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## Redstone in good position heading into BRAC '95

### General cites available work space resulting from Sparkman move

By Skip Vaughn

Redstone Arsenal is holding very good cards for the next round of reshuffling in the base realignment and closure process, according to the post commander.

Maj. Gen. James Link last week told the Huntsville Chapter of The Retired Officers Association (TROA) that Redstone can offer vacant office space to relocating Army activities. Many Missile Command workers have moved into the new Sparkman Center, thus providing office space in other buildings on post.

"Most MICOM people will recall 1994 as the year of the move," Link said. "By the end of December about 2,000 of us will have moved into the Sparkman Center. Good for us but also good for our future. For the first time, Redstone Arsenal now has vacant office space. We will move the entire Acquisition Center out of building 4488 and into the Sparkman Center. That will give us another 800 vacant workplaces to put on the table when it comes time for the Army and DoD to decide—as it very soon will—who goes where in BRAC '95."

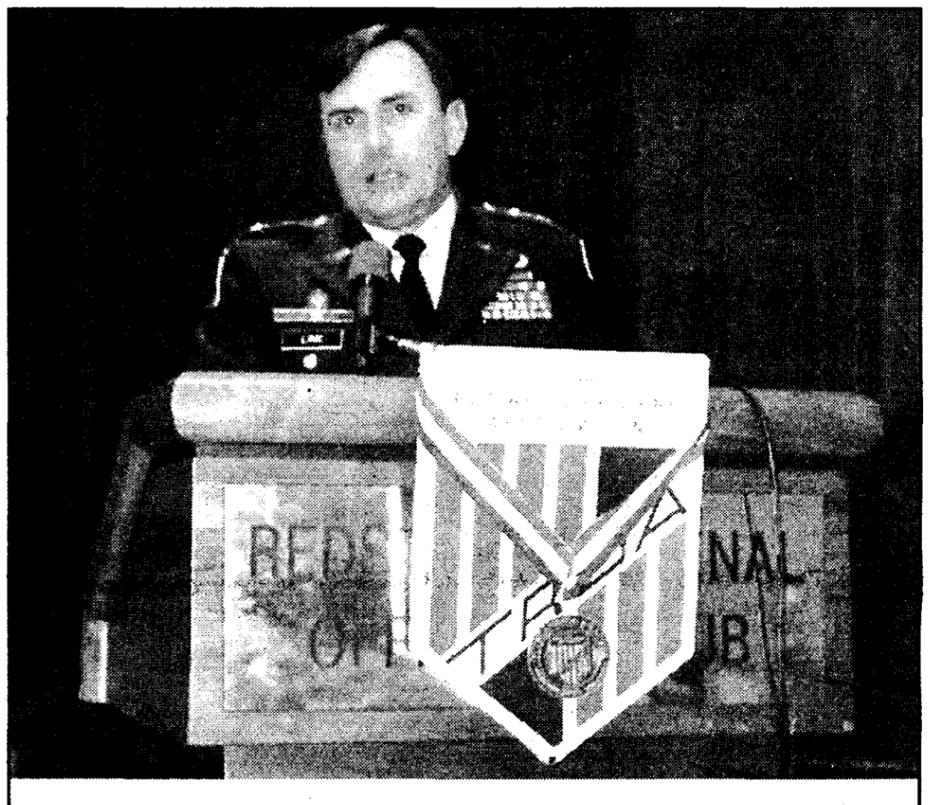
Redstone's advantages over other posts include "room to expand, unmatched facili-

ties, 680,000 square feet of brand new admin space, modern labs... a finalist in the ACOE (Army Communities of Excellence) best medium sized post competition for the fourth year in a row," Link said. "We are no longer one of the best kept secrets in the Army.

"We are holding very good cards as we head into the decision phase of BRAC '95. As you probably know, we have strong support from the community. Community leaders are determined to see that Redstone gains work and jobs in the BRAC round and are mounting a well-funded effort to make it happen. Likewise, the Alabama congressional delegation is very supportive," added the commanding general.

Link, who assumed command June 23, expressed optimism about the future of MICOM and Redstone. "We've got a winning organization with a tradition of excellence," he said.

"MICOM is doing the job the Army wants us to do despite the downsizing that has left us with about 2500 fewer civilian workers, at an all-time low of about 5500. We are serving a smaller but busier Army. The other day someone called it the '911' Army. A few MICOM soldiers and some MICOM civilians went to Kuwait and



Link

Korea and Haiti and Rwanda on very short notice this year. That seems to be a portent of things to come," Link told the 35 attendees at the luncheon meeting. The retired officers held their monthly meeting Nov. 23 at the Officers Club.

Link thanked the Huntsville Chapter TROA for its service to the community. "Military retirees are a major contributor to making Redstone Arsenal a better place and in making this community of ours a genuine prize winner."

## Army workers play starring role in local theater

By Kathy Harkleroad

The words "The Show Must Go On" are more than just words to several members of the Redstone community who are actively involved in little theater productions throughout Huntsville.

"Several of us have been involved for a very long time, while others are brand new or have just a few years in the business," said spokesman Gayl Miller. "Some of us called or visited the theaters on our own, while some of us were recruited by co-workers."

The following is a brief history on 11 members of different theater groups who share two things in com-



**ACTORS AND ACTRESSES—** Several members of the Redstone community, both active duty and civilian, have an interest in the theater and participate in several little theater productions throughout the year.

From left, kneeling, are Pat Blackman, Dan Tatum, and Mark Eccleston; standing are Bill Sharp, Gayl Miller, Jeannie Sharpe, James Cox, Brooks Warner, Ray Hansen and Sid Gueringer.

mon—they all work on the Arsenal and all share a love for the theater.

### Edward Hansen

Hansen is employed with the Logistics Support Activity and transferred here from California. He was involved in the theater there and decided to pursue his hobby in Huntsville. "The main reason I got involved with the theater is I was looking for something to do," he said.

Hansen has approximately 10 years experience with the little theater and will be starring in "Dark Vision" in January at the Von Braun Civic Center Playhouse. The play is a production of the Twickenham Repertory

Company.

"I really like the people who are involved with theater and there is such a diverse group of acquaintances to choose from. We usually end up helping each other with things, even though we might be involved with different theater groups," Hansen said.

### Brooks Warner

Warner is employed at the Civilian Personnel Office and plays a part on the technical side of productions. Warner said his main reason for becoming involved in the theater was "to learn how to use power tools." "Seriously I was interested in carpentry and the theater is the perfect place See THEATRE page 15

# Letters to the editor

## Embrace the future

The future will be both challenging and demanding. To succeed, we must analyze present situations as consciously a possible. Only then can we fully understand what is going on and act accordingly. We must develop competence to deal with challenges, carefully choose our direction, develop workable plans and ensure effective implementation. We must strive to develop further the qualities of our organization.

Total Quality Management (TQM) helps people to gain new insights and knowledge, to modify their behavior and actions, and perspective about their jobs, organizations and the world about them. The current issues for improvement are attitude, ethics, culture and servicing the needs of your customers, all very important factors for our attention in a world which is becoming increasingly complex.

There is something unique and special about the future. We do not know anything about it, but still it influences our activities today. An infinite number of incidents generate great impact. Examples are the fall of the Berlin Wall, the breakup of the Soviet Union, and the victory in the Middle East conflict. We believe that our inner goals and objectives will be fulfilled, that they will come true, but nothing constructive happens if we do nothing.

In spite of this, we have a way of going through life feeling self-assured, acting as though we know what the future holds. We have things pretty well under control, don't we? Surely we wouldn't mess anything up. We are too smart and clever to make any real bad mistakes, aren't we? A changed attitude on your part may be the key for future recognition for a job well done.

When we become multi-disciplined employees, we must become painfully aware of our shortfall in experience, knowledge and work to gain the wisdom, guidance and strength to accomplish our jobs. Prepare to embrace the future for we will be challenged more and must work with less people.

In the coming year, there are many tasks and challenges to be dealt with. Our organization must adapt to a changing world without forgetting our basic beliefs and values. We must continue to advance our core value through continuous growth. We must practice what we learn in our workplace so that it ultimately becomes a way of life.

MICOM represents experience and knowledge which are valuable resources that can be used to build a better world. Therefore, developing a quality organization requires commitment, dedication and persistent effort. By applying yourself, regardless of what job you hold, you will become a winner! Let us embrace the future together.

**Jimmy Harbin**  
IMMC

## Prayer breakfasts

I just returned from the first of many to come monthly IMMC Prayer meetings/breakfasts over at the Sparkman Center. I wanted to take this opportunity to express my thanks three ways:

1. Thanks and praise and glory to God for working through others to bring this meeting about.
2. Thanks to Mike Boecking for inviting me and others to attend.
3. Thanks to Jim Flinn for taking the initiative to put this together and remind us so aptly that "it's OK to bring God and prayer into the workplace." Thanks Jim, I (we) need that!

Well, I now know where I'll be having breakfast at least once a month! Oh, and as was pointed out at this

meeting (almost 50 folks attended), "be always joyful; pray continually; give thanks whatever happens; for this is what God in Christ wills for you" (1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18). Lead on IMMC... Lead on!

**Gary Bell**  
Acquisition Center

## Concealed weapons

Your article "Concealed weapons create dilemma for police" creates a few dilemmas for the private citizens that work on Redstone Arsenal. Concealed weapons violators discovered during spot roadside checks are not the juveniles described in this article. The "Good Sheriff" (Joe Patterson) of Madison County has authorized "Good Citizens" to carry concealed weapons for reasons that satisfied his inquiry and to comply with every citizen's Second Amendment right. Redstone workers authorized by the sheriff to carry concealed weapons find their Second Amendment rights stopped at the gate by MICOM Reg 210-2. How are these people supposed to carry their weapons to and from work? Who cares why they want to carry them; it's their right to.

