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## Environmental awareness focus of executive seminar

By Skip Vaughn

A seminar aimed at informing senior managers about environmental laws will be held April 21 at the Sparkman Auditorium.

The command's first Community Executive Environmental Seminar, which is to become an annual event, will be held from 1:30-4:30 that afternoon. The Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning is conducting this seminar in conjunction with the Army Environmental Training Support Center, the Corps of Engineers, the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and Alabama A&M University.

This event for division chiefs through senior managers is a kickoff for the newly-established Command Environmental Institute. "The purpose of the seminar is to increase environmental awareness on Redstone Arsenal and to establish better relationships with the community in recognizing that we have mutual problems that need to be solved," said Jerry Holton, the environmental program development officer.

Sam Fields, director of the Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning, sees the seminar as the first step toward increasing awareness. "One thing I've found since I've been over in the environmental arena is that most of the people on Redstone Arsenal, specifically a lot of the senior management, didn't know or understand a lot of the environmental laws and regulations that we have to adhere to," Fields said. As examples he listed the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA), Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU), and the National



Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

"If I mention these acronyms, you are not going to recognize them; nor will the great majority of people on Redstone Arsenal. These are the acts or laws that are the environmental regulations or policies we have to adhere to in accomplishing our mission here at Redstone," Fields said, adding that the quickest way to increase awareness was to establish a training program.

In addition to involving the Missile Command and Redstone community, senior managers in the surrounding community are also invited to the seminar. Scheduled pre-

sentor is Dr. Larry Canter from the University of Oklahoma. Seating for this free event is limited so reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. For information call Joan Barrett 876-6122 or Holton 876-6125. "This is an event funded by the Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning as a service to Redstone and surrounding communities," Holton said.

"The major topic will be all environmental laws with an emphasis on hazardous materials, hazardous waste and pollution prevention," he said. "From an operational perspective, that's what we have the most problems with: hazardous materials and hazardous waste handling and disposal."

The directorate, besides creating the Command Environmental Institute with the kickoff of this executive seminar, has also established an Environmental Compliance Assessment System. This system entails sending people to conduct environmental surveys in the various activities at Redstone.

"In addition to this," Fields said, "we have also begun briefings to all tenants on Redstone Arsenal to explain what the environmental management and planning staff does, how the staff can help customers and what the customers need to do to help themselves. We also should have set up by May/June time frame a hazardous materials tracking system which would enable us, the directorate, to track hazardous materials from purchase through disposal.... Other installations who have this hazardous material tracking software system have experienced as much as a 25 percent

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## Early-out window open through May 10

By Sanda Trousdale

VERA/VSIP applications are now being taken from Missile Command and Management Engineering Activity employees who want to retire early.

The application period opened Monday, April 10, and will run through May 10 while awaiting Army Materiel Command's decision to grant early-out authority.

"We've talked to AMC and expect no problem with our request being approved," said Don Dixon, chief of Employment Support Group II, pointing out that the Office of the Secretary of Defense must approve MICOM's request and they have a backlog of requests to process.

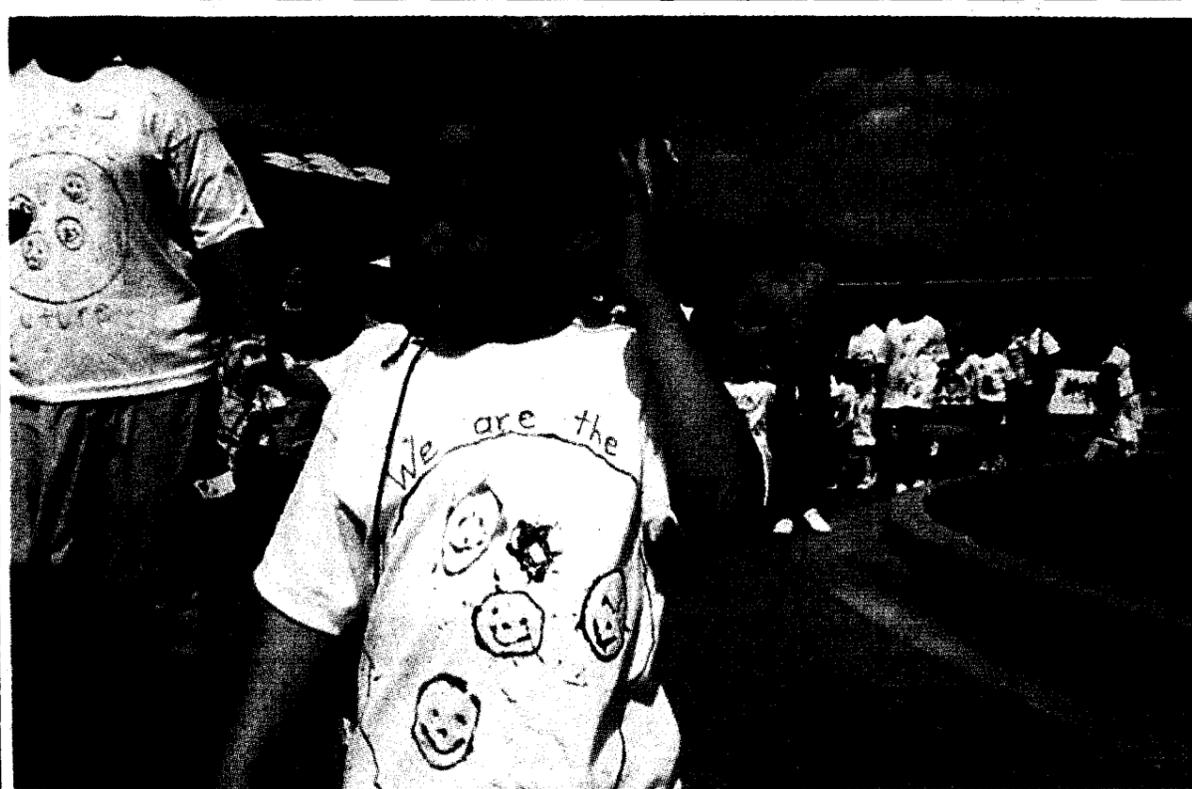
MICOM and MEA will

be conducting VERA/VSIP under expanded consideration in support of five affected activities at Redstone: Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, Program Executive for Tactical Missiles, Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office, FAAD Sensors Product Office, and Air Defense Command and Control Systems Project Office.

MICOM doesn't have to reduce its number of employees, but has asked for VERA/VSIP to help those organizations with overages reduce their numbers without conducting a Reduction in Force.

Dixon reported that about 200 people showed up for a MICOM/MEA employee briefing Thursday.

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### Parade participant...

Children from the Child Development Center, School Aged Care and Family Child Care programs all took part in a parade to kick off Month of the Military Child. The April 3 event

included balloons, hats, pompons, and kid-decorated T-shirts. Pictured is Tayla Blake, a Child Development Center participant.

## Letters to the editor

### Extended early-out

The "Early Out" article in the March 22 edition of the Rocket pointedly puts approximately 126 MICOM employees on notice that there is definitely a good chance some of them will actually be going out the door by RIF action this fiscal year.

Of the three major U.S. Army agencies represented in Huntsville, over the past few years only MICOM and SSDC have offered VERA/VSIP to avoid RIF as part of the drawdown. However, the Huntsville Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has not participated in any general VERA/VSIP action other than a select few internal job abolishments. Consequently, there may be a sizeable untapped pool of local Corps employees that would like to have a VERA/VSIP opportunity.

If you are one of the "MICOM 126" or one of the Corps "buy/early outers," you might want to discuss this opportunity soonest with you management or your representative for the possibility of arranging an "extended" VERA/VSIP between MICOM and the Huntsville Division this year. For the "MICOM 126" this could mean that instead of RIF, you could simply come to work across town in a matched position with the Corps, provided that a matched Corps employee would be willing to go home with VERA/VSIP in his pocket.

Dan Biggs  
USAEDH

### Tax assistance

I would like to take the opportunity to remind the Redstone Community that April 17 is only three working days away. If you need tax assistance, please don't hesitate to call the Tax Assistance Center for an appoint-

ment. Whether the Tax office will be open Saturday the 15th or not will be determined by appointments. The Tax office will be open April 17 until 8 p.m. for last-minute filers.

The Installation Tax Program was a great success this year, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Resha, Mary Breeden and all the personnel at Army Community Service whose support made our success possible; the unit tax assisters who made the program run smoothly; the VITA volunteers: Capt. Steve Hester, SFC Oksana Mandybur, MSgt. Leonard Clark, Valerie Saunders and Pat Cross, who made it possible to offer tax assistance at night; the Tax NCO-in-charge, Sgt. Donnell Green; and finally the Tax Center's full-time personnel: MSgt. Robert Thorne, SFC Bruce Cameron and Spec. Mark Purdue, whose commitment to quality service is unmatched. All the aforementioned personnel, working together, enabled this post to double the amount of electronically filed returns this year, and in the process saved the Redstone Community approximately \$50,000.

Capt. David Estes  
Installation tax officer

### Another view

Reference the article titled "MLRS Project Office tries new way of doing business," April 5 issue.... I feel that the article is misleading to the MICOM community and that a followup interview should be scheduled for the people from Maintenance Engineering (IMMC), who are collocated (Prototype) in the MLRS PMO. The people shown in the article cannot speak for the rest of us who feel that the treatment we have received while being assigned at the PMO is unfair and that a review of this program should be implemented as soon as possible.

Name withheld by request

### Due respect

There has been much criticism circulating here on Redstone amidst the spring pollen. I want to share some information with retired veterans who may feel let down by "The System." I am referring to the United States Postal Service in particular. First of all, no agency is 100 percent flawless.

I can empathize with you all because I, myself, became a veteran after the Persian Gulf War. Some of you have either intentionally or unintentionally made disrespectful slurs concerning the United States Postal Service and/or its employees.

Some of the nicer comments were as follows: "The Post Office will hire anyone," "I will not waste my time applying for a Postal Job," or "Why are they hiring all of those young people with no experience."

Have you ever stopped to think about what some of those "young people with no experience" had to encounter to get hired into a federal job? I thought not. Young veterans can sometimes be given the respect and opportunities that all veterans should receive.

Here are a few choice words for those of you who tend to speak before you think. You never know who may be listening. Always exhibit continuous dedication and perseverance in your job quest. Reinforced motivation, education, flexibility and a touch of humbleness can't hurt either. This, I shall defend.

Name withheld by request

## Visitor reception area opens at Sparkman Center

By Sandra Cartee

A new Visitor Reception window has opened and already helped many lost people visiting the Sparkman Complex. This service that is provided by the Sparkman Management Office helps people attain temporary badges, get directions, and other helpful information, all at one convenient location.

The Visitors Reception desk, located on the first floor of building 5300, is centrally located and easily visible to entering guests of the facility.

Getting lost is a frequent problem for visitors and deliverers to the complex. Now, people who can't find their way can stop by the window and get directions or maybe even a

map. This will cut down on the number of wandering florists and newcomers to the buildings.

Even people who are wandering around looking like they may need help will receive it. "If they look lost, I'll ask them if they need help," said Angie Foutch, the new information receptionist in the visitor reception area.

Keeping track of the visitors is another function of Foutch and her office. She issues badges and keeps a log sheet of where they are going. "The first morning (the window was opened) I issued over 100 badges," Foutch said.

Visitors aren't the only ones who need to obtain badges from the reception booth. "Any U.S. Government worker that doesn't have their badge" with them, needs to stop by and obtain a temporary badge, explained Foutch. This goes along with any visitor or foreign national obtaining these visitors badges, and security will be checking the buildings to see that this is enforced.

"Anyone who will be at the complex after 6 p.m. needs to have a car pass," Foutch said. The car passes can also be obtained through the Visitor Reception area. Daytime visitors aren't required to have a car pass for the complex.

Giving out helpful information is another job of the reception window. "We have a directory that lists all the tenants by name, building number, floor, and workstation," Foutch said. This helps in locating people for visitors.



**VISITORS RECEPTION—** Angie Foutch, left, the information receptionist, greeted visitor Marie Tillery with a smile and helpful directions. The new booth is located on the first floor of building 5300 in the Sparkman Center.

Telling visitors of nearby hotels, restaurants, and tourist attractions is also a part of Foutch's job. She hopes to soon have brochures and pamphlets to hand out to inquiring visitors of the complex.

Issuing badges will also help on security for the complex. The Visitors Reception Center at gate 1 will close April 15 and each organization will be responsible for issuing temporary building badges for its visitors. Visitors at the

Sparkman Center should be badged through the reception, and security will be tighter with badge checks throughout the complex.

The Visitor Reception window will enable for better security of the Sparkman Complex by issuing temporary badges and car passes. At the same time, this conveniently located office will provide directions, valuable information, and added extras to make visiting the Sparkman Center easy.

### Corrections

A headline on the front page of last week's issue incorrectly identified a basketball player featured in an article inside.

The player, Greg Stolt Jr., is the son of a colonel.

Also, an article on page 2 in the same issue listed incorrect phone numbers for people to register in the Gulf War Syndrome evaluation program. The hotline number is 1-800-796-9699; or veterans can call Fox Army Community Hospital at 955-0174.

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# F Company forges ahead with many new members

By Kathy Harkleroad

There has been a big change in the 832nd Ordnance Battalion and more are on the way. Echo Company merged with Foxtrot Company March 31 and soldiers were re-assigned to create one unit of all permanent-party soldiers.

Capt. George Davis, F Company commander, says although the last 30 days have been somewhat hectic, the transition is going smoothly. "We have found what worked for F Company isn't really working now, and E Company's ways of doing things have also had to change. We are trying to find a happy medium, and with over 400 soldiers, that sometimes takes a little bit of time," Davis said.

With the arrival of the new commander, staff changes were also noticed in the company with many E Company staff members assigned to other companies. "We had 30 days to complete the transition that involved consolidating all the property records, personal records, and training records, as well as finding new ways of doing things,"

Davis said.

"To further complicate matters, we have had to do all this reorganization with the same amount of staff members doing twice the amount of work," he said. "I have some terrific bunch of soldiers who have really pitched in and are doing their best to make the transition time easy on everyone."

The company not only gained additional soldiers but has also moved its office. "We are now located in the old E Company office in building 3435 and can be reached by calling 842-2220 or 842-2219," Davis said.

Some of the changes that soldiers have immediately noticed include the way physical training exercises are conducted. "There is no way we could fit all 400 soldiers into the area behind the company during PT," Davis said. "As an alternative we are trying out the method of doing PT on the platoon level and will re-evaluate it in the near future."

Davis said the consolidation of the two companies is only the first phase of a much bigger plan. "This is the small part of bigger plans that will happen later



**NEW COMMAND—** Soldiers in Echo Company recently joined Foxtrot Company in the 832nd Ordnance Battalion. From left are 1st Sgt. Willie Williams and Capt. George Davis who command the company.

this year. We (the whole battalion) are undergoing some major reorganization, just like what is happening Armywide," he said.

F Company consists of mostly permanent-party soldiers assigned to the EOD Training Department, the

Missile Systems Training Department, the Electronic Technical Training Department, the Munitions Training Department and the Training Directorate.

Included in those soldiers are 25 officers, 21 warrant officers, eight E-9s, 10 E-8s 108 E-7s, 196 E-6s, 40 E-5s and 14 E-4s and below. "One advantage to having so many E-6s and E-7s is the soldier will not have to pull duty as often," Davis said. He is referring to the Command of Quarters Duty where soldiers are required to man an office and phone after normal duty hours.

F Company has a rather active history at Redstone Arsenal and is involved with several activities for Army Communities of Excellence. "We are sponsors for the Youth Center, Ballfields 11 and 12 and Pagano Gym," Davis said.

Soldiers from F Company take an active role in their sponsored organizations and have planted 150 shrubs at the Youth Center, co-sponsored the annual Block Party, helped out with the YC Haunted House, maintained the ballfields, and painted floors

and lockers at Pagano Gym. "We definitely have the manpower to help when we are needed and with so many senior NCOs we also have the leadership power," Davis said.

He is also an avid supporter of the Armywide Family Support Group and will continue to have monthly meeting for family members. "All of the family members of soldiers previously in E Company are welcome and encouraged to attend our support meetings. This is one area where family members can become actively involved in something and also gives them a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and be involved in different activities," Davis said.

The F Company Family Support meetings are scheduled for the last Monday of every month from 6-7 p.m. in the Post Chapel annex.

"We will have our first combined meeting April 24 and this would be an excellent opportunity for family members of both companies to meet and get to know each other," Davis said. Plans for future events will also be discussed and suggestions are welcome.

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# Customer service corner: Military Personnel Office

By Sandra Cartee

The Military Personnel Division (Milpo) provides many services to military personnel, retirees, and their families. Two major branches of Milpo have made changes and will make changes in the future to benefit their customers.

The personnel processing branch of Milpo has many jobs and one of them is to issue military identification cards. On Feb. 6, they put a new Holographic I. D. card system on line. This system is more efficient, convenient, and better satisfies the customer.

The three new workstations that clerks use to produce I. D. cards are more convenient. "It's just great. We can update all the information on the family and everything from one computer," said Betty Weaver, the chief of the branch.

The picture is also taken at the computer and the person obtaining the card can see their photo firsthand on the computer screen. If the person isn't happy with their picture, it can be taken again and changed very easily. "It's really neat and people get pictures that they are real pleased with," Weaver said.

Another factor which pleases the customers is that the cards are smaller and fit more easily into wallets. It also takes less time to issue a card.

The new system allows for members of all other military branches to obtain

I. D. cards, too. This will make it easier for other servicemembers to get their cards at Redstone, and not have to travel elsewhere.

Besides weekdays, military families and retirees can come in on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and obtain cards. "This helps a lot of customers who have children or who can't get here during the week," said Weaver. She says that a good number of people utilize this weekend day to obtain their cards.

Other important areas of the branch include the in and out processing of soldiers at Redstone. It gets very busy in the summer with an average of 50 soldiers arriving or departing from the base. The retirement services is also under this branch; and Weaver said it helps soldiers in retiring or separating from the Army. The transition point is another area where "we make transitioning easier for the soldier," she said.

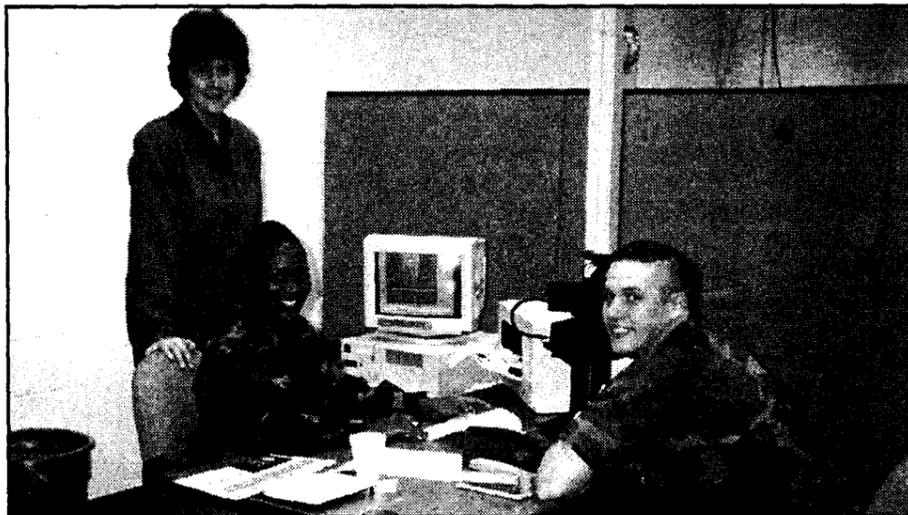
The personnel services branch of Milpo has the important job of helping soldiers with their files. "The record is the soldier's signature that tells (the promotion review board) what kind of soldier he/she is," said Charles Ham, chief of personnel services. He handles all the officer evaluation reports, NCO reports, officer and enlisted personnel records and provides board support.

Ham and his office work constantly to update sol-

diers' records which he believes are vital to their military future. "We work hard to make people look good in front of a promotion board," he said. In some cases members of his branch will go to military units and provide on-site assistance in record updating.

Ham said that many soldiers don't give their records the attention that they should. With competition getting stiffer, simple things like having a recent photograph in their records, could hurt them when their records go in front of a board. Adding more schooling or training could improve the soldiers' chances of getting promotions, so it's very important that soldiers update their records.

All of the Department of Army's personnel files will be put into a computer database and be on line by 1998. Having access to soldiers' files on CD Rom will make Ham's job easier. "When



**NEW I. D. CARD—** Milpo has improved its customer service by providing military families with I. D. cards that fit better in wallets and offer more-pleasing photos. From left are Weaver; PFC Donna Johnson, I. D. card clerk; and Spec. Shawn Davis obtaining an I. D. card.

the new system comes in, we'll be able to do a better job and in less time while taking care of more soldiers," Ham said.

There won't be problems with lost records and updating will be done quickly. "I'm going to love the new

system. It'll make it easier on the soldier and make it easier on us to ensure that it's correct," Ham said. There will be 24-hour turnaround on documents, and time spent on updating files could be reduced to five minutes.

Ham and his branch have

a vested interest and really care about their customers, the soldiers. "I get a certain satisfaction from doing this," he said. His greatest reward from helping soldiers is when, "somebody says thank you. It's the best!"



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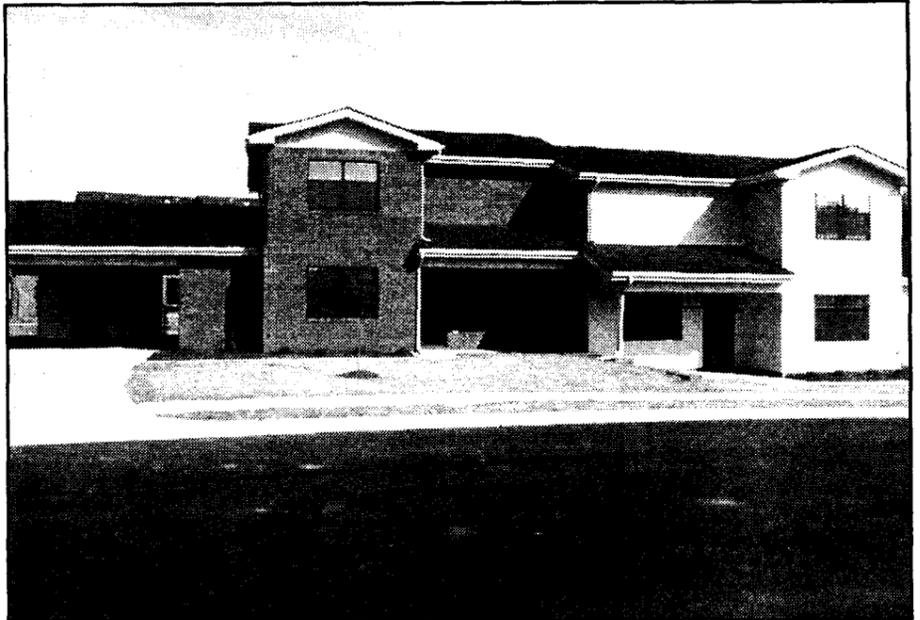
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**MOVING DAY**— SSgt. Keith Sanchez and his family will be moving out of the 200 area in the housing area next week into one of the new housing units just completed north of Goss Road. Pictured left is the

old quarters that were built in the early 1950s, and right is the new home the family will be occupying.

# Redstone residents happy to move into new housing

By Kathy Harkleroad

The wait for the new housing units has been a long one for both residents and the staff of housing management, but the wait is finally over. Residents began moving into the new units during the first week of April and are glad to be there.

Families who are filling the homes are new incoming personnel and families from existing housing units on the Arsenal, including those families from the 200 area. "As the homes become vacant in the 200 area we are turning off the gas and electricity," said Gerri Rogers, of housing management office. "The families in the 200 area have second priority on the list of new residents for the housing area and have been given the option of moving into the new homes if they wish."

SSgt Keith Sanchez, his wife Sandra, and sons, Derek, 7, and Jack, 4, will be moving into a new three-bedroom unit this week and are excited. "I was really impressed with the homes we looked at during the open house and seeing them help make the decision as to where we were going to move," Sanchez said.

"We have lived in the 200 area for just over a year and have seen the neighborhood

empty out at a steady pace, and now we can look forward to having neighbors again and playmates for my sons," he added.

One of the features that impressed both Sanchez and his wife was the storage space that is available in all the new units. "We have a real storage problem in the home we are in now and I really like the idea of added storage space," Sanchez said. "Now I'll have to buy new nightstands to replace the boxes and tablecloth that we have now," he said with a laugh.

"Whoever did the floor plans for these homes really took the military family into consideration when it came to storage space. We have things we can't store and have to find room for them wherever we go. These new homes really took care of that problem." Another feature that the family really liked was the carport area. "I'm a real car buff and when we have bad weather I would like my car protected. It just kills me to sit inside and watch it hail and know there is nothing I can do to protect my car," Sanchez said.

The two boys are looking forward to having new playmates close by and, according to Sanchez, will be at the playground quite a bit. "I was really impressed with the playground that is included in the loops.

That will be an ideal place for my kids to go and meet new friends. Right now there is no one around where we live and that will be a big change for them," he said.

Sanchez said his wife was so impressed with the new units she will be very sad to leave Redstone. "She told me I could take a year-long tour to Korea and she would stay here when my next assignment came up. She is definitely going to be spoiled moving into the new home," Sanchez said.

The Sanchez family will see a definite increase in space when it comes to the new housing. "The three-bedroom units in the 200 area are 1470 square feet including storage spaces whereas the new three-bedroