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Sparkman Center dedication ceremony Aug. 22

The John J. Sparkman Center for Missile Excellence, named after the late senator credited with bringing the Army to Redstone Arsenal, will be dedicated Aug. 22.

A dedication ceremony, for invited guests, is scheduled for 10 a.m. Aug. 22 in the auditorium attached to building 5304 in this new office complex. An open house for the entire Missile Command community — including current and retired workers and their families — will be held Saturday, Aug. 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We will have numerous people throughout the facility that will be able to discuss the unique features in each area" during the open house, said Sam Fields, associate director for Directorate of Public Works.

The Sparkman Center is a \$58.4 million project which represents 686,000 square feet. The complex includes a five-story structure, building 5300; two three-story structures with a basement, buildings 5302 and 5303; two three-story structures without basements, buildings 5301 and 5304; a one-story cafeteria attached to 5302; a one-story auditorium/conference center attached to 5304; and a one-story central plant building, 5306.

The complex is designed to hold about 2,500 people. On Aug. 1 occupants began moving into buildings 5301 and 5303.

"Our order of progression (for moving in) is 5301 and 5303 concurrently, followed by 5302, 5304 and then 5300; with the only exception being moving the Command Group on Sept. 23 to the fifth floor of 5300," said Roger Schwerman, chief of the planning and real-estate branch at DPW. Projected completion for the moves is February 1995 but "our optimistic goal" is by this Christmas, he said.

Limited cafeteria operation is planned to begin Sept. 1. Full operation of the cafeteria is to start about Oct. 1 when there should be a thousand occupants of the complex. For banking facilities, automated teller machines should be on-line and operating by Sept. 1.



AMONG SPEAKERS — Gen. Salomon, commander of Army Materiel Command, is among scheduled speakers for the Aug. 22 dedication ceremony.

The entire Aug. 24 Redstone Rocket will be dedicated to articles about the Sparkman Center. Our regular columns and features will resume in the Aug. 31 issue.

— The Editor

Here is a schedule for the Aug. 22 dedication ceremony:

- Brig. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, is to deliver welcome remarks.
- Chaplain (Col.) William McAllister, post chaplain, will give the invocation.
- Alabama Gov. Jim Folsom Jr. is to deliver remarks.
- Sen. Howell Heflin is to deliver remarks.
- Gen. Leon Salomon, commander of Army Materiel Command, is to speak.
- Gen. Gordon Sullivan, the Army chief of staff, is to speak.
- Robert Moss, president and chief executive officer of Centex-Rooney Construction Company, will deliver remarks and present the Sparkman Center keys to the post commander. Centex-Rooney of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is the construction contractor.
- Tazewell Shepard III, grandson of the late Sen. Sparkman, is to deliver remarks.
- A portrait of the late senator will be unveiled. Participants are to include Mrs. John J. Sparkman, Shepard, Heflin, Sullivan, Salomon and Link.
- Col. Bruce Block, MICOM chief of staff, will deliver closing remarks followed by a tour and reception.

MICOM requests authority to conduct early-out

BY SANDA MARTEL

The Missile Command has requested Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) and Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VSIP). If approved, the application window would be Sept. 1-30. Separation dates could be approved through Jan. 6, 1995, on a case-by-case basis, so employees could complete priority work projects.

Employees who don't meet the age or years of service for early retirement until after Jan. 6, 1995, could apply if they become eligible by March 31, 1995.

The proposed VERA/VSIP application window would be for MICOM; Logistics Support Activity; Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity; Management Engineering Activity; with expanded consideration to the Simulation, Training and Instrumentation Command (STRICOM).

"The staff is developing strategies to ensure that we do everything possible to minimize the impact of further reshaping efforts on our work force," said Brig.

Gen. James Link, MICOM commander, in a letter being prepared for distribution to MICOM employees.

He said that while MICOM does not expect to receive its new manpower guidance until early September, the command has proceeded with the VERA/VSIP request, which was submitted to headquarters, Army Materiel Command Aug. 5. VSIP can be approved by HQ, AMC, but VERA must be approved by the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

To answer all employee questions, briefings are being scheduled for interested employees on Thursday, Sept. 1, at 9 a.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1 p.m. in the Sparkman Center Auditorium.

There have been no significant changes in the eligibility criteria, guidance or benefits since the last VERA/VSIP window earlier this year, so these scheduled briefings will be similar to previous sessions.

Link said he will keep the work force informed on the VERA and VSIP approvals and on other reshape issues as they occur.



CAMARADERIE INITIATIVE — The Sparkman Center open house Aug. 27 is a camaraderie initiative, according to Sue Paddock, the Redstone quality of life coordinator.

Stacey Posey dies at her residence in Fayetteville

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Stacey Posey has joined her sister Easter, the first woman killed on a wartime assembly line at Redstone Arsenal in the 1940s, in their final resting place.

Posey died Aug. 9 at her residence in Fayetteville, Tenn. She was 79.

Funeral was held Thursday at Gallant Funeral Home in Hazel Green. Posey was buried near members of her family, including Easter, at Stateline Cemetery on the Alabama-Tennessee line.

She was a charter member of Lincoln Baptist Church, and was a Red Cross volunteer at the Huntsville Hospital and Lincoln Regional Hospital.

On May 10, she attended a ceremony at Redstone in which an existing recreation area was dedicated as the Easter Posey Recreation Area in memory of her sister. Stacey recovered from burns in the same mishap that killed her sister: an explosion April 21, 1942 on an incendiary bomb production line at what was then Huntsville Arsenal.

In an interview earlier this year with the *Rocket*, Stacey was asked how she felt about her sister's fatal accident. "Well of course it's a lot of heartaches and

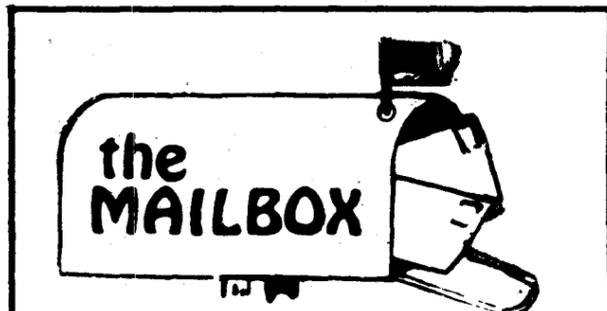


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grief about it, but — well you think it's nothing can be done to bring her back. We know she's gone forever."

She said she appreciated Redstone's naming of a recreation area in honor of her sister. "I just wish my other brothers and sisters were here to see it."

Survivors include a sister, Ella Posey Ashworth of Huntsville; and several nieces and nephews.



Congress OKs new gym for Redstone

A new gym at Redstone came closer to reality last week when it received approval from Congress as a military construction project.

"We got word (Aug. 10) it had been appropriated and authorized so it will be in the budget for the president to sign," said Sam Fields, associate director for Directorate of Public Works. The \$2.6 million project received approval from Senate and House conferees.

The additional gym, programmed for fiscal 1996, is to be 21,000 square feet which is about the same size as the existing Pagano Gym. "The new facility will be an added part of our program, and will not be constructed to replace this facility," said Ted Compoc, director of sports and athletic training. Pagano Gym opened in 1974.

Demographics support the construction of an additional gym, Compoc said in a recent interview. He pointed out that Pagano Gym had 147,000 customers in 1993 — including active and retired military, their family members and guests. "By my math we're open

365 days a year, our operational hours Monday through Friday are from 5 in the morning to 10 at night, so our average daily usage is in excess of 400 customers daily. I have seen in January (1994) up to 737 customers in one day; that was one of our all-time highs. So, when you have those kind of numbers..." Compoc said.

Selected site for the new facility is in front of the Recreation Center off Patton Road — within easy access of the student barracks. Like Pagano Gym it is to offer a main floor, four racquetball courts, and weight rooms.

Compoc, in an interview earlier this year, had predicted that the new gym would be approved soon. "Aside from the fact for the last three years it's been moved back another year consecutively, I believe the new gym concept is at the highest level it's ever been since the new gym concept came out which was in '84," he said.

Veterans status

Editor:

I recently read, with dismay, in *The Huntsville Times* that the AFGE was quietly negotiating with the Administration to reduce the weight of seniority and veteran's status in layoff priority for federal layoffs. I would like someone to explain what is going on, e.g., the Union and personnel office. We should not hear of things like this through tiny blurbs in the back pages of a newspaper.

Has this Administration turned on the veterans who served their country? It should be remembered that veteran status is only applied to those veterans who served during wartime. Perhaps a little special treatment is fair for the risk they took for everyone in this country.

As for the issue of performance appraisals being the key element, that would cause a total reversal to the time when "brown-nosing" was the rule. No one would speak up or blow whistles if their security was dependent on a subjective performance appraisal, i.e., different managers have different standards, often ratings are given for reasons other than work performance. What union negotiates away "seniority" status?

Before they "quietly negotiate" away things like this, they should think about the message they are sending. Veterans, especially of Korea and Vietnam, have been disesteemed enough.

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: AFGE Local 1858 provided the following response. "American Federation of Government Employees has always supported the rights of all employees including veterans serving their country.

"AFGE Local 1858 checked with our American Federation of Government Employees National Office in Washington, D.C. The response from the National Office was, 'There is no back room negotiations being done with the Administration. The AFGE's position is to increase seniority priority in layoffs and push against performance appraisals being used in the layoff process.'

"AFGE Local 1858 fully supports veterans preference as established by law and we have no knowledge of any such negotiations in process or planned in Huntsville or elsewhere.")

Army lists personnel facts and figures

Number of active Army soldiers.....	563,555
Total Force:	
Commissioned and warrant officers.....	86,753
Enlisted soldiers.....	472,671
West Point cadets.....	4,131
Reserve Officer Training Corps.....	31,606
Civilian employees.....	283,900
Army National Guard (a/o 9404).....	405,753
Army Reserve.....	235,177
Total force.....	1,519,991
Officer composition:	
Captains and lieutenants.....	60.6 percent

Colonels, lieutenant colonels and majors.....	38.9 percent
Generals.....	0.5 percent
Noncommissioned officer composition:	
Staff sergeants and sergeants.....	73.1 percent
Sergeants first class.....	20.1 percent
Master sergeants.....	5.3 percent
Sergeants major.....	1.5 percent
Women:	
Comprise 12.8 percent of active Army	
Number on active duty have increased from 13,000 (in 1972) to 72,128	
Enlisted women.....	60,579
Commissioned.....	10,537
Warrant officers.....	523

Families:	
Married officers.....	79 percent
Married enlisted soldiers.....	62 percent
Soldiers married to servicemembers.....	35,039

(See Facts, cont'd on page 18)

Weapon qualification not yet approved

This article is to clarify the weapon qualification article which appeared in the Aug. 10 *Redstone Rocket*.

The Outdoor Recreation staff and volunteers have developed weapons qualification criteria to ensure the hunter is familiar with his/her weapon and can demonstrate minimum proficiency; thereby, ensuring the hunter is capable of delivering a humane killing shot to a deer size game animal.

Although proposed and prepared to begin the program, it has not yet been approved by the commanding general.

The Outdoor Rec Center solicits comments in writing and telephonically. All comments and suggestions will be considered in the decision making process.

For more information, call Bill Moreland at 876-4868 or stop by the Outdoor Recreation Center, building 5132.

Training support

Editor:

The Quality Institute staff would like to express a big thank-you to Product Assurance Directorate for donating training videos, Quality Action Teams, and Quality Management Support materials to the Quality Institute. This action embodies the true spirit of camaraderie and partnering for customer satisfaction.

Nancy Hodges
Curriculum specialist,
Redstone Quality Institute

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LOGSA providing support to Rwanda relief effort

BY SANDA MARTEL

The current Rwandan humanitarian relief effort is giving the Logistics Support Activity an opportunity to carry out its Logistics Support Element mission.

LOGSA's primary function is supporting deployed forces around the world, and in January was also given the additional responsibility of project manager or AMC's Logistics Support Element (LSE). This function was previously handled by Depot Systems Command, Chambersburg, Pa.

"The LSE concept evolved from Operation Desert Storm, when it was called Logistics Support Group and its purpose was to provide maintenance and supply items forward in the area of operations," said Gary Burkavich, of LOGSA's Plans and Operations Branch.

When the Army geared up to support the U.S. European Command in Rwanda, LOGSA activated a 24-hour per day Emergency Operations Center to respond to requests for materiel and people that Army Materiel Command could provide.

AMC subordinate commands also activated EOCs to identify people and equipment that could be sent to that African nation.

AMC is well-equipped to participate in such a mission, since it is the materiel manager for Department of Army, and has depots and technical expertise for all Army-managed equipment.

LOGSA began battle-rostering personnel, i.e., the task of identifying people with special skills who could be assigned to an area of operations. As a result, names of personnel from the various AMC subordinate commands were provided LOGSA and so far, some six AMC civilians are already in Mombasa, Kenya, the port where prepositioned reserve stocks are located on ships.

Another development last week was that 34 AMC civilians, including Glenn Whitehead of MICOM and Bill Rutherford of LOGSA, returned home from Fort Eustis, Va., where they were being staged to deploy to Kenya to offload the ships containing Army prepositioned reserve stocks.

"The people in charge of the operation are now re-evaluating the decision on whether to offload the prepositioned goods," Burkavich said, pointing out that the Army's role in Operation Support Hope is being scaled back for the time being because other countries and nongovernment organizations have been forthcoming with assistance in Rwanda.

"We still have people on call in case the mission is enlarged," Burkavich said. LOGSA continues working its LSE mission and is creating a contingency list that at this time includes some 1,275 contingency



LOGSA EOC — Working in the Logistics Support Activity's 24-hour Emergency Operations Center in support of the Rwanda relief effort are Capt. Joseph MacNeil, principal briefer, sitting, Burkavich, and John Millard, right, who's running the current operations exercises.

spaces (personnel) who would be deployed to Rwanda and elsewhere in future areas of operation.

Many elements of LOGSA are assisting in the LSE effort. While the EOC receives the tasking from the staff of Brig. Gen. Stuart Gerald, commander of both AMC-Europe and the Joint Logistics Support Element, others do the functional work.

The Major Items Information Center at Chambersburg, Pa., the Packaging, Storage Containerization Center at New Cumberland Army Depot, Pa., and the Readiness Sustainment Center and Customer Support at LOGSA headquarters here are all assisting, said Ellis Mayton, battle rostering team chief, LSE Branch.

"With our new role as LSE, we've been monitoring the problem in Rwanda the last two months. We felt that (AMC-)Europe would be energized and we've been trying to contemplate what would happen," Burkavich said.

On the wall beside Burkavich's desk is tacked a list of future potential areas of Army/AMC involvement:

humanitarian relief efforts in Bosnia, Korea, Haiti, plus any undefined stateside location where AMC might be called upon to provide assistance in case of a natural disaster.

So far, LSE and its forerunner, Logistics Support Group, has delivered AMC technical expertise and equipment in Kuwait, Somalia, in Georgia during recent flooding there, and Colorado during the fires.

Since the Logistics Support Group, now LSE, worked so well during Operation Desert Storm, LOGSA has been tasked to institutionalize the concept.

"It previously wasn't Army doctrine, but since Desert Storm it is emerging doctrine and is being written into Army Field Manuals 100-5 and 100-17," Burkavich said.

"Our overall mission is to support the deployed forces. The 'Tooth to Tail Ratio' says that for every soldier at a front there's five people behind providing what he needs, everything from vehicles, equipment repair, food, water, clothing, weapons, medical and legal services."



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Staff chaplain likes Redstone's wide constituency

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Redstone's new staff chaplain says he welcomes the opportunity to serve the diverse population here — active and retired military, civilian and family member.

Chaplain (Col.) William McAllister arrived from Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served with the troops as chaplain for the 1st Corps Support Command, 18th Airborne Corps. On July 1 at Redstone, he succeeded Chaplain (Col.) Norbert Bykowski who retired and returned home to Chicago.

"I spent most of my time with combat arms and it's an opportunity to see another part of the Army," McAllister said. This is his first assignment with Army Materiel Command; most of his 26-year career has been spent with Forces Command units and in Europe.

McAllister, 54, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and considers West Palm Beach, Fla., his home of record. He graduated from Rutgers University in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in 18th century English literature. He received a master's of divinity in 1966 from the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. In 1981 from the University of Chicago he received a master's degree in history of religions, specializing in Islam and Buddhism.

He was the oldest of five sons of William and Harritte McAllister; his father is deceased, and his mother resides in Lake Worth, Fla. All but one of the sons served in the military — including two in the Army and two in the Navy. McAllister joined the Army in July 1968, and served as a battalion chaplain in Vietnam from May 1969 through May 1970.

"I really felt called to serve my country and serve my God," he said. "Vietnam was probably the best year of my life from the standpoint of ministry — doing what was important in life or death situations and helping young men, young people, get through that. And I really got a deep sense of the contribution that the young people were making."

He served at Fort Bragg from 1970-73 as battalion chaplain for the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment. This was followed by a tour in Europe as the retreat chaplain in Berchtesgaden, Germany for



McALLISTER

18 months. Next he went to Heidelberg as the chaplain for Special Troops, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army. McAllister was a student at the advanced course in the Army Chaplains School in 1977. He attended the University of Chicago 1978-79. From 1979-82 he was a member of the staff and faculty at the Army Chaplains School. McAllister was the Berlin Brigade chaplain 1982-85. This was followed by a tour as combat development chaplain at Fort Benjamin Harrison,

Ind., 1985-88. He served as chaplain for the Nuremberg community in Germany 1988-91. McAllister then returned to Fort Bragg where he served as garrison chaplain 1991-92, and as COSCOM chaplain for the last two years.

He and his wife, Nancy, have three sons, all of whom are married, and a grandchild. William IV, 31, a graduate of Butler University in Indianapolis, is a technical engineer with television Channel 14 in Atlanta. Scott, 28, is a manager for Papa John's Pizza Corp. in Indianapolis. Andrew, 24, is finishing his master's degree at University of Florida in architectural design and building management. Their granddaughter, Sara Ann, was born to William IV and his wife July 6. "Other than the Army that's the greatest thing that's ever happened to me," McAllister said with a laugh.

In his spare time McAllister likes to mold and paint miniature soldiers, mostly from the Napoleonic era. He is trying to recreate the Battle of Waterloo. "At home I've got about 600 figures I've worked on for the past 10 years," he said. His other hobbies include genealogy and family history. He has researched his family's history during the last 15 years and has traced his roots back to France and Scotland. He learned that a direct descendant on his mother's side was scalped a Oswego, N.Y., during the French and Indian War. McAllister also found that his great-great-grandfather on his mother's side fought in the Civil War as a member of the 42nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry, Philadelphia Brigade. McAllister's other hobby is playing musical instruments for his personal enjoyment.

"We're looking for ways to try to help people cope with the pending changes" caused by the Army's personnel drawdown, McAllister said, referring to his goals as staff chaplain. He also wants to continue to minister to soldiers and their families as well as to retirees.

"I see the chaplaincy as the key link between the retired community and the active duty community," he said.

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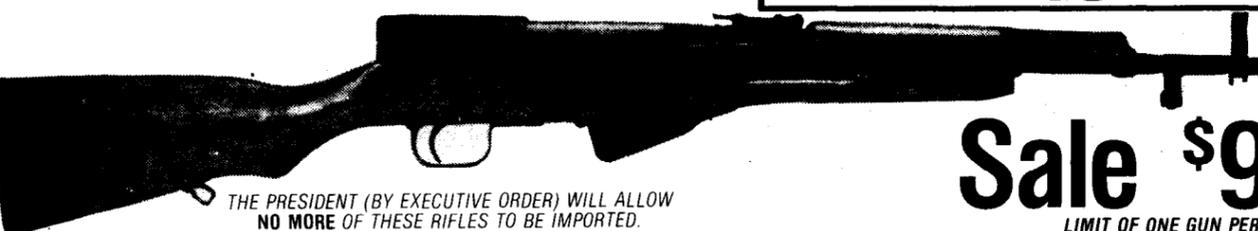


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Bingo Mania returns to Rustic Lodge Sept. 17

Editor's note: Moody is publicity chairman for Civilian Welfare Fund.

BY JOE MOODY

You demanded it and it's back! The Civilian Welfare Fund (CWF) is sponsoring "Bingo Mania" at the Rustic Lodge on Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. This event is being held as a fund-raiser to support the Rustic Lodge, Wellness Center, and various recreational activities held on Redstone Arsenal.

Bingo Mania will consist of two four-hour bingo sessions with a total of 25 games for the day. Jackpot Bingo will also be played with at least half the cash going to the lucky winners. There will be approximately 15 Jackpot Bingo games during the day with just \$1 per game to play. Early Bird games will start at 9:30 a.m. (\$3 for six games) for those who can't wait to get started. Door prizes will be given away throughout the

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You may call Valerie Carey at 955-6739 for advanced tickets. Her hours are from 9 a.m. until noon week days at the Rustic Lodge. You may also purchase tickets from your respective CWF Council member. Advanced tickets are \$20/package for 25 games and \$10 for half day games. Tickets will be \$30/package and \$15 for half day games on game day (Sept. 17). Half day games will be from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and from 2-6 p.m. Tickets go on sale Aug. 22. Single games will not be sold.

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Servicewomen's memorial adds local field rep

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation (WIMSA) announces that Ann Mejasich of Huntsville has joined the organization as a field representative.

1st Lt. Mejasich joins more than 1,100 field representatives worldwide in the search for servicewomen, to ensure their service will be recognized and honored in The Women in Military Service Memorial.

Construction of a Memorial to honor all women who have served in the United States armed forces from the Revolutionary War, through the present and into the future, was mandated by Congress in 1986. The Memorial will be built in the nation's capital at the main entrance to Arlington National Cemetery.

The heart of The Women's Memorial will be a computer register featuring the photographs, records of service and memorable stories of women who have served in our armed forces. The foundation seeks to register the 400,000 women currently on active duty, in the National Guard or Reserves, the 1.1 million female veterans in the United States and all of the women who have contributed to our nation's military efforts throughout its history.

For more information about The Women's Memorial write to Women in Military Service Memorial Foundation, 5510 Columbia Pike, Suite 302, Arlington, Va., 22204 or call (800) 222-2294. Mejasich can be reached at 880-0756. (Adapted from a news release provided by Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation Inc.)

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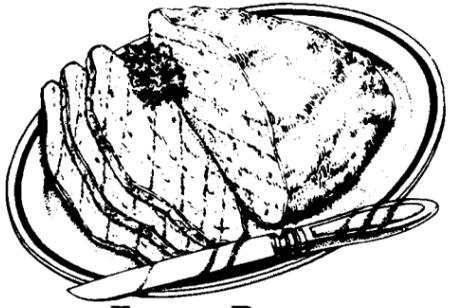
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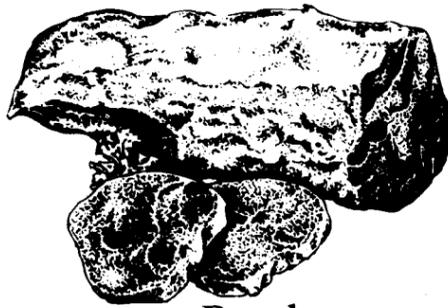
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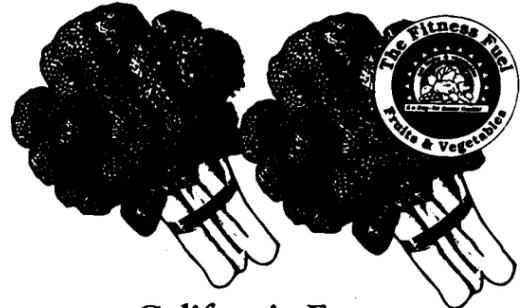
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Redstone center contributes excess computer to college

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Selma University has benefited from excess equipment at the RD&E Center.

Representatives of the school traveled to Redstone Friday to pick up a mainframe computer which the center no longer needed. They planned to use it for student training and their various offices.

"It's an older model mainframe computer that we really don't have much of a need for any more," said Ron Wicks, chief of the technology/terminal homing branch in Guidance and Control Directorate. "Out of the blue, Selma University calls. They were looking for a mainframe."

Dr. Katie Blanding, the academic affairs officer at RD&E Center, called the school back after learning that an excess computer existed at the Guidance and Control Directorate's controls branch. "She called them back and they were delighted," Wicks said. "They're going to get this thing ready by 1 Sept. for registration for school."

"It's something we could turn over to them and let them use," he said.

The mini-computer, specifically an image processing test station, includes the following: an array processor, five disc drives, one tape drive, a central processing unit, a video-to-film camera, an image processor, and two printers. The system is several years old, but still in good operational condition. Purchase cost of the system was more than \$677,000. The computer system was used in the late 1980s by the Controls Branch for tech-base efforts on target cueing and target recognition as applied to FOG-M and other programs. "The system's capabilities, however, have been surpassed by advanced technologies and the system is no longer efficient for our particular technical applications," Wicks said. "We are now using workstations to accomplish these types of efforts."

This transfer of excess equipment was under the Missile Command's partnership agreement with the schools, a program in operation at MICOM since 1991. Under this Defensewide program, Department of Defense agencies are encouraged to invest in science



EQUIPMENT TRANSFER — Dr. William McCorkle, left, director of Research Development and Engineering Center, presents the title document to Shelton of Selma University. Behind them is part of the 13 pieces of computer equipment.

and engineering education. The technical director at a laboratory has the authority to either transfer or loan equipment to educational institutions for the support of teaching and research. "We can only give the equipment if it has been declared excess to the government," Blanding said, "but it must be usable, it must be functioning."

Any educational institution can participate in MICOM's partnership program as long as they have a partnering agreement with this command.

"I'm just really happy that we can provide this service to a university, to a school," Blanding said. This particular transfer has additional implications because it supports MICOM's efforts to assist historically black colleges and universities, she added.

Dr. George Shelton, executive vice president of Selma University, and two of the school's physical plant workers arrived at Redstone Friday afternoon to

receive the 13 pieces of computer equipment. Shelton, Reuben Stitten and Joe Ford brought a 24-foot, U-Haul truck.

The school will be using the computer for student training as well as for office use — the business office, registrants office, admissions, and financial aid office — and the divisional departments, Shelton said. "It should be in place hopefully by the first of September," he added.

"It means in essence that the different offices will be able to tap in on sources, material needed by the offices as it relates to students, programs. It will also help us to tap into other outside sources," said Shelton, entering his second year as executive vice president of his alma mater.

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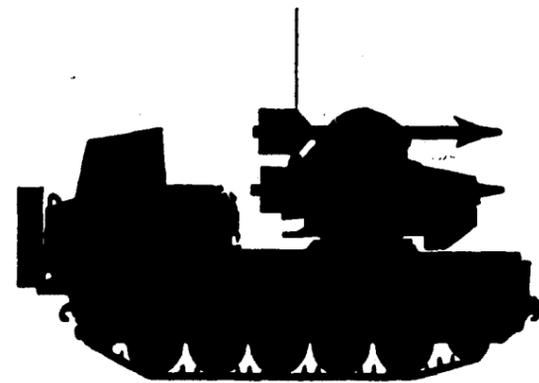
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Project office has major review via videoteleconference

Editor's note: Capt. Rice is assigned to Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) Project Office.

BY DAVE RICE

In the spirit of new acquisition streamlining guidance, members of the MLRS Project Office recently completed the Improved Fire Control System (IFCS) Software Preliminary Design Review by videoteleconference (VTC). This event marked the first time in the project office that a major system review took place by VTC and ushers in a more efficient and cost-effective way of conducting such reviews.

The purpose of the review was to approve the software requirements and preliminary software design for IFCS. Participants included members of the MLRS Project Office, the Army Field Artillery School, MICOM support organizations, and the prime contractor, Loral Vought Systems.

In the past, system reviews required extensive travel,

usually to a contractor's facility. This time, however, members of the MLRS Project Office and others at MICOM never had to leave Redstone Arsenal. Instead, they used the MLRS conference room, equipped with VTC equipment, to conduct business with Loral Vought at a similar facility in Dallas, Texas. The group also used fax machines as necessary to transmit signature concurrences as well as digital viewgraphs for simultaneous viewing.

Participants reacted favorably to the VTC. Many felt it allowed for real-time interaction and a meeting of the minds. All agreed that objectives of the review were met and that it was fully successful. By eliminating travel for this review, the project office saved approximately \$15,000.

A VTC capability is one of the MLRS Automation Initiatives leading to the goal of a fully-automated project office. It is estimated that total travel costs can potentially be decreased by 30 percent. Future

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Raytheon receives component for ground based radar

Raytheon's Equipment Division, Wayland, Mass., recently received its first major system component, the Operator Control Unit (OCU), of the Theater Missile Defense (TMD) Ground Based Radar (GBR) from Gichner Shelter Systems of Dallastown, Pa.

The OCU is mounted on a HMMWV and contains three workstation displays and communications equipment. The two Army operators within the OCU perform system alignment, calibration, and monitor the status and performance of the radar throughout a mission and initiate computer driven radar diagnostics and maintenance when required.

The OCU is one of five major system elements of the GBR. The other major elements under assembly to meet a fall delivery to Raytheon are the solid state phased-array Antenna; the Electronic Equipment Unit containing the computers, signal processors and receivers; the Cooling Unit which provides the liquid coolant to the Antenna; and the Prime Power Unit which is a 1.1 megawatt diesel-generator providing power for the entire GBR.

The entire GBR system can be transported on four C-130 aircraft and uses standard Army prime movers.

Raytheon Company is the prime contractor for the GBR system. Raytheon selected Gichner Shelter Systems to design and build the enclosures for the

OCU, the Electronics Equipment Unit, the Cooling Unit and the Prime Power Unit.

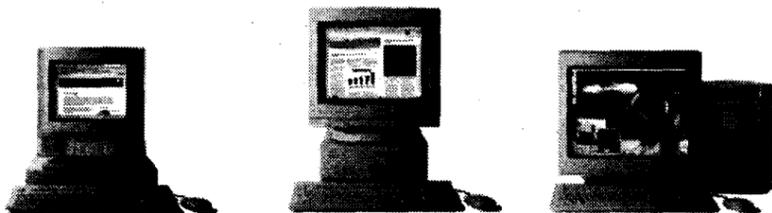
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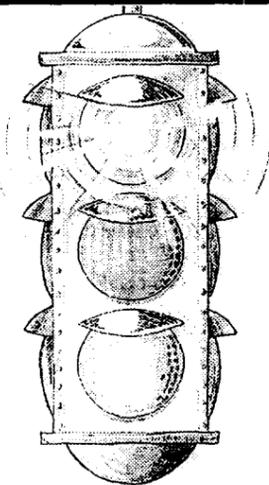
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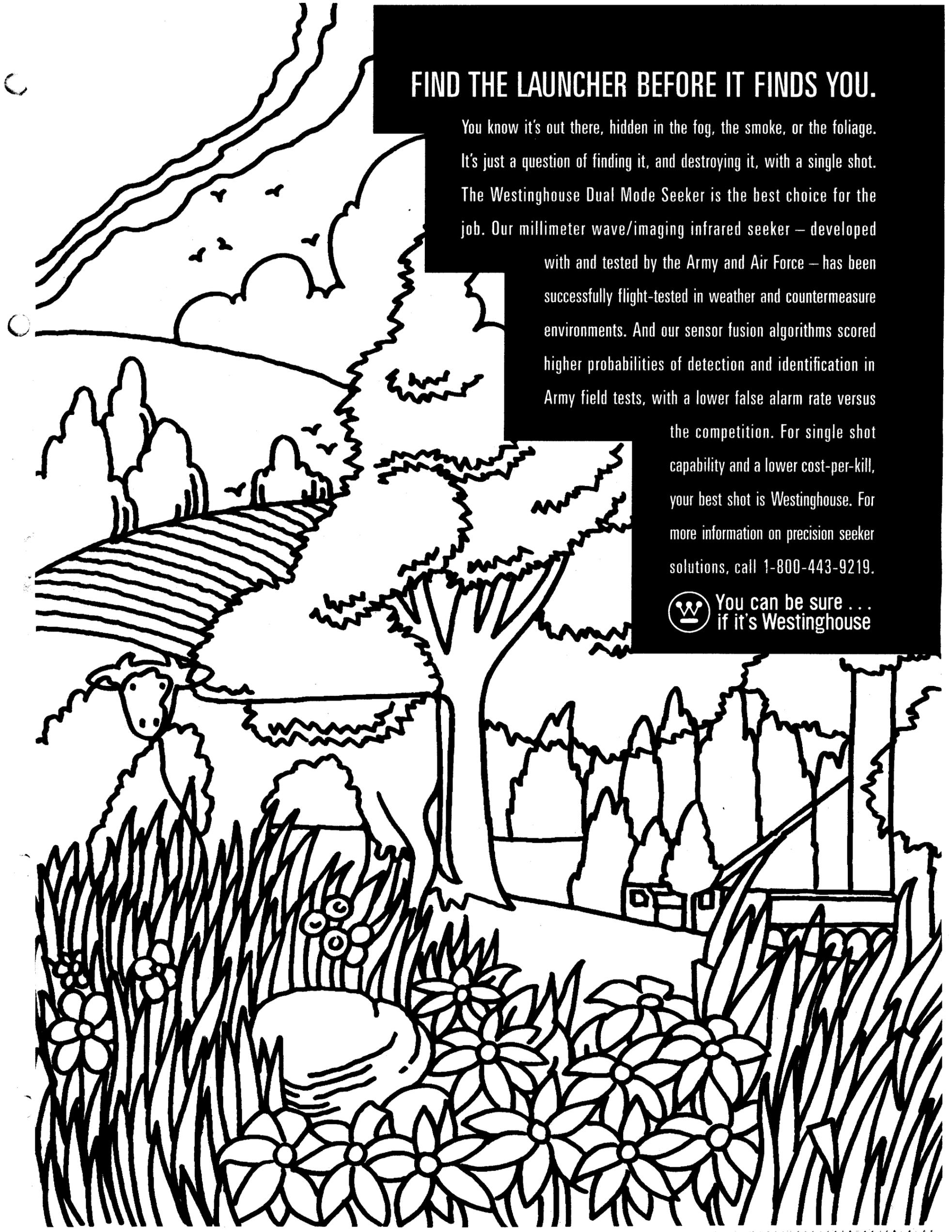
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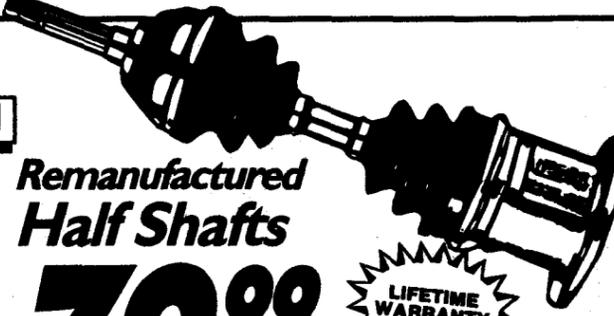
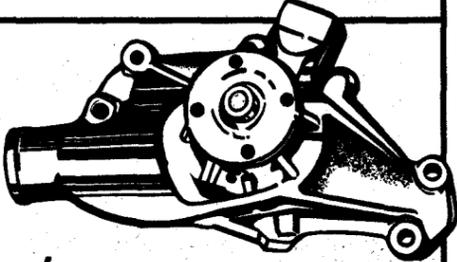
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Redstone Boy Scouts win Best Troop award at camp

Editor's note: Maj. Galvin is an assistant Scoutmaster for Redstone's Boy Scout Troop 308.

BY MARK GALVIN

The Redstone Arsenal Boy Scout troop recently went to the Skymont Scout Reservation in Altamont, Tenn., for annual summer camp. While there July 24-30 the troop experienced its most successful camp in years. The Scouts received the "Iron Skillet" for the best campsite; the "Montosky Moccasin," for demonstrating the tenets of Scouting; and were chosen as the "Best Troop" of the 15 attending, by their peers and the Skymont staff.

In the past the troop had gone to Camp Jackson, Ala., but degradation of the facilities and reductions in the scope of the summer program resulted in the search for a new summer camp. The Skymont Scout reservation was chosen because of its program, facilities and location. With 2,400 acres, over 30 miles of hiking trails for hiking and horseback riding, numerous caves and several lakes high on the Tennessee plateau, it offers many opportunities for the Scouts.

Seven Scouts and two assistant Scoutmasters participated in week 6 of the seven weeklong sessions in the Skymont summer program. While there the boys participated in merit badge programs such as aquatics, riflery, archery, wilderness survival, leatherwork and basketry, as well as the "High Adventure" program of rappelling and riding the Zip Line cable slide from a 60-foot tower. The younger Scouts also participated in the Polaris program which is designed to help them complete many of their requirements for advancement through Tenderfoot to First Class Scout and culminated in a five-mile hike within the confines of the reservation.

The older Scouts were also offered excellent opportunities at Skymont. These included the Orion program for Scouts in their second year of summer camp; COPE, a confidence building program involving clim-

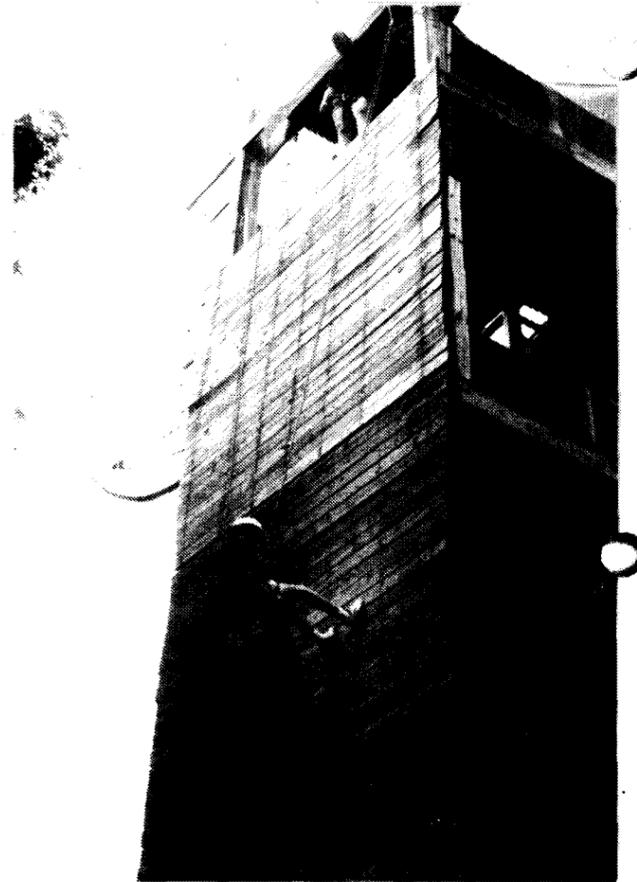


WINNING TROOP — Members of Troop 308 pose with their "Iron Skillet" award for best campsite. In front row, from left, are Blake Barfield, Ian Galvin, Luke Stewart and Dan LaGrone. In back row, from left, are Chris Dressler, John Schumacher; Assistant Scoutmasters Ron LaGrone and Mark Galvin; and Sam LaGrone.

bing, crossing cable bridges and zip lines; Savage 50, a hiking program through a nearby wilderness for a total of 50 miles during camp; a weeklong equestrian program; and several overnight white water rafting and canoeing experiences, to name a few.

The troop hopes that this year's experience will cause more participation in next year's summer camp. The Scouts attending this year included Sam LaGrone, senior patrol leader; John Schumacher, assistant patrol leader; Chris Dressler, Dan LaGrone, Blake Barfield, Luke Stewart and Ian Galvin. The Scouts were accompanied by assistant Scoutmasters, Ron LaGrone from Readiness Group Redstone and Mark Galvin from Space and Strategic Defense Command and Program Executive Office- Missile Defense.

Troop 308 meets each Monday night at 7 at the Scout Hut on post. For information on joining the troop, call Mark Galvin at 430-0012 after 5 p.m.



RAPPELLING — Ian Galvin rappels from the 60-foot tower while a Skymont counselor looks on.

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UGV Joint Project Office moves into new home

The joint project office for unmanned ground vehicles has a newly renovated home.

Building 3221, at the corner of Hercules and Snooper Roads, became the new location Thursday for the Unmanned Ground Vehicles/Systems Joint Project Office. The project office outgrew its previous location at 5410, an old incinerator building.

"We've certainly come a long, long way in just four short years," said Marine Col. Jeff Kotora, the project manager. He addressed members of the project office and guests at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new location. Building 3221 "began life a long time ago as a motor pool facility," he recalled.

Kotora was joined in cutting the ribbon by Brig. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, and John Cave, who served as UGV's assistant program manager for fielding until he retired this year.

"Thanks to innovative work of a lot of dedicated people, this old motor pool has been transformed into a very smart looking home for an equally smart and vibrant project office," Kotora said.

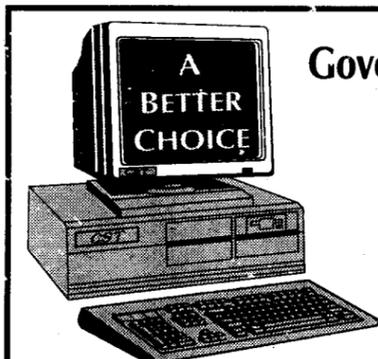
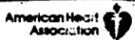
The office, which manages a joint Army and Marine project, has 26 members. They include Army civilians and three servicemembers: a Marine colonel, an Army lieutenant colonel and an Army major.

Unmanned ground vehicles are systems that will enable dangerous missions to be performed without putting soldiers or Marines at risk. They will consist of a vehicle that can be remotely controlled through an operator-control unit by either a fiber optic link or a radio link. The vehicle operator sees through cameras mounted on the system. Applications for the systems include reconnaissance or surveillance, mine detection and clearing, and working in environmentally hazardous areas.



RIBBON CUTTING — From left are Kotora, Link and Cave.

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BY GERDA SHERRILL

The Ground Based Radar (GBR) project reached a key milestone Aug. 9 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., where a ground breaking ceremony was held at the \$1.5 million test site and support facility for the project's demonstration/validation (Dem/Val) radar and two User Operation Evaluation System (UOES) radars.

The radars are being developed by the Equipment Division of the Raytheon Company of Wayland, Mass. Cheyenne Building Contractors Inc. of Ruidosa, N.M., is responsible for maintenance facilities and site development.

The ceremony was attended by a host of GBR-associated dignitaries. Included were the GBR project manager, Col. William Ryan; acting White Sands deputy commander, Col. Ronald Boykin; Raytheon program manager, Tom McDonagh; deputy district engineer, Fort Worth District, Army Corps of Engineers, Lt. Col. Thomas Kuchar; and Cindy Jiron, president, Cheyenne Building Contractors Inc. A brief reception followed the ground breaking.

When site construction is completed early next year, the Dem/Val radar will be installed and a series of tests conducted. Subsequently, the radars will be used to support the Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) missile system flight test program.

Testing of the UOES radars will also be conducted at White Sands. Upon completion of developmental testing, the UOES radars will be used for soldier training in 1996 and will support a THAAD system limited user test in 1997. Subsequently, the UOES equipment will be handed over to the 6th Air Defense Artillery Brigade and stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

GBR is designed to be the target acquisition and fire control sensor for the THAAD weapon system. GBR will be capable of supporting THAAD against a variety of short and medium range tactical ballistic missiles and will be transportable on C-130 aircraft.



BREAKING GROUND — From left are McDonagh, Col. Boykin, Col. Ryan, Lt. Col. Kuchar, and Jiron.

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Special response truck joins fire department fleet

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The latest addition to the Redstone Fire Department's fleet of vehicles represents the culmination of several years of planning and effort.

A new Hazardous Materials Response Unit arrived Aug. 4 and was put into service Aug. 8. By Aug. 10, it had already responded to two incidents: a vehicle accident and an oil spill.

"We designed this vehicle ourselves. We wanted to design something that could carry us well into the 21st century," said Bobby McFarland, district chief with the fire department.

The vehicle will be used for hazardous chemical incidents and for rescue equipment — such as vehicle rescue equipment and confined space rescues like building collapses and cave-ins. It includes a command post which is air conditioned, well-lighted and has laptop computer for obtaining chemical information and pre-fire plans. It has multi-band radios and cellular phones. The truck has a 7,500 watt generator which will supply all its auxiliary lighting. The vehicle can carry six people in the cab, and six more in the back.

"This is a vast improvement over the moving van type truck" that it replaces, McFarland said. The vehicle, which cost about \$150,000, was built by KME Fire Apparatus of Nesquehoning, Pa.

"For us it's the culmination of about four years dreaming and a lot of late nights drawing and scratching our heads to come up with a design that's practical and workable," McFarland said. "It's going to allow us to consolidate a lot of equipment, whereas in the past we would have to send a lot of vehicles (to an emergency scene). It's going to allow us to quicker setup to make a rescue because we're going to have all the equipment that we need when we get there."

The only problem has been finding storage space because of the vehicle's immense size. "Temporarily it's going to be kept down at the Patton Road fire station," McFarland said. "We have two ladder trucks which are actually as big; the problem is they're in the only places that will house a vehicle that size. For the short term, at least until cold weather, we're going to have to park the mini-pumper outside so we can get this vehicle inside."



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Radle returns to win Runway Run 5K at airport

The winner of the third annual Runway Run 5K Saturday night was the same man who won its inaugural race in 1992.

Brian Radle, 27, finished in 15:19 for first place in the 3.1 mile race held at Huntsville International Airport. The annual race to commemorate the airport's east runway extension project is held on the east runway at dusk with the runway lights aglow.

Radle, from Chattanooga, Tenn., competed in the

1992 U.S. Olympic Trials 1500 meters where he was eliminated in the first round. He ran for Southeast Missouri State University and won 15 All-American awards. Radle was the 1989 Olympic Festival champion in the 5K. His winning time in the 1992 Runway Run was 14:20.

Jan Gautier, 29, from Chattanooga, was the female winner in 17:50. She won the 1992 race in 16:54, and finished second last year in 17:55. Like Radle, she at-

tended Southeast Missouri. Both were being coached by her husband, Bill, a coach at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Here are the overall winners in the Runway Run:
Male: Radle (15:19), David Cain (15:53), Kevin Keene (16:02). Master: Steve Rice, age 45, (16:45), Clint Jones (17:06), Carl Nicholson (17:25).

Female: Gautier (17:50), Heather Shutt Warner (17:52), Judith Hine (18:30). Master: Hine, age 45, (18:30), Catherine Lempesis (18:45), Victoria Crisp (18:55).

Corporate Team: Boeing Gold (Keene, Jones and Nicholson), combined top three scores of 50:33; Boeing Silver (Zajic, Smith, Koenig, Smith and Bloom), combined top three scores of 53:10; and Champion (Smith, Mattson, Burton, Alexander and Miller), combined top three scores of 56:02.

Thrift Savings Plan returns updated

Here are the latest Thrift Savings Plan monthly returns for the 12-month period ending June 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.

Months	C Fund	Wells Fargo Equity Index Fund	F Fund*	Wells Fargo U.S. Debt Index Fund	G Fund
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					
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
May	1.66	1.65	(.02)	(.02)	.60
June	(2.47)	(2.45)	(.24)	(.22)	.59
Last 12 mths	1.40%	1.42%	(1.39%)	(1.30%)	6.24%

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.

Facts

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Education:

Officers with bachelor's degrees.....	98.2 percent
Officers with master's degrees.....	41.2 percent
Officers with doctorates.....	1.2 percent
Warrant officers with associate's degrees.....	61 percent
Warrant officers with bachelor's degrees.....	21 percent
Warrant officers with master's degrees.....	3 percent
Enlisted soldiers with bachelor's degrees.....	3 percent
Enlisted soldiers with high school diplomas.....	90 percent

Racial/ethnic composition:

Force	(%)	Commissioned officers (%)	Enlisted (%)
White	62	82	59
Black	27	11	30
Hispanic	5	2.7	5
Other	5	4.2	6

Retirees (a/o 9306):

Retired members.....	611,839
Average officer retirement rank.....	lieutenant colonel
Average officer retirement age.....	43 years
Average enlisted retirement rank.....	sergeant first class
Average enlisted retirement age.....	41 years

SOURCE: Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel statistics (March 1994)

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Recapping project continues on old arsenic ponds

BY PAM ROGERS

The workers are no longer wearing white suits and masks, but the recapping project on the old arsenic ponds between the photo lab and TMDE continues.

Bill Schroder of the Missile Command's Installation Restoration Program has received several calls from Redstone workers who were concerned about the safety of being in the area after seeing workers wearing the protective gear.

"They were in compliance with hazardous waste work regulations — OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health) regs — for working on a contaminated site," Schroder said.

The ponds have existed ever since Lewsite, a blistering agent, was produced here during World War II. Arsenic is a by-product of the manufacturing process.

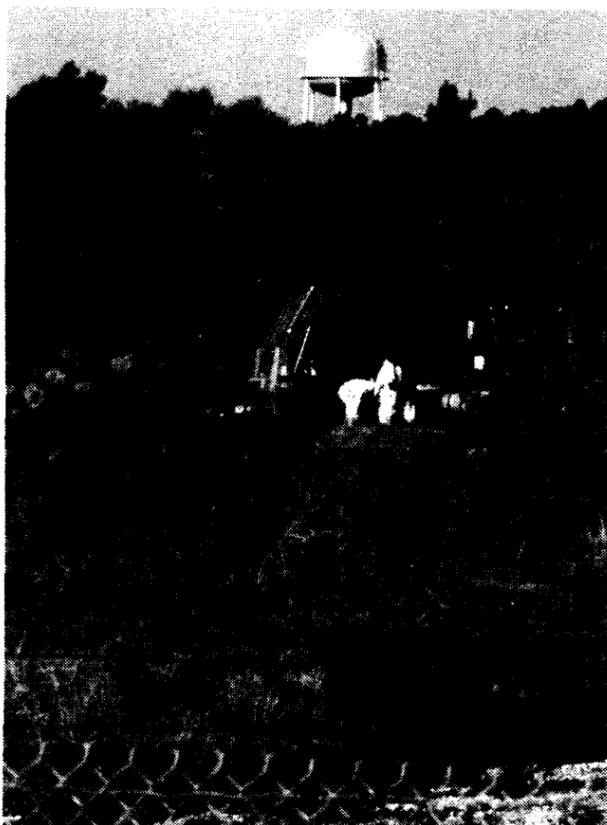
Workers wore the garb while taking soil samples from the old surface and while removing trees that had grown on the old cap.

Even though the capped ponds are classified as a hazardous waste site, there is no danger either from the site itself or the work that is being done there, according to Schroder.

"The only way to come into contact with it (arsenic) is to physically ingest the soil. There were only two spots with unsafe levels and those were borings, not surface samples," he said.

There are actually two different projects going on in the vicinity. One is the renovation of the clay cap over the ponds.

"They're bringing in clean dirt for leveling off the old cap, and will install a new 2-foot clay cap. There will be no intrusion on the old cap," Schroder said.



PROTECTIVE GEAR — Workers in protective clothing can be seen beside the dump truck.

The work is being done to comply with a notice of violation issued by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management after a fish kill in 1992.

The fish in the creek that runs around the perimeter of the site were killed when used floor wax was dumped into the creek. When ADEM sampled the creek water, low levels of arsenic were discovered.

"The arsenic did not kill the fish," Schroder said.

The other project is part of the Installation Restoration Program. Several wells are being drilled so that groundwater around the pond site and the old Lewsite production site can be sampled.

The manufacturing plant was southwest of the present TMDE building.

"The well-drilling will allow us to further investigate what's happening in the groundwater," Schroder said.

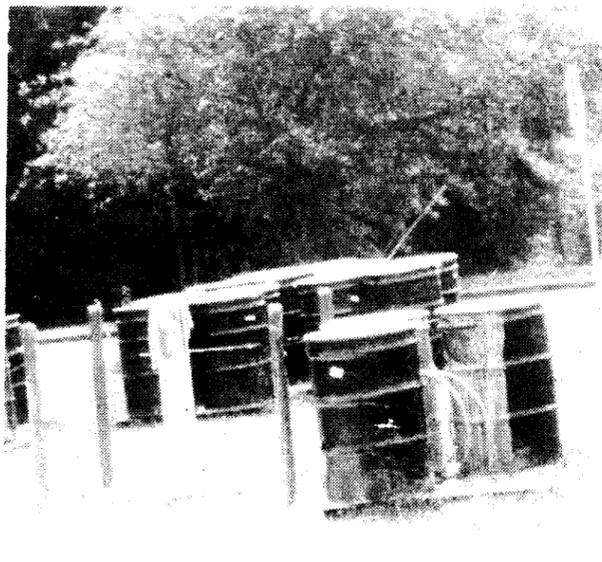
"There were sumps at the production site, and they were decontaminated after World War II according to the procedures at the time, and declared safe. But because we don't know exactly what took place, we're being very cautious and trying to restrict surface disturbance to less than 2 feet," he said.

So far, wells drilled in the area since 1980 have shown no arsenic in the ground water. The new wells are varied in depth, some only reaching into the overburden, and others going to bedrock.

All the material that comes out of the wells as they are being drilled must be containerized and core samples are also being taken.



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Announcements

LOGSA picnic

The second annual Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA) family picnic will be held Aug. 30 at Col. Hudson Recreation Area. Themed "Wild, Wild West," this year's picnic will feature food and fun for all ages. Activities will include softball, volleyball, bingo, face painting, "Best-Dressed" prize for picnickers in their Western wear, plus much, much more. Rain date for the picnic is Sept. 8. For information call April Mason 955-9580.

Labor Day Classic

The Huntsville Jackson State University Alumni Chapter is gearing up for "one of the biggest games of the 1994 football season." The Jackson State University Tigers, of Jackson, Miss., will play against the Alabama A&M University Bulldogs at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4 at Legion Field in Birmingham. For more information, call 551-1020.

Community activities

OFFICERS CLUB — New members receive two free steak dinners on steak and brew night. If you sign up a new member, you also receive two free steak dinners on the same night. "We appreciate you!" For more information, call 830-2582.

CHALLENGER CLUB — Retiree Day will be held Aug. 27 at the Challenger Club. For more information, call 837-0750.

Beginning Experience

Beginning Experience — an ecumenical weekend program designed to help widowed, separated and divorced persons make a closure on the past and a new beginning in life — will be held Sept. 9-11 at St. Bernard Retreat Center in Cullman. For more information, call 837-8375.

Williams Elementary PTA

The Parents and Teachers Association will conduct its first meeting at 6:45 p.m. Aug. 23 at Williams Elementary School. "We are looking forward to a prosperous year and continued support from parents and teachers," said Henry Cunningham, PTA president for 1994-95. Free teen-age supervisory services will be available at the meeting for school-age children. If you would like to utilize this service, call Margaret Taylor 830-5355 from 6-9 p.m.

NCO Spouses' donations

All requests for financial assistance or participation from the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club, must be made in writing one month in advance. All requests must go to the welfare chairman, Blanche Moore, 1112 Oster Drive, Huntsville 35816; phone 533-5599. Requests must state the following: total dollars needed, or volunteers needed; group or organization requesting help; purpose of need; total number that will benefit from the request; and whether other groups or organizations have been asked for this same donation.

NCO association

The Noncommissioned Officers Association will have its monthly meeting Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at the JOC Club. Members and non-members are encouraged to attend. For information call MSgt. Covert 842-2898.

Army 10-Miler team

Redstone is sending a team to compete in the Army 10-Miler road race Oct. 16 in Washington, D.C. Military and civilian runners are invited to try out at 7 a.m. Aug. 27 and/or 7 a.m. Sept. 10 at Pagano Gym. For information call Capt. Steve Hester 842-2068 or Sgt. Maj. Bob Cothran 876-3508.

School groundbreaking

A groundbreaking ceremony for Madison's new school, Horizon Elementary, will be held 4 p.m. Thursday at the corner of old Madison Pike and Highlands Drive in Madison. The public is invited. Madison Mayor Chuck Yancura says he "probably will be making a significant announcement" at this event. Gov. Jim Folsom Jr. is also on the program. A reception will follow at Madison city hall.

Friday bowling league

The Friday Night Bowling League will hold a meeting 7 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Recreation Center. Anyone can bowl, and if you are interested call the Bowling Lanes 876-6634; or call the secretary, Naomi Hodges, at home 883-2612 or work 533-0915 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bowling will begin 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9. A sign-up sheet will be at the Redstone Bowling Lanes.

Configuration managers

Tests for becoming a certified Configuration Manager, Data Manager, Configuration Specialist, or Data Specialist, will be given by the American Defense Preparedness Association in Huntsville on Sept. 17 at Teledyne Brown. Registration is required at least 30 days prior. For information call Chuck Billingsley 726-5612 or Dick Thomas (408) 338-9858.

Air defenders

Alabama Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association will hold a farewell/retirement luncheon in honor of Lt. Gen. Donald Lionetti on Monday, Aug. 22 at the Holiday Inn, Madison Square Mall. A social period begins at 12:30 p.m. and lunch will be served at 12:45. Lionetti, commander of the Space and Strategic Defense Command, will retire after more than 33 years of active military service. The SSDC change of command with Maj. Gen. Jay Garner will be Sept. 6. Cost of the luncheon is \$10 for chapter members and non-members. Persons wishing to attend should call Shirley Brown 895-8928 by 4 p.m. Aug. 19. Payment for the luncheon should be by check made payable to the RSA/HSV Chapter, ADAA and either delivered at the luncheon or mailed to RSA/HSV Chapter, ADAA, P.O. Box 8321, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35898.

Hunter safety orientation

Every Thursday beginning Sept. 8, the mandatory Hunter Safety Orientation will be held 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711. These orientation classes will end Nov. 10.

Beginning Sept. 1, the orientation will be available at all Learning Centers. Please call in advance to ensure availability of terminals. For hours and locations, call 876-9416.

All persons hunting on Redstone Arsenal, including guests, must attend the annual Hunter Safety Orientation. Active duty military assigned to Redstone Arsenal must have a current Alabama drivers license or a copy of PCS orders assigning them to Redstone in order to purchase a resident Alabama hunting/fishing license. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/6854 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

NCO/Soldier of Year luncheon

The Redstone Arsenal appreciation luncheon honoring the NCO and Soldier of the Year will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Challenger Club. Ticket cost is \$6.50. Tickets went on sale Aug. 15. Points of contact for tickets include SFC Garcia 876-8966, TMDE; SFC Laack 955-0814, TMDE; SFC Joye 876-3752, OMMCS; SSgt. Alston of OMMCS; Sgt. Gonzales 876-5530, MEDDAC/DENTAC; Cpl. Messier 842-0884, HHC MICOM; and Spec. Quamina 842-2631, HHC MICOM. "Please come out and support this great event; the entire Redstone family is invited." Personnel receiving an invitation must RSVP through the Protocol Office.

OMMCS offices

The OMMCS Offices of the Inspector General (IG) and Equal Opportunity (EO) have relocated to building 3209, Hercules Road. The entrance for both offices is at the north end of the building. The IG office hours remain 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; its new phone numbers are 842-7763/0764 or 842-2251. The EO can also temporarily be reached at 876-9411. The IG facsimile number is 842-2712.

Military Personnel Office

On Aug. 25, the Military Personnel Office will be closed from 2 p.m. until the close of business. This time has been set aside for participation in organization day activities.

Youth soccer kickoff

The Redstone community is invited to the Redstone Arsenal Youth Soccer League Opening Day Ceremony, the first of what is to become an annual event, Saturday on field 17 at the corner of Goss and Skinner. Festivities begin at 8 a.m. with the UAH soccer team holding a practice/scrimmage on field 9 adjacent to field 17. This year more than 200 Redstone children from ages 4-17 have signed up to play soccer, and all will participate in the ceremonies which begin at 9:30. The highlight of the ceremony will be the drawing for a UAH soccer team autographed ball to one of the children. With the conclusion of the ceremony, all 17 teams will kick off their season by playing at least one game.

Local spot bid

There will be a local spot bid sale of government surplus property Monday, Aug. 29 in the Defense Reutilization & Marketing Office sale building 7427, Chestnut Road. Registration starts at 7 a.m. and the sale begins at 8. Examples of items offered for sale include: safe, computers, furniture, televisions, and more. These items can be inspected Aug. 23, 24 and 25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on sale day from 7-8. Report to building 7406, Red Oak Road to view property available for sale and to obtain a catalog during the inspection period. DRMO-Huntsville is closed to the public on Fridays.

Youth soccer referees

AYSO sponsored Soccer Referee and Coaching Training Courses are scheduled as follows. Linesperson: Friday, Aug. 19, 6-10 p.m. in Madison or Saturday, Aug. 27, 2-6 p.m. in Huntsville. Beginner Referee: Friday, Aug. 19, 6-10 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Madison or Saturday, Aug. 27, 2-6 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 28, 1-5 p.m. in Huntsville. Advanced Referee: Friday, Aug. 19, 6-10 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Madison. Youth Coaching: Friday and Saturday, Aug. 19-20, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday in Huntsville. The cost is \$20 for each course. To register or for more information, call Cathy Farless 539-5201.

Post Theater movies

Thursday — *Wyatt Earp*, rated PG-13, 190 minutes. Friday — *Wyatt Earp*, rated PG-13, 190 minutes. Saturday — *Wolf*, rated R, 121 minutes. Sunday — *Wolf*. Tuesday — *Baby's Day Out*, rated PG, 118 minutes. All shows begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday admission is \$1.50 adults, \$1 children. Admission for all other shows is \$2.50 adults, \$1.25 children.

Officers wives

Officers Wives Club would like to invite all newcomers to a coffee Aug. 30 at 10 a.m. in Quarters 1. This will be a social time to meet the OWC board and other new arrivals to the Huntsville area. If you have not received an invitation (because we don't know you're here) please RSVP by noon Aug. 26 to one of the following members: Mary Jane Johnson 882-1856 for last names beginning with A-L; or MaryEllen Myers 464-0583 for M-Z. Child care is available.

PX news

Redstone Arsenal Main Exchange, building 3220, will be operating with the following new hours effective Sept. 6: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Gospel auditions

The 555 South Entertainments will have an Audition to form two adult Gospel groups (male and female), Saturday, Aug. 20 from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. (or until everyone has auditioned). The address is: 3228 Lodge Road, Suite B, (next to the FOP Lodge). For more information, call Henry Graham 830-1031.

Training/development group

The American Society for Training and Development (ASTD), North Alabama Chapter will meet Tuesday, Aug. 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Holiday Inn-Research Park. Melissa Musgrove, of Huntsville Rehabilitation Center, is to speak on "ADA Issues." Cost is \$9. To register call Huntsville Hospital, Department of Education, 517-8240.

AFCEA luncheon

AFCEA's Huntsville Chapter would like to invite you to a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Holiday Inn-Research Park. Roger Berg of Mevatec Corporation is to speak about the Joint Tactical Ground Station. Please RSVP by COB Thursday to Richard Deal 430-1225 or Barbara Dye 544-9436.

Boeing bowling

Boeing Huntsville Bowling Association invites you to bowl with its mixed league at the Redstone Bowling Center, starting Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7:30 p.m. "You are eligible to bowl with this league if you work for NASA, the military retired or active duty, and contractor for these agencies located on the Arsenal." For information call Phil White 461-5043 or Kris Priester 961-4712.

Tennessee Valley Toastmasters

Tennessee Valley Toastmaster Club, Toastmasters International, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Crestwood Hospital (cafeteria meeting room), One Hospital Drive in southeast Huntsville. Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month. For more information, call Anne Hughes 881-8707.

Bowling leagues

MIXED BOWLING — The Monday Night RSA Officers Mixed Bowling League will meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 23 at Redstone Lanes to set the new bowling season schedule.

OFFICERS BOWLING — The Wednesday Night Officers Bowling League will meet 5 p.m. Aug. 24 at the Junior Officers Club (JOC). All officers, warrant officers, DA civilians (GS-9 and above), active or retired, are eligible to join this league.

JUNIOR BOWLING — The Redstone Junior Bowling Leagues are forming for the new bowling season. A free party (with food and drink) will be held 9 a.m. Aug. 27 at Redstone Bowling Lanes; all youth from age 6 through 21 are invited to join the fun. For more information, call Ray Weinberg 859-1469.

Aerobic instructor

A volunteer aerobic instructor is needed for the seniors' class Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 a.m. at Pagano Gym. For information call Ted Compoc, sports director, 842-2574.



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Redstone's boxing soldier on way to Fort Polk tourney

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A Redstone soldier was happy to see a former sparring partner win this country's only boxing gold medal at the recent Goodwill Games, but felt it could have been him.

SSgt. Kevin Greene still has his dream of boxing glory. He plans to travel to Fort Polk, La., Aug. 25 for an Army boxing tournament scheduled Aug. 27. He will fight as a member of the Fort Campbell, Ky., team in the tournament pitting boxers from Fort Campbell, Fort Gordon, Ga., and Fort Polk in head-to-head competition.

At 6-2, 163 pounds, he will fight in the middleweight class. Greene sports a 21-6 record but has not fought since last year.

"It's sort of my comeback," he said. "I never really retired but work and everything else had me deviated from my main goal."

His goal is "to be the best boxer out there," he said. Greene, who has been stationed here since February 1993, won the Army European Championship in 1991. He was runner-up for the 5th Corps title in 1992 and a semifinalist in that year's Army European Championship.

He compiled a 16-3 record in Europe, and avenged all but one of his three losses. While in Germany he boxed for the same club with Spec. Ben McDowell who fights at light-heavyweight, 178 pounds. McDowell, now stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., won the only American boxing gold medal in the Goodwill Games. Since they were in different weight classes, they just sparred together but they had "wars," Greene recalled. "He helped me and I helped him out."

"I'm real proud of him, but that could easily be me with the right support," Greene said. He called around and found that Fort Campbell was the closest military installation with a boxing team.

Greene, 28, fought four times in 1993. He won the Alabama state Golden Gloves championship in the 156-pound division April 2, 1993 in Decatur. He lost a decision in the semifinals at the Southern Regionals Golden Glove meet in Knoxville, May 14-17, 1993 to the eventual champion, a Marine named Tyrone Davis. He dropped a decision — which he felt he won — at the Gulf States Championships in Mississippi May 21-23, 1993. And he dropped a 3-2 decision as a



GREENE

member of the Fort Campbell team at the Ohio State Fair Sept. 8-10. Greene said he has "never been knocked down, not even in day-to-day routine practice."

He is an instructor in the missile systems training department at Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School where he teaches the TOW and Dragon systems, his specialty. Greene, from Savannah, Ga.,

dedicated his Decatur win last year to his mother. His mother, Gloria Horne, and his stepfather, Charles Horne, reside in Ozark. He dedicates his upcoming fight to the following: Beverly Williams, "a very special person," and her son, Martez Williams, 3; his sister, Yvette Slack, who attends the University of Alabama in Huntsville; his brother SFC Jackie Horton of Fort McClellan; and his roommate, SSgt. Jeffrey Anthony.

Greene trains three times a week at Austinville Boxing Club in Decatur. "I've added running hills and mountains to my training regimen at least three times a week because most of my fights are lost in the last round," he said.

"I need to be real busy as far as boxing's concerned," Greene said, expressing the need to fight more bouts. "If I don't start using my skills, I'm going to have to retire. My age is catching up with me."

He feels he has yet to reach his full potential. "My body's never peaked as far as boxing. I've never had a fight that I couldn't win, that I was totally outclassed."

Federal utility offers early-out

TVA announced last week it will offer eligible workers early retirement and cash incentives in an attempt to help the federal utility avoid raising electrical rates.

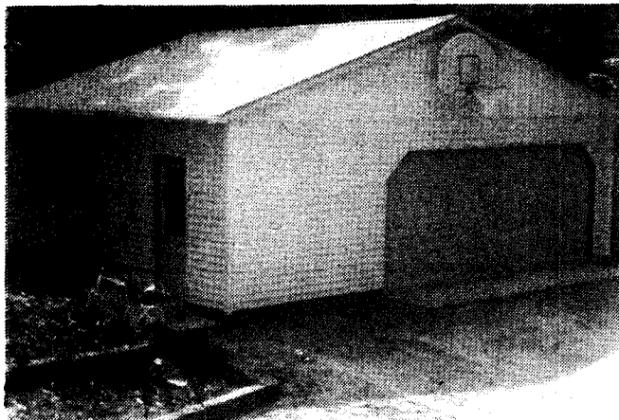
TVA employs 4,666 in Alabama and about 19,000 in its seven-state service area. Some 1,847 work at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant near Athens and 298 work at the unfinished Bellefonte Nuclear Plant site in Jackson County. Other TVA employees in north Alabama work at Guntersville, Wilson and Wheeler Dams and at the Widows Creek Steam Plant in northeast Jackson County.

The retirement plan TVA is offering has three options, including a lump-sum payment of \$15,000 to \$25,000. Also available is a lump-sum payment equal to six months' salary, or a reduction by three years in the time an employee needs to retire. Employees have until Oct. 3 to take advantage of the retirement plan.

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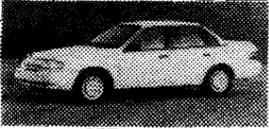
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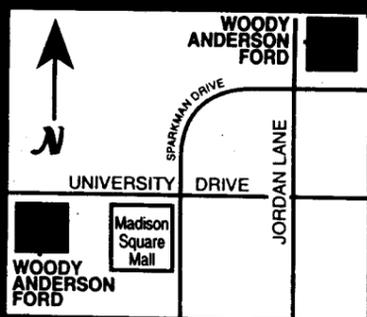
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