Let's try the "Common Sense" approach. Do you really think this regulation stops citizens from carrying their weapons onto Redstone Arsenal? Do you think those persons with criminal intent are going to apply for a concealed weapons permit? I don't think so!

All too often we get wrapped around regulations that lag behind the current rotation of the world. Redstone Arsenal is not overrun with violent crime involving concealed weapons. Let's rethink this issue and MICOM Reg 210-2. I'm not saying weapons should be carried in the workplace, however; some compromise should allow persons holding a concealed weapons permit to keep their weapon in their POV for commuting purposes.

The bottom line is: Law abiding, Redstone working citizens are carrying and will continue to carry weapons for protection against the maniacs that live on the other side of the fence.

Name withheld by request

## Gym access

Recently we tried to use the gym facilities at the Pagano gymnasium and were told that we could not use the facility because we were not active duty or retired military. We then tried to use the NASA gym and were told we could not use their facility unless we were NASA employees. In our final attempt to get in better shape, we tried to use the Sparkman Fitness Center. We were told that unless we were government employees or retired military or active duty military we could not use the facility.

You are probably wondering how we think we qualify to use any government facility if we are not active military, retired military, civil service, or NASA employees. Well, we think we qualify because we are members of the National Guard. We face the possibility of being called into combat just as much as our active duty brothers in arms, and we train just as hard. In fact we do a month's worth of training in one weekend. In the National Guard and other reserve components we are required to be physically and mentally prepared to support the active duty forces. The scope of our mission in the reserve components has increased dramatically due to budget cuts. When we defend our country and our freedom we should be physically prepared to meet the challenge and accomplish any mission assigned. To maintain a high standard of physical fitness we should be allowed and encouraged to use any government physical fitness facility.

We feel that we are being treated as outsiders and are not being encouraged to stay physically fit. We understand that it is our responsibility to stay fit, however we cannot afford the unreasonable rates charged at the local fitness clubs. All National Guard members are required to maintain the same fitness standards as active duty personnel. If for some reason we do not maintain these tough standards then we face the same consequences as active duty personnel.

We were informed that we could use the Pagano Gym on our drill weekend if we had orders. Our unit does not issue orders for weekend drill, and even if they did we still could not use the facility because we will be in our assigned place of duty.

In closing, we feel that the policies governing these fitness facilities should be reviewed and possibly changed to better serve the entire military community on Redstone Arsenal.

Thank you.  
**Sgt. Edwin Rodriguez,**  
**Spec. William Cox, ADA,**  
A Battery 203rd



## observed Dec. 1

By Susan Goodman

Dec. 1 is World AIDS day. Take time during this day to reflect upon our understanding about this disease and its victims.

HIV is a tiny virus which causes AIDS. AIDS stands for Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome. HIV attacks the body's defenses, or immune system, causing it to weaken. Diseases occur which do not normally occur in people with healthy immune systems. These diseases cause an early death.

The Center for Disease Control estimates that one

out of every 250 Americans is infected with HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). There is a good chance that you know someone who is infected. Individuals infected with HIV may look and feel healthy. They may not know that they are infected. Even without symptoms present, an infected person can still spread the virus.

HIV is spread through blood or sexual contact. Scientific studies have shown that HIV is not spread by casual contact. Thus, there is no danger in working with someone who is infected with HIV or who

has AIDS. There is no risk or transmission from sharing equipment such as computers, typewriters and telephones. Using drinking fountains, toilets or sinks does not put you at risk. Therefore, for most workers, there is no need for special precautions. Workers who are likely to handle blood should follow their worksite's guidelines. Contact Preventive Medicine Services for more specific information on handling blood in your job.

People infected with HIV or with AIDS may be shunned by their family and friends. Work may become

more important to them. The need to be encouraged to continue working as long as their health allows them to be productive employees. Work may help them take their minds off the fear and pain that having HIV or AIDS may cause. They need the same kind of concern and support that you would want if you had a fatal disease.

For more information, please call Maj. Perkins or Susan Goodman, Preventive Medicine Services, 876-8831.

(Editor's note: Goodman is a nurse educator at Fox Army Community Hospital.)

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# Annual charity campaign deemed successful

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is winding down to a close and members of the Redstone community can be proud of themselves for making the annual campaign a success.

"Although overall the number of donors was down, the contributions were up and we surpassed our monetary goals," said Bobby Parks, CFC campaign coordinator. He said there was a 60 percent participation rate overall; that included all of the federal agencies in the area.

Park also spoke about the organizations on the

Arsenal and expressed his gratitude for the participation from both the military and civilian communities.

"MICOM's goal was \$436,256 and as of Nov. 22 the total was \$454,650. There are contributions still coming in and the total will increase," Park said. OMMCS members also went over their goal of \$20,132 and as of Nov. 22 their total contributions were \$27,741.

Park also said participation from TMDE and DENTAC were high and monetarily successful. "The TMDE community gave \$31,892, well over their

goal of \$24,500. DENTAC personnel participated 100 percent and their per capita gift was approximately \$1150," Park said.

Over 800 agencies were on the list in which federal employees could choose who they would like their contributions to go to. "Last year we had over 800 agencies who participated, and that included national, international and local agencies. Approximately 90 percent of the agencies helped last year were local agencies," Park said.

Included in the list of agencies were Big Oak Ranch, Shriners Hospital for

Crippled Children, Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, Brown's Ferry Spirit Fund, United Way of Madison County and their agencies.

As of Nov. 22 the overall goal of the CFC was \$237 short, but Park said the goal will definitely be met. "We will still have contributions coming in and I am sure we will meet and exceed the goal of \$1,387,529."

Federal employees who are interested in contributing to the campaign can still do so. "All they have to do is come to our office and we can set them right up. They can either bring cash or checks or can have their contributions payroll deducted," Park said. Payroll deductions will begin with the first pay period of 1995.

"With the donations we have received and will receive, we will be able to help approximately 100,000 lives," Parks said.

"Maj. Gen. (James) Link has been very supportive in our efforts since he has been here," Park said. Link, the



**CFC GOAL EXCEEDED**— Members of the MICOM community surpassed their goal of \$436,250 in the annual Combined Federal Campaign. Park, the campaign coordinator, poses with Maj. Gen. Link at the CFC thermometer near the Sparkman Center.

post commander, is the CFC chairman for the five county area and is also the MICOM CFC chairman.

An awards ceremony has

been planned for Dec. 12 in the Sparkman Center and organizations and agencies will be recognized for their efforts during the campaign.

## Two veterans homes to open in January

MONTGOMERY— In January 1995, Alabama veterans will have available an additional 270 beds capable of providing skilled nursing care.

The 150-bed Bill Nichols Home in Alexander City has been operational for five years. The Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Home in

Huntsville and the William F. Green Home in Bay Minette will begin accepting residents in mid-to-late January 1995.

The home in Bay Minette is 150 beds and the home in Huntsville is 120 beds with approval to add another 30 beds.

For more information on

the Alabama Veterans Homes, contact your local veterans service officer. William Clough Jr., the veterans service officer for Madison County, can be reached at 532-1662. (Adapted from a news release from the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs.)

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# Military spouses clubs have big plans for holidays

By Sandra Cartee

The Officers Wives Club and the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club will hold a number of events for members this holiday season. Both clubs will be involved with activities that also contribute to the community.

## Officers Wives Club

After the OWC members have decorated the Officers' Club on Nov. 28 and 29, they will prepare for their tree lighting festivity. This year, it will be held Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. in the O' Club. There will be caroling, coloring activities for the kids and a visit from Santa Claus.

On Dec. 13, the OWC will have its annual Senior Citizens' Brunch. Some 100 area seniors are invited to attend this gala at 9:30 a.m. in the O' Club. This is a big event for the club and is a good way for members to see their efforts firsthand. "I think, so many times, people forget that the OWC gives to charities. This is our way of giving back. It's easy to write a check and sign your name to it, but this is more," said Jean Phillips, co-publicity chairman for the OWC.

On Dec. 29 and Jan. 2, members will take down all the holiday decorations at the O' Club.

A Newcomers Welcome coffee will be held Jan. 3,

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone who knows of any newcomers can call the OWC hospitality chairman, Aida Dietrick, at 830-5976. This year's coffee will be held at the home of Judy Link at 1 Wadsworth Drive.

## Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club

The Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club has an eventful schedule planned for the holidays, too.

The events start out Dec. 3 with bell ringing for the Salvation Army at the Drake Avenue K-Mart store. Members will collect for charity all day. Also on Dec. 3, members will be helping out at the Windsor House from 2 to 4 p.m.

A tree lighting will be held Dec. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. It will include music and other holiday fixings. This event, open to members and guests of the Challenger and the NCO spouses club, takes place at the Challenger.

All members will be busy wrapping gifts at the Post Exchange from Dec. 11-24. The group will wrap from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. This is a total club activity and Mary Parrish of the club said, "Every member participates and everybody does something."

On Dec. 10, the group will hold a Christmas party

at the Holiday Inn near Madison Square Mall. From 6:30 to 10 p.m., members and their family members can join in the fun. Tickets are \$14 a person and more information can be obtained by calling Parrish at 882-0590.

The club will also be busy Christmas Eve handing out cookies to Arsenal employees who have to work that day. "The leftovers will be taken to the homeless shel-

ters," Parrish said.

Both the OWC and the NCO Spouses will be busy not only holding holiday

festivities, but contributing to the community. Phillips summed it up best and said, "I would like to think that

it's part of the Army and community working together for the betterment of both."

## False claims bring jail term

A Tennessee man who passed himself off as a qualified provider of care under Champus and filed bogus claims for Champus care, was sentenced recently to 24

months in jail by the U.S. District Court in Tennessee.

Paul W. Cates, of Oliver Springs, Tenn., pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud, four

counts of filing false Champus claims, and a charge of falsely representing himself as a medical doctor and holder of a doctorate in psychology. (Champus news)

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# Two from Redstone recognized by higher headquarters

By Sandra Cartee

Two MICOM workers were among the Army Materiel Command's Ten Outstanding Employees of '94.

John Chapman, deputy director of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, and Dianne Landroop, chief of procurement division D in the contract operations directorate of the Acquisition Center, were both selected for their contributions to AMC in 1993.

Landroop was nominated by her supervisor, James Brannon, and by Col. C. R. Morton, the deputy director of the center. She said that she was very proud and honored to be selected as one of the 10 most outstanding.

Chapman's nomination

was sent in by Jim Flinn, the director of IMMC. His nomination was kept a secret and he wasn't informed until he was awarded. "I had no idea... they even told my wife and she didn't tell me about it. She can keep a secret!," Chapman said.

Having one selected from Redstone would be enough, but Chapman said that two is terrific. "Two says a lot of MICOM and of team Redstone," he said. Landroop said "it's reflective of the type of organization that I am so lucky to have."

Landroop also attributes others for her success. "I attribute this to all the people who are in my organization who work for me," she said.



**OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES—** John Chapman and Dianne Landroop receive awards from Maj. Gen. Link for being among the Ten Outstanding Army Materiel Command Personnel of the Year.

Chapman also will not take full credit for his award. He believes that it's the entire team's award and said, "One person doesn't do it all. I had a whole team

of people that worked on the project. I accept the award on behalf of all those people who made it a success." He also wishes that awards were presented to

whole teams for their work and not the individuals.

Both Landroop and Chapman received their plaques from Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of

the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal. Being in AMC's top 10 of the year not only said a lot for them and their activities, but for team Redstone as well.

# 59th Ordnance Brigade to reactivate with ceremony

The 59th Ordnance Brigade, which inactivated at Husterhoch Kaserne, Pirmasens, Germany on June 4, 1992, will be reactivated at Redstone in a ceremony to be held Thursday.

While stationed in Europe, the Brigade was spread out over 9,500

square miles and commanded up to 7,000 soldiers. The soldiers with the 59th came from a wide variety of occupations. Many of those soldiers were Ordnance, serving in munitions, nuclear weapons, and missile maintenance specialties.

In January 1994, the

Department of the Army approved the reorganization of the Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM). As part of the reorganization, portions of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School (OMMCS) mission were relocated to Fort Lee, Va.

Authorization was given to reactivate an Ordnance training brigade at Redstone to perform the training mission associated with the School and to facilitate its expanding mission. This increased mission resulted from the transfer of electronic maintenance from the Signal Corps to the Ordnance Corps. With this

new mission, command and control of the recently activated 73rd Ordnance Battalion and Ordnance Electronic Maintenance Training Department at Fort Gordon, Ga., were added to the OMMCS structure which includes the 832nd Ordnance Battalion at Redstone and four training detachments located throughout the United States.

OMMCS immediately requested permission to designate the new brigade as the 59th Ordnance Brigade. The Brigade's unique history of ammunition and missile maintenance support to U.S. Army Europe had resulted in a long association with OMMCS.

Graduates of OMMCS courses had consistently served with pride in the Brigade, and the Brigade colors were retired in front of school soldiers July 10, 1992. The Center of Military History approved the request to reactivate the 59th Ordnance Brigade in October 1994.

In Europe, the Brigade was responsible for the execution of many missions for which it will now train soldiers to perform. The combined Brigade and OMMCS will provide leader development, education and training to international military, U.S. military and civilian personnel in combat service support for munitions, elec-

tronic and missile maintenance, test, measurement and diagnostic equipment and explosive ordnance disposal. The education and training offered here are not available anywhere else, and their size and scope expand with each new missile and munition fielded.

Participating in the reactivation will be Maj. Gen. James Monroe, the chief of Ordnance, Maj. Gen. George Friel, the guest speaker and the Brigade's commander at the time of its inactivation, and Col. Thomas Hooper, OMMCS commandant, who will also be designated as the 59th Ordnance Brigade commander.

## Champus claims due Dec. 31

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# Patriot project manager recalls growing up in Huntsville

By Kathy Harkleroad

There is a saying that goes "Home is Where the Heart is," and that saying holds especially true for Col. Frank Powell, the Patriot project manager. His heart has always been in Huntsville, no matter where he was stationed throughout his military career. Powell was born and raised in Huntsville and was very happy when he received word his next duty assignment was Redstone Arsenal.



**Powell**

"I was ecstatic to say the least when I was asked to take this position. I have always wanted to come home and tried every chance I got. I thought surely there would be a chance in my being stationed here since I have been in the air defender field as well as a procurement officer. I am just glad to be back and have loved every minute of it," Powell said. The only time Powell has been back to Huntsville since 1968 has been on leave to visit friends and family.

"I have kept in touch with several of my high school friends and since

hunting in one of the nearby fields. Back then there were fields everywhere and we used to hunt in them all the time," Powell said.

While Powell's position makes spare time a premium, he still finds time to hunt and fish with some of his high school buddies. "I try to get out as much as I can and hunting is at the top of my list of favorite activities. I love to fish also and really enjoy the time I can spend with my friends," he continued.

According to Powell, he worked construction jobs in his pre-Army days and helped build building 5250. "The foundation was just above the ground when I helped with the construction. Basically the Arsenal is about the same as it was in the late '60s when I left, except for the Sparkman Center of course."

Powell's position of the Patriot program manager is a result of the Gulf War. "The Patriot program is a large one and my task was to integrate two project offices and two contractors into one common section

with one common goal. I believe we have done that and successfully," Powell said.

"If it weren't for the

efforts of a lot of good folks, we wouldn't be able to provide the soldier with the means to do business. I certainly appreciate the

effort everyone has put forth. We still have a long road ahead and it will take all of us working together to complete the task," he said.

## Champus cost-share rates see increase

Effective Oct. 1, the daily amount active-duty families pay for inpatient care in civilian hospitals under Champus increased from \$9.30 to \$9.50.

This means that an active-duty family member who is admitted to a civilian hospital for care under Champus will pay the daily rate of \$9.50 times the number of days spent in the hospital—or flat fee of \$25, whichever is greater.

This rate doesn't apply to any other category of Champus-eligible patients. Their inpatient care will in most cases be cost-shared under Champus' diagnosis-related group (DRG) payment system.

The cost-sharing rate

also applies to ambulatory (same day) surgery and psychiatric partial hospitalization (when a patient checks into a health care facility on a given day for treatment, but goes home at night).

The Champus DRG daily cost-share for most civilian hospital admissions has also changed. The daily rate for non-active duty family members for most hospital admissions that occur on or after Oct. 1 is \$323. Champus-eligible persons who are not the family members of active duty servicemembers will pay either the fixed daily rate of \$323 or 25 percent of the hospital's billed charges, whichever is less.

Active duty family mem-

bers' cost-shares are not affected by the DRG rate.

When non-active-duty family members are admitted to hospitals that are exempted from the DRG payment system, their cost share will be 25 percent of the hospital's billed charges. DRG-exempt hospitals include: psychiatric, cancer, long-term care, rehabilitation and sole community hospitals exempt from Medicare's prospective payment plan. Hospitals in the state of Maryland are also exempt from the DRG payment system.

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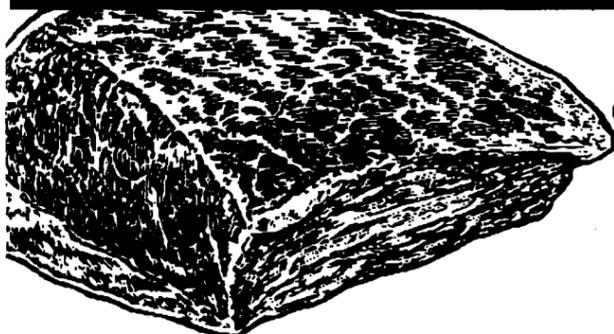
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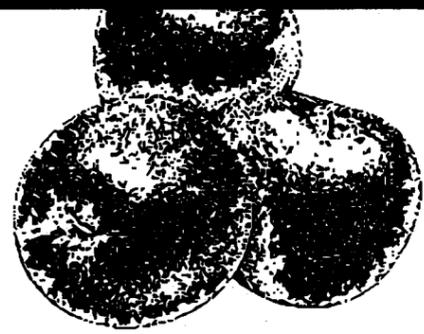
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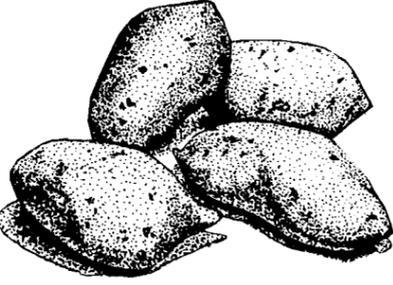
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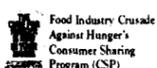
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# Institute focuses on 'reinventing workplace learning'

The Administrative Institute (AI) conducted an administrative support panel workshop Nov. 3 for members of the Command Executive Support Group.

The workshop included background information on the AI, a mini-lesson on change strategies and a preview of the core curriculum. The balance of the workshop consisted of a brainstorming activity focusing on specific tasks and activities.

"Reinventing Workplace Learning" is the vision of AI and its mission is to provide all employees opportunities to learn the skills and knowledge required to succeed in high-performance organizations.

The goals for the institute are to create an environment for lifelong learning in real-



**WORKSHOP—** Members of the Command Executive Support Group participate in a workshop conducted by the Administrative Institute.

world contexts combining "learning to know" and "learning to do"; to improve the match between what work requires and employee

performance through career-enhancing work and education; to assess employees' foundation skills and workplace competencies and to

tie assessments to work-related learning goals for each individual; and to provide opportunities for skill building in the critical areas

of Quality, Flexibility and Customization of products and services.

The AI curriculum is based on a Workforce 2000 study conducted by the Department of Labor and Department of Education. The study established the foundation skills and the competencies required by all employees to succeed in the highly technical, interactive work environment of the 21st century.

Attending the workshop were Sandra Armstrong, Pamela Baird, Ann Batchter, Virginia Carpenter, Marie Carter, Hazel Crawford, Elaine Etienne, Doris Fleming, Nancy Forbes, Colette Glover, Trish Golden, Sharon Horton, Polly Knox, Claudia Lively, Peggy Mason, Shirlye McDonald,

Wendy Mitchell, Barbara Morfenski, June Pockrus, and Nancy Rushing.

The Administrative Institute design team will be conducting a series of workshops in order to gain input from its customers. The new institute plans to open its doors at the Sparkman Center in February.

This institute is being initiated by the Education and Development Center, Personnel and Training Directorate. The institute is one of several concepts developed by the MICOM Future's Task Force in December 1993.

For more information on the institute call Pat Johnson 876-2002, Janice Ray 876-1942, Margaret Whitlock 876-1867, or Nancy Hodges 876-1390.

## New 800 number established for Defense surplus sales

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sell DoD government surplus property.

Surplus property includes everything from office equipment to power tools to clothing. DRMS has nearly 200 locations where surplus is available.

According to DRMS officials, DRMS is receiving more property than ever before. Some of the property has never been used and a

lot of that property is being offered for sale as surplus.

Surplus property is sold locally and nationally in several ways. At the local level, DRMOs hold auctions, spot bid and cash and carry sales. National sales are conducted by the DRMS National Sales Office in Memphis, Tenn., and include national auctions, sealed bids and in certain circumstances negotiat-

ed sales.

National sales include such items as aircraft, ships, industrial plant equipment, hazardous property, and property having wide commercial value. If interested in national sales, call 1-800-222-DRMS to get a copy of the "How to Buy" pamphlet and to be placed on the bidders list.

If interested in local sales

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Property is sold as is, so the careful buyer takes advantage of the pre-inspection period. There are usual-

ly 2-3 days prior to the auction or spot bid. You must be at least 18 years old to be a buyer and cannot be an employee of DRMS or an immediate member of the household of a DRMS employee.

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# Job application workshop slated Dec. 2

By Kathy Harkleroad

Looking for a job? Are you new to the community or maybe just need a little extra help? Well if you are a family member of either active duty personnel or a Department of Defense employee, the Family Member Employment Assistance Program may just have the answers you are looking for.

Run by Debra Jefferson, the FMEAP assists family members with all aspects of obtaining employment. "We offer workshops on a regular basis, have books and videos available for family members as well as personalized assistance," Jefferson said.

The program also helps with filling out job applications and writing resumes. "We have software and an

extra computer available for people who would like to use them for writing resumes. Our staff will also be glad to review any existing resumes and help in updating them," Jefferson said. "All they have to do is drop them off at our office."

A workshop on filling out job applications will be held Dec. 2 at 11:30 a.m. in the Army Community Service (ACS) building on Honest John Road for those interested in gaining some valuable tips on filling out required forms for employment.

"The job application is one of the most important pieces of paper a person will fill out when it comes to applying for a job," Jefferson said. "The workshop will help the prospective employees understand the importance of details



Jefferson

and neatness when it comes to filling out the application. This is the first impression a prospective employer will have of the applicant and you always want to make it a good one."

Jefferson said the job application, as well as a resume could be the deter-

mining factor as to whether or not an applicant would be called back or considered for a position. "The job application workshop will also be useful for those people who would like some tips on resume writing since the skills that are used for an effective job application are also used on a resume,"

Jefferson said.

The workshop will be on a first come, first serve basis and interested persons should call Jefferson for reservations at 876-5397. "We have a limited amount of space to conduct the workshop and would like to accommodate everyone," she said.

The Family Member Employment Assistance Program also provides the family member with a list of openings throughout the area as well as around the state and country. "We have access to electronic bulletin boards where jobs are listed both in the area and around the country," Jefferson said. "We also receive weekly updates on employment openings from local employers. We also have a bulletin board in the office that has positions listed."

If a family member is interested in utilizing the services of the program, all they have to do is set up an appointment with Jefferson and bring as much information as possible on past employment. "I have a few forms for them to fill out and then we will go from there. Finding a job can be really difficult and discouraging and I try to help with as many tools as I can," she said.

"Once a family member signs up for our services I try to locate a position that will fill their needs and will follow up with them whenever I see a position that person may be qualified for," Jefferson said.

"It takes a lot these days to find a job and I'm available to help as much as I can," she added.

# Today's spies travel free public-information highway

By John W. Davis

An old poster from WWII reads: "Loose Lips Sink Ships." The vision of Americans at war drowning at sea was a powerful reminder that security begins with each one of us. Today we tend to think such concerns are outdated and ripe for the museum. We hear about economics espionage and our eyes glaze over. Do we really believe that the world we live in is still concerned with national survival?

Consider the following" Deployments of Americans all over the world require that they will not be taken by surprise; that the equipment they use is capable of dominating any battlefield. Abstract ideas like this mean little to the average listener. Just try to personalize the idea. What if your son or daughter depended on you to keep them alive? You would do everything in your power. But first you would have to be fully informed about the threat out there facing them.

*Espionage today is hardly like we once knew it. For the most part, researchers make up today's 'spies.'*

Espionage today is hardly like we once knew it. For the most part, researchers make up today's "spies." Yesterday's spy is today's collector. Yesterday's spy was equipped with poison pens and secret cameras. Today's collector is equipped with a lap-top computer and modem, not to mention a current library card. He reviews data banks, technical journals, and open publications for profit. He looks for indications of new ideas, trends, or new conditions that may affect his own country in some way. He

does not need to steal what he can read free of charge.

Armed with this basic knowledge, today's spies set about to gather specifics. They look for the specific people who have the specific information. Aware that most Americans protect classified information, the modern spies look for things "on the drawing board" which can be acquired before the classification stamp is put on.

Being a patient person,

the modern collector then listens. He listens to our open phones, open faxes, open computers, and after-hour discussions. We Americans love to talk. We are active, while the collector can be passive. He knows that our national trait of impatience with methodical security measures will ultimately betray us. He simply has to wait for us to talk around classified information in open restaurants, on planes, and especially on the telephone.

You'll notice that I haven't mentioned which country the new collector represents. He could even represent another company. Economic advisers openly

advertise in our newspapers on ways to get a jump on the competition. These ideas range from soliciting information for payment from enterprising or disgruntled employees to eliciting information at conferences and symposia open to the general public.

What is the best defense against this new method of economic voyeurism? Know what you must protect!! Prior to any joint meetings, have your team discuss what will and what will not

be discussed, and then stick to it. Check before you publish! Assume that if you say it out in the open, it is compromised.

There is enough proof in the field today to show that there is no safe open means of communications. Today's economic collector won't break a law if he doesn't have to. He'll just listen.

*(Editor's note: Davis is an intelligence specialist at the Space and Strategic Defense Command.)*

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# Holiday season doesn't have to bring more stress

By Sandra Cartee

The holiday season is here and one present that is not wanted is added stress. For some people the hustle and bustle of Christmas can bring physical exhaustion and ruin the holiday. There are ways to avoid the stress and better enjoy the season.

Dr. Bill Resha, director of Army Community Service, gives courses on stress management. He sees stress as a year-round problem, but feels that the Christmas season brings more than usual. "At Christmas time, anything that may have been a problem in the past, heightens. Financial problems heighten and people feel they have to meet the demands of family and friends. We view previous Christmas' as wonderful and special, and we try to make everything special."

Resha said that signs of stress coming on are "short temper, development of excessive worry, major changes in physical condition (such as lack of or too much sleep, increased heart rate, increased blood pressure, stomach pain, or migraine headaches) or other unusual things." All the signs are unique to the individual and each person needs to be able to identify changes and do constant self-monitoring.

Finances are a problem for a lot of people during holidays. Resha said, "In the future plan ahead financially, open Christmas bank accounts or put things on lay-a-way." He also said to watch the credit card spending. "Don't overuse the credit cards because you'll have to pay the piper next month," he said. A good plan is to only use the plastic money in times of emergencies. If the bill is run up, don't get upset, there is life after credit cards and the ACS can help with budgeting.

Another problem that tends to bring on stress is commercialism of the season. Resha suggests having one-on-one personal time to celebrate the season. "Visiting nurs-



**MANAGING STRESS—** Resha teaches people how to deal with stress and ways to avoid it.

ing homes, volunteering with the homeless, or helping people who don't have family" can help to make celebrating happier and to keep reality in perspective.

Be careful not to overextend before Christmas. "One example of people overextending themselves is young parents who sit up all night putting toys together and are too exhausted to enjoy it on Christmas day," Resha said. Another problem young couples run into is which family to visit on which holiday. Resha suggests making prior plans and maybe switch up Thanksgiving and Christmas between the two, or visit one family one year and the other family the next.

Finances don't have to be emptied during the season. "Set price limits on presents, draw names, or only buy kids presents. You don't have to change past traditions, just

modify them," suggests Resha.

Resha believes adding a sense of humor will also lighten things up. "The season is to enjoy, rather than to impress the competition," he said. People are too serious today and need to just laugh at things sometimes.

Resha said that the two extreme results of stress are rust-out and burn-out. Rust-out is when someone just drops out of society because of stress. Burn-out is where people become uncaring, angry and even hostile. Each person should take measures to prevent themselves from becoming this stressed out.

"Every human being has control over life, and should take responsibility for how we deal with problems. They should say, what can I do to improve the situation?," said Resha. He believes that the No. 1 killer in the U.S. could be stress. "It's the leading cause of medical problems today," he said.

The cure is pretty simple, according to Resha. "Do what works for them. For some people it's a diversional activity and others it's a progressive relaxation technique. Watch a funny movie, read a book, or build a model," he said.

Don't set big goals and expect to achieve them all. Set small ones leading up to the big goals, and make sure they're individual standards and not other people's. Obsessiveness tends to lead to failure.

"Remember that there's always hope," Resha said. ACS offers stress management classes once a week, and these can be taken by calling 876-5397. Resha will also give organizational courses to groups if called. He said, "as long as we live, we will have stress"; and it's important to him and the command that everyone live and work in a stress-free environment.

# Clinton signs Gulf War veterans aid bill

WASHINGTON— President Clinton signed a bill Nov. 2 giving the Department of Veterans Affairs authority to award compensation benefits to chronically disabled Persian Gulf War veterans with undiagnosed illnesses.

The bill authorizes VA to pay any Persian Gulf veteran suffering from a chronic disability resulting from an undiagnosed illness that became manifest during Persian Gulf service (to a degree of 10 percent or more) or within a specific period of time following Gulf service.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Jesse Brown, said that the VA will contact each veteran on VA's Persian Gulf Registry, established in 1992 to identify any patterns of illnesses among Gulf veterans, and reopen benefits claims

that were previously denied.

Brown said VA will continue its efforts to treat and diagnose Persian Gulf veterans and conduct research to identify the causes of their health problems.

The bill, entitled the Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act of 1994, also authorized VA to conduct an evaluation of the health status of spouses and children of Persian Gulf veterans, conduct a survey of Persian Gulf veterans to gather information on the incidence and nature of health problems among them and their families, and conduct an epidemiological study of Persian Gulf veterans if recommended by the National Academy of Sciences, which is currently reviewing for VA and the Department of Defense exist-

ing scientific and other information on the health consequences of Gulf service.

Other key provisions of the bill are:

- \* Make salaries of members of VA's Board of Veterans Appeals comparable to those of administrative law judges;
- \* Establish a Veterans' Claims Adjudication Commission to study VA's system for handling veterans' benefits claims;
- \* Increase the number of VA's homeless veterans comprehensive centers from four to eight; and
- \* Establish a Center for Minority Veterans and a Center for Women Veterans. (Arnews)

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# Fort Campbell runners smoke marathon

WASHINGTON— Three Fort Campbell soldiers competing in the three-man team category claimed second place in the Marine Corps Marathon here Oct. 23. The team did defeat all other U.S. teams.

Spec. Gordon Sanders, 1st Lt. Dennis Santiago and Sgt. Shannon Dameron's average time of 2 hours, 34 minutes, 33 seconds was only 50 seconds behind the first-place British Royal Navy team. All three soldiers are members of the Fort Campbell men's 10-mile team.

Finishing less than four minutes behind the first-place runner, Sanders captured second place overall with a time of 2:25:6. Santiago was the sixth-place finisher with a time of 2:29:35.

Dameron, running in his first marathon finished in 2:48:52, 104th out of a field of more than 12,000 runners. (Arnews)

# Exchange Service offers raincheck program

WASHINGTON— The Army and Air Force AAFES calls the new initiative the "Customer Choice Raincheck Program." Highlights include:

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tabloid (this is not new, however, associates will encourage customers who desire out-of-stock merchandise to order it from the catalog. There is no charge for shipping).

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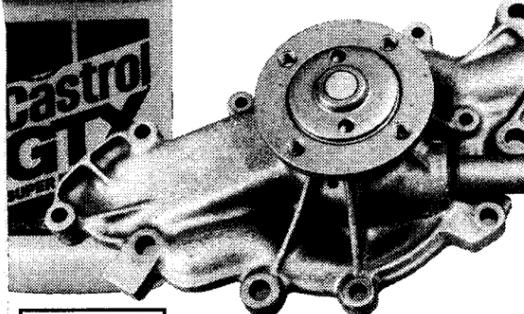
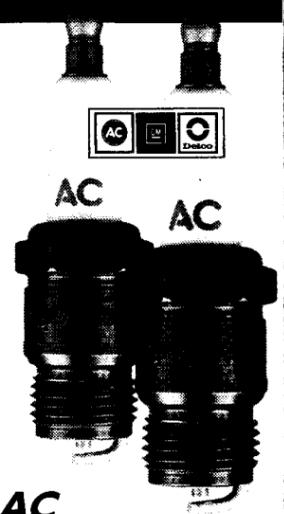
any of the above programs, he or she may then receive a Customer Choice Raincheck. If the store does not notify the customer within 30 days that the item is available for pickup, the customer may redeem the raincheck at any exchange for any item in the same category. The customer will receive an additional 10 percent discount. Rainchecks will not have expiration dates.

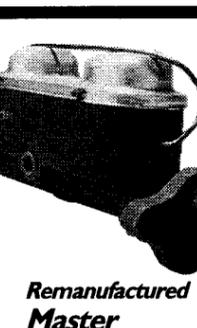
- Army and Air Force exchanges will also accept competitors' rainchecks for identical merchandise if it is available. (Arnews)

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# Hockey: Soldiers enjoy Northern sport here in deep South



**ARMY MEMBERS TAKE TO THE ICE—** Six of the Huntsville Men's Amateur Hockey League players are soldiers stationed here at Redstone. From left are, kneeling, Shepard and McCooey; standing Warnke, Hileman, Dinardo and Maney.

By Sandra Cartee

Some soldiers stationed

at Redstone are enjoying a different kind of physical training, hockey. All six of

them originating from Northern states didn't think they would be able to enjoy this northern ice sport here in the deep South, but as it turns out, are getting lots of ice time while playing for the Huntsville Men's Amateur Hockey League.

Go to the Benton H. Wilcox Iceplex on Sunday nights and one can see these soldiers faceoff against each other and other members of the community. The logic behind this is simple: Huntsville is a community with many transplanted Yankees and the Army has members from all states. So naturally, there are hockey enthusiasts wanting to participate in this Northern sport.

"We're military guys who have played somewhere," said Capt. Scott Shepard. But, all six guys had the same response when they found out they were going to be stationed in Alabama. "We thought that we'd never get to play (hockey) again!," they all agreed. Lt. Col. Rob Hileman said, "I was sur-

prised to find out they had a rink here and really surprised to find out about the league."

All of the military hockey players are from different areas of the Arsenal, and probably wouldn't of got together without the league. They also vary in rank, from specialist to lieutenant colonel.

Maj. Paul Dinardo works with the Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicles project office and is from Massachusetts. "This is something I wanted to do as a kid and never did. We are just people who just refuse to grow up," he said. He feels that the teamwork he learned in the Army has helped in his game, and his position is goalie.

Lt. Col. Rob Hileman, who works in the Weapon Systems Management Directorate, is also a goalie. He has played for the last 35 years in places like Canada, Germany and Alaska. He even played semiprofessional hockey in Michigan, where he's from. Hockey is definitely in his blood and he believes an all Army

member team would be great. "It would be difficult for any team that is put up against us," he said.

Maj. John Warnke who works for the Patriot project is also experienced in hockey. He has even tried out for the West Point hockey team while attending the institute. Recently when West Point played the University of Alabama in Huntsville in a two-game series of hockey, Warnke spoke with Bob Riley, the coach of West Point's team. "They gave us a handful of equipment. They gave us sticks and other hockey equipment," he said. So, he was pleased with the encouragement the college gave to fellow soldiers.

Maj. John Maney was stationed in Alaska prior to moving to Redstone. His hometown is in New York and he works for the Theater High Altitude Area Defense project office. "With NASA and MICOM here, there's a lot of transplanted Northerners," he said.

Spec. Ken McCooey is from Buffalo but never played ice hockey until he

was stationed here. "I played street hockey for eight years (in Buffalo)," he said. Being the only enlisted soldier on the ice doesn't bother him, either. "Out on the ice, it's not military. It's a different world out there," he said. The team has enabled him to make new friends and made McCooey happy. "I always wanted to play," he said.

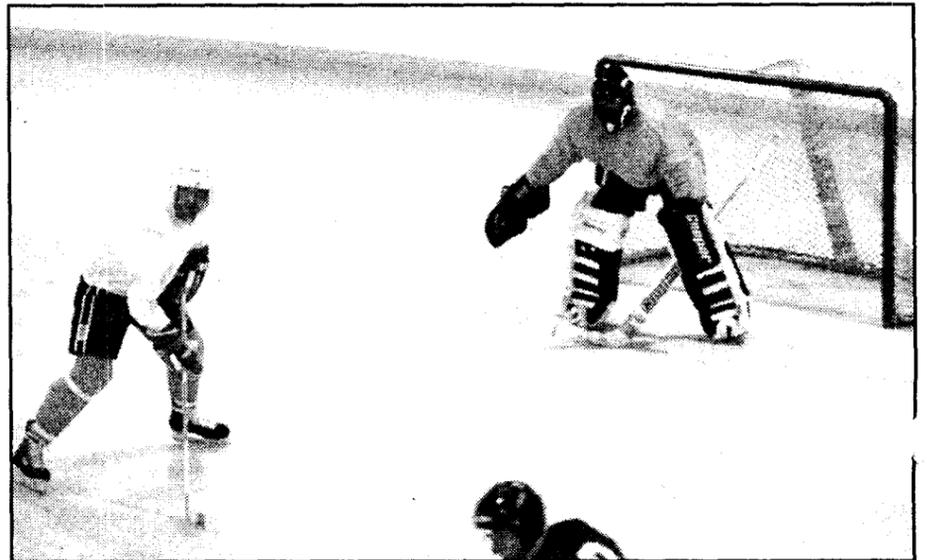
Capt. Scott Shepard, from New Hampshire is the chief of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training in the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. He not only plays the sport, but he, McCooey and Warnke coach Huntsville Amateur Hockey Association hockey league for children. "I played intramurals in Penn State," Shepard said. He encourages anyone on base to participate in the sport.

It's too late to play for the league this year, but now is the time to start practicing, according to the team. They highly encourage more military people to start playing and would like to form an all Army member team. Anyone interested can call Shepard at 837-9362.



## ECHO Company champs...

Post CSM Ben Sunday, right, presents Capt. Hardee Green, E Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, with a trophy for winning the post football championship Nov. 17. The E Company football team went undefeated throughout the regular season and the playoffs to capture the post title.



**FENDING OFF THE PUCK—** Hileman, a goalie, started playing hockey when he was 6. He even played semi-professional in Michigan. He

would like to see a team comprised here of all soldiers and said, "that would make it difficult for any team who went up against us."

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# Sports

## Navy, Alabama given edge in big games Saturday

By Skip Vaughn

The Cadets of Army and the Midshipmen of Navy will meet on the gridiron Saturday for the 95th time.

In this series between the two oldest service academies, Army leads 44-43; and there have been seven ties. Last year the score was Army 16, Navy 14.

Both have struggled to 3-7 records so far this season. Navy, however, has won two straight games so the Midshipmen appear to be at their best now. My pick for Saturday's annual classic in Philadelphia is... Navy.

And now for a little history lesson. The Army-Navy series began in 1890 after a challenge issued by the Naval Academy was accepted by the Cadets. A cadet named Dennis Michie served as the coach, playing captain, trainer and business manager for the first Army football squad. According to The Illustrated History of Sports at the U.S. Military Academy, the team's uniforms consisted of canvas jackets, black socks, white breeches and a black woolen cap. Team members purchased the uniforms.



A more experienced Navy team won the first game 24-0 but, just one year later, Army defeated the Midshipmen 32-16. Michie, Army's star, and

Worth Bagley, Navy's great quarterback, shook hands and vowed to meet again as a mark of friendship. Both men were killed in action during the war against Spain in 1898.

Through the years, Army's "Black Knights of the Hudson" have been led by such athletes as running backs Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis in the 1940s. The Navy Midshipmen had quarterback Roger Staubach in the 1960s and tailback Napoleon McCallum in the early 1980s.

Elsewhere this weekend, Florida faces Alabama in

the Southeastern Conference championship game. My pick for this matchup in Atlanta is... Alabama.

Skip's Picks last week went 10-3-2, bringing the season totals to 304-94-7 for 76 percent. Here are my picks for the final weekend of the regular season in major college football:

Army vs. Navy— Navy by 3.

Florida vs. Alabama— Bama by 4.

Air Force at Hawaii— AF by 6.

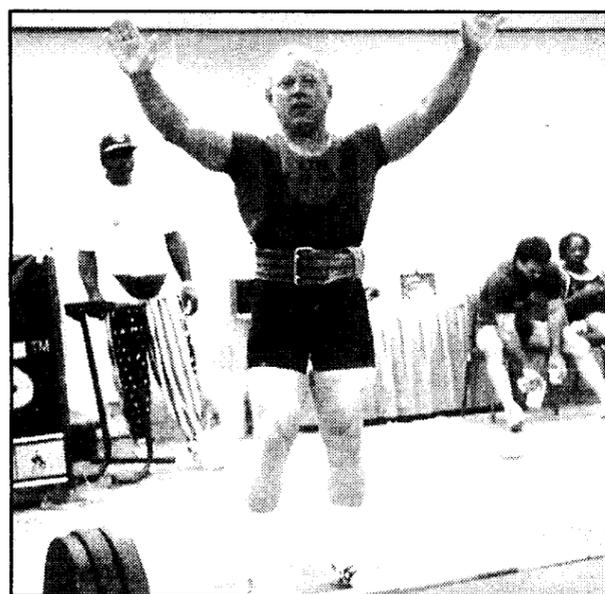
## MICOM rep wins another powerlifting title

MICOM's powerlifting ambassador in Pennsylvania has done it again—sweeping another tournament title with a record-setting performance.

"I won the international cup and I sat all the records for the 50-year and older (age group)," said CWO 2 Len Lawson, the Missile Command's representative at Letterkenny Army Depot in Chambersburg, Pa. He was among 227 lifters competing in the International Cup III Powerlifting Championship conducted Nov. 3-6 in Lancaster, Pa., by the World Natural Powerlifting Federation.

Lawson, who weighed in at about 180 pounds, competed in the 181-pound class which had 31 lifters. He was entered in the Masters Division for 50-54 year olds, and also in the Military Division and the individual bench press/deadlift divisions.

He set four new world records in the 181-pound Masters Division: squat, 550 pounds; bench press,



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315 pounds; deadlift, 550 pounds; for a total of 1,415 pounds. Lawson was crowned the best Masters lifter of the entire competition. He also received an award for Best Master 40-years and older, "Lifter of the Year" 1994.

After the competition, Lawson was tested to be lifetime drug-free of any strength inducing drugs.



### Army Ten-Miler awards...

Maj. Gen James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, presented individual awards last week to members of Redstone's team from the Army Ten-Miler held in Washington, D.C., in October. The team won the fifth place award in the government agency category. From left are

Link; Capt. Steven Hester, team co-captain; Marine 1st Sgt. Michael Black, SSgt. Hans McCreary, SSgt. Joseph Wilson, SSgt. William Williams, Spec. Wayne Sachleben, Skip Vaughn, team members; and CSM Ben Sundeby. Not pictured is Sgt. Bob Cothran, team co-captain.

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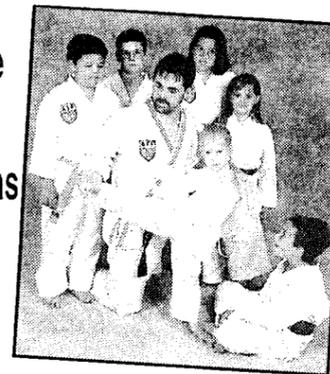
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# Influenza vaccination methods safe, efficient

By Loren Rains

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(Editor's note: Sgt. tal.)

Rains is with the Department of Nursing at Fox Army Community Hospital.



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WASHINGTON— The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced that service-disabled veterans will receive a 2.8 percent increase in their compensation payments, effective Dec. 1.

The cost-of-living allowance was included in legislation signed by President Clinton on Oct. 25. Veterans will begin receiving

the higher payments in their January checks.

More than 2.2 million veterans are affected by the increase. Their monthly compensation payments will now range from \$89 for a single veteran with a 10-percent disability rating to \$1,823 for a single veteran with a 100-percent disability rating.

Also affected are almost

340,000 survivors of veterans or servicemembers who died from service-connected causes.

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# HHC 59th wins battalion orienteering meet

By Sharon Wisniewski

On Nov. 19, the 832nd Ordnance Battalion held its annual Orienteering Meet. In all there were 75 teams competing for honors.

The course started in Vincent Park and continued up Weeden and Gaskin Mountains. The course was a grueling three hours of uphill uneven terrain which even the best in orienteering would find challenging.

Each team consisted of three members. The teams had three hours to get as many points as possible.

This year's first place winners were from Echo Company: SSgt. Fulcher, SSgt. Thomas and SSgt. Kayhne with 190 points; second place also went to Echo Company, SFC Shipman, SSgt. McGurie and Capt. Green with 185 points; and third place went to Delta Company, Cpl. Timmons, Cpl. Parker and Spec. Tucker with 180 points. Each team member received a medallion for their accomplishments.

There was also an overall unit winner. The points from the top four teams in

each unit were totaled to determine who would receive the unit streamer. This year's honors went to HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade with a total of 635 points and nine hours, nine minutes and 42 seconds. They beat Charlie Company, also with 635 points, by over two hours. Echo Company took third place with 630 points. It was a close competition and a great esprit-de-corps builder.

(Capt. Wisniewski is the adjutant for 832nd Ordnance Battalion.)



**WINNING UNIT**— Putting the winning streamer on the HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade guidon are, from left, Lt. Col. Mark Pierson, commander of 832nd Ordnance Battalion; CSM Cyril Manthey; Capt. Richard Lonardo, commander of HHC 59th; and SSgt. Timothy Tripp.

## THEATRE

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to learn how to put things together and have fun at the same time," Warner said.

Warner has been involved with productions for the last 10 years and is very active in the groups in Huntsville. "I have done a little of everything that goes on behind the scenes and have really learned quite a bit of construction techniques. I have applied some of what I learned to my own home," Warner said.

Warner also found something besides construction techniques working in the little theater, that is where he met his wife. "She was involved in one show and I was working on another and it went from there," Warner said. He is also an active member of the play reading committee for the Huntsville Little Theater.

### Ray Hansen

Hansen, no relation to Edward, works for LOGSA and is somewhat new to the theater community and was recruited by a friend. "Gayl Miller talked me into getting involved with the group," Hansen said. He will be doing technical projects on the upcoming production, "Sorry Wrong Chimney," and looks forward to the behind the scenes activities.

"I have always enjoyed live performances and have often wondered what went on behind the curtain. Now I will be able to do just that," Hansen said.

### Bill Sharp

Sharp is a technical publications editor at Integrated Materiel Management Center and has been involved in little theater productions since 1983. He was involved with

the theater in high school and off and on during his Army career.

"I retired in Huntsville and got involved when I was cast in 'A Streetcar Named Desire,'" Sharp said. He likes to perform at least once or twice a year and does technical work when not starring in productions.

"I like to build things with other people's money. Seriously it can be a lot of fun making a scene work and working with different elements," Sharp said. He has also been the technical director for almost every little theater company in the area. "I've been the technical director for everyone except the Huntsville Opera Theater," Sharp said.

### Pat Blackman

Blackman also works for IMMC and has served as the past president of the Huntsville Little Theater. She has been involved in all aspects of productions since 1977 and will remain

as active as she can.

"I started getting season tickets for the Huntsville Little Theater in 1965 and have been involved almost ever since," Blackman said. She has not only been cast in productions, but has also helped build and paint sets.

Blackman has won several awards for her efforts and is pretty laid back about the recognition. "I don't do for the recognition, I'm involved because I love show business," Blackman said.

She is currently involved with "Shadowlands," a Huntsville Little Theater production, and has plans for a show in January. When not appearing in productions or working behind the scenes she is also an active member on the Huntsville Arts Council and is on the committee searching for locations for the groups to use.

### James Cox

Cox works for the Acquisition Center has been involved in a theater group since 1988. He said he was also involved with plays in high school and "basically did it to be around my girlfriend."

He liked the theater world so much he continued to be active during college and really got into it full swing in 1988. "A co-worker encouraged me to try out for a part in the 'Little House of Horrors' production and I

was surprised when I got the part," he said. Cox has also starred in several other productions that include "Dream Girl" and "The Wiz." "It (the theater experience) has been fun and I have really enjoyed meeting the people I do," Cox said.

He is also active in his church and working with youth. "I would love to see more young people involved in the theater. This would be

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# Sergeants major contribute to holiday food drive



**HELPING COMMUNITY**— Steffen, left, presents the check from the Sergeants Major Association to McAllister, the post chaplain, who accepts on behalf of the chaplains' Holiday Food Program. Looking on, from left, are MSgt. Patricia Simmons, association treasurer; CSM Ivory Whitaker; CSM Cyril Methey; retired CSM John Marion, vice president; 1st Sgt. Paul Schneck; CSM Jack Hoffman; Sunde; Sgt. Maj. Steve Edmiston, secretary; and Chaplain David Acuff.

By Sandra Cartee

On Nov. 22, the Sergeants Major Association presented the post chaplain with a \$1,000 check to go toward the RSA Holiday Food Program. The association provides this donation every year and does a number of other things to help out the Redstone community.

As the post chaplain accepted the gracious gift from the nine representatives of the association, he said thank you. "This is

great, and it will help 150 soldiers at Christmastime. It will be a great help to soldiers here on post," said Chaplain (Col.) William McAllister.

The program distributes vouchers for food during the Christmas season to Army families that need them. The vouchers can then be redeemed at the Commissary for the food that they need.

When asked why the Sergeants Major Association gives this donation every year, MSgt. John

Steffen said, "we're here to serve the community." Post CSM Ben Sunde agreed with him and said, "it's all part of being team Redstone."

The association also gives out a scholarship in the spring and presents the soldier of the year and month awards. On top of doing all this, they also send one person a year to Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. They also send one person to the Top Gun school, as well.



## Turkey dinner...

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## 'Field duty' troops retain BAS

WASHINGTON — President Clinton has signed an executive order that changes the definition of "field duty." Under the new definition, soldiers may be placed on Temporary Duty orders, even while engaged against a hostile force.

Enlisted troops under this new definition retain their Basic Allowance for Subsistence, which is about \$200 per month. Prior to this change soldiers had to forfeit BAS payments while de-

ployed to operations "under orders, with troops, against an enemy."

According to Defense Department officials, the change provides a joint task force commander with much greater flexibility in determining the appropriate entitlement to conditions for post Cold War operations. It allows the commander the opportunity to keep troops adequately and appropriately reimbursed in a consistent manner even though the op-

erational scenario may change dramatically.

According to officials, the greatest benefit of this change will be felt by married junior enlisted soldiers who previously would have lost BAS, which can represent as much as 13 percent of their pay, just when they were "called to serve away from their families and engage an enemy force." (Arnews)

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the perfect setting for them to vent frustrations and channel their energy," Cox said.

## Sid Gueringer

Gueringer is a contract specialist for the MLRS Project Office and has a background in music which brought him to the stage in 1972.

"I have always been involved with musicals and have really enjoyed it," Gueringer said. He is also a past board member of the Huntsville Community Chorus group and belongs to the Huntsville Barbershop Quartet. "I joined the barbershop quartet in 1972 and love it," Gueringer said.

He has participated in musicals that included "Best of the Whorehouse in Texas" with the Twickenham Repertory Company. He also directs his church choir.

## Mark Eccleston

Eccleston is a sergeant first class in the Army and is assigned to the 74th Maintenance Battalion at Redstone Arsenal. He also got his start in the theater during high school and pur-

sued his second career throughout his time in the Army.

"I got involved here because I was looking for something to do. I had just gotten divorced and knew the theater was a terrific way to not only meet other people, but would fill my empty time," Eccleston said.

He fills the position of a technical director during the productions and just completed "God Spell." "I have already been asked to be the technical director for 'Six Degrees of Separation' in January," Eccleston said.

Eccleston said he feels the theater is a perfect opportunity for single soldiers to fill idle time and meet new friends. "This is the perfect environment for a single soldier since they generally have a lot of free time. The theater will take up as much time as you want to give it and you always get something in return," Eccleston said.

For soldiers who are interested in playing an active part in the theater, according to Eccleston, transportation should not be a factor

in not participating. "All of us work on the Arsenal and generally go to the theater after work. Any of us would be more than happy to pick up someone who is interested."

## Dan Tatum

Tatum is a branch chief for the Air Defense Command and Control Systems Project Office and has been in the theater since 1985. "At first I thought I would work behind the scenes but soon found myself being cast for three different parts in the same play. That was a real experience," Tatum said.

Tatum has also starred in several industrial safety films for NASA and has done quite a bit backstage. He just completed construction work for "Shadowlands" and will be working backstage once again in "Medea" in January.

"I love the theater world and wouldn't trade it for anything. I met my wife while working in the theater and we were married two years later," Tatum said. "Besides performing I work

pretty close with other technical directors and help out when I can. All of us are pretty much like that... helping each other when it is needed."

## Jeannie Sharpe

Sharpe works in the MLRS Acquisition Center and started performing or directing during college. "The theater tends to get in your blood after a while," said Sharpe. "You might get tired of it after a while but you always come back to it."

Sharpe enjoys directing and has been the assistant director for numerous productions. She is currently directing her third show, "Sorry Wrong Chimney" with Lee Deal Productions. "I really like directing and hope there is more in the future. I have also worked on the technical side building and painting sets. That is one thing that is nice about the theater, there is something for everyone and there is no formal training involved," Sharpe said.

She also served as the house manager for the Huntsville Little Theater.

# MICOM environmental cleanup panel plans second meeting

The Missile Command's Environmental Office will hold the second meeting of the Technical Review Committee (TRC) at 1:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5 in the auditorium of the Sparkman Center.

The mission of the TRC is to review and discuss ongoing environmental cleanup activities in support of the Installation Restoration Program at Redstone.

The purpose of the Dec. 5 meeting will be to discuss the proposed interim remedial action/design which will be used to treat the contaminated groundwater at the Installation's Closed Sanitary Landfill (Unit 1) and the construction of the

multi-layered cap over the Closed Arsenic Ponds (Area F).

The chairman of the TRC will distribute a revised draft charter document to the charter membership for discussion. The TRC charter membership panel consists of nine individuals from the Army, NASA, TVA, Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, and federal, state and local agencies.

In addition to new business, the TRC will provide an update briefing of the cleanup progress at the Open Burn/Open Detonation Area (Unit 2).

Following the meeting, a bus tour of the sites will be given to those attendees in-

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## Gayl Miller

Miller works for the Research Development and Engineering Center as a budget analyst. She has been involved in the theater since 1993 when she was cast as an extra in the "Hanging Judge."

"I have been involved in some aspect of several productions since then and absolutely love it," Miller said. She is currently the technical director and assistant director for "Sorry Wrong Chimney."

"After all the technical work and acting I have done, I think I have finally found something I really love to do and that is directing," Miller said.

"That is what is so nice

about the theater. There are so many aspects of a production and there is something for everyone. We have many successful career people involved with the theater and we have people who are just looking for something to do," Miller said.

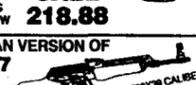
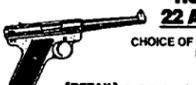
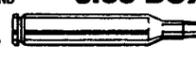
She also stated she tries to encourage everyone she can to get involved with little theater production in some form or another.

"If anyone is interested in getting involved with any of the little theaters in the area, all they have to do is call 533-6565. That is the number for the arts council and they coordinate all the productions in the area. We would welcome all newcomers with open arms," Miller said.

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**SSDC wives**— The Space and Strategic Defense Command's Wives support group will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Greenbottle Grill at Westbury Square. For more information call Carla Newberry 721-0784.

**DRMO sale**— The DRMO cash and carry store is now open every Wednesday, 7:30-11:30 a.m. at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, building 7427, Chestnut Road. Property includes filing cabinets, BDUs, typewriters, computer systems, furniture and much more. Cash only, property priced as marked, and no pre-inspections of property permitted. For more information, call George Wilson 955-0297.

**Union meeting**— The AFGE local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m. in building 7132 (Union Office). For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

**Garden plots**— The Redstone Arsenal garden plots on Vincent Drive and Wesson Circle have been scheduled for mowing and disking. Residents are asked to please remove any wire, stakes, ropes and water

hoses prior to Dec. 15.

**ID Card Issuing Facility**— The ID card issuing facility, building 3710, will be open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Active duty personnel in uniform won't be given priority on this day. Individuals with questions concerning this opening should call Betty Weaver 842-2410.

**Challenger tree-lighting**— Members and guests of the Challenger, and Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club, are invited to the first annual Christmas tree lighting, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Challenger. There will be a complimentary buffet, cash bar, and Christmas carols. Santa Claus will also pay a surprise visit so bring the kids. This is an event you won't want to miss. For more information, call 837-0751.

**OMMCS Christmas Party**— The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School Christmas party will be held Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Officers Club. The dinner menu will include baked chicken, rice pilaf, green beans almondine, dinner salad, rolls and a choice of

coffee or tea. Wine will also be served with the meal. The cost for the party, which includes dinner and entertainment, is \$12.50 per person. The party is open to all OMMCS personnel and their guests and is an informal affair, civilian dress (coat and tie). Entertainment will be provided by the Trouveres, from the Choral Department of Lee High School, who will perform at 8 p.m. A photographer will also be on hand to capture your Christmas party memories with a photographic package at a cost of \$14.95. Ticket information is available by calling Ms. Daniel 876-6593 or by contacting your office ticket POC.

**Thrift Shop**— The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fill a bag for \$1!

**IMMC Open House**— IMMC will host an open house Dec. 1 from 9 a.m.-noon in building 5302 and from 1-4 p.m. in building 5301. For more information, call Genice Fuqua 842-6627.

**Tree lighting**— Members of the Officers Wives Club and the Officers Club, along with their guests, are cordially invited to the Tree Lighting Celebration to open the holiday season. Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 in the main ballroom of the Officers Club. This will be a family affair which will include caroling and holiday videos will be available for children. Complimentary light snacks and hors d'oeuvres will be provided by the Officers Club.

**LOGSA Christmas party**— The Logistics Support Activity will have its annual Christmas party from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 at the Huntsville Marriott Hotel. There will be skits, music, dining, and door prizes. Awards will also be given out for the most original and creative Christmas baskets. The baskets will then be handed off to several local charities for distribution. Tickets are \$10.50 a person, and are available until Nov. 30, from LOGSA center secretaries. After that, tickets will only be

available from the following Christmas committee members: Neshia Mayton 955-0862; Dick Ruhlman 955-0865; Joretta Paschal 955-0786; Lacy Moon 955-0963; Stuart Henderson 955-0888; and Wilma Whitaker 955-0792. The cutoff date to obtain tickets from the committee members will be Dec. 7.

**Post tree-lighting**— The Chapel Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. in front of the Bicentennial Chapel. There will be Christmas Carol singing and Santa Claus will arrive to greet the children. The entire Redstone Arsenal community is invited to this annual holiday event. It is being sponsored by the Catholic and Protestant congregations of Redstone Arsenal.

**Civil Air Patrol**— The Redstone Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Dec. 13 in the Flying Club building. For more information, call Ron Coleman 955-7366.

**AUSA/ADPA dinner**— A joint dinner meeting of the Association of the U.S. Army and the American Defense Preparedness Association will be held Dec. 6 at the Officers Club. Cash bar starts at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7. Scheduled speaker is retired Col. David Hackworth, a contributing editor for defense at Newsweek magazine and a syndicated columnist for King Features (Defending America). For reservations call Linda Crutcher 722-4260.

**Fat test**— Test your body fat! Come to the Sparkman Fitness Center Dec. 19 and Dec. 22, from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. for the test. For more information, call 313-6091.

**Firming Up**— Beginning Dec. 1 at the Sparkman Fitness Center, there will be abdominal and lower body target training available. Come Monday through Friday at 11:15 to 11:45 a.m., 4 to 4:30 p.m., or 5 to 5:30 for the training. For more information, call 313-6091.

**\$200 Reward**— There's a

\$200 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible for the recent theft of a camcorder, cordless telephone, stereo and other items stolen from 1247 Nike St., Redstone Arsenal. Anyone having information on this theft should contact the investigations section, 876-3449/2090. Your identity will be held confidential and this offer expires Dec. 21.

**VE kickoff luncheon set**— The Value Engineering (VE) Office will host the annual VE "Kickoff" luncheon to be held at the Officers Club at 10:45 a.m. Dec. 6. The purpose of the luncheon is to recognize the Missile Command elements that have made Fiscal Year 1994 a successful year and to launch into another successful year in Fiscal Year 1995. The MICOM commanding general will be the luncheon speaker and will present VE certificates to key personnel that have made significant achievements in the VE program during Fiscal Year 1994. All project managers, VE coordinators, and their supervisors are invited and urged to attend. For tickets call the Command VE office 876-8161.

**Local spot bid**— There will be a local spot bid sale of government surplus property Thursday in the Defense Reutilization & Marketing Office sale building 7435, Chestnut Road. Registration starts at 7 a.m. and the sale begins at 8. The following items will be offered for sale: restaurant equipment, restaurant furnishings, food service and preparation equipment, vending machines, electronic test equipment, heavy equipment, wrecked vehicles, mobile food service trucks. These items can be inspected Nov. 30, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on sale day between 7 and 8 a.m. Report to building 7435, Chestnut Road to view property available for sale and to obtain catalog during the inspection period. DRMO-Huntsville is closed to the public on Fridays. For more information, call 842-2570.

**Youth dance**— Youth

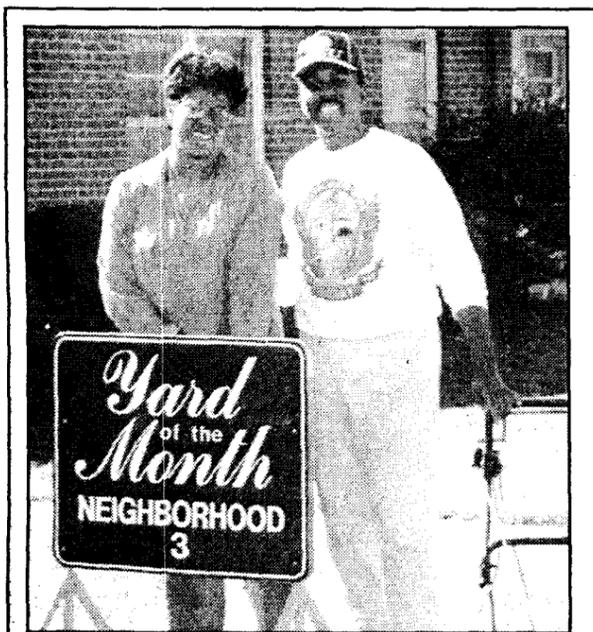
Center members and guests, ages 6-12, will have lots of fun at the Marathon Preteen Dance, Dec. 10 at the Youth Center. The dance begins at 2 p.m. and will last until the final person hangs up the dancing shoes. Admission is \$2 at the door. "Don't be left out of the fun— you might even win a prize!"

**Air defenders**— Alabama Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association will have its bimonthly luncheon Dec. 6 at the Marriott Hotel, 5 Tranquility Base. Social begins at 11:30 a.m., with lunch at 11:45. Col. Michael Howell, assistant program executive officer for battlefield integration, PF Tactical Missiles, is to speak on "SHORAD/VSHORAD." Cost of the luncheon will be \$10 for individual and corporate chapter members, and \$11 for non-members. For reservations call Shirley Brown 895-8928 by noon Dec. 5.

**Dining facility council**— The Enlisted Dining Facility Council will meet 9:30 a.m. Dec. 8 in building 3438 south. Council members should solicit concerns from soldiers in their units and be prepared to present these concerns at the meeting. For information call CWO 4 Paul Simmons, the installation food adviser, 876-3067.

**Post Theater movies**— Thursday, "Blue Sky," rated PG-13, 101 minutes. Friday, "Blue Sky." Saturday, "The Specialist," R, 103 minutes. Sunday, "The Specialist." Tuesday, "Radioland Murders," PG, 113 minutes. All shows begin at 7 p.m. Admission for Tuesday is adults \$1.50, children \$1. Admission for all other shows is adults \$2.50, children \$1.25.

**Toastmaster meeting**— The 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.



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DPP interest rates are calculated by adding 4.75 percent to the prime rate. Because of the Federal Reserve's three-quarters of a percentage point increase on Nov. 15, DPP rates will now go to 13.25 percent. This increase is effective Nov. 30 and will be reflected in December DPP statements.

AAFES converted DPP interest rates from fixed to variable rates in August. Account holders were notified of the change with a letter which included a copy of new terms and conditions.

"The change was necessary due to the rise in prime lending rates," said AAFES commander Maj. Gen. Robert Swarts. "Although AAFES was previously able to fund the program through available internal assets, its success in borrowing money from commercial sources to fund the increases. Now as the prime interest rate rises, our costs will rise. Our customers must understand this increase does not add 'profit' for AAFES. It only offsets increased costs to finance the customer's DPP accounts." (News release from AAFES)

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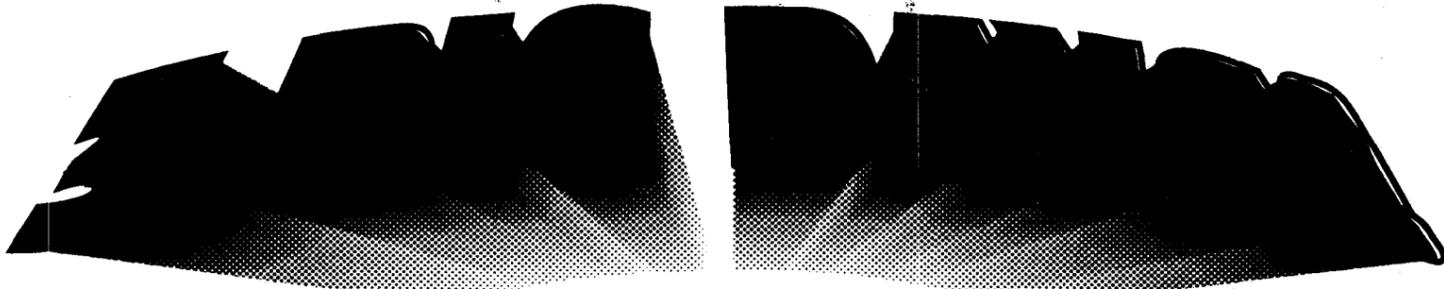
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