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Soldier wins lengthy battle to become U.S. citizen

By Sandra Cartee

The struggle is over for Sgt. Manuel Bojorquez, who works in the Primary Standards Laboratory in the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity. "It's been a long haul for me," he said of his nine-year fight to become a United States citizen. But, Thanksgiving brought him a presidential present that he'll always cherish, his

right to call America home.

"This has been the fight of my life," said Bojorquez. He first came to this country when he was a child. When he was 14 his father retired from his job and moved the family back to Mexico. "If you leave the country for more than one year, then it's considered abandonment," Bojorquez explained.

'There are no words to describe how I feel. What a privilege, how humbled. I've been in the clouds ever since.'

— Sgt. Manuel Bojorquez

In 1986, he came back to the U.S. and was allowed to reenter. But, the Board of Immigrations appealed and wanted Bojorquez to leave. During this time, he had enlisted in the Army and his wife had given birth to his two sons.

Bojorquez was active duty during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. During times of hostility such as this, there is an executive order that enables aliens who are active duty to stay and fight for the country without being deported.

Shortly after that, in 1990, the Immigration Board ordered Bojorquez to be deported. While stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., his deportation date was prolonged. His chain of command decided not to deploy him so that he could get this straightened out.

It was Congressman Gonzalez of Oklahoma who introduced Bojorquez's story to private legislation. His deportation was put on hold and Bojorquez had more time to build up support.

When he was transferred to Redstone, he found even more support. He found the post commander, his sergeants major, Congressman Bud Cramer and staff member Marion Hill, Senator Richard Shelby, and many others rallying behind his stand.

He said there were times he felt like giving up, but "when you have that kind of support, you cannot give up." He also never believed that he really would be deported. "I couldn't accept the idea. I am a soldier in the U.S. Army. I took an oath to defend the Constitution and abide by the laws. It's not the American way," he explained.

Just two weeks prior to Thanksgiving, he met with the district director of immigration. He was told that he would be deported on Feb. 1, 1995. "I was very disappointed. I was heartbroken once again."

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Holiday fun...

Redstone residents have gotten into the holiday spirit and have been busy decorating homes and lawns with lights and figurines. These reindeer were spotted outside the

home of Marine CWO 4 Myron Sturms on Hughes Road as they made a refueling stop before heading back to the North Pole in preparation for Christmas Eve.

Logisticians return home from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia

About 100 Army Materiel Command logisticians sent to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to support the military task force deployed there in October in response to Iraq's latest aggressive posturing returned home Friday.

The group of 65 civilians, 34 military and one civilian contractor arrived at Dover Air Force Base, Del., on their first stop back in the United States. These returning logisticians were instrumental in proving the

value of having equipment prepositioned both on the ground and on board ships.

Though Iraq's leader backed away from threatening Kuwait's borders, the Army took the opportunity to exercise with equipment prepositioned on the ground near Kuwait City and, for the first time, equipment prepositioned on ships arriving at the port of Ad Dammam in Saudi Arabia. AMC is responsible for managing, tracking and re-

pairing this equipment.

These exercises showed the worth of maintaining equipment in a ready-to-go mode. Instead of taking 30 days to get a full brigade on the ground, the Army had one ready in about a week's time. In one case, the equipment was waiting for soldiers to arrive.

AMC, working with the Military Traffic Management Command, off-loaded, and later, uploaded the equipment at Ad

Dammam port and a port in Kuwait. MTMC ran the port operation and AMC ran the staging area where units picked up or turned in equipment. AMC also inspected and inventoried the equipment and pulled maintenance on it before it was issued as well as before it was reloaded.

Equipment was reloaded on ships in four balanced task forces and one combat service support element configuration to meet future con-

tingencies. Communications equipment in one task force was upgraded when AMC's people installed SINCGARS radios.

Friday's returnees mainly supported the equipment prepositioned on ships. AMC keeps a staff of military, civilians and contractors permanently in Kuwait to maintain the equipment stored on the ground.

At Dover, AMC's employees were processed through customs, filled out

medical screening forms, and received help arranging travel to their home station. They turned in most of the personal gear/equipment issued to them before they left Southwest Asia.

This deployment to Southwest Asia was the third one of AMC personnel and equipment this year. The other two deployments were to Haiti and to Africa in support of the crisis in Rwanda. (AMC news release)

Total-quality mission

Upon visiting the vendor booths at the annual Quality-Forum at the VBCC, I am confused about what appears to be some duplication of responsibilities; therefore, I would like the following questions answered:

What is the difference between the mission/function of the Redstone Quality Institute, Army Management Engineering College, and the MICOM TQM Office? It appears to me that the function/purpose of these offices is intertwined with quality management, so why the need for three separate offices? Also, why do we retain and pay consultants at the Redstone Quality Institute to train employees when there are about 500 MICOM employees trained to do the same type of training?

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: The following is a combined response from the MICOM TQM Office, the Quality Institute and AMEC. "The letter writer asks about three organizations which appear to have redundant missions/functions. This is not the case; however, a common thread among the three is the mission to imbue in all of MICOM a quality management orientation— each does it in a different manner.

"The MICOM TQM Office serves as a focal point for all TQM matters by advising the commander, director, PMs and PEOs about TQM policy and Process Action Team operations. The TQM Office coordinates with AMC Headquarters and other commodity commands. Typical actions include: facilitating the weekly MICOM TQM Executive Steering Committee (ESC) meetings and the monthly AMC ESC meetings, ensuring strategic quality planning is incorporated into the MICOM Business Plan, conducting the annual Self Assessment, planning for the Quality Forum and Small Business Exhibition, etc.

"The Army Management Engineering College (AMEC), based at Rock Island, Ill., is a worldwide organization reporting to the deputy chief of staff for personnel, Army Materiel Command. AMEC's client base consists of Department of Defense (DoD) and non-DoD federal agencies. Over a year ago, AMEC—in cooperation with the DCSPER, AMC and the commander, MICOM—decided to locate a regional training center in the Huntsville area. This training center provides training and consulting services in the southeastern region of the U.S. on a fee-for-service basis. Huntsville was selected as the regional office because of the long history of cooperation with, and service to, MICOM. The scope of AMEC's services extends well beyond the TQM arena; it provides training and consulting in the areas of information management, systems engineering, logistics management, management analysis, resource management, federal sector marketing, multi-rater performance management systems, business process re-engineering, and human behavioral science.

"The Quality Institute is a section of the Education and Development (E&D) Division, Personnel and Training Directorate, MICOM. E&D's role is to provide both training and development advice, guidance, and opportunities to managers and employees, and to manage and deliver Command training programs and initiatives. The Quality Institute is the primary vehicle for delivery of training related to quality management. The E&D Division also assists employees who wish to take courses available through other sources, such as AMEC. The QI staff consists of MICOM employees, some of whom are detailed to P&T. Downsizing restraints and hiring freezes have limited the availability of such employees. These employees are supported, as are all E&D Division programs, through a support services contract. Contractor employees provide curriculum development, instruction, and clerical support; and provide assistance in manning the Learning Centers and the Quality Institute. Consultants are not hired, but contract trainers are used on rare

occasions to augment the staff and provide learning opportunities so that we can train the trainers. The 500 employees, mentioned by the writer, are in the workplace providing immediate advice and guidance, and they are making TQM a reality in MICOM. Our personnel and managers are assimilating the concepts of Total Quality Management, and as this success continues, you will see MICOM's personnel take a stronger lead in guiding this command's quality journey.

"The bottom line—while the functions of the Total Quality Management Office, the Quality Institute, and AMEC are different, they have a common goal: to get the best available training to our customers, the personnel of Redstone Arsenal. For answers to any other questions you may have about AMEC, please call 895-4419/4417; for the MICOM TQM Office call 955-6700, and for the MICOM Quality Institute call

Brigade reactivation

On 1 Dec., a beautiful Alabama winter day, one military tradition lived on; but unfortunately another died. The first of December marked the reactivation of the 59th Ordnance Brigade, a military unit with a proud history going back to 1943. The 59th Ordnance Group served with distinction in World War II and Korea, and after being redesignated the 59th Ordnance Brigade in 1977, it continued as a key member of NATO's nuclear deterrent strategy. Considering the Brigade's history in missile, rocket and ammunition support, its new mission at Redstone Arsenal is very appropriate. As a member of the Brigade for almost seven years, I am proud to see the 59th back on the active rolls.

Another member of the Brigade, who has served with distinction for almost 15 years, was also present and participated in the reactivation ceremony. That member was the Brigade Bell. Since the Bell was poured on 7 Dec. 1979, a set of protocol rules and traditions has developed to cover its ringing. I've heard the Bell ring when I assumed command of a battalion within the 59th Ordnance Brigade and again three years later when I passed the colors to my successor. I also heard the Bell toll for the death of two soldiers in the battalion. With the reactivation of the 59th Ordnance Brigade at Redstone Arsenal, the traditions of the Brigade and the Brigade Bell were given a chance to live on. It was extremely unfortunate that one of those traditions died during the ceremony.

The honor of ringing the Brigade Bell at official functions has always been reserved for the "junior" member of the command. Whether that person was a 19-year-old Pvt. 2 taking part in his first Change of Command Parade or the youngest second lieutenant at a Dining In, the Bell has always been rung by the junior member in attendance. That tradition died when the school commandant and his Command Sergeant Major marched onto the parade field and pulled the lanyard to mark the reactivation of the 59th Ordnance Brigade. As I heard the clear sound of the Bell echo across the field, I rejoiced at the rebirth of the traditions of the 59th Ordnance Brigade, but I also mourned the death of one of the important traditions associated with the Brigade Bell.

Name withheld by request

Non-denominational event

The morning of Nov. 22 marked the first IMMC prayer breakfast. About 40 people gathered in the cafeteria in the Sparkman Center where non-denominational prayers and thoughts were shared. It turned out to be a nice, comfortable event that helped to set the tone of the day in a very positive manner. And it really was non-denominational! After attending this first prayer breakfast, I wholeheartedly encourage everyone—

whether your're Christian, Jewish, Moslem, Hindu or any other monotheistic faith — to feel free to come. You won't be disappointed.

Victor L. van Leeuwen
Air Defense Directorate IMC

Military privileges

I am writing concerning an article that appeared in the Nov. 23 issue of the Redstone Rocket about the family symposium. Before I begin I would like to make it clear that the opinion I am about to express is my own, and not that of the paper.

I was surprised to say the least when I read the last paragraph in the article concerning the civilian issues that were raised at the symposium. I was shocked to read the civilians want to use the commissary and implement a spousal preference employment program. My question is why? Is it because they work on the Arsenal and feel they deserve the same privileges as the military?

I can't believe the attitude of some of the civilian employees on this installation. Yes, they do outnumber the military members here, but I truly believe they have forgotten where they are working. Redstone Arsenal is a military installation. The civilians are here and have jobs because of the United States Army. The Army is not here because of the civilians.

The commissary was established for military members and retirees, not the general public who happen to work on a military installation. I feel shopping at the commissary is a privilege earned by living the military way of life and adapting to moving every three years, husbands who are away from home frequently, infrequent visits with family members and a general lack of roots.

The spousal preference employment program was established to help the spouse of a military member have a less difficult time of finding a job since we move from post to post every couple of years. Our resumes can be books by the time our husbands retire.

If the civilians want the same privileges the military members have, maybe they should try living the life we do. I'm not complaining about my way of life. I chose it, and my husband and I have learned to like experiencing different parts of the world. My children will be better people because of the experiences they have received while growing up.

I just think the civilians need to be reminded where their offices are located— on a military installation, not downtown. Yes, we have things you don't... but the same holds true for us. You have things we don't— like family members nearby, children who graduate with friends they started kindergarten with, and a place they can always call home.

I can't help but wonder what demand or gripe is next. Maybe the next issue is whether or not they can live in government housing on post.

Kathy Harkleroad
Military spouse

Choose the stairs

Do your heart a favor while you save MICOM energy— use the stairs before you call the elevator.

When I worked in the 10-story Reichel Building in Rheinburg, Germany, most people would use the stairs rather than call an elevator. Each elevator call button boasted a Print Shop created, paper sign that reminded us, "Do your heart a favor while you save Army energy. Walk up two floors or down four before you take an elevator."

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Panel explores future missile defense requirements



SSDC COMMANDER— Lt. Gen. Garner takes time out at the mid-November symposium to talk to media representatives.

By Marsha Taylor

Top military, government and industry leaders called for greater access for space products for warfighting soldiers and more effective theater missile defense (TMD) to protect deployed troops at a two-day symposium in mid-November.

A star-studded roster of speakers spoke to the subject "Missile Defense and Space Requirements for the 21st Century" at the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) and SSDC-sponsored meeting in Leesburg, Va.

Space support for warfighter

In his keynote address Gen. John Tilelli Jr., Army vice chief of staff, said, "The Army must continue to exploit space; we're committed to having ground commanders have

access to space assets.

"Space assets— such as global positioning (GPS), satellite mapping, weather data, communications and surveillance— are critical to the land component commander," he said, "and will play a crucial role as a force multiplier as the Army transforms into the smaller, but more lethal information age units that will be required by Force XXI."

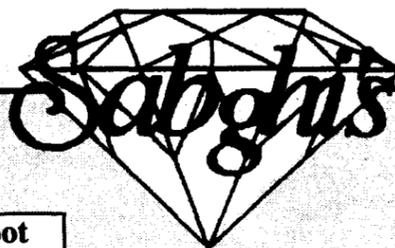
"The land component commander is— and will remain — the largest user of space products during conflicts," said SSDC Commander Lt. Gen. Jay Garner during his overview presentation. "The Army has a requirement for 95,000 GPS terminals compared with 10,000 for the Navy and 5,000 for the Air Force. During Desert Storm, land units used 73 percent of the military satellite communi-

cation, air 23 percent, and sea 4 percent."

ARSPACE (Forward) Commander, Col. Paul Semmens, indicated use of the ARSPACE-operated global Defense Satellite Communication System continues to increase. The number of satellite access requests has risen from 616 in 1992 to 729 in 1994. ARSPACE also operates the prototype Joint Tactical Ground Station that can provide in-theater processing of Defense Satellite Program data to provide accurate alerting, cueing and warning of tactical ballistic missiles.

Semmens also described ARSPACE's Army Space Support Teams that provide a pool of rapidly-deployable space capabilities to support the warfighter in any situation. Multi-spec-

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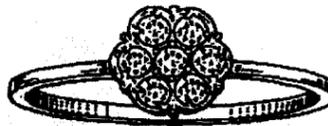
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Brigade's proud tradition continues with reactivation

By Ken McCooley

With all the pageantry befitting a brigade with such a unique and rich history, the 59th Ordnance Brigade was brought back to active duty Thursday in a ceremony held at the parade field.

The soldiers of the 59th "stood ready every day, around the clock, for over 30 years with their soldiers held to higher readiness standards than the Special Forces," said Maj. Gen. George Friel, who commanded the 59th Ordnance Brigade when it was inactivated in July 1992.

"The 59th is home where most of its former Ordnance soldiers began their careers. It is fitting to fly its colors here today. Its

strength will come from its people. Soldiers of the Brigade, wear her crest with pride. You are the ones who will give the Brigade 'Power to Spare,'" Friel said.

In a brief ceremony, Maj. Gen. James Monroe, Army chief of Ordnance, received the Brigade colors from Friel, and in turn passed them to Col. Thomas Hooper, commandant of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, indicating the passing of control from one commander to another.

"Today is truly a great day," Monroe said. "In July 1992, the colors we unfurled a few moments ago were furled on this same field in front of soldiers of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center



TOP ATTENDEES— In foreground, from left, are Maj. Gen. Friel, Maj. Gen. Monroe, Col. Hooper, and Maj. Gen. James Link, at far right, the post commander.



BRIGADE COLORS— The 59th Ordnance Brigade color guard presents the colors during the ceremony.

and School. Today marks not only the reactivation but the integration of the Brigade's proud traditions into the equally proud history of the missile and munitions school."

Hooper said, "Members of the 59th Ordnance Brigade will continue to serve with honor as we train soldiers, Marines and allies in the munitions, explosive ordnance disposal, electronics, missile maintenance, and test, measurement and diagnostic arenas."

Hooper further praised soldiers of the 59th Ordnance Brigade by recognizing their self-sacrifice and dedication to service.

"To a large degree, the price paid since our country first rose from the ashes of conflict, has been in our soldiers blood," he

said. "Soldiers... what a wonderful word. A word that means duty, honor, country, concern for others and citizenship of the highest order. A word that stands for all that is good, and right, and decent in our country."

The 59th Ordnance Brigade's mission will be to provide leader development, education, and training to international military students and U.S. military and civilian personnel in combat service support for munitions; electronic and missile maintenance, test, measurement and diagnostic equipment; and explosive ordnance disposal. The focus of the Brigade remains the same: outstanding support for soldiers and superb execution of a critical mission for America's Army.

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TMDE Activity to dedicate radiation standards facility

By Kathy Harkleroad

The new Radiation Standards and Dosimetry Laboratory is in the final ages of completion and the first occupants will be moving in sometime during the month.

"We are real excited about the new facility and will begin the process of transition in the next couple of weeks. We have been asking for field equipment that needed testing to be turned in a little earlier, only because we are trying to get ahead of the work load and not cause and inconveniences down the line," said Patrick Kuykendall, chief of the Radiation Standards and Dosimetry Laboratory under the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity.

The new building will accommodate 60 civilian workers who will be testing and measuring all types of equipment. "We are consolidating the testing laboratory currently housed at Lexington Army Depot (Ky.) and from Sacramento, Calif. With the new building we have tried to look into the future and plan for any additional space needs we might have without hav-

ing to undergo any major renovations," Kuykendall said.

One of the main functions that will be performed in the building is the measuring of dosimetry badges that are worn primarily by hospital personnel. The badges are sent to the facility and the radiation levels are then measured and recorded.

"We will have the space to increase the number of badges we process as well as the equipment to make the process faster. We will also have the computer capabilities of storing the information on individuals who wear the badges for a number of years," Kuykendall said.

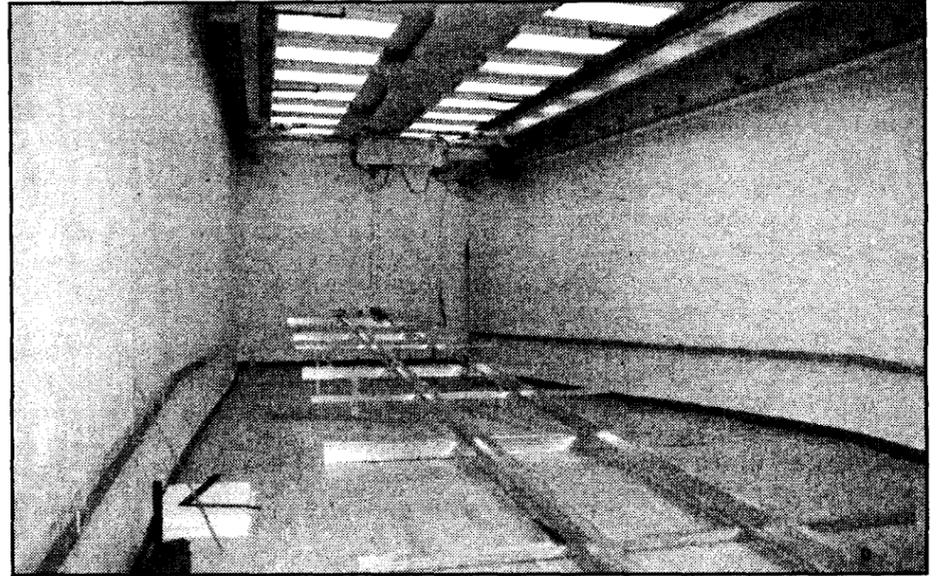
Other facilities within the building will also be used for the testing and measuring of night vision devices as well as photo optic equipment. "With the new building we have designed special rooms for each of the types of testing we do and have addressed their special needs," Kuykendall continued.

The upper story of the building is devoted to photonics and nucleonics sections where equipment is calibrated and tested. "Fiber

optics was centered in the communication field and has increased rapidly in other fields, including ones we work with," Kuykendall said. "Therefore with the new building we now have the equipment needed to work with pieces of equipment that contain the fiber optics."

The lower floor of the building is devoted to the testing of radioactive testing and measuring and several safeguards have been built into the building itself. "We thought of the worst case scenario and planned from there. It was critical that both the personnel inside the building as well as the general public outside the building, were as safe a possible from any radiation contamination," Kuykendall said.

With those safeguards in mind, the building was constructed with walls that are 2 feet thick in the radiation testing area. A special air filter system has also been implemented as well as a special storage system for any contaminated material. "Normally once the equipment or piece of material is sent to us for testing (and) has gone through all the



HIGH ENERGY TESTING— Employees of the Radiation Standards and Dosimetry Laboratory will soon be moving into the new building located on Jungerman Road. This is one of the rooms where equipment will test radioactive materials. A separate control room will shield the technician from any harmful rays.

procedures, we find very little radiation, if any at all. The 1 percent we do find, will be stored in a special facility until further disposal methods are implemented," Kuykendall said.

In the high energy testing room, the testing is done by remote control with the technician in another room. "Everything will be automated and the technician

will be able to view the piece of equipment with a video camera and can record the data safely. There is also a crane and a track in this room where the heavy equipment can be easily controlled and the results will be more precise," Kuykendall said.

All types of equipment can be tested in the new building and equipment will

be sent from not only around the United States, but from around the world as well. "We handle pieces of equipment from the Army as well as other organizations throughout the world," Kuykendall said.

The \$3.6 million facility, a two-story structure with approximately 32,000 square feet, is located south of building 5400 on Jungerman Road.

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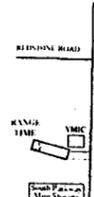
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Temporary lodging quarters to get major facelift

By Sandra Cartee

The Directorate of Public Works has been working on a project to refurbish the Bachelor Officer Quarters for over a year now. With the project still in the planning stages and being 30 percent complete, the goal is to gut out the existing quarters and refurbish them inside and out. If the project goes as planned, the BOQ will be more cost- and energy-efficient as well as a nicer place for guests and people on TDY to stay.

"The plan is for each to have its own unit," said Mike Hubbard, chief of the engineering division at DPW. Now, the units share commons areas and kitchens. After construction, Hubbard said that each unit will have its own commons and kitchen areas and be similar to a hotel suite. Ed Karolikowski, the lead architect on the project agreed and said, "basically, we'll have different types of units for short term and long term stays."

The long term suites will be similar to apartments and have larger kitchens with stoves, microwaves, refrigerators, and even dish washers. Shorter stay term rooms will have smaller kitchenettes with two burner stoves and smaller refrigerators, and the overnight type room will just have microwaves and a very small refrigerator.



WORKING ON PLANS— Karolikowski, left, discusses the architecture designs of the Bachelor Officer Quarters with Hubbard. The improvements to the buildings will not only be cost efficient but energy efficient, as well.

"We're gutting the interior plaster walls and flooring," Karolikowski said. The plan is to put nice carpet in the rooms with tile flooring in the bathrooms, and wallpaper on the walls. Funding governs the extent to which this will be done and Karolikowski said, "we will try to make it as nice as we can within our budget."

"Six (units) will be designed for handicapped individuals," Hubbard said. These rooms will have ramps accessibility, correct hardware on the doors, larger sized bathrooms, and all the doors and halls will be widened to accommodate the handicapped.

Safety standards will also be brought up to par with the refurbishment.

"When you have renovations, you have to bring it up to present codes," explained Hubbard. Sprinkler systems will be added and all of the exposed wiring will be moved to inner walls.

Karolikowski said, "the heating and air won't be lost as much." They plan to insulate the quarters better and install smaller individual heating and air units in each complex to save money.

The outdoors will be redone energy smart, as well. "We plan to replace the substandard clapboard siding with an exterior insulation and finish system," said Karolikowski. The brick molding will stay the way it is, but the roof will

change. The plans call for a standing seam roof, which would replace the shingled one in use now. "It's more expensive, but you don't have to re-shingle every 10 to 15 years. It's guaranteed

to last 40-50 years and it's a more durable wear surface," Hubbard said.

The windows will also be more efficient and also more stylish. They should resemble hotel style and be taller, deeper windows.

The look will be more stylish, too and Karolikowski explained "instead of having a bland rectangular structure, we've tried to put color into it." The roof color will be a hunter green with the exterior color an off white.

The entrance way will also offer a different look. "There will be three-dimensional protection from weather, aluminum and glass doors," Karolikowski said. This will add to the appeal of the BOQ as it adds protection in the process.

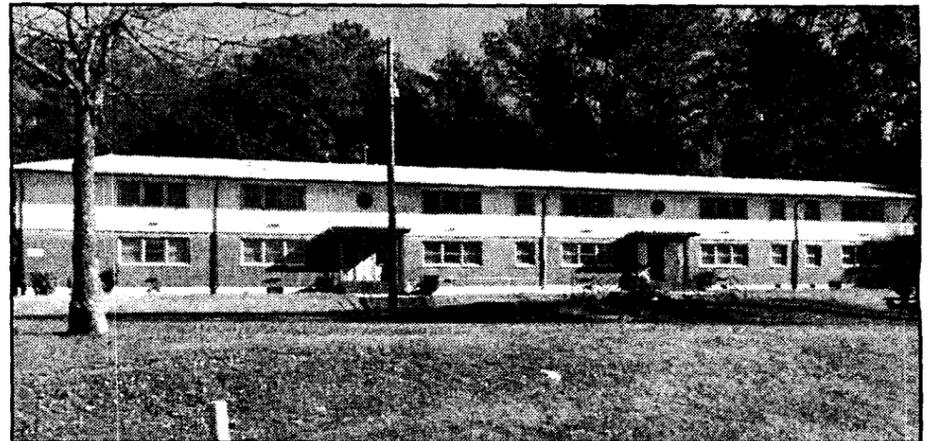
If the funding is available, landscaping will be added, too. The overall

look will help to accent the golf course, and the Officers Club that are nearby.

Hubbard said, "people who are here for Army business will be able to take advantage of other services (like arsenal taxi service) without using Huntsville. The rates will still be reasonable and being in easy access to arsenal facilities should prove to be essential.

"We want it to be comparable with middle of the road (hotels) off base. It should be as large as staying at a Marriott or a Residence Inn," said Hubbard.

The \$2-3 million project should get off the ground this summer. DPW plans to work on one or two buildings at a time and phase them in, rather than doing them all at once. This project is still in the planning stage, but if all goes well, the BOQ will get a major facelift.



BOQ TO BE IMPROVED— Buildings 131-136 will be gutted out and totally refurbished. The new and improved quarters should be somewhat like a nicer motel suite.

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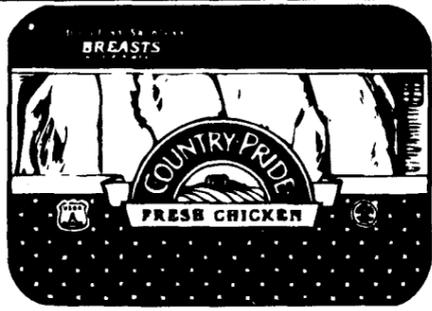
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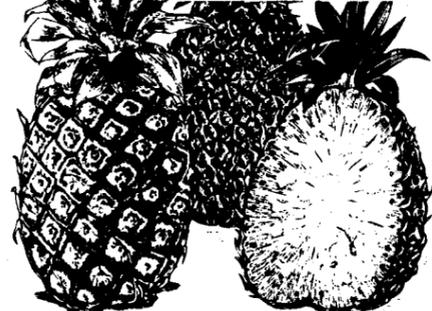
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COMMANDER'S CUP— Maj. Gen. Link presents the first place trophy to Col. Arlan Bask on behalf of TMDE soldiers. The company gained the most points for the smaller unit category in the yearlong sports competition.

E Company and TMDE win troop sports trophies

By Sandra Cartee

The Commander's Cup sports trophies were awarded Friday at Pagano Gym. Echo Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion captured the trophy for the large unit category, and the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity soldiers were the winners in the small unit category.

The Commander's Cup is a yearlong competition where soldiers participate against other units in various sports for points. The company with the most overall points at the end of the year

wins the trophy.

The sports included flag football, basketball, volleyball, racquetball, trap/skeet, bowling, tennis, softball, and a 5K run. Ted Compoc, the sports director, began the ceremonies and announced that soccer and golf would be phased into the competition in 1995. This year, E Company earned 480.3 points making them the overall winners for the larger unit category. TMDE pulled in 373.5 points to win the smaller unit category.

Maj. Gen. James Link, post commander, congratulated the two groups for a

job well done, and along with CSM Ben Sunde, presented the trophies. Col. Arlan Bask accepted the trophy for the TMDE group who also won the competition last year. Echo Company also won for the second year in a row. Capt. Hardee Green accepted the trophy on their behalf.

The company that wins the Commander's Cup for three consecutive years will get to keep the main trophy. At the ceremony, E Company and TMDE were presented the yearly smaller trophies which they do get to keep.

Nominees sought for community service honors

In the spirit of Army Communities of Excellence, the ACOE office here wants to recognize individuals who make extra efforts to serve their customers.

Nominees from the work force will be honored at a

formal ceremony. Names of people and brief descriptions of their contributions should be submitted to the ACOE Office by Dec. 15.

"As most of you have heard already, Redstone Arsenal is anticipating another

Department of the Army evaluation in early spring as a finalist for the ACOE Commander-in-Chief Award," says a prepared release from the ACOE office. "The progress we have made thus far in this

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Nebraska, Penn State picked to stay unbeaten

Skip Vaughn

Nebraska and Penn State will try to stake their claim on the national championship in their upcoming bowl games.

Top-ranked Nebraska faces No. 3 Miami in the Orange Bowl; and No. 2 Penn State takes on No. 12 Oregon in the Rose Bowl. Both should prevail, making

it tough for the pollsters in the absence of a playoff format. Skip's Picks last week resulted in a 1-2 record as both Alabama and Navy lost close decisions. This brought the final regular season record to 305-96-7 for 76 percent.

Here are my bowl game predictions:

Las Vegas Bowl, Dec. 15— **Central Mich.** over UNLV by 7.

Aloha Bowl, Dec. 25— **Kansas State** over Boston College by 6.

Freedom Bowl, Dec. 27— **Arizona** over Utah by 14.

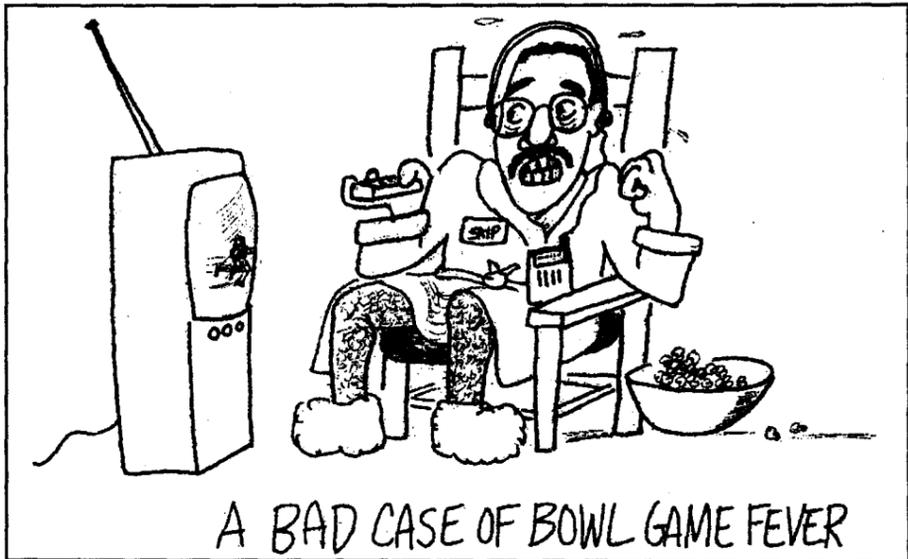
Independence Bowl, Dec. 28— **TCU** over Virginia by 3.

Copper Bowl, Dec. 29— **Oklahoma** over BYU by 13.

Sun Bowl, Dec. 30— **Texas** over North Carolina by 17.

Gator Bowl, Dec. 30— **Tenn.** over Va. Tech by 7.

Holiday Bowl, Dec. 30—



Mich. over Colo. St. by 4.

Liberty Bowl, Dec. 31— **Illinois** over East Carolina by 7.

Alamo Bowl, Dec. 31— **Baylor** over Wash. St. by 3.

Peach Bowl, Jan. 1— **Miss. St.** over NC State by 11.

Orange Bowl, Jan. 1—

Nebraska over Miami by 3.

Hall of Fame Bowl, Jan. 2— **Wisconsin** over Duke by 4.

Citrus Bowl, Jan. 2— **Alabama** over Ohio St. by 14.

Cotton Bowl, Jan. 2— **USC** over Texas Tech by 10.

Carquest Bowl, Jan. 2—

South Carolina over W. Va. by 7.

Fiesta Bowl, Jan. 2— **Colorado** over Notre Dame by 6.

Rose Bowl, Jan. 2— **Penn St.** over Oregon by 10.

Sugar Bowl, Jan. 1— **Florida** over Fla. State by 4.

Bowling standings

Here are the standings for the Redstone Arsenal Intramural Bowling League as of Nov. 22:

	Won	Lost
MI Detachment	202	98
Missile Maniacs	190	110
Sandbaggers	184	116
TMDE-2	174.5	125.5
TMDE-1	164	136
Marines	161.5	138.5
Readiness Grp-2	159	141
F Company MLRS	158.5	141.5
SHORAD-2	155	145
Master Blasters	151	149
Dilligaf	147.5	152.5
D Company-1	124	176
Hooters	114.5	185.5
SHORAD-1	111	189
D Company-2	94	206
Readiness Grp-1	84.5	215.5

200 games/600 series bowled Nov. 22:

Jeff Hilton	242, 204, & 625 series
Avery Hollifield	237
Graham Van Oostrum	224
Brian Long	222
Lonnie Seaman	214
Michael Sciallo	211
John Jarboe	209
Dennis Negman	206
Mike Harney	203

Buyout news available by telephone

Federal employees interested in hearing the latest news about buyouts can now call a 24-hour hotline at (202) 606-2425.

The Office of Personnel Management sponsors the hotline, which provides the

latest information about agency buyout programs and gives general buyout eligibility and early-retirement information.

It also provides information on such topics as how accepting a buyout can affect

an employee's tax status.

More than 30,000 DoD workers have accepted buyouts since defense agencies began offering them in 1993.

A buyout is equal to \$25,000 or the employee's earned severance payment,

whichever is less. The government deducts taxes, so employees offered buyouts are advised to consult agency retirement experts to calculate the buyout's real worth before deciding. (American Forces Information Service)

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FIRST GRADUATES— The first class of instructors trained in Army Family Team Building graduated Dec. 1. From left are Bachae, Budnik, Fedewa, Hudson and Venegas.

Army Family Team Building is a program run by volunteers that will teach Army spouses valuable information needed to thrive in the military environment. The courses will provide everything from learning the Army way of life to knowing who to turn to in times of turmoil.

Jonnie Nance, Debbie Behel and Karen Sundry are the master trainers that represent Redstone and went to Washington, D.C.,

to get their training. They train the volunteer instructors who will be teaching the classes. There are three levels of instruction with the first being for spouses who have spent less than five years with the Army. The second level is for people who have spent five to 10 years as an Army spouse, and the third is for 10 years and more.

The first class of instructors completed their nine hours of training and gradu-

ated Dec. 1 at the Post Chapel. Col. Stephen Moeller, deputy post commander, presented Lisa Budnik, Laura Fedewa, Cindy Bachae, Marianne Hudson and Danette Venegas with their certificates of completion in the ceremony.

The graduates were honored by the support of people who took time out of their busy schedules to come and show encouragement. All of the first

sergeants attended as well as post CSM Ben Sundry in addition to a representative from the NCO Academy, and the Medical Department Activity. The graduates were even presented three red roses symbolizing the three days of training from Fred Ledfors, representing the retirement community.

These instructors are now a part of the AFTB team and are ready to teach any of the courses in the level one category. Courses they will be teaching will help spouses learn the Army way of life and acronyms, basic problem solving, family preparedness, and much more.

If anyone is interested in becoming an instructor or would like to receive the training, the AFTB master trainers will be willing to assist. More information can also be obtained by calling Behel at 533-5516, Nance at 828-7455, or Sundry at 880-6534.

Radar antenna enclosure delivered

The antenna enclosure for the first Theater Missile Defense (TMD) Ground Based Radar arrived Nov. 24 at Raytheon's manufacturing facility in Waltham, Mass.

The non-stop, cross-country trek from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, began Nov. 20 at EBCO Industries Ltd., who performed the fabrication and assembly.

The 41-foot long enclosure is designed to fit inside a C-130 aircraft for transport to the theater and is towed behind a Heavy Expanded Mobile Tactical Truck within the theater. It makes use of aircraft-style riveted construction to achieve light weight, strength and rigidity, as well as the rigorous flatness requirements dictated by its use as an X-Band phased array antenna.

Raytheon will complete the assembly of the antenna by inserting in the enclosure the control and power circuits and the 12,672 solid state X-Band transceiver modules built by Raytheon and Texas Instruments.

Under contract from the Space and Strategic Defense Command and built for the Program Executive Office for Missile Defense, the antenna and other parts of the first radar are being assembled and tested by Raytheon in preparation for delivery to White Sands Missile Range, N.M., in the summer of 1995. At WSMR, the radar will function as the radar sensor for live firing testing of the Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) missile system.

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Executive order changes definition of field duty for deployed troops

President Bill Clinton signed an executive order Oct. 28 allowing enlisted service members to keep their subsistence allowances while deployed ashore in a combat area. Clinton announced the change while speaking to service members deployed in Kuwait.

The order alters the definition of "field duty." Task force commanders may now place service members on

temporary duty orders even if deployed against hostile forces. This allows enlisted members to keep their subsistence allowances, normally about \$200 a month. Defense officials

said the change provides joint task force commanders more flexibility in deciding entitlements. "It allows the commander the opportunity to keep our troops adequately and appropriately reim-

bursed in a consistent manner, even though the operational scenario may change dramatically," said officials.

Before the change, military personnel deployed on field duty orders lost subsis-

tence allowance. DoD officials said the loss represented up to 13 percent of married junior enlisted members' monthly pay.

Service members in Haiti and Macedonia are not in com-

bat ones. Military personnel supporting Operation Uphold Democracy initially lost their subsistence allowance but regained it days after their arrival in Haiti. (American Forces Information Service)

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Redstone Fire Department team still No. 1 in county

Post firefighters repeat winners of firefighters' skills competition

By Skip Vaughn

Redstone firefighters have captured the bragging rights over their fellow firefighters in Madison County for the second straight year.

A Redstone Fire Department team won the second annual Madison County Firefighters Competition held Nov. 12 at Sharon Johnston Park. The friendly competition on firefighter's skills raises funds for the American Red Cross and its emergency services.

"It was a competition sponsored by the fire departments— from the arsenal, the city and county. And we benefit from it; our single-family fire program benefits from it," said Josie Asquith, disaster chairman of the emergency services office. Madison County Chapter, American Red Cross. She was unsure how much money this year's event raised but said last

year's competition raised close to \$1,000.

"We're very appreciative that they do it, and we do offer support to them and do provide some volunteers to help with the event," Asquith said.

The entry fee was \$100 per team. Competitors—for the event open to all professional and volunteer fire departments in Madison County — included Redstone, Huntsville Fire Department, New Hope Volunteer Fire Department, Central Volunteer Fire Department, New Market Volunteer Fire Department, and Harvest Volunteer Fire Department.

Redstone finished first followed by New Hope, second; New Market, third; and Huntsville, fourth. The four timed events included dress relay, hose lay, obstacle course, and water on the roof. "We practiced a lot of days," said Larry Dowdy, co-captain of Redstone's

nine-member team. "We won every event except the water on the roof; we placed second in that."

Leaders of the department made it easy for the team to practice in preparation for the events, according to Dowdy. "District Chief (Bobby) McFarland and District Chief (Howard) Reed were involved in all of our training and the event, and we'd like to thank them for their support," he said.

The beneficiary of this fund-raiser is the American Red Cross and its emergency services. The Red Cross has disaster action teams, "DAT teams," which are on call a week at a time. It has an emergency response truck, nicknamed "Irv," which provides coffee and food at a fire scene. The Red Cross also provides assistance after an emergency, including help with furnishings, to enable affected families to recover. "There's a great need for



TROPHY PRESENTATION— From left are Dowdy; Asquith of American Red Cross; Cross, the fire chief; and Galeano. The other members of the winning team weren't present because they were out on emergency response, Dowdy said.

this money that's raised, because it gets to be an expensive program," Asquith said.

This event also builds respect among the various local fire departments, according to Redstone Fire Chief Bill Cross. "We're all participating in the same fight against fires," Cross said. "The best thing to

come out of this is our association with the community fire departments and the help they've provided us. This event has gained a lot of respect for the Redstone fire department and its ability, and also the respect that we have for them because we see what they're capable of doing also.

"There's a lot of joking

that goes on but no hard feelings. It's all in good fun," he added.

Members of Redstone's team— which won for the second straight year — included co-captains Sandy Boyd and Dowdy; Ronald Schrimsher, Keith Galeano, Clay Doss, Joey Boyd, Wendell Jones, Harry Hollingsworth and Ed Lackey.

Champus handbook ready for distribution

The new Champus handbook has been published and is now available to service families.

The 147-page handbook, which was last revised in 1992, has been completely updated with the latest information about the standard Champus program's

benefits, procedures and eligibility requirements.

A useful feature, included for the first time, is a complete list of the addresses and telephone numbers of Champus contractors who process claims worldwide, and who operate managed-care programs, such as

Tricare plans, in various parts of the country.

The book also explains how the Tricare program works and where it is offered.

The cover of the new handbook is blue with white lettering. The green 1992 handbook and all previous

editions are outdated, and should be discarded immediately.

The new handbook is being shipped to the military services' distribution centers, to the U.S. Public Health Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, and to the headquarters offices of all

Champus claims processors.

Requests for supplies of the handbook may be forwarded to the appropriate publication distribution centers. Navy requesters should use this stock number: SN0510-LP-209-3800. Other requesters should refer to Champus handbook

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Individuals who want copies of the new handbook should contact their nearest health benefits adviser. (Champus News)

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Single soldiers' representatives share ideas at conference

By Kathy Harkleroad

Single soldiers at Redstone Arsenal will be the recipients of the knowledge and learning tools three soldiers representing the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program received at a recent conference.

"We traveled to Williamsburg, Va., and attended an Armywide BOSS conference that was hosted by Fort Eustis, Fort Monroe and Fort Story. Posts nationwide and from Korea, Alaska, Panama and Hawaii sent representatives and all of us learned quite a bit," said Cpl. Lonnie Brooks, RSA BOSS program vice-president. Redstone's other attendees were Spec. Carrie Gifun and Spec. Mookie Wilkenson.

"Every day there were workshops we were able to attend and we learned about

networking, listening skills, and other issues that affect the single soldier. We heard from representatives from the commissary, AAFES, housing and several other organizations and how the quality of life for single soldiers was improving," Brooks said.

Brooks said although the soldiers were in a classroom environment the learning was both fun and informative. "We didn't have to just sit and listen to someone speak during the conference. The soldiers were given a chance to do some hands-on projects that required working as a team and that was a lot of fun," said Brooks.

"The soldiers who attended also got quite a bit of information from the instructors and I know we will be passing those ideas onto our program here at Red-



BOSS REPRESENTATIVES— From left are Gifun, Brooks and Wilkenson.

stone," he said. "Basically we learned how to improve the quality of life for the single soldiers and the BOSS program."

The conference also offered a chance for the BOSS committee officers of other

installations to get together and share ideas and programs. "Information on programs that are being implemented at other installations were shared and we got a lot of ideas from them," Brooks said.

Even though the conference has ended, Brooks said he is still in touch with other committee members who attended the conference. "I have talked to some of the committee members from Fort McClellan and they are planning a trip to Redstone. Our BOSS program is going to act as host and show them around the area," he said.

According to Brooks other joint activities with BOSS programs at neighboring installations are planned for the future. "We would like to see some joint projects with BOSS members from Fort Campbell, Fort Rucker, Fort McClellan, Fort Gordon," Brooks said.

Gifun, from the MICOM Protocol office, said she learned quite a bit also. "We

trained everyday but we also had a lot of fun. Karaoke was a big hit. When it was time for us to graduate, there were a lot of tears as we said goodbye to all the new friends we met during the week," Gifun said.

In closing Brooks said he would like to stress the BOSS program was for all single soldiers stationed at Redstone. "We want to include everyone and are constantly looking for new committee members. The work we do and the advancements we make are for all single soldiers, not just the committee members," Brooks said.

Single soldiers who are interested in the program can either call Brooks at 955-9608 or Gifun at 876-7137 for more information.

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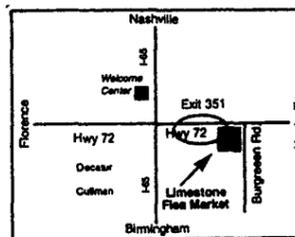
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Hospital telephone system becomes more 'user friendly'

By Kathy Harkleroad

Patients calling Fox Army Community Hospital will find it a little easier to make appointments these days thanks to a new telephone menu system recently installed at the hospital.

"Our intent is to make the appointment system easier for the patient and with the new menu system, getting an appointment should be a faster process," said Capt. Christopher Pate, chief of coordinated care.

The appointment clerks can now be reached by dialing the main number to the hospital and selecting the department the patient would like to be seen in. "We have reduced the menu system to one level and each department has their own number," Pate said.

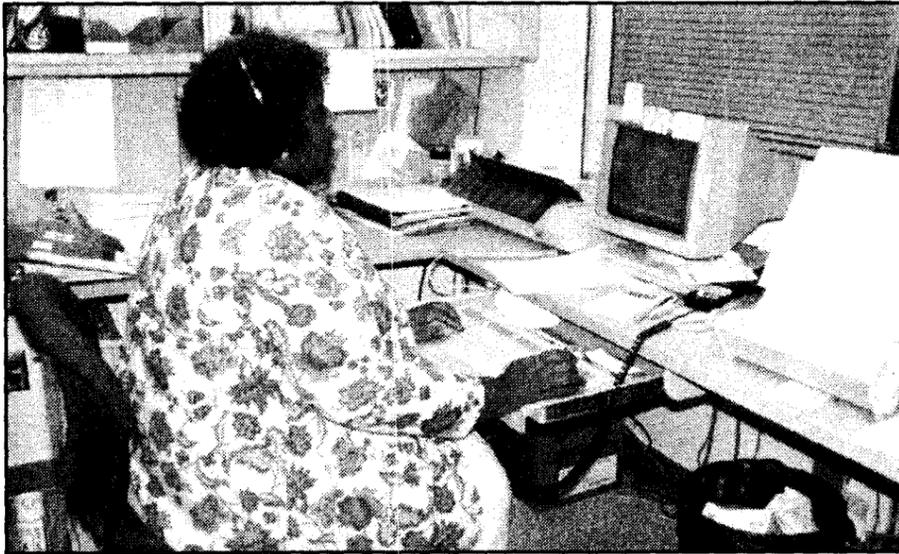
There have been some problems with the new system but according to Pate "the few bugs we have are being worked out." There are other factors that have to be considered when trying to reach the appointment clerk and the caller is faced with a few minutes on hold.

"The appointment clerks handle quite a few calls during the day and we have our peak times, just like other businesses. Another problem is we have a shortage of doctors which in turn makes appointments a little harder to get," said Sheri Little, lead medical clerk.

Pate said the problem of the physician shortage was being addressed and new physicians were being added as quickly as possible.

Another problem that has surfaced with the new phone system is something every business faces. "We have a limited number of appointment clerks and we are in the process of hiring more. In the meantime when an emergency or illness arises, we are caught short-handed and unfortunately the hold time for the patient trying to get through to a clinic is sometime longer than expected," Little said.

Pate and Little both said the problems are temporary and are asking patients to "bear with them." "Another factor that would help elim-



SETTING APPOINTMENTS— Carolyn Bacon is one of the appointment clerks at Fox Army Community Hospital who makes doctor appointments in the respective

clinics. The new telephone system was recently implemented at the hospital to make appointment setting easier for the patient.

inate the time on hold is for patients to listen carefully to the menu and be careful in selecting the department they want," Little said.

The new menu has 13 different selections and once a patient becomes familiar with the system they can select their clinic anytime during the brief announcement. Callers must use a touch-tone phone to

access the system.

To reach the emergency room, press 0; outpatient clinic, press 2; pediatrics, press 4; optometry, press 5; internal medicine, press 6; pharmacy refills, press 7; surgery/gyn, press 8; radiology, press 9; family practice, press 10; public service announcements, press 11; hospital information or help with the menu, press 12; and

to replay the menu press 13.

Little said one of the advantages to the new system is callers are immediately placed in the respective clinics and if a problem arises a doctor is immediately available. "Sometimes we have situations where the appointment book is full yet a doctor has asked to see a patient on a certain day. Now we have the capability of walk-

ing down a short hall to reach the doctor and explore the possibility of double booking an appointment. In the past it could take hours before we could complete the same task," Little said.

"Col. (William) Wong, the hospital commander, was concerned about the patients access to the hospital and wanted the most user-friendly system possible," Pate said. "I think we are achieving that goal and once everyone becomes familiar with it (the new phone system) the appointment procedure will be much easier and faster."

The appointments clerks handle approximately 500-700 calls on an average day and during peak times can handle as many as 50 calls an hour, according to Little.

Little said she would also like to remind callers who are calling the Champus office, they can call direct and avoid the menu system. The telephone number to the Champus office is 955-6497 or 876-2960.

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If that wasn't bad enough, Bojorquez learned that he was no longer a citizen of Mexico either. "When I took the oath of the Army, I had relinquished my Mexican citizenship," he said. So, for nine years, Bojorquez was neither a citizen of Mexico or the United States.

In his last attempt to be naturalized, he wrote a letter to the president. "My chain of command routed the letter to the congressman," he said. Congressman Cramer's office delivered it while Senator Shelby's office tracked it to make sure it reached the White House.

The letter not only made it, but the president promptly responded. "On Nov. 22 at 7 p.m., I got the call. (A local reporter said,) 'I've



PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN— Clinton passed a Presidential Executive Order giving him and other aliens who served in Desert Storm/Desert Shield the right to be naturalized. Bojorquez was informed Thanksgiving that his nine-year fight to be an American citizen was over and he would not be deported. President

got good news for you'." The reporter had seen a

press release stating that the president was responding to

Bojorquez's letter.

The very next day,

Bojorquez received a call from the White House. They said that not only would Bojorquez be eligible for citizenship, but other aliens who had fought in the war would be, too.

With tears streaming down his face, Bojorquez said, "There are no words to describe how I feel. What a privilege, how humbled. I've been in the clouds ever since."

He said that afterwards, his phone rang for 24 hours straight. "I had the happiest Thanksgiving of my life," he said. He also had a party and said that even the children danced in celebration of his victory.

His list of people to thank is long, from the people he works with at TMDE to the congressman's staff. He said that he especially wanted to "thank God and his commander-in-chief for the very special present."

Bojorquez plans to write a book about this experience and wants to help other people who might go through this kind of ordeal.

At present, he was selected as the NCO of the year. He also works as a volunteer in Morgan County as an instructor for the English as a Second Language classes. He doesn't want to forget his roots but he wants others to be involved in this country by voting and attending town hall meetings.

Bojorquez not only helped himself but helped other soldiers who are in the same predicament. "I feel proud and I've always been proud to be in this country," he said, "and now more than ever, I'm convinced that there's no better place to live than this country!"

Retirement services officer named to top-level council

By Sandra Cartee

"If I can just make someone's day a little bit better, then it makes my job worthwhile," said Phil Fredrich, the retirement services officer. Fredrich's entire career has been centered around helping soldiers; now he continues that by helping soldiers through retirement and helping retirees with benefits, rights and any other problems they may have.

Fredrich has been selected to serve on the Army Chief of Staff's Retiree Council which meets annually in Washington, D.C., to discuss issues concerning military retirees.

He retired from the Army as a command sergeant major after serving 28 years. Even though he and his wife, Judy, are from Wisconsin, they decided to stay in Huntsville. "We shoveled enough snow," Fredrich said.

After retiring in 1990, he and his wife both went to college. He received a bachelor's degree in business management from

Athens State College in 1991 at the age of 51. "It was one of the goals I had to achieve," he said.

While working on a second degree in computer sciences, he worked for the Veterans Administration under the work study program. That's when he learned of the need for a retirement services officer and applied for the position.

He wanted to continue helping soldiers as he did in the Army and "I wanted to assist people who are going through what I went through," he said. In explaining why, Fredrich said that he loves soldiers and has always liked taking care of them.

"They can always relate to me because I was there doing what they're doing and I'm proof of life after retirement," he said. Fredrich acts as a counselor to these soldiers. He helps soldiers look at what they have going for them. In some cases he tells the soldier that it's in their best interest to not retire, and he helps others to decide what

path to take after retirement. "I try to give them the best support that I can," he said.

Fredrich not only helps people interested in retiring, but helps people who have already retired. About 14,000 people receive assistance in some way from his office. He can answer questions and consult them on health care, rights and benefits.

"I hope that, maybe, what I do today, will make a difference in some retiree's life," Fredrich said. He feels that he can sympathize with their concerns because he is also in their shoes. If someone has a question that he can't answer, he'll call the Department of the Army's Retirement Division and get the answer for them.

Fredrich also has been recognized by DA for his contributions to the retirement community. He has been chosen to be on the Army Chief of Staff's Retiree Council for the next four years. "I hope that we can get some things done, not only for Redstone Arsenal, but throughout the world," he said.



Fredrich, right, congratulates Sgt. Maj. Stephen Healy of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School on his retirement. Fredrich is a retirement services officer and gives assistance to soldiers and retirees on health care, benefits, and rights.

Being on the council, Fredrich will work with other Army retiree representatives to present issues that affect retirees and to try and solve the issues. He said that he won't be presenting his issues, but the concerns of the people that he represents. "Now, it gives me an

opportunity to take these concerns, put them in a bag, and take them to the DA and maybe make a difference," he added.

Fredrich takes pride in the help he provides and said, "all of my career, I tried to take care of soldiers." Now as the retire-

ment services officer he continues to do so. "I just like it. I look forward to coming into work," he said.

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Snack bar opens near Sparkman Center auditorium



SNACK TIME— Personnel in the Sparkman Center now have a choice as to what they can eat for breakfast or lunch. A new snack bar has opened in building 5304, next to the auditorium, and is run by Ronnie and Connie Phillips. Rod Herrell, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation, is shown standing next to the couple in the new snack bar.

By Kathy Harkleroad

Looking for a hot lunch and you're short on time? Well if you work in the Sparkman Center a new snack bar opened Nov. 29 that could help you save time and provide a healthy lunch.

Husband and wife, Ronnie and Connie Phillips, opened the new snack bar and are offering both breakfast and lunch items. The snack bar is somewhat special because Ronnie is legally blind and has overcome his handicap to operate the business.

"We are very excited about this snack bar and word has really gotten around that we are here,"

Ronnie said. "We have only been open a few days and business has been terrific."

Ronnie received his training through the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation and spent the last several months in extensive training in Tuscaloosa at the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind.

"We help with the training of legally blind individuals and help them set themselves up in business," said Rod Harrell, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation.

The snack bar offers a variety of sandwiches and snacks and is open from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Included

on the menu are ham and cheese sandwiches, turkey and cheese sandwiches, tuna salad sandwiches, hot dogs, chili dogs, hamburgers and cheeseburgers, assorted subs, chips, snacks, drinks and soft serve ice cream.

Breakfast items include doughnuts, rolls, muffins and fresh biscuits will be offered in the near future. According to Phillips breakfast sandwiches will also be added to the menu soon.

The space for the snack bar was provided by the Army under the Randolph Shepard Act. The act provides space for handicapped individuals to operate a business.

LETTERS

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Many were in the habit of walking up or down the stairs. I worked on the "sixth floor" (that's the seventh floor by the American count as the "ground floor" was unnumbered). I usually walked both up and down.

Other workers might use an elevator rather than stairs without thinking about it. I've seen many people walk up to the ele-

vator call button, read the reminder notice, then head for the stairs. I have also seen a few people call an elevator to go down one floor, perhaps just for spite.

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Enlisted credit

I am writing in reference to your article from the Nov. 9 edition of the Redstone Rocket, "Redstone people recognized for ACOE work." Where in the article did the enlisted get mentioned? They didn't. Why didn't they get credit for the long hours—on top of their assigned duties—that they contributed to their areas here on the Arsenal? I am surprised that the program manager was actually quoted giving credit for "behind the scenes" work to BAMSII employees. They were only doing

the job that they were contracted to do. If the employees and BAMSII weren't getting paid, the "behind the scenes" work wouldn't have happened. So where do the enlisted get the credit? We don't. At least not in the way the ACOE program manager sees it.

Sgt. Michael Sciallo
HHD, TMDE Activity

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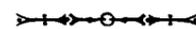
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Office Christmas project will benefit local military family



HOLIDAY CHEER—With the handmade Christmas baskets are, from left, Clum, Swafford and Williams. AMC Management

Engineering Activity workers are raffling off the baskets which can be won with a \$1 donation; and the proceeds will benefit a military family.

By Kathy Harkleroad

Workers at the AMC Management Engineering Activity are spreading the holiday cheer and will help a young military family make Christmas a little more enjoyable this year.

"The idea started when some of us were talking about the holidays and how we like to help other people," Cheri Clum said. "The next thing you know the whole group decided we should make it an office project and got started from there."

The idea is to help a military family stationed on the Arsenal with a few extras for the Christmas holiday. In order to raise the money for food, clothing and toys, the group decided to make

and raffle off homemade baskets.

Three baskets will be raffled off and can be won with a \$1 donation. The first prize basket is complete with an porcelain-faced angel, ribbons and greenery. The second place basket is full of poinsettias, holly and berries. The third place basket is complete with cranberries, pine cones, and matching maroon ribbons.

"If we receive enough donations we might be able to help more than one family and I think we would also enjoy that," Sandra Swafford said. One of the reasons Swafford got involved with the project is she wanted to make sure at least one family in need could enjoy the holiday season.

"I know what it is like to want to do something for your children and not be able to and I know how tough it is to try and make ends meet, especially at Christmas," Stephana Williams said. "I just wish I could help more but I know our efforts will be appreciated."

The name of the recipient of the gift certificates good for toys, food and clothes is a closely guarded secret at the office, but that hasn't kept the enthusiasm down for providing Christmas help. "We have a few people here who have adapted the family and will be bringing in gifts as well," Swafford said.

"Anyone can purchase the tickets and we are inviting everyone to give us a

call who would like to take a chance on winning one of the baskets," Williams said. For tickets call Williams at 895-3380, Sandra Swafford 895-3052 or Reginald Clark 722-1908. "We would welcome all donations, either from organizations or individuals and all they have to do is give us a call," Williams said.

Tickets will also be on sale this afternoon and Thursday afternoon at a table in the inside hallway at the front entrance of the Sparkman center's cafeteria. Bob Brown, manager of the Sparkman cafeteria, agreed to let the raffle organizers do business there.

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Take any suicide threat seriously, experts advise

By Sandra Cartee

The holiday season means depression for some people and with added stress, this could lead to a possible suicide. A panel of professionals makes up the suicide prevention task force and they provide information on recognizing possible suicidal people, how to help them, and ways to avoid depression during the holidays.

Joe Winston, chief of military personnel services and emergency operations division, believes there is an increase in suicide rates. He said, "we need to get some help and get people direction and inspiration in all areas." On the suicide task force, he and other members work hard to get help to the people who need it most, people who are suicidal.

One member who agrees with Winston is Ruby Turner, the alcohol and drug control officer for the Missile Command. "There is an increase in people seeking help for problems; family problems, personal problems, and people experiencing outside problems of drugs and alcohol," she said. She added that she sees a lot of this after the holiday season.

Jennifer Clark, the family advocacy program manager at Army Community Service, said there are reasons why people have more problems during the holidays. "They have high expectations and set themselves up for failure. With overspending and increased drinking, some really plunge," she said. Clark also gets many calls after the holidays from people wanting to know where they can go to receive help. "At the end of January, people start getting bills, and have



SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE— Through training, prevention, and education, the suicide task force works toward stopping suicide within the Redstone community. Members, from left, are Clark, Turner, Winston, and Ferguson. Not pictured is Chaplain William McCallister.

made all those New Year's resolutions," Clark explained.

Dr. David Ferguson, chief of community mental health, said there are two contributing factors to a suicidal person. "The environmental impact and the person themselves," are what he said causes the suicidal tendency. The workplace, home, and financial matters may contribute to the environmental factor, while the person may have a mood disorder or even a seasonal mood disorder, playing into their depression.

"Training, prevention, and education," said Turner on how to prevent suicide. All the members of the task force agreed that it's everyone's (from the co-worker to supervisor, to counselor or family member) responsibility to try and prevent possible suicides.

One can prevent added stress for themselves by planning ahead. "Before Christmas, sort out the holiday. Don't do a lot of drinking, get plenty of rest, plan a Christmas within your

means, and don't view Christmas in a idealistic situation," Clark said.

In other people, Ferguson said to determine if they may cause themselves physical danger. "Ask a person," he said. He suggested asking in an less obvious manner. "Are you having thoughts of hurting yourself?" is a usual question to ask someone who is suicidal.

Winston added that just asking questions about the future can determine if someone doesn't plan on living. "Ask regular questions to try and establish a state of mind," he said. Asking about someone's plans for the weekend might show that they haven't set any future events because they don't plan on being alive at that time.

Ferguson said that suicidal people drop hints and "you should take any threat seriously." Some hints most commonly used are; "it's just not worth it anymore; life is not worth living; and I'm more trouble than I'm worth." Turner added to be

on the lookout for people who "sell off their belongings."

Dates of remembrance are also times to be more aware of, according to Clark. "Divorce dates, or anniversary dates when one has lost someone due to suicide or any kind of death," are dates when people tend to attempt suicide, said Clark.

There are also professions that are more likely to commit the violent act. Emergency medical people, firemen, policemen, and other people who save lives are more apt to be suicidal.

Both the Army and Redstone are working hard to try and prevent suicide and give people the assistance they need. Co-workers can help by reaching out and just showing a suicidal person that they care. "Extend themselves in a matter that shows they care and do not put the person in a corner," Winston said.

Supervisors can help by ensuring confidence and letting the employee know that

they will not be in trouble for trusting a boss.

"We can help them sort out where they need to go for help," said Clark of the task force. Ferguson said "we would rather them call and get help than not get any help at all." Winston said "the chaplains office is another source. Someone may lack spiritual direction."

All calls are kept confidential and Ferguson said "they don't have to say who they are when they call our offices." Valuable phone numbers to know in a suicidal situation are the Community Counseling Center at 876-7256, Commu-

nity Mental Health at 876-9085, Army Community Service at 876-5397, or the hospital emergency room at 876-8289. Chaplain William McCallister is also on the task force and can offer spiritual guidance to suicidal individuals.

Helpline also has a hotline that has experienced counselors to help prevent suicide. That number is 539-1000.

Through knowing what the warning signs are and where to get help, more people can play a part in suicide prevention. Something to remember is that suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem.

Poem:

Caring about a soldier

(Editor's note: The following poem was taken from the Fort McClellan publication "McClellan News.")

WASHINGTON—

Caring about a soldier isn't always easy, and caring is a high price to pay. It's caring for him with nothing to hold, It's being young, yet feeling old.

It's having him whisper he cares for you, It's whispering back, you care too. Then comes a kiss, a promise with emotion, Knowing you're watched and approved with devotion.

Reluctantly, painfully letting him go, While you're dying inside because you're scared so. Watching him leave with your eyes full of tears, Standing alone with hopes, dreams and fears.

It's sending a letter with a stamp upside down, To a faraway man in a faraway town. It's going to church to kneel and to pray, And really meaning the things that you say.

Days go by and no mail for a spell, You wait for some word to hear he is well. Then a letter arrives and you're given its joy. You become like a child with a shining new toy.

With fingers trembling and heart beating fast, You tear open his letter and read it at last. And its filled with the words you wanted to hear, Weeks are a month and months are a year. You're waiting the day you'll have no more to fear.

Time passes slowly, yet has gone very fast. You are barely aware it's here till it's passed. Yes, caring about a soldier brings bitterness and tears, Loneliness, sadness, despondence and fears.

Caring about a soldier won't bring him closer, But its well worth the wait when the battle is over. Remember he's thinking many thoughts everyday, He's sad and he's lonely from being away. So think about him and try to be bolder, And always be proud of caring about a soldier.

Author Unknown

Mandatory Explosives Training at RSA

Ammunition/Explosives Safety Training is in full swing at Redstone Arsenal. Managers and supervisors must ensure that government and contract employees are certified to work with or around explosive weapon systems and components. Certification training is required by AMC-Reg 350-4. A cost effective training program that has been approved by AMC for MICOM and TECOM is now offered here at Redstone Arsenal. For a brochure and information on the January and February classes, contact Jerry Fisher or DeAnn Collins, (205) 722-7200, ext 233, Fax (205) 722-7232. Amtec Corp, 500 Wynn Drive, Suite 314, Huntsville, AL 35816-3429.

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clothing, from boots to coats; and much more.

The office must first find out if property is reusable within the federal government. If it isn't, the office may donate property to state and local agencies before putting it up for public sale.

DoD officials said with today's drawdowns, inventory reductions and base closures, more property is coming in than before. Therefore, DoD is offering more property for sale as surplus. Some has never been used.

Surplus property is sold nationally and locally. The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service's National Sales Office in Memphis, Tenn., conducts sales through national auctions, sealed bids and, in certain circumstances, negotiated sales. Items sold include aircraft, ships, in-

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Local reutilization offices hold auctions, spot bids and cash and carry sales. To find the telephone number of the office nearest you, call 1-800-468-8289. Then call the local office to get the date and time of the next sale. To buy surplus property, you must be at least 18 and can't be a Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service employee or in the immediate household of an employee. Property is sold as is, so buyers should take advantage of the two- to three-day preinspection period before the auction.

Champus trying test mail-order program in six states

Mail order test programs have been established by the Defense Department in six states and began Nov. 1. The states include Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

The two-year test programs will allow Champus-eligible persons throughout the six states, and Medicare-eligible persons in some locations, to order up to a 60-day supply of prescription drugs by mail. Active-duty family members will pay \$4 for each prescription; all other eligible users of the program will pay \$8. The payment must be sent in with the prescription (original prescription only—not a copy). There will be no additional mailing costs.

Former Champus-eligible person who are now Medicare-eligible will be able to use the mail-order plan if they live within the zip code service area of a former medical facility at a military base that has closed. They will not be eligible if they live within the service area of another military hospital.

Birth control medications, insulin, insulin syringes, and blood and urine test strips area also covered. Prescriptions for non-narcotic medications will be accepted when written by civilian or military

physicians and other authorized providers of care; however, prescriptions for narcotic medications will only be accepted from authorized civilian providers.

Over-the-counter drugs are not covered under the program.

Filled prescriptions will normally be returned to the requester within 10 working days after the prescription has been mailed in. Registered pharmacists personally inspect all prescription orders before they are boxed and delivered by the U.S. Postal Service or other registered carriers.

The test programs in the six states are operated by Health Care Systems (HCS), of Albuquerque, N.M. Mail-order pharmacy programs are already operating in California and Hawaii, under the Champus contractor for those states.

Eligible persons in the six states who haven't received enrollment/information packets about the mail order pharmacy program may call HCS at 1-800-633-2426 for a packet, or for more information about the program. (Champus News)

MISSILE

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Central imagery mapping, mission planning and rehearsal systems, portable commercial International Maritime Satellite communications, weather satellite receivers, and GPS receivers have been deployed with Army ground troops in Haiti, Rwanda, Bosnia and Somalia as well as major troop exercises such as Roving Sands, Prairie Warrior and Atlantic Resolve during the past year.

Theater Missile Defense

"One of our top priorities would be fielding a multi-layer theater missile defense system as soon as possible," declared Gen. J.H. Binford

Peay III, commander in chief of U.S. Central Command, and former Army vice chief of staff and commanding general of the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division.

Based on his firsthand experience in the Gulf War, Peay said, "The number of tactical missiles that could be aimed at our troops will double by the year 2000. Central Command needs (TMD) systems now; we can't afford to leave our troops unprotected and vulnerable."

Garner emphasized the Army's preeminence in Theater Missile Defense and called for the Army to retain this mission. He also indicated plans to initiate a TMD Battle Lab in Huntsville to provide mis-

sion commanders, planners, and executors as well as material developers a "synthetic theater of war" to realistically simulate any military campaign from beginning to end, including logistical requirements, people, and hardware-in-the-loop.

ARSPACE is actively supporting the TMD effort as well, according to Semmens. ARSPACE has taken on the mission of establishing an Army Tactical Missile Defense Element Tactical Operations Center (TOC) by February 1995. The TOC will synchronize the four pillars of TMD—passive and active defense, attack capabilities, and battle management/command, control, communications, computers and intelligence—enabling the Army to

control the battlefield by dominating information warfare.

National Missile Defense (NMD)

Ballistic Missile Defense Organization Director Lt. Gen. Malcolm O'Neill discussed the challenge he faces to maintain the option to deploy a cost-effective, treaty compliant system designed to protect the United States against limited missile attacks in today's restricted funding environment.

"Through an NMD Technology Readiness Program, we're managing to preserve the major NMD elements, often by leveraging NMD technology off the better resourced TMD programs," O'Neill said. This is reversal of the situation in the

1980s when many TMD systems got their start with Strategic Defense Initiative funding originally earmarked for strategic systems.

O'Neill also touched on the importance of keeping sufficient "seed" money invested in advanced research and development to ensure access to technology that will be needed down the road.

Tech Base Development

SSDC Deputy Commander, Brig. Gen. Jan A. Van Prooyen, outlined the command's accomplishments in hit-to-kill weapons, lethality, sensors, information processing, simulations, data collection, and targets. "The work we do is relevant not only to missile

defense, but also to the Army's five major science and technology objectives to assure joint warfighting capability," he said. "SSDC's major missions directly relate to three of these goals: Maintain real-time knowledge of enemy and communicate in near real-time; control use of space; and counter threat of weapons of mass destruction such as ballistic and cruise missiles."

Garner summed up the conference by urging attendees to stay abreast of the space and missile defense advances, bring SSDC ideas to help do our job better, help us better tell our story, and continue to support these important efforts.

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Pick safe, appropriate toys this holiday

By Evelyn D. Harris
 American Forces Information Service

Child development experts say playing is children's work—they need to play to develop skills to be competent adults. But unfortunately children suffer some on-the-job injuries.

In a 21-month period beginning Jan. 1, 1993, a total of 37 children died of toy-related injuries, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. "Choking was the cause of the largest number of these deaths—22," said Elaine Tyrrell, a commission spokesperson. "Young children played with toys intended for older children and choked on small parts or small balls.

Balloons also caused fatalities, one when a balloon placed in a crib deflated and smothered an infant and another when a 1-year-old was strangled by a string attached to a balloon.

Riding toys, which include tricycles but not bicycles, were involved in 10 deaths. Four children ages 3 and 4 rode into swimming pools. The other victims, between 4 and 6, were

struck by motor vehicles.

"Young children have to be watched carefully," Tyrrell said. "Parents also need to teach them where they can safely ride. Young children think that if they can see a car, the driver can see them—they should be told that's not the case."

Fortunately, fatalities are rare. "Of the 54 million children under age 15 in the United States who play with billions of toys, an estimated 143,000 children were treated in hospital emergency rooms in 1992 for toy-related injuries," said Tyrrell. She said most of these avoidable injuries were not due to defective toys, but children falling over and being hit with or bumping into toys.

The commission does not classify bicycles as toys, but in 1990 more than 350 children under 15 died from head injuries in bicycling accidents. Others suffered permanent brain damage. The commission said parents should insist their children wear helmets when bicycling. For roller blading and skateboarding, insist on elbow and knee pads as well.

Toy guns have become another source of tragic deaths in the past few years. At least two major chain stores stopped selling realistic toy guns after a child was killed in New York when a police officer thought the gun a child was brandishing was real.

Safety experts suggest buying a brightly colored gun so it won't be mistaken for real. Army Maj. Don Longfellow, spokesperson for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, said that organization's stores don't sell realistic toy guns. Neither do Navy exchanges, said spokesperson Kristine Sturkie.

Nongunpowder firearms, such as BB guns and rubber-tipped dart guns, are another major source of injuries when they are shot toward the face or the pellets ricochet off other surfaces.

Navy Exchange toy buyer Judy Lambirth stresses the importance of buying toys recommended for the child's age group to avoid safety hazards.

Other things safety experts say to avoid include:

- Toys with strings or

cords longer than seven inches (even ribbons around plush toys' necks can strangle an infant);

- Sharp points and edges on toys for children under 3;

- Small parts on toys for young children or items, such as poorly secured eyes on plush toys that may fall off;

- Loud toys that can damage hearing;

- Toys without appropriate warnings, such as warnings not to fire cap guns near the face or head;

- Burning hazards, such as toy stoves that can burn a child;

- Toy chests that can smother or injure a child if the lid falls.

Tyrrell suggested immediately discarding plastic wrappings so they can't become deadly playthings.

"Toys are meant to be fun," said Consumer Product Safety Commission chairperson Jacqueline Jones-Smith. "By following a few simple but vital safety tips, consumers can help assure that toys given to children this holiday season will also be safe."

Arlington Cemetery Amphitheater to get \$9.3 million facelift in 1995

The Arlington Memorial Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery has been the scene of some of the republic's most solemn and poignant moments.

Millions of Americans know it as the scene of ceremonies surrounding the burials of the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War unknowns. But the am-

phitheater, site of annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day commemorations, is closed through 1996 for a much needed facelift.

Water leakage is eating at the structure. Bacteria and fungus are discoloring the amphitheater's white Danby and pink Tennessee marble. Renovation of the amphitheater—part of the same complex as the Tomb of the Unknowns—will cost \$9.3 million.

"We've known for some time that we needed to renovate the amphitheater," said project engineer Joseph C. Bunton. "We started studying the problems in 1985. The study grew to include all the factors that we

needed to correct. We started work in August."

No major renovation has been made since the amphitheater was dedicated in 1920.

Additions, such as air-conditioning units, press areas, handicapped ramps and elevators, however, have contributed to the water leakage problem.

"Putting the air conditioning in, for example, meant we had to drill through the marble," Bunton said. "Correcting this is part of the renovation." Acid rain also ate at the marble. The renovation will also get rid of asbestos and lead paint.

Renovation will not change the structure's ap-

pearance. "We intend to match the marble as closely as we possibly can," Bunton said. "We have the original plans and drawings of the amphitheater so we will be able to duplicate all sculptures and carvings."

The renovation calls for cleaning and waterproofing the marble. "This will be done in an environmentally sensitive way," Bunton said.

Officials hope to have the amphitheater open for Veterans Day 1996. Until then, memorial ceremonies will be held near the Tomb of the Unknowns. (American Forces Information Service)

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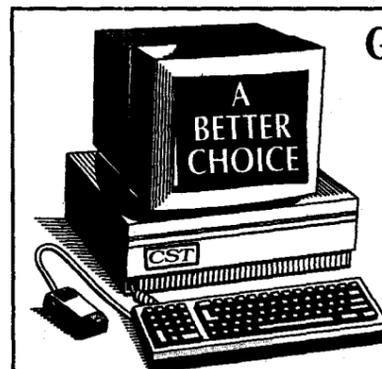
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Announcements

Marine Corps League— The Marine Corps League is looking for a few good Marines, past and present, to join your fellow Marines for a covered-dish Christmas gala at 6 p.m. Dec. 13 at the American Legion Post on Drake Avenue. Bring a dish to share and enjoy good food, fun and fellowship. Spouses are invited.

Training session— A training/discussion session will be held from 9-11 a.m. Dec. 13 in the Sparkman Auditorium, for all building custodians and others authorized to submit Job Order Requests (JORs). Prior to the training session, a copy of all JORs, a draft letter of Instructions (LOI) and a revised AMSMI-RA Form 2701 (JOR) will be sent to your organization. We encourage you to use the draft LOI and the revised Form 2701 to rework valid requests prior to attending the training session. This will enable the Process Action Team to assist you in the areas needing additional clarification and will also serve as a lesson learned training session for all involved. For additional information, call Keith Kirksey at 876-1692 or Rick Manis at 876-0519.

Williams PTA— J.E. Williams Elementary School will have the December Parent and Teachers Association (PTA) meeting at 6:45 p.m. Dec. 13 at the school. This is a great opportunity to get involved and knowledgeable about your child's school activities. Babysitting services will be available for school-age children. Entertainment will be presented by the Enrichment Program coordinator.

PX Bulletin Board— A bulletin board is now available for personal (non-business) notices in the PX mall. Please submit your 3X5 index card to the ID greeter and it will be posted for a two week period. The board was purchased due to customer comments and is provided for your convenience and information.

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.

LOGSA Christmas party— The Logistics Support Activity will have its annual Christmas party from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday 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, which cost \$10.50 each, are available from the following Christmas committee members: Neshia Mayton 955-0862; Dick Ruhlman 955-0865; Josetta 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 is Dec. 7.

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.

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

Youth dance— Youth Center members and guests, ages 6-12, will have lots of fun at the Marathon Preteen Dance, Saturday at the Youth Center. The dance begins at 2 p.m. and will last until the final person hangs up their dancing

shoes. Admission is \$2 at the door. "Don't be left out of the fun—you might even win a prize!" For more information, call 876-KIDS.

Dining facility council— The Enlisted Dining Facility Council will meet 9:30 a.m. Thursday 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.

\$5,000 reward— The Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the recent theft of several computer components from building 5301, Sparkman Center, Redstone Arsenal. Anyone having information concerning this offense should call Special Agents Dennis Burdette or John Brasel, CID, at 876-2037 or 842-2462. Your identity will be kept confidential. This offer expires Dec. 16.

Post Theater movies— Thursday, "Quiz Show," rated PG-13, 133 minutes. Friday, "Quiz Show." Saturday, "Wes Craven's New Nightmare," R, 110 minutes. Sunday, "Wes Craven's New Nightmare." Tuesday, "Exit to Eden," PG, 102 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.

Yo, Scrooge— The Butler High School Spotlight Players will present "Yo, Scrooge!," a multi-cultural version of the Charles Dickens classic. Written and directed by Butler High School teacher Mike Chappell, this original play will be presented Dec. 9-10 at 7 p.m. in the Butler auditorium. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$3 adults. Purchase tickets by calling the school 532-4920. The play is appropriate for children of all ages.

Military retirement— The Retirement Services Office, MICOM, will present a Pre-Retirement briefing in the auditorium, room 119, at Toftoy Hall, building 3495 on the following dates from 8-11 a.m. This briefing is for all soldiers and their spouses with an "approved retirement": Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 31, Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 30, Nov. 27 and Dec. 18. The retirement services office will conduct an 18-year retirement planning briefing from 1-3:30 p.m. March 27, June 26, Sept. 25 and Dec. 18.

Vehicles auction— The General Services Administration will conduct a sale of about 50 vehicles at 9 a.m. Thursday at the GSA sale site near the corner of 2nd and 18th Street at Fort McClellan. The vehicles are available for inspection today from 9-3 and Thursday from 8-9. For more information, call (205) 848-3744/4734.

Resource managers— Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers is accepting nominations for National Awards for individual and team achievement during 1994. Criteria for this year's awards are in the fall issue of the Armed Force Comptroller. Nominations are due to the awards chairman, Ernie Weir, at AMC Management Engineering Activity, AMXME-M, 4940-B Research Drive, Huntsville 35805-5906, no later than Dec. 15. For more information, call Weir 722-1934.

Free bingo— The entire Redstone community is welcome for "Santa's special free bingo" Dec. 20 at the Challenger. Doors open at 4 p.m. Everyone will be given one free packet to play 10 free games. Extra packages can be purchased at the register for \$10 each. Cards go on sale at 5 p.m. Early bird games start at 6:15 p.m. (\$3 per packet). There will be four early bird games— win \$50 each

game with regular free games starting at 7 p.m. "Join in on all the fun! Mrs. Claus' and elves special games for \$2 per card." Door prizes and free cookies and punch will compliment this evening of fun. "This is a Christmas gift to the Redstone community and should not be confused with the regular bingo program at the Challenger." For more information, call 837-0751.

Turkey shoot— A turkey shoot will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday between the trap and skeet ranges at Outdoor Recreation. Cost is \$3 per shot. Outdoor Recreation will provide weapons or you can use your own 12-gauge shotgun. For your safety, the trap and skeet range will be closed during this event. Prizes will be awarded. "No skill is required to win!" For more information, call 876-4868.

NCO spouses— The Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club will have its monthly meeting 7 p.m. Thursday in the Challenger. "Schedule for wrapping booth with Thelma Way. Please wear your ARN-COSC aprons when gift wrapping." If you have any question or need a ride, call 859-0340.

Christmas trees— All offices, day rooms, military personnel on active duty, and other activities requiring Christmas trees, are authorized to cut trees on a self-help basis in the area northeast of the Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) area which is across the road from the Redstone Arsenal Saddle Activity. Trees should not be cut for commercial or unauthorized use. This area has been marked with orange flagging for easy recognition. Travel will be limited and controlled by daily check-in with ASP personnel at building 2592. Cutting operations will be limited to

inside the Christmas tree cutting area only. Extreme caution should be exercised to prevent straying outside of the area or off the access route and removing any objects other than a Christmas tree. Trees should be cut Dec. 10-24 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tree trimmings should not be left on grassed rights-of-way, railroad tracks or access roads. For more information and a location map, call Outdoor Recreation 876-0901.

Red Cross courses— Madison County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct an Infant & Child CPR course from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Red Cross building, 1101 Washington St. Cost of the six-hour course is \$22. To preregister call 536-0084 (ext. 321)... A Standard First Aid course will be held 6-10 p.m. Dec. 12 and 13 at the Red Cross building, 1101 Washington St. Course fee is \$27 per person. To preregister call 536-0084 (ext. 321).

Resource managers— Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will have its monthly membership meeting and Christmas program at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 14 at the Officers Club. This is a joint meeting with the Association of Government Accountants.

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Perry stresses stable, peaceful Asia-Pacific region

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Information Service

Defense Secretary William Perry said the Asia-Pacific region is more stable and peaceful today than it has ever been, due to improved U.S.-China relations.

Perry, who spoke to China's National Defense University in Beijing recently, stressed the overlapping interests of the United States and China. He said the two countries bear special responsibility for ensuring the region's stability and prosperity. Military-to-military contacts between the countries encourage this stability.

Perry listed four reasons the United States and China share responsibility for peace and stability in the region. The first is strategic. The sizes and populations of the two countries and their resources mean the United States and China define the region's economy and security. "This is not an idle boast, and I do not want to downplay the contributions of other nations in the region," Perry said. "But history shows that when the United States and China enjoy positive, stable relations the entire region ben-

efits."

The second reason is the many overlapping interests shared by the United States and China. Perry stressed the economic progress made by China needs peace and stability to continue.

Third is the danger posed by proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems. "China and the United States are two of a handful of nations capable of producing both," Perry said. "(Early in October) our two governments signed important agreements to control missile transfers and missile material production."

Perry said this was an important step, but more needs to be done. "Restraint by China in transferring these technologies, in concert with the United States and other major powers, is vital to the success of current global nonproliferation regimes.

"Indeed, without the full participation of both China and the United States, no effort against proliferation can succeed."

Finally, he said cooperation between the two countries was necessary to guard against threats to regional

stability.

Perry said the most serious threat to Asian regional security was North Korea. He said peace in Northwest Asia will be threatened if North Korea produces nuclear weapons. He called on North Korea to abide by the Nonproliferation Treaty and said the agreement signed by North Korea and the United States is promising. He said he had discussed the matter with the Chinese government, "and I believe we have a common view on this issue."

Reducing tensions on the Korean Peninsula is another dimension to the challenge. He said it is important for North and South Korea to "renew their dialogue and work towards removing military confrontation and increasing economic and human ties."

The world is on a brink of a nuclear arms race between India and Pakistan. "India and Pakistan have the right to have a strong defense, but the combination of nuclear weapons and enduring tension could prove catastrophic to both countries, indeed to the entire region," Perry said.

Perry called on countries

with influence in South Asia to stop the potential arms race before it gathers momentum.

Another problem to regional stability is the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea. A war over the islands—claimed by a number of Asian nations in addition to China—would threaten sea-lines of communication vital to the United States and other countries. He said long-term, peaceful solutions, not inflammatory statements and military deployments, are needed to solve the territorial dispute.

Perry also addressed the status of Taiwan. "Responsibility for resolving differences lies with Chinese on both sides of the Taiwan Straits," he said. "The overriding U.S. interest is that the resolution be peaceful and not threaten regional security."

The secretary welcomed the ongoing military-to-military ties between the United States and China. "One way that military ties build trust is by helping both sides understand each other's defense policies and strategic intentions," he said. "Both our countries need to do bet-

ter in this area."

Perry called on China to be more open and visible in planning defense budgets and in strategic planning. He said the United States will continue to build military-to-military ties with China.

"I envision a relationship that is led by our defense officials, but that rests on a solid foundation of officers ... who will lead the armed forces into the 21st century," Perry said. "I can assure you that your American counterparts, who also wear their uniforms proudly, share this vision."

AAFES movie ticket prices to rise

It may cost a little more money to attend movies at Army and Air Force Exchange Service theaters worldwide.

Stateside, new prices range from \$1 to \$3 for adults, with children's tickets ranging between \$1 and \$1.50. Previously, tickets ranged from \$1 to \$2.50 for all customers. Bob Maddin, AAFES sales vice president, said the price increase is the first for theaters in 10 years and is necessary to

cover increased costs in theater operations. However, he added, some installations will not see a ticket price increase immediately.

Maddin said the price increase still allows patrons to watch feature films at a savings. He said the average ticket price in commercial theaters is \$4.14, so "tickets at AAFES theaters are still a bargain."

Overseas, patrons will see a wider price range, based on type of movie release. First-run movies, re-

leased to AAFES theaters soon after stateside release, will cost no more than \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children under 12.

Regular movie release prices overseas are \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children. Titles released a second time overseas are \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 for children.

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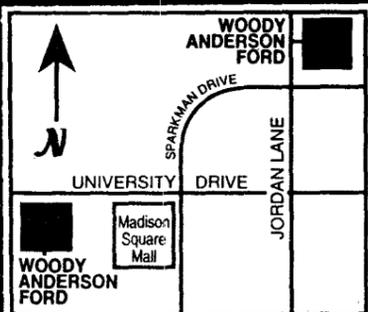
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