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SSDC manager enters Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame

First female engineer selected for this prestigious honor

By Mike Biddle

In recently being selected for induction to the Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame, Dr. Robin Buckelew has continued to trailblaze her way to places rarely traveled by women.

On Feb. 18 at the Auburn University Conference Center, she will become the first female to enter the selective fraternity of 49 outstanding engineers.

"This is a source of great pride to me," said the director of the Space and Strategic Defense Command's (SSDC) Engineering and Systems Directorate at Huntsville.

A member of the elite Senior Executive Service that comprises the highest ranking federal civilians below Presidential appointees, Buckelew has held many important engineering and management positions since entering government service as a summer aid for NASA in 1966. She feels her selection for this prestigious award is based primarily on her work between 1988 and 1991 as manager of the \$500 million Ground Based Interceptor Experiment (GBI-X) program. This evolved into the ground-based exoatmospheric defensive interceptor which, if needed, could become a principal component of a future National Missile Defense. Another factor in her selection was her work with other engineers to promote engineering education at the University of Alabama.

In her current assignment, Buckelew directs the development and analysis of large-scale, weapon-system simulations for many customers, including the Program Executive Office for Missile Defense. One of the most important projects her directorate is working on is the development of



Buckelew

the Extended Air Defense Testbed, a comprehensive computer simulation of the whole missile-defense and air-defense battlefield. The directorate also plans military support to civilian authorities responding to natural and manmade disasters.

Altogether, she manages a \$60 million budget and about 240 employees. Having experienced success herself, Buckelew feels her biggest challenge as a manager is to

"stretch them (employees) to the limits of their potential."

Preceding this assignment, Buckelew was chief of SSDC's Systems Engineering Division. There, she integrated weapon systems used together on the battlefield, factoring in survivability, vulnerability, nuclear hardening, and systems engineering.

Prior to that assignment, Buckelew was SSDC's chief engineer for the experimental demonstration of the High Endoatmospheric Defense Interceptor (HEDI). HEDI was a strategic defense missile operating within the atmosphere that successfully met all its performance objectives before the program was canceled.

Buckelew has obviously come a long way since her days as an engineering aid, and later a young aerospace engineer at the Missile Command.

"At that time, very few women ever made it above the grade of GS-13," she recalled. "Of course, very few women went into engineering in the first place. In my graduating class of around 250 engineers (University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa), only a handful, fewer than 10, were female. The field was overwhelmingly male.

"I would like to be a trailblazer... a role model for other young engineers, and I hope that the jobs that I have held prove that wonderful, satisfying careers can come in this field."

Among the many other prestigious awards she has received, Buckelew says she is most proud of being named National Society of Professional Engineers "Engineer of the Year" for SSDC. "That is because it recognized my achievement in my particular profession, which means a good deal to me," she said. "It has always been my ambition to be the very best engineer I can be."

(Editor's note: Biddle is a public affairs specialist at SSDC in Washington.)

Resource managers forecast good year despite tight budgets

By Kathy Harkleroad

Money and budgets are at the top of everyone's mind these days and the Resource Management Directorate has had its hands full trying to find ways to minimize the effects of recent downsizing.

"Although we have had a considerable number of changes occur throughout MICOM, both dollar-wise and with manpower, the last few years, I do see a leveling off period in the near future," said Col. Kent Miller, director of resource management.

"During the last few years, we have had to deal with drastic changes in both the budget and with manpower, and it has been our responsibility to make sure even with the reductions, there is only a minimal amount of change in the way things are done," he said.

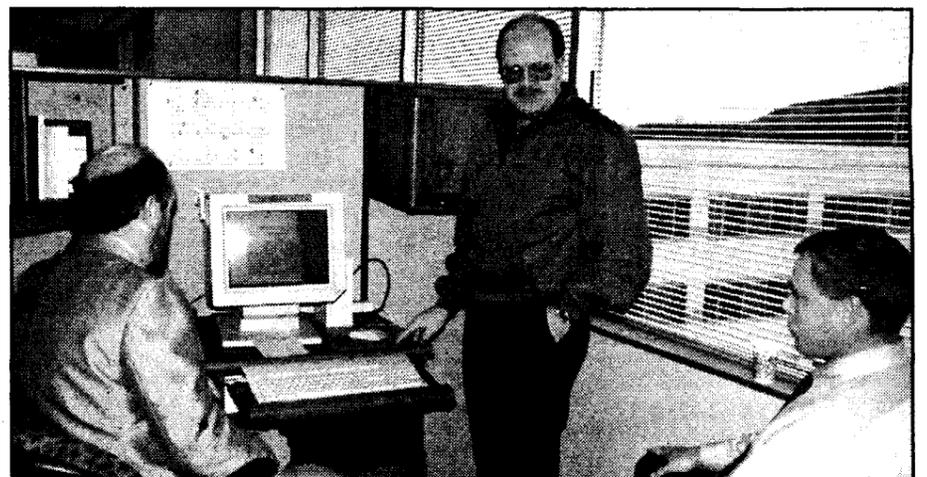
One of the biggest changes the Resource Management personnel oversaw during FY94 was the overseeing of the budget reductions in all organizations at Redstone

Arsenal. "With the cooperation of the other organizations, we were able to trim the budget in quite a few areas, without interrupting the way we do business with our customers. The best part was we were able to maintain our critical missions," Miller said.

Anyone employed at Redstone Arsenal has experienced the Armywide budget reductions, in one way or another— whether it was a job transfer or program cuts or deferrals. "Every organization felt it (the budget cuts) in one form or another, and we have reduced costs in a number of areas," Miller said.

Some of the areas that were cut during the last year included travel, constraints were applied to costs areas, i.e. installation support contracts with BAMSI and Northrup, and some RASA maintenance projects were deferred for a time.

"The challenging part to all of the downsizing and budget cuts was to do it in such a way the MICOM and their customers would feel a minimal effect. Innovation was an important factor and we tried to



BUDGET MAGIC— The Resource Management Directorate has had a busy year and worked magic with dwindling funds. From left Joe Harris, Frank Tarpley and Rick Lindsey work on the new resource database.

spread the cuts out and not target just one area," Miller said.

According to Miller, the innovations, and creativity that was involved with those solutions, was a team effort and came from

every organization, not just the Resource Management Directorate. "This was a Team Redstone effort. We had to know where cuts could be made. It was up to

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Letters to the editor

Surplus skill

In the June 22, 1994 issue of the Redstone Rocket I had a letter published concerning jobs that had been abolished. Civilian Personnel responded: "Our primary concern during the drawdown period has been to place employees in overage skills to minimize or eliminate the need for reduction in force. Apparently this employee was in a surplus skill and was offered and voluntarily accepted a position outside MICOM as part of MICOM's FY '93 drawdown. All merit promotion announcements are open to all serviced employees; however, selections are often made from within the organizations. It is hard to project in advance where the greatest promotion opportunities may exist."

Apparently the employee in this "surplus skill" has had trouble seeing all this concern after he voluntarily accepted a position outside MICOM due to his job being abolished to minimize or eliminate the need for a reduction in force and save money when the following personnel actions have taken place in the office he left in the past 18 months:

- 1) GS-13 supervisor detailed to GM-14 position;
- 2) GS-12 temporarily promoted to the GM-13 position (this employee later transferred to LOGSA at the GM-13 level);
- 3) GS-12 temporarily promoted to the GM-13 position;
- 4) GS-11 temporarily promoted to a GS-12 position;
- 5) GS-9 promoted to a GS-11 position and later temporarily promoted to a GS-12 position;
- 6) Two GS-9s temporarily promoted to GS-11 positions;
- 7) GS-6 position re-engineered to a GS-11 position;
- 8) GS-9 transferred to this office;
- 9) GS-9 detailed to this office.

If I was in a "Surplus Skill," why re-engineer a GS-6 position to a GS-11 position and then detail/transfer two GS-9s into this office. Yes it may be hard to project where the greatest promotion opportunities may exist, but it would not take a rocket scientist to see these actions have not saved money and I was not in a "Surplus Skill"..... The only announcement that was published and open and fair to everyone was the position where the GS-12 went to LOGSA as a GM-13. I believe all the aforementioned promotions and details and transfers have taken place, but as anyone who has worked at Redstone very long knows, most of these type personnel actions are handled under the

table and "within the organizations" as personnel office calls it. I know, unless you are the recipient of one of these type actions it is hard to find out the truth or it is too late when you do find out, because the positions have already been filled.

I have written letters to Civilian Personnel Officer, Director of IMMC and to the Commanding General at Redstone, along with numerous phone calls to Personnel Office trying to find out why this many promotions/details have taken place in a "Surplus Skill"....

Theo H. Moon
LOGSA

Military training

I would like to bring to the attention of your readers two subjects near and dear to the few combat MOS soldiers on Redstone Arsenal. The first being that Redstone Arsenal is a military installation where soldiers work and train. Sometimes soldiers take the initiative to conduct a road march or run over long distances on the Arsenal. This means that they have to go outside of the normal training areas. Last week while conduct a 15-mile road march, I was nearly run over by a speeding vehicle that had a blue ID sticker which means that the car was owned by an officer. I also witnessed a parachutist almost get hit by a speeding vehicle when the winds aloft blew him off of the drop zone on Shane DZ and into the road. Even though it was obvious that soldiers were everywhere, vehicles were still speeding. I think that the post safety office should do a better job of posting the speed limit on post when passing troops; and even though there are many civilian employees on this post, they should know that soldiers have the right of way no matter where on post they may be or what they are doing. If you see a funny-looking man with a heavy-looking rucksack walking down a dark road or if you see a man being dragged across a road by a parachute that is still full of air, no matter how much of a hurry you are in to get home you need to slow down!

The second thing is the status of the obstacle course and confidence course on post. It is in the worst state of maintenance of any that I have seen in my nine years in

the Army. I'm sure that someone is responsible for the upkeep of these valuable training facilities, but who? And when will it be safe for soldiers to train on them?

Cpl. Hank Hamblin
1/20th Special Forces Group (ABN)

Politically correct

In regard to Normand Curran's concern, Jan. 11 Rocket, I feel he has a misconception of the word "family." In the most part, family means related through "blood." Certainly a large majority of society involves "step" relatives but by no stretch of the imagination can you count someone you've decided to be "pals" with as "family." You can have your "significant other" but it is ludicrous to expect the same privileges for a "friend" as you would for actual family. If the Federal Times stated this was acceptable, then the taxpayers should demand this decision be reversed. No Sick leave or insurance benefits should ever be used in this manner. It is time we moved away from "politically correct" and started using some plain old common sense again.

Sarah Bryan

Pay deduction

Why is Medicare taken out of my award money?

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: Medicare and FICA (Federal Insurance Contribution Act) come out of gross pay. There are certain things— including retirement and Thrift Savings Plan — that are taken out of base pay. On the other hand Medicare, FICA and taxes, are all based on gross pay, according to Betty Kerlin, a lead civilian pay technician at Defense Finance and Accounting Services.)

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each organization to find areas to make those cuts without creating a major impact," he said.

On the positive side, FY94 saw no involuntary separations of employees, and services were maintained at their current levels.

In looking to the future of FY95 Miller seemed somewhat optimistic when it came to foreseeing a leveling-out period. "Once we reach the point where the budget isn't being reduced in such big amounts, we will actually see an increase in some ways," Miller said.

He also said that al-

though the cuts will continue for a couple of years, everyone will have to be a little more creative in locating the places where money and manpower can be cut. "We have done the easy part the last few years and have found the obvious places that can be trimmed. The next few years are going to be very challenging and creative when it comes to trimming the budget," Miller said.

Currently the directorate is working closely with Army Materiel Command in trying to obtain a little relief from the \$20 million shortfall predicted for FY95. "Our office, and the

MICOM command is working closely with AMC in trying to obtain a little help in finding extra money. I only see a partial relief effort, but the rest will have to come from other areas," Miller said.

The main areas that are affected by the shortfall include base custodial services, the installation support contract, the NASA/MICOM joint effort to upgrade the electrical substation, base communications, and base utilities.

"We are not only working on getting additional funds from AMC, but are looking at shifting monies from other programs to help

these areas," Miller said.

"It is going to be tight, but we are not throwing up our hands and giving up. We are going to find solutions, and by that I mean everyone at Redstone, MICOM, RDEC, IMMC, everyone," he continued.

Miller stressed these problems are not isolated to Redstone Arsenal but are happening Armywide. "Everyone in the military is downsizing, we're not the Lone Ranger," he said.

Although budget reductions are still on the horizon, Miller foresees a good upcoming year. "We are working on several projects with-

in our directorate that will help everyone. For instance there is a new Automated Resource Management Sys-

tem that will enable organizations to look at budgets in real time and will make putting together budgets a

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U.S. politician

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—George W. Curtis
(1824-1892)

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MICOM awards contract to Alabama A&M, Auburn

By Skip Vaughn

Engineering deans from Alabama A&M University and Auburn University thanked the Missile Command Jan. 17 for a joint \$9.7 million research contract.

The Missile Command awarded the university research contract to the two institutions to conduct research and development activities both in advanced materials engineering and processing, and in manufacturing science and technology. The period of the contract is Dec. 15, 1994 through Dec. 14, 1997.

"On behalf of A&M, we

hope this is just the beginning of bettering the relationship we already enjoy with the Department of the Army," said Dr. Arthur Bond, dean of the school of engineering technology at Alabama A&M University.

"We're looking for new sources of funding for what we do," said Dr. William Walker, dean of the college of engineering at Auburn University. "I'm very pleased to be a part of this and have a relationship finally established with Alabama A&M so we can do things together."

In a brief ceremony Jan. 17 in his office Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of

the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said "I'm very proud to be a part of this. This is hopefully the beginning and I think we're going to be successful."

Link told the Alabama A&M dean this effort is part of the Missile Command's responsibilities "to ensure resources are provided to our black colleges and universities."

"We have not been as successful in hiring women or minorities in our scientific and engineering fields. I think this is going to pay dividends," Link said.



RESEARCH CONTRACT— Maj. Gen. Link shares copies of the joint research contract with Bond, center, and Walker.

Romanian general visits SSSC under partnership program



DISTINGUISHED VISITORS— From left are Maj. Gen. Valery Vostroin, vice-minister of Russian Civil Defense; Steve Orosy, deputy director, NATO Headquarters Civil Emergency Planning; Brig. Gen. Jan Van Prooyen, deputy commander of SSSC; Sheila Dryden, emer-

gency preparedness principal director, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Maj. Gen. Gheorghe Popescu, inspector general of Romanian Civil Defense; and Maj. Gen. Nikola Nikolov, director of Bulgarian Civil Defense.

Maj. Gen. Gheorghe Popescu, inspector general for the Romanian Civil Defense, visited the Space and Strategic Defense Command last month under the "Partnership for Peace" military-to-military

program, sponsored by the U.S. Army Alabama National Guard and SSSC.

While at the command, Popescu and his team of advisers and officials were met by Col. Larry Becker,

SSSC's deputy for operations, Rodger Qualls, project coordinator, Lt. Col. John Anderson, deputy division chief of the command's Simulation and Analysis Division, Margaret Welch

and Shannon Morrison from SSSC's Partnership for Peace team.

The East European visitors viewed a demonstration in SSSC's Spatial Weapons Systems Analysis Center, pre-

pared by the center's manager, Curtis Miller. They then attended a luncheon at Huntsville's Heritage Club and visited, accompanied by Mayor Hettinger, the U.S. Space and Rocket Center and Huntsville's Emergency 911 Facility.

Last fall SSSC's deputy commander, Brig. Gen. Jan. A. Van Prooyen and technical staff from the command's Systems Analysis Division had attended and facilitated the International Civil Protection for Changing Times Seminar, hosted by the Romanian Civil Defense Command in Constanta, Romania. At the seminar, attendees from approximately 22 nations represented many NATO and Partnership

for Peace countries and learned how to turn the technologies developed for warfighting to the peaceful use of disaster preparedness.

Command personnel, under the leadership of Rodger Qualls and Curtis Miller, provided technical assistance to the Romanians and Bulgarians at the seminar in the development of a four-hour demonstration on specific response phases of a possible nuclear accident.

The team used advanced techniques in geographic information systems perfected under research and development efforts conducted for the Strategic Defense Initiative (now the Ballistic Missile Defense) Organization for siting missile defense systems.

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Soldiers, civilians honored for recent deployments



COMMAND RECOGNITION— Maj. Gen. Link presents a Commander's Coin to Whitehead who served in Haiti.

Ten members of the MICOM community who were deployed to Southwest Asia or Haiti were honored during the weekly staff meeting Jan. 18.

Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, presented a Commander's Coin to each of the soldiers and civilians.

The commanding general presented the Joint Service Achievement Medal to CWO 2 Steven Dameron who served in Haiti. Dameron is operations officer

for the program support division at Intelligence and Security Directorate.

"I was pleased," Dameron said, referring to the medal. "It's one of those

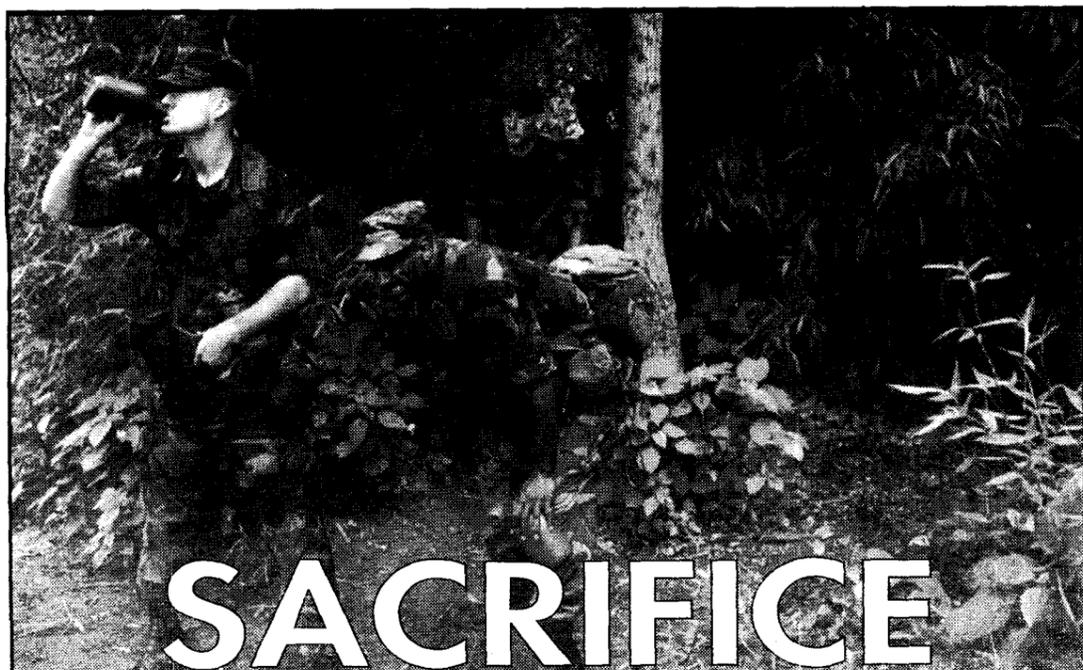
that not everybody gets."

The honorees included the following:

- **Maj. David Veech**, of the Acquisition Center, who served in Southwest Asia last Oct. 31 to Dec. 3;
- **Marty Martin**, of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, who served as logistics support element (LSE) deputy commander in Kuwait from Oct. 12 to Nov. 7;
- **Gary Hunter**, of IMMC, who served as an equipment specialist in Southwest Asia from Oct. 12 to Nov. 7;
- **Jimmy Goss**, of IMMC, who served as an equipment specialist in Southwest Asia from Oct. 11 to Nov. 7;
- **Glenn Whitehead**, of IMMC, who provided automated data processing support in Haiti from Sept. 18 to Nov. 7;
- **Larry Hamilton**, of IMMC, who provided automated data processing support in Haiti from Sept. 18 to Oct. 30;
- **Dameron**, of the Intelligence and Security Directorate, who served as an intelligence specialist in Haiti from Oct. 22 to Dec. 14. He received the Joint

Service Achievement Medal for this assignment.

- **Capt. Tod Jordan**, of Program Executive Office for Missile Defense, who served as a munitions specialist in Haiti from Oct. 31 to Dec. 3;
- **Col. Norman Myers**, of Logistics Support Activity, who served as commander of the logistics support element in Kuwait from Oct. 8 to Dec. 3;
- **Laura Smith** of IMMC, an In-Theater Missile Readiness Activity operator, who was called forward to Germany in October to await deployment to Southwest Asia but the requirement was canceled.
- An 11th honoree, **William McConvill** of IMMC, was unable to attend the ceremony because of a temporary duty assignment in South Korea. Like Smith, he was called forward to Germany in October to await deployment to Southwest Asia but the requirement was canceled. He too is an In-Theater Missile Readiness Activity operator.



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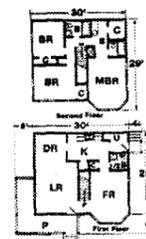
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Construction under way on new LOGSA building

By Sandra Cartee

Construction has already started on the new Logistics Support Activity building that will house 420 employees. Being located in the Sparkman Center complex will add one more piece to the master planning puzzle for the Arsenal, according to the Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning.

LOGSA is a multifunctional organization which resulted from the consolidation of several logistics activities throughout the United States and worldwide. Currently LOGSA employees work in an old barracks building on post. "This (new building) will be a breath of fresh air to them," said Joe Davis, chief of the master planning division of EMP.

The building, which costs \$13.2 million, will become part of the Sparkman Center. This 100,000 square foot addition will match one of the L-shaped, three-story buildings in the Sparkman Center. "It will be just like building 5303," Davis explained.

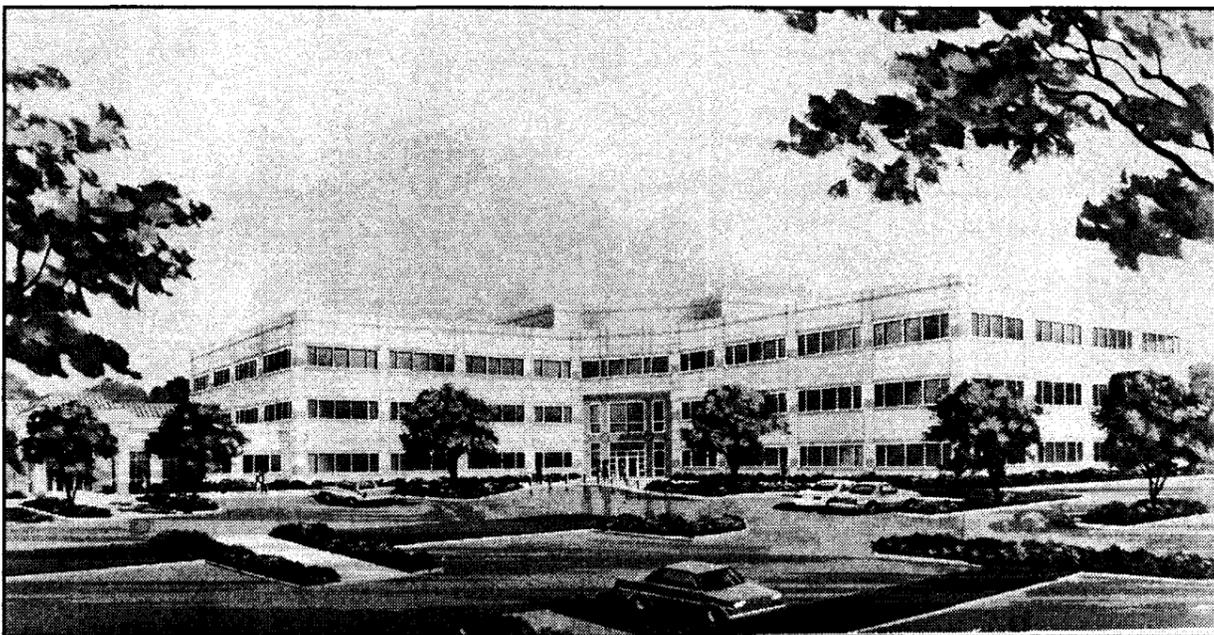
Not only will the building look like 5303, it will be attached to the Sparkman Center Auditorium lobby. There will also be added parking to accommodate the additional employees. The only difference between this building and the others will be the color scheme inside.

There will also be an executive suite situated on the third floor for LOGSA leaders, including the director, Billie Turmenne.

So far the concrete footing has been poured and within a few weeks the steel beams for the structure should be installed. The scheduled completion date for the building is October.

The master planning division of EMP explained that the building fits into their master planning process for the whole complex. "Our intent is if you drive down the road five years from now, you'll never know that it wasn't part of the original center," Davis said.

If things go as planned, in the future there will be more buildings to enhance the Sparkman Center. "After this one, there will be two more



New LOGSA building— This is how the new Logistics Support Activity building will look. When completed, it will hold 420 LOGSA workers.

that will go into the complex. These will include the rest of MICOM," Davis said.

This new LOGSA building will bring Redstone a step closer to the complete picture. "This is just one more piece to the puzzle," said Davis.

This particular project is unique in that the EMP is saving the government money: The recycling of the

Sparkman Center's design saves money and time.

Also the construction is being done mainly by local companies. The contractor, architect and engineer are all from the Huntsville area. "They all have good reputations," Davis said.

The Mobile District Corps of Engineers is also working with EMP on this project. "We have a good

system that works and we're saving the government a lot of money," Davis said. This particular organization worked with EMP on the Sparkman Center and has a great deal of experience with this design.

When this project is completed, LOGSA will have a new facility with the convenience of the Sparkman Center adjoined to it. This

will free up the barracks space they have been occupying until now.

The building will fit into the master plan for the Arsenal and enhance the work environment for 420 more employees.

EMP is glad to work on this project and Davis said, "We're ecstatic. Our business out here is to build and this is a dream come true."

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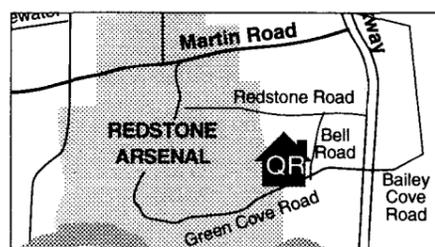
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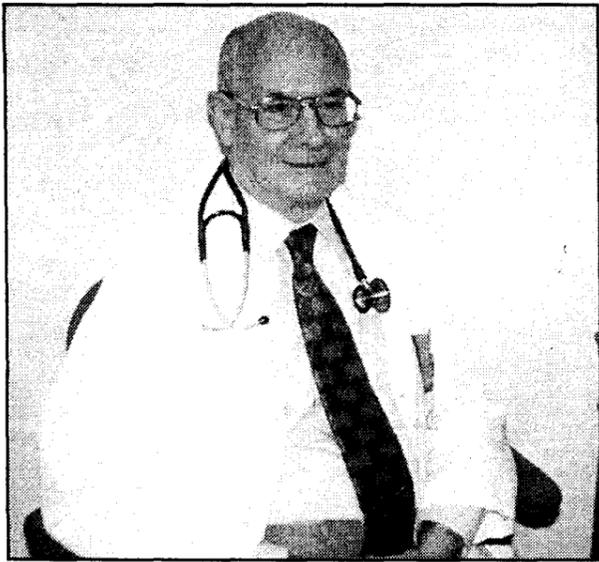
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Departing doctor has enjoyed working at Fox Hospital



Stewart

By Kathy Harkleroad

Patients and employees at the Fox Army Community Hospital Outpatient Clinic will notice a subtle change in the clinic. Dr. Fletcher Stewart, a 10-year veteran to the clinic, is departing.

Stewart has accepted a position at McDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., where he will practice his trade. He is a general practitioner, which is something of a rarity in this age of specialized medicine.

"I love being a general practitioner and have really enjoyed my time here at Fox. I will definitely miss everyone here, especially the patients," he said.

Stewart began his career at FACH after leaving his private practice in Winchester, Tenn. "I commuted for 14 years and looking back I never regretted the decision to come here. Forty hours is a piece of cake when comparing it to private practice where I was on call seven days a week, night

and day," he said.

During his 10 years at the hospital, Stewart said the biggest change he saw was the addition of the outpatient clinic eight years ago. According to Stewart, the clinic was started as an offshoot of the emergency room services. "I started here at Fox as an emergency room doctor and transferred to the outpatient clinic when it was started. There was a definite need for the clinic and it has grown ever since," he said.

Stewart has been described as a "Marcus Welby" type of physician and his mannerism and quiet ways seem to agree with the description. Stewart saw an average of 24 patients a day in the clinic, which adds up to a considerable number over the course of years. "I am going to miss my patients the most," he said. "The faces were always changing as they do in the military, but the problems were pretty much the same. They (the patients) kept my job interesting."

Stewart is leaving FACH because of a big personal reason. He was married Nov. 20 to the former Barbara Reeves, who happened to

own a home in Tampa. Stewart said the decision to leave FACH wasn't a difficult one, since he would be

with his new bride.

Stewart said he had no special plans when he gets to Tampa, except to get

involved with his new position and enjoy married life. His last day at FACH is Thursday.



Commander visits...

Lt. Gen. Albert Edmonds, new Defense Information Systems Agency commander, paid a visit to Defense Megacenter Huntsville Jan. 6. Luereen Phillips, left, was one of five DMC Huntsville employees to receive the

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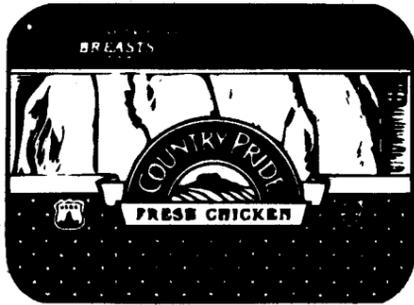
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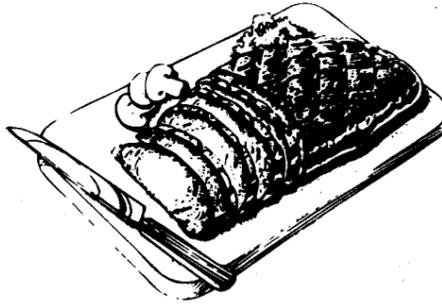
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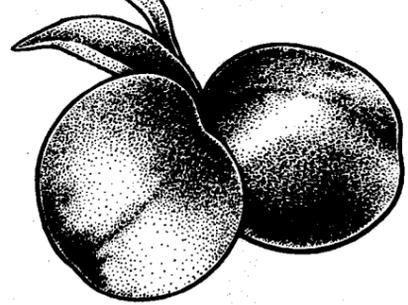
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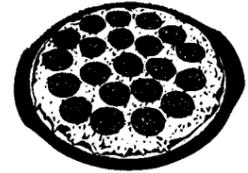


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Redstone's Civil Air Patrol provides help throughout area

By Sandra Cartee

Redstone has its own squadron of the U. S. Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol. This group of volunteers performs search and rescue missions as one would assume, but they also do more.

The Redstone Composite Squadron, 01119, has been in existence for two and a half years. "The first year or year and a half we spent training," said James McGrath, a retired lieutenant colonel and the squad's commander. They also spent time negotiating a memorandum which has only been in place for six months.

The training must have paid off, because this patrol has already been put to the test. They flew two downed-aircraft missions last year and spent June through September doing Drug Enforcement Agency reconnaissance missions.

The patrol is basically a military operation and is an auxiliary of the Air Force. "We're responsible for search and rescue missions and the plane belongs to the Air Force," said Ron Coleman, the training officer for the squad.

During their search and rescue missions, they try to locate downed aircraft in



CIVIL AIR PATROL PILOTS— The Civil Air Patrol, comprised of all volunteers, stays busy in the air conducting things such as search and rescue missions, and missions for the Drug Enforcement Agency. Harris, left, and Coleman are pilots with the Civil Air Patrol.

hopes of finding survivors. "We're basically organized to visually look for clues," McGrath said. Some clues that may help in the search efforts include trees with noticeable limb breakage from planes going down.

The squad belongs to the Alabama wing and may be called to do searches all over the state and possibly assist other states.

Assisting the Drug Enforcement Agency is another task of the Civil Air Patrol. These volunteers

underwent training to do reconnaissance operations in North Alabama. They perform these searches from April to September and try to identify sites where marijuana is being grown.

They can only act as observers, though, and report their findings back to the DEA. In locating a possible site, they fly their Cessna 172 over counties looking for possible cultivation. "We look for a clearing that may be next to a pond or creek and is in the

middle of nowhere," explained Jim Harris, the communications officer for the squad. Harris believes it is not that difficult to spot illegal crops, because they need much sunlight and water and are usually planted with nothing else around.

Another thing that the CAP has is the emergency location cameras. "They are fixed to the aircraft and transmit video for real time, live pictures," said Jim Shipalowski, the operations officer for the squad. An

example of this was demonstrated during the Amtrak derailment that happened more than a year ago in South Alabama, and the entire country saw pictures from a CAP plane within minutes of the catastrophe.

They also assist the Forestry Commission, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Immigration and Naturalization Services, and state organizations like the Emergency Management Association. "We're a very tiny group, but we provide assistance to many. Hopefully, they won't all ask at the same time," said McGrath jokingly. They also have a project under way to provide help in natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods or hurricanes.

The CAP also flies over North Alabama and gets information for updating FAA maps. They spot things like new towers that have been put up and anything that might be an obstacle for a pilot.

These volunteers aren't paid for the services that they provide. During missions their aircraft fees are paid for them, but they receive no funds for their efforts.

Harris, who started flying in 1951, said that the CAP gives him a good opportunity. "This gives us

this chance to fly all over the state or wherever they send us," he said. Coleman's reasons differ and he said, "my career is in aerospace and enables me to give something back to the aviation community and learn more about flying."

The squad wants to encourage anyone to be a part of the CAP. "You don't have to be a pilot," Harris said. Every aspect of the operations is needed including ground communications, emergency medical, chaplains, and attorneys. Teen-agers, who qualify, may also join as cadets. One doesn't have to be a member of the Flying Activity to join, either.

The squad holds meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 6 p.m. in the Flying Activity building. Anyone interested can "come to one of our meetings," said Coleman, or can call him at 955-7366.

The 23 volunteers that make up this patrol provide many different services and do more than just search and rescues. With more volunteers, the squad might be able to widen the assistance that so many have come to rely on.

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Health Fair features medical screenings, computer signup

By Kathy Harkleroad

Fox Army Community Hospital will sponsor a Health Fair, from 8 a.m. until noon Jan. 28 at the hospital, for anyone eligible for health care in military medical treatment facilities.

"The fair is being provided as a service to our patients and will also enable them to register for the new Composite Health Care System (CHCS) that is being implemented at the hospital," said Capt. Bob Aarhus, chief of FACH Information Management Division.

CHCS is a new computer program being implemented at the hospital the first of February, and will encompass the patients entire data base and will include prescription history, lab results, and radiology reports.

"If the patients are not registered, they won't be able to get a prescription refilled or obtain any services at the hospital. That's why it is very important patients spend the few minutes it takes to fill out this form, and return it to the hospital," Aarhus said.

Patients are also reminded to make sure the registration forms are filled out correctly and legibly. "We have had several registration forms come in that were illegible and we couldn't read the information. It is also very important that the information on the form is correct, or it could lead to either the patient not being registered, which in turn will cause delays while they do get registered," Aarhus said.

Patients who have already filled out the form and returned it to the hospital can visit FACH to make sure the form was received and the information has been entered into the sys-

tem. "During the fair we will have a separate location available for patients to check on their registration status, and answer any questions," Aarhus said.

Visitors to the health fair will have two options when it comes to registering for CHCS. A representative will be available to answer questions and register the patients face to face, or the patient can fill the form out and drop it off in the box provided at the hospital.

"We will also offer a briefing on the new CHCS system during the health fair and everyone is welcome to attend," Aarhus said.

Also available at the fair will be vision screening, cholesterol tests and blood pressure screening. Various health information will also be available as well as seminars on Tri-Care and other topics. A representative from Veterinary Services will also be available to answer questions about animal care and their services.

"The pharmacy will also be open during the health fair for patients who would like to have prescriptions refilled. Normally they do not have Saturday hours, but with the fair going on we felt it would be beneficial," Aarhus said.

"Before you begin your Super Bowl celebrations, take a few minutes out to stop by the hospital, register for CHCS, and find out what shape your general health is in," he said.

A registration form for CHCS is available next to this article and can be filled out and taken to the hospital during the fair.

Composite Health Care System (CHCS) Patient Registration Form

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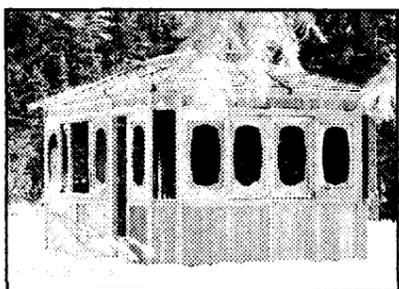
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NEW VEHICLE— Youth Services received a new bus for transporting Redstone's youth. Standing in front of the new vehicle are Williams, left, and Missy Richards, a youth development specialist.

Youth Services gets much needed transportation

By Sandra Cartee

Youth Services was given a much needed bus Jan. 17. This new vehicle will enable youngsters from Redstone to participate in more trips and programs, and alleviate the transportation problems that Youth Services has ran into in the past.

It's a brand new \$60,000 Diamond Coach bus equipped with all the amenities. It has air conditioning and heating, electric doors, safety devices, tinted windows, and automatic transmission. It even has seat belts for the 37 passengers which it holds.

Does this sound good? Well, Youth Services thinks it's great. In the past, finding ways to take youth on field trips, ball games, or to camps was difficult.

"Transportation has always been a problem and this will enable us to go more places," said Shelby Williams, chief of youth services.

In previous years, Youth Services had to make several trips to ensure all their youth made it on field trips. They never had a vehicle large enough to hold all of their kids. Sometimes they would have to take three or four vans full of children on field trips.

Now, this new van can hold up to 37 people, and makes transportation a lot easier for Youth Services. "This is going to help us out a lot, and help our program grow and enable us to do a lot more things," Williams said.

During the summer, the bus will be used to take

youth on summer programs like day camps. It will also be easier to transport kids to museums, skating rinks, sports tournaments, Teen Discovery group trips, and things of that nature. "We've needed this bus to run our summer programs," Williams said.

This new bus, which will be used for kids only, was purchased with non-appropriated funds. "It was bought with soldier generated dollars," Williams explained.

The vehicle will help Youth Services and in turn help Redstone youth. "It's going to do a lot of good. It will help get them involved in more activities," Williams said.

Standard procedure governs household moving claims

By Pat Cross

If you have just arrived at Redstone Arsenal or are preparing to move, it is important to understand the 70-day rule agreed upon between the military and the carrier industry which moves your belongings. If you don't, be prepared to lose money.

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Commissary Agency to close four stores

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Barrett, USA American Forces Information Service

The Defense Commissary Agency will close four state-side stores between January and April.

Agency officials closed stores at Fort Story, Va., and the Naval Weapons Station in Yorktown, Va., Jan. 1. The Pope Air Force Base, N.C., store closes Feb. 28 and the Fort Lesley J. McNair unit in Washington, April 1.

Commissary officials said these closings are a "one-shot deal" and do not reflect future trends toward more closings. Army Maj. Gen. Richard E. Beale Jr., agency director, said the closings help the agency stay within funding allocations.

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Customer service corner: Computer support center

By Sandra Cartee

Within the Corporate Information Center and the Technology Integration Directorate is the Customer Support Center. The people that work in this technical support area know all about customer service. In fact, their whole reason for existing is for serving the customer.

They receive 1,500 phone calls a month from MICOM employees and contractors who are having trouble with their computers. Sound like a headache? Well, it's no trouble for them.

They're open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and the calls never stop. "Mondays, after three-day weekends, and mornings are all hectic," said Cheryl Smith, the team leader. The phones never go out of order either, because there is a battery backup for them.

"Anybody that calls, we'll try to help them," Smith said. When people do call they have anywhere from software problems to printer problems to logging on to mail problems. The receptionist takes the calls and transfers them to the technician who is working their type of computer.

These technicians are called system area representatives and can handle questions on Macintosh, Unix, Network, or Personal Computers. "There's a lot we can handle in-house by calls," said Smith. "Our average time to help someone is 36 minutes," explained Randall Knight, the chief of technical support.

The technicians put the customer's name, organization, and phone number into the data base. This informa-



ONE CALL DOES IT ALL— The Customer Support Center wrote the book on customer service. They help people with computer troubles from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. From left are Darice Friend and Nicki Yearick, receptionists; Lisa Crumpton and Phil Walker, system area representatives; and standing, Warnick, Smith, Knight, Tracy Whitley and Mickey Baker, system area representatives.

tion is needed to better assist the customer, because if the problem can't be solved over phone, a technician will be sent to the site of the troubled terminal.

There are 50 technicians that handle these service calls. Most are contractors from Systems Engineering and Solutions Inc. The Office Automation Group also handles a good bit of these calls.

Their business is booming and the center continues to grow. "We've had definite success and we're continuing to improve," Knight said.

They benefit from being located in the Sparkman Center. "We're better centrally located," said Knight. "It helps when the technician can walk to the problem, and it helps them respond quicker to those in the complex," said Smith.

This center also works to prevent any problem before the customer even notices it. The System Program for Up or Down Status (SPUDS) is a program that

was written by one of their own technicians to save on legwork. "We monitor the status of our Unix machines or our routers, and if we see a problem, we jump on it before the customer calls us," said Greg Warnick, the project leader.

There is also another system called the Open View and it is a network management tool. "It provides finer detail than Spuds," explained Warnick. It not only lets you see a problem in a router, but it traces the problem right to the workstation.

To continue their customer service, the center calls the customer back after their problems have been solved. "We ask questions about their problems and ask if they were solved. We ask about any questions they may have and if our technicians were courteous," Smith said.

The center also provides support with automated forms. "We don't provide the package (software), we just help the customer with

what they have," Smith said. The forms that they can help create or answer questions on include government administrative forms.

They can also assist customers who want to update their systems. "If you need help, call us, whether it's hardware or software, we will do a proper configuration evaluation," Knight said. They will send one of their people to evaluate and make a recommendation, and then work up a configuration cost for the customer.

The help that the Customer Support Center provides to MICOM employees and contractors is extensive. If the center sees a need, then they fill that need with support. Their office is growing and so are their services.

To utilize their services, call 876-HELP or 876-2291. There is a computer bulletin board that can be accessed by calling 987-9121. One call does it all for troubled computer users and CIC's Customer Support Center will assist.

Rare foods promised at wild-game luncheon Feb. 3

By Kathy Harkleroad

Looking for something different to eat for lunch? Tired of the same old hamburger and fries? Well, Outdoor Recreation has the answer to your problems. The annual Wild Game Luncheon will be held Feb. 3 and will offer several different dishes.

The luncheon began approximately 15 years ago as a way of saying thank you to their volunteers, according to Outdoor Recreation director, Bill Moreland. "In the beginning the lunch was a small affair and through the years it has grown where we serve approximately 300 people in a short period of time. To be honest, this is one of our favorite activities," Moreland said.

Meats being served at the luncheon are donated by local hunters and prepared by volunteers at the center. "We start cooking the night before and continue all night until everything is done," Moreland said.

Included on the menu are dishes such as different types of water fowl, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, dove, quail, wild turkey, several types of fish, moose, and caribou. For those who don't have a taste for the wild game, domestic ham and turkey will also be served.

"Obviously the moose and caribou aren't from this area but the rest of menu include meats that were brought in by local hunters in the Redstone community. The moose and caribou were donated by hunters who went out West and brought them back," Moreland said.

Along with the main dishes, vegetables and other dishes will also be served. "We would welcome any donations of a side dish from people who are attending, or who would just like to help out," Moreland said.

For those of you who haven't had the experience of tasting wild game, this is the perfect opportunity. According to Moreland, one of the most popular dishes is the raccoon and is often the first meat to disappear. "Once you put the barbecued meat on a bun along with some cole slaw, you would never know you were eating raccoon," Moreland said.

The price is right for the buffet luncheon and the entire community is invited. Due to past history, Moreland suggests participants should arrive early and park in the Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area parking lot. "We will have buses shuttling people to the Rustic Lodge beginning at 10 a.m. and will continue until the food is gone," Moreland said.

A donation of \$1 per person is asked for the luncheon from owners of Redstone hunting or fishing permits. Donations from all others will be \$3 per person. Serving begins at 11 a.m. and will continue until the food is gone.

Moreland strongly recommends attendees arrive early if they would like to sample the dishes. "We plan on continuing until 12:30 p.m. but the food will probably run out before then. It would be a good idea for anyone planning on attending to arrive early," he said.

For more information about the Feb. 3 event, call Outdoor Recreation at 876-4868.

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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SIMA-West joins Missile Command team

The AMC Systems Integration and Management Activity-West (SIMA-West) is the newest member to the Missile Command team. MICOM received opera-

tional control of SIMA-West in a memorandum signed Jan. 3 by the AMC Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Ray McCoy.

No physical relocation of

personnel from St. Louis, Mo., is planned. SIMA-West provides information systems that are used to manage the business side of defense logistics. The organization is

led by Director Louann Elledge. The SIMA work force consists of 250 employees located at the Robert A. Young Federal Building in downtown St. Louis.

SIMA-West is best known as the developer of the Commodity Command Standard System. The system supports the asset management, cataloging, financial management, procurement, provisioning, and security assistance functions at AMC's Inventory Control Points.

MICOM and SIMA-West personnel have worked closely together on Department of Defense (DoD) Corporate Information Management initia-

tives, the Strategic Logistics Plan, and automation changes to the Commodity Command Standard System.

As a fee-for-service organization, SIMA-West provides software design and development to a widely-dispersed customer base throughout the DoD. Reimbursable services have included projects in consulting, re-engineering, data administration, and technical integration.

SIMA-West was established in St. Louis in 1968 as the AMC Automated Logistics Management Systems Activity (ALMSA). A few name changes have oc-

curred over the years. The organization became SIMA after merging with the AMC Central Systems Design Activity-East, and the AMC Logistics Programs Support Activity in October 1990.

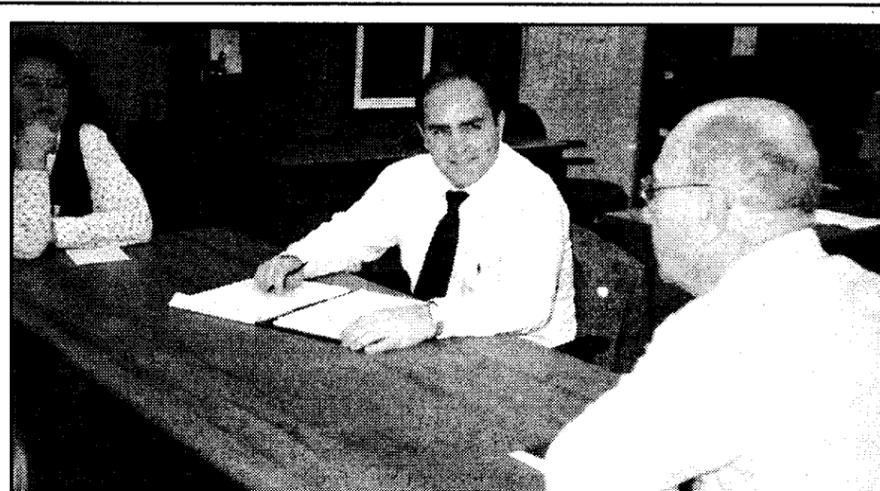
The headquarters office for SIMA, known as SIMA-East, is located in Chambersburg, Pa. SIMA-East is responsible for the Standard Depot System. A realignment to the Industrial Operations Command in Rock Island, Ill., is planned for SIMA-East.



Echo Company champs...

Capt. Hardee Green, center, and members of E Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion's basketball team show off their tournament winning

trophy. The team, which won the post Christmas basketball tournament, hopes to continue its winning ways during the regular season.



ACOE evaluation...

Bill Wortley, center, a member of the ACOE evaluation team, visits last week with members of the Missile Command's Public Affairs Office. Wortley, an Army safety manager at the Pentagon, said his part of the

on-site evaluations was to look into safety programs, emergency operations, and public affairs. Redstone was evaluated as part of the annual Army Communities of Excellence awards competition.

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Post awaits results of community excellence competition

By Kathy Harkleroad

The preparation went well, the evaluations are over, and the waiting has begun. The competition for the Most Improved Medium-sized Army Installation, is all but over for Redstone Arsenal, and the results should be heard sometime the first two weeks of April.

"Overall, everything went terrifically," said ACOE program assistant, Faye Yates. "The evaluators were impressed with the improvements that have occurred here and I think they were most impressed with the excitement that was expressed by the Redstone community as a whole."

Redstone Arsenal was the second installation to be visited on a list of 12 installations vying for the Most Improved Army Installation award in the annual Army Communities of Excellence competition. "We are in the finalist category for the Most Improved Medium-sized Installation, and have already won \$110,000 for the position. I think we have a darn good chance of winning the \$1 million prize for the Most Improved Army Installation," Yates said.

Having the evaluators visit Redstone was the culmination of a lot of hard work, from quite a few people, and according to Yates, the success of last week's visit from the evaluators wouldn't have happened without that team effort.

"Everyone from the commander on down to the privates, and from the civilian supervisors on down to the clerks, helped Redstone look good. That includes the families who live on the Arsenal and helped make sure the housing areas were in great shape," Yates said.

Yates wanted to make sure everyone who participated and helped with the competition was thanked. "Everyone deserves a thank-you and a pat on the back for all the hard work they did," she said.

For those who are optimistic and would like to have a say in how the award money is spent, Yates said the time to start preparing proposals and getting cost estimates for future projects is now. "It's not too early to start the initial tasks of preparing proposals. If we do win, we won't see the money until the beginning of FY96. As we receive the proposals, they will be evaluated and voted on as to which projects will be completed," she said.

ACS meets changing needs of military families at Redstone

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Army Community Service saw quite a few changes during the last year and according to Dr. William Resha, 1995 holds the promise of as many changes occurring, if not more.

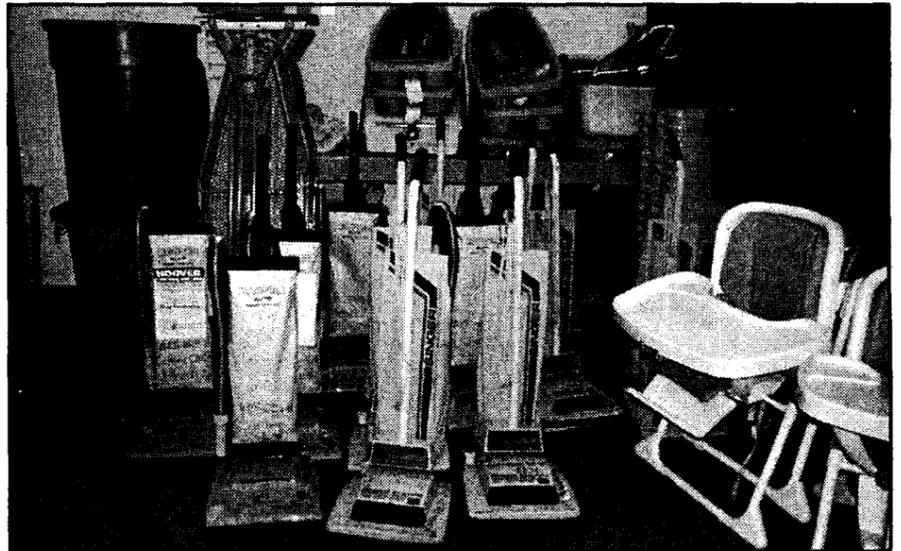
"Last year was a very busy year for us and we saw quite a few new programs being implemented. We held classes throughout the year on several topics and included areas like stress, financial counseling, anger control, and parenting. We offered these classes during the evening hours to encourage attendance by spouses, as well as providing an opportunity for others to attend," said Resha, ACS chief.

Seminars were also held on a regular basis on topics such as elderly care, writing resumes, preparing job applications and parent issues.

Other areas at ACS that saw changes included the Emergency Food Locker program. "I was very pleased to see the change from providing dry goods to issuing food vouchers. This enabled the family members to have access to a wider choice of food and access fresh produce, dairy products and meat. This also eliminated the need to shop, store and maintain perishable food," Resha said.

"We also almost doubled our inventory in the Lending Closet with the purchase of new items and increased the type of items available for checkout. Because of the additions, we will be acquiring additional storage space in the near future to house the Lending Closet items," he added.

Resha also cited the work the Education Committee has accomplished during last year. "We hosted a principals' breakfast for Huntsville City Schools and the committee holds a parent/principal night every year. The Education Committee is in existence to provide a voice for the students that reside on the Arsenal and we have been very successful in maintaining an



LENDING CLOSET— Army Community Service has many services for military members and their families that enable the participant to lead a better life. This is the ACS lending closet which offers to mili-

tary families such items as vacuum cleaners, beds, high chairs, and pots and pans. ACS will acquire additional storage space in the near future to accommodate new equipment available for loan.

open door policy with the Huntsville School Board, as well as the principals involved with our youth," he said.

In looking toward the upcoming year, Resha sees a busy year filled with many changes in many areas. "One of the most exciting changes coming up this year is the implementation of the Army Family Team Building program. This year we will be providing the administrative support and office space for the program. It is an important program, especially for the younger soldiers and their spouses," he said.

Resha also sees a closer working relationship with several organizations to reduce the duplication of services. "For instance we have services that are useful to soldiers in the Army Career Alumni Program and ACAP has services that are useful to us.

"With the new trend of doing more with less, the capability of sharing resources is the way of the future and one we are looking forward to," he added.

Also new at ACS is the program 'ACS-'95 and Beyond.' "Armywide, ACS is becoming more proactive and we have established a

closer working relationship with the military units and their commanders. Instead of the soldier having to come here for services or referrals, there will be a contact person assigned to every unit who will be able to supply the information. This also gives us the advantage of customizing our services for each unit," Resha said.

"This way of doing things is a definite improvement over the programs in the past. Every unit has different needs and being on the unit level will enable us to be better informed of the soldiers needs. I am very excited about the program," he said.

Resha also sees ACS becoming more youth oriented and becoming more involved in that area. "We will be helping youth find summer jobs through the Family Member Employment Assistance Program this year, and we are working very closely with Shelby Williams at Youth Services and the Provost Marshal to develop programs that will benefit the military youth," he said.

Redstone's ACS program is also active in other areas and Resha is committed to 'not getting stagnate.' "We have to change to meet the

needs of today's Army and today's soldiers," he said.

In meeting the needs of today's soldier, Resha and the employees at ACS will also be involved in several different projects and conferences this year. "We agreed to be the project site of the new Family Advocacy Software Program and are testing the software that will streamline the annual report.

"We will also host the AMC elder-care conference this year and with more and more soldiers caring for elderly parents, this is a very important program," Resha added.

Redstone Arsenal is a possible project site for a pilot program that is being developed for children's needs. The New Parent Support Group will be offered to parents during pregnancy as well as the first year after birth.

Resha said if it weren't for the volunteers involved with ACS, the job would be much tougher. "We have excellent volunteers here who are as committed as we are to providing services to the soldiers and their families. I also have to thank Mrs. Link and Mrs. Moeller, who are actively involved with our programs and who helped enhance and expand our volunteer program," he said.

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Getting rid of red ants a tough hill to climb

By Kathy Harkleroad

Believe it not, warmer weather is right around the corner, and with it comes the re-emergence of outdoor pests. Red ants can be a real problem to residents of the area and can cause problems.

The red ant is not a native of North America and arrived in Mobile on a ship from Brazil in 1930. They were first spotted near the Arsenal in 1986 on the banks of the Tennessee River, according to Chuck Peoples, natural resource specialist on loan from Auburn University.

"The ants now cover the Southeastern part of the United States and can be found as north as North Carolina, as far south as Florida, and as far west as Texas," Peoples said.

The ants like to live in areas where there is loose dirt and frequent cow pastures. "The ants can live just

about anywhere there is loose dirt. They can be found in gardens, cow pastures, or anywhere construction has been going on. They love newly disturbed soil," Peoples said.

The ants can be found more readily during the summer, as they like the warmer weather. "These insects don't retain body heat and get their heat from the environment. During the winter and cooler weather, they burrow underground and can go as far as 7 feet deep," Peoples said.

Spotting a red ant hill can be fairly easy as they usually construct mounds. Although mounds are common with the pests, that doesn't always hold true. "You don't have to have a mound to have fire ants. If the soil is loose enough they will just make their home in it," Peoples said.

Ant bites to humans can prove to be harmful, if not uncomfortable. "They have

a pretty good sting to them and there are people who are allergic to them. The best way to avoid getting bit by the ants is to look before you put your hands or feet into loose soil. Ultimately the best way to avoid them is to get rid of them altogether," Peoples said.

Residents on the Arsenal can obtain help in ridding their homes of the stinging pests. Chemicals such as Andro and Diazinon are available from Self-Help. "We ask that the residents and community try the chemicals from here first; and if they don't work, grounds maintenance can be called," said Wayne Nevels, manager of the Self-Help Store.

"Andro is the best chemical to use as it affects all the ants, not just the ones that take the bait," Peoples said. "Once the chemical is digested by the ant, it is carried back into the mound and passed through the colony. Eventually the queen



INVADERS REAPPEAR— Although red ants are not native to Alabama, they have been in the area for the last 14 years. Ant mounds like this can be found throughout the Arsenal and resurface with warmer weather.

will get the poison and the rest is history."

For the immediate removal of the ants, Diazinon can be used, but according to Peoples, that doesn't always eliminate the pests. "The Diazinon creates a barrier over the mound and if there are ants out forging they will not be affected by the chemical. The returning ants will not cross the chemical barrier and will just start another mound someplace close-by," Peoples said.

Both chemicals are available at the Self-Help store on the Arsenal. Residents can obtain up to four, 10 pound bags of Diazinon between the months of April and September. Residents can also receive one bag of Andro twice a year from the Self-Help store.

For those residents who are environment friendly, there are a few other ways you can rid your yard of the pests. "You can pour two-three gallons of boiling

water on the mound or you can mix the dirt from two different mounds together. All you need is one shovel of dirt from one mound and place it on the second mound. Repeat the process for the second mound and eventually the ants will cause a small war inside the mounds and ultimately kill each other," Peoples said.

Peoples also cautioned residents to read the labels of all chemicals first, before using them and to be careful.

Troop basketball hoops



Here are the company-level basketball standings as of Jan. 20:

Eastern Conference

	W	L
HHC MICOM	6	1
HHC 832nd	4	1
Marines	4	1
F Company 832nd	3	2
NCO Academy	3	2
TMDE	3	3

Western Conference

	W	L
A Company 832nd	7	0
E Company 832nd	7	0
MEDDAC	3	2
C Company 832nd	2	5
Over 35	2	5

Gulf War Syndrome sufferers have recourse

MONTGOMERY — Frank Wilkes, director of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, is happy that the Department of Defense has implemented the three-phase multicenter Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation Program. CCEP is designed to thoroughly evaluate Desert Shield/Desert Storm participants with unexplained illness, determine whether a new clinical syndrome exists, identify potential causes and initiate treatment.

Evaluation is available to any military health care beneficiary (active duty or retired) who served in the Gulf between Aug. 8, 1990 and July 31, 1991, and

his/her dependents. A toll-free number (800-796-9699) was announced to the public in June 1994 to facilitate entry into the process. The most frequent complaints of Gulf veterans evaluated to date are fatigue, sleep disturbance, memory impairment, headache, diarrhea and/or abdominal pain, cough and/or shortness of breath, muscle aches or weakness, skin rash, joint pain, and chest pain. Complaints have been similar in nature to those evaluated in the VA system.

Initial evaluation has identified some patients

with such illnesses as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes mellitus, thyroid disease, and psychiatric disorders such as depression and anxiety.

To date, a disabling constellation of symptoms has proved frustrating to the Gulf War veterans who have experienced them, as well as to the physicians who have evaluated them. CCEP is an all-encompassing, direct approach to dealing with the symptoms that should provide afflicted patients with a first-class medical evaluation. In so doing, it is hoped that spe-

cific causes may be identified and diagnosed, and treatment administered.

Wilkes encourages all Persian Gulf veterans to seek treatment for their illnesses and undiagnosed diseases by calling the toll-free number or contact their county Veterans Affairs Service officer for assistance and additional information. (News release from the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs)

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Dr. Carter Woodson: 'Father of Black History'

Perhaps more than any other individual, Dr. Carter G. Woodson is credited with opening the rich, but long neglected, field of black history to the American public.

Using a combination of extensive research and intense dedication, he was the first historian to refute many of the myths and incorrect views previously associated with the history of black Americans. His work to ensure that black Americans were depicted honestly culminated on Feb. 7, 1926 with the establishment of Black History Week. Today it is known as Black History Month. During February, Americans of all ages take time to study the proud heritage of this country's largest minority group.

Woodson was born in West Virginia in 1875. Despite both financial and social burdens placed upon him, he earned a master's degree from the University of Chicago and a doctorate in history from Harvard University. After Harvard he accepted a position at Howard University where he became a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

In 1915 Woodson organized "The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History" and continued as its director for 35 years. Today the organization is known as "The Association of Afro-American Life and History" (ASALH). The purpose of ASALH is to promote an appreciation of the life and history of the black American, to encourage the understanding of present status, and to enrich the promise of the future.

In 1916 Woodson published the first edition of the Journal of Negro History and served as its editor until his death. This scholarly periodical is an essential source for all students of black history. His book, *The Negro in Our History*, became the bible of the black movement. It was the only textbook about black Americans for high school and college students for many years. He also wrote the widely accepted *Miseducation of the Negro*.

In 1920 Woodson founded Associated Publishers Inc. which made available to everyone, through books on Negro history by himself and others, information about black Americans. He wrote and edited more than 15 books, he collected and organized valuable documents and inspired scores of scholars. Many of Woodson's publications have become the foundation upon which more contemporary historians have based their research.

The distinguished educator and scholar Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., once told Dr. Woodson, "Largely through your efforts, you mastered the fundamentals of common school subjects by age 17, but you were not able to enter high school until you were 20. Entering high school at 20, only a man of rare insight and prophetic vision would have been able to predict that you would earn an M.A. at Chicago, a PhD at Harvard, become a historian of national renown, and achieve the facilities to speak fluently three languages. You have done more

than any other man to make Negroes proud of their past and of their race. When you began your work in Negro history, all too many Negroes were ashamed of their race, and even college graduates took pride in the fact that they knew nothing of Africa and less of Negro life in America. You have made Negroes proud of themselves."

In 1984, a commemorative stamp honoring Dr. Carter G. Woodson was issued. He became the latest addition to the Black Heritage USA series which includes Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King Jr., Benjamin Banneker, Whitney Moore Young Jr., Jackie Robinson and Scott Joplin.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson died in 1950. During his life, he opened the rich, but long neglected, field of black history to the American public. His residence, 1538 9th Street NW, Washington, D.C., has been designated a U.S. National Landmark. The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, as a memorial to their beloved Brother, refurnished the interior of this row house. Woodson was a highly respected historian, a fact reflected by his honorary title— "Father of Black History." He advocated: "If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thoughts of the world."

(Editor's note: February is Black History Month. This article, which originally appeared in the Feb. 9, 1994 Rocket, was provided by last year's Black History Month Planning Committee.)

Ensemble to hold concert for Black History Month

By Sandra Cartee

It's comprised of employees from all over the Arsenal. They come together one time a year to share their one common interest. They're called the Redstone Arsenal African-American Music Ensemble and singing together gives them the opportunity to promote unity among co-workers on Redstone, allow people to meet others from various organizations, and to learn more about the culture of the African-American people.

This ensemble was formed three years ago to entertain during the Black History Luncheon, held every year. It started out with 12 members and its purpose was to share culture and mentality of the African-American people.

During the past two years the group has grown. With this growth brings changes. This year, the group will present a concert on Feb. 27 at noon in the Sparkman Center Auditorium and will do a live recording for documentation purposes and possible distribution. This is also the first year the music was composed by a Redstone employee.

The group has grown from 12 members to around 40. When asked what orga-

nizations the members work at, Eugene Edwards, the group's conductor and composer said, "They're from all over the place. All over the Arsenal; both military and civilian."

The ensemble is looking for anyone else interested in performing in this group, too. People with musical instrument talents are also encouraged to come participate. Edwards would like to widen the ensemble to more than just vocalists, but everyone is invited to be a part of this.

"Anyone who can carry a tune is allowed to become a part of this. You don't have to be a great soloist. The only criteria is for people to be able to sing basic songs," Edwards said.

The rehearsals are held Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the Post Chapel. The practice only takes 30 minutes and Edwards said, "rather than take up government time, we ask everyone to bring a brown bag lunch."

Some of the current members are semi-professionals who have sung behind popular artists. Michael Bolton, Walter Hawkins, and the Mighty Clouds of Joy are some of the performers that have used various members of this ensemble as back-



VOICES OF REDSTONE— Members of the Redstone Arsenal African-American Music Ensemble rehearse for their upcoming concert during Black History Month. The members are comprised of employees from throughout Redstone.

ground vocalists.

Other members are singers in the Huntsville community or in their local churches and from various programs. Jean Lynch, who works for the Integrated Materiel Management Center and is in the ensemble said, "I love to sing... it's always interesting to meet different people."

Enabling people to meet others in the Redstone community is one reason for this ensemble. "We've got a lot of past support from the Redstone community and it

has just been outstanding," Edwards said.

Another reason for this group is to promote unity among co-workers on the installation. By bringing various civilian and military personnel together, bonds are being formed through this common goal of vocal harmony.

Edwards also hopes that people will learn more about the culture and mentality of the African-American people. "The Redstone community should support and go out to all other sponsored groups so that we all can

learn more about each other in order to have a greater appreciation for each other."

The music will incorporate some of the old Negro spirituals, traditional black church gospel music, and contemporary music of today. So, there should be something for everyone. There will even be one song called "Save the Youth Today" that will focus on protecting youth from problems like crime and violence. "We'll do eight songs that summarizes the history of the African-American music," Edwards said.

"All music will be communicative and have a soulful touch," he said. The live recording is sponsored by the Multiple Launch Rocket System and any proceeds that may occur from this will go to the Army Emergency Relief Program.

For more information about this ensemble, call Liz Booker at 876-9153. There is still plenty of time and the deadline for new participants is Feb. 1. Anyone interested needs to come out today at 11:30 in the Post Chapel and help celebrate Black History Month.

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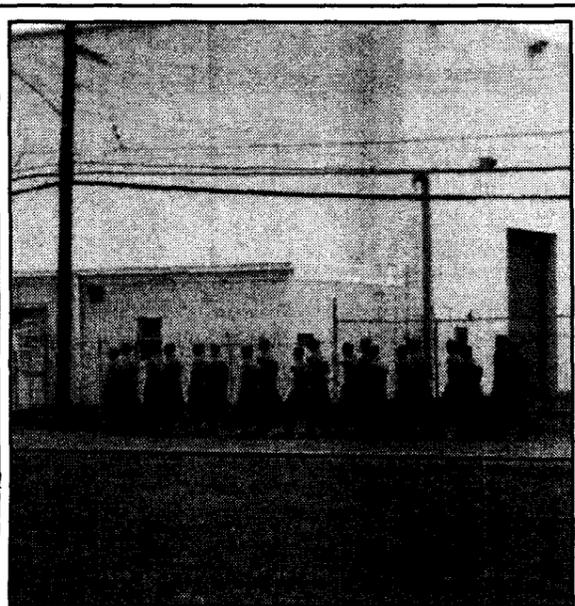
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Bowling standings

Here are the standings for the Redstone Arsenal Intramural Bowling League as of Jan. 17:

	Won	Lost
MI Detachment	286	164
Sandbaggers	281.5	168.5
Missile Maniacs	280	170
TMDE-2	253.5	196.5
Marines	251.5	198.5
Readiness Grp-2	241	209
F Company MLRS	238.5	211.5
SHORAD-2	233.5	216.5
Master Blasters	229	221
TMDE-1	228.5	221.5
Dilligaf	220.5	229.5
D Company-1	203	247
SHORAD-1	183	267
Hooters	164.5	285.5
Readiness Grp-1	142.5	307.5
D Company-2	138.5	311.5

200 games bowled Jan. 17:

Bob Thorne (D Company-1)	233
Kevin Napier (Shorad-2)	217
Juan Santiago (RGrp-2)	214
Brian Long (Marines)	211
Bill Hollifield (Missile Maniacs)	205
Jon Feinberg (Hooters)	205
Louis Flores (Sandbaggers)	204
Gary Means (Sandbaggers)	203

Association pledges support of federal procurement reform

At a recent news conference in Washington, D.C., Barbara M. Weaver, national president of the National Contract Management Association, announced a NCMA pledge to take specific steps to help the government create a procurement system that "delivers more value to the taxpayer" and "works better and costs less."

NCMA is the primary association representing professionals involved in awarding and administering government contracts. It has more than 20,000 members from government and industry in 146 chapters worldwide.

In 1994 the Clinton administration announced management initiatives to reinvent federal procurement, streamline a cumbersome, bureaucratic procurement process to save the taxpayer money and improve the quality of products and services sold to the government. In October President Clinton signed the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994, the first piece of procurement legislation in memory to streamline and simplify the system rather than add new bureaucratic requirements and costs. These initiatives, when fully implemented, will produce significant savings for taxpayers.

"The challenge now," states Steven Kelman, administrator of the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), "is to

make the messages and behaviors of procurement reform part of the everyday reality of government contracting in the more than 2,500 buying offices in the federal government. This challenge requires tremendous cultural change and will take cooperation from all concerned."

The NCMA pledge is a response to the administration's call for efforts to implement the management and legislative changes that have been announced. Weaver states that "NCMA strongly supports reform of the government procurement process. To achieve practical reform, contracting officials must be educated and motivated, and our members are prepared to lead the way."

Specifically, NCMA promises to undertake certain actions to help make acquisition reform a reality in contracting and contract management offices through-

out the country:

- Advocate acquisition reform and encourage our members to become the leading agents of change in the implementation of reform.

- As promoted by the NCMA Code of Ethics, reaffirm the integrity and competency of the acquisition work force by stressing the need to place greater reliance on the good business judgment of contracting professionals.

- Promote unity of purpose and action in public contracting by working to reduce adversarial relationships and by encouraging government and industry teamwork.

- Further the implementation of acquisition reform in cooperation with the OFPP by:

- (1) Providing educational seminars hosted by NCMA chapters to explain the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act (FASA) of 1994.

- (2) Publishing and distributing educational materials, including a regular feature in Contract Management magazine on acquisition reform.

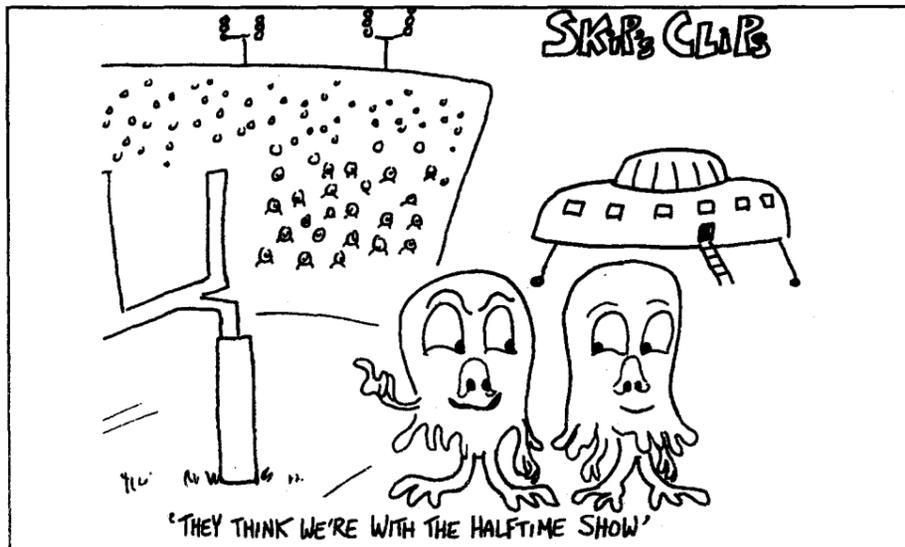
- (3) Producing educational videos for chapter workshops to encourage the implementation of FASA.

- (4) Supporting the OFPP initiative, Front Line Procurement Professionals Forum on Procurement Reform, by nominating NCMA members as participants.

- (5) Encourage local chapters to "adopt" a specific acquisition reform initiative of their choice, which they would seek to promote, in cooperation with government buying offices in their local area.

The Huntsville chapter with 500 members is the sixth largest of NCMA's 130 chapters. For membership information, call Cathy Ruf at 992-6010 (ext. 3095).

(Editor's note: This article was provided by NCMA.)



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Announcements

Carpool members

Wanted from Hartselle/Falkville/Cullman area to Sparkman Center or 5400/5435 area, hours 7-4:30 AWS. Jim Gray 842-8293.

Super Bowl party— The entire Redstone community is invited to the Sports Haven, Jan. 29, at noon to take in the game on any of its 10 televisions, for a Super Bowl Sunday. Free hot popcorn will be popped fresh all day; and hot dogs, chili and smoked sausage dogs will be sale for your convenience. Super Bowl thermo mugs will be available for only \$1.50 (while supplies last) with the purchase of any beverage. For more information, call 876-6595.

Birthday bash— Members and spouses are invited to the Challenger tonight from 6-10:30 to celebrate its first quarterly Birthday Bash. All members and spouses celebrating a birthday during October, November, December or January, will receive a free buffet dinner. All other members and guests are welcome to the all-you-can-eat buffet for only \$12.95. Reservations are required. Dinner will be served from 6-9 p.m., and a dinner dance band will play from 6:30-10:30. For more information, call 837-0751.

Sock hop— Officers Club members and their guests are invited to a free, old fashioned Sock Hop, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. "Do you remember 45 rpm records, popette beads, bobbie socks, DA haircuts, blue jeans, T-shirts, saddle shoes, poodle skirts, and v-neck sweaters? Join us for this memorable event." For more information, call 830-CLUB.

Equal opportunity awards— Know an outstanding soldier who has made contributions in increasing the opportunities of Hispanic Americans and supports the tenets of equal opportunity? Now is the time to nominate that person for the National Image Meritorious Service Award. The award will be presented at their convention in Philadelphia May 25. Call MSgt. Thomas Griffith 876-8648 but hurry, nominations will only be accepted until Feb. 15.... Are you or do you know an outstanding soldier who has made significant contributions in the area of equal opportunity? Nominate that person for the NAACP's Roy Wilkins Meritorious Service Award which will be presented at the organization's convention in Minneapolis July 8-14. Nominations will be accepted until March 31. Call MSgt. Griffith 876-8648 for more information.

Air defenders— The Alabama Chapter of the Air

Defense Artillery Association will hold its bimonthly luncheon Thursday at the Officers Club. A social period will begin at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:45. Dr. Shelba Proffitt, of Space and Strategic Defense Command, is to present a briefing on the Battle Integration Center. The cost of the luncheon will be \$7 for individual and corporate chapter members and \$8 for non-members. For reservations call Shirley Brown 895-8928 by noon today.

Child development services— Supplemental Programs and Services (SPS) of Child Development Services will sponsor a parent workshop Feb. 2 at 4:30 p.m. The one hour workshop titled "Music Magic" will be in the multi-purpose room at the Child Development Center. Marian Caudle, Family Child Care Curriculum and Training Specialist, will be the leader. Parents, providers, and staff are invited to come learn songs, finger plays and listen and do activities with their children.

Parent advisory council— The Child Development Services (CDS) Parent Advisory Council will meet Jan. 31 at 3 p.m. in the Bicentennial Chapel. This is for parents in all three delivery systems; the Child Development Center, Family Child Care and Supplemental Programs and Services which includes School Age Care. The PAC meets the last Tuesday of each month. Parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Mary 876-7952 or Anna 876-1044.

Science/engineering apprentices— Applications for the 1995 Science and Engineering Apprentice Program (SEAP) have been disseminated to junior and senior counselors at all public, private and parochial high schools in north Alabama. Possible career areas of placement at MICOM include: physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering, mathematics and environmental science. This program is in-

tended for students in grades 10-12 who have demonstrated aptitude and interest in science and engineering careers. Eligible students must be at least 15 years old by the beginning date of the program, June 12. The program will be in session from June 12 through Aug. 4. The deadline for postmarking applications is Jan. 31. If your child is unsuccessful in receiving an application from the counselors, you may receive one from the Office of Academic Affairs, building 7804, room 230, or by calling 876-9296.

OWC merit awards— Applications for Merit Awards offered by the Officers Wives Club are now available in the following categories: high school senior, college level, or military spouse. The applicants must be family members of officers and hold a military ID card, with primary residence in the Huntsville area. Deadline to apply is March 4. Applications can be obtained by written request to Helen Hickman, 14374 Hunter Road, Harvest, AL, 35749.

Free tax assistance— Free tax preparation will be offered Feb. 1 to April 17 at Army Community Service for active and retired military families. This is a service of ACS and the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Soldiers should first contact their unit tax assisters if they need this service. To schedule an appointment, beginning Feb. 1, at ACS call 842-8375.

Sparkman fitness center— The Sparkman Fitness Center wants to help its members start their New Year's resolutions with the following Aerobic and Floor Exercise Schedule: Monday and Wednesday, lower body and abs, 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. and 4:15-4:45 p.m., with aerobics 5-6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, aerobics from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 5-6 p.m., with lower body and abs 4:15-4:45 p.m.; Friday, lower body and abs, 11:15-11:45 a.m., 4-4:30 p.m. and 5-5:30 p.m. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 6-7 a.m.,

there will be Tai-chi— low-impact aerobic exercise that depends on correct body alignment and total mind-body relaxation. For more information, call 313-6091/6096.

Officers wives— The Officers Wives Club announces the following events. On Feb. 14, at 6:30 p.m. they will hold a Sweetheart Dinner. On March 4, there will be an art auction at 6 p.m.; and on March 5, an art auction will be held at 10 a.m. All of these events will be held at the Officers Club.

Community classes— The following classes will be offered at Army Community Service: Stress Management, a free five-week class starting 5 p.m. Feb. 1 at ACS, building 3491; open to active duty and retired military, DoD civilians and family members; for information call Virginia Dempsey 876-5397. Couples Communication, a free four-week class starting at 5 p.m. Feb. 14 at building 3491; open to active duty and retired military, DoD civilians and family members; for information call Jennifer Clark 876-5397. Elder Care Issues, a seminar on "Understanding Medicare and Medicaid" by Ray Lindsay with Decatur Medicare and Medicaid, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at Post Chapel; to register call Jennifer Clark 876-5397.

Black History luncheon— The theme for this year's Black History Month is "Reflections on 1895: Douglas, Dubois, Washington." The luncheon will be held 11 a.m. Feb. 9 in the Von Braun Civic Center north hall. Scheduled speaker is Patricia Russell-McCloud of Atlanta, an attorney, professional orator and trainer. Tickets go on sale this week. For more information, call the EEO office 876-9223/3591.

Nutritional tour— Lila Harrison, a registered dietitian in the nutrition care division at Fox Army Community Hospital, will conduct "Supermarket

Tours" at the Commissary. The tours are designed to assist shoppers who have special nutritional needs or who desire a more healthy diet. Two tours are scheduled for February and will begin at 8 a.m. On Wednesday, Feb. 8, the tour will be for diabetics; and on Wednesday, Feb. 22, for those interested in "Heart Healthy." To register call 876-1071.

ID card section— The Military Identification Card Section of the Military Personnel Office, building 3710, will be open Saturday, Feb. 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Monday, Feb. 6, the ID Card Section will be closed all day for installation of new equipment and software. Normal duty hours will resume the following day.

Job assistance center— The Job Assistance Center, building 3433, has relocated its main office from room 145 to rooms 156 and 162. The TAP/JAC Workshop, previously held in building 3480, will now be held in building 3433, room 145. Take advantage of the full range of JAC services including Group Job Search Training, Individual Counseling, as well as a variety of Automated Job Leads Databases. For more information and eligibility requirements, call the Transition Assistance Office, building 3433, room 144, 955-6490.

Family Symposium backbrief— The Redstone Arsenal Family Symposium Backbrief Sessions will be held 1:30-4:30 p.m. Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at Bicentennial Chapel. All delegates are encouraged to attend.

Post Theater movies— Thursday, "Junior," rated PG-13, 110 minutes. Friday, "Junior." Saturday, "Street Fighter," PG-13, 120 minutes. Sunday, "Street Fighter." Tuesday, "Trapped in Paradise," PG-13, 111 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.

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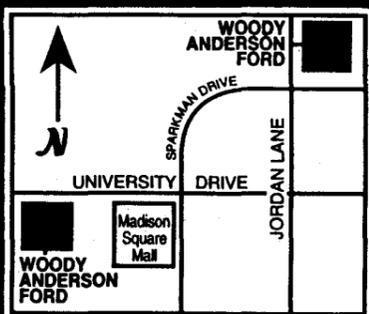
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