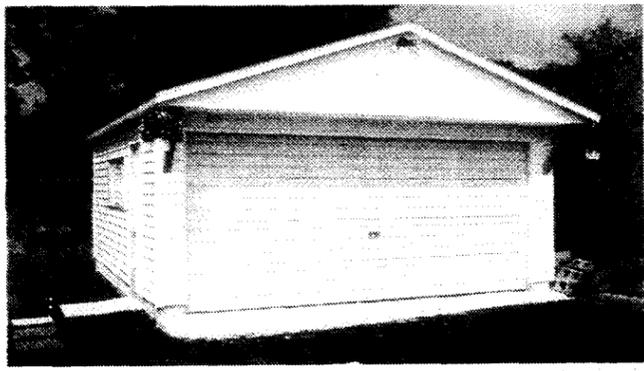
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Exercise Certain Sage will recall retirees to active duty

BY SANDA MARTEL

An exercise will be held April 25-29 to test how well the Missile Command can respond to a military retiree recall should it become necessary in the event of a national disaster.

Exercise Certain Sage is a continuing Department of the Army sponsored test of military retiree recall at military installations throughout the continental United States and overseas. Redstone is the only Army Materiel Command participant.

The exercise is being planned by the Emergency Operations Center, building 5250. SFC Rueben Barnes of the EOC has planned and coordinated the exercise.

"We started planning for the exercise in January," Barnes said, adding that contacts were made with the Army Reserve Personnel Center, which was responsible for preparing and sending orders to retirees inviting them to participate in the exercise. Some 30 retirees, age 60 and below only, have volunteered to participate.

To control costs, retirees are being drawn from a 50-mile radius of Redstone Arsenal, Barnes said.

Exercise objectives the command will meet include retiree reception, in processing, debriefing, medical and dental evaluation, utilization, assignment, counterpart training and evaluation, and support.

Arrangements have been made with MICOM and participating tenant activities to receive retirees into their organizations and assign them against a duty position on the Mobilization TDA according to grade and MOS the retiree had at time of retirement.

A "counterpart" will be assigned to each retiree to brief him on mission and responsibility. An evaluation at the end of the exercise will evaluate the skill retention and performance of each retiree, Barnes said.

Since new programs, methods, terms and procedures have evolved, participants who have been retired more than five years may require on-the-job training.

"Since retiree recall would happen under the most

critical of national emergencies, only significant duties and responsibilities that directly impact on mission accomplishment will be addressed," Barnes said.

Retirees will begin arriving at 6:30 a.m. April 25 at the Recreation Center, building 3711 for sign-in, welcome and orientation.

Col. Bruce Block, MICOM chief of staff, will give the welcoming address; and Col. Christopher Stratton, director of Personnel and Training, will also be on hand to greet the group.

Medical in-processing through MEDDAC and DENTAC at Fox Army Community Hospital will be

the next stop. Other organizations responsible for in/out processing at the Recreation Center throughout the day include Military Personnel Office, Resource Management (pay issues), Staff Judge Advocate (legal support), Army Community Service (billeting if required, transportation, dining), Provost Marshal Office (vehicle registration).

Retirees will report to the organization to which assigned on April 26 and will spend the remainder of the work week there. The exercise will conclude at the Recreation Center Friday with an award ceremony and out-processing.



PLANNING EXERCISE — From left Barnes holds a meeting with Dwayne Seale, chief of the Plans and Operations Office; Joe Winston, chief, Military Personnel Services and Emergency Operations Division; and Stratton, to discuss the upcoming Exercise Certain Sage.

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Strategic Defense library celebrating Library Week

BY ANNA DUMAS and GERDA SHERRILL

The Space and Strategic Defense Command's library has been busy preparing for National Library Week, April 18-24. This year's theme, "Libraries Change Lives," emphasizes the importance of "Information Awareness" in this age of super fast communications.

Our country has been observing National Library Week since 1958. In celebration of it, the command library has scheduled several activities. Richard Hailey from the local American Red Cross chapter talked about "Aids Awareness" on April 18; and Kathy Vaughn of the Huntsville Police Department will

speak on "Self Defense" on April 22. In addition, several American Library Association theme posters have been posted throughout the SSDC building and a special bulletin board is now displaying library related information in the main corridor.

The SSDC library nestles quietly on the second floor of the command's complex at 106 Wynn Drive in Cummings Research Park, the second largest industrial park in the nation. Although small in physical space (4430 square feet), the library has the collection volume, automation capabilities, reference tools, and the warmth of a library staff superior to many larger libraries. It is known to many as "a small box with a

heap of surprises," a service activity that provides unique and courteous library assistance to its patrons.

In addition to the normal library items like books, newspapers, and magazines, the library has approximately 2 million records in its collection. Formats include paper, microfiche, microfilm, 8mm and/or 16mm film, video cassettes, aperture cards, compact disc-read only memory (CD-ROM), and optical disk.

The library's resources, however, are not limited to those located in-house. It also offers access to various commercial and non-commercial on-line data base systems including DoD's repository, the Defense Technical Information Center.

The library's proudest resource is the Technical Management Information System (TMIS). It has developed and is currently using an automated information management system to help store and track large quantities of classified technical documents. This ongoing effort employs a variety of computer equipment, optical storage units, and document scanners as well as trained personnel responsible for the scanning, proofing, and commitment of documents. Currently, the library has more than 1,070,000 pages — text and pictorial information — scanned into TMIS.

Future goals include making TMIS documents available throughout the command from users' personal computers (PCs). Bibliographic data for the library's technical collection can already be accessed by PC. Another plan calls for in-house mastering of CD-ROM. At present, the library has an in-house microfilm capability.

SSDC's library is managed by Anna Dumas, chief librarian, who is proud of the personal touch with which a wealth of information and dedicated services are provided by her staff.

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Girl Scout Leaders deserve thank yous

Editor's note: Carr is the Redstone Arsenal Girl Scout troop organizer. For those interested in volunteering, she can be reached at 837-9149.

BY SUSAN CARR

Girl Scouting is alive and thriving on Redstone Arsenal this year! We have a Daisy Troop (kindergarten age), three Brownie Troops (grades 1-3), and two Junior Troops (grades 4-6). Williams Elementary School also sponsors a Brownie Troop made up almost exclusively of Arsenal girls.

Perhaps you've seen the Girls selling cookies, participating in flag ceremonies, picking up litter, planting flowers, operating game booths, or just having fun in a group around the Arsenal or on a tour. They are visible because of the time, commitment and love of at least 20 ladies who have been their Leaders this year.

April 22 is Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day; are you a Girl Scout? Is your daughter a Girl Scout? Have you benefited from a service project they've done this year, then please thank a Leader this week: Send a card, draw her a picture, give her a hug, and express your appreciation for the terrific job she's done so far. Many of us are leaving this summer; make the ultimate expression of thanks and offer to take or assist with the troop she must leave behind. Girl Scouts cannot exist without Adult Volunteers.

Special thanks to Jay Johnson, Edna Wellons, Rosa Galvez, Mary Veech, Melissa Elich, Susan Carr, Bobbie Buxbaum, Claudia Wagner, Darcie Grindrod, Lisa Knapp, Cathy Yarberry, Jean Begeman, Sara Stevens, Nancy Wood, Paula Taylor, Rose Cherry, Cheryl Brinson, Dee Thomas, Toni Lloyd, Gail Cody and Alexis McCullors. Happy Leader Appreciation Day!



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Announcements

Employment in Korea

A representative from the 8th U.S. Army Civilian Recruiting Office (Seattle) will visit Redstone April 28 to provide information to individuals interested in working in Korea. Employment opportunities often exist for computer/contract/quality assurance/supply & logistics/communications/civilian personnel specialists, budget analysts, education guidance counselors, engineers (facility engineering), health care, child development and other occupations. Most opportunities are at the GS-9 grade level and above. Sessions will be held at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in building 7113; and each lasts about 90 minutes. Information will be made available concerning both current and projected vacancies. No applications will be accepted during the respective sessions. Due to the almost daily changes in the variety of occupations recruited, it is strongly suggested that individuals interested in employment in Korea contact the 8th U.S. Army Civilian Recruiting Office, Seattle, Wash., by calling commercial (206) 764-3821 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday for a complete listing of current vacancy announcements available prior to their scheduled recruiting visit. "Don't miss out on the opportunity to apply for a specific position because you failed to call." These sessions will be open to current permanent civilian employees, or those eligible for reinstatement, and family members (regardless of grade/qualification eligibility) who will be accompanying their military sponsors to Korea. The number of attendees will be limited, so call Dollie Waters at Civilian Personnel Office 842-8777 if you wish to attend.

Community activities

BOWLING CENTER — In honor of the Month of the Military Child, the Bowling Center invites Redstone youths to bowl for free (with paid adults) April 25-29. For more information, call 876-6634.

The Bowling Center will be closed to the public April 23 from 6 p.m. until closing time, due to a private bowling party. For more information, call 876-6634.

YOUTH SERVICES — Redstone preteens are invited to a dance from 7-9:30 p.m. April 22; there is a \$2 admission fee. Members are invited to bring guests. For more information, call 876-KIDS.

OFFICERS CLUB — The Officers Club will hold its "Chief's Table" April 23: "A scrumptious menu with a wide selection of seafood highlights this evening." Seating is limited, so reservations are needed. The cost is \$16.95 per person. Cancellations will not be accepted after April 18. For more information, call 830-CLUB.

Logistics engineers

Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Society of Logistics Engineers (SOLE) will have its April luncheon meeting April 26 at the Holiday Inn, Madison Square Mall. Social is scheduled 11:30 a.m. to noon. Luncheon cost is \$7.50 per plate. William P. Neal, director of Strategic Logistics Activity, is to speak on "Total Asset Visibility and In-Transit Visibility." For reservations call Jim Hussman 955-6365, Judy Campbell 955-7795 or Nikkey Fletcher 883-2183; deadline for reservations is April 22. "For those persons making a reservation and not canceling prior to the luncheon, they will be charged."

Post Theater movies

Thursday — *Blue Chips*, rated PG-13, 108 minutes. Friday — *Blue Chips*. Saturday — *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*, PG-13, 86 minutes. Sunday — *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*. Tuesday — *China Moon*, R, 99 minutes. All shows begin at 7 p.m. Admission for Tuesday is adults \$1.50, children \$1. Admission for all other shows is adults \$2.50, children \$1.25.

Sports partners

Handball or racquetball partner wanted; can play at lunch or right after work. Call Rick Stock 876-7256.

Three athletes over-40 needed to participate in Hoop it Up's 3-on-3 basketball world tour in Huntsville. "Let's win the 'older than dirt' division." Call Rick Stock 876-7256.

CFC

Applications will be accepted through April 29 for the 1994 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign. By federal regulation, only human health and welfare agencies recognized by the IRS as eligible for tax-deductible contributions are eligible. The campaign covers Cullman, Limestone, Madison, Morgan and Marshall Counties in Alabama and Lincoln County in Tennessee. For information call Charles Scott 536-0745.

Fox Army Community Hospital

SPORTS PHYSICALS — Fox Army Community Hospital will hold a physical exam day Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m. until noon for youths who need physicals prior to participating in summer sports. Pick up a physical exam form at Outpatient Records at the hospital and complete the biographical portion prior to the day of the exam. To schedule an appointment, call 955-8888 and press 23. Children who have had a physical exam within the past year will not require another exam for summer sports.

CHOLESTEROL SCREENINGS — Registered nurses from the Community Health Nursing Department will provide free total cholesterol screenings on a monthly basis. Have your level measured April 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pagano Gym.

OPTOMETRIC SERVICES — Maj. Hal Bohlman and Mrs. (Dr.) Bohlman left in December 1993 which has curtailed the hospital's optometric services. "Fort Jackson (S.C.) MEDDAC loaned us one of their optometrists for four weeks and the welcome addition of the VA optometrist, Dr. Michael Brown, has helped Fox continue its services. Presently a few family member appointments are available for routine eye examinations. Appointments for active duty are also limited until a replacement optometrist arrives. Appointments for active duty may be made by calling 955-6056 or 876-1444. We will still conduct Vision Readiness Evaluations at the TMC in conjunction with physical exams, every morning from 6:30-8 on a walk-in basis.

"Eligible beneficiaries may call 955-6056 at the end of every month to check on availability of appointments.

"The good news is that a military optometrist is arriving in early July. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this period of transition."

BACK INJURIES — Learn more about how your back works, what causes back injuries, good body mechanics, and exercises and stretching techniques that are key elements to having a healthy back. Register now for a class May 4 from 1-3 p.m. "Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or mat to use when practicing the exercises." To register call Preventive Medicine Service 876-8831.

Ordnance ball

The annual Redstone Arsenal Ordnance Ball, in celebration of the 182nd anniversary of the Ordnance Corps, will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, April 29 at the Officers Club. The event is open to everyone. Special features include formal dinner, dancing, free 8-by-10 portrait, special opening of the Child Development Center, and more. Scheduled speaker is Maj. Gen. John Coburn, the Army's chief of Ordnance. Attire is formal. For more information, call Maj. Walters 876-6608 or Capt. Taylor 955-6552.

AER bass tournament

The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School will sponsor an AER Bass Buddy III Tournament on April 23 at recreation area 2. Tournament anglers must check in at 5:15 a.m.; and the weigh-in will be at 3 p.m. The entry fee is \$50 per boat with a \$10 optional Big Bass Pot. Of this, \$10 will go to Army Emergency Relief and \$40 will go into a Total Weight Pot, where three places will be paid to the teams. The payback percentages are: first, 60 percent; second, 30 percent; third, 10 percent; and the optional big bass pot will be a 100 percent payback. Anglers can register at building 3471 on Kingfisher Road adjacent to the Military Police Station. For more information, call James Deweese 876-6726/6839.

Officers wives

OWC members, volunteers and spouses are invited to attend the third annual "Member & Spouse and Volunteer Appreciation Evening" at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 23 at the Officers Club. There is no charge for heavy hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment, courtesy of the Officers Club; however, reservations are required by April 21. Call Brenda Abernathy 722-9985 or Pege Michaud 880-1628.

AER spring fling/chili day

The second annual Spring Fling to benefit Army Emergency Relief will be held May 5 — note date change — at the north end of building 5681. This event is sponsored by the Integrated Materiel Management Center's Logistics Engineering and Maintenance Directorate. The schedule is as follows: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — car wash in the parking lot of building 5681; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. — cookout, with bratwurst, jumbo franks, polish sausage, kraut, etc.; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. — bake sale which includes dunking booth, bean count, hole-in-one, closest-to-the-pin, dart throw, ring toss, and more.

A chili day to benefit AER will be held today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5687. This event is sponsored by the Sustainment Management Directorate of the Integrated Materiel Management Center. For more information about AER Chili Day, call Hermena Champion 842-8694.

Aging parents forum

Army Community Service will offer an open forum on aging parents or other relatives Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at ACS, building 3491. Guest speakers from local agencies who work with the aging population will provide information on Medicare, care givers for the aging, support groups, home health care, and nursing homes. In addition, there will be time for the audience to ask questions. Call 876-5397 for reservations or more information. This will be a bag lunch event.

Golf tournament

The Redstone Arsenal Men's Golf Association is starting the golfing season off with a Spring Splash, Membership drive tournament April 30 at Redstone Golf Course. "This will be a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m., utilizing a two person blind draw with full handicap format." The tournament is open to all eligible users of the Redstone Golf Course.

Membership to RAMGA is available to all males eligible to use the Redstone Golf Course. The dues are \$12 annually and can be paid the day of the tournament. The association will elect its 1994 officers after the Saturday, April 30 tournament. The only personnel eligible to vote in this election are the current members of the Redstone Arsenal Men's Golf Association.

"Now, more than ever, we (the golfing community) need to join together to support our 'Community of Excellence' golf course. RAMGA's aphorism is to 'Promote Good Golf at Redstone.' This year the plans are to have many challenging and fun golf tournaments. So come join us in the revelry, fun and camaraderie."

Hoop it up

The American Red Cross is sponsoring Hoop it Up, a three-on-three street basketball tournament, May 7 and 8 at Joe Davis Stadium. Entry fee is \$72 per team and entry forms are available at the local Red Cross Office, McRae's, area hospitals, Pizza Hut and WHNT. For more information call the Hoops Hotline at 536-0084, ext. 220.

Surplus sale

The General Services Administration will conduct an auction sale of surplus NASA property at 9 a.m. April 27 in building 8025. Prospective buyers may inspect items to be sold and register to bid April 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and from 8-9 the morning of the sale. Items to be sold include ADP equipment, office machines, electronic items, pumps, cameras, pickup trucks, forklifts, towing tractor, fuel truck; 10,000 pound crane; and scrap cable.

Vehicle security

The Provost Marshal Office traffic section will conduct window etching as part of its vehicle identification program (VIP) and bicycle registration from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 23 in the parking lot of building 1140, Military Police Substation. This service will be offered on a first come, first serve basis to all soldiers, family members, and civilian employees. Those who are unable to take advantage of this service April 23 can call the substation 876-2752 and make an appointment to have their windshield etched at a later date. The substation hours are 3-8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Flying activity

Redstone Flying Activity will sponsor an Open House from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 7. "You may purchase an introductory flight or a sightseeing tour in our 150 and 172 Cessnas at \$15 per person for 30 minutes of flight. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be offered for a reasonable price. Be sure to come and enjoy the fun.

"Also our next PPL Ground School will be starting May 16 at 5:30 p.m. in building 4828, at the Activity on Hale Road. Membership for this course is open to all. Members' charge for supplies and tuition will be \$140; and for non-members the charge will be \$180." For more information, call Bill Porter 880-9495 or Dorothy Hudgens 881-3980.

Fire department benefit

The Central Volunteer Fire Department is holding a chicken dinner April 24 at the Central School cafeteria, 990 Ryland Pike. Tickets are \$5 each, and can be purchased from a member of the department or by calling 776-9569 and leaving a message. Proceeds will go to the Central Volunteer Fire Department.

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.

Marine Corps league

The Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment of the Marine Corps League will meet at 7 p.m. May 3 at the Reserve Center on South Memorial Parkway. Elections of new officers will be held. For more information, call Lou Knoell 828-4225.

Mini health fair

In conjunction with National Employee Health and Fitness Week, the Civilian Wellness Center will sponsor a mini health fair in several buildings in which a variety of services will be available. The services will include cholesterol screenings (\$7), blood pressure checks, nutritional counseling, massage therapy, educational literature and more. The schedule includes: May 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., room A-241 at building 5250; May 10, from 11-1, room IC-400 at SSDC/Corps of Engineers; May 11, from 11-1, room A4C at building 5681; and May 12, from 11-1, room A262 at building 4488. For more information, call 955-6844.

University women

American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold its monthly dinner meeting at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 2 at the Tom Bevell Center on the UAH campus. Cost of the dinner is \$9.75. For reservations call Traci Reyes 536-6420.



Post Library

The Post Library will be closed for two to three weeks effective April 19 due to renovations. "We're sorry for the inconvenience, and hope you'll enjoy the new library once renovations are completed." Staff will be on duty each Tuesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., to accept returned books.

MLRS Project has goal of paperless communications

The MLRS Project Office and its contractor have forged ahead with their goal of paperless communications.

Multiple Launch Rocket System officials and the contractor, Loral Vought Systems of Dallas, demonstrated their automated process Friday. Among the attendees at a conference room in Missile Command headquarters was George Williams, the program executive officer for tactical missiles.

Col. William Taylor, the MLRS project manager, participated in this demonstration of the automated process for transmitting Engineering Change Proposals. In this process, ECPs generated by the contractor can be reviewed electronically by project office officials.



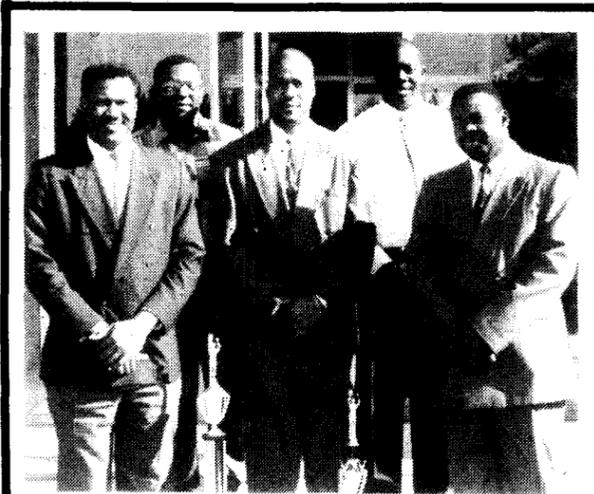
AUTOMATION INITIATIVE — Col. Taylor sits at the computer keyboard while Robertson looks on.

“You have the potential here to save a lot of money and avoid a lot of mistakes,” Williams said. “This is a giant leap forward... It’s been a long time coming. I think it’ll be a real payoff in the future for you folks, too.”

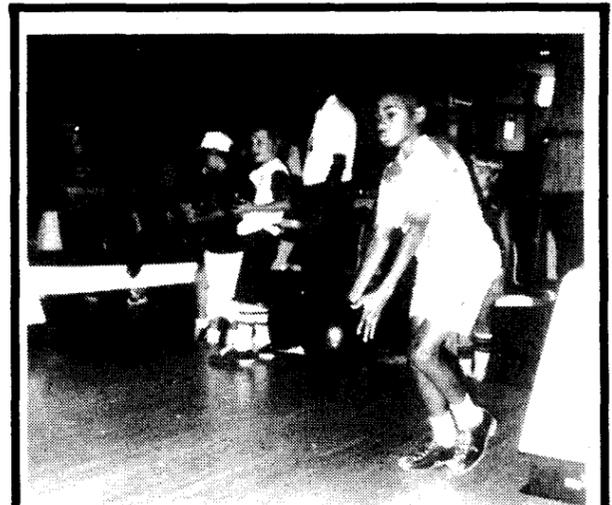
Other aspects of the MLRS automation initiative include an automated process for transmitting Contractor Deliverable Requirements Lists; and electronic drawing delivery. “We’ve had a terrific team of individuals working,” said Michael Robertson, chief of

the MLRS configuration management office. He added that much has been accomplished “but there’s still a lot of work to do.”

The automation initiative was first demonstrated in April 1993 and again last July. “Now we’ve come full circle,” said Capt. David Rice, a member of the logistics division in the project office, who serves as chairman of the MLRS automation initiative working group.



UNLIMITED SUCCESS — The Unlimited basketball team, consisting of Redstone workers, won both the 1994 regular season and tournament championships of the Huntsville YMCA Men’s B-League. The team went 16-1 in the regular season then won its two games in the postseason tournament. Some of the members included, from left, Willis Epps; George Alexander, the player-coach; Dante Emanuel, Patrick Walker and Garry White.



YOUNG BOWLERS — Redstone youths can enjoy free bowling April 25-29 at Redstone’s Bowling Center. During those dates, children of the Redstone community can bowl for free with each paid adult — in celebration of the Month of the Military Child. This offer is open to the entire Redstone community. For more information, call 876-6634.

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Serna, Yancura win Brotherhood 5K

Prerace favorite Sgt. Antonio Serna continued his winning ways by finishing first in the annual Brotherhood Run 5K held Saturday near Pagano Gym.

Serna, 28, of C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, won in 16:34. Yong Yancura, 40, wife of Madison Mayor Chuck Yancura, was the first female finisher in 20:07.

"The course is nice, the weather is great; definitely can't beat this weather," said Serna, who has won a series of road races since arriving a month ago from Germany.

There were 179 finishers in this race on a sunny morning. The race began in 1988 and has been held every year except 1992. Proceeds from the event, sponsored by the Sergeants Major Association, will benefit the installation's welfare and recreational activities fund.

Here are the overall and age group winners:

Male: Overall — Antonio Serna (16:34).
 11-19 — Michael Maurice (19:15), Damon Goist (20:11), James Jeffcoat (21:16). 20-29 — Serna (16:34), Donald Bowman (17:22), Timothy Kerkman (19:07). 30-39 — Tom Prohaska (18:46), Gerald Atkins (18:59), Carl Hosmer (19:12). 40-49 — Mike Boring (17:28), Bob Cothran (19:00), George Prude (19:52). 50-59 — Ellis Whitt (19:20), Wendell Sandlin (20:44), Gerald Karr (24:02). 60-over — Gresh Downs (22:55), Hugh Manning (26:09), Gene Simonson (26:31), Mike Dooley (26:33).

Female: Overall — Yong Yancura (20:07).
 11-19 — Janine Blum (28:47). 20-29 — Karin Hancock (20:10).



FIRST FEMALE — Yancura receives her award from the race coordinator, Capt. Hardee Green, commander of E Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

Flossie Satcher (23:21), Linda Goodwin (25:47). 30-39 — Veronica Edminston (25:06), Mertie Taylor (25:07), Becky Allison (25:39). 40-49 — Yancura (20:07). 50-59 — Barbara Meyer. 60-over — Betty Dooley (26:35).

BOSS Committee has workshop

A Redstone organization is doing its part to improve the quality of life for single soldiers.

BOSS stands for Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers. The BOSS Committee held its third annual workshop April 13-15 at the Recreation Center.

"Soaring to New Heights" was the workshop theme, according to Spec. Cody Swinford, president of the BOSS Committee. Representatives from nine organizations answered issues during the workshop.

Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, the post commander, and his wife, Colleen, attended the outbrief session Friday afternoon. "I'm glad to be with you again," Rigby told the group when he arrived. "I look forward to your briefing."

Membership in the committee fluctuates from 20 to 30, Swinford said. The BOSS Committee has adopted the Recreation Center, building 3711, under the post sponsorship program for area upkeep and maintenance.



COMMITTEE OFFICERS — From left are Swinford; Spec. Mookie Wilkinson, vice president; and Spec. Rick Swaim, publicity officer.

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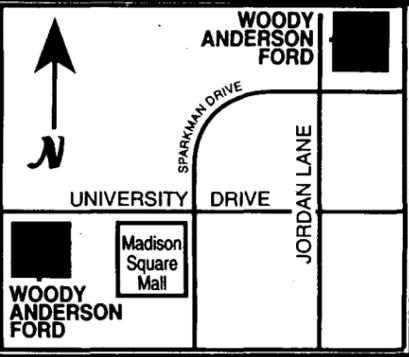
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