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Infrared imaging technology may be applied to mapping forest fires

By Skip Vaughn

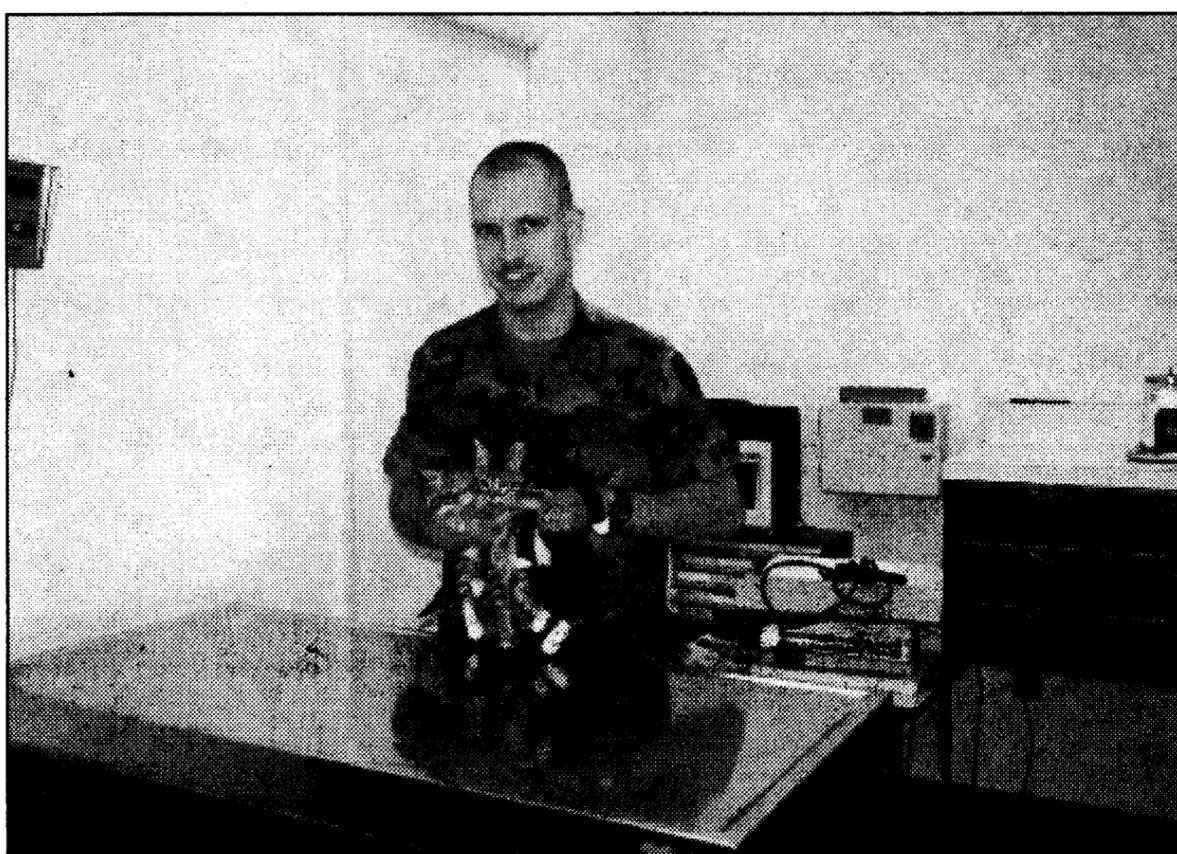
The RD&E Center is helping the U.S. Forest Service upgrade its methods of detecting and mapping forest fires, a particularly important effort during one of the worse forest fire seasons in more than 20 years.

Infrared imaging technology could improve the current system used to map forest fires, according to engineers at the Research Development and Engineering Center. The Army uses infrared imaging for missile systems, unmanned aerial vehicles, and night vision for soldiers. "IR sees at night, it picks up heat, it sees through smoke," said Joe Foster, a systems engineer who serves as technical liaison in the center's Technology Integration Office.

Advantages of this technology include better resolution, better mapping accuracy, easier data transfer, and low cost. If the Forest Service decides to adopt infrared imaging, there would probably be a one-year development effort using off-the-shelf hardware, according to Foster.

"Forest fire fighting is similar to advancing military forces," he said, referring to the potential for technology transfer. About five years ago, RD&E Center brought some U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service people here to look at Army technology-- specifically, unmanned aerial vehicles and infrared sensors -- and how it could be used in fighting forest fires.

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Exotic veterinarian...

Redstone Arsenal's new post veterinarian developed his love for exotic animals while working at the St. Louis Zoo during high school and college. His pets have ranged from dogs to turtle to his present pet, a boa constrictor named Natasha. See story on Page 8

AMC maintains delicate balance between budget and mission

Another 10,000 civilian reductions planned from now through fiscal year 1997

The Army Materiel Command faces another 10,000 civilian reductions between now and fiscal year 1997, as the downsizing of the U.S. military continues to make deep cuts in personnel and procurement.

While downsizing has affected virtually every command in the Army, the effects are probably nowhere more dramatic than at AMC, headquartered in Alexandria, Va. AMC, the technology, acquisition, and logistics arm of the Army, the people who develop, buy and deliver the goods to the soldiers, has undergone extensive downsizing and restructuring since 1989.

The Army's largest employer of civilians, AMC once had almost 190,000 personnel at installations around the world. It now has fewer than 73,000 civilians and 6,000 military personnel. In just the last four years, civilian strength has been reduced by 33 percent and military strength by 43 percent. At the headquarters alone, personnel strength has been

reduced from around 1,600 in fiscal year 1989 to about 930 today; a 44 percent reduction. The trend is expected to continue downward through 1999.

AMC's budget for operations and maintenance is down 48 percent since 1991, procurement funding is down 56 percent, and funds for research, development, test and evaluation are down 4 percent. The ammunition budget is the lowest in 20 years as is the military construction budget.

Reorganizations, restructuring, closures, and reductions in force have occupied AMC's planners and decision makers during the last four years. Over 90 percent of AMC has been affected in some way by more than 30 Base Realignment and Closure actions, 23 separate Reduction in Force actions, and six major consolidations of AMC activities.

AMC has 32 percent fewer depots than in 1989, with only five maintenance depots remaining. Ammunition plants are

down 50 percent from 1989 with eight active plants remaining. Test centers have been reduced to eight; down from 11 in 1989.

Recent and ongoing restructuring of AMC activities has affected 48,000 employees who have either had to change jobs or relocate their families or both, and resulted in the reorganization of six subordinate commands during the past four years.

The Army Research Laboratory, with headquarters in Adelphi, Md., now oversees a consolidation of seven separate laboratories and eight associated facilities. The Project Manager for Training Devices has combined with four other project managers to form the Simulation, Training and Instrumentation Command in Orlando, Fla. Aviation Systems Command and Troop Support Command merged two years ago to form the Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis, Mo.

The Logistics Control Activity has con-

solidated with four separate activities to form the Logistics Support Activity at Huntsville.

With the depots and ammunition plants that remain, the Depot System Command and the Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command are merging to form the Industrial Operations Command at Rock Island, Ill.

The Chemical and Biological Defense Command has been formed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and is continuing to consolidate additional activities.

AMC's remaining commands have not gone untouched. The Communications-Electronics Command in Fort Monmouth, N.J., the Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal, the Tank-Automotive Command in Warren, Mich., the Test and Evaluation Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and the Security Assistance Command in Alexandria, Va., have all undergone reductions in force or internal reorganizations. (AMC News Release)

Letters to the editor

Rewarding stay

At the end of this month (August), as some of you are aware, I will be packing up and heading off to law school. However, before I depart I would like to express my personal appreciation to all in the Redstone work force for their outstanding support over the last two years. This continuous support along with your regular assistance and steady patience have helped make my stay at Redstone a rewarding one and were instrumental in helping me attain my goals. To have been part of such a great team has been an honor.

I have enjoyed the past few years and can truly say there has not been a dull moment. I have gained a wealth of invaluable experience which I intend to use as I tackle the many challenges that await me in the wonderful world of law.

Again, thanks for all you have done and I wish each of you continued success.

Larry O. Daniel Jr.

Shuttle service

I would like to ask a question to be answered by the directorate that handles the Command Area Shuttle Schedule. Does anyone ever use the shuttle van? Every time I see it empty. It seems to be a poor use of government resources in these times of austerity.

The shuttle might better be used taking employees back and forth from the Sparkman Center parking lots to the buildings....

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: The Contract Services Division, of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, provided the following response. "The Installation Shuttle Service consists of three 15-passenger vans operating over three routes/schedules. Schedules 1 and 2 are primarily in support of the troops assigned to Redstone Arsenal. These are scheduled routes with specific stops and times cover-

ing points of interest to the soldiers; i.e., Fox Army Community Hospital, Troop dispensary, Transportation, Recreation Services, etc. Schedule 3 provides pickup and dropoff services along Martin Road. Pickup points include buildings 5250, 4488, 4505, 5681 and 5400. Schedule times are posted for all three routes, either at the pickup points or inside buildings.

"All three shuttles are constantly monitored for utilization and quality of service. The two troop shuttles have good utilization. During the period Aug. 1-26, the two troop shuttles averaged approximately 60 passengers daily. The utilization of the shuttle service along Martin Road is poor. With the opening of the Sparkman Center, we plan to expand this service and expect utilization to improve. However, if utilization does not improve, consideration will be given to discontinuing schedule 3.

"Questions and comments concerning any shuttle service operations should be directed to John Hanson 842-9663."

Veteran preference

I would like to respond to the recent concern of the veteran who feels his rights would be infringed upon by reducing or removing "veteran preference" for Reduction in Force purposes.

First of all, I am a veteran who does not have veteran preference because I enlisted in the Army after Jan. 1, 1977. After enlisting Jan. 16, 1978, I earned an honorable discharge after serving active duty four years and would never be able to repay the lifelong experiences, be ungrateful for the change Uncle Sam made in me or receive veteran preference.

However, as anyone who has served in the military understands, not everyone who serves during wartime actually is subjected to the gruesome realities of combat. Therefore, I would like to make a recommendation of allowing veteran preference only for those individuals who actually were engaged in combat and rightfully deserve the admiration of all Americans. This would sig-

nificantly reduce the amount of personnel qualified for veteran preference and still keep presently employed veterans who are probably old enough to survive even a major RIF.6

Anthony S. Cook

Common courtesy

There is no common courtesy anymore. It seems that more and more, people have forgotten that politeness, courtesy and respect are the "lubricants of life." It is rare, particularly aboard this installation, to hear a "please" or "thank you." This lack of etiquette is particularly pervasive as it applies to the telephone. There is nothing that steams me more than answering the telephone in a professional manner, identifying myself and my organization, only to have the caller not identify themselves. You wouldn't conduct business or make a request of someone, face-to-face, without first telling them who you are, so what makes it OK to do so on the telephone?

This is particularly annoying when the caller (who has yet to identify themselves), launches into a series of questions or demands without even the pretense of phrasing them as requests. It's as if I am perhaps obligated in some way to supply answers to this rude individual who I still can't identify. I think not.

This issue transcends senior-subordinate relationships. It is simply an act of professional and common courtesy extended from one person to another. If you use a telephone to call someone, you should: 1) identify yourself, 2) phrase requests as requests, not as demands and 3) include the liberal use of the words please and thank you.

Were these incidents to occur infrequently, I could understand and attribute it to lousy upbringing, but it is an everyday occurrence. So if I have described your telephone etiquette, you ought to change your ways... or write a letter instead.

SSgt. P.W.Horne
Marine Detachment

Commercial solicitation governed by Army regulation

(Editor's note: The following article was provided by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.)

The sale of goods and services to military personnel, their dependents and other persons on Redstone Arsenal is restricted by regulation. Control over solicitors avoids harassment of personnel on the installation, prevents them from being victimized by those few irresponsible or dishonest solicitors and avoids the appearance of any official endorsement by the government.

Solicitation is defined in AR 210-7 as "the conduct of any private business, including the offering and sale of insurance on a military instal-

lation, whether initiated by the seller or the buyer."

Commercial solicitation must be authorized by the installation commander. A request for a permit to solicit commercially on Redstone Arsenal goes to the chief Support Operations Office, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, building 112, phone 876-3294. Written permits are valid for a period of one year or less. The company and its agents seeking authorization must present documentary evidence that they meet the licensing requirements of the state of Alabama and other rules.

Prohibited practices

Examples of some prohib-

ited solicitation practices include:

- * Door-to-door solicitation in the family housing area or in the barracks. Solicitation must occur by a pre-arranged appointment that has been agreed upon by both parties and is definite as to place and time.

- * Solicitation of soldiers who are in an "on duty" status or at their place of duty.

- * Solicitation of "mass," group, or "captive" audiences. The sale of Tupperware, Amway, Mary Kay Cosmetics and other such products at party or group settings is authorized if a permit is obtained.

- * Any oral or written representations which suggest or

appear that the Department of the Army sponsors or endorses the company, goods or services.

- * Use of any manipulative, deceptive, or fraudulent device, scheme, or artifice, including misleading advertising and sales literature.

Report anyone violating these policies to the chief, Support Operations Office, RASA at 876-3294 or the Provost Marshal's Office during non-duty hours.

Charitable solicitation

Charitable solicitations fall into two categories: on-duty solicitations and off-duty solicitations. Each military and civilian employee is given an opportunity during

duty hours to contribute to the Combined Federal Campaign.

The intent of the CFC is to limit on-the-job solicitations by combining individual appeals into a joint campaign. Other permissible solicitations during duty hours include Army Emergency Relief and solicitations by on-post private organizations when authorized by the installation commander.

Voluntary agencies, defined as private, non-profit, self-governing organizations financed primarily by contributions from the public, may forego participation in the CFC and solicit off-duty in designated areas of the installation open to the general

public. An example would be the sale of "poppies" by veterans' organizations at the entrance to the Post Exchange.

In-person solicitation of funds by religious organizations or their affiliates is authorized only in connection with post chapel religious services.

All groups or organizations wishing to solicit contributions or undertake fund-raising activity on post must first gain authorization from the chief, Support Operations Office, RASA or for private organizations on post, from the director, Directorate of Community and Family Activities, building 118, phone 876-4931.

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Redstone community thanked for successful AER drive

By Skip Vaughn

Organizations and individuals have been recognized for their work in making the 1994 Army Emergency Relief campaign a success.

Redstone's annual AER drive raised \$57,699 to surpass its \$45,000 goal. The fund-raising campaign began March 1 and ended May 31.

"I know 1995 is going to go just as well, with your help," said Brig. Gen. James Link during an awards ceremony Aug. 17 to honor the campaign participants. Link, the commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, pointed out that nearly half of the total was raised through the many fund-raising events throughout the post.

AER provides no-interest loans and grants to soldiers and their families during times of emergency need. The local AER office, through July, provided 159 loans totaling \$82,422 and 29 grants totaling \$20,042 to soldiers and their families.

Link presented certificates of commendation to the following: Maj. Lee Abernathy, the campaign chairman; SFC Frederick

Baker, NCO-in-charge for the campaign; Kaye Donovan, campaign assistant; and Virginia Dempsey, who served as AER officer during the campaign.

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to the following:

• **Individuals** - Connie Arnold, MSgt. Timothy Ayers, CWO 2 Ovidio Baez, Maj. Charles Bashdy, Michelle Bentley, Ed Bird, Patricia Blackman, SFC Lee Brewer, Rhonda Brock, Sgt. Joey L. Brooks, Sgt. Anthony T. Brown, SSgt. Velma Brown, SSgt. John Cappiello, Don Carver, Shirley Childers, Suzzane Cobb, Jerald Cochrane, Peggy W. Cook, Carmen Correa, Ilona Coslet, Kellie Craig, Margaret Craig, Ray Crumpler;

• Maggie Dilworth, Michelle Draper, Capt. Bryan Fohy, Sgt. Wallace Ford, Lt. Col. Robert Freeman, SSgt. Barbara Galloway, Rhonda Garrard, Bernadette Gray, CWO 2 Charles Gully, Richard W. Hall, SSgt. Gary A. Hall, Virginia Hanserd, Maj. Gary Harris, John Hawk, MSgt. Ricky Helms, John Henderson Jr., Anna Hudson, Doris Ingram, Walt Johnson, Sheri Kennedy, Richard Kowallik, Astrid Lahiere, Capt. William

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• **Organizations** - Acquisition Center, CCAWS Project Office, Chaplains Office, Command Analysis Directorate, Command Group, FAAD Project Office, Integrated Materiel Management Center, LOSAT Project Office, 74th Maintenance Company, Medical Department Activity, MLRS Project Office, Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, Redstone Readiness Group, Research Development and Engineering Center, Space



AER CAMPAIGN STAFF-- From left are Dempsey, Maj. Abernathy, SFC Baker, and Donovan.

and Strategic Defense Command, TSSAM Management Office, Weapon Systems Management Directorate, Corporate Information Center, 902nd Military Intelligence Detachment, HHD Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Support Activity, Army TACMS/Bat Project Office, Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club, Air Defense Association, Domino's Pizza, Fraternal Order of Eagles- Womens Auxiliary, Fraternal Order of Eagles,

Officers Wives Club, Ogden Martin Systems of Huntsville Inc., Redstone Sports Haven, Sergeants Major Association, and The Retired Officers Association.

(Editor's note: John Hawk, of the Space and Strategic Defense Command, is still selling cookbooks to benefit AER. He can be reached at 955-3920.)

Labor Day Deadlines

The Redstone Arsenal offices will be closed Monday September 5,

1994 so that we may observe Labor Day Holiday. Deadlines for the September 7th edition of the Redstone Rocket will be 4 p.m. Thursday September 1st for classified and display advertising.

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Child care choices now available at arsenal

By Michelle Jenness

Child Development Services includes three systems: Child Development Center, Family Child Care, and Supplemental Programs and Services. Through these systems, Redstone can meet its parents' various needs.

The Child Development Center provides care for children 6 months through preschool. The developmental activities, trained staff, and teacher/child ratios are among its advantages. The center also offers a half-day preschool. To register for half-day preschool, call 876-3704.

Family Child Care program is for parents who prefer a smaller and more family-style setting for their child. FCC has certified home providers who offer activities which are similar to the child development center. Providers care for children age 4 weeks and up. FCC providers also offer hourly care in their Redstone homes, and care for school-age children as well. For more information about FCC, call 876-7880.

Supplemental Programs and Services offers several programs including School Age Care. Children in grades kindergarten through sixth can be a part of SAC. If you are interested in placing your child in School Age Care, call 876-3704.

Individuals age 13 and older can take babysitting classes which are offered by Supplemental Programs and Services. A referral list of babysitters may be obtained at building 257, Wesson Circle.

Volunteer services is another program of Supplemental Programs and Services. People interested in volunteering with Child Development Services can call 876-7888. Background checks will be administered and orientations will be given to those who apply.

Short Term Alternative Child Care is a popular means of surge care; a STACC is provided on site when the children are in the same or adjacent building with parents. After fire, safety and health inspections are made, Supplemental Programs and Services sets up the room and Child Development Services staff meet ratios during the STACC. Parents must bring their child's shot records to the STACC.

Parent services-- including workshops, monthly newsletters, parent surveys and Month of the Military Child -- are additional features of Supplemental Programs and Services.

Supplemental Programs and Services also registers children in all programs through Central Enrollment Registry. To find out more about vacancies in any of these programs, call 876-3704. If you are interested in STACC, babysitting classes or volunteering, call 876-7888.

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

MICOM center trying to help U.S. Forest Service

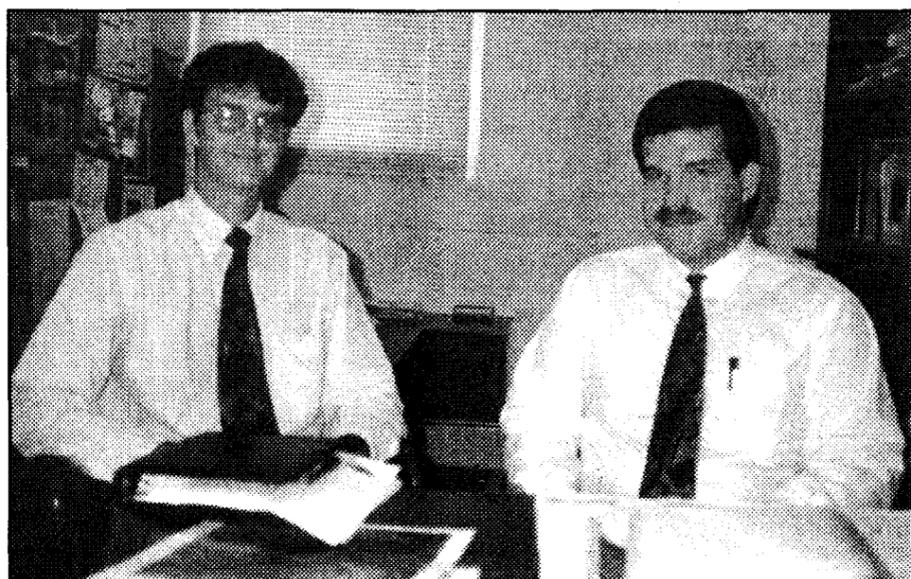
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That was the last contact until November 1992 when the Forest Service invited Foster to speak at an international workshop on remote sensing for forest fire management. Foster gave a well-received presentation at this workshop which was held in March 1993 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

RD&E Center ended up receiving two tasks from the Forest Service. The first task, approved in October 1993 and completed by December, was to do an evaluation of infrared sensors for air attack aircraft. The second task, approved in December and completed in June, was to evaluate the current airborne system for mapping forest fires and to recommend ways of improving its accuracy. The Forest Service's director of aviation has approved the recommendations from the Missile Command's RD&E Center.

"He called me and told me they want to proceed with the recommendations that MICOM made; he'd like for us to get involved in making those upgrades," Foster said.

Ken Hislop, an electrical engineer in the infrared technology branch at the center's Advanced Sensors Directorate, traveled to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, to observe and evaluate forest fire management operations in the western states Aug. 19-23. "They're having one of the worse fire seasons in over 20 years because it's so dry out there," Hislop said. Affected states include Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, northern California, and Washington. Hislop observed how the Forest Service is monitoring and trying to manage the forest fires; life-threatening or property-threatening fires are given the highest priority. Each night of a fire, the



ARMY ENGINEERS-- Foster, left, and Hislop are among the RD&E Center engineers trying to help the Forest Service improve its fire mapping process.

Forest Service flies over to take an aerial photo. This image is put on tape which goes to interpreters who transfer it onto maps. The maps are in turn given to fire service coordinators.

"It's quite an operation that they have there," said Hislop, who flew on some of the planes. Two massive fires he watched officials monitor included the Star Gulch fire, about 11,000 acres, and the Idaho City Complex fire, about 50,000 acres of burning and previously-burned areas.

"These things move fast. Most of these fires probably won't be put out until the first snow," Hislop said.

"The Forest Service told me they don't put out fires, they just manage fires because some of these fires are so huge. It's lives and property-- that's what prioritizes fires."

The current fire monitoring systems have room for improvement, according to Hislop.

"Each fire service has its own fire camp. This is where this information ends up. What we'd like to do is get them better imaging, get it faster, and more accurate," he said.

Besides Foster and Hislop, others at RD&E Center who have been involved in helping the Forest Service include Pat McIngvale, a group leader in the Guidance and Control Directorate, and Tom Derington, of the optical guidance branch in Advanced Sensors Directorate.

The effort began at Advanced Sensors and has since spread throughout the center. The center plans to serve as host for the second international workshop on remote sensing for forest

fire management which will be held March 21-23 in Huntsville.

"We're developing dual-use technologies or technology transfer," Foster said, when asked how the center benefits from sharing its concepts.

"That's very important when we can go up to Congress and say hey we're not just building missiles, we're helping cope with natural disasters, people rely on us.

"Also, the money for programs is getting tight. We need to maintain our engineering/scientific staff here during the slack times. We'll lose a lot of our expertise if we don't get support in other areas. As I said before, firefighting is very similar to warfighting."

"The other end of the spectrum," Hislop added, is "they (Forest Service officials) need a lot of help."

Dr. Catherine Yack

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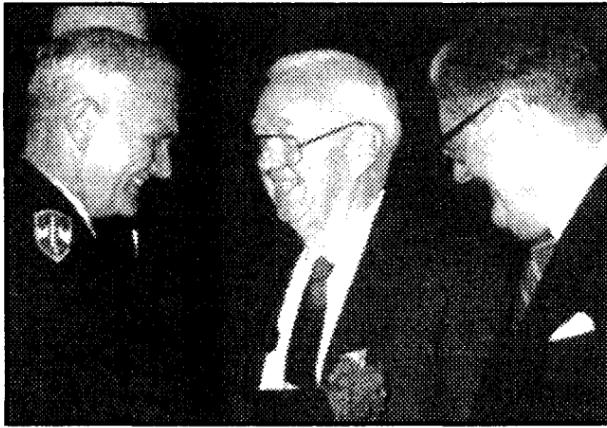
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Halsey, Thrasher thanked for years of service to Army

The Army said a formal thank you to its two best friends in Huntsville last week, honoring them for almost four decades of service to the Army and its people at Redstone Arsenal.

Gen. Leon Salomon, commanding general of the Army Materiel Command, presented the Army Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service to William L. Halsey and Tom G. Thrasher, leaders of the Huntsville - Army Community Relations Committee.

Senators Howell Heflin and Richard Shelby joined Salomon in making the awards and congratulating the men. The ceremony took place at the conclusion of the Cham-



IN APPRECIATION-- Thrasher receives his award from Gen. Salomon.

ber of Commerce's 10th annual Armed Forces Luncheon, held Aug. 22 in the Von Braun Civic Center.

Brig. Gen. James Link, commander of MICOM,

read the citation signed by the Secretary of the Army which praised Halsey and Thrasher for their assistance to the Army from 1957 through 1994 first as mem-

bers and then as leaders of the Community Relations Committee.

"This group of civilian advisers helped the U.S. Army forge a unique bond and partnership between Redstone Arsenal, the soldiers and civilian workers serving there, and their civilian counterparts in North Alabama," the citation said.

"Serving without compensation or public recognition, Mr. Halsey and Mr. Thrasher helped the Army recruit, build and retain its world-class missile team at Redstone Arsenal and in Huntsville.

They also caused fundamental social and economic change in the community. These awards are a salute to



FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE-- Halsey accepts his award from Gen. Salomon while

their service and in recognition of their individual contributions...

"The efforts of Mr. Halsey and Mr. Thrasher for almost four decades have

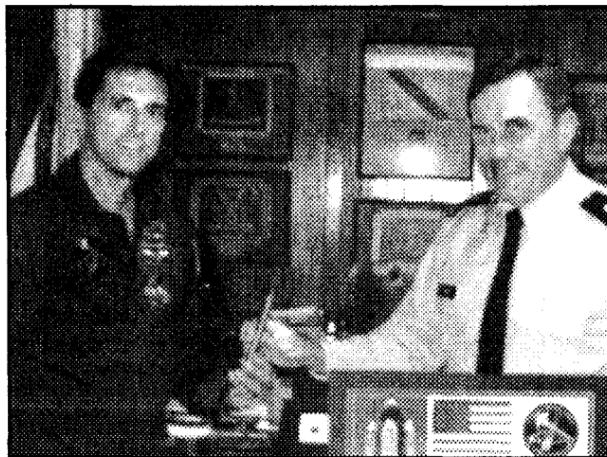
created a climate of trust, understanding and support for the Army in North Alabama that soldiers serving here repeatedly cite as the best in their experience."

Army rocket model traveled on Space Shuttle in July

A Space Shuttle astronaut has returned to MICOM the Army rocket model that he took with him into space.

Don Thomas flew on STS-65, a mission of Space Shuttle Columbia which launched July 8 and landed July 23. This 15-day mission is the longest shuttle flight to date and the fourth longest U.S. flight ever. Thomas was the science mission specialist on the seven-member crew.

In preparation for the mission, Thomas made maybe 25 trips to Redstone's Marshall Space Flight Center for training over the last year and a half. He asked the Missile Command's Historical Division



ASTRONAUT RETURNS-- Thomas, left, presents the rocket model and other space mementos to Brig. Gen. Link.

for a space memento that he could take with him into space. The division loaned him a scale model of Jupiter C with Explorer 1. This

rocket model was part of the John Bruce Medaris Award for Army Achievement in Space which had been presented to the old Army Bal-

istic Missile Agency by the secretary of the Army in 1991.

"I'm really interested in the history of rocketry, and this is where it all started," Thomas said, while returning the rocket model to Redstone's commanding general Aug. 18. He made the presentation to Brig. Gen. James Link during a brief stop at MICOM while visiting Marshall Center Aug. 17-18 to debrief the Marshall folks.

Link expressed his ap-

preciation for the return of the rocket model which he said would be displayed prominently. "It's a pleasure meeting you, thank you so much," he told the astronaut.

Thomas, 39, is a Cleveland, Ohio native who resides in Houston, Texas, with his wife, Simone. He has been an astronaut for four years, and wants to fly another Shuttle mission. "I'm waiting to get scheduled again. After you fly, you get back in line. It

might be another six months or so before I get assigned on another mission; and maybe a year after that before we fly again," Thomas said. "I'm ready to go again."

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Retiring soldier pursues career as furniture doc

By Ken McCooley

A doctor that makes house calls used to be a thing of the past, but Sgt. Maj. Stephen Healy plans to change all of that. He has the skills to fix anything from a minor scratch or cut to a full-blown fracture right in your living room. But don't give him a call if your child takes a fall or even if your favorite pet should become injured. Healy uses his "medical" skills to repair and refinish damaged furniture.

Healy, who is the Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization sergeant major for the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, has been working with furniture and woodcrafts for the last 25 years. He is operating his own furniture repair business part-time and plans to operate full time when he retires in December.

"I've always been an avid woodworker, even before I came in the Army," Healy said. "I had always thought about opening a cabinet shop when I transitioned from the military."

While researching the possibility of opening the shop, Healy ran across an article about Furniture Medic, a franchise based operation that offers at-home furniture repair services. The franchise concept and at-home repair service that Furniture Medic offers piqued Healy's curiosity and he decided to look into it.

"I was convinced that I could fill a niche here in Madison County because no other company performs this service as its primary mission," Healy said. "My wife, Corinne, and I were so convinced that we pur-



HOUSE CALL-- Using years of woodworking experience and some of the most modern techniques possible, Healy repairs the corner of a broken schrank.

chased the franchise and I put in my retirement papers to retire this year."

There are a variety of services that Healy can provide to damaged furniture when he's on a call. There are some that he stays away from, such as completely stripping and refinishing a whole piece.

"I can repair gouges to tables or schranks," Healy said. "I can also repair chips where tables have been banged or if they have scratches on their surface. I can also perform a process called restoration refinish-

ing. Recently I used this process to darken the shade of two pieces of furniture in a couple's home that didn't match the rest of the furniture. It's mostly all wood furniture that I work on, laminate and antiques. I try not to work on upholstery and complete stripping and refinishing jobs."

While he offers this unique service all over Madison County, Healy insists he's not in it just for the money. There is a great deal of hard work that goes into every piece and Healy enjoys seeing the fruits of his

labor. "The real delight comes from enjoying my work," Healy said.

"It's really satisfying to see the owner of a piece of furniture beam with satisfaction after I complete a repair or restoration. The most enjoyable pieces of furniture I work on are antiques. This is because they are made of real wood and the owners usually have an emotional attachment to the pieces."

Another thing that customers may enjoy are the products that Healy uses. Most of his dyes and refinishing products are water-based, which makes them both environmentally safe and fairly odorless.

"Most of my products are environmentally safe, such as the water-based-durethanes and lacquers I use in my refinishing," Healy said. "The products are used right in the home with no offensive odors and they're dry before I leave the job."

Healy's work is not limited to house calls, however. He also has commercial clients that he provides services for, including military claims on furniture damaged during a permanent-change-of-station move.

"My best commercial client so far is Nile Prestage, the owner of Manufacturer's Surplus Sale," Healy said. "He specializes in surplus residential and business furniture. A number of pieces he receives are damaged, yet still in their original packaging. What other furniture retailers have rejected as beyond repair, I can repair using the latest technology and products. Many pieces of furniture I repair are later bought

without the customers ever noticing the repair."

Just like an apple a day keeps the doctor away, if people take a little extra care of their furniture, they can avoid unnecessary house calls from the Furniture Medic.

"You can use furniture polish without silicone for starters," Healy said. "If silicone has been used I can

usually tell. Silicone is a lubricant that gets into the pores of the wood and reacts with the finish. Also clean your furniture with oil soap and don't over-polish it."

So if you need a doctor, for your furniture that is, you can get prompt and professional medical attention by just calling on your local Furniture Medic.

Don't invite theft, MPs advise

(Editor's note: The Provost Marshal's Office provided the following article.)

Tired of being ripped off? You can make a difference! Help make your school and neighborhood a safer place to live, work and play by following these simple tips:

*** Lock it up.** If the school has combination locks on lockers, make sure you use them. Don't share the combination with others; this only invites trouble.

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*** Flash your cash and lose it fast!** Only take the amount of money you need for the day. Showing off large quantities of money, including flashy jewelry, is an invitation to theft.

*** Most fights occur as attention getters.** Physical fights will not resolve any problems; they just increase them.

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Sports

Redstone golfer hopes to make All-Army team

By Ken McCooley

WO 1 Virgil McVicker, who has just completed the Land Combat Missile Systems Technician course here, has been selected to compete in the All-Army Golf Team tryouts to be held Sept. 6 - 8 at Fort Lewis, Wash.

There are many standards that must be met in order to even qualify for a tryout. These standards, however, vary from place to place. In the states you must win the post and club championship, while soldiers in Europe must compete in community, corps, and USAEUR championships to qualify.

"I put my application in for selection through Department of the Army," McVicker said. "It was approved by Ted Compoc, director of Pagano Gymnasium, and Jim Mullen, director of Community and Family Activities."

There are other requirements which are required for the tryout. You must have a handicap under 2, and normally have a history of doing well in competitive golf.

McVicker, who has a handicap of 1.6, began golfing in 1986 as a student here in order to stay out of trouble. With the help of friends such as Steve Kennedy and Darryl Donovan, who is a pro golfer and former All-Army and All-Service champion,



PRACTICE SESSION-- McVicker practices some putting at the Redstone Golf Course. McVicker is practicing for the All Army Golf Tournament.

McVicker's game has flourished. He even harbors some pro aspirations of his own.

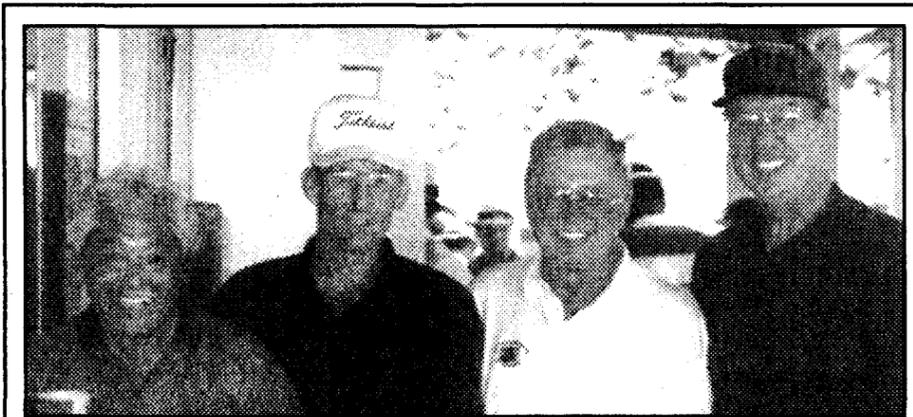
"Luckily I had a couple of people who helped me," McVicker said.

"With the experience that my friends had, they guided me along and helped me out."

"Someday I hope to play on the Senior tour," he said. "I plan on putting in 20 years and playing professionally after that, if I've still got the game."

Others that help McVicker include Jay Foster, who works at the Golf Course here at Redstone. Foster helps a lot by correcting mistakes in McVicker's mechanics.

But making the tryout was just the first step. If McVicker places in the top six at the All-Army tryout, he will make the All-Army team and compete in the All-Service tournament to be held at Camp Pendleton, Calif., starting Sept. 12.



Winning golfers...

The team of, from left, Vic Vergara, left, Kirk Shippers, Tony Grdinich and Ken Carroll Redstone Golf Course. About 80 players came out for the tournament and attempted to win prizes donated by local businesses throughout the Huntsville area.

Fearless prognosticator ready to put neck on line again

By Skip Vaughn

It's time again for college football, and that means "Skip's Picks."

Each week during the season, I'll be making predictions on who I think will win what games in major college football.

Point spreads only reflect how strongly I feel about a particular game. They don't count against my won-loss percentage. (Give me a break, it's tough enough just picking the winners.)

An effort will be made to select the top games each week without dodging the tossups in which the teams are evenly matched. I'll pick a winner either way, even if I only give a 1 or 2 point edge. Tie games are counted as ties in my record, too.

Bowl games don't count against my percentage at the end of the year. It's just too tough to pick all the bowl game winners; and besides, I'll need a break. So I'll just be picking the bowl games for fun.

There's plenty of football

to be played before January. I'm eager to get started with my predictions, so let's go...

Arizona at Georgia Tech-- Ariz. by 14.

Virginia at Florida State-- FSU by 21.

Boston College at Michigan-- Mich. by 17.

Washington at Southern Cal-- USC by 7.

Notre Dame at Northwestern-- ND by 21.

Tennessee at UCLA-- Tenn. by 7.

UT-Chattanooga at Alabama-- Bama by 24.

Colorado State at Air Force-- CS by 10.

Oregon State at Arizona State-- ASU by 6.

SMU at Arkansas-- Arkansas by 17.

Auburn at Mississippi-- Auburn by 7.

Jackson State vs. Ala. A&M-- A&M by 7.

Louisiana Tech at Baylor-- Baylor by 13.

Brigham Young at Hawaii-- BYU by 10.

Cincinnati at Indiana-- Ind. by 14.

Furman at Clemson--

Clemson by 30.

Md. at Duke-- Duke by 7.

New Mexico State at Florida-- Fla. by 30.

Georgia at South Carolina-- Ga. by 10.

Kansas at Houston-- Kansas by 7.

Wash. State at Illinois-- Ill. by 7.

Louisville at Kentucky-- Ky. by 4.

Texas A&M at LSU-- Tex A&M by 10.

Miss. State at Memphis-- Miss. St. by 7.

Ga. Southern at Miami (Fl.)-- Miami by 30.

Penn State at Minn.-- Penn St. by 14.

TCU at North Carolina-- NC by 10.

S. Miss. at Tulane-- SM by 7.

Oklahoma at Syracuse-- Okla. by 10.

Texas at Pittsburgh-- Texas by 6.

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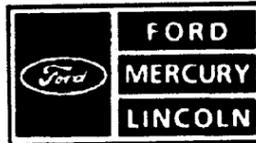
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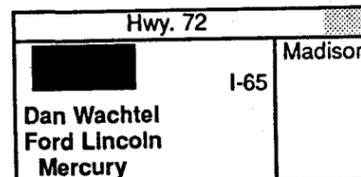
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Soap Box Derby...

Sgt. Martin Long, left, and PFC Willam Strong show off their first place trophy and winning vehicle of HHC 832nd Ordnance Battalion's annual soap box derby which was held July 22. 1st Sgt. Larry Taylor took second place and SSgt. Timothy Tripp finished third.

Eligibles may apply for early retirement Sept. 1

By Sandra Martel

Beginning tomorrow, eligibles may apply for Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and/or Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VERA/VSIP).

The Missile Command requested permission on Aug. 5 to offer VERA/VSIP to eligible employees and requested a window of Sept. 1-30. While that permission has not been received yet, the command will take applications in anticipation of that approval, according to Don Dixon, chief of the Recruitment and Placement Branch of Civilian Personnel Office.

Briefings for eligibles will be held Thursday, Sept. 1 at 9 a.m. and again Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 1 p.m. in the Sparkman Center Auditorium.

"We're asking workers not to apply before attending the briefing," Dixon said, pointing out that all CPO people who work in the retirement function will be at the

briefings.

Workers who have 20 years service and are at least 50 years old and those with at least 25 years of service regardless of age are eligible.

Anyone choosing to resign their job is eligible for the VSIP incentive pay, up to \$25,000 based on years of service. If you resign, however, there's a ban on returning to work for any government agency for five years unless you pay the government back.

Employees in the following organizations are eligible to apply at this time: MICOM, Logistics Support Activity, Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, Management Engineering Activity, with expanded consideration for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation Command (STRICOM).

Application should be made at building 7444, room 13.

New veterinarian has interest in exotic animals

By Pam Rogers

Capt. Joseph Harre has always been interested in animals—especially exotic ones—so it's no surprise that he ended up in veterinary school.

He's now Redstone's post veterinarian at his first state-side post since he joined the officer ranks. He was an en-

listed man for a little over three years after graduating from the University of Missouri School of Veterinary Medicine before becoming an officer.

He began his Army career doing research at Fort Detrick, Md.

"Seeing it from both sides helps out. I see the viewpoint of the enlisted soldiers, see

how I was treated and how they would like to be treated," Harre said.

His first officer assignment was in Korea, where he spent over 16 months running a



Harre

full-service veterinary clinic. Harre's duties here at Redstone will be a little different. The veterinary clinic here handles only vaccinations and diagnostic tests for family pets, and full treatment for the eight military working dogs assigned here and at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Harre's staff will also be responsible for food inspections at the commissary.

Harre developed his love of exotic animals while working at the St. Louis Zoo during high school and college. His pets have ranged from dogs to turtles to his

present pet, a boa constrictor named Natasha.

"She was 13 and a half inches long when I got her. Now she's eight and a half feet long," he said, pointing to a photo of his wife with Natasha draped across her shoulders.

Harre and his wife, Sgt. Shari Lowery, have been married six weeks. She's a full-time National Guard member who works at the Personnel Services Bureau near Montgomery.

They met at Fort Dix, N.J., in 1992 while Harre was still in the enlisted ranks.

"She waited a long time for me to get back from Korea," he said.

Harre intends to continue business as usual at the veterinary clinic, with duty-hour clinics, by appointment only, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and one evening walk-in clinic every month from 4 to 6 p.m. The next evening clinic is scheduled for Sept. 12.

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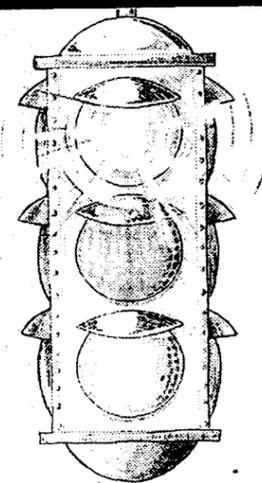
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People

Civilian named Combined Federal Campaign slogan winner

Denise Fuller received an award for submitting the winning slogan to be used for this year's Combined Federal Campaign. "The Power of Caring" was selected the winner out of 154 slogans that came from the MICOM community and other federal agencies in this area. Fuller is a supply systems analyst in the Materiel Management Directorate at Integrated Materiel Management Center. Making the presentation of a crystal dish with the CFC slogan engraved on it, was Brig. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.



Brig. Gen. James Link presents award to Denise Miller

The following people have received awards or been promoted within the past month:

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- Craig Cox
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- Judy Polly
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- Bobbie Ritter
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- David Noble

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Patriot	3	7
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Garner outlines Army role at AUSA forum

By Marsha Taylor

Attendees at a local Association of the U.S. Army Symposium got an "insider" look Aug. 9 at the ongoing review of the armed forces' roles, functions and missions.

Maj. Gen. Jay Garner, Army deputy chief of staff for operations for force development, gave a rundown on how the Army is stacking up with the other services to the Redstone-Huntsville AUSA Chapter's "Force XXI- Steel on Target" Symposium.

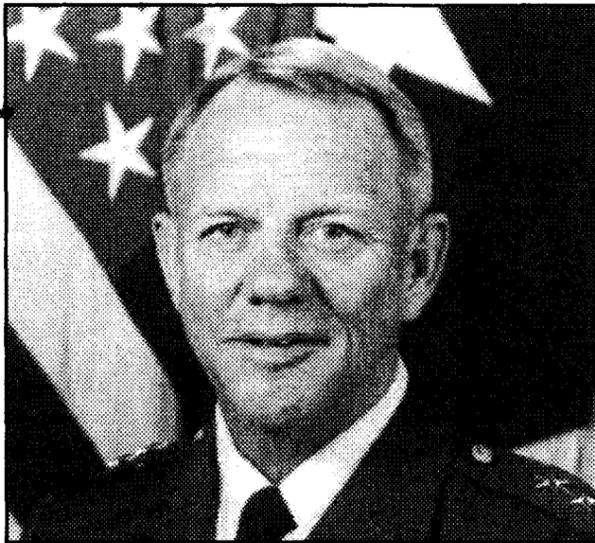
Garner is slated to pin on a third star and assume command of the Space and Strategic Defense Command in September.

"The Army remains the decisive force in military campaigns today, just as it

has always been," Garner said. He used the Gulf War as a prime example of the Army's effectiveness. The Air Force bombed Iraqi targets for 39 days without decisive outcome. After ground forces were committed, the war was won in 100 hours.

To maintain this land battle effectiveness, the Army will have to "see deep, shoot deep, and maneuver deep. We'll have to be able to see the enemy in real time, shoot the enemy within minutes, and maneuver into enemy territory within hours," Garner said.

"Right now with the Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) we can destroy a target more than 100 miles away in seven minutes or less; soon it will be double the distance in 10



Garner

minutes or less."

The Army exploitation of space is critical to the Army's "fight deep" role to provide communication, intelligence, navigation, and weather data to the battlefield commander. Deploy-

ing forces need to understand the situation they face in advance as well as have access to real time updates during the operation.

He also called for the Army to continue to provide its own "force protection"--

both air and missile defenses. The Gulf War also demonstrated the importance of effective missile defenses. The one Scud missile that got through and destroyed a barracks in Dhahran killed 28 people--21 percent of all U.S. Gulf War casualties.

The Army fired 158 Patriot missiles in the Persian Gulf War against 88 Iraqi Scud missiles. It was more than 70 percent effective in Saudi Arabia and 40 percent effective in Israel.

By comparison, he said, the Air Force flew 4,859 missions against Iraqi Scud launchers during the war and destroyed none, proving the complexity of finding and destroying mobile targets with aircraft.

Despite these statistics demonstrating Army effec-

tiveness in the field, the Army budget is shrinking at a higher rate than the other services, Garner said.

A newly formed independent Commission on Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces, will begin gathering information this fall to assess capabilities and identify gaps and duplications.

"I'd say that logic and clear heads should prevail," Garner said of the upcoming commission deliberations. "When you look at roles and missions, you don't save money by taking one service function and giving it to another. You look at the mix, what's on the margin, and what don't you need to be spending money on."

Conveniences offered at recreation area on the river

By Michelle Jenness

If you haven't been out to the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreational Complex lately, you're in store for new conveniences.

The Civilian Welfare Fund is providing a community-requested service known as the River Shoppe in this recreation area. Store hours are 3:30 to 8 p.m. (or when ballgames end) Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, and noon to 8 p.m. holidays (including Labor Day). The River Shoppe will remain open through September and reopen mid-April 1995.

The River Shoppe sells items such as carbonated beverages, chips, candy, picnic supplies (paper products), bug repellent, calamine lotion, aspirin, and diapers. Also available is various rental equipment; i.e., volleyballs and basketballs at \$3 per day, horse-shoe sets and softball equipment (not including gloves) at \$5 per day.



NEW STORE-- The River Shoppe sells refreshments in the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreational Complex.

Valerie Carey, CWF custodian, has made equipment/items available to the customer based on their requests. "As more people find out about us, our sales have steadily increased," Carey said. "The Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreational Complex and the River Shoppe is open for all of the Redstone community to take

advantage of."

Two ballfields are located next to the River Shoppe. New lights are in place on both fields, purchased with Army Communities of Ex-

cellence winnings. Two softball leagues are active: a men's league and a coed league. Both leagues have a mixture of military, contractors and civilian employees.

The Rustic Lodge, also located at the recreation area, is available for rent at \$50 per day Monday through Thursday, and at \$75 per day Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Renters are responsible for cleanup; however, a prearranged cleaning agreement can be made with Carey. "This is a good deal for large parties. We do all the cleaning for you," Carey said.

"We reserve the lodge for meetings, family reunions, promotional parties, organizational parties, Christmas/holiday events, and anniversary and wedding receptions. Two wedding receptions took place this past weekend, one of which was for Brenda Cartwright, an employee at CWF.

"December is already pretty full of reservations for Christmas," Carey added. "The current dates available

are Dec. 11, 18, 21, 22 and 23. We decorate the lodge Nov. 30 with all the Christmas trimmings and a tree. So everything is very festive for Christmas parties."

The Rustic Lodge office hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Reservations and suggestions of items/rental equipment that you would like made available to you can be made by calling Carey at 955-6739.

The next time you decide to take the family out or just want to enjoy a scenic location and a peaceful atmosphere, come out to the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreational Complex and take advantage of all the conveniences offered.

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

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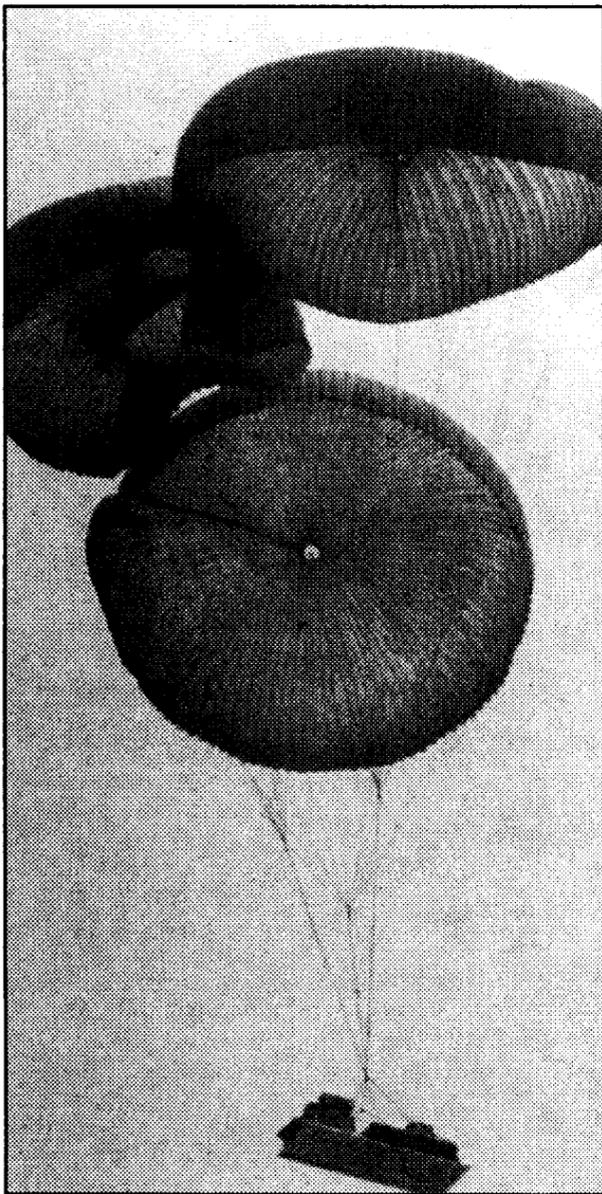
Editor's note: Capt. William Lamb of FAAD Project Office provided the following article.

The Forward Area Air Defense (FAAD) Project Office culminated a 24-month developmental effort Aug. 10 with the third successful air drop of the Avenger air defense system. The test, conducted by the Army Airborne and Special Operations Test Directorate, Fort Bragg, N.C., marked a critical milestone toward fielding Avenger to the 82nd Airborne Division in January 1995.

An Avenger system, designed and palletized for air drop, exceeds the height of the cargo area of the C-130 Hercules transport and therefore cannot be air dropped without modification. The concept successfully tested at Fort Bragg requires that the turret be demated from the M-1097 HMMWV and the two rigged for air drop on a 28-foot aluminum platform. The turret and HMMWV are then remated on the drop zone by the Avenger's two-man crew.

Remating the HMMWV and turret is accomplished using a HMMWV mounted winch and ramps to pull the turret up onto the bed of the HMMWV. Once the turret has been winched up onto the bed of the HMMWV, the crew inserts and tightens eight tie down fittings into the base structure of the HMMWV. The system is then ready for action. Remate times for the three qualifying drops averaged 17 minutes, 12 seconds with a fastest time of 13 minutes, seven seconds.

Meeting the January 95 start date for fielding to the 82nd Airborne Division represents a challenging programmatic effort which is being actively worked by a team from the FAAD Project Office, the Boeing Company, and Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa. Boeing is performing the developmental and integration work to design a kit to modify the Avenger for air drop. Fabrication of the kit



DELIVERY-- An Avenger system is successfully air dropped during this test at Fort Bragg.

and modification of the 52 Avengers to be fielded will be performed by Letterkenny.

Over the coming month, the project office and Boeing will be working closely with the Redstone Technical

Test Center to complete qualification testing on Avenger configured for air drop. Testing will include safe slope angle testing for remate, environmental testing, and rough road testing.



Contest winner...

Retired Sgt. Maj. Joe Quitugua, left, an instructor of Army Junior ROTC at Grissom High School, is congratulated by John Howard, manager of the bowling center, for winning a contest to name the center. He received \$100 for submitting the winning name, Rocket Lanes.

Champus Select claims filed for you

Editor's note: John Mason, the Champus Select coordinator for Redstone Arsenal, provided the following article.

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Redstone cooks sharpen skills through Department of Army culinary course

By Skip Vaughn

Cooks going into the new Sparkman Center cafeteria and the new golf course clubhouse are sharpening their culinary skills with the help of experts from Department of Army.

Eleven cooks, including seven bound for the Sparkman Center, are taking the two-week culinary skills course Aug. 23 to Sept. 2 at Sports Haven. "This is a culinary skills course for quick service/snack bar cooks," said Rick Truelove, director of the food and beverage management course from the Culinary Activities Training Site at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

"We teach food management and operations, and culinary skills practical application. And what we mean by that is we discuss in the classroom cooking principles, and then we take the students to the kitchen and demonstrate the cooking principles. And the students are required to produce each food item that we demonstrate. They've got to each produce one that is just like the one we produce for them," Truelove said.

This marks the first-ever stateside road trip for the instructors. "Mr. Lee Hicks (chief of the Community Operations Division here) called me one day and asked if we could help him out by training his cooks for these new facilities that they're going to open up at the Sparkman Center and their new golf course clubhouse. And we jumped at the opportunity because we like a challenge," Truelove said.

The Culinary Activities Training Site, which began about a year ago, evolved out of the old Food Enhancement Program that was part of the club management school. "The Community and Family Support Center has recognized a need to train more than our managers in food service but also our cooks. So, they have tasked us at CATS to con-



TRAINING SESSION-- From left, students Green and Ponder watch as Truelove sautes onions.

duct several culinary skills courses for our cooks worldwide," Truelove said. "We have three such courses: a catering culinary skills course; full service culinary course; and a quick service/snack bar culinary course."

Redstone's session, which ends with graduation Friday, is a special class that encompasses both culinary skills and food management into one course. The cooks here are getting part of the training center's management course plus the culinary course. Normally the culinary skills courses are one-week while Redstone's session lasts two weeks.

"The first part is practically all classroom. We practice sanitation, basic cooking principles, purchasing, storing, receiving of food items commonly found in high-quality food service operations. Then after that first week, we move to the kitchen and start practicing hands-on food production and presentation," Truelove said. This marked the training center's first session in the U.S.; it has previously conducted training in Germany and Korea. Asked if there are plans for more

stateside courses, Truelove said: "Not yet. We just have to check the results of-- or the effectiveness of -- this one; and if it works out that it proves to be an effective training tool, we'll do it again."

Truelove is accompanied at the Redstone course by Marine MSgt. Chuck Gordon, his kitchen chef, and Steve Ward, deputy director of culinary training center.

"I think it's great," said student Annie Bobe. "I think we've gotten a lot of good information out of it." A Post Restaurant worker formerly at building 5400, she will be preparing either salads or sandwiches at the

Sparkman Center cafeteria. Limited cafeteria operation at the Sparkman Center was slated to begin Sept. 1; and full operation of the cafeteria is to start about Oct. 1 when there should be a thousand occupants of the new office complex.

The culinary course students include Bobe, Elmore Hereford, Philip Moore, Molly Ponder, Angela Green, Lori Harris and Mary Wesley, the Post Restaurant workers going to the Sparkman Center; and Ferletia Sheppard, Stefana Lewis, LeRoy Unterburger and Hassie Moore, who are going to the new golf course clubhouse.

Retired soldier never tires of daily situp routine

By Ken McCooley

Redstone Arsenal has a very special athlete who does 850 situps every morning before work. Don't go to Pagano Gym and look for some burly weightlifter with washboard abs. The man who performs this amazing feat is Bill Napier, chief of the Electronics Division for the Electronics Training Department at Toftoy Hall and the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.



Bill Napier

Some people might wonder what's so amazing about that. What is truly amazing is that Napier does his situps non-stop. Even more amazing than that is the fact that Napier is 65 years old.

"I average about 25 to 26 situps a minute," Napier said. "That means it takes me about 40 minutes to do a thousand situps. The most I ever did was 1,250 and the only reason I stopped was because I got bored."

Napier, who retired from active military service in 1976 with over 30 years, says he was always a PT nut and his love for it carried over from his military career.

"It's something that started long ago," Napier said. "I guess it's just a carry over from the military. Exercise makes me feel good. I don't plan on being a wheelchair bound person. I believe that the more active you are, the better off you'll be."

There are always some that doubt the validity of this feat. Those people used to include his co-workers, until he set them straight.

"They always doubted me until I did it for them," Napier said. "One morning I had them come into work about 6 a.m. and we got started. I did about 650 before they finally got tired of watching me do them."

Another amazing thing about Napier is that he claims to have never fallen ill since 1950, unless you count the time he got a flu shot.

"I've never been sick since 1950," Napier said. "The only time I ever got sick was the time I got the flu after taking a flu shot."

Napier, who spends most of his leisure time golfing and fishing, has no plans on giving up his situp regimen in the near future.

"I'll continue to do it as long as I'm physically able to," Napier said. "I'll continue to do situps before work every morning, five days a week. The only time I don't do them is before golfing or fishing."

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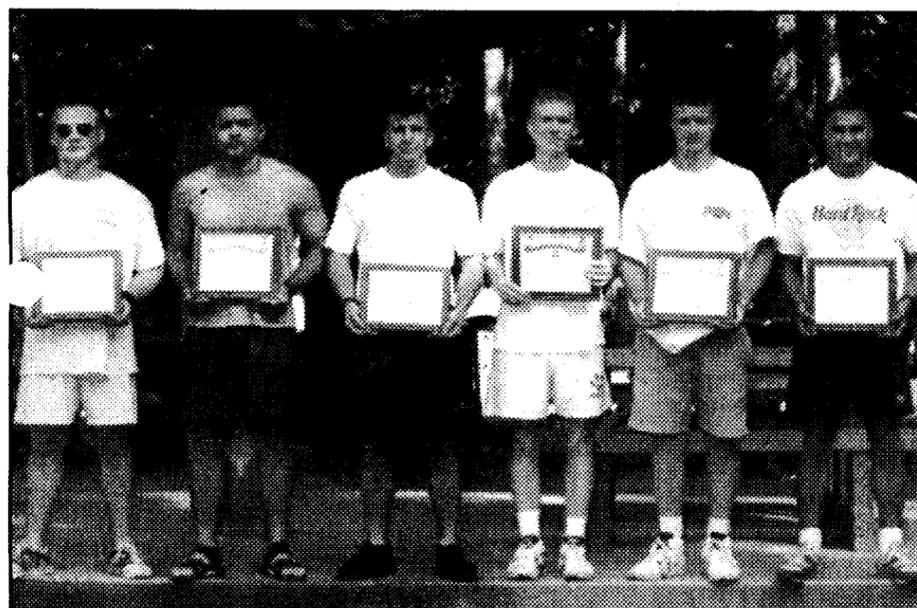
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FUTURE OFFICERS-- From left are ROTC cadets Zindell, Pierce, Lumbaca, DeSiena, Hicks and Tokarz. They received awards at this cadet social.

ROTC cadets spend summer with 832nd

Six ROTC cadets will return to college with a better idea of what is expected of them as future Army officers, thanks to the 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

They participated in Cadet Troop Leader Training, a three-week program offered each summer. The 832nd served as host for the six cadets from July 19 to Aug. 8.

The program is designed to provide realistic leadership opportunities to future officers, said Capt. Sharon Wisniewski, personnel officer for 832nd. Cadets fill positions as platoon leaders and take on responsibilities similar to those assigned newly commissioned officers. The cadets also participate in field training exercises and various social activities sponsored by the training companies and the battalion.

Each cadet receives an

evaluation at the end of the program and leaves Redstone Arsenal with first-hand knowledge of the active Army, Wisniewski said.

Participating cadets included Raymond Zindell from Gannon University, Erie, Pa.; Isaac Pierce from Florida A&M University,

Tallahassee, Fla.; Jeremiah Lumbaca from Norwich University, Northfield, Vt.; Christian DeSiena from Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y.; Paul Hicks from University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.; and Joseph Tokarz from Penn State University, University Park, Pa.



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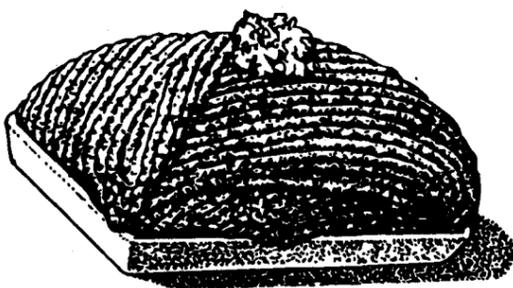


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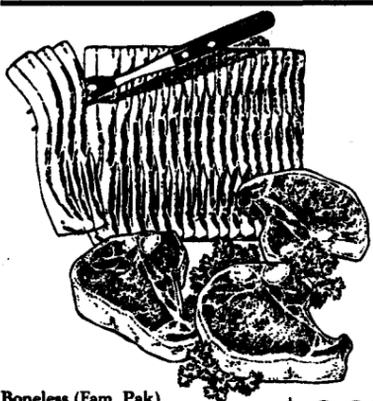
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RDEC, Acquisition Center up for awards

By Edward Rymut

From Aug. 1-5, a screening panel at the Department of Army had the difficult task of selecting six Department of Army Presidential Quality Awards applications to be forwarded to the Federal Quality Institute (FQI) for the 1995 Federal Quality Awards. The task was difficult because 17 of the highest quality applications from across the Army had been submitted for review.

"It was a tough job picking the best applications because all 17 packages were winners. Still the panel had to downselect to the best six to represent the Army," said Mel Waters, Missile Command panel member.

The panel consisted of 18 members from Army Materiel Command, Train-

ing and Doctrine Command, and Forces Command, the three major Army commands. The result of the panel was a clean sweep for AMC and MICOM. All six applications sent forward were from AMC and two of the six were from MICOM. The Research, Development and Engineering Center and the Acquisition Center both submitted applications which were among the six that earned the right to be forwarded to the FQI. For RDEC it was their second application and they had carefully applied lessons learned during their first application. As a result the DA panel felt they stood an excellent chance of winning the Presidential Award for Quality. This was the Acquisition Center's first application for the Federal

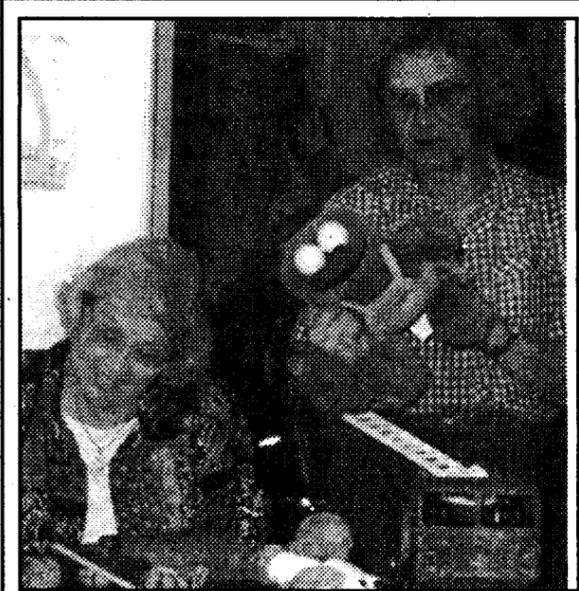
Quality Award and they were anxious to show their world class capability. The panel felt the Acquisition Center application stood a good chance of winning the Federal Quality Improvement Prototype Award. Both awards are highly prized and recognize the organizations' quality as world class.

At the Aug. 15 Executive Steering Committee meeting, Brig. Gen. James Link congratulated both organizations on their success. Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, added that regardless of who wins the award, MICOM's customers will benefit from their dedication to quality.

Currently both organizations are making improvements to their applications

based on feedback from the panel. The applications are due back to DA by Sept. 2, and will be forwarded to the FQI on Sept. 21. FQI will evaluate the package during the first two weeks of October and downselect to the 10 finalists across the government. We are hoping AMC and MICOM will again dominate the competition. Regardless of the outcome, RDEC and the Acquisition Center have demonstrated MICOM's commitment to excellence and its continuous quest to provide our customers quality products and services.

(Editor's note: Rymut works in the Missile Command's Total Quality Management Office.)



Thrift Shop Volunteers...

Ethel Wallace, left, volunteer of the month for July, helps consign merchandise while Evelyn Sherman, volunteer of the month for August, tags merchandise ready to be put out for sale. Wallace has been a Thrift Shop volunteer for the past 32 years while Sherman has been volunteering for two and a half years.

Federal court upholds contract termination by MICOM

WASHINGTON-- The U.S. Court of Federal Claims has ruled the Missile Command acted correctly when it terminated a contract held by a Huntsville small business and ordered the company to repay the government \$5.6 million plus \$600,000 damages.

In a decision dated Aug. 15, the court rejected an appeal by Triad Microsystems, Inc. contesting MICOM's 1988 decision to terminate a contract worth \$22 million to manufacture FOW Missile Vehicle

Power Conditioners (TVPC). MICOM terminated the contract for default after an Army investigation revealed TVPCs built by Triad did not conform to government specifications.

Former Triad workers later testified that they used vaseline on gaskets to give a false reading of water tightness and also that a corrosive substance may have been used in the soldering process, information the company concealed from the government.

MICOM had to inspect

and rework over 600 TVPCs built by Triad, at an additional cost of \$200,000. The court ordered the company to pay the government triple its repair costs (\$600,000) in damages.

The court also ordered Triad to repay the government \$5,602,177.36 in unliquidated progress payments and pay a \$5,000 civil penalty as well as the government's court costs.

The company, originally based in California, closed its Huntsville operation after MICOM terminated

the contract and is now bankrupt.

TOW is a wire guided anti tank missile. Army and Marines and many foreign nations fire TOW from a variety of helicopters and ground vehicles. A TVPC is a device that converts ground vehicle battery power to the current needed to fire the TOW missile and guide it to its target. The units made by Triad were not issued to soldiers until the government reworked them and brought them up to standard.

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Missile Command named WWII commemorative community

The Missile Command has been named a World War II Commemorative Community.

The commemorative community program requires that member communities develop three or more educational programs, commemorative activities, or events each year through 1995.

This year MICOM has participated in a parade featuring World War II military hardware, a D-Day 50th Anniversary display, and the dedication of the Easter Posey recreation area in memory of a defense worker killed during an explosion on a munitions line here during World War II.

The MICOM Historical Division also presented a paper on women defense workers at the Army



WORLD WAR II HISTORY— Hughes and Bowne prepare a World War II commemorative display.

Materiel Command History Conference in June, according to Dr. Kaylene Hughes, MICOM's senior historian.

The MICOM Historical

Division has assembled numerous displays, one of which was shown at the annual Huntsville-Madison County Armed Forces

Luncheon last week.

The office has also prepared a World War II Chronology for the Redstone Arsenal Complex.

Fuelwood, wood chips available at Redstone

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

Due to the recent tornadic winds that damaged many trees in the north end of the Arsenal, fuelwood and wood chips are available for those living or working on the installation.

Wood chips are available at no cost to those residents in the family housing areas or for other use on the installation. All others must obtain a \$1 permit at the Outdoor Recreation Center, building 5129, to haul chips off post. The piles of chips are located on the south side of Goss Road near the intersection of

Benet Circle and Goss Road.

Fuelwood is also available by permits through the Fuelwood Disposal Program outlined in RASA SOP 420-74. The \$10 permits must be obtained from the Outdoor Recreation Center, building 5129, before cutting or removing the wood off post. The fuelwood designated at the Redstone Golf Course and stockpiled tree trunks located at the west end of Overlook Road (hunting area 3) and near the borrow pit in hunting area B4 are shown on maps available at the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Wood chip and fuelwood permits with maps showing

locations are available at the Outdoor Recreation Center daily from 9:30-5 for the day

of removal only. For more information, call 876-6854/4868.



Winning yard...

Members of E Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, show off their handiwork and \$200 award for winning Unit Yard of the Month for July. From left, 1st Sgt. Carl Smith, Spec. Ladwann Taylor, SSgt. Thomas Lettis, PFC Gary Heylinger, Spec. Mildred Wilkinson and Spec. Kevin Schlossberg.

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Announcements

Flying activity-- The Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity will conduct a Ground School course starting 5:30 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Activity, building 4828, at the Airfield on Hale Road. The course will last about four hours every Monday night for 10 weeks. Price for non-members of \$180 includes an \$80 supply kit. For members the charge is \$140, kit included. For more information, call Bill Porter 880-9495 or Dorothy Hudgens 881-3980.

95th Maintenance Company command-- All are invited to the 95th Maintenance Company (TMDE) change of command ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 9 at the Recreation Center, building 3711. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Monaghan 876-3900.

PX news-- The Post Exchange will operate with the following holiday hours Labor Day, Sept. 5: Main Store-- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Shoppette, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Troop & Tackle, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; MCSS, closed; Service Station, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Class Six, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Anthony's Pizza, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Burger King, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Concessions, closed.

LAISO picnic-- The Lead AMC Integration Support Office (LAISO) will have a picnic, the first of what is to become an annual event, at 11 a.m. Sept. 7 at Col. Hudson Recreation Area. Games will include a softball challenge between the Integration team and the Headquarters personnel, and other activities. All LAISO personnel, and all former LAISO employees, along with their spouse/guest are invited. For more information, call 955-7182/8723. "Picnic will be held rain or shine."

I.D. Cards-- The I.D. Card issuing facility, building 3710, will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. Active duty personnel in uniform won't be given

preference on this day. Individuals with questions concerning this opening should call Betty Weaver, chief of Personnel Processing Center, at 842-2410.

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. Sept. 10 at Pagano Gym. For information call Capt. Steve Hester 842-2068 or Sgt. Maj. Bob Cothran 876-3508.

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. Tickets cost \$6.50. 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.

Union meeting-- AFGE Local 1858 will have its monthly meeting Sept. 12 at 5:30 p.m. in building 7132 (Union Office). For information call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

Configuration/data managers-- The Association for Configuration and Data Management will have a CM/DM Workshop from 5-8 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Huntsville Marriott. Scheduled speakers include Jerry Nabors, MICOM CD/DM Office, Chuck Billingsley, ADPA Certification Testing, and Mark Moe, MICOM CALS Office. Cost is \$20 for ACDM members and \$25 for non-members. Hors d'oeuvres will be

served. Registration is required and should be done before noon Sept. 8. To register call Desiree Brown 876-4978 or Freida Garrison 955-1067.

Early-out teleconference-- Come to the South Army Learning Center, building 7446, room 6 on Wednesday, Sept. 7 from noon to 1:30 p.m. for a live satellite video broadcast, "Streamlining Government: Buyouts and Retirement." The telecast is targeted for personnel officials who process buyouts and retirement and for employees who are considering a buyout or retirement.

Officers Wives Club-- This year's OWC "Ghoul Rush" fall fund-raiser will be held Oct. 28 at the Officers Club. "We need support from the entire community in gathering donated crafts and baked goods to be sold in the Pumpkin Patch Store." Suggested donations would include needlework or stenciling, cross-stitch, quilts, dolls, Christmas ornaments, appliqued sweatshirts, decorative wreaths, centerpieces, etc. "So if you like to do crafts, please start early and plan to donate to the store. If you don't do crafts, we still need donations of baked goods, baskets filled with cheeseballs and crackers or baskets filled with soaps, towels, etc. Donations of home canned pickles, jellies, candies, and bottles of wine would also be greatly appreciated." For more information, call Sylvia Kitchen 830-0403.

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.

Education Center-- The

Automotive Service Excellence Exam (ASE) will be administered Nov. 3. Everyone pays the \$20 registration fee. This exam is only offered to the military. Anyone requesting this exam must do so by Sept. 1. Request must be made through the education counselor, building 3222, phone 876-0080/9762.... The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) will be administered Oct. 12. The last day to order will be noon Sept. 6. A registration form and information bulletin must be picked up in advance at the Education Center; obtain a referral sheet from the Education Center counselor; the filled out registration form and referral sheet must be brought to the Education Center Testing Office, building 3218. This exam is offered to military only.... The Praxis Series (NTE) core only will be administered Oct. 26; last day to order is Sept. 19. The NTE specialty will be given Nov. 16, and the last day to order is Oct. 17. This is administered to DA civilians or family members for a fee. "Military funded except for the \$20 registration fee which everyone pays."... The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) will be given Oct. 17; the last day to order is Sept. 19. Pick up a registration form and referral sheet from the education counselor, building 3222.... The CLEP English with Essay will be administered Oct. 3; the last day to request the test is Sept. 6. Obtain a referral sheet from the counselor.... Any questions concerning the prerequisites of these examinations must be directed to the Education Center counselors, phone 876-0080/9762. Any questions pertaining to the ordering of the examinations should be directed to Sarah Bryan, test control officer, phone 876-9764, building 3218.

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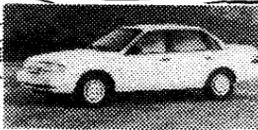
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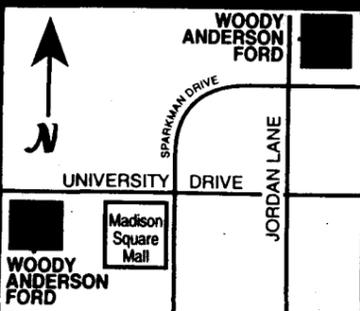
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