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**CANADA GEESE** — This year about 60 Canada geese are nesting on post at various locations — including this site near the finance building off Buxton Road. See the story and more photos on page 8. (Photo by Earl Greenwell)

## PX branch construction may begin in August

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Post Exchange expansion plans include a new one-stop shopping branch at the corner of Vincent and Goss Roads.

Construction is expected to begin in mid-August on this project which will be funded by Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES). This facility will include a new Shoppette, video rental, gasoline and Class 6 (beverage store). The current Class 6 location will be expanded and converted to a Home and Garden Center under a separate AAFES-funded project.

"We have planned to build a brand new Shoppette, video rental, gasoline and Class 6 facility at the corner of Vincent and Goss. It's a 10,200 square foot facility with 10 gasoline lanes, pay window, a separate video rental kiosk, four registers at the front. It'll have 20 doors of cooler space and 19 doors of freezer space," said Ken Klein, general manager for the PX.

"Without any roadblocks, construction should start in mid-August and should be completed by mid-March '95," he said. The corner of Vincent and Goss is right across from the service station and the new housing area. This site is "exceptional as far as convenience to

the housing area is concerned," Klein added.

Approximate cost for this AAFES-funded project is \$2,339,000. "These are funds being returned to the community generated from their shopping dollars in PX facilities," Klein said. "It is not taxpayer money. And it's also not part of the money that AAFES allocates to the local community. For 1993, the allocation was \$1,474,000 to the Redstone Morale and Recreation Fund."

Plans are to solicit for bids in mid-June. After this construction project, a separate contract will be awarded to build a Home and Garden Center. The home and garden center is targeted for building 3230 which is the current Class 6 location, right across the parking lot from the PX and Commissary, and next to the service station.

The current Class 6 building is 6,000 square feet. Plans are to add 12,000 square feet, making the total 18,000, for the new Home and Garden Center. Klein hopes to see the \$1,250,000 center completed in 1995. "It'll include major appliances, mattresses, patio sets, home furnishings," he said.

"The need for these projects was identified by the Redstone Arsenal command (See Exchange, cont'd on page 15)

## SSDC leader announces retirement, successor named

Lt. Gen. Donald Lionetti has announced that he will retire from his position as commanding general of the Space and Strategic Defense Command at the end of the summer. He will be succeeded by Maj. Gen. Jay Garner who has been nominated for promotion to lieutenant general.

Lionetti has commanded SSDC since August 1992. Garner's appointment must be confirmed by the Senate, and no specific date for the leadership change has been set.

As SSDC commander, Lionetti is also the commander of the Army Space Command, the Army component of the U.S. Space Command. SSDC also operates the Kwajalein Atoll testing facility located in the Republic of the Marshall Islands as well as the High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

He has served as the Army's primary advocate for promoting the use of space products and for matters in the missile defense arena.

At the beginning of his tenure, Lionetti presided over integration of Army space responsibilities into a new command structure and the transition of mature missile defense projects from the former Strategic Defense Command to the separate Program Executive Office for Missile Defense. SSDC continues to develop technologies and concepts for missile defense — for example, the Extended Range Interceptor (ERINT)

which was recently picked to be the Patriot PAC-3 missile — and provides a matrix of program and technical support to the PEO.



LIONETTI

Lionetti and his wife, Bobbi, plan to make their home in Tampa, Fla., after his retirement.

Garner has been serving at the Pentagon as the Army's assistant deputy chief of staff for operations and plans for force development since January 1992. Prior to that he was deputy commanding general of V Corps, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army, from 1990-92. From 1988-90 he was deputy commanding general of the Air Defense Artillery Center and School, Fort Bliss, Texas.

His overseas service includes tours as commander of an air defense artillery brigade and of an air defense artillery battalion, both in Europe; two tours on advisory teams in Vietnam; and a tour in Panama.

The 56-year-old Arcadia, Fla., native holds a bachelor's degree in history from Florida State University and a master's degree in public administration from Shippensburg University.

Garner entered the Army through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1962. His military schooling has included the Marine Command and Staff College and the Army War College.

His awards and decorations include five awards of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Garner and his wife, Connie, have one daughter.



## Interest rates

### Editor:

Interest rates on cars have jumped by about 1.5 percent this year and, thanks to Alan Greenspan, they're likely to go higher and soon. Many may, as I did, find lower interest rates at previous bases. After financing a new car at 7.3 percent locally I found that I could have the loan picked up by Wright-Patt Credit Union in Fairborn, Ohio, at 5.9 percent with 20 percent down. This will be a considerable dollar savings over a three or four year period.

All I had to do was call an 800 number for forms and fax them back. Anyone is eligible to join.

A local banker told me that they have lots of money to lend but few qualified borrowers. That doesn't seem to make much difference in the interest they are charging.

Howard F. Stearns  
SSDC

## Volunteer fireman

### Editor:

On behalf of the officers and firefighters of the Madison County Fire Departments, we would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your support of the fire service in Madison County.

The people of Madison County will have an opportunity on June 7 to support your local firefighters by voting yes on Amendment 1. This amendment will provide stable funding for every department in Madison County. These funds will provide at least \$8,000 per year, per department or station, and may be used to build fire stations, purchase fire trucks and other equipment, and fund day-to-day operations, excluding salaries. These new funds would free up the money necessary to adequately train our firefighters. This amendment would also establish a low-interest revolving loan fund so that our department could borrow money to purchase buildings and other equipment as needed.

As you know, our departments receive minimum amount of funding each year. If this amendment is passed our departments would be able to spend more time to adequately train our firefighters so that they may be better prepared to protect your lives and property. It is imperative that we continue to provide quality service to the people of Madison County; and by voting yes on Amendment 1, this would afford us the funds in which we may adequately protect your

families from the devastation of fire and other emergencies that may arise.

We the members of the Madison County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments respectfully request your vote and support for Amendment 1 on June 7th.

Don Shield  
President, MCAVFD

## Easter Posey area

### Editor:

When on May 10 the Army at Redstone Arsenal rededicated Recreation Area 1 as the Easter Posey Recreation Park, a dream came true for many members of the Posey family. We feel this is a fitting memorial to our aunt who lost her life while working in a munitions plant at Redstone Arsenal during World War II.

We wish to thank Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby; Ronald Treusdell, executive director of Logistics Support Activity; and Hank Rone who worked tirelessly to complete this project. We also wish to thank the *Redstone Rocket* for its article concerning this ceremony.

Sometimes dreams really do come true. Thank you again and we look forward to visiting the park in the future and remembering our Aunt Easter.

Roger Posey  
for members of the Easter Posey family

## Newsletters

### Editor:

I am pleased to see that the fad of organizational newsletters has passed.

It was a noble attempt at improving camaraderie. It just did not work on a local level which has other methods of passing along both official and unofficial news. The members of the particular organization almost invariably already were aware of the information being published. And personnel outside that organization did not care and did not need to know.

Redstone Arsenal can be proud that it makes the attempt, then screens out those ideas which turn out to be unsuccessful — and therefore a waste of precious tax dollars.

Name withheld by request

## Union membership

### Fellow employees:

If you appreciated your last raise (4.1 percent locality pay) and are enjoying the Alternate Work Schedule (AWS), these are the kinds of benefits you can receive when you work with the government in general and with the Army in particular. We are some of the people that make such things happen. We are the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1858, and we are working side by side with some of the other people that make such things happen. They are the U.S. Army and we remain committed to making the Army "all it can be"; but if you can't be a soldier then you ought to be a member of AFGE. If you are interested, contact me.

Jerrell Justice  
Membership chairman,  
AFGE Local 1858  
Telephone: 955-3452

## Job swapping

### Editor:

I have been hearing about a job-swap program. Does MICOM have a job-swap program? If so, how does it operate and how does one get involved?

Also, does the *Redstone Rocket* have an E-Mail address?

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: Don Dixon, chief of recruitment and placement at Civilian Personnel Office, says the Missile Command does not have a job swap program per se. He did say however, one of the exceptions to current job restrictions allows management to swap employees between jobs at the same grade levels. This exception allows a manager to swap two employees.

An employee can apply for reassignment, but "really that (reassignment) program is only good when we're recruiting for jobs; but we're not doing normal recruiting for jobs," Dixon said.

So, the only job swaps being done now are those conducted by managers. An employee interested in the possibility of a job swap might approach management.

As far as your question about the Rocket's electronic-mail address, you can send us items through "dharris." Please call us at 876-1500 to verify receipt.)

### Sign your letter

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## Redstone rescue workers save youth who fell into mountain hole Sunday

BY DAVE HARRIS

Redstone rescue workers saved a 14-year-old boy Sunday after the youngster slid and fell about 80 feet into a hole in the rocks on the east side of Weeden Mountain.

Chad Weismiller, son of James and Teresa Weismiller of Blue Crest Street, went to the wooded mountain side with two school classmates who live in the nearby Redstone housing area.

The boy was trapped beneath the ground for about five hours before rescuers that included Redstone firemen, military police, medics and Bamsi workers lifted him out strapped in a stretcher.

His ordeal began about 2 p.m. Chad and another youngster found a way around a steel grate that covers the ground level opening on the mountain side. Chad slid, then fell into the hole and wound up conscious but unable to get out on a ledge.

Another youngster came down the steep hillside and found Spec. Doug Hopper, a military policeman, on foot patrol in the housing area. Hopper radioed for help, then followed the youngster up the hillside to the cave.

Hopper got into the hole far enough to talk with Weismiller, and assure him that help was on the way.

Firemen arrived and Sandy Boyd, rappelled to the ledge where she gave first aid to Weismiller and stayed with him. Fireman Ronald Schrimsher also descended in a rope harness. Finding the ledge too small for three persons, Schrimsher helped Boyd while dangling at the end of a rope for more than three hours in his harness.

Other firemen used rescue saws to cut away portions of the grating at the top, then lowered a stretcher to Boyd and Schrimsher.

The boy's parents were both at the scene. Mrs. Weismiller talked with her son. His father was one of the men who handled the ropes used to lift the stretcher.

Hopper and Fireman Terry Hamm positioned themselves in the shaft to help guide the stretcher and keep rescue ropes from being cut on the rocks.

Weismiller was lifted out of the hole about 7 p.m. It took rescuers another 30 minutes to carry him down the steep hillside to an ambulance.

He was examined at Fox Army Community Hospital and released with multiple scrapes and abrasions about 10 p.m.

## Memorial Day comes Monday

Monday will bring the Memorial Day holiday, a day set aside for observances in memory of dead servicemen of all wars.

Some local folks and out of towners will rise early as usual, however, to participate in that morning's Cotton Row Run 10K road race at 8 o'clock sharp in downtown Huntsville.

Memorial Day, also called Decoration Day, is observed each year on the last Monday in May.

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# Annual Redstone family picnic promises fun for all

Plans for the Redstone Community Celebration, a combined effort of ACOE and the Redstone community, are in full swing and all the committees are working to make June 11 a fun-filled day for everyone.

The picnic is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 11 at the civilian recreation area. Rain date is June 18.

For the children, there will be train rides, pony rides, moon walk, sack races, face painting, clowns (including "Freedom Rose"), magic shows, Barney, and more.

The teen-agers will enjoy table tennis, the Pepsi Toss, football and waterballoon toss, "design a cap,"

putt-putt golf, gymnastics and martial arts demonstrations, line dancing, and dancing to the music of DJ Rickey Mastin. The Huntsville Stars will be available for autographs.

Military displays will be featured this year, and some of the entertainment will include pop music by "Abby Salini," classic rock by "Rusted Shut Band," Zachary and Lauren Clemons, "Aladin Duet," square dancing by "The Singles Squares," polynesian dancing, and martial arts demonstrations.

The annual GO/SES Softball Game is scheduled, with the losers serving time in the dunking booth — be sure and try to send your favorite "dunkee" for a

swim. Other sports attractions will include softball and volleyball championships.

Bingo is featured this year, and will be held in the Rustic Lodge. Prizes are all cash; and shuttle buses will be provided from the recreational complex to the lodge.

Refreshments will include hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, snowcones and cotton candy. There will also be door prizes given away during the day.

## Child Development Services for entire community

*Editor's note: Child Development Services provided the following article.*

Child Development Services (CDS) is here to serve you. We have three systems, all of equal importance, in CDS.

The Child Development Center, at building 3145 on Cross Road, provides care for children from age six weeks to 5 years. Family Child Care providers are military spouses certified to provide care in their homes for children four weeks and older. The third system is Supplemental Programs and Services.

Supplemental Programs and Services includes Central Enrollment Registry, School Age Latch Key, Volunteer Service, Babysitting Classes and Referral List, Short Term Alternative Child Care; Parent

Education, i.e. newsletters and parent workshops; Resource and Referral; and serves as point of contact for special events like Month of the Military Child in April.

Our School Age Latch Key program, housed in building 3140, serves children who are in kindergarten through sixth grade.

We provide care for children of both military and civilian employees. Call the following if you have questions about any of our programs: Chris Carter (central enrollment registry) 876-3704; Ruth Taylor (Child Development Center) 876-7952; Evelyn Carnes (Family Child Care) 876-7801; and Jan McVey (Supplemental Programs and Services or the School Age Latch Key) 876-7888.

## Hospital dental clinic has mission change

*Editor's note: The Dental Clinic Command provided the following article.*

Due to the downsizing of the Redstone Arsenal Dental Clinic Command, some changes are necessary to ensure the continued delivery of the most effective and efficient dental services to our patients.

On June 6, personnel from the Fox Army Community Hospital Dental Clinic as well as the Dental Clinic Command staff will be moving to the Redstone Arsenal Main Dental Clinic, building 3494 on Snooper Road. All units and persons that are treated at the hospital dental clinic during normal, weekday duty hours will be seen at the Main Dental Clinic starting June 6. Affected units include MEDDAC, PEO Missile Defense, Readiness Group, SSDC, Corps of Engineers and MI Detachment.

After hours dental emergency treatment will not be affected. All after hours dental emergencies will continue to be seen at the Hospital Dental Clinic location.

The operating hours for the Main Dental Clinic are as follows:

- Active duty sick call — 7:30 to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday.
- Sick call for family members not on the Delta Dental Plan — 9 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.
- Active duty walk-in exams — noon Monday through Friday.
- Regular operating hours — 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The phone number for the Main Dental Clinic is 876-2616/1643 for appointments. The dental readiness of soldiers at Redstone Arsenal is second to none. The aforementioned changes will enable us to continue that exceptional level of dental support.

## Hospital faces reduced staff this summer

Appointments will be very limited at Fox Army Community Hospital during June and July, according to the hospital commander.

"We will lose three of our five active-duty family physicians, one of two internal medicine physicians, and our lone general practice physician," Col. William Wong said. "During this transitory period, appointments for routine care will be very, very limited. We will continue to provide help-desk advice service and same-day appointments."

The hospital faces a similar situation in the Outpatient Clinic where the staff will drop from five physicians to two.

The good news is that all of the departing military physicians will be replaced between the end of July and

September. In fact, the hospital is set to receive an additional military physician.

"We will gain one military internal medicine physician and are trying to hire additional general practice physicians for our Outpatient Clinic," Wong said. "What I hope to do is have more full-time physicians available in the fall than we have now."

In spite of the immediate problems, Wong sees a bright future for this hospital. "I want to reassure the community that Fox Army Community Hospital is here to stay," he said. "In spite of budget decrements and personnel turnovers, we plan to increase access, add services, and treat our patients as we would treat our own families."

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# Camaraderie Team formed to improve communications

A new program to strengthen relationships within the Total Army Family at Redstone is now in place. With all the changes recently taking place — reshaping, rightsizing and realigning — there is a greater need to focus on ways to improve existing relationships, understanding, interaction, cooperation and support within the Missile Command.

An Ad Hoc Team for Camaraderie was established August 1993 by direction of Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, MICOM commander, with Command Analysis Directorate as the proponent organization in charge. The team consisted of active duty military, civilians and family members who were invited to offer ideas to promote interaction and improve the communication process.

*“With the elements of change all around us, what better time to focus on ways to improve our abilities to work together as a team and to show strength through unity.”*

— Sue Paddock  
Quality of life coordinator

The end result was a list of 22 initiatives ranging from having organizational displays at the Redstone

Arsenal Picnic that would educate others on their mission and to share accomplishments, to having a slogan contest to promote camaraderie, to holding Casual Day on Fridays so employees can have a more relaxed atmosphere and can meet to share snacks during breaks.

“This is not a new concept,” said Sue Paddock, Redstone Arsenal quality of life coordinator. A member of the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, Paddock was recently tasked with oversight of this program. She said Redstone has been doing great things in this area already to promote camaraderie. A number of the ideas were generated by organizations’ successes. However, like everything else in life, there’s always room for improvement.

Now is a good time to access what we’re already doing and possibly look at some new ideas, share success stories and get even better, Paddock said.

Each organization is different and what works for one may not work for others. The success of this program will be up to top management support and the employees themselves making the commitment. People are the ones who create camaraderie.

So what will happen to the Ad Hoc Team ideas? Community staff members are already reviewing these initiatives and will brief the RASA commander with their recommendations at a meeting planned for May 26.

“Manpower constraints, budgetary requirements and legalities will be addressed,” Paddock said. “If an idea has merit but regulatory requirements prohibit us from implementing it, we may want to change the regulation. Nothing is impossible.”

In June, a MICOM Camaraderie Team, consisting of a representative from each MICOM organization, will meet to discuss what is presently being done, to share successes, and to review new ideas and initiatives.

“The Ad Hoc Team initiatives give us a place to start. By building stronger team relationships we increase effectiveness and efficiency. With the elements of change all around us, what better time to focus on ways to improve our abilities to work together as a team and to show strength through unity,” Paddock said.

## Environmental panel to meet June 7

The Missile Command will host local elected officials and members of local, state and federal regulatory agencies, as well as interested members of the public, at the first meeting of the Technical Review Committee for Redstone Arsenal on June 7.

The committee is being formed in accordance with federal regulations to review scheduled groundwater contamination cleanup activities in support of the Installation Restoration Program.

The first meeting will cover the suggested Interim Corrective Measures selected to treat contaminated groundwater at the Arsenal’s Open Burn/Open Detonation area located in the southern part of the Arsenal. This area is used to dispose of explosives and explosive-contaminated materials.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at the Officers Club from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Following the meeting a tour of the site will be given.

## Troop volleyball

Here are the final regular-season standings for company-level volleyball; the tournament is slated May 23-27:

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TMDE	10	1
F Company 832nd	5	6
C Company 832nd-2	4	7
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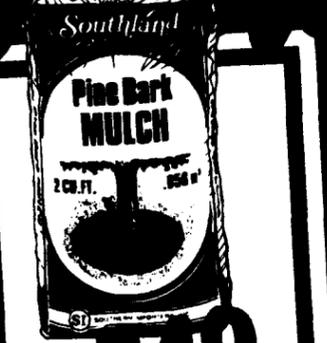
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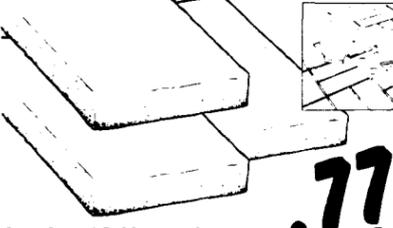
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# Housing policy changes explained for post residents

*Editor's note: The Directorate of Public Works provided the following information.*

Effective May 4 the policy of mandatory assignment to on post family housing for newly arriving families was eliminated, with the exception of key and essential personnel. Families arriving at the installation now have a choice of living on or off post, regardless of the availability of quarters. The operative words are "newly arriving" and "with the exception of key and essential personnel."

Until further notice, policies regarding families currently residing in government quarters continue to be in effect. Prior to making any commitment to rent,

lease, or purchase a residence or otherwise vacate government quarters for reasons other than permanent change of station or retirement orders, servicemembers living in family housing must submit a request for an exception to policy through the chain of command to the Housing Management Division. If commitments are made prior to receiving approval of a request for an exception, the soldier could suffer negative financial consequences such as the loss of his basic allowance for quarters.

Several alternatives and their potential impacts are being considered in revising current policies. The goal is to create a mutually beneficial policy which will permit families desiring to move off post to do so; obtain

maximum occupancy of on post quarters; and provide the best possible quarters for those families that prefer to remain on post. As soon as a recommendation is presented to and approved by the installation commander, the revised policy will be immediately publicized and implemented. That effort is ongoing.

For more information call Gerri Rogers, Housing Management Division, 955-8896.

## Rental rates

Effective June 1 geographic bachelors will be charged rent to occupy government quarters on Redstone Arsenal. Geographic bachelors are those servicemembers assigned to this installation (not temporary duty) that are receiving basic allowance for quarters (BAQ) at the with dependent rate but are not accompanied by their families at this duty station. Bona fide bachelors (those receiving BAQ at the without dependent rate) will continue to forfeit their BAQ when assigned to these quarters.

Depending on the rank of the servicemember and the type of quarters available, rental rates range from \$2 to \$6 per day, with optional maid service at \$1 per day. The primary benefits of this initiative are that quarters will be available at considerably less cost than available on the local economy and that the rent will not only cover operating expenses, but a portion will also be used to upgrade furnishings and modernize bachelor housing facilities.

As with previous policies, the bachelor officer/enlisted quarters (BOQ/BEQ) continue to be offered only on a space available basis to geographic bachelors. Geographic bachelors may be required to vacate quarters with 30 days notice if housing is required to accommodate bona fide bachelors or key and essential military personnel. Although there are limited spaces available at the present time, additional quarters are being identified and prepared for occupancy in early June. Please stop by the Billeting Office, building 244, or call Margaret Patton 876-0237 if you have questions or would like to place your name on the waiting list for bachelor quarters.

# PBS to broadcast patriotic specials this summer

WASHINGTON — If you can't be in the nation's capital for patriotic events, do the next best thing — watch them on TV. The Public Broadcasting Service will present two specials this summer, on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July.

On May 29, the "National Memorial Day Concert" salutes the allied soldiers of the Normandy invasion and the American nurses of the Vietnam War. The 90-minute event will air live on PBS stations across the country at 7:30 p.m., ET.

"The invasion of Normandy was the largest ever mounted; the war in Vietnam the longest in American history," said the program's executive producer, Jerry Colbert. "They are milestones marked by the profound courage and immeasurable pain of the men and women who participated in them. On this, the 50th anniversary of D-Day, we can do no less than to honor them all and remember their sacrifice."

Hosted by veteran actor Ossie Davis, the concert features singers Clint Black, Maureen McGovern and Harolyn Blackwell, actresses Jill Clayburgh and Mary McDonnell. Retired Gen. Colin Powell, former chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, will also appear, along

with Doc Severinsen and the National Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of pops maestro Erich Kunzel.

The concert will be broadcast from the lawn of the U.S. Capitol, where an audience of more than 250,000 is expected to gather. The program will be simulcast over National Public Radio, and carried to U.S. military personnel in more than 130 countries by the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service.

On July 4, PBS will present its 15th Independence Day concert, "A Capitol Fourth 1994." The 90-minute show will air live at 8 p.m., ET, simulcasting over National Public Radio and the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service.

Host Joel Grey will lead the cast, including country music's Faith Hill, R&B legends Aaron Neville and the Neville Brothers, and Broadway performers John Raitt and Florence Henderson. Erich Kunzel will again direct the National Symphony Orchestra in this PBS event. Also appearing will be the U.S. Army Chorus, the Army's Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and the U.S. Air Force Ceremonial Brass. (Arnews)

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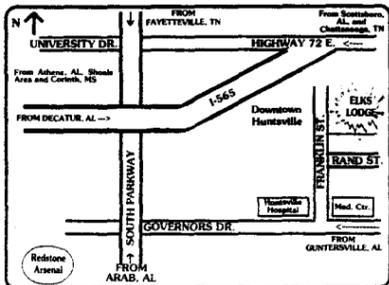
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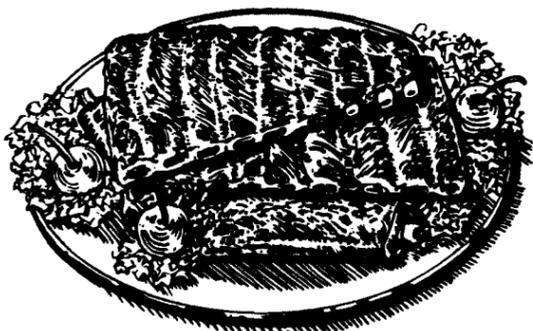
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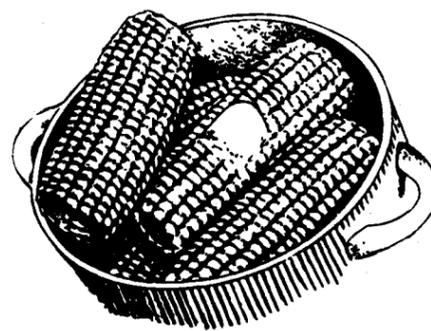
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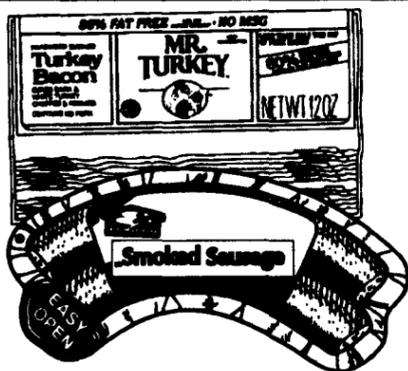
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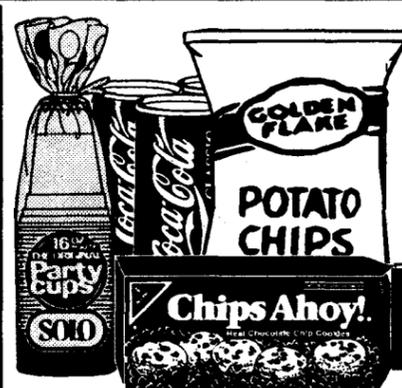
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# Canada geese thrive at their adopted home of Redstone

*Editor's note: SFC Schneck, chief dental NCO for the Redstone Arsenal Dental Clinic Command, serves as vice president of the Outdoor Sportsman Association and chairman of the waterfowl committee. The photos that accompany this story were taken by Earl Greenwell of the photographic field section at Corporate Information Center.*

**BY PAUL SCHNECK**

There are about 60 Canada geese nesting, at various locations, this year on post. This is up from the 40 just two years ago, and is showing great promise for the future.

Redstone Arsenal is a beautiful military post with the privilege of hosting most varieties of Alabama's natural wildlife. This wildlife exists and thrives here due to the hard work and dedication of some outdoor enthusiasts, the post forester, Outdoor Recreation personnel, post game warden and the Wheeler Wildlife Refuge, which shares some acreage with the Arsenal. These people also constantly monitor the wildlife population and habitat of the post wildlife on a regular basis.

With this time of year being spring, the wildlife are producing their offspring. This is a very delicate and important time for the preservation of each wildlife species. Redstone is lucky to have such an abundance of this wildlife and we need to continue to control and protect it if we want to enjoy it years from now. Our Canada geese, which are starting to do very well, need some help. However, there are some people who do not understand the delicate balance these great waterfowl need to survive. With this in mind, here is list of recommendations people should follow when they see or have contact with the geese:

- Do not attempt to feed them. These are wild geese and we do not need to make them dependent on us for food. In addition, their digestive system is sensitive and cannot tolerate most man-made foods; so, by feeding them, you may actually poison them.
- If you see them walking near the road, slow down.

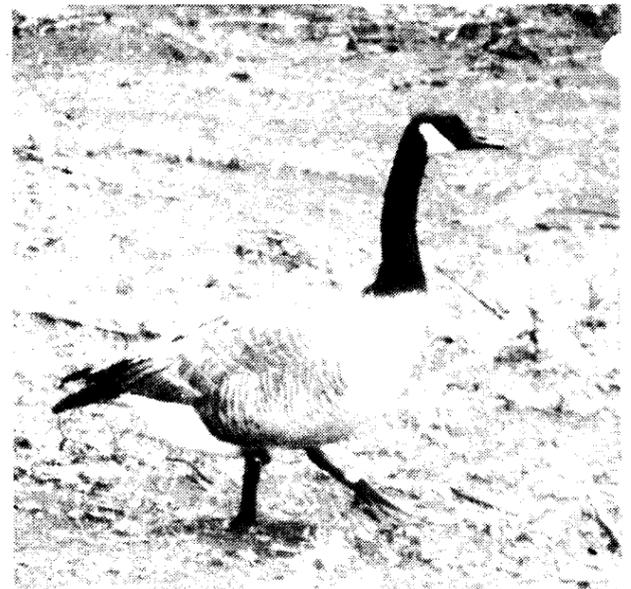


**CHOW TIME** — A group of geese feeds in this grassy area on post with building 7821 in the distance.

Last year someone ran over and killed four goslings on Martin Road. These young geese have not yet learned about traffic.

- Do not chase after, throw objects at or harass these geese. During this time of year you may actually drive them away from their nest, thus killing the abandoned offspring. It is also not safe to do; these geese are over 3 feet tall, can be very protective of their young and can inflict some nasty wounds. These are also federally protected waterfowl; and under the federal migratory bird treaty, you can be fined up to \$10,000 and/or imprisoned for up to six months.

- If you want to observe or take pictures of them, do so at a distance and try not to disturb their daily routine. If you do this, the chances of upsetting them is lessened and you will have the joy of witnessing wildlife in its natural environment.



**STRUTTING** — A goose enjoys the fair weather on a recent day at Redstone Arsenal.

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# 74th Maintenance Battalion gets new commander June 1

The 74th Maintenance Battalion (TMDE) — Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment — will change commanders June 1 at the post parade field.

Lt. Col. David Osborn will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Mark Kitchen in the 10 a.m. ceremony. A reception follows in the Recreation Center, building 3711 on Patton Road. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony would be held in the Rec Center.

Two years have passed since the battalion moved from Fort Lewis, Wash., to Redstone and established its base for subordinate units in Korea, Japan, Okinawa, Europe, Alaska, Hawaii, Saudi Arabia and 17 continental U.S. locations. The battalion is responsible for the calibration of TMDE equipment items and is the only active TMDE battalion with a Modification Table of Organizational Equipment mission in the Army.

In his next assignment Osborn will serve as assistant chief of staff for logistics, G4, with the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan. Osborn is a graduate of Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Ala.; he has a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma. His past assignments have included chief of Ground Mobility Division, 9th Support Center at Kaiserlautern, Germany; materiel officer for 85th Maintenance Battalion, and executive officer for 8th Maintenance Battalion, Hanau, Germany; plans officer and assistant chief of staff for materiel with 13th Corps Support Command, Fort Hood, Texas; and deputy G4, 2nd Armored Division and chief of Division Materiel Management Center, 1st Cavalry Division.

Osborn is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College. He holds the Bronze Star Medal, Ranger Tab, and Expert Infantryman's Badge. He and his wife, Dawn, have four sons.

Kitchen comes to Redstone after serving as chief of the Division Materiel Management Center, 2nd Armored Division, at Fort Hood, Texas. Kitchen is a graduate of Marion Military Institute in Marion, Ala. He earned his bachelor's degree in business from East Texas State University; and he holds a master's of military arts and sciences degree from the Army Command and General Staff College. His previous assignments have included platoon leader, 539th Maintenance Company, 705th Maintenance Battalion, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Polk, La.; commander and logistics staff officer with the 703rd Maintenance Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Kitzingen, Germany; operations officer for 75th Maneuver Area Command, 5th Army, Houston, Texas; commander, Ober Ramstadt, Germany; support operations officer, 105th Forward Support Battalion and executive officer, 5th Forward Support Battalion, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Polk, La.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal. Kitchen and his wife, Sylvia, have four children — Sam, 9, Ian, 8, Michele, 6 and Travis, 8 months — and will reside on the Arsenal.



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## Two golfers hit hole-in-one at Redstone

Two holes-in-one occurred only a week apart at Redstone Golf Course May 11 and May 18.

John Konesky and Roy Ponder, both age 61, accomplished the rare feat. "It's unbelievable," Ponder said, referring to the timing. "It doesn't happen often. I think that's unusual."

Konesky used a pitching wedge to hit his hole-in-one the afternoon of May 11 on hole 11. This is a 140-yard, par 3 hole. He was with three other golfers at the time.

"That'll be my fourth one in my career," Konesky said, referring to his first such feat at Redstone. The Hartselle resident has been playing golf since he was 9 years old, and has been playing at Redstone since 1976. Konesky, who works in vehicle registration and

badging with the Provost Marshal Office, is a retired first sergeant.

"It's an achievement. It's something that doesn't happen every time; some time they come far and between," Konesky said.

Ponder, a retired contractor who works part time at the golf course, used a 5 wood to hit his hole-in-one the afternoon of May 18 on hole 16. This is a 200-yard, par 3 hole. His three witnesses included Bart Ellis, Jim Williams and Hugo Berry.

"That's the first one ever. Been playing a lot of years and it's the first one," Ponder said. The Huntsville resident has been playing golf about 20 years, more so the last couple of years since he retired.

## AER golf tournament raises more than \$3,000

The 1994 AER golf tournament May 13 at Redstone Golf Course earned big bucks for Army Emergency Relief.

The tournament, sponsored by Integrated Materiel Management Center, had 116 participants and raised \$3,055 for AER.

"We would like to thank each player, sponsors, event workers; and a special thanks goes to Redstone Arsenal Golf Course for the outstanding job of hosting the tournament," said Ron Walton, chairman of the tournament. "Hope to have each of you again next year."

Here are the winning golfers:

- Closest-to-the-pin on hole 8 — Fred Burroughs (won a golf bag).

- First place team — Randall Knight, Gary Bobó, Jim Hearn and Brian Taylor.

- Second place team — Steve Kennedy, John Chapman, David Marsh and Dan Moore.

- Third place team — Bennie Gardner, David Scott, Bill Stewart and Edna Dye.

- Fourth place team — Ron Ward, Bill Colgan, Roy Henderson and Ana Mahar.

- Fifth place team — Ed Smith, Joe Aldridge, Tony Grdinich and Martha Labbe.

Members of the tournament committee included James "Mooney" Battle, Brian Stephenson, Belinda Leak, Nadine Manderson, Randy Woods, John Warren, Kim Pence, Margaret Ingram, Jan Pickard, Kim Greenhaw, Thomas Wharton and Dean Anderson.

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# Annual U.S. savings bond campaign June 1-30

The annual campaign to increase participation in the savings bond program starts in June. MICOM's goal is to achieve 45 percent participation, according to Aaron Walker, the savings bonds coordinator for Redstone Arsenal.

A bond campaign kickoff meeting for all savings bonds points of contact and canvassers was held May 18 at the Rocket Auditorium. An estimated 100 people attended this event in which the guest speaker was Missy Ming Smith, former Huntsville television anchorwoman and now director of information and community relations for Madison County.

"Today my parents proudly point to my sister, the teacher who has a master's degree; my brother, a bank president with his marketing degree; and me with my journalism and speech degree, the anchor woman for 16 years. Every tuition check, book allowance, lab fee — paid with U.S. savings bonds," Smith said.

Walker, an accountant in the managerial accounting section in the Missile Command Finance Office, described the advantages of savings bonds. "The security, primarily; and also, when you compare even the base rate — the lowest rate of 4 percent you're guaranteed — it's still higher than most CDs." He also pointed out that interest earned is not subject to federal income taxes until the bonds are cashed or reach final maturity in 30 years; and interest earned on bonds is exempt from all state and local income taxes. Bonds may also provide tax savings when used to finance higher education. If lost, stolen or destroyed, savings bonds can be replaced without charge. Remember to keep a record of the serial numbers of your bonds and this will make replacement much easier.

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"Participation in the bond program at MICOM increased from 36 percent to 38 percent in 1993 and we intend to do better than that this year," Walker said.



**SAVINGS BONDS ADVOCATES** — From left are Aaron Walker, Redstone savings bonds coordinator; Nancy Walker, deputy resource manager and the chairman for the savings bonds campaign; Mel Johnson, area manager for the U.S. Department of Treasury; Missy Ming Smith, director of information and community relations with the Madison County Commission; and Ernie Young, deputy to the commanding general. Smith was guest speaker for the bond campaign kickoff meeting May 18 at Rocket Auditorium.

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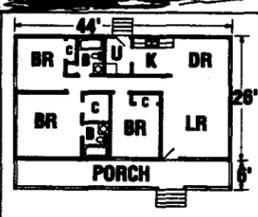
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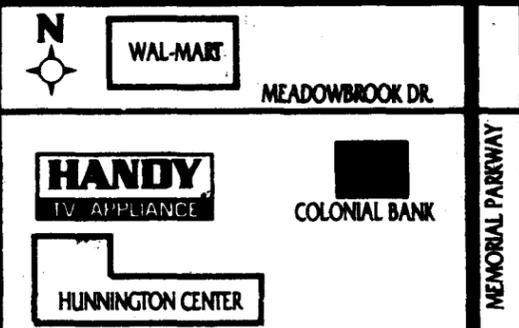
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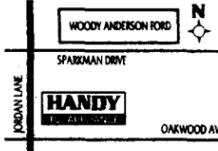
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# Unit proved patriotism of Japanese Americans in WWII

*Editor's note: SFC Anton, equal opportunity adviser for the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, wrote the following article for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May.*

BY DALE ANTON

"Blood that has soaked into the sands of a beach is all of one color. America stands unique in the world, the only country not founded on race, but on a way — an ideal." As the United States entered World War II, it would have been hard to imagine these words spoken in tribute to an American soldier of Japanese descent. The "Nisei" as they were known were second generation Americans, born and educated in the United States. Their parents, the "Issei" immigrated to this country with the same hopes and dreams of all immigrants, the dream of a better life in America. World War II became a turning point for America, a time to struggle not only with an armed enemy, but also with ourselves and our beliefs about ourselves as a nation.

In spite of the perceived threat that others already in America felt that the Japanese immigrants posed to us as a people, through hard work and perseverance the Issei were able to establish themselves in almost all walks of America life. They believed in the American dream and in America as their newly adopted country; they of course also felt a bond with their former country much like the immigrants to the United States from all around the world. The Issei and Nisei probably never believed that the country which they believed in so strongly would doubt their patriotism. On Dec. 7, 1941 that doubt became a way of life for the Issei who suddenly had become enemy aliens. The Nisei knew they were Americans by birth and deed, but would their neighbors agree? As the news of the attack spread, leaders of the nation including governors and the president issued proclamations of support for the Japanese Americans. Within a few weeks all but one of these leaders had begun to take up the cry for internment camps for all Japanese Americans, including those who were unquestionably citizens of the United States. More often than not these Americans had in the minds of other Americans suddenly become the enemy. What would you do if you were suddenly put into this situation? How could a nation doubt the citizens of that same nation? What actions caused a nation to ultimately respect the contributions of the Japanese Americans to the defense of our country? There is no better place to look than at the military and its historical record of World War II.

## Internment camps

By Dec. 19, 1941, the Western Defense Command commander had enjoined the call for "identifying all alien subjects 14 years of age and over, of enemy nations and remove them to the Zone of the Interior." This recommendation only seemed to apply to Japanese Americans however, as no record can be found of the wholesale internment of Italian or German Americans. President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942, giving the Secretary of War the authority to designate certain "military areas" and to exclude "any or all" persons from them. The Issei and Nisei still believed that they would be spared evacuation from the west coast, but by March 11, the Wartime Civil Control Administration was established to handle "the evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from military area No. 1 and the California portion of military area No. 2 of the Pacific coast," clearing all of California of Japanese citizens. All were forced into the internment camps at great personal loss of property and possessions which was promptly taken over by those who supported the evacuation.

Perhaps the greatest loss of all was the loss of dignity which the nation seemed to enforce upon these citizens who believed so strongly in the United States. Early in the debate about evacuation, some civic leaders of the Japanese American communities had advocated a "suicide battalion" comprised of Nisei soldiers whose loyalty was pledged to the United States and whose ancestors could be held hostage as insurance of their loyalty. The military refused on the basis that segregated units were counter to policy except as applied to black Americans.

## Nothing to lose

The story of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team actually begins in Hawaii. When the Hawaiian National Guard was federalized in the summer of 1941, it was comprised mostly of Nisei soldiers. During the attack on Pearl Harbor these soldiers captured the first enemy prisoners of war — two Japanese submariners who came ashore from their disabled midget submarine. As the Hawaiian Islands came increasingly under the threat of invasion, all Americans regardless of race stood shoulder to shoulder on the beach and in trenches prepared to repel the enemy. After the battle of Midway in June 1942 when it seemed that the enemy could not possibly mount an invasion of the Islands, those soldiers and defenders of Japanese ancestry were given orders to turn in their arms and ammunition and were corralled at Schofield barracks to await transport to the continent. Finally on Jan. 28, 1943 the war department announced plans to create a special combat unit comprised of Nisei soldiers, (this in spite of the earlier protest against segregated units). This special unit was designated the 442nd Regimental Combat Team; its motto "Go for Broke" reflected the attitude of the regiment's members, they had nothing to lose and stood to gain respect.

The 442nd landed in Italy on June 2, 1944, and was united with the 100th Infantry Battalion as the 442nd's 1st Battalion. The 442nd was attached to the 34th Infantry Division and fought with distinction in the battles for Belvedere, Luviana, and Leghorn, and the crossing of the Arno River. Its reputation solidly established, the 442nd was pulled out of Italy in September and sent to southern France where it became a unit of the 36th (Texas) Division. On Oct. 15 the 442nd captured the French town of Bruyeres after three days of bitter fighting. The 7th Army report called it "the most viciously fought-for town we have encountered in our long march against the Germans." The 442nd's bloodiest battle followed immediately. The 1st Battalion of the 36th Division's 141st Infantry Regiment was cut off in a heavily wooded forest and was under withering enemy fire. The 442nd was assigned the mission of relieving the "Lost Battalion." They crossed the floor of the heavily mined forest, all the while being showered with shrapnel from the German artillery shells exploding in the tree-tops. After three days of intense fighting often hand to hand with grenades and bayonets, the Nisei broke through and rescued the 211 men who remained of the Lost Battalion. The 3rd Battalion of the 442nd pushed on to take the ridge which had been the original objective of the Lost Battalion. By the time the 442nd was pulled off the line on Nov. 9, it had been through 25 days of continuous action. It had suffered 814 casualties, including 140 dead. With the losses from previous actions, the 442nd was at half strength with nearly 2,000 men hospitalized. "As a fighting unit the 442nd was temporarily impotent. In the 3rd Battalion, where casualties had been the heaviest, company strengths were fantastically low: Co. I had four riflemen and a

light machine-gun section left on the line. Co. K had 17 riflemen and part of a weapons platoon," according to the 442nd Regimental Combat Teams History.

## Distinguished record

In seven major campaigns, the 442nd had suffered 9,486 casualties — more than 300 percent of its original infantry strength — including 600 dead. Some of the men had three oak leaf clusters to attach to the ribbons of their Purple Heart medals. More than 18,000 individual decorations for valor were won by members of the 442nd. One Medal of Honor was awarded upon review, and this soldier received the honor posthumously. The 100th Infantry Battalion earned the nickname, "The Purple Heart Battalion." All of these decorations were earned while many of the soldiers' parents and families waited for them in the detention camps. President Truman awarded the last of seven Presidential Distinguished Unit Citations awarded to the 442nd at the White House and praised the men of the 442nd for their fight for democracy and against prejudice.

On June 11, 1963 twenty years after the armed forces were reopened to the Nisei, the House of Representatives paid tribute to the Japanese American military service in World War II. The Japanese Americans paid a high price just to prove they were Americans; to paraphrase the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: Theirs was a case of a nation judging not by the content of their character, but by the suspicion of their ancestry. Never doubting that their actions would vindicate them, the Nisei and subsequent generations of Asian Pacific Americans remain committed to the ideals of our nation. As we celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, we are provided an opportunity to learn more about our American history. Please take advantage of the events that are planned and participate. This is your opportunity to continue your contribution to American history.

## 'Go for Broke' unit took many honors

The 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team won the following decorations:

- Seven major campaigns in Europe; seven Presidential Unit Citations; 9,486 casualties (Purple Hearts)
- 18,143 individual decorations including one Congressional Medal of Honor, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses, one Distinguished Service Medal, 560 Silver Stars with 28 oak leaf clusters in lieu of second Silver Star awards, 22 Legion of Merit Medals, 4,000 Bronze Stars with 1,200 oak leaf clusters representing second Bronze Stars, 15 Soldier's Medals, two Italian Crosses for Military Merit, and two Italian Medals for Military Valor.

In addition to the individual awards earned, the Combat Team as a unit won 36 Army Commendations, 87 Division Commendations, Meritorious Service Plaques for the Medical Detachment and Service Company, and seven Presidential Unit Citations. Five of these were earned in a one-month period during the fighting for Bruyeres and the "Lost Battalion." (The Presidential Unit Citation for a unit is deemed the equivalent of the Distinguished Service Cross for the individual.)

(See Honors, cont'd on page 17)

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# Redstone among award recipients at ACOE ceremony

Redstone Arsenal was officially recognized Thursday as first runner-up in the medium-sized continental U.S. category of the 1994 Army Communities of Excellence competition.

Gen. Gordon Sullivan, the Army chief of staff, presented awards to Redstone and other winners at an ACOE ceremony at the Pentagon. During a separate ceremony held Friday, Fort Benning, Ga., received the top award as the Commander-in-Chief winner which carries a \$1.5 million prize.

Redstone, along with other Chief of Staff Army Runners-Up, receive \$250,000 awards plus a trophy and a communities of excellence flag for their post headquarters.

Redstone's representatives at the ceremony included Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, and his wife, Colleen; CSM David Holmes, post command sergeant major; Carolyn Collier, ACOE coordinator; Larry Daniel Jr., ACOE assistant coordinator; and Ron Bickle of the Integrated Materiel Management Center.

Rigby accepted the trophy, and Collier accepted the flag. Redstone's award check will be received at a later date.

This installation has competed in the ACOE program for the past four years. ACOE is a high-profile program promoting excellence in facilities and services for soldiers and civilians at Army installations. Redstone was the 1991-92 winner in the most improved category with its \$125,000 prize and was selected as the best medium-sized Army post in the continental U.S. in 1993-94 which came with a \$1 million prize.

Winners of this year's ACOE awards include the following:

- **Commander-in-Chief winner:** Fort Benning, Ga.
- **Chief of Staff, Army winners:** active Army — Fort Lee, Va.; Grafenwoehr, Germany; Hanau, Germany; Red River Army Depot, Texas; and Yongsan, Korea. National Guard — Utah; rookie of the year, Florida; and most improved, South Carolina. Army Reserve — 121st Army Reserve Command in Birmingham; 122nd Army Reserve Command, Little Rock, Ark.; and 377th Theater Army Area Command, New Orleans, La. Most improved — Camp Bonifas, Korea; and Fort Gordon, Ga. Special category — Army Engineer District, Louisville, Ky.

- **Chief of Staff, Army Runners-Up:** active Army — Redstone Arsenal; Camp Zama, Japan; Fort Sill, Okla.; Kitzingen, Germany; White Sands Missile Range, N.M.; Wiesbaden, Germany; and Fort Campbell, Ky. National Guard — Louisiana, Maryland, Florida and Pennsylvania. Army Reserve — 88th Army Reserve Command, Fort Snelling, Minn.; 95th Division (Training), Oklahoma City, Okla.; and 412th Engineer Command, Vicksburg, Miss. Most improved — Camp Humphreys, Korea; and Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Special category — Army Engineer Division in Huntsville; Army Engineer District, St. Louis, Mo.; and Army Reserve Command in Atlanta.

- **Chief of Staff, Army Honorable Mentions:** active Army — Bad Kreuznach-Dexheim, Germany; Camp Hialeah, Korea; Carlisle Barracks, Pa.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Drum, N.Y.; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Fort Monmouth, N.J.; Fort Richardson, Alaska; Fort Ritchie, Md.; Heidelberg, Germany; Panama Communities of Excellence; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Taegu, Korea; U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.; Bamberg Germany; Camp Page, Korea; Fort Belvoir, Va.; Fort

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## Missile Command soldier an 'elite powerlifter'

A soldier representing MICOM has set national records for weight lifting.

CWO Len Lawson, a Missile Command representative stationed at Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., recently competed in the World Natural Powerlifting Federation (WNPF) North East Regional Powerlifting Championship in Lancaster, Pa. It included lifters from five states: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Delaware.

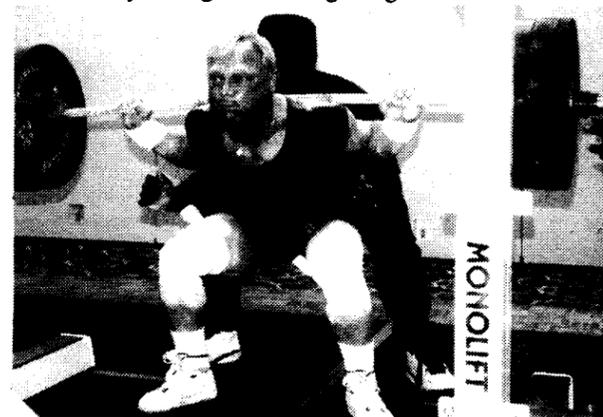
Lawson won first place in two separate divisions: the age 45-49 Masters Division's 181-pound class, and also the Armed Forces Division. Lawson, 49, weighs 179 pounds.

He set three American records in the masters division. His lifts included squat 545 pounds (American record), bench press 340 pounds (American record), dead lift 525 pounds for an American record total of 1,410 pounds. By totaling more than 1,390 pounds, Lawson achieved the prestigious classification of an Elite Powerlifter.

This was Lawson's 50th first place win in his lifting

career. He also qualified for the National Championship to be held in July.

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# Federal union members advised to get more political

Members of the American Federation of Government Employees were encouraged last week to get involved in the political process.

"We don't put enough focus on the legislative and political process," said Ken Blaylock, national vice president for AFGE fifth district. The union's fifth district held its annual convention May 18-21 at the Huntsville Hilton.

The approximately 125 attendees included federal employees from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee. They were welcomed to Huntsville by Mayor Steve Hettinger.

"It certainly means a lot to us to have public servants meeting in our community because we're proud of what you do for us and what you do for Redstone Arsenal," Hettinger said.

Training topics during the convention included interest based bargaining; sexual harassment in the workplace; and preparing, writing and presenting grievances. There was also some training on the Federal Service Labor-Management Statute, 5 U.S. Code 71.

A Women's Luncheon May 19 included the topic, "The Glass Ceiling for Women in the Workplace." On May 20 a banquet was held with scheduled speaker Bobby Harnage, the AFGE national secretary-treasurer.

"Our role as an organization of workers is to make sure they get decent pay, that they have economical pay for their families, that they share in part of the American dream," Blaylock said. "Our strength comes from the workers — not from me, not from you, but having a strong organized force behind us."



**DISTRICT CONVENTION** — Among the attendees at last week's annual AFGE fifth district convention are, from left, Jerrell Justice, membership chairman for AFGE Local 1858 and non-professional vice president for Space and Strategic Defense Command; Vicki Fuller, business agent for Local 1858; Blaylock; and Robert Chatmon, first vice president of Local 1945 in Anniston and president of the Alabama state council.

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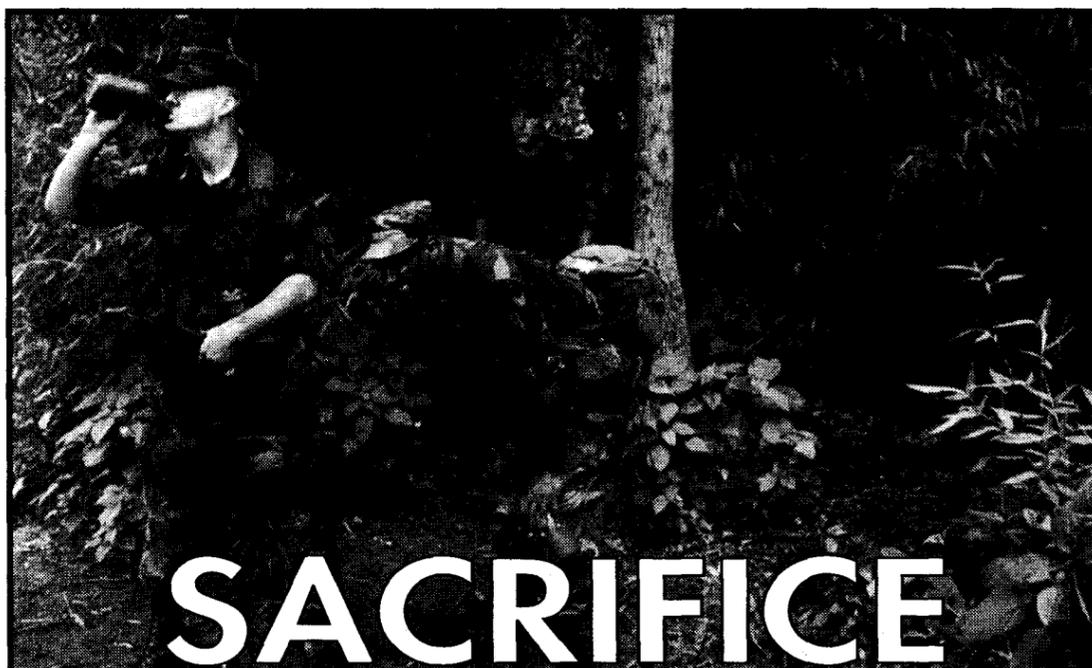
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# Post Exchange

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munity. The existing facilities are inadequate; and the one-stop shopping concept adds convenience," Klein said. "The Home and Garden Center will allow us to offer to the Redstone community a better assortment of items we currently stock — mattresses and major appliances; in addition, it will allow us to offer home furnishings which currently are available on a very limited basis. Again, we're talking customer convenience, additional service to the community, saving money for the Redstone patrons."

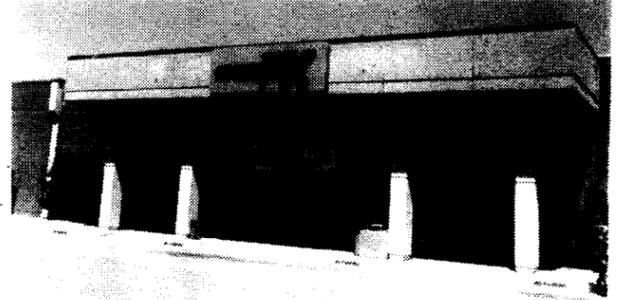
When the Shoppette moves out of the Main PX and into the new one-stop branch, this will free additional space for merchandise in the main store. The current sales floor of the PX is about 40,000 square feet.

"In '96 we have an expansion of the main store project planned which will give us even more space," Klein said. "The garden shop will be improved; we'll have additional windows at the cashiers' cage; clothing will be expanded." This main store project is to add from 10,000 to 15,000 square feet to the sales floor.

The PX, which opened in August 1977, has received recognition from several groups in the Redstone community for its community involvement, customer ser-

vice, and initiatives to improve service. It won an AAFES regional award in 1993 for customer service; this Extraordinary Customer Service Award for the Midsouth Region is to be presented June 8 by Barry Gordon, the regional vice president. An award ceremony and employee dinner is set for that evening at the Rustic Lodge. A photo from this award ceremony is to be displayed for one year at the AAFES hall of fame in Dallas, location of AAFES headquarters.

Redstone PX has total sales of about \$36 million a year. Its 40,000 potential customers include active duty and retired military, National Guard and Reserve, and family members.



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# Announcements

## Youth first-aid

Madison County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a Basic Aid Training course — designed to teach first aid skills to youth ages 8 to 10 — at Bicentennial Chapel from 9 a.m. to noon June 1-3. Cost of the 10-hour course is \$10 per person. Participants must register and prepay. Call the American Red Cross/Health Services Office at 536-0084, ext. 320, or stop by 1101 Washington St. from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Contract managers

Huntsville Chapter of National Contract Management Association will meet Thursday at the Huntsville Marriott (Space & Rocket Center). Registration begins at 11:15 a.m., with lunch at 11:30. Deidre A. Lee, associate administrator for procurement at National Aeronautics and Space Administration, is to speak on "NASA Procurement Initiatives." Cost of the luncheon is \$10 for NCMA members, \$12 for non-members. For membership information, call Debra Hallmark 895-0582.

## Preseparation orientation

The next preseparation orientation — not retiree orientation — for military personnel with ETS or separation dates on or before Sept. 30, 1994 will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday in room A-119 at Toftoy Hall. Representatives from Veterans Affairs, Employment Services, Military Pay Division, Transition Assistance Office and others will brief attendees and answer questions pertaining to postseparation plans. Spouses are encouraged to attend. It is mandatory for all soldiers separating from the Army during the aforementioned period to attend this briefing. If you have an approved separation date, are anticipating separating (or departing on terminal leave or permissive TDY) under the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program before Sept. 30, you should attend this briefing.

## Space forum

Huntsville L5 Society (HAL5), the Alabama chapter of the National Space Society, will hold a free lecture and open forum on the Space Station program at 7 tonight in the Huntsville Public Library auditorium. The public is invited. For more information, call Ronnie Lajoie 961-4832 or 721-1083.

## Toastmasters clubs

Improve your communication skills and leadership abilities by joining a Toastmaster club. Redstone Toastmasters meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Shoneys on University Drive across from Landmark Chevrolet. Speakeasy Toastmasters meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the same location. For more information, call R.D. Davis 842-7494.

## Found property

A set of keys with a knife and a tab from the Southeast Missouri Kennel Club have been found. To identify and claim this property, the owner should call the Provost Marshal Investigations Section, building 3649, at 876-2090/3449.

## Mutual USO Network group

The Mutual USO Network (MUSON) will have its monthly meeting May 28 at 4 p.m. at Quincys, 9016 Highway 20 West in Madison. Guest speakers include Marc Davenport, who wrote "Visitors From Time," and Leah A. Haley, who wrote "Lost Was the Key." A \$2 donation is requested. For more information, call Jeff Ballard 586-6568.

## Asian Pacific Heritage

The annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month festival is being held at the Recreation Center, building 3711, on May 26. The festival will have food tasting, entertainment and will feature retired Maj. Gen. William Chen as guest speaker. The event is free, open to the public, and will begin at 3 p.m. For additional information call Kate Love 876-8015, MSgt. Griffith 876-8648 or SFC Anton 842-2211.

## Fox Army Community Hospital

Occupational Health Clinic hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To better serve employees, the OH Clinic is requesting that employees returning to work from sick leave, report to building 116 from 7-9 daily. "Reporting during this time frame will reduce employee waiting time and expedite return of employee to their worksite." Employees with an on-the-job injury/illness should report to OH, building 116, promptly from 7-3:30 for evaluation and treatment. A DD form 689, signed by the supervisor, should accompany the injured employee. Routine checking of blood pressure is not performed at OH; however, if an employee is concerned about symptoms that may be caused from elevated blood pressure, or symptoms that may reflect a heart condition, he or she should report to OH, 7-3:30. Overseas immunizations will now be given from 10-11 a.m. Reporting of civilian pregnancy is also from 10-11. For more information, call 876-8831.

## Red Cross youth program

The American Red Cross Youth Program will begin on Redstone Arsenal with an orientation class at 1 p.m. May 31 in the medical classroom, second floor of Fox Army Community Hospital. Young men and women, ages 13 and older, are invited to attend and become Red Cross volunteers for the summer. Volunteers may work at the Youth Center or Fox Hospital. The minimum age to work in the hospital is 14. To sign up, call Holli Burrell 430-0755.

## Swimming pools

Redstone Arsenal's three swimming pools will open May 28, Memorial Day weekend. The pool locations include Vincent Park, the Challenger Club, and Goss Road next to building 111. The pools are open to military personnel, military retirees, Redstone Arsenal federal employees and their family members and guests. The swimming rates are: \$2 daily; \$30, season for individuals; and \$40, season for families. Swimming lessons are \$12 for eight sessions.

If desired, season passes may be paid for in two consecutive pay periods. Season passes may be purchased at Youth Activities, building 3148; Recreation Center, building 3711; and Outdoor Recreation, building 5129. Daily passes are purchased at the pools. Signup for lessons is at Youth Activities. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868.

## Marine softball tourney

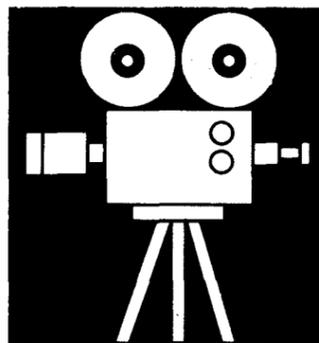
Military and DoD teams are invited to compete in the Marine Corps Classic Softball Tournament June 3-4 at Linton Field and field 14 on post. Entry fee is \$100; there is a 12 team limit, and 15 players per team. First place team wins team and individual trophies. The second place finisher wins a trophy and T-shirts; and third place gets a team trophy. To sign up, call GySgt. Slaton or CWO Anness 876-4057/4095.

## Community activities

**GOLF COURSE** — Redstone Golf Course will have a five-day sale May 26-30 in honor of Memorial Day. "We have marked 10 percent off of all clubs and 15 to 35 percent off of bags specially marked." For information call 876-6888.

**BOWLING CENTER** — During June, July and August, bowl one game at regular price and bowl your second game free. Kids bowling clinic: Beginning June 1, the center will offer Saturday lessons and leagues for our Redstone kids (civilian or military). Win a vacation: "Bowl now, fly in August!" Win two roundtrip airline tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S. For more information, call the Bowling Center 876-6634.

**OFFICERS CLUB** — Beginning June 1, on Thursday nights, the Officers Club takes you back to the days of "summer picnics." For \$9.95 the club will "delight your appetite with our soup and salad bar, smoked chicken, barbecue baby back ribs, baked beans, red skin potatoes, hush puppies, and jalapeno corn muffins." For reservations call 830-CLUB.



## Post Theater movies

Thursday — *The Paper*, rated R, 110 minutes. Friday — *The Paper*. Saturday — *D2: The Mighty Ducks*, PG, 107 minutes. Sunday — *D2: The Mighty Ducks*. Tuesday — *Clifford*, PG, 89 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.

## Basketball day camps

Pro basketball player Buck Johnson and Butler High's head coach, Jack Doss, are conducting three basketball day camps this year at Butler High. Each session will cost \$75 and be limited to 80 persons per session. The first two sessions, which will take place June 6-11 and June 20-24, will be for boys ages 6-18. Session three will be for girls ages 6-18 and will be held June 27 through July 1. Bring your own ball with your name on it. Free Camp T-Shirts will be given to all participants. Competition trophies will be awarded to winners in five areas of achievement. For more information call Jack Doss 532-4958 (school) or 837-7351 (home after 6 p.m.). To preregister send a check to Jack Doss, 313 Forrest Park Court, Huntsville 35806. Please state which session your athlete will be attending, their name and age. Late registration will be at 8 a.m. on the first day of camp if slots are available.

## PX news

Post Exchange facilities will operate with the following holiday hours during Memorial Day, May 30: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Shopette, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Troop & Tackle, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; MCSS, closed; Service Station, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Class Six, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Food Court, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Burger King, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Concessions, closed.

## Intelligence association

Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Military Intelligence Association will hold its bimonthly meeting Thursday at the Officers Club, room 3. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. A business meeting will be conducted. "It is extremely important that all interested individuals attend. Plans for '94/95 will be made and membership rosters will be verified and updated." The 1994 TVC dues of \$10 were payable Jan. 1. For more information, call David Engen 955-1688.

## Retired officers

Huntsville Chapter of The Retired Officers Association (TROA) will hold its regular monthly meeting today at 11 at the Challenger Club. (This is a change from the usual location at the Officers Club.) For information call retired Col. Gordon Dison 539-9846.

## Keys found

A set of car keys was found May 23 on Lance Drive at Redstone Arsenal. The owner should call Alfreda Chase 721-1449.

## Boating safety course

Redstone Flotilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a Boating Skills and Safety course on Thursday nights from June 9 through July 21. The class, which may lower your boat insurance premium, will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in building 3305, room 114. A material fee of \$12 will be collected on the first night of class. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 890-2220 (days), 830-6621 (evenings).

## Women veterans

Madison County Military Heritage Commission this year plans to honor all of this county's women veterans (those who have lived in Madison County for three years or more, whether on Redstone or in the county proper). The women veterans will have a permanent display in the county courthouse which will be updated annually as additional names are identified. All women on active duty or who have retired, who have lived in Madison County for three years, and who served during periods of conflict — World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Grenada, and Desert Shield/Storm — should contact the Commission at the following address: Madison County Military Heritage Commission, 3931 Shamrock Drive, Huntsville 35810-4033.

## Singing group

Huntsville Heritage Chorus of Sweet Adelines International meets each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Mayfair Church of Christ. "We invite you to come learn the art of singing four-part harmony." For information call 881-2597.

## Hazardous materials courses

Physitron Inc. will offer two courses on Hazardous Materials, for the summer quarter. On Tuesday nights a course in HAZMAT Recovery, Incineration and Disposal will be offered; and on Thursday nights a HAZMAT Sampling and Analysis course will be taught in an actual sampling and analysis laboratory using state-of-the-art equipment. Each course meets one night per week for 10 weeks. Register now at Physitron, 3304 Westmill Drive in Huntsville, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Classes begin June 21. For more information, call Jerry Rankin 534-4844.

## AER raffle winners

Medical Department Activity announces the following winners in the raffle it held May 12 as a fund-raiser for Army Emergency Relief: first prize (estimated value \$250) — Capt. Irene Williford; second prize (estimated value \$245) — Wilson Hamilton; third prize (estimated value \$218) — Ozella Hudson; and fourth prize (estimated value \$203) — Maj. Brenda Peak. "The MEDDAC AER Committee would like to extend their congratulations to the winners and thank everyone for supporting AER."



# Carpool Hotline

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# Fun church school for youngsters slated June 13-17

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Children can learn about Jesus in a fun way through Vacation Church School, June 13-17 at Bicentennial Chapel.

This annual ecumenical school, weekdays from 9 until 11:30, is for age 4 through those who have completed the sixth grade. They should be family members of active duty or retired military, from on post as well as off post.

Registration begins June 1 at room 13 in Bicentennial Chapel. For information call the office of religious education, in room 15, at 876-6874.

"The purpose of (the school) is so that children can learn more about Jesus and learn in a fun way through crafts, games, singing and other activities," said Patty Wilson, director of religious education. "And the theme this year is called 'Come Along with Jesus.' And the point is: Coming along with Jesus is an adventure and journey of hope, forgiveness and love."

The 25 instructors are all volunteers. Fifteen other volunteers are working with refreshments and recreation. "Our programs could not run without volunteers; we cannot do anything without volunteers. To me they're the greatest asset on Redstone Arsenal," Wilson said.



LOOKING FORWARD TO SCHOOL — Wilson, left, and Sena discuss plans for the Vacation Church School at Bicentennial Chapel.

Through an arrangement with the Child Development Center, children of the center can attend the school even though their parents are at work. Those children can register at the center. And each morning of the school, CDC workers will walk the children over to the chapel, put them in the proper rooms and then return to pick them up at 11:30 to go back to the center for lunch. "With this arrangement with the Child Development Center, it works out well for everybody," Wilson said.

Early registration for the free school is recommended since the cutoff will come when the rooms are filled. Last year 170 youngsters attended, and about the same number is expected to sign up this time.

"It gives them an opportunity to learn more about Jesus in a fun, relaxed atmosphere," Wilson said.

Planned activities include crafts, bible stories, games, music, recreation and refreshments. Chaplain (Maj.) Tim Boschen will be the chaplain on site for the event. Cpl. Chantel Sena, NCO-in-charge at Bicentennial Chapel, has assisted with the church school for three years; she will leave Redstone July 25 and report to her new assignment in Korea Aug. 10. "It's hectic but it's a lot of fun," Sena said, referring to the church school.

# Weapon Systems team focuses on customer service

A team of workers at Weapon Systems Management Directorate is trying to enhance customer service at the directorate.

WSMD management chartered a Process Action Team to study and recommend ways to realign the directorate to meet future needs. The ongoing team first met April 25, 26 and 28.

Dr. Eugene Paro, director of WSMD, requested the team to design an organization which will meet its customer's needs and comply with the presidential goals of supervisor-to-employee ratio; in short, "achieve legendary customer service."

"The PAT members are excited about being asked to participate — the word Dr. Paro used was 'empowered' — in such a significant planning event," said Charlie Hancock, a member of the team. He is logistics chief of Land Combat Systems at the directorate.

Paro recently attended the Redstone Quality Institute's "Quality Executive Leadership" course and said he feels the directorate should apply the QEL concepts and philosophies as soon as possible. The process action team members completed the Quality Institute's "Quality Implementation Leadership Tools" course. They are applying the FADE — Focus, Analyze, Develop, Execute — tools to their process action team study.

Team members include Theresa Mastin; Len Gibbs, facilitator; Violet Perry, Hancock, Leria Wilkerson, Ariemeam Williams, Jim Cole, Martin Anderson, Marshall White and Bill Self.



TEAM MEMBERS — Members of the process action team at WSMD include, from left: sitting, Mastin, Gibbs and Perry; standing, Hancock, Wilkerson, Williams, Cole, Anderson and White. Self is not pictured.

## Honor

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Additional postwar honors included a tribute from Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, in his report to Congress; a further tribute from Winston Churchill, prime minister of England, in his report to Parliament; and presidential invitation to march down

Pennsylvania Avenue and attend a reception at the White House to receive the Presidential Unit Citation.

(Editor's note: The source for this information on the unit's decorations was *Go for Broke*, written by Chester Tanaka.)

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# Massachusetts firm wins big logistics support contract

BY GERDA SHERRILL

The Space and Strategic Defense Command announced Friday the award of a contract with an estimated value of \$631,957,015 for logistics support services at the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA) in the central Pacific Ocean.

After a competitive solicitation, Range Systems Engineering of Burlington, Mass., was selected as the prime contractor to provide the services for a minimum of two years, including a two-month phase-in effort. Additionally, the government may exercise options for another 72 months, in 24-month increments.

Range Systems Engineering proposes to award ma-

ior subcontracts to Range Systems Engineering Support and Marriott Food Corporation.

USAKA is a national test range managed by SSDC for the Defense Department and is located in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, 2,100 nautical miles southwest of Hawaii. It supports testing of U.S. strategic ballistic missiles, development and testing of technology for the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, and various space tracking programs.

Under the terms of the contract, Range Systems Engineering will perform logistics services, including facilities support, supply and transportation, aviation, automotive and related equipment, marine, merchandising, food services, community activities, medical and dental, educational, and program support for the

benefit of the approximately 3,000 U.S. government and contractor personnel at USAKA, and their family members.

The logistics support services are essential in support of USAKA's three-fold mission to: (1) manage, operate and promote a national range to test strategic and theater missile systems and support space operations; (2) operate an isolated, but complete, American community while enhancing the quality of life for its residents; and (3) promote mutually beneficial relations with the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

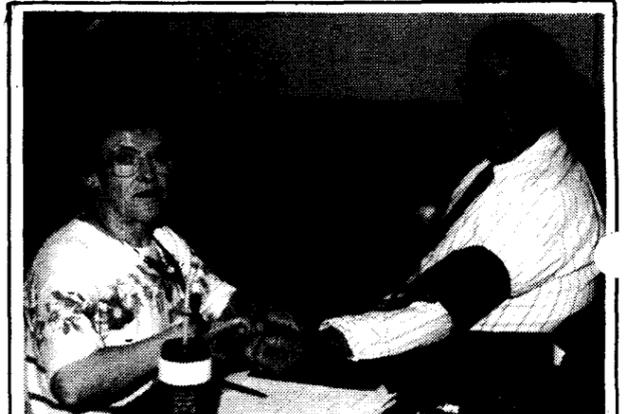
Range Systems Engineering was selected competitively over five other firms: Burns & Roe Service Corporation; Global Plus; Morrison Knudsen/Allied; Johnson Controls World Services; and Pacific Architects and Engineers.



**INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR** — Air Force Lt. Gen. James Clapper Jr., director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), conducts a "town hall meeting" April 12 during his visit to the Missile and Space Intelligence Center. The center became part of DIA in 1992, and Clapper conducts such meetings with all of the center's workers whenever he visits.



**AER SUNDAES** — Some members of the Acquisition Center sold hot fudge sundaes, at \$1 each, the afternoon of May 18 to raise money for the Army Emergency Relief campaign. Serving the tasty treats are, from left, Debbie Curbelo, Willie Littlepage, Becky Gaillard and Rhonda Garrard, all members of division "C" at the center. The sale raised \$200 for AER.



**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK** — Andree Cope, of the American Red Cross, checks the blood pressure of Ken Carroll, assistant commandant of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. The free blood-pressure testing May 9 at OMMCS headquarters, building 3300, helped kick off Safety Awareness Week.

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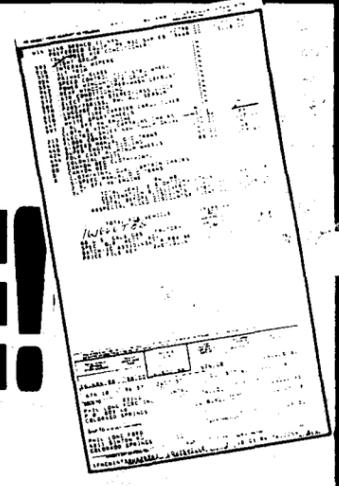
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