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National Guard constructing Patriot training site

By Kathy Harkleroad

Redstone Arsenal is gaining a Patriot Missile site for the Army National Guard, thanks to a group of engineers from the 877th Engineers Battalion from Sulligent, Ala.

"The National Guard has leased land from MICOM for a Patriot Missile training site and our battalion is in the process of constructing the road and doing all the horizontal work at the site," said 1st Lt. Markie Hinson. "We are not only creating the roads, but during our rotation here we are also using this time as our two-week active duty training period."

Construction on the project started March 18 and will continue through May 27 with five units rotating through the Arsenal. "Once the work begins and our two-weeks comes to a close, an advance party from the next rotation arrives and we fill them in on what we have done. At that point, we leave and the next group arrives and is able to pick up where we left off without missing a beat," said SSgt. Kevin Egger.

According to Egger, the Patriot training site will be the first one for the Army National Guard and is the largest construction project being undertaken by the Guard. "Currently we go to Fort Bliss to train on

the Patriots but once we complete this project Guard personnel will be trained here at Redstone," he said.

The training site should be advantageous to the 203rd Patriot Battalion of the Army National Guard stationed in Huntsville. "They are a round-out unit and are one of the first units to go when called," Hinson said. "The new training site will enable them to train closer to home, and will give them several new training opportunities."

The engineers arrived at Redstone as a self-supporting unit and brought not only the 35 pieces of heavy equipment, but their own clerks, medics, administration personnel and operators as well.

"We have everything we need to get the job done and what we don't have, we have been able to obtain without any trouble. I would especially like to thank the Guard unit here because if we ever needed anything, they were right there to help us out. I can't thank them enough for that," Egger said.

The unit drills two days a month at their home base, and participates in the two-week active duty annual training during the year. "Considering the men only have 40 days of training a year, the work we have accomplished shows the degree of training we receive," Hinson said. Egger agreed and said the construction project on the



ROAD WORK— Members of the 877th Engineers Battalion of the Army National Guard stationed in Sulligent are creating roads at the new Patriot Missile training site located on Redstone Arsenal.

Arsenal is already a couple of days ahead of schedule.

"These men have full-time jobs elsewhere and have volunteered for the National Guard. We not only train and build roads, but have been involved in help-

ing clean up after natural disasters, we've built schools and buildings in several foreign countries, and generally go where we are needed," Egger said.

During their two-week stay on the
See CONSTRUCTION on page 18

Redstone wins again in Army excellence competition



SUPPORT TEAM— Some members of the RASA support team gather to share the good news about Redstone winning the Army Communities of Excellence competition. From left are Carter, Sue Floyd, Collier, Lisa Wright, Janice Jean, SFC Dandalyn Wilson and Jim Plummer.

By Skip Vaughn

For the second time in three years, Redstone Arsenal has won its category in the Army Communities of Excellence competition.

Redstone was named best medium-sized installation in the continental United States for 1995. This honor carries a projected \$500,000 prize.

"We won!" exclaimed a happy Carolyn Collier, Redstone's ACOE program manager. Department of Army informed Redstone officials by phone Thursday afternoon then sent out a written message.

"We knew we were winners but it's nice to hear it," Collier said. Redstone beat out Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for the top award in its category.

Redstone was runner-up

last year, and won in 1993. It competed in the Most Improved category in 1992, its first year of competition, and took that title.

"The entire installation" deserves the credit for this ACOE award, Collier said. "Everybody has worked really hard."

An ACOE evaluation team visited here Jan. 17-20. Redstone's slogan on its ACOE package this year was "Pride in Self and Pride in Work," Collier said. "And I really think that's what did it for us: the pride that people do take."

Fort Benning, Ga., won the top prize overall, the Commander-in-Chief award which amounts to \$1 million. Redstone was among the category winners who earned Chief of Staff, Army awards.

"This is truly an example of Team Redstone. It speaks well for the community," said Steve Collier, executive assistant of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

The 1995 ACOE winners include the following:

- **Commander-in-Chief award:** Fort Benning.
- **Special category:** Tulsa Engineer District, Okla.
- **Most Improved:** Fort Eustis, Va.
- **Active Army:** Camp Zama, Japan; Fort Shafter, Hawaii; Fort McCoy, Wis.; Redstone Arsenal; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.
- **Army National Guard:** Utah; most improved, Wyoming; and rookie of the year, North Dakota.
- **Army Reserve:** rookie of the year, 120th Army Reserve Command, Fort Jackson, S.C.

Letters to the editor

Quality managers

This letter is in response to the addition of "Management Only" parking spaces at the Sparkman Center. As a WSMD employee, I park in the southside parking area of building 5303. Several WSMD managers park here also. Each morning I have noticed there are many empty "Management Only" parking spaces because the WSMD managers that utilize this parking area are not parking in the management spaces. They are still parking in the same area, but with the employees.

Knowing these managers don't think they are any different from me by exercising this parking privilege has earned additional respect from me. Actions such as this, small as they may seem, is the basis for teams. This is what "Total Quality Management" is all about, and it begins with having "Total Quality Managers."

Name withheld by request

Travel process

This is in response to a MICOM-Community email memorandum from AMSMI-RA-L, March 27, subject: Carlson Wagonlit Travel, Commercial Travel Office (CTO).

First let me say that as an authenticator for travel, it is of great concern that I respond to the referenced memo.

The memorandum states that a courier service is going to replace the automated STP machines (ticket printers) used previously by SatoTravel. The courier service was tried before and proved to be a complete failure. It was a failure because:

a. Tickets were never delivered by the time stated. We were supposed to receive them from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Over 95 percent of the time they were delivered beyond the normal tour of duty for the recipient. Many times it was as late as 5-5:30 p.m.!

b. When tickets were delivered, there were many times that some were omitted through the coordinator's error. Last minute arrangements had to be made for the traveler to obtain tickets by other means. Administrative personnel

expended excessive time coordinating ticket deliveries for the traveler because of ineffectiveness of the courier service delivering outside of normal tour of duty.

My question is, "Why are we regressing in our travel procedures?" Logically you would have thought the contract up for bid would have contained the services already being provided rather than a "blue light special" version.

With the downsizing continuing and administrative personnel being cut beyond reality, the courier service will not be an effective procedure for the organizations at Redstone.

And once again it will be the low man on the totem pole to suffer the consequences.

Beverly Overman

Correction

The article about the postwide spring cleanup on page 16 in last week's issue included an incorrect amount for the gift certificate the Post Exchange will award to winners of the Yard of the Month competition. The PX will award a \$15 gift certificate to the monthly winner.

Gulf Syndrome evaluations keep hospital staff busy

By Kathy Harkleroad

There has been quite a bit of press lately on the medical symptoms experienced by soldiers and veterans who served in the Persian Gulf War. Recently the president signed a bill calling for the implementation of a hotline and newsletter with information on the research and evaluations being conducted on the soldiers who have complained of illnesses.

Have you ever wondered what happens once the soldier makes the call to the helpline and becomes registered? Believe it or not, the impact of those telephone calls from the veterans is being felt right here at Redstone Arsenal and in Huntsville.

"Once the soldier calls the helpline and registers, we receive their name in approximately a week. Once we get the name, we undertake the task of locating the person and setting up the appointment to have them come in for the initial evaluation," said Capt. Christopher Pate, chief of the coordinated care division at Fox Army Community Hospital.

"In the beginning we had only a few names and began the evaluation here at Fox with one doctor in charge," said Lt. Col. Richard Bednarczyk, deputy commander for clinical services.

"Prior to Jan. 20 we did the initial evaluations and sent the soldiers to Kessler AFB in Biloxi, Miss., where the evaluations continued and were more in-depth."

After Jan. 20 FACH received word the smaller hospitals would no longer be able to send the soldiers to the regional centers and would have to complete the evaluations there. "As the change became effective, we began to get very busy and had to bring in more doctors into the program. As a result, appointments for the family practice clinic were harder to obtain as the physicians performed the evaluations for the Gulf War veterans," Bednarczyk said.

The average evaluation takes approximately 3.5 hours, according to Pate. "When you average the amount of time it takes for the evaluation and the number of doctors involved here with the process, it really adds up. When compared to how many patients could have been seen during that time, it averages out to approximately 3500 patients not being seen during this time frame," Pate said.

"It has been somewhat of a trying time for the patients who use family practice and we have had to both block off appointment times and reschedule routine appointments for family practice patients," said Blake Eavey,



GULF WAR SYNDROME HELP— Veterans of the Persian Gulf War are being evaluated at Fox Army Community Hospital to help determine what after-effects, if any, are being experienced by the soldiers. Pictured are clerks, Kim Troy and Blake Eavey, who are responsible for scheduling the appointments and consultation for the veterans.

records clerk for the family practice clinic and the Gulf War evaluations. "It has gotten a lot better now that we have almost completed the evaluations and things will return to normal the first of April."

Clerk Kim Troy echoed those statements and said it has been an experience working with the program. "I don't think anyone imagined it would turn out to be as large as it did. We started out in a very small office and now there are two of us working on coordinating

everyone," Troy said.

"We have had a total of 364 registrants to the helpline," said Pate. "That is quite a few evaluations. After we took on the whole evaluation process we were responsible for making the appointments with physicians in Huntsville and surrounding areas for consultations and reviewing the findings."

Through the course of the complete evaluation, several referrals are necessary. "There seem to be four main complaints relat-

ing to the syndrome and include sleep disorders, memory loss, joint aches, and unexplained rashes that will not go away," Bednarczyk said.

"As a result those patients have to be seen by specialists and since we are a small hospital, we have to send them to doctors elsewhere," Pate said. "Although this is costing an enormous amount of money, it will be reimbursed by the Department of the Army in the near future."

There have not been any worst case scenarios found locally. "So far we have found only minor problems and they have been treated here," Bednarczyk said. He added that the problems they have found in the soldiers have not been related to the Gulf War.

Sgt. David Jensen has been through three phases of evaluations, both at FACH and at Kessler AFB and is still undergoing some testing. "I feel like a pin-cushion after all the testing but I just want to find out what is wrong," Jensen said. His symptoms included memory loss and chronic fatigue. "They also found I had elevated liver enzymes during the test and we are watching those," Jensen said.

Army civilian Glenn Corbett has recently gone through the first phase of

the evaluation at FACH and is headed to Kessler for the second phase of the evaluation. "The evaluations I went through here at Fox were real thorough and I think they did a fine job," Corbett said. "They did quite a few tests and I need to go to Kessler for the rest. I was real impressed with the evaluation process here at Fox."

The evaluation team members have been facing a deadline of April 1 to have the evaluations completed and, as a result, have been working double time to accomplish the task. "Out of the 364 patients who have been assigned to us, we have 85 undergoing Phase 1 and eight who we are still trying to contact," Pate said.

Although an April 1 deadline has been set, that doesn't mean the evaluations will stop. "Anyone who served in the Gulf War can still call the hotline and we should be in contact with them within two weeks with an appointment date. It will go a lot smoother for everyone involved with the process now that the bulk of patients have been seen," Bednarczyk said.

Veterans who would like to register for the program can call 1-800-749-8387 or FACH at 955-8888.

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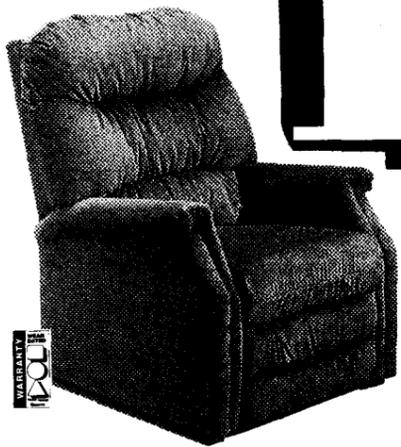
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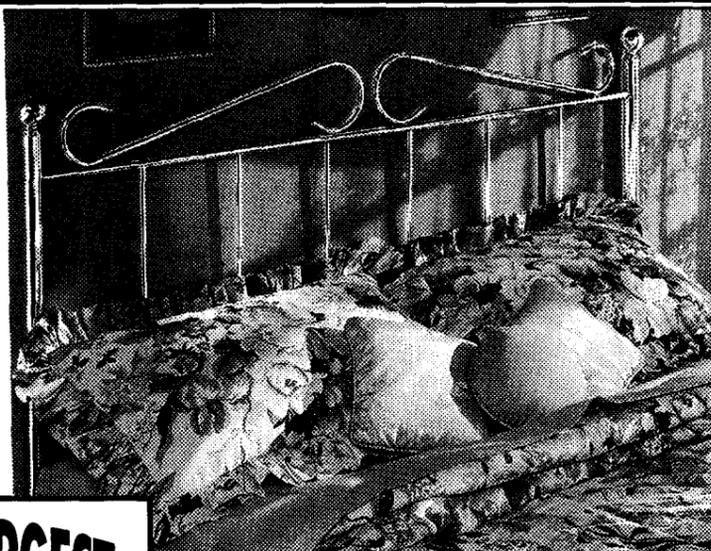
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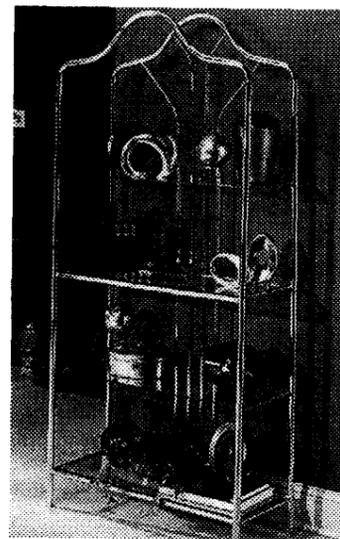
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TMDE worker honored for support to equal opportunity

Dr. Ramachandra Bhat, chief of the Project Development and Radiation Research Office (PDRRO) of the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity at Fort Belvoir, Va., has received the Commanders Award for Civilian Service.

The PDRRO is working on the decontamination of tanks hit with Depleted Uranium penetrators, and development of the digital compass. The PDRRO research also includes the detection of mines by X-ray backscatter radiography. The PDRRO is also responsible for the radiation and laser safety of the Fort Belvoir installation. Bhat is certified in the EPA Radon Measurement Proficiency Program.

Bhat was presented with the award for providing

extraordinary support to the Equal Employment Opportunity program at Fort Belvoir. He recruited many women and minority students to participate in the college contract student program. These students, who come from local colleges and universities, provide creative and innovative solution to the difficulties associated with downsizing. Bhat also hired many students from Gallaudet University, a school for the hearing and speech impaired, and has successfully integrated them into his work force.

Lynwood Rabon, chief of the Belvoir Division of the Product Integrity and Production Engineering Directorate of CECOM, presented the award to Bhat.

"I am very thankful and



RECOGNITION— Rabon, left, presents to Bhat the commander's award for civilian service in recognition of his support to the EEO program.

appreciate the management for this award," Bhat said. "I accept this award on behalf of my colleagues and the students. This award symbolizes their efforts in

overcoming the challenges that they face."

Many other community leaders praised Bhat for his efforts. Gerry McGaughram, the career counselor for

Gallaudet University, acknowledged Bhat's achievements in providing high-tech training for handicapped students. Dr. Marylin Krupshaw, director of the Department of Defense/George Washington University Student Engineering Apprenticeship Program, congratulated Bhat on his continuous efforts for the past 10 years in mentoring young high school students and providing them with the work ethic and real world experience to ensure their future success in scientific fields.

Bhat promotes equality of opportunity, but at the same time stresses hard work from all. "I expect a commitment to provide the best customer service possible from all my colleagues, regardless of their back-

ground. We all have unique challenges that we must overcome in life, but these can never be used as an excuse not to give our best in everything we do," he said.

His co-workers are satisfied with the management style that he possesses. "He is very demanding, yet very flexible too. Overall, he provides a very productive work ethic and environment," said Timothy Mikulski, health physicist working for PDRRO.

Bhat received his master's degree and doctorate in chemistry in India and immigrated to this country in 1972. He worked in the private sector until 1982, when he began working for the Army.

Bhat is married and has three children.

Missile Command earns national reinvention lab status

By Dave Harris

The Army has designated MICOM as a National Performance Review reinvention laboratory, approving a proposal the command made last year.

The new status will give the command and its people greater freedom to be innovative and put new ideas into practice.

Secretary of the Army Togo West gave MICOM its new status in a letter which Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command, received last week. West charged MICOM to "re-engineer corporate business practices to increase mission and technological capabilities through innovation and entrepreneurship."

Two elements of the command, the Corporate Information Center and the Missile

RD&E Center got similar status last year.

MICOM's reinvention lab proposal was one calculated to take the command's years of investment in Total Quality Management to another, higher level in the view of Dr. Pauline Cason, director of command analysis. Cason's organization led a MICOM team that put the proposal together. The idea to apply for reinvention status came from an advisory committee which included Cason, James Flinn, director of IMMC; Max Watson, director of CIC; Dr. William Leonard of RD&E Center; and Wayne Johnson, deputy personnel officer.

One of the first steps, Cason envisions, will be to prepare MICOM's people to work and function in an environment different than they have operated in the past.

What's coming is greater emphasis on

teaming, less emphasis on artificial bounds established by traditional organizational alignments, regulations and policies.

"We can identify initiatives that we think will increase efficiency— seek waivers to regulations that may impede what we are trying to do — and experiment with new ways of doing things," Cason said.

MICOM has been looking for ways to do more with work teams but personnel regulations have a great deal of influence on just how far a government organization can go with teams. Until now, not as far as industry. Now with reinvention lab status, Cason believes the door is open to do some of the things that have been tried in industry. Self-directed work teams, for example, in industry have members that rate one another, assign work without traditional supervision.

Look for that coming here eventually in an office near you.

Cason also sees MICOM moving now to put greater reliance on the private sector to do some of the things federal workers have traditionally done, like order and issue office supplies and equipment, process travel orders and other routine and repetitive tasks that although important, are not direct mission related work.

"We need to free up our civilian workers and put them where our core capabilities are," she said.

MICOM's tenants and other customers have been consulted and will continue to be consulted, she said, because changes MICOM makes will affect them.

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Annual engineers conference draws crowd

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Von Braun Civic Center was the site for the annual Society of American Military Engineers conference March 26-29. Participants were able to visit more than 80 exhibition booths and see advances in the environmental area.

The Directorate of Public Works at Redstone Arsenal had three booths at the conference and dis-

played their projects capabilities and environmental concerns. DPW exhibitors included the Redstone Arsenal Fire Department, Installation Management and Master Planning.

Speakers at the conference included J.A. Ahearn, Lt. Col. Patrick Timm of the Army Environmental Center, Ash Yousef of the Department of Energy, and Millard Carr of the Office of the

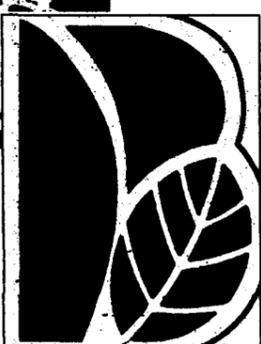
Secretary of Defense. Michael Nichols of Fedex was the keynote speaker.

In addition to the exhibits, attendees also participated in various tours of the Arsenal and Huntsville, as well as the new office of the Corps of Engineers.

Approximately 500 attendees were at the conference and came from throughout the United States.



GREETINGS— Exhibitors and participants at the Society of American Military Engineers annual conference were paid a visit by "Sparky" and Pluggie" compliments of the Redstone Arsenal Fire Department. Sparky and Pluggie are shown greeting a customer to a DPW booth at the conference.



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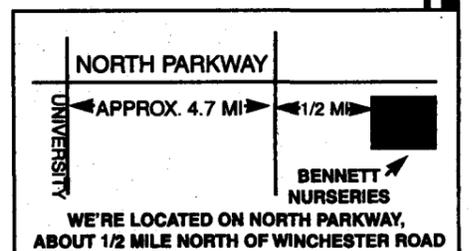
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Regional military hospitals discuss sharing resources

The Tri-Service Region IV Lead Agent, Brig. Gen. Pedro Rivera, commander, 81st Medical Group, Kessler AFB, Miss., and other regional medical commanders visited Redstone Arsenal and Fox Army Community Hospital March 27-28 to discuss improving health care services throughout the region.

The conference, hosted by Col. William Wong, commander of Fox Army Community Hospital, focused on the sharing of medical resources by the various Army, Navy, and Air Force hospitals in Region IV to improve the health care offered to the beneficiaries of the region.

There was also a demonstration of the concept of telemedicine presented by South Central Bell. The demonstration focused on using telephone lines to transmit X-rays, MRIs and CAT scans from outlying clinics to a central point where the radiologist could interpret them and return the results, all in a real time setting.

One of the crucial new issues discussed is the Outreach Managed Care program being developed by the Kessler AFB Medical Center staff in conjunction with the other regional medical treatment facilities. Under this program,



TOP VISITOR— Wong, left, commander of Fox Army Community Hospital, welcomes Rivera who visited March 27-28.

military medical specialists would travel to the different hospitals within the region to provide care to its beneficiaries, as opposed to the old system where the patient had to travel to the facility staffed with the appropriate specialist. This concept is being viewed as an advancement that will maximize service while minimizing time lost for the patient.

Others attending the conference included Col. Allen Middleton, Lt. Cmdr. Robert Clipper, Lt. Col. Michael White, Capt. Leslie Dixon and Capt. Ted Terrazas, all from Kessler AFB; Capt. Michael Blome and William Weaver, from Millington (Tenn.) Naval Hospital; Col. Constance Egan and Lt. Col. Karen Bradway, from the 14th Medical Group, Columbus AFB, Miss.; Lt. Col. Richard Goddard, Maj. Jerry Erwin and Becky Sparks, all from Noble Army Hospital, Fort McClellan; Col. Ronald Henrikson and Capt. Jeffrey Kidd, from the 502nd Medical Group, Maxwell AFB; and Lt. Col. Cary Payne, Capt. Robert Aarhus, Capt. Christopher Pate and Ed Stevens, all from Fox Army Community Hospital.

Advice available on Champus health benefits availability

By Kathy Harkleroad

Non-availability statements. Those two words sometimes bring a certain amount of confusion to the patients eligible for Champus benefits, but according to Sue Gilliam, health benefits adviser at Fox Army Community Hospital, it doesn't have to be confusing.

"The main thing a patient has to remember when it comes to obtaining a statement of non-availability, is to come see us before they do anything. It only takes a few moments to get a statement and it will save a lot of time in the long run," Gilliam said.

Non-availability statements (NASs) are issued for a number of reasons and for a number of procedures. NASs are issued for inpatient and outpatient care when the services cannot be provided at a military hospital. "You don't need a statement for regular office visits to physicians off the military installation, but you do need them for hospitalization and for some surgical procedures," Gilliam said.

A list of some of the procedures that are covered through Champus with a NAS are listed in the new Champus handbook that is

available at the Champus office. "There can be exceptions to some of the procedures listed in the book, so it is very important the patients check with us before any surgical procedure is done," Gilliam said.

Patients who fail to obtain a NAS before having the surgical procedures could be in for an unpleasant surprise. "Champus will cover a portion of the cost of eligible procedures with a NAS, but if the patients have the procedure done without first obtaining a NAS, they could be held responsible for the bill if it wasn't approved first," Gilliam said.

For active duty personnel and their dependents, Champus will cover 80 percent of a previously approved procedure. Coverage for retirees and their dependents is 75 percent.

There are two ways a NAS doesn't have to be obtained when it comes to receiving care outside a military installation when living in the zip code zone. "If the patient has other major medical insurance, they don't have to obtain a NAS for any reason. The other instance where a patient doesn't need a NAS is in a true medical emergency. In other words, in a life or death situation," Gilliam said.



CHAMPUS HELP— Gilliam assists a patient with obtaining a non-availability statement at Fox Army Community Hospital.

Patients can call or stop by the Champus office anytime during normal working hours and questions regarding non-availability statements would be answered. "We are here to help. It only takes a few moments to get

the statement or answer a questions as to what is covered and what isn't," Gilliam said.

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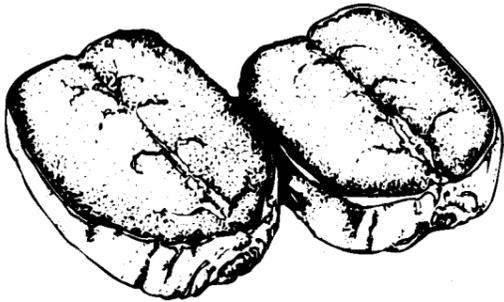
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Customer service corner: Vehicle registration and ID section

By Skip Vaughn

Most folks at Redstone have to visit the vehicle registration and identification section at one time or another, to get a new badge or a vehicle decal. So customer service gets top priority there.

"Basically the reason we exist is to do customer service," said Norma Dalton, chief of the section which is under the law enforcement branch of Provost Marshal Office. The section issues security badges, civilian identification cards, Geneva Convention cards, retiree identification, vehicle decals, bicycle decals, motorcycle decals, weapons registration, and does fingerprints.

An individual or organization fills out a request and delivers it to the five-member section at building 3423, a small one-story building off Gray Road. The section then processes the request, reviews it and issues the badge or decal. "I would say we do probably 200 actions per day," Dalton said. Customers include servicemembers, retirees, contractors, and civilian workers—excluding Marshall Space Flight Center employees. Marshall has its own registration and badging system.

The four clerks take turns working the two full-service windows at the section. During peak periods, a third window is opened to take care of vehicle decals and people clearing post. Issuing a badge can take five to 10 minutes, a vehicle decal about five minutes, and a Geneva Convention card might take as long as 15 minutes. The section tries to make its customers' stay as short as possible and there is a television so they can watch while waiting, Dalton said.

A photograph is taken for security badges, civilian IDs, retiree IDs, and Geneva Convention cards. Dalton looks forward to the arrival of a video imaging system which will automate the badging process and eventually the entire operation. This computer system— including personal computers, a printer and video camera — is scheduled to arrive by November. It will enable the section to have three full-service windows rather than the current two. The system will also provide a better data base which can store pictures, according to Dalton.

"And it will help the law enforcement aspect of Provost Marshal. The customer will get through here

faster and get a better product. And it'll save a considerable amount of taxpayer's dollars every year," she added.

The section is open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. It doesn't close for lunch but has a limited staff at that time. Customers can expect to see a longer line at lunchtime, but this isn't always the case— especially on rainy days. The security clerks include John Konesky, Tina Gately, Vicente Tainatongo and Agnes Holloway.

This is basically a walk-in operation. People who need fingerprints for unofficial reasons— such as foster parents, adoptive parents or naturalization — should call in advance to make an appointment for either a before or after hours visit. The phone number is 876-5770. Also large groups requiring badges might want to call in advance to schedule a time.

A massive on-site rebadging effort is conducted every three years as a regulatory requirement. In this effort, the section visits various organizations to rebadge their workers at those sites. From June through December 1994, the section did from two to



GETTING DECAL— Konesky, a security clerk in the section, helps customer Helen Dean get a vehicle decal. Dean works in Military Pay at Finance.

three on-site visits a week without any cancellations. "What impressed me was the way that the people who are here just melded together as a team and put forth the effort to do it," Dalton said. "We did two to three organizations a week most of the summer, so we kept what we were doing here in this building plus we went on-site."

The section sent a clerk plus the necessary equip-

ment for each on-site visit, and the organization served would provide three or four helpers. "Had the organizations not given us that type of admin support, it would have been difficult for us to accomplish it," Dalton said.

"We had to have that (rebadging) done by the end of February '95, so we got in there ahead of schedule," she said. "Even though we had the primary responsibility in this office, the Provost

Marshal Investigation Section loaned us their van to go on-site; and the MPs typed the badge inserts— thousands of them, in fact. Most parts of Provost Marshal provided some assistance along the way. There was an effort to support us as much as possible."

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Detachment links Army with manned space program

By Edward Fleming and Margaret Welch

Over the years, the faces and jobs have changed, but the mission of providing assistance to NASA and linking the Army with the manned space program remains the same.

Today the ARSPACE NASA Detachment consists of five mission specialist astronauts, a geologist and administrative NCO, as well as other Army technical support officers at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Lt. Col. Jim Voss, the head Army astronaut, who has 340 space hours to his credit and has flown on two major shuttle missions, serves as detachment commander. He and the other Army astronauts— Lt. Col. Bill McArthur, Lt. Col. Rich Clifford, Lt. Col. Sam Gemar and Maj. Nancy Sherlock — perform functions similar to all NASA mission specialists.

Day to day, astronauts have two major jobs: training for space flight and serving as a technical expert in some portion of the space program. When they are not assigned to a mission, they maintain flight proficiency working on specific ground jobs on other missions.

The more well-known mission of the astronaut, of course, is space flight. Normally assigned to a flight about one year in advance, the astronaut begins specific training for the upcoming flight approximately six months before the scheduled launch. At this time, the astronaut's sole function becomes preparing for the

mission.

Three Army astronauts are scheduled for 1995 flights: Sherlock for an eight-day mission in June, Voss for an 11-day mission in July and McArthur for a seven-day mission in October.

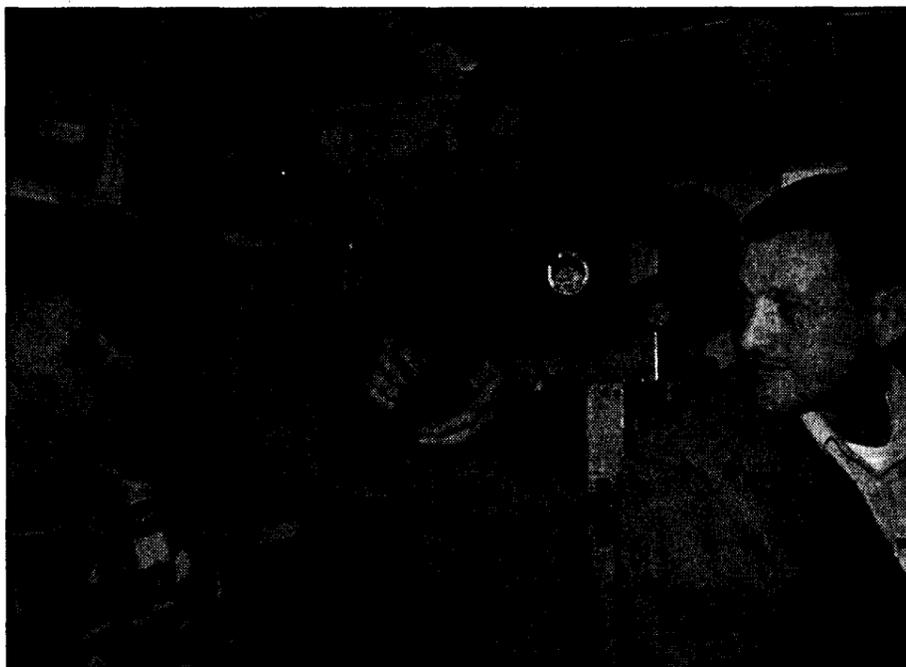
The Army astronauts also fulfill a public relations function. They give numerous speeches to Army organizations each year about manned space flight and the potential uses of space by the Army. Further, they represent the Army to NASA and provide NASA with technology, such as global positioning systems, which can be used in search and rescue operations.

While not as visible, the other members of the Army NASA Detachment team can also make vital contributions to the manned space flight effort.

Lt. Col. Edward S. Fleming not only serves as the detachment executive officer but also provides technical support in earth observation as the geologic science adviser to the Astronaut Office. He has been designated Army point of contact at JSC for manned space flight issues of Army interest.

Lt. Col. Trent Keeble works as a support engineer in the Astronaut Office and functions as a shuttle commander in the Shuttle Avionics Integration Lab. All flight software is tested and accepted in the lab prior to using the software on a mission.

Maj. Mike Knapp is assigned to the Mission Development Branch of the Astronaut Office as a space operations engineer responsible for the early design, development, and testing of space shuttle pay-



ARMY ASTRONAUT— Lt. Col. Gemar, center, prepares for a Space Shuttle mission along with his fellow astronauts.

loads and flight crew equipment.

Also assigned to the Astronaut Office, Maj. Pat Forrester functions as an engineer/pilot for landing and rollout testing of the orbiter. Currently, he is involved in the redesign and evaluation of the Shuttle Flight Control System.

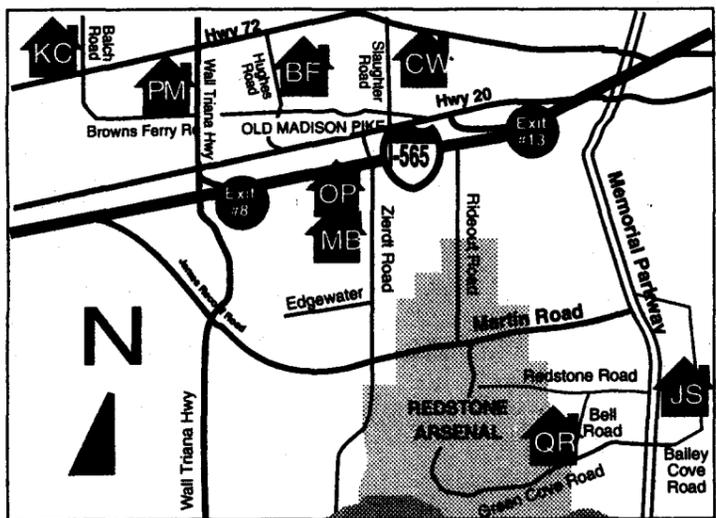
The other two officers, Lt. Col. Merrill Blackman and Maj. Mark Stephenson, are assigned to the Shuttle Support Office. This office aids in formulating the requirements for and overseeing the development of sec-

ondary payloads that fly on the middeck of the orbiter, as well as representing the flight crew operations directorate during crew tests at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Sgt. Ruby Kearns takes care of all administrative functions for Army military personnel assigned to NASA in Houston.

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Corps Sam; a development venture of four U.N. nations

Editors note: This is the sixth in a series of articles on the weapon systems managed by the Army project offices on Redstone Arsenal and in Huntsville.

By Kathy Harkerroad

The Corps Surface-to-Air Missile (Corps Sam) system is going where no Army missile program has ever gone before... into multi-national development.

"We have a unique situation," said Chester Domaracki, deputy project manager. "Originally the weapon system was to be an American project, built to meet the U.S. Army requirement, managed by an Army project manager, and developed and built by American industry. Now it has evolved into a joint venture with Germany, France and Italy."

It's easy to talk in general terms about Corps Sam, hard to get specific. In general it is to be a new, ground and air mobile air defense weapon system, one that will kill fixed and rotary wing aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles, cruise missiles and tactical ballistic missiles.

'We are in the process of compiling each member nation's requirements for the system and will then have to work together to get them into a single system requirement.'

— Chester Domaracki
Deputy project manager

In general an international team will manage the program, and industry of the four partner nations will help build it.

What's it look like? How big is it? How much will it cost?

Stay tuned.

"We are in the process of compiling each member nation's requirements for the system and will then have to work together to get them into a single system requirement," Domaracki said.

"We know what it isn't going to be. We know it isn't going to be a gun. We know it isn't going to be a laser, things like that. But we are talking about a weapon in the concept stage that has not been clearly defined," he said.

Work on Corps Sam has been under way for about five years, just about the time the U.S. began to scale back the size of its armed forces and defense spending. A brand new air defense system is a multi-billion dollar project. Support for Corps Sam in the Army has been high, but dollars have been hard to come by.

Approximately one year ago, the Defense Department began to talk with European nations about a joint effort to develop a new system that everyone could use... and pay for. Early this year, the four nations reached the first of many agreements indicating they were willing to undertake the project. The United States will pay 50 percent, Germany and France 20 percent each and Italy will pay 10 percent.

"This is the first time a missile system has been developed as a joint venture from the concept stage. One of our biggest challenges is to prove to the Europeans that we are willing to work together," Domaracki said.

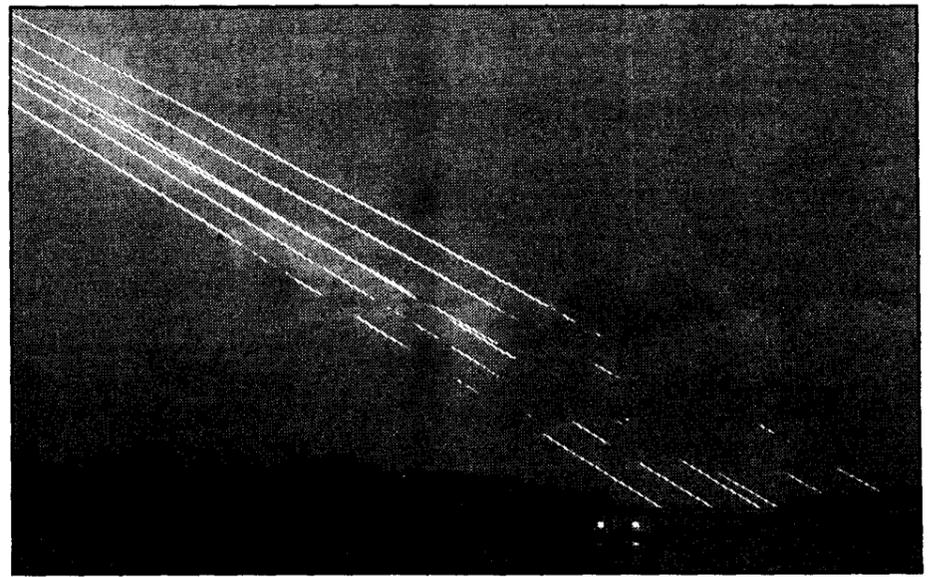
Also yet to be resolved in detail is how the program will be managed. It will be run by a NATO program office and staffed by the participating nations.

The United States will be the host nation, but where the project office will be sited, has not been decided. It is anticipated that the project office will remain in Huntsville.

Domaracki foresees a savings potential for a system developed and produced under this international teaming arrangement. Corps Sam is a system that would be built in relatively large quantities. Those working on it believe there will also be a large potential for sales to other nations.

The project office here expects responses from American industry in June to a concept definition study that will then be used to reduce the number of American industries involved in the program. Eventually the U.S. participants will form competitive teams with European industrial partners.

The U.S. effort is now being directed by Col. Thomas Haller, Corps Sam project manager. The project office staffed by five military people and approximately 40 civilians, and is located at 4910 University Square in Huntsville.



PEACEKEEPER— When nine Peacekeeper reentry vehicles streaked across the sky over USAKA in mid-January, Payne was on the job in KMR Mission Control. Six reentry vehicles, pictured above, plummeted into the ocean off the east reef. Three more RVs followed, impacting on the west reef.

Missile Range officer wins award for Tester of the Year

By Jane Toma

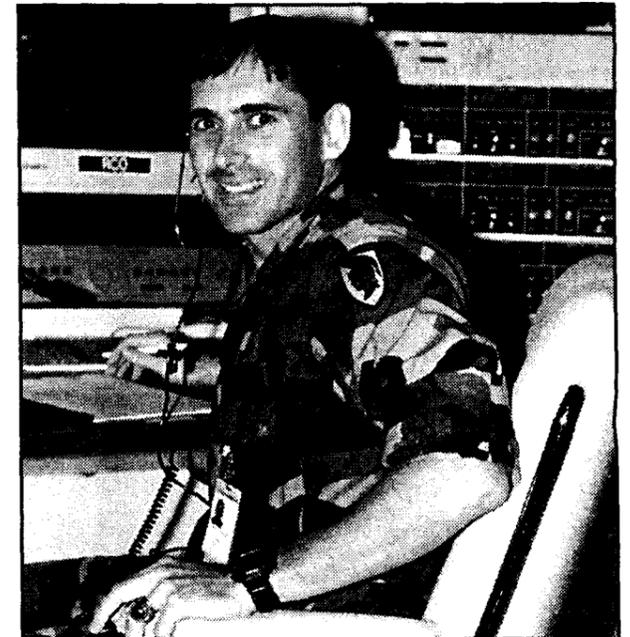
For the second consecutive year, a member of the Kwajalein Missile Range team has won the coveted "Tester of the Year" award.

Maj. Robert Payne, senior KMR mission control officer, recently received notification that he has been selected as the American Defense Preparedness Association (ADPA) Military Tester of the Year.

Each year ADPA selects one military, one civil service and one contractor tester who have contributed most to test and evaluation programs Armywide.

Payne competed against nominees from all other Army test, evaluation, research and development facilities.

As mission control officer, Payne's duties include coordinating multiple aspects of KMR's sophisticated radar, optics and telemetry data acquisition plans for DoD, NASA and other KMR



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customers.

While serving at KMR, Payne has directed many Peacekeeper and Minuteman reentry missions, NASA shuttle and satellite tracking missions, and other test programs including the Strategic Target System's second operational test. He has been instrumental in the

development of KMR's Theater Missile Defense support concepts and prepared multimedia presentations for DoD officials explaining the importance of KMR and USAKA to U.S. national defense.

Payne was presented the award at Austin, Texas, in February.

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Army Emergency Relief campaign could use a boost



AER DONATION— RD&E Center received a healthy donation from the Ladies Auxiliary and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #3263 March 31 to be used for the Army Emergency Relief campaign. The two organizations donated \$750 to be used for the AER fund. From left are Jan Mason, president of the Ladies Auxiliary; Dr. William McCorkle, director of RD&E Center; and Marsha Koehn, past president of the Auxiliary and contract specialist in RD&E Center Procurement.

By Kathy Harkleroad

The annual Army Emergency Relief campaign has been under way for a month, and needs a little boost in the arm. According to campaign officials, the goal for this year is \$5,000 more than last year's goal, and contributions are a little slower coming in.

"The goal this year is \$50,000 and for some reason the contributions have been coming in a little slower than last year," said SFC. Fred Baker, co-chairman of the AER campaign. "We aren't really sure why, but we think organizations are holding onto their donations longer and waiting to turn them in."

According to Baker, that shouldn't be the case and organizations can turn in any donations they have

during the campaign and still receive credit for them. "We really need to have the donations turned in all along for several reasons. It helps our thermometer raise at a steady rate and it also gives us a true picture of where we stand," he said.

Although the campaign is into its second month, fund-raising events have also been slow in coming into the AER office. "I know there are events going on out there, but it would help tremendously if we knew about them beforehand," Baker said.

Baker has extended his help to all organizations who would like help in advertising their events and with any public relations work. "I am here to help in any way I can to advertise upcoming events and generally get the word out to the

public," he said.

"Informing us of the events can be as simple as sending us a copy of the flyer or a list of the planned events. We can take it from there and help advertise the event," he added. "It also helps to have the information here to answer questions from callers who have seen an advertisement or heard about an event and need additional details."

Organizations on the Arsenal have used their

imagination when it comes to raising funds for the campaign, according to Baker and have included car washes, barbecues, fashion shows, bowl-a-thons, movie-fests and even ice-cream socials. "We also have the annual golf tournament planned as well as a fishing tournament. I will say one thing, the organizations have really come up with some creative and really fun ways to help the campaign," Baker said.

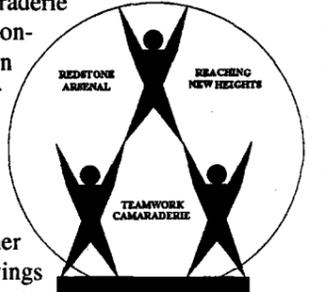
Events that will be held this week will include a fashion show from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Sparkman Auditorium, the IMMC White Elephant Sale in building 5302, first floor, April 5; Greek Step Show at 7 p.m. April 6 in the Recreation Center; the AER Golf Tournament April 10 at the Redstone Golf Course; the Command Analysis Directorate's booksale in building 5300, second floor, beginning April 10; the AER Volleyball Tournament April 11; and a Hot Dog Cookout from 9-11:30 a.m. April 11 at building 3301.

"Everyone in the community is invited to attend fund-raising events and they don't have to just participate in the ones their organizations are sponsoring," Baker said. "The more the merrier."

For more information on any of the scheduled events, call Baker 842-0915.

Design winning T-shirt for annual post picnic

The MICOM Camaraderie Team and IMMC are sponsoring a contest to design the T-shirt artwork for this year's Redstone Arsenal Family Picnic, tentatively scheduled for July 15.



The winning designer will receive a \$100 savings bond to go along with the Arsenal-wide notoriety. Their artwork could be displayed all over the Arsenal and on the backs of many of its personnel.

It should reflect this year's theme which is "Team Redstone '95, Keeping the Tradition Alive" and consist of no more than four colors. Submit as many entries as you want, but remember the deadline is April 19.

Submit designs to Debbie Bearden, RASA Business Office in building 112, room 320. For more information, call her at 842-2566.

Sites selected for TMD tests

WASHINGTON— The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization has decided to do some future flight testing of new Theater Missile Defense systems at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., and Kwajalein Atoll in the Pacific Ocean.

After more than a year of study, public meetings and considering thousands of public comments, BMDO published a record of decision March 21 to conduct tests at those two sites. It had also considered Eglin Air Force Base in Florida and sites on the Pacific Missile Range off the California coast.

The sites selected envision target missiles being fired from Wake Island and engaged by interceptors launched from Kwajalein and target missiles fired from Fort Wingate, N.M., being engaged over WSMR by interceptors fired from sites on the Army range.

BMDO said approximately six to eight launches per year are planned from Fort Wingate into WSMR.

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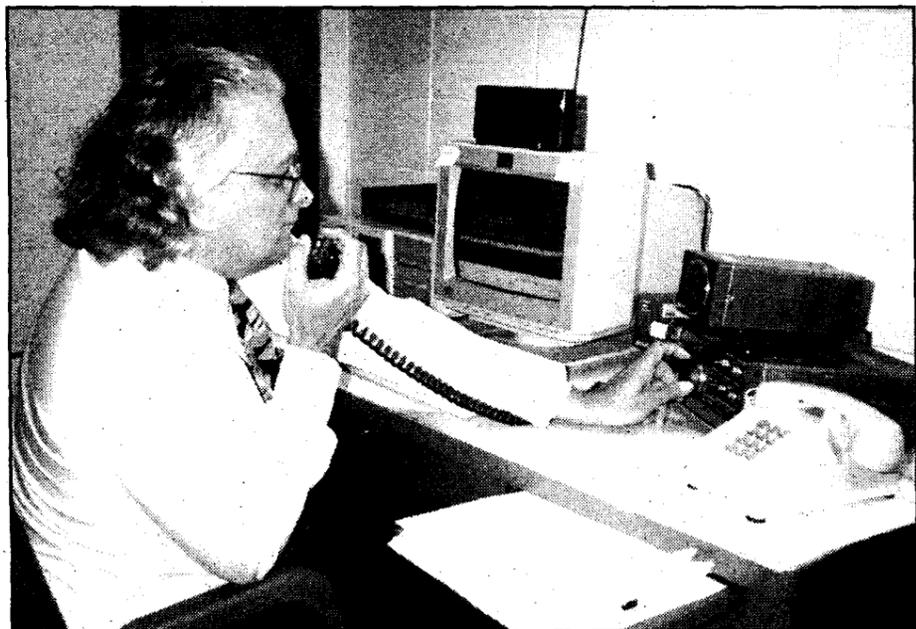
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Worldwide communications system available for soldiers



SENDING MESSAGE— Shields is among the computer specialists who operate this MARS station as an additional duty.

By Skip Vaughn

Soldiers at Redstone can transmit written messages at no cost to their loved ones elsewhere on an worldwide communications system for the U.S. military.

The Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) is available at installations throughout the states and overseas. Family members can send a message to their soldier wherever he may be whether or not a telephone line is available. A soldier can send a message to his family, or to his former unit. And government civilians on temporary duty assignments can use the system, too.

"One of the best ways to use the MARS system is for soldiers, when they in-process, to do a 30-word message to their former commander to let him know they arrived OK," said MSgt. Lawrence Nelson, NCO-in-charge of the Corporate Information Center which operates Redstone's MARS station.

A soldier can submit a radiogram for messages up to 30 words. Nelson said dropoff boxes for completed forms should include the student Military Personnel Office at building 3209, the permanent-party MILPO at building 3710, the Recreation Center, and the Troop Medical Clinic. Radiograms can also be submitted directly to the MARS station, building 5296, on Martin Road near the Patton Road exit.

"We can communicate worldwide for any military member, DoD civilian on orders, or dependent of military members," said Richard Mathena, a computer specialist at the station. The message is transmitted from one MARS station to another worldwide. "Basically any place you have a military unit, they have access to MARS," Mathena said.

The only requirement for this free service is the individual's full military address; and the message itself can consist of no more than 30 words, without punctuation.

"At Redstone we routinely take messages for Anniston and Fort Rucker because they don't have an active MARS station," Mathena said. "We're in the process right now of trying to get hold of the chaplains' office at Fort Rucker and at Fort McClellan to set up a MARS box so they can transmit from their location as well."

Redstone has had a MARS station for many years, but apparently word hasn't spread. The station only transmits two or three messages a week, but could probably handle more than 70 a day. It receives about 20 messages a week from other locations.

"It's free. It's guaranteed delivery. It might take a while but we'll get the message wherever it needs to be, whether in the Saudi desert, Haiti or wherever," Mathena said. "A lot of

places, phones are not available.... There's not any place you have a soldier we can't get to.

"All we need is the address; everything else is taken care of. It's a quick, easy way—at no cost to the user — to get useful information to a soldier," he said.

SFC Charlie McGee, a Tuscaloosa native stationed here, used the MARS system to notify his parents when he arrived in Korea. "I think it's super," McGee said. "The MARS station is the best thing to happen in communication."

Formerly called the Army Amateur Radio System, the communication network was founded in 1925 by the Army Signal Corps. It has served servicemembers worldwide in peacetime and in wartime ever since.

The MARS station here consists of a receiver/transmitter, computer terminal, and a terminal network controller. Computer specialists who operate the system as an additional duty include Mathena, Lysle Shields and Dave Harden. Two others, Dennis Koerner and Jimmy Hall, should complete training by mid-April.

For more information about MARS, call Mathena 876-0020 or Nelson 876-4516.

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Sparkman Center tour...

Members of the local chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees got a tour of the Sparkman Center Complex March 29. Conducting the tour was Carol Meekins, chief of the Sparkman Management Office. About 20 members of the group were on hand for the tour.

SSDC's deputy commander gets Pentagon assignment

The Army has named Brig. Gen. Jan A. Van Prooyen, deputy commander of the Space and Strategic Defense Command, to become the deputy for systems management in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition, in the Pentagon.

In his new assignment Van Prooyen, who has been confirmed by the Senate for promotion to major general, will succeed Maj. Gen. Ronald Hite "at a date yet to

be determined." However, Van Prooyen said he does not expect to leave his current position earlier than May 1 and that his successor as SSDC's deputy commanding general has not yet been named.

As deputy for systems management, Van Prooyen will maintain oversight of the development and acquisition of all major weapons systems for the Army. He has served as SSDC's deputy commander since August 1992.



VAN PROOYEN

MWR highlights . . .

The following are upcoming Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities:

• **THURSDAYS: Schnitzel Lunch Special**— For \$5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., enjoy the best schnitzel in town at the Soldatenstube. No reservations required. For more information, call 881-5181.

• **DAILY: Army Emergency Relief**— The 1995 Army Emergency Relief fund campaign runs from March 1 through April 30. Contact your AER representative to donate or call Army Community Service 876-5468.

• **ONGOING PROGRAM: The Challenger Community Bingo Program**— Open to the entire Redstone community (civilian and military, no grades apply). To play bingo, all that is required is a military ID card or a Redstone Arsenal civilian work badge. Membership at the Challenger is no longer a requirement. Bingo hours of operation are as follows: Tuesday through Saturday, cards go on sale at 5:30 p.m., early bird game starts at 6:45 p.m., and regular games start at 7; Sunday, cards go on sale at 12:30 p.m., early bird game starts at 1:45 p.m. and regular games start at 2. For more information, call Ann Hud-

son 837-0750.

• **OPENINGS: Redstone Arsenal Saddle Activity**— There are vacancies for boarding privately-owned mounts. For more information, call 837-9854 or 876-1373.

• **COURSE SCHEDULE: Army Family Team Building**— The following is the AFTB course schedule: "Chain of Command and Chain of Concern (course 1.02)," 7 p.m. April 6 at ACS, building 3491; "Basic Problem Solving (course 1.07)," 7:30 p.m. April 6 at building 3491; "Military Terms, Acronyms, Courtesies (course 1.01)," 7 p.m. April 11 at building 3491; "How to Develop Presentations (course 3.03.1)," 7 p.m. April 12 at Post Chapel; "Networking with Community Agencies (course 2.04.1)," 7 p.m. April 12 at Post Chapel; and "Intro to Military and Civilian Resources (course 1.03)," 7 p.m. April 13 at building 3491; "Benefits, Entitlements and Compensation (course 1.04)," 7 p.m. April 18 at building 3491; "Family Support Groups (course 2.04.3)," 7 p.m. April 18 at Post Chapel; and "Personality Types (course 3.04.1)," 7 p.m. April 18 at Post Chapel. To reserve your

space in a class, call 876-5397.

• **APRIL 1-16: Golf Course Easter Sale**— 40 percent Bargain tables, 20 percent off clubs and bags, 10 percent off Bonnet Sale. For more information, call 876-6888.

• **SATURDAY, April 8: Turkey Shoot**— This event, open to the Redstone community, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Outdoor Recreation. Cost is \$3 per shot. Prizes will be awarded.

• **WEDNESDAY, April 12: Free Country and Western Dance Lessons**— Community is invited, from 6-8 p.m. at the Officers Club. Dance to country music from 8-10 p.m. For more information, call 830-CLUB.

• **THURSDAY, APRIL 13: Parade of Homes**— Visit the Family Child Care homes 9-11 a.m.; transportation available; community invited. Bus stops made at Sparkman Complex, Fox Army Community Hospital, and Bicentennial Chapel. For information call 876-7801.

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Boy Scouts impressed with visit to TMDE laboratory at Redstone

By Kathy Harkleroad

Members of Athens Boy Scout Troop 236 got a look into the future while fulfilling a requirement for the Citizenship of Nations merit badge. The Scouts were treated to a tour of the new TMDE Primary Radiation Standards Center on the Arsenal.

"One of the requirements of the merit badge is to visit a government building and since I work here at the lab, we thought this would be the perfect place to visit," said assistant Scoutmaster Pat Maloney.

The Scouts were able to see several lasers in operation at the Center and were thrilled to see how a laser works and how beams were split. Sounds of "Whoa!" and "Cool" were heard from the Scouts as the laser beam was projected through a beam splitter.

The Scouts learned how the Center tests equipment that is used to test other equipment in the Army and private sector. "They were able to see several steps we



MERIT WORK— Members of Boy Scout Troop 236 from Athens visited the Primary Radiation Standards Center March 30 and learned about the work that goes on inside. The Scouts were working on a merit badge and visited the center to fulfill part of the requirements. Looking at a laser, from left, are Paul Gibbs, Brian Mandel, Chris England, Jacob Bailey and Shawn Maloney.

take in the measurement process and in some cases were able to do a few hands-on experiences," Maloney said.

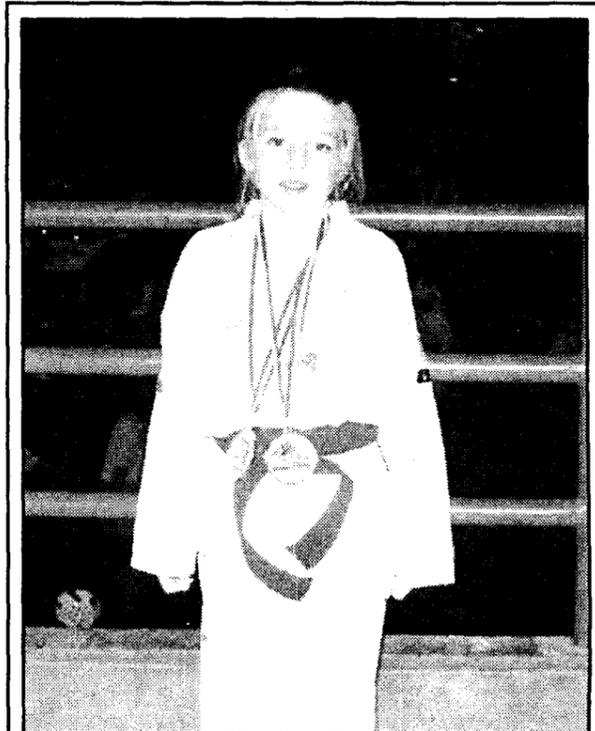
As part of the visit the Scouts were able to check their eyeglasses for ultra-violet blocks. "They were able to put their glasses into

the machine and find out whether or not they had a UV Block and were amazed to find out they did," Maloney said.

The Scouts also visited the radiation laboratory and found out how tests were conducted to measure the amount of radiation that

might be leaking. They also visited other parts of the center and saw the making of a CD Rom.

"Overall the Scouts were pretty impressed with the equipment we use here and found out just how important the testing and measuring work we do is," Maloney said.



Championship Qualification...

Chantel Anderson, 9, qualified for the U.S. National Taekwondo Championships by winning in two divisions— Forms and Sparring — at the Georgia State Taekwondo Tournament March 18 in Folkston, Ga. Chantel, a fourth grader at Williams Elementary, is the daughter of Maj. Tom and Debbie Anderson. Tom works in the Javelin Project Office. Chantel is shown here displaying the two gold medals she won at the March 18 competition. She will compete in the National championship this summer in Los Angeles.

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Sports

Colonel's son a standout basketball player

By Connie Davis

Col. Greg Stolt of SSDC believes in self-discipline and hard work and has instilled these values in his son, Greg Jr.

An 18-year-old senior at Grissom High School, Greg Jr. was recently named as one of the top five high school basketball players in Alabama, averaging 21 points and 12 rebounds per game as a forward for the Grissom High School Tigers.

At 6-9 not only can he slam dunk and shotblock, he also has tremendous shooting range from the perimeter and runs the floor well. His versatility is well recognized among the coaches and his peers, according to his proud father.

Greg Jr. started playing basketball at age 9 in Fairfax, Va., where he dad coached him in the city league. Even though he sat on the bench most of the season, he loved the game

so much, he refused to give up. He was usually the first one on the court and the last one to leave.

Greg Jr.'s hard work has led to his earning a full four-year scholarship to play basketball at the University of Florida. He's looking forward to playing for the Gators next year.

"A lot of people say I'm lucky," he said. "There is a little luck involved. But if you work hard, it'll pay off in the end. That's what happened."

Throughout his high school basketball career, Greg Jr. has had the unflinching support of his dad who often found it challenging to be there for his son and fulfill his Army responsibilities as director of Targets, Test and Evaluation at SSDC's Missile Defense and Space Technology Center.

Last July, Greg Jr. spent a week sharpening his skills at Five-Star, one of the top

schoolboy basketball camps in the country. (NBA superstars Michael Jordan, Moses Malone and Patrick Ewing all are former Five-Star campers.) More than 300 coaches from major universities all over the country were there evaluating the talent.

To enable his son to participate at Five-Star, Stolt drove Greg Jr. to Pittsburgh. From there the colonel had to catch a plane to Hawaii. After observing a successful Strategic Target System launch at the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai, Stolt returned to Pittsburgh in time to cheer his son on and then drive back to Huntsville—a hectic eight days.

A week later, Greg Jr. played as a member of the Huntsville Breds in the Amateur Athletic Union National Invitation Tournament in Kenner, La. The Breds won six straight games in the 17-and-under division to claim the national championship.

Greg Jr.'s performance at Five-Star and the AAU tournament attracted nationwide attention. Basketball scouts from Texas A&M; Wake Forest at Winston-Salem, N.C.; the University of Pittsburgh; and Oregon State University, as well as the University of Florida, visited the Stolt home this fall in attempts to sign Greg Jr.

"It was exciting and interesting to meet the coaches I've seen on television and have them tell me their philosophies," Greg Jr. said.

Grissom High School head coach Ronnie Stapler said, "Greg has a huge desire to be the very best he can be. It's funny, he always does the right thing because he always makes the right choices."

"He's been a great player for us. He'll be a really great player for Florida because no one will outwork him."

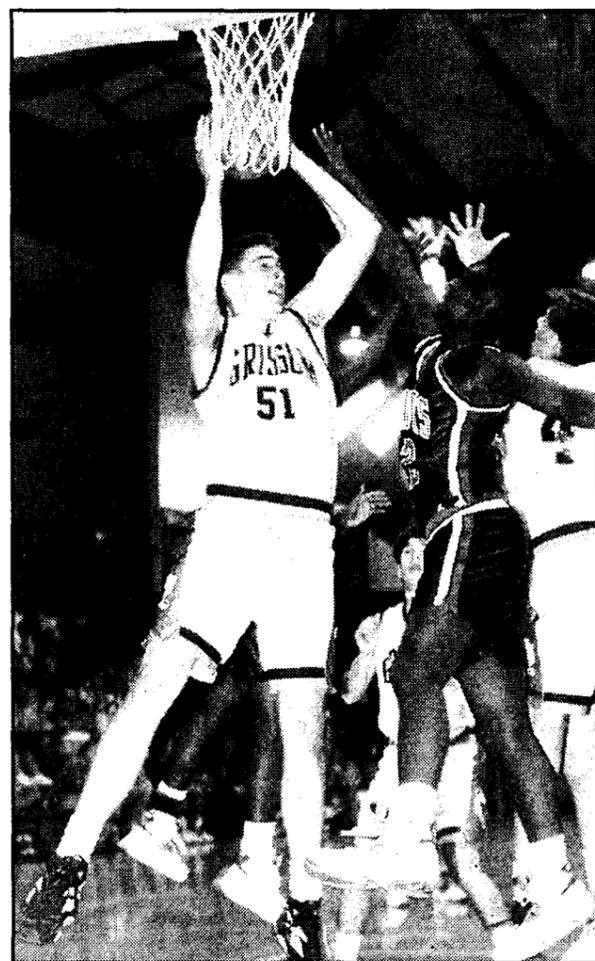


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HOT PROSPECT— Greg Stolt Jr. (51) outbounds the competition.

Annual bass tournament in April benefits AER

By Jim Deweese

Throughout the winter there were calls regarding the upcoming bass tournament. To all of you that have questioned: Yes, there will be a Bass Buddy IV Tournament. Our favorite annual spring event is for Army Emergency Relief, an outstanding charitable organization that provides support to our soldiers in emergency situations.

Bass Buddy IV will be sponsored by Redstone Arsenal Support Activity. The Bass Buddy IV tournament anglers will launch at Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area (the old civilian recreation area) Ramp, Tennessee River at 5:15 a.m. April 15.

This tournament will be open to anyone 18 or older with a valid Alabama state fishing license. Anyone under 18 must have a signed notarized statement from his/her parent or guardian.

The Bass Buddy IV Tournament

entry fee will be \$50 per boat. Of that \$40 will go into a Total Weight Pot where three places will be paid: first place, 60 percent; second, 30 percent; and third, 10 percent. And \$10 per boat will go to AER. There will be an optional \$10 Big Bass Pot with a 100 percent payback to the team landing the "Big Bass." Additionally there will be trophies awarded for first, second, third and "Big Bass" finishers.

It's time to start making plans for Bass Buddy IV. RASA always places safety first; therefore, be prepared—safe boating conduct will be observed at all times. All competitors will wear an approved life vest when main engine is in operation. The vest must be zipped, strapped or snapped securely until the main engine is shut off. Kill switches, if installed, will be secured to the individual while the main engine is running. Tournament officials have the right to delay or cancel this tournament

due to factors that would endanger the safety of competitors. No boat motor will exceed the limitation set by the U.S. Coast Guard. Boats will have an aerated livewell and bilge pump. There will be no fishing within 50 yards of a marina gas pump or another competitor. Contestants must remain in the boat at all times except in an emergency. Use of alcohol or drugs—other than those over the counter or prescribed by a physician—by any competitor will be cause for automatic disqualification.

Interested personnel can obtain a copy of the 1995 Rules or register for the tournament at the Central Mail Room, southend of building 3648. For more information call Jim Deweese, tournament director, 876-5199.

(Editor's note: Deweese, official mail manager for Redstone Arsenal, works at RASA.)

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Month-long observance celebrates military children

The National Association for the Education of Young Children has made April the month to recognize children, their development, and their education. In conjunction with this national advocacy campaign, the Army has declared April as Month of the Military Child.

The Child Development Services along with the Youth Services have many activities scheduled for parents, kids, community leaders, business leaders, and the entire Redstone community to get involved in and recognize the importance of these children.



CLEAN FUN— Redstone youngsters painted T-shirts last week in preparation for the Month of the Military Child kickoff parade which was held April 3. Family Child Care kids taking part in the

painting fun at Bicentennial Chapel include Mack Jr., 3, son of Alicia and SSgt. Mack Wilson; and Nicholas, 4, son of MSgt. Joseph Kelly.

Here is a list of events for the Month of the Military Child:

Date	Event	Place	Time
April 5	School Age Care parent/kid Kite Day	building 3140	3:30 p.m.
April 6	Central Enrollment Registry Open House	building 113	9-11 a.m.
April 7	SAC Olympic Day	building 3140	3:30 p.m.
April 7	CDC class field trip	to Nursery	TBA
April 8	Block Party	Youth Center	1-4 p.m./rain date April 29
April 12	CDC class field trip	to Nursery	TBA
April 10-14	National Library Week		
April 10-14	special story readings for FCC, CDC, and SAC		TBA
April 11	Parent Workshop "It's Only Child's Play"		3:30-5:30 p.m.
* Parent involvement continues through the month with parents invited to come play on days following the workshop.			
April 13	FCC Parade of Homes	Bus pickup spot Sparkman Cntr.	9-11 a.m.
April 14	CDC class field trip	to Nursery	TBA
April 14	SAC Special treat at Burger King	Burger King	9:30-10:30 a.m.
April 14	Civilian Wellness Center Exercises with SAC	bldg. 3140	1 p.m.
April 14	Easter Egg Hunt	Youth Ctr	3 p.m.
April 15	Marbleized Ceramic Eggs	Arts and Craft Shop	11-noon & 2-3 p.m.
April 17-21	Community Helper Hat week	FCC, CDC, & SAC	
April 17	CDC Child Abuse Awareness staff training	Bicentennial Chapel	7-9 p.m.
"Win-Win Kids in a Win-Lose World" Dr. Louise Hart			
April 18	"Fostering Resiliency" Dr. Hart	Bicentennial Chapel	9-noon
Community Invited			
April 18	Preteens Skating	Cost \$3	3:30-5:30pm
April 20	Afternoon Snack and Parent Visitation	FCC, CDC, SAC	2-3 p.m.
April 20	Teens Q-Zar or Southern Adventures		5:30-8 pm
April 21	Earth Day Parade (CDC, FCC, SAC)	Child Development Center	3 p.m.
April 21	Preteen dance	Cost \$2	7-9:30 p.m.
April 25	FCC picnic	Vincent Park (rain at Yth Ctr)	10:30-1 p.m.
April 25	Preteens movie	Cinema 8/Cost \$1	3:30-5:30 pm
April 24-28	Children Bowl free when accompanied by paying adult	Bowling Center	
April 24-28	April Babysitting Class for age 13 and older	Bicentennial Chapel	3:30-5:30 pm
April 27	Teens Bowling	Cost \$2	5:30-8 p.m.
April 28	Kinderwalk	FCC, CDC CDC	9:30 a.m.
April 1-30	Burger King special hamburger and small fry for children under 12 only 99 cents.		

*Activities are for all children, regardless of whether they are enrolled in Child Development Services. For more information, call Child Development Center 876-7888.

VA chips away at claims backlog

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs has reported a significant reduction in veterans' benefits claims-processing times which has caused a decline in the overall backlog in benefits claims.

"We have laid the foundation ... that will better serve America's veterans and their families," said VA Secretary Jesse Brown. "VA is near meeting or exceeding the performance standards we established when we set out to improve the timeliness of processing veterans' claims."

Brown said the improved processing times have enabled VA to lower its backlog of claims from 575,000 at year-end 1993 to 470,000 in September 1994.

The Veterans Benefits Administration is implementing the recommendations of a blue ribbon panel to resolve claims processing problems, including the deployment of personal computers, local area computer networks, computer applica-

tions to support claims processing in the VA's 58 regional offices, and the development of new business practices in those offices.

Between November and May, the average time for a VA regional office staff to process a disability compensation claim dropped from 212 days to 173; a disability pension claim dropped from 124 days to 104; a dependency and indemnity compensation claim went from 110 days to 109; and a death pension claim dropped from 66 days to 55.

VA-established average performance goals to be met by the end of fiscal 1998 call for disability compensation claims to be processed in 106 days, disability pension claims in 77 days, DIC claims in 68 days, and death pension claims in 44 days. (Arnews)

Ordnance warrant officers graduate

The first class of warrant officers with a newly-created electronic systems specialty has graduated at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Warrant Officer Basic Course, WOBC 1-95, was the first to graduate warrant officers holding the specialty of electronic systems maintenance technician. This military occupational specialty, MOS 918B, was created when the Signal MOS 256A was transferred from the Signal Corps to the Ordnance Corps.

The class of WOBC 1-95 consisted of 18 students, eight of whom certified as 918B warrants. Their training started Oct. 10, 1994 and consisted of eight weeks of common core subjects and 11 weeks of specialized training pertaining to their specialty.

The graduating ceremony was held March 10 at Olmstead Hall at Fort Gordon with guest speaker Col. Tom Hall, TRADOC

systems manager, Multifunctional Computers Department.

The Ordnance Corps warrant officers certified as electronic systems maintenance technicians included WO 1 Jacqueline Aaron, WO 1 Wallace Bryan, WO 1 Vincent Ferguson, WO 1 Mark Hughes, WO 1 Mark Jarbo, WO 1 Tara McAdoo, WO 1 Daniel Moody and WO 1 Samuel Patton.

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Celebrate military kids at Community Block Party

By Kathy Harkleroad

April is the Month of the Military Child and in conjunction with the celebration, the Redstone Arsenal Youth Services goes all out to remember the military child.

"We started having the community block party in 1985 and it has gotten bigger every year," said Missy Richards, youth development specialist at the Youth Center. She said the block party was begun as a recognition event for the special

month, and has traditionally been held during the first weekend in April.

The Community Block Party is set for 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the Youth Center. "We will have all kinds of activities for kids of all ages, including parents. This is a family event and one that everyone loves to participate in," Richards said.

Last year's attendance was estimated at 2,500 adults and children. "The Block Party is a very popular event," Richards said.

There will be several static displays at the Youth Center throughout the day and will include an MLRS, a Hawk missile and possibly a Patriot missile system. "In addition to the missiles there will be helicopters from the airfield, the military police will have their canine unit here, there will be fire trucks from the fire department, and MEDDAC is supplying an ambulance during the day," Richards said.

In addition to the static displays, games of all kinds,



RACE TIME— Participants of the annual Community Block Party April 8 will be able to join in all kinds of fun. Pictured are youngsters last year taking part in the sack race that will be repeated this year.



SPACE BOUNCE— Youngsters line up for a chance at bouncing in space at the annual Community Block Party. The space bounce is one of the most popular events at the party.

both indoor and out, will be operating for the community. "We will have sack races, dart throws, the batting cages will be open, there will be a basketball free-throw event, and a bicycle rodeo along with lots of other games," Richards said.

Indoor booths include a cake walk, duck pond, face painting, fishing booths, and several demonstrations. "There is a Taekwondo demonstration set for the afternoon, as well as possibly a talent show," Richards said.

Food won't be a problem when it comes to the Block Party as free hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available. "All the activities, as well as the food are free and everyone is welcome to attend. This is a community event," Richards said. Prizes will be awarded for all events.

The Block Party is sponsored by several organizations throughout the Arsenal and some from Huntsville. "We have received so much support in the past, and this year is no different," Richards said. Organizations that volunteer to help with the Block

Party are responsible for the booths and the manhours it takes to operate them.

Sponsors this year include Army Community Service, the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club, the Officers Wives Club, Child Development Services, the Provost Marshal Office, the American Red Cross, SAC, CID, local Boy and Girls Scouts, Cub Scouts, the Redstone Arsenal Fire Department, 832nd Ord. F Company, the 59th Ordnance Brigade, MEDDAC, the Redstone Airfield, and Support Operations.

Software reuse can reduce development cost

A Software Reuse Symposium for the Huntsville technical community was hosted by the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles (PEO MSL) on March 23 at the Marshall Space Flight Center Morris Auditorium.

The day-long event was organized by Dr. Ron Green of the Strategic and Space Defense Command (SSDC) Software Engineering Division and included speakers from Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence (OASD (C4I)), Navy, Defense Logistics Agency, Advance Research Projects Agency (ARPA), PEO for Command, Control, Communication Systems (PEO CCS) and Office of the

Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers (ODISC4). Essential logistical support was provided by NASA MSFC and MICOM RDEC SED. Attending were representatives of MSFC, ARPA, SSDC, PEO CCS, PEO MSL, MSFC, SSDC and a number of software development contractors.

Software reuse can decrease cost by shortening development time and improving reliability. A critical step is determining the Government Minimum Ownership Rights. A product-line approach to reuse includes domain engineering and management in parallel with application software development.

A significant number of the presenters provided addresses for additional information via the Internet Worldwide Web.

A Software Reuse Symposium is planned for next year, to be hosted by the Software Engineering Directorate of the MICOM RDEC.

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Williams Elementary students enjoy Space Week

Williams Elementary students enjoyed an uplifting week of activities during Space Week, March 20-24.

The main elementary school serving Redstone youngsters celebrated the space-related observance with a kindergarten poster

contest, first-grade mission logo contest, second-grade paper airplane throw, third-grade planet projects, and fourth-grade aerospace poster contest. There was also a visit by a Redstone helicopter which delivered books to the second graders.

The week culminated with an awards ceremony where Space Camp scholarships were awarded to two fifth-graders. Jennifer Mladineo was presented her award by Lockheed, and Carrie Merz won the award given by Raytheon.



SPACE SUITS— Second graders preparing for a Space Parade March 24 are, from left, Janelle Normand, T.J. Howell and Amanda Zemcik.



SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS— From left Jim Hill, operations manager for Lockheed, presents a Space Camp scholarship to Jennifer Mladineo while Carrie Merz receives hers from Jenny McCoy, project engineer for Raytheon.

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Arsenal, the group is billeted in the barracks area on Aerobee Road and has access to all the post facilities. "While we are here fulfilling our two-week active duty training period, it is just as if we were in the Army," Egger said.

"Dave Clark has been very instrumental in making our stay here not only enjoyable, but productive. The only complaint I've heard is the men are worried about having to go on weight management because the food is so good," he said.

Clark's position of Reserve Component coordinator keeps him involved with several areas on the installation. "My main job is to make sure the National Guard, Reserve units, and anyone else has what they need to get their job completed," Clark said.

Clark is responsible for the billeting of the personnel, coordination of activities and several other areas. "I couldn't do my job if it weren't for the help and cooperation from food services, range control, DPW (Directorate of Public Works) and community services, to name a few. Everyone works together as a team, and it shows," he said.



VISITING CHOPPER— Children at Williams Elementary line up for the packages of books delivered by a Redstone helicopter March 21. The second graders received books for the Reading is Fundamental program funded by Chrysler.

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MLRS Project Office tries new way of doing business

By Skip Vaughn

MLRS Project Office is changing the way it does business during these times of streamlining and government reinvention.

Under a two-year test, the Multiple Launch Rocket System team has brought under its roof all the people who provide its logistical support. The revamped Logistics Division includes many people who were scattered throughout Redstone until they moved to building 5250 last year.

Technically they still belong to the Integrated Materiel Management Center but their mission has been transferred to the division where they work on-site within the project office.

"The functional mission has been transferred from IMMC to be collocated in the project office under the logistics division," explained Tony Adams, chief of the logistics division at the project office. "The bottom line is I went from 22 people in the division to 62 people in the log division."

The division now includes inventory manage-

ment specialists, equipment specialists, data management specialists—including those who perform the cataloging and provisioning mission—and technical writers. "We have combined the two different worlds," Adams said, referring to the division's programming mission and the newly-added sustainment function from IMMC.

This change was proposed in January 1994, and implementation began the following month. People started moving to building 5250 last August, and the moves were completed in mid-October. The relocations coincided with the move of many members of the Missile Command into the new Sparkman Center nearby.

What was formerly a logistics division of three branches and 22 people became a division of four branches and 62 people. They include the system management branch, fielding support branch, hardware support branch, and logistics support branch.

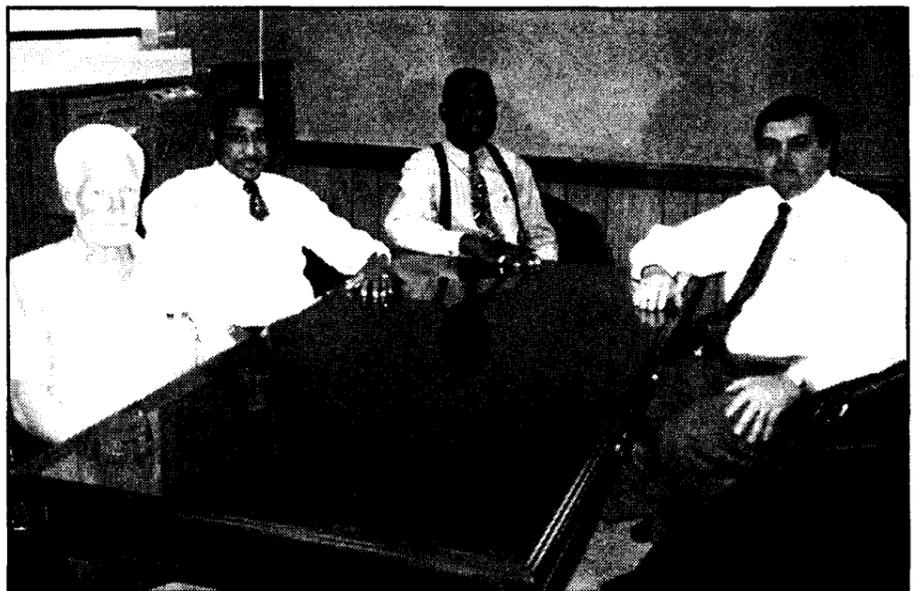
"It's set up as a two-year prototype," Adams said. "It will be evaluated at the end

of two years to determine if it's a better way of doing business."

The results will be compared with restructuring tests under way for two other IMMC-supported systems: Lasers and Patriot, according to Adams. "The Command Analysis Group will collect data on the three support structures and will do analysis during and at the end to determine if there's a preferred method for support," he added.

He and the other members of his division see advantages in their new way of doing business. Nathaniel Johnson, a weapon system coordinator, worked at building 7612 until he joined the division at building 5250 last August. "One of the main jobs I do is trying to disseminate a task to the appropriate branch, and communications has improved," said Johnson, a member of the division's program office. "Most (of the tasks) are in the same day, whereas if I was in 7612 there's no way I could get that turned around. So that's one of the advantages of being collocated."

Vern Brewton, a major-



LOGISTICS SUPPORT— From left are Grider, Brewton, Johnson and Adams, some of the members of the logistics division at MLRS.

items manager in the division, came over from building 5687 last August. "What this move did was brought us all together into one cohesive unit whereas before we were just scattered like a puzzle," Brewton said.

A member of the division nearly four years, Jerry Grider didn't even change desks but sees advantages from the move. "I think it's changed the whole integrity

of the logistics function we do. We function as a real close family," said Grider, a fielding representative. "Now we just have to walk a couple of offices over or one floor up or one floor down, and it's all right there for you."

Branch chiefs within the logistics division include Carlos Kingston, system management branch; David Roden, hardware support branch; David Patterson, lo-

gistics support branch; and Brooks Gentle, fielding support branch. Other members of the division are distributed among the German and Italian liaison officers, the NATO Maintenance and Support Activity, and the program office.

"I just really want to thank everybody for the support in the move," Adams said. "It was very smooth and everybody pitched in and made it happen."



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Andy Morrison, of Marconi Radar and Control Systems Limited, London, receives a certificate from Col. William Taylor, MLRS project manager, for outstanding support. Marconi built

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Announcements

RDEC/AER day— The third annual RDEC/AER Day will be held April 18 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the north parking lot of building 5400. There will be something for everyone— with lots of games, food and prizes. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available for \$3. Planned activities include a cake walk, flea market, kiss-a-pig contest, get-out-of jail booth, and \$1 chances on winning a \$100 money tree. There are also lots of other activities planned for the day and everyone is invited to attend. In conjunction with the event, RDEC is taking orders for gold or silver bow badge pins for \$2 each. The pins can be viewed at the event and can be ordered by calling Lisa White 955-6806. For more information, call Capt. Lewis 842-6315 or Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

Commissary hours— The Commissary will be closed Sunday, April 16 to allow the employees to be with their families on Easter. The commissary will reopen Tuesday, April 18 at 10 a.m.

Marine Corps league— The Marine Corps League, Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment, invites all Marines, past and present, to its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. April 11 at the American Legion Post on Drake Avenue.

Ordnance ball— The annual Redstone Arsenal Ordnance Ball, in celebration of the 183rd anniversary of the Ordnance Corps, will be held at 6 p.m. April 28 at the Officers Club. The event is open to everyone. Special features include formal dinner, dancing, photographer will be available, special opening of the Child Development Center and more. Scheduled speaker will be Gen. Leon Salomon, commander of Army Materiel Command. Attire is formal. For more information, call Maj. Taylor

876-6608 or Maj. Fabozzi 955-6555.

AER step show— A Greek Step Show will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Recreation Center with Alabama A&M fraternity and sorority members competing for first prize. Members from Kappa Alpha Psi, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, and Alpha Kappa Alpha will be performing several dances and numbers at the event. Recording artists Flex will also perform and Valerie Carter, Channel 19 newscaster, will emcee the event. Donations will be accepted and proceeds will go to Army Emergency Relief. For more information, call Sgt. Dwight Lewis 876-8522/7910. The plaques for the first prize winners were donated by Valley Trophies and Plaques in Huntsville.

Body fat testing— Sparkman Fitness Center and Fox Army Community Hospital will conduct body fat testing April 12 from 8 a.m. to noon at the fitness center. This is for the fitness center members only. For more information, call 313-6091/6096.

AER walkathon— Do you want to get some exercise and help raise money for a worthy cause? If so you can participate in the AER Walkathon, April 19, sponsored by Division E of the Acquisition Center. For a minimum entrance fee (donation) of \$25 in pledges, you can participate in the event scheduled 9-11 a.m. April 19. The walkathon will begin at the Civilian Wellness Center and utilize the Installation Fun & Fitness Trail. Participants may register April 19 beginning at 8 a.m. at the wellness center. Donations will be accepted at registration. The winner will be the person who donates the most money to Army Emergency Relief. To preregister or for more

information, call Julie Middlebrooks 876-4152.

NCO induction ceremony— The Redstone Community is invited to attend the first Non-Commissioned Officers Induction Ceremony at 4 p.m. April 12 at the Sparkman Center Auditorium. This is ceremony will recognize the soldiers who have achieved the rank of E-5 during the last quarter and will induct them into the NCO Corps. If you have never attended a military ceremony before, this is an excellent opportunity to see the Pomp and Circumstance involved in a military ceremony. Everyone is invited to attend.

Spring plants— Attention family housing residents: In conjunction with the Keep Redstone Arsenal Beautiful Month, spring bedding plants will be made available in the Self-Help Store April 11. Two flats and up to four individual potted plants will be allowed per family housing quarters. Deliveries are scheduled for April 11 and 18 and plants will be issued until supplies are exhausted.

Pagano Gym— A new class for Step Aerobics is being formed for 9-10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; instructor is Donna Parlier, wife of SFC Robert Parlier of HHC MICOM. For information call her at 430-0698 or Ted Compoc, sports director, 842-2574.... Signups are still being accepted for men's and women's post softball teams; call Don Lewis, sports assistant, 876-2943.... Youth under age 16 can use the gym under the following conditions: they must be escorted while in the gym by a parent or guardian; and they must be involved in the same activity as their parent/guardian.

Coed softball league— The Coed Civilian Welfare Softball League will hold an organizational meeting at 1:30 this afternoon in the Recreation Center, building

3711. A manager or representative for both new and returning teams must be present. For more information, call Darren Sales 842-7300 or Lane McGee 842-6014.

NCO Spouses' scholarship— The Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club will award one or more scholarship to graduating high school senior(s). Applicant must be a military dependent whose sponsor is an active, retired or deceased E-4 or above. The applicant must show evidence of acceptance by an accredited scholastic institution and submit a 500 word essay on one of three recommended topics. (All essays will be judged and winner (s) will be selected.) An overall "B" average grade is required, and an official transcript of high school grades must be submitted with the application. The club will also award one or more merit awards to a dependent child or spouse of an active duty, retired or deceased E-4 or above who will be a freshman, sophomore or junior in an accredited scholastic institution. Deadline for submitting applications is April 15. For additional information, call Beryl Cutts 852-3607.

SMA golf tourney— The Sergeants Major Association is sponsoring its annual Golf Tournament at the Redstone Golf Course on April 28. Shotgun start time is 9 a.m.; entrance fee is \$20 plus green fee and cart. Prizes will be awarded for first through fifth place plus many other door prizes will be given away. Contact Charlie Miller at 539-2724 or CSM Sunde 876-1874 for more details. Proceeds will be used for local charities.

AER golf tourney— The AER Golf Tournament, hosted by MICOM, will be held April 10 at 11 a.m. at the Redstone Golf Course. The tournament will be a four player scramble with a shotgun start. Teams will be according to handicap. Entry deadline is close of business April 7 and only the first 120 entries will get in. Entry fee is \$30 and includes golf, riding cart and prizes. Make you \$30 tax deductible check out to A.E.R. and send to building 5302 (22W111); Dean Anderson, AMSMI-MMC-AD-AD, phone 842-7481; Ron Walton, AMSMI-MMC-LS-MDD, 876-2549; Nadine Manderson, AMSMI-MMC-LS-MDD, 842-7890; or Mike Stafford, AMSMI-MMC-LS-MD, 842-7889. Be sure to include your name, organization, phone number and handicap.

Lenten season— The Chaplains Office provided the following Lenten Season calendar of events: Catholic— all services will be at the Bicentennial Chapel; April 5 at 6 p.m., Stations of the Cross; April 6 at 7 p.m., Penitential Service; April 12 at 6 p.m., Mass; April 13 at 6 p.m., Mass; April 14 at 6 p.m., Mass; April 15 at 7:30 p.m., Mass; and April 16 at 9:30 a.m., Mass. Protestant— April 6 at 6:30 p.m., soup and sandwich supper and Lenten Bible Study at Bicentennial Chapel; Worship Service with Palms 9:30 a.m. April 9 at Post Chapel and 11 that morning at Bicentennial Chapel; April 13 at 7:30 p.m. Tenabrae service and Lord's Supper at Bicentennial Chapel; April 14 at noon Worship Service at Bicentennial Chapel; April

16 at 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service behind the Post Chapel; and Easter Worship Services, April 16 at 9:30 a.m. at Post Chapel and 11 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. For more information, call 876-5707/5751.

Post run— In support of the April 7 quarterly post run, the Child Development Center will open at 4:15 a.m. During the last quarterly post run, only six children were in attendance at the Child Development Center. "This command cannot afford to open the center for such low attendance. Let's use the Child Development Center to our advantage," says SFC Walter Jones of the Directorate of Support Operations.

Scholarship offer— The Redstone Arsenal Sergeants Major Association is providing the opportunity for a graduating high school senior to receive a scholarship for the upcoming school year. Recipient of the scholarship must meet all of the following requirements. The student must be the family member of a retired, active duty or deceased NCO. Applicants will provide evidence of acceptance to an accredited institution and submit an official high school transcript. Transcript must show the student maintained at least a 3.0 GPA. All applicants will submit a 500-word essay on one of three chosen subjects listed in the application. All applications must be received by April 21. Applications can be obtained at the Challenger, the Recreation Center, and all unit sergeants major. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Beardsley 842-9671.

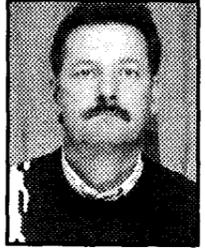
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Garden pond, black fiberglass, approx. 6'x8'x15" deep with 7" plant shelf, approx. 350 gallons, never used, \$150 obo, 772-0479.

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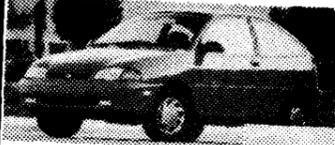


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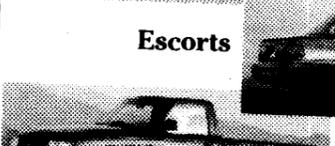
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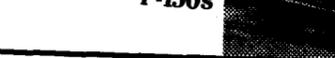
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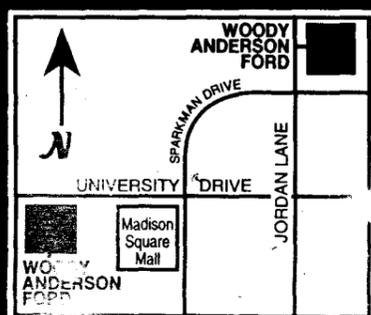
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