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## D-Day veteran vividly recalls a most unlovely day

BY SKIP VAUGHN

John Sands is known around post for his cheery greetings — “Lovely, thank you, lovely,” he’ll say when asked how he’s doing. But 50 years ago brought the dawn of a most unlovely day; and Sands remembers it well. On June 6, 1944 Sands was a member of an all-black battalion landing on the shores of Normandy for D-Day.

The memory is clear in his mind. He and the other ammunition handlers of the 668th Ordnance Ammunition Company knew the challenge they faced that day. They had arrived in England in January 1944 and trained to prepare for the invasion. Before the fateful day, they moved up into a staging area close to the English Channel. Their time to go ashore at Omaha beach came at 10 a.m.

“The water — me, being short, it was knee deep. It was just something we fellows had never dreamed of. Today it’s just as fresh as it was that day, to look back,” Sands said.

“Seeing other LSTs (landing craft) going in with us, on the left and right, you could tell the fright on the faces. You could see bodies floating by,” he said. There was artillery fire; and he and his comrades took cover. The beach had been mined, and they were trained to watch out for mines. “Inch by inch, we went in,” Sands said.

Two members of his company were killed on the beach: one due to an accident with ammunition, and the other from being strafed by an enemy plane.

The liberation of Europe had begun; and black Americans as well as white Americans played a role. A deeply religious man, Sands said he feels fortunate to be alive to tell his story. He wants the young people of today to know how things were back then — when a



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nation and an army divided by color, united for a single purpose.

A native of Marietta, Ga., Sands was the only son in a family of five children. He credits his parents and his grandfather with instilling the values that he still has. As the only son in his family during the Depression years, Sands dropped out of school with a sixth grade education to find work. He took odd jobs — shining shoes, working in a supermarket, working in Western Union — and was making 40 cents an hour at Lockheed Aerospace when he got drafted. He was inducted into the Army May 5, 1943 at Fort Benning, Ga. Basic training followed at Fort McClellan, Ala., where his unit served under Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Sr., the only black general at that time.

The officers of Sands’ company were white and the members were all black. “Being separate as it was, we (blacks) had an important role to play in the armed forces,” Sands said. “Ammunition was a dangerous job; and yet we had the knowhow, with these men training us, to get the job done.”

When their job was finished in Europe, Sands returned to the states in November 1945. He left the Army in 1947 but reenlisted in 1953. Sands came to Redstone as a soldier in September 1955 and was discharged in December 1957. His civil service career began in March 1958. He worked in transportation and then heavy equipment. In 1985 he left Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, and went to work for the Security Assistance Management Directorate. He has been a messenger and mail clerk with SAMD ever since.

“To me it’s been a great blessing. I wouldn’t take anything for how the Lord has blessed me while I’ve

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## Climbing cliff at Normandy on D-Day no easy task, veteran recalls

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Fifty years ago Ken Barker was an Army Ranger who made the most important climb of his life during one of the greatest battles in American history: D-Day.

Barker, now a 72-year-old retiree in Huntsville, was a member of the 2nd Ranger Battalion which was tasked to secure the Pointe du Hoc cliff next to Omaha beach at Normandy on June 6, 1944. “And in order to do that we had been trained with specially equipped mortars or shotguns that would fire grappling hooks,” he recalled. He and the other soldiers had to scale the 100-foot-high cliff with their full packs — equipped with ammunition, weapons and rations — while the Germans fired down on them.

“When we got to the top, there were gun emplacements and machine guns and a whole bunch of Germans. And there was only one place to go and that was forward; you couldn’t go back down,” Barker said.

The 225-member battalion was led by Lt. Col. John Rudder, 28, its oldest member, he recalled. “We came off the ship about 3:00 in the morning, and we landed about 5:00 after having a breakfast of navy beans and spam.”

Barker remembers the difficulty of the climb which he estimates took about 20 minutes. “It was tough because the ropes — when you put your foot in the rope ladder, of course they would give under your own



ARMY VETERAN — Barker is a D-Day veteran and Army retiree. His wife, Helen, worked at Redstone from 1956 until retiring in 1987.

weight. And the Germans were firing. It was very hectic going up with the first pack,” he said.

“I would say about 190 made it to the top. And after all the firing and the gun emplacements were secured, the second wave came in. Out of the first wave, I would say about 40 were left out of the original 225,” said Barker, among the fortunate 40.

That afternoon they linked up with the 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division, some 700 yards behind the gun emplacements. Barker was captured by the Germans during the move inland through France in late June; and he was held for 90 days before escaping. “I didn’t like the motel arrangements,” he quipped.

Barker, who was wounded during his escape, was sent back to England to a base hospital that September; and then returned to the states in November for further medical treatment. The Army sent him to Welch Convalescent Hospital in Daytona Beach, Fla. His war was over.

Asked to recall his thoughts during the D-Day fighting, he said: “Really the thoughts were, ‘My God, how can I get out. Help me stay alive. Get me out of here.’ One thing you’ll never find on a battlefield is an atheist.”

Barker was born in Petersburg, Tenn., and raised in Huntsville. His mother worked on an ammunition assembly line at Redstone during the war. He

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## Personnel issues

### Editor:

With the VSIP/VERA and resignations passed, what phase is MICOM in now? Have all the surplus employees and employees from the "low standing list" been placed? Will there still be a RIF? Will there be more flexibility in promoting employees within organizations without having to choose from the DoD Priority Placement List (DoD PPL) or other mandatory lists? When will organizations be allowed to revise TDAs?

Is there hope for those of us who have 20 or more years left before retirement to enter career fields? Many of us are on all the lists for advancement but because of exceptions in promotion opportunities, we can't see the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel. A word of encouragement from CPO would be great.

### Name withheld by request

*(Editor's note: The Civilian Personnel Office provided the following response. "Through the use of VERA/VSIP and the reprogramming of funds, MICOM has successfully reduced its workforce to an affordable level in FY 94 and eliminated the need for a RIF. MICOM organizations have been provided their new manpower and high grade targets and can submit changes to their TDAs.*

*"For FY 95 and FY 96, MICOM has submitted a plan which would continue to reduce permanent strength through the use of attrition and VSIP. In FY 95 VSIP will likely be opened some time in the first quarter (Oct-Dec 94). A new low standing list would have to be developed at that time because it would be needed to document the VSIP savings.*

*"MICOM is requesting relief from the AMC hiring freeze by entering into a Hiring Contract with HQ AMC. This contract would allow for some personnel actions to alleviate skill mismatches and to fill critical vacancies to include those needed in support of approved mission transfers. However, another exception to the DoD Priority Placement Program to allow for competitive permanent promotions without considering priorities is not expected.*

*"In summary, the good news is there will be no RIF this year and we are seeking authority to fill some critical positions which would result in some competitive permanent promotions. The bad news is that opportunities will continue to be limited until DoD and MICOM complete their drawdown."*

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## Judge upholds firing of MICOM supervisor

A federal administrative judge has ruled the Missile Command acted properly when it fired a senior official for sexual harassment.

After investigating allegations by many female workers, MICOM removed Douglas A. Marcum, a supervisory security specialist, GS-15, from federal service effective Oct. 29, 1993. Marcum appealed to the regional office of the federal Merit Systems Protection Board. A two day public hearing was conducted here on Feb. 9 and 10 by Richard P. Klein, an administrative judge.

In a decision dated May 23, Klein ruled: "...the agency's action is affirmed."

Briefly, the 50 page decision:

- Sustained one or more specifications of sexual harassment involving each of eight women. Specifications involving three other women were not sustained.

- Sustained one or more specifications of discrimination on the basis of race and sex involving each of two women. Specifications involving three other women were not sustained.

- Did not sustain a charge that Marcum engaged in conduct unbecoming a supervisor.

- Did not sustain a charge that Marcum used false credentials.

Marcum can appeal to the federal Merit Systems Protection Board or in federal court.

## Armed Forces Celebration slated June 6-21

The 10th annual celebration of the partnership between the Army and the Huntsville/Madison County community, will be held June 6-21.

"Peace Through Readiness" is the theme for the Armed Forces Celebration sponsored by the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Activities include performances by the 313th Army Band, the Soldier Show, and Whitesburg Baptist Church Choir.

Here are the scheduled events:

- **Gazebo Concert** — Monday, June 6 at 7 p.m. in Big Spring Park; featuring the 313th Army Band.

- **Soldier Show: A Musical Celebration of America** — Thursday, June 16 at 2 and 7 p.m. in the Von Braun

Civic Center concert hall; admission is free; tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, Redstone's Recreation Center and *The Huntsville Times*.

- **I Love America Performance** — Sunday, June 19 at 11 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel; the Whitesburg Baptist Church Choir will perform.

- **Retreat Parade** — Tuesday, June 21 at 4 p.m. on the parade field at Redstone Arsenal; static displays will be on site; World War II veterans and guests will be honored with special seating. Reservations are not required.

For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce 535-2031.



## Hypervelocity Weapon System display honored

### BY GERDA SHERRILL

The Space and Strategic Defense Command's Hypervelocity Weapon System display was awarded "Best Poster Presentation" for the seventh Electromagnetic Launcher Conference in San Diego, Calif., in April.

The display was created by Valerie Churchwell of BDM Engineering Services Company, Huntsville, and shown in the "Late Breaking Research and Other Exhibits" poster session of the conference.

At the same time, Jere L. Brown, president of Technology Gateways Inc. of Niceville, Fla., presented a paper, "Hypervelocity Weapon Technology Moves Out of the Laboratory and Into the Field," authored by Tim Aden, an engineer in the command's Kinetic Energy Weapons Directorate.

## Substance abuse, AIDS subject of seminar

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign will present "Substance Abuse and AIDS Education" on Tuesday, June 7 from 10-11 a.m. in building 5250, room A-115. Scheduled speakers include Ruby Turner and Mary Marr.

Turner is the alcohol and drug officer for the Missile Command. She has worked for the Army for 14 years and has been at Redstone since 1988. She has a degree in psychology and a master's of science in counseling.

Marr is the HIV/AIDS health educator for the American Red Cross of Madison County.

Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. For information call 876-9143.

The next CFC/United Way at Work seminar, "Personal Crisis and Growth" with Dr. Jim Pearce, will be held July 12 in building 5250, room A-115. Watch your e-mail for more details.

Both the paper and the display provided an overview of the program's successful field experiment that was conducted in the summer of 1993 at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. A video, which combined still photography and live footage of the HVWS components, highlighted past accomplishments of a successful program.

The HVWS integrates three major subsystems: a hypervelocity launcher, a miniature guided interceptor, and a fire control radar. The program uses miniaturized state-of-the-art technologies to provide interceptor concepts for exoatmospheric theater and ballistic missile defense. It is managed by SSDC for the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization; and Lt. Col. Stephen Kee is the product manager.

## Normandy

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volunteered for the Army — by lying about his age — and enlisted at the recruiting office in Decatur. Barker served 14 and a half years on active duty, and then 13 years in the National Guard. He retired from Postal Field Service in 1980 after 25 years.

He and his wife, Helen — who worked at Redstone from 1956-87 — have two daughters and five grandchildren. Ann Barker Johnson, 36, of Hazel Green, works for Megatech in Madison; and their youngest daughter, Janet Barker Baker, 32, of Birmingham, is a nursing student at Jeff State University.

"I believe that D-Day should be remembered. It should be put in people's mind as one of the greatest invasions that the United States has entered into," Barker said. "And it was the last war we have ever won."

# Redstone's family celebration should be fun-filled

BY SKIP VAUGHN

About 5,000 folks are expected to attend the Redstone Community Celebration — a combination of the Redstone family picnic and ACOE picnic — Saturday, June 11.

This family fun event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Col. Carroll Hudson recreation area, formerly called rec area 2, on the river. Rain date is June 18.

Estimated attendance is based on last year's turnout for the Redstone family picnic. "Last year it was a little over 3,000 and they considered it low attendance because they had it the same day as Big Spring Jam. And this year we've set it up so there'll be no other big events in Huntsville the day of the picnic," said Laurie Fraser, the chairperson. "We did work real hard in picking a date where there are no conflicts."

The Redstone community, including military, civilians and their family members, is invited to this free event. "And with that they'll get lunch; and most of the activities are free. There is a charge for bingo. There'll be ice cream there for 75 cents a scoop, shaved ice for a dollar, and the dunking booth will be 50 cents for three balls. Those are the only things we're charging for," Fraser said.

Bingo will be played at the Rustic Lodge located near the rec area. Cost for bingo is 50 cents a card, except for the grand prize game which is \$1 per card. Cash prizes will be awarded including the grand prize of \$200.

"For lunch: adults will get a hamburger, hot dog, bag of chips and a twinkie. Children will get a hamburger or hot dog; and chips and a twinkie. And it's unlimited Pepsi products; and it'll be Pepsi, Mountain Dew, and Diet Pepsi," Fraser said. Lunch and these soft drinks of course are free.

Activities include the dunking booth, softball and volleyball tournaments, entertainment, events for teen-agers, events for children, and military hardware on display. Two players on the Huntsville Stars baseball team will be at the picnic from 11 to 1, signing autographs and giving out 5,000 tickets to that night's game for "Redstone Buyout Night."

Among the sports events, the softball tournament is to begin June 6 with the championship game at 1 the afternoon of the picnic. "We'll have one-pitch softball. And we'll also have the SES/General Officer game and that's scheduled for 10:30 with the losers being dunked. We'll also have volleyball tournaments, and we'll have volleyball throughout the day," Fraser said.

Entertainment includes the Rusted Shut Band which plays classic rock, Hoot-n-Holler Cloggers, a martial arts demonstration, a gymnastics demonstration, Polynesian dancing, clowns and more.

"For the teens we've got cap painting, a DJ, softball speed throw — they've got a ton of stuff going on in that area," Fraser said. "In children's activities we'll have like 17 different things going on; we'll have Buddy LeMaster as the clown, we'll have the moon bounce, sea of balls, pony rides, a magic show, a boat pond, a lollipop tree, and there's more."

Pepsi is the prime sponsor. Others include Geico which will provide helium balloons, baseball caps and fans; SatoTravel which is providing airline tickets as door prizes; Disney World which has provided a door prize package of four tickets plus a three-day, two-night stay at Howard Johnson's in Orlando, Fla., at Walt Disney's main gate; and the Radisson which is giving a door prize of a "sweetheart package" consisting of a night stay for two with breakfast.

Research Development and Engineering Center has the lead role in setting up the picnic; and RDEC has assigned its Guidance and Control Directorate to plan



PICNIC PLANNERS — Some of the people at RDEC involved in the Redstone Community Celebration include, from left: seated, Sandra Garris, Fraser and Teri Johnson; and standing, Scott Dennis, Gayl Miller and Blake Winter.

and conduct the event. In addition some 14 committees are involved from throughout Redstone. More than 500 volunteers — including 200 for just the refreshments alone — will be working during the week and day of the picnic. "It's interesting. I never had any idea what went into it until this year. People work real hard to make it a nice day," said Fraser, an electronics engineer at RDEC.

"Because it's fun," she said, when asked why people should attend this event. "It's a chance to see the people you work with in a relaxed environment. The activities — for the money, you just can't beat it. There's just going to be an awful lot to do out there; you certainly won't get bored. And we're looking forward to a nice and pretty, not-too-hot (weather) day. Everybody come; we're going to have a good time."

## LOGSA building gets go-ahead

An \$11 million contract to construct a 94,000-square-foot building for the Logistics Support Activity has been awarded, with construction expected to begin in about 30 days.

The LOGSA building will be a three-story, L-shaped building sited adjacent to the Sparkman Complex which is nearing completion. Its design is identical to the four other three-story buildings that are part of Sparkman Center.

Universal Construction Company in Huntsville was

awarded the contract. Estimated completion date is September or October 1995.

The Logistics Support Activity moved its headquarters from Virginia and merged activities from several other locations to form its new headquarters at Redstone beginning in 1991. Completed in 1993, the consolidation brought about 700 military and civilian workers to Huntsville. Its headquarters is currently located at building 3434.

## Sands

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been here (at Redstone)," said Sands, 69, a deacon at St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church in Huntsville. He remarried about a year ago; his two previous wives are deceased. Through his current marriage, he has six sons and four daughters. He has two daughters from a previous marriage in Georgia. He has 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

His experience with the death and destruction of World War II gave him a clear sense of the meaning of war: "War is hell," Sands said, "anything that tears down cities and towns and destroys families and homes..."

D-Day proved to be the turning point in the war 50 years ago. "Looking back now it (the invasion) was necessary to do," Sands said. "If we hadn't gone in when we did, they had Britain against the wall."



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# Breaking environmental laws can break budget

WASHINGTON — Improperly managing waste and hazardous substances can lead to serious environmental and legal problems. But even a seemingly harmless violation of environmental law can still bring hefty fines.

Some of the most common violations found at Army installations under the 1992 Federal Facility Compliance Act include:

- Operating a waste facility without a permit
- Inadequate manifests for transportation of hazardous waste
- Improperly labeled containers
- No emergency contingency plan for the release of hazardous materials
- Inadequate training, or documentation of training, for personnel who handle hazardous waste
- Insufficient inspections
- Inadequate recordkeeping; and,
- Violations of waste management safety practices.

The EPA recently assessed \$543,000 against Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Violations included failing to transport hazardous waste off-site within 90

days and failing to label waste properly. The post operates many motorpools and maintenance shops that generate waste paint, solvents and contaminated waste oils. It has 30 days to respond to the EPA's findings.

The U.S. Army Garrison, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif., is shutting down, under the Base Realignment and Closure Commission. But it isn't immune from EPA inspectors, who recently proposed a penalty of \$556,000 for violations.

Besides paying the penalty, the Army will have to inspect each Presidio building for wastes, and remove any stored wastes by July 1. The Presidio is required to correct the violations and bring the facilities into compliance within 30 days of citation.

Following are other examples of fines and penalties proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency at Army installations in the past 18 months:

- EPA Region III assessed more than \$2 million in fines against an Army installation for late filing of groundwater monitoring plans and failure to implement a mandated plan to keep the community informed of environmental cleanup efforts at the post.

• EPA Region VI assessed about \$1.3 million against an installation in Texas. The post was cited for failure to maintain shipping manifests for hazardous materials, for storing hazardous waste in an above-ground tank without a permit or approval to store under "interim status," and for operating two hazardous material treatment units without a permit or interim status.

• EPA Region VI also proposed \$693,000 against another Texas post for open burning and open detonation of munitions from 1980 to 1987 without a permit. The Army is negotiating with the EPA, offering to pay a reduced amount and start a supplemental environmental project.

• The California Environmental Protection Agency issued an enforcement order assessing \$42,000 against an installation for five violations, including a penalty for failure to install eyewash equipment and showers in an area where hazardous waste is handled.

• Indiana assessed \$22,000 against a post for not taking measures to determine if a few pounds of shop rags should be managed as hazardous waste. (From a U.S. Army Environmental Center release.)

## 'Soldiers' magazine wants your Army installation photos

WASHINGTON — If you can "point and shoot" a camera, you can help "Soldiers" magazine celebrate the Army's 219th birthday.

Photographers of all types — amateur and professional, military and civilian — are needed to record what's happening on your Army installation, June 14. These pictures will support "This is Our Army," a 32-page photo feature to appear in the December 1994 issue of "Soldiers."

The magazine needs photos that tell a story and capture the faces of soldiers, families and Army civilians. Shoot what is unique to your installation, something you may see every day, but which others may never get the chance to see.

The "Soldiers" staff is looking for imagination and creativity; posed shots will be screened out. The staff is looking for the best photos from the field, for a worldwide representation of what makes the Army what it is.

Here are some basic rules to keep in mind:

- Photos must be shot in the 24-hour period of June 14.
- Submit processed color slides, or 5"x7" or 8"x10" black-and white prints.
- Photos should be printed for magazine quality. Newspaper photojournalists often print photos lighter and with less contrast.
- Include the full name, rank and service, as ap-

plicable, of the photographer; names of identifiable people in the photo; details on what's happening in the photo; and the location of the photo. Outlines must be attached individually to the photo or slide. Submissions will not be used without complete photo credits and outlines.

• Photos must be processed and received by "Soldiers" by Aug. 31. Photos and accompanying information will not be returned.

Send your photos of June 14 activities to: SOLDIERS, 9325 Gunston Rd., Suite S108, Fort Belvoir, Va., 22060-5581. If you have questions, call Staff Sgts. Larry Lane or Doug Ide at (703) 806-4504 or DSN 656-4504. (Arnews)

## MICOM requests exemption in Defensewide early-out

BY SANDA MARTEL

MICOM is asking Army Materiel Command for an exemption from the Department of Defense-wide early out/incentive pay program which is to begin June 6.

The DoD VERA/VSIP is being opened to place DoD employees scheduled for separation by reduction in forces at designated DoD sites.

MICOM doesn't want to play in the DoD VERA/VSIP because it has submitted to AMC its own plan to reduce permanent strength by attrition and

VSIP, and will likely offer VSIP in fiscal '95, according to Don Dixon, chief of Recruitment and Placement Branch, Civilian Personnel Office.

Under the DoD VERA/VSIP, the command wouldn't be able to reduce its numbers because every local candidate approved for VERA/VSIP would be replaced by an employee with similar skills from another installation who would agree to move to Redstone and accept the job.

Another reason MICOM has asked for a waiver is

because there isn't much of a match between the DoD candidates who need to be placed and skills/job descriptions of MICOM employees.

While MICOM awaits AMC's decision on whether or not it will be exempted, some Redstone tenant organizations are considering participation.

As soon as it is known which organizations will participate in the DoD VERA/VSIP, and whether or not MICOM will be forced to, the workforce will be notified.

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# Air-conditioning service work, energy controls described

*Editor's note: Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided the following article.*

It is that time of the year again when the temperature climbs to the hot days of late spring and summer and air conditioning becomes of concern to Family Housing and Redstone Arsenal operating facilities.

The call for help goes out, "My air conditioning is not working; it needs to be fixed." To help you understand what to do, how to get service and when your AC system will get serviced and repaired, the following information is provided to describe the process and procedures for getting service.

Air conditioning repairs in Family Housing and administrative offices are normally performed on routine (non-emergency) priority. There are two exceptions to this criteria. For Family Housing occupants, AC service to repair your system is treated as an emergency only when authorized as a medical necessity. A medical necessity can only be authorized by the commander of Fox Army Community Hospital. If you believe you have a medical reason that would require air conditioning, you should contact the Family Housing Office to obtain instructions on obtaining a medical certificate. Once a certificate is issued by the hospital, the Base Operations (BASOPS) contractor is notified; and the Family Housing quarters is put on a

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priority response roster. The second exception is for specified electronics labs and computer centers. These facilities are identified to the BASOPS contractor by the Directorate of Public Works. Air conditioning service requests for these facilities are also treated as emergency response requirements.

To request AC services in Family Housing, the occupant should call the Service Order Desk 876-9881 during normal duty hours and 876-2801 after duty hours. For those Family Housing units with medical emergency certificates, the BASOPS contractor is required to respond within one hour during normal duty hours and within two hours during other than normal duty hours. Other AC calls are responded to as routine service orders, and the BASOPS contractor is required to

respond and complete the repairs within three work days if possible. The BASOPS contractor has assigned AC mechanics to extended duty hours on Wednesday through Friday evenings and to one shift on Saturday and Sunday. The mechanic on duty on the weekday evenings and weekends has an assigned workload and is to respond to emergency AC service requests throughout the Arsenal. If time permits, he responds to other than emergency requests.

Family Housing occupants are reminded of their responsible to replace air filters in their heating and air conditioning units. This should be done at least quarterly. Replacing the air filter is an important responsibility as it helps reduce equipment failures and increases the efficiency of the AC unit. Filters can be picked up at the Self-Help Service Center.

In all other facilities, AC problems are to be reported to the building custodian who is designated as the person responsible for making Service Order requests. If you work in a building that is experiencing air conditioning problems, you should contact your building custodian for assistance. Response times for the BASOPS contractor are the same as the aforementioned times in Family Housing.

Arsenal residents and workers need to be aware of the Energy Conservation and Management System (ECMS) that affects the operation of their AC systems. Control units are installed in Family Housing units. These control units cause the AC system to cycle off for short periods to reduce energy demand. Controls are also installed in operating facilities which perform the same function. If your AC system shuts down for a period of time, normally five minutes each half hour, it is most likely doing so because of the energy control system. If it shuts down and does not come back on, then you should report the problem to your building custodian. In some operating facilities, the ECMS is programmed to shut down the AC system after normal operating hours. You should check with your building custodian to find out what these hours are.

The Army has designated a temperature operating range for air conditioning of 76-80 degrees for offices, cafeterias, auditoriums and computer rooms. In Family Housing, the operating temperature range is 72-76 degrees. If your quarters or office area temperature is lower than these ranges, then you are not meeting the emergency conservation measures needed to reduce energy costs.

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# Redstone participating in National Safe Boating Week

*Editor's note: The Missile Command's Safety Office provided the following article.*

National Safe Boating Week begins June 5 and Redstone Arsenal will participate with courtesy boat inspections which will be given June 11 by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at both recreational area boat ramps. This would be a good time to have your boat checked out for compliance with the new boating laws. (There is no fee for this service.) The Redstone boating community is encouraged to participate in this event, and others that will be going on in the community, to learn more about boating safety.

Every year boating accidents cause thousands of injuries, many deaths, and the loss of millions of dollars in property damage across our country and within our state. In an effort to control these needless losses, the State of Alabama has implemented some new rules aimed at making our state waterways safer for everyone.

## New law

On April 28, the Alabama Boat Safety Reform Act of 1994 was signed into law. Persons boating on public waters in Alabama should be aware of the many changes that will affect them. These changes will affect the equipment that is required onboard your vessel, general operations, and licensing of operators. Many people will need to make modifications to their boats and personal watercraft to comply with the new law. The new law:

- Sets blood alcohol concentration level at no more than .10 percent.
- Provides for field breathalyzer testing and penalties for refusal.
- Puts boats under the vehicular homicide statutes.
- Requires children *under* 8 years of age to wear personal flotation devices (PFDs) on all boats.
- Requires all persons riding personal watercraft (PWC) to wear PFDs.
- Requires an examination or successful completion of an approved boating safety course by all operators

that were under the age of 40 on the effective date of this act. (Children under the age of 12 cannot operate a vessel.) New residents have 30 days to procure a license. Others must purchase their licenses within five years of the enactment of this act.

- Requires an observer at least 12 years old on a rear-view mirror with a minimum 78 square inches of viewing area and 170 degrees of field of vision for towing skiers, tubes, etc.

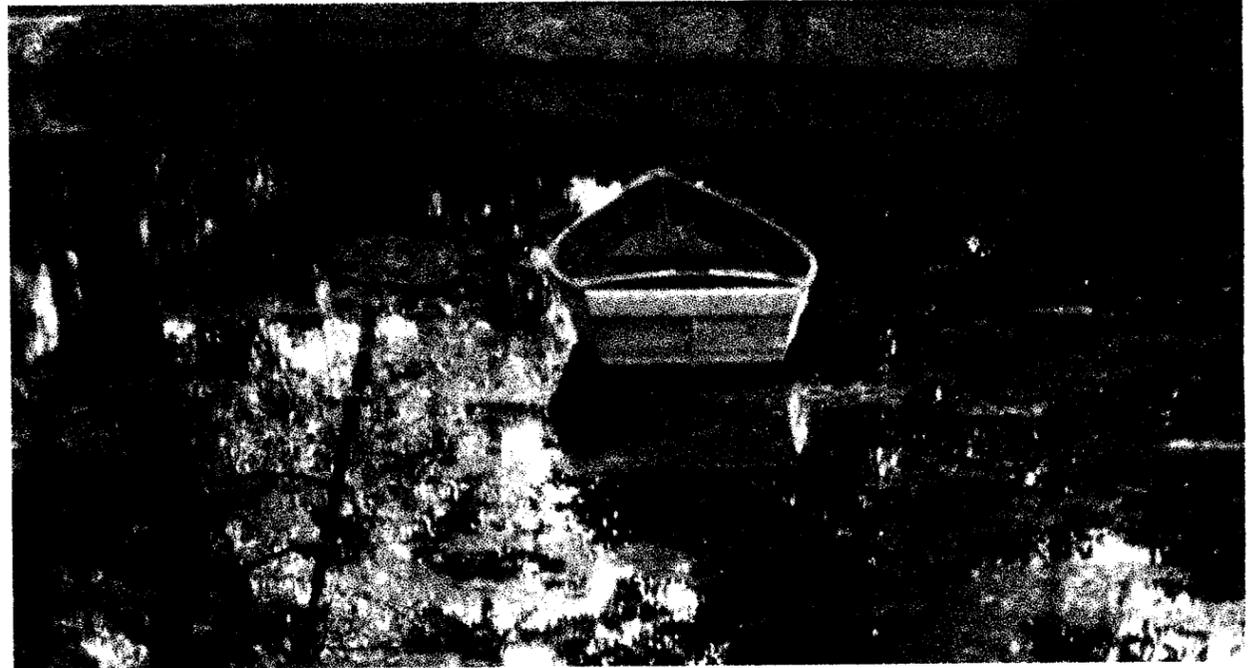
- Requires an emergency engine cut-off switch with lanyard on any vessel less than 24 feet in length operating with more than 50 horsepower. The lanyard shall be attached to the person, clothing, or personal flotation device of the operator. This rule applies to PWCs that do not have self-circling capabilities.

## Enforcement

The Marine Police will be enforcing these new rules, and the penalties for non-compliance and repeat offenses may consist of monetary fines, imprisonment, and/or revocation of license. Compliance with these new rules will help to ensure the safety of all those participating in boating activities in our state.

A pamphlet detailing these and other changes can be picked up at the Outdoor Recreation Office. Any specific questions can be addressed to the Alabama Marine Police Division in Montgomery at 1-205-242-3673, or your local State Public Safety Office.

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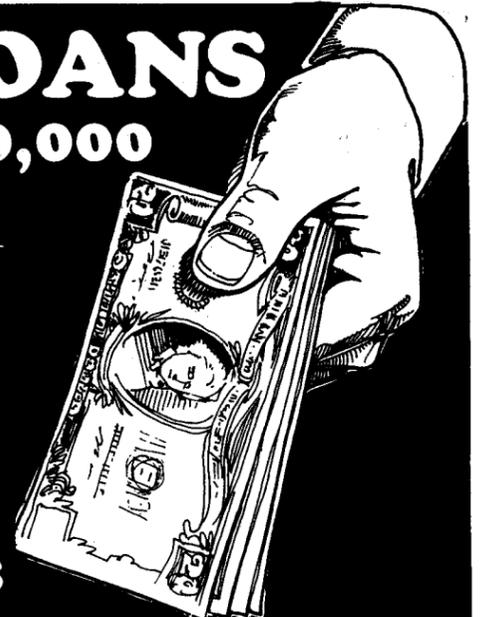


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# Military policeman gets job done at emergency scenes

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Military police are out in the field to serve and protect; and if that means putting your life on the line, so be it, according to a young MP who has had to do just that.

Spec. Douglas Hopper, a patrolman, was on walking patrol Sunday, May 22 when a young girl in the housing area ran up to him. She told him a friend had fallen into a hole. Hopper went to the scene: a hole in the rocks on the east side of Weeden Mountain. He climbed down into the hole and talked to the 14-year-old boy who had hurt his back and hands during his fall. "I told him he'd be alright; I told him the rescue squad was coming. I told him everything the rescue squad was going to do," Hopper recalled.

Others arrived — including firefighters Sandy Boyd, Ronald Schrimsher and Terry Hamm — and the boy was eventually rescued. Hopper and the three firefighters all descended into the hole to assist the youngster to safety.

"The only thing I was worried about during that whole situation was that kid going into shock," said Hopper, whose rappelling skills came in handy. "That's why I kept reassuring him that everything was going to be OK."

The first responder to an emergency scene should evaluate the situation, summon the resources necessary and — above all — remain calm, according to Hopper. "The worst thing you can do as a first responder is to panic," he said. "As soon as you panic, the individual's going to panic also which is probably going to result in shock."



HOPPER

This mountain incident was not the 23-year-old's first experience in rendering aid to a mishap victim. On April 17 he responded to a vandalism call in what is now the Easter Posey Recreation Area. The tires had been cut on a man's truck and trailer. While the damaged tires were being removed, the trailer slipped into the wrecker operator's leg. "It landed right on his lower leg. It skinned him bad. His leg swelled up almost instantly," Hopper recalled. The MP told the wrecker operator to get into a comfortable position, applied ice to the leg, and called the military police desk so it could summon an ambulance. Fortunately the leg was badly bruised, not broken, and the man was treated and released from Crestwood Hospital.

Robert Grove, an engineering technician at TMDE Activity who plans to retire June 3, sent a memorandum of appreciation to the Provost Marshal Office in recognition of Hopper. "The assistance you gave when my truck was vandalized was way beyond the call of duty. You showed great professionalism, mannerism and consideration for others while performing these extra duties," Grove wrote. "The medical assistance you provided the man who operated the wrecker when he was injured disclosed you as a humanitarian. I greatly appreciate your individual attention toward the accomplishment of helping the man by giving first aid treatment until the ambulance could come. Your actions reflect greatly upon you and the Provost Marshal's Office."

Hopper was born in Pt. Pleasant, N.J., and raised in Townsend, Mont., where his parents reside. His father, Warren, retired from the Army as a staff sergeant in 1969 with 27 years service. His mother, Grace, works in the records department at Broadwater Health Center in Townsend. One of his brothers is a soldier: MSgt. Philip Johndrow of Fort Hood, Texas.

After graduating from high school in 1990, Hopper joined the Army that July and went to Fort McClellan for military police school. He arrived in Germany in December 1990, left for Saudi Arabia 10 days later, and served in Saudi until the end of April — after participating in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Hopper came to Redstone from Germany in December 1992. He reenlisted for three years last December; and married a Decatur native, Melisa, in March. He says his plans are to make the Army a career and serve to the best of his ability.

"I plan on staying in law enforcement. I'd like to some day in the future get my degree in criminal justice," said Hopper, who intended to enroll in Columbia College by May 30.

Does he consider himself a hero? "No, I just do my job," he said.

## Rockwell, Hughes get SSDC contract go-ahead

The Space and Strategic Defense Command on May 26 announced the down-selection of three Exoatmospheric Kill Vehicle — formerly Ground Based Interceptor — contractors to two.

Selected were Rockwell International Corporation of Downey, Calif., and Hughes Aircraft Company of Canoga Park, Calif. The effort with Martin Marietta

Electronics, Information & Missiles Group of Orlando, Fla., will be discontinued.

In 1990, three parallel contracts had been awarded to exploit state-of-the-art technologies for the then GBI program. They have been addressing advanced kill vehicle technologies that could be demonstrated in the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll in the central Pacific in flight tests against targets launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

Based on reduced funding levels, the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization directed a downselect to two contractors in fiscal year '94. The two selected contractors will continue developments started under the GBI program. Flight demonstrations are scheduled for the 1996 through '98 time frame.

The basis for the downselect was technical progress, cost credibility, and program affordability. Downselect criteria were developed and provided to the contractors together with a notice of the government's decision to conduct a fiscal year '94 downselect.

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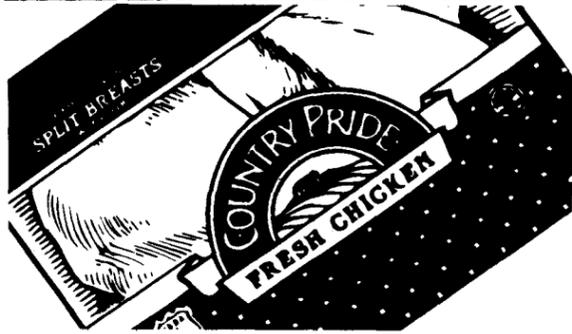
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# MICOM's total-quality cadre adds 47 members

Forty-seven people last week joined the growing list of Total Quality Management consultants at the Missile Command.

A graduation luncheon for TQM consultants of

cadres 19, 20 and 21 was held May 25 at the Officers Club. Ernie Young, deputy to the commanding general, presented certificates of completion to the graduating cadre members.

Master trainer plaques were also presented to seven members of the Quality Institute staff who are continually updating their skills and providing quality training for the command. These master trainers include Coy Brown, Chris Miller, Wyatt Shankle, Margaret Whitlock, Morton Archibald, Nancy Hodges and Ed Goad.

Max Watson, director of the Corporate Information Center, and Dr. Delia Black, chief of education and development division of the Personnel and Training Directorate, received plaques for their "dedication and commitment to the philosophy of Total Quality Management, demonstrated through their continuous personal support and involvement in the Redstone Quality Institute."

Dr. Jerry Westbrook, director of the engineering management program and interim chairman of the industrial and system engineering department at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, delivered the keynote speech. About 160 people attended the luncheon.

The 47 newly-graduated TQM consultants include the following:

- **Cadre 19** — Pete Altavilla, Ruth Bahm, James Barkley, Charlene Bell, Lula Bell, Steve Caudill, Kathy B. Davis, Byrl Farber, Gail Glass, Paul Hernandez, Connie Magnusson, Barbara Morrissey, Paul Schneck, Joe Teal, Geraldine Turner and Jeffrey Wright.

- **Cadre 20** — Benny Anders, Sheila Blair, James Cox, Terry Gano, Martha Knott, Marianna Liberatore, Gordon Little, Brenda Meeks, William Pennington, Bertha Porter, Wanda Gail Purgason, Jesse Rand Jr., Cheryl Richmond, Sonya Son, John Stokes and Linda Vanderson.

- **Cadre 21** — Kimberly Brown, Yvonne Coleman-McGuire, Bernice Collins, Phyllis Conner, James Downing, Shawn Drake, Robert Faulkner, Kitty Williams, Shirley Gomez, Robert Hunziker, Frankie Jones, Barbara Moudy, Sue Paddock, Deborah Smith and Marianne Southerland.

## Maryland EOD unit plants tree for Arbor Day

Members of the U.S. Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Detachment 1 commemorated Maryland's Arbor Day by planting a seedling from the state tree, the Wye Oak, on their installation.

Located in the village of Wye Mills in Talbot County, Md., the Wye Oak is believed to be almost 500 years old. The largest white oak in the nation, it has been the reigning National Big Tree Champion for 50 years running. But a tree is a child of the earth, and to the earth it must return. Forestry officials had become increasingly concerned with its health when it had not produced acorns over a three year period. Then, in 1992, came a bumper crop of over 14,000 acorns. When a species is dying, it will make one final effort to drop more seeds in order to assure perpetuation. That is believed to be a case with the Wye Oak.

The seedling, planted by Detachment 1, was grown from the 1992 acorn harvest. Hopefully, it will thrive at Indian Head Naval Surface Warfare Center as a token of the Army's appreciation to that installation host for the past 40 years and as a living link to the history of Maryland.



PLANTING TIME — From left SFC Joseph Hubbard and Lt. Col. John Stefanovich, both of Detachment 1, prepare to plant an oak tree seedling along with William Green, Department of Natural Resources, as part of Arbor Day.



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# Redstone team wins division at basketball tournament

A Redstone team was among the winners in a fund-raising basketball tournament which proved to be a big success in its first year locally.

The Redstone Rangers won its division in the Pepsi Hoop it Up tournament held May 7-8 at Joe Davis Stadium. Members included SSgt. Alvin Johnson and SFC Kenneth Ravenel, both of E Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Sgt. Amos Jackson of HHC MICOM; and SSgt. Derek Barnes of F Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

"We had over 360 teams compete. And each team has between three and four people on it, so we had quite a few people there for that weekend," said Fran King, accountant with the local chapter of the American Red Cross. The event raised more than \$23,000 for the Red Cross.

"This was something that our chapter manager (Barry Porter) had up in Indiana, and he brought it here when he came," King said. "It was wonderful. We had people from all different ages out there. We had quite a few folks from Redstone come out."

Teams were placed in competition divisions according to their members' age, height and skill level. The Redstone Rangers won division 14 — an all men's division in which the average height ranged from 5-11 to 6-3. "This was a very tough division. They were very experienced; they were tall," King said.

This wasn't the only team with a Redstone connection. "We had I guess about six or seven teams that had people from Redstone on them," King said.

People could watch the games for free; and attendees came from throughout the south — including New Orleans, Chattanooga and Atlanta. Teams came from as far away as Texas.

"It turned out to be a huge event," King said, already looking forward to next year.



HOOP IT UP — Members of the Redstone Rangers team show their winning defensive form during the Pepsi Hoop it Up tournament. In foreground, from left, are Sgt. Amos Jackson, SSgt. Alvin Johnson and SFC Kenneth Ravenel. Not pictured is SSgt. Derek Barnes.

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# Tax law changes may reduce moving expense allowances

*Editor's note: Capt. Steve Hester, chief of legal assistance in the Staff Judge Advocate Office, provided the following excerpt from an Armywide message. It addresses changes of federal income tax laws concerning military moving allowances.*

Effective Jan. 1, 1994, there have been some new changes to the federal income tax law in the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1993. It appears certain allowances intended to reimburse soldiers for their expenses incurred because of permanent change of station moves are now taxable. These allowances include temporary lodging allowance, temporary lodging expense, dislocation allowance, and move in housing allowances. These new rules apply for all PCS moves on or after Jan. 1, 1994.

The following expenses are now recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as deductible moving expenses; reimbursement for these expenses is not considered taxable income:

- Moving household goods and personal effects.
- Traveling (including lodging but not meals) from the old to the new place of residence.

The following expenses are not deductible. Reimbursement for any of these expenses is considered taxable income:

- Traveling (including meals and lodging) on house hunting trips.
- Meals and lodging while occupying temporary quarters in the new location.
- Expenses of selling the old home and purchasing the new home, or settling the lease and obtaining a new lease.

Because these allowances now appear to be taxable, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will have to withhold taxes from payment for these allowances. DFAS is currently reviewing its internal procedures to determine when it will begin withholding taxes. Unless DoD obtains a military exception to these taxes, or the withholding requirements, DFAS will withhold tax at a flat rate of 28 percent which will reduce the amount of the allowance soldiers actually receive to pay their expenses.

Soldiers who moved after Jan. 1, 1994 and who did not have any taxes withheld for moving may owe additional taxes based on the income reported on their 1994 form W-2. These soldiers should take steps to ensure they can pay the additional tax, if any, on this in-

come. They may adjust their withholding now by submitting a new form W-4 to cover the amount of the expected additional tax, or they may wish to pay quarterly estimated taxes by submitting IRS Form 1040ES. (Legal Assistance at the Office of the State Judge Advocate can help with this decision.)

Soldiers who will PCS in the future should consider that they might need additional cash to pay for temporary lodging. Soldiers may request an advance of pay to cover these costs. They may also use deferred

travel so temporary quarters and meal expenses are reduced.

Soldiers need to be aware they may be liable for a penalty for underpayment of taxes if they have not paid or withheld sufficient taxes during the year. Generally soldiers will not have to pay this penalty if during 1994 they have paid at least 90 percent of the total tax liability shown on their return for tax year 1994, or at least 100 percent of the total tax liability that was shown on their 1993 return.

## Thrift Savings Plan returns updated

Here are the latest Thrift Savings Plan monthly returns for the 12-month period ending April 1994 for the three investment funds: the Government Securities Investment Fund (G Fund), the Common Stock Index Investment Fund (C Fund), and the Fixed Income Index Investment Fund (F Fund). This information was provided by the Technical Services Branch, Civilian Personnel Office.

	C Fund	Equity Index Fund	Wells Fargo F Fund*	U.S. Debt Index Fund	Wells Fargo G Fund
Months					
1989 (Jan-Dec)	31.03%	31.61%	13.89%	14.45%	8.81%
1990 (Jan-Dec)	(3.15%)	(3.19%)	8.00%	8.89%	8.90%
1991 (Jan-Dec)	30.77%	30.42%	15.75%	16.03%	8.15%
1992 (Jan-Dec)	7.70%	7.61%	7.20%	7.37%	7.23%
1993 (Jan-Dec)	10.13%	10.10%	9.52%	9.74%	6.14%
1993					
May	2.66	2.67	.10	.12	.51
June	.32	.30	1.79	1.81	.51
July	(.38)	(.40)	.55	.57	.49
August	3.78	3.78	1.72	1.75	.49
September	(.76)	(.77)	.26	.27	.45
October	2.04	2.07	.38	.41	.47
November	(.93)	(.94)	(.84)	(.84)	.45
December	1.20	1.21	.52	.53	.49
1994					
January	3.40	3.40	1.33	1.33	.51
February	(2.70)	(2.71)	(1.72)	(1.72)	.43
March	(4.39)	(4.36)	(2.45)	(2.47)	.52
April	1.28	1.28	(.81)	(.81)	.56
Last 12 mths	5.33%	5.33%	.74%	.86%	6.06%

Percentages in ( ) are negative. \*Through 1990 the F Fund was invested in the Wells Fargo Bond Index Fund.

The C Fund is invested in the Wells Fargo Equity Index Fund which tracks the S&P 500 stock index. The F Fund is invested in the Wells Fargo U.S. Debt Index Fund which tracks the Lehman Brothers Aggregate bond index. The G Fund is invested in special issues of U.S. Treasury securities.

The monthly C, F, and G Fund returns represent net earnings for the month, after deduction of accrued administrative expenses. The C and F Fund returns also reflect the deduction of trading costs and accrued investment management fees.

The C, F and G Fund monthly returns are dollar-weighted: They reflect net earnings on the changing balances invested during the month. The C, F, and G Fund returns for the last twelve months assume, except for the crediting of earnings, unchanging balances (time-weighting) from month to month and assume earnings are compounded on a monthly basis.

The C and F Fund returns vary from the Wells Fargo returns because of C and F Fund expenses and changing balances in the C and F Funds. The Wells Fargo returns are time-weighted; they assume constant dollar balances invested during each month and throughout the period.

Future performance of the three funds will vary and may be significantly different from the returns shown above. See the "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan" for detailed information about the funds and their investment risks.

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# EEO focus of professional development assignment in D.C.

BY GERDA SHERRILL

Recently, Mary Peoples from the Space and Strategic Defense Command's Equal Employment Opportunity Office was accepted for an 80-day professional development assignment with the EEO Compliance and Complaints Review Agency at the Department of Army headquarters in the Washington, D.C. area.

While at the agency, she reviewed the DA EEO Counselor's Training Handbook, a job previously performed by a GS-13 who had developed the first counselor course. The completed training course materials included a handbook for EEO counselors, a reference manual for counselors. An instructor's manual is to be developed at a later date. Peoples also served as the focal point of contact for questions about the EEO counseling process from DA installations worldwide and assisted in preparing a survey of all installations on the status of EEO counselor training.

During this assignment, Peoples was called upon to conduct counselor training at the Military Academy at West Point. She also was drafted by the DA Federal Women's Program director to work on the Department of Defense's Women's History Month Planning Committee. At DoD's Women's History Month observance, she met "some of the biggies," i.e., Secretary



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of Defense Perry, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Shaliskashvily, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Edwin Dorn, Secretary of the Army Togo West, and also Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary, who was the guest speaker for the program.

Peoples also was able to attend two functions supported by the International Policy Institute, which sponsors meetings at some of the Washington embassies each year. She attended a reception at the embassy for Saudi Arabia, where she was introduced to that country's culture, religion, government, economy, educational system, and quality of life issues. There she learned "that women enjoy equality in job opportunities and pay, but customs of how women are viewed by their religion are enforced." Peoples then participated in a function at the residence of the ambassador from Nigeria, where she was also assured "that women are not treated as the lesser sex and that they enjoy equality in all areas."

"A professional development assignment is *not* viewed as training because one has to bring the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform to the new job. There is no hand-holding and coaching to help you along. You are given a task and expected to be able to perform," Peoples stated after it was all over.

# Youngsters advance to next level of Girl Scouting during ceremony

The Girl Scouts of Service Unit 13, which encompasses Redstone Arsenal, participated in a "Bridging Ceremony" Saturday, May 14 at Vincent Park. A representative from each of the 10 troops participating carried her troop flag in the Presentation of Colors to open the ceremony.

Daisy Troop 749, led by Jay Johnson, Edna Wellons and Rosa Galvez, crossed the bridge to become Brownies; members included Ashlee Austin, Megan Brown, Carrie Cox, Laura Eisele, Denise Galvez, Felicia Galvez, Katie Hancq, Kate Johnson, Tamara Johnson, Jasmine Jones, Melissa Lewis, Katie Majewski, Raven Price and Rachel Wellons.

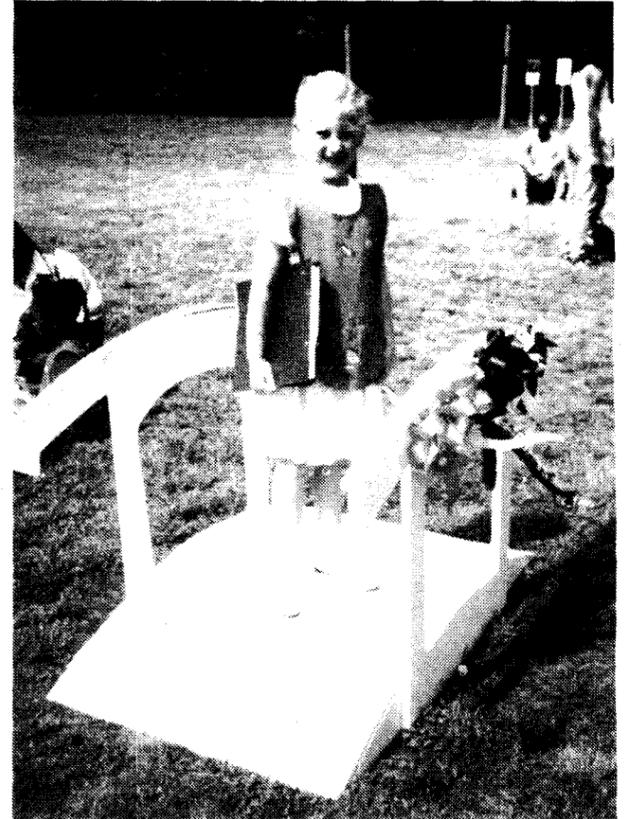
Brownies "flying up" to Juniors included La Toya Lewis of Troop 131, Williams Elementary School, led by Mary Veech and Melissa Elich; Cherish Davidson, Savannah Perry, Tara Ramsey, Danielle Wagner and Amelia Wilson of Troop 145 led by Susan Carr, Bobbie Buxbaum and Claudia Wagner; Troop 324 of Ridgecrest Elementary School, Brianna Houston, Rachel Ivey, Courtney Kempf, Lottissa Mack, Brandi Parker, Shamir Sales, Nicole Wilson, led by Karen Cohoon; Katey Gillespie, Aishia Lee, Kendall Murrall

and Danisha Sanchez whose leaders included Cathy Yarberr, Sarah Stevens and Jean Begeman of Troop 430.

New Cadette Girl Scouts crossing over from the Junior Circle included Heather Barnes, Jamie Baxter, Ginny Dumolin, Nicole Martin, Daphney Moore and Katy Pulley, led by Cindy Kerr at Morris Elementary School Troop 54, and Troop 191 girls Ebony Brinson, Vanita Doughty, Vanessa Doughty, Tiffany Lloyd, Kameisha Neely and Corinda Simpson assisted by leaders Paula Taylor, Toni Lloyd, Rose Cherry and Cheryl Brinson.

Others assisting in the occasion included Darcie Grindrod and Lisa Knapp, leaders of Brownie Troop 238; and Alexis McCullors and Grindrod of Junior Troop 651.

If your daughter is or could be a Girl Scout — or if you love Scouting yourself — consider sharing your talents with Service Unit 13 this fall as a leader, assistant or committee member. For more information on Girl Scouts of North Alabama, call Chaundra Weston 883-1020 or stop by GSNA at 4704 Whitesburg Drive in Huntsville.



BRIDGING EVENT — Kate Johnson, of Daisy Troop 749, prepares to cross the bridge to become a Brownie.

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# Portable tactical satellite terminal tested at Fort Gordon

FORT GORDON, Ga. — Fort Gordon's Battle Command Battle Laboratory will soon begin testing a prototype ground terminal that will lead to development of even more efficient and versatile terminals for the Army Tactical Satellite Communications (TACSAT) system.

The new Tri-band prototype terminal will provide greater communications connections to worldwide contingency forces. It can access commercial super high frequency satellites as well as Defense Satellite Communications System (DCSC) satellites.

The goal is to develop and field an SHF Tri-band Advanced Range Extension Terminal (STAR-T) in five to six years.

"The Tri-band prototype TACSAT terminals will

allow the Army to evaluate the latest technology and refine requirements for the STAR-T," said MSgt. Bill Campbell, of the Signal School's directorate of combat development. "Both the prototype and STAR-T will provide enhanced reliability, operational flexibility and increase satellite access capability."

Prototype and STAR-T terminals will give the Army small, lightweight TACSAT terminals. They increase flexibility and capacity because they can use military and commercial satellites.

The prototype terminals are half the size of current equipment, which is based on 30-year-old technology, according to Campbell.

One heavy HMMWV can transport the Tri-band terminal. The most modern satellite terminal now in

the Army inventory must be moved in two 2 1/2-ton trucks, each with trailers.

The Tri-band prototype also can be easily loaded and unloaded on C-130 Hercules aircraft. Less maintenance will be required because it is built with state-of-the-art components and troubleshooting software.

Six Tri-band terminals will be delivered in September. Actual testing will be done at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., by the new Power Projection for Army Command, Control and Communication (Power PAC3) Company.

(TRADOC News Service)

# Army offers 800 lodging line for quicker reservations

WASHINGTON — Starting in May, one call can get you Army billeting anywhere in the world.

With one toll-free call, travelers can make room reservations at almost any Army installation in the world. The new 800-GO-ARMY-1 service will connect callers to a central reservation center, which can book rooms and provide information to the traveler.

Folks can call the number from anywhere in the United States, as well as from Germany, Korea and Italy.

"Until now, the Army ran one of the largest lodging operations in the world without a centralized reservation center," said Cashes Mattox, of the Army Housing Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management.

"To book rooms, travelers had to find the lodging office phone number and call each installation they were traveling to," Mattox continued. "With this new service, a traveler can take care of all reservations with a single call. It will allow them to make room reserva-

tions on Army installations quickly and easily."

The service is available to all those interested in staying in Army lodging, including:

- Army personnel and their families changing station from one installation to another
- Other servicemembers and their families, traveling for recreation or personal business
- Civilian and military personnel from all services, on temporary duty; and
- Retirees and their families.

Travelers can book rooms in visiting officers' and enlisted quarters, distinguished visitors' quarters and guest houses.

The central reservation center can also provide callers:

- Room rates
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(From a U.S. Army Center for Public Works release.)

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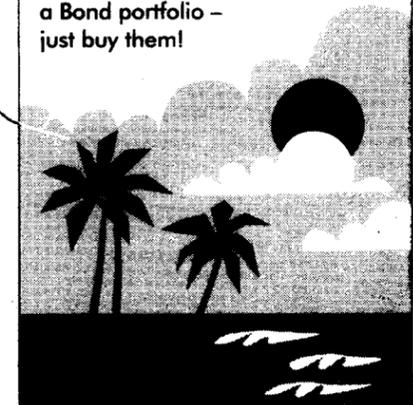
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# Announcements

## 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

**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.

**SPORTS HAVEN** — New hours of operation include the following: Dining room — Wednesday from 4-10 p.m., Thursday 5-10 p.m., Friday 6-11 p.m., and Saturday 6-11 p.m. Lounge — Wednesday 4 p.m. to midnight, Thursday 4 p.m. to midnight, Friday 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., and Saturday 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.

**OUTDOOR RECREATION** — A pistol shoot will be held noon to 4 p.m. June 4, and a rifle shoot from noon-4 p.m. June 5 at Shields Range on Shields Road. Badge and/or ID card is required. Guests must be accompanied by a sponsor. First-time users are required to attend a range/activity weapons familiarization briefing at noon; however, all shooters are encouraged to attend this briefing. For more information, call 876-6854.



## 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.

## NCO spouses

The Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club will install its new officers at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Challenger Club. New officers include Geraldine King, president; Beryl Cutts, vice president; Mary Parrish, treasurer; Dorothy Patrick, recording secretary; Phyllis Gibat, corresponding secretary; Lola Carpenter, parliamentarian; and members-at-large Dessie Johnson, Jackie Meador and Mary Moreillon.

## F Company commander

Capt. Catherine Yarberry will relinquish command of F Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion to Capt. George E. Davis at 3 p.m. June 30 behind building 3436E. A reception will follow in F Company's day room. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony and reception would take place at the Recreation Center.

## D Company commander

Capt. John Dollar will relinquish command of D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion to Capt. Tony C. Williams at 7:30 a.m. June 9 at building 3435. A reception will follow in the company day room.

## Diminishing sources conference

The Missile Command, in cooperation with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Defense Logistics Activity, will sponsor a conference on "Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages" Aug. 8-11 at the Jupiter Beach Resort, Jupiter Beach, Fla. The theme of this year's conference is, "A Proactive Approach to Obsolescence." For registration information, call Susan Caldwell 895-6343 ext. 277.

## Post Theater movies

Thursday — *White Fang 2*, rated PG, 105 minutes. Friday — *White Fang 2*. Saturday — *Above the Rim*, R, 98 minutes. Sunday — *Above the Rim*. Tuesday — *The Chasers*, R, 105 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.

## Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. "Fill a bag for \$1!"

## OMMCS shuttle bus

Attention single soldiers living in the barracks: The OMMCS Shuttle Bus will be extended to include pickup points at the various on-post evening college locations for single soldiers desiring transportation back to the barracks. For those interested in using this service, call Sgt. Maj. Sibia 876-2910 to inquire about the designated pickup points and other transportation related information. The shuttle bus will operate from 6-9:30 p.m. beginning June 6 to coincide with the start date for Athens State's summer session.



## Motorcycle safety course

A motorcycle safety training program has been established at Redstone Arsenal for all operators of motorcycles on this installation. Every motorcycle operator is required to possess verified completion of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Better Biking Program before registering the motorcycle. The next training certification session is scheduled for June 9 from 8-noon, room 10, building 3222 (Army Education Center). To register for the course, contact the MOS Library, south end, building 3218, or call 876-3084/8838. A maximum of 24 students will be administered the classroom session June 9. The four-hour range portion of the course will be held in two sessions, rain or shine, from 1-5 p.m. June 9 and 8-noon June 10 in the rear parking lot of building 3222, with a maximum of 12 students for each session. Signup will be on a first-come basis. Students must register by close of business June 8.

## Warrant officers

Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Army Warrant Officers Association will hold its next monthly meeting at 11 a.m. June 8 at the Officers Club, Regimental Room. Members and non-members, active duty and retired warrant officers are invited. For more information call MWO 4 Don St. Germain 842-2864 or retired CWO Wayne Hamilton 851-9066.

## ACS news

**NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION** — The next Newcomers Orientation will be held 9 a.m. June 7 at the Post Chapel on Patton Road. All newly-arrived permanent party should attend; spouses are encouraged to attend. Free on-site child care is provided; however, a current shot record must be brought to the orientation. To register for child care or for more information, call Mary Breeden at Army Community Service 876-5397.

**MARITAL COMMUNICATION** — Couples can enhance their marriage through a five-week marital communication class which begins June 7 from 5-7 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3491. This class is open to military, retirees, family members, and DoD civilians. To register call Jennifer Clark 876-5397.

## Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting June 13 at 5:30 p.m. in building 7132 (Union Office). For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.



## Best yards

Here are the Yard of the Month winners for May: Post — CWO 4 Michael Lukes, 489 Cooke Drive. Neighborhood — 1, none; 2, Spec. Edward L. Taylor of 1241-A Nike St.; 3, Spec. Billy Pearce, 1417-B Nike St.; 4, SFC David Lager of 1353-B Hermes Road; 5, SSgt. Stacey Carter of 1436-B Spartan Court; 6, SFC James Griggs of 331 Crowell Circle; 7, SSgt. Mark Stefano of 239-D Niblo Drive; 8, Capt. Terry Webb of 472-A Tripp Drive; 9, CWO 4 Lukes of Cooke Drive; 10, Lt. Col. Herbert Carr of 16 Ripley Drive; and 11, CSM David Holmes of 7123 Circle Drive. The unit winner is C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, building 3413.

## 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.



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## 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.

## Smoking cessation classes

A smoking cessation program is offered at Fox Army Community Hospital. The schedule is as follows: 9-10:30 a.m. June 21; 9-10 a.m. June 23, 28, 30 and July 7 and 12. Group support sessions will follow on July 26, Aug. 9, Aug. 23 and Sept. 8, from 11 a.m. to noon. These classes are free and open to all military beneficiaries and civil service workers. As space is limited, call Preventive Medicine Service 876-8831 to register. For more information, call Susan Goodman 842-0147.

## Wellness center

**ESTATE PLANNING** — Bart Loftin, a civil litigation and general practice attorney, is to give a one-hour lecture on estate planning, wills, living wills and more at 11 a.m. June 14 at the Recreation Center, building 3711. Military and civilians are welcome. For more information and to register, call the Civilian Wellness Center 955-6844.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS** — The Civilian Wellness Center will be in various buildings for blood pressure screenings and to provide information on hypertension; scheduled visits include the following: 9:30 a.m. June 1 in building 4424; 9 a.m. June 8 in building 4373; June 15 at building 4497; 8:30 a.m. June 20 in building 4484; and July 6 at SSDC building and Corps of Engineers.

## Comedy play

Twickenham Repertory Company will present "Come Back to the Five-and-Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean," June 9-11 at the Von Braun Civic Center playhouse. "Spanning 20 years, 'Jimmy Dean' is a comical, yet hard-hitting view of hero worship and the havoc it wreaks on small-town values." For ticket information, call TRC at 859-8585 or dial any FASTIX location.

## 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).

# Carpool Hotline

# Buffalo Soldiers charge into U.S. Postal history

WASHINGTON — The Buffalo Soldiers are riding again — but this time, not just on the Western Plains, but around the world. They appear on a new 29-cent stamp honoring the famous all-black regiments.

For more than a hundred years, history practically ignored the Buffalo Soldier's role in settling the American West. But when the U.S. Postal Service issues 185 million of the commemorative stamps, the troops' story will be told on mail throughout America and around the world.

Designed by military artist Mort Kuntzler, the stamp is set on a white background and features four black soldiers on horseback.

Buffalo Soldiers often received inferior uniforms, equipment and horses. They couldn't stay in many of the towns they guarded, and weren't allowed on the parade field with white troops. Yet they showed unusual courage and determination in their missions.

The stamp captures the legacy of the soldiers' triumph and pride, despite the hardships they endured while serving their country.

Although blacks have fought in American conflicts since before the Revolutionary War, the Buffalo Soldier regiments were the first authorized to serve in the Army during peacetime. In 1866, after the Civil War, Congress authorized the creation of six all-black regiments — two cavalry and four infantry.

The 9th Cavalry was established in Greenville, La., and the 10th Cavalry at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The 38th, 39th, 40th and 41st Infantry Regiments merged in 1869 into the 24th and 25th Infantries.

The Buffalo Educational and Historical Committee, based at Fort Leavenworth, started campaigning for the stamp as part of its ongoing efforts to bring the Buffalo Soldiers' story into the mainstream of American history.

Between 1869 and 1885, all four Buffalo Soldier units were based at Fort Concho, in San Angelo, Texas. Today, the post is a national historic landmark, considered one of the country's best preserved frontier forts. It has 16 restored original buildings and seven

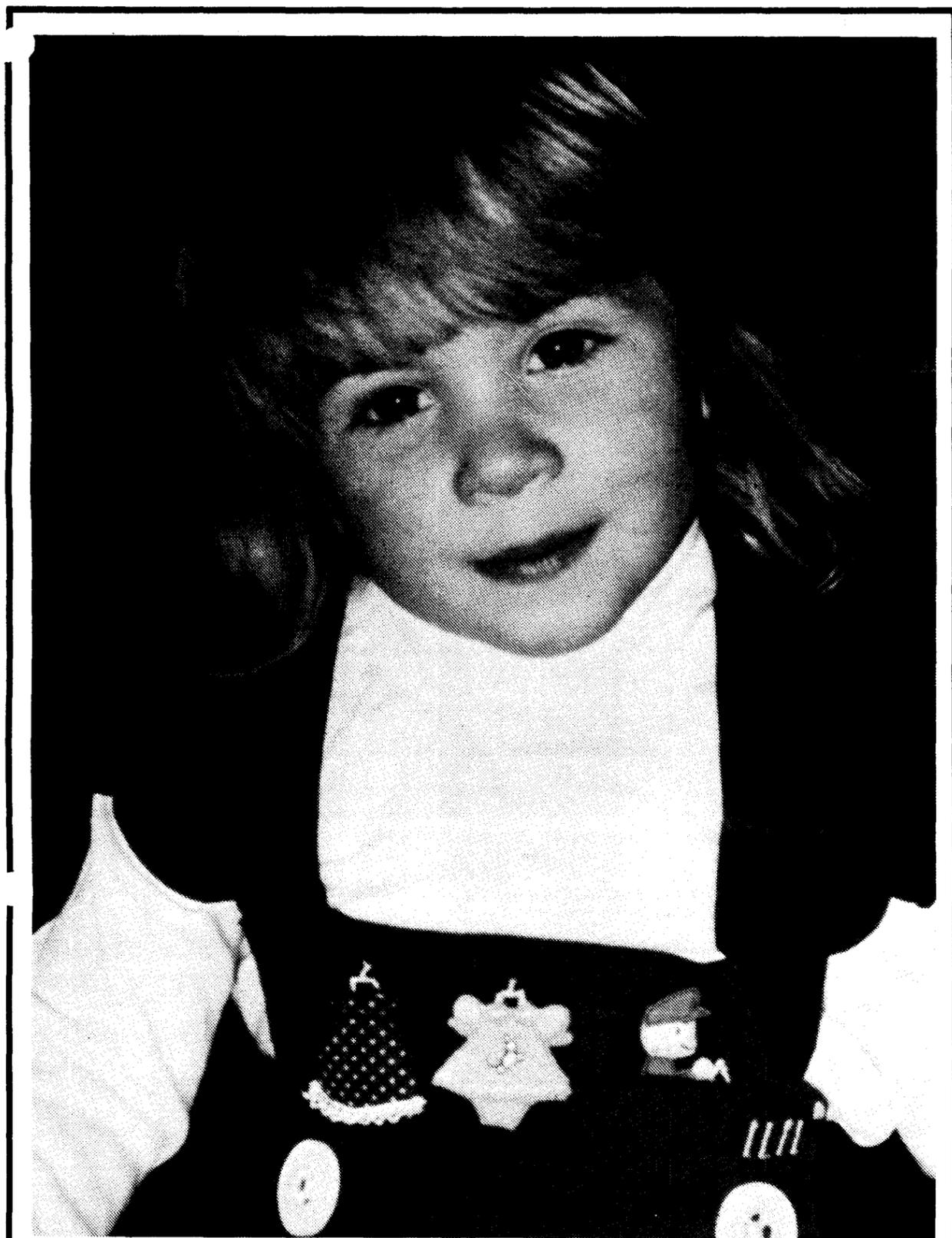
rebuilt, including the post headquarters, officers row and enlisted men's barracks.

Fort Huachuca, Ariz., is seen as another home to the four regiments. Also an historic landmark, the installation features an eight-foot bronze tribute to the Buffalo Soldiers.

In addition to fighting in the Indian Wars and the Spanish-American War, Buffalo Soldiers also served in the Philippine Insurrection, the Mexican Expedition, World Wars I and II, and the Korean War. They rescued Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders in the Spanish-American War, and helped pursue Pancho Villa in Mexico.

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FOR SALE: Pool slide, \$275; 6' pool diving board, \$75; 36" rod iron security door with glass panels, \$75; 17 cu. ft. frost-free refrigerator, \$145; 2 large natural gas floor heaters, \$125; 35 gal. electric water heater, \$50; Professional drafting table, \$75; Aluminum carport awning, 15'x20', \$475. No reasonable offer refused. 650-0077.

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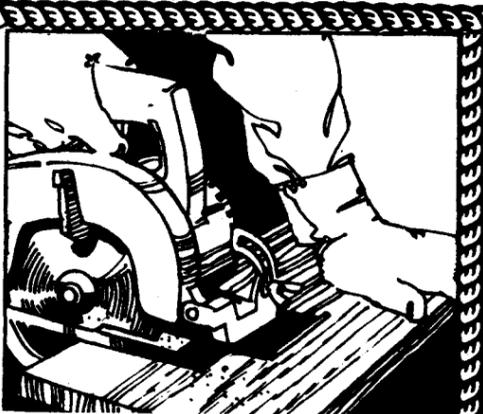
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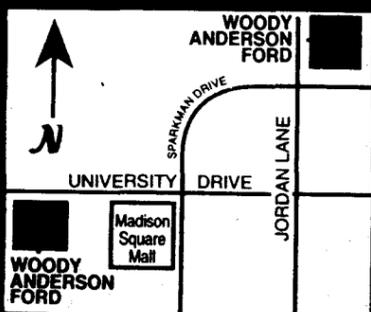
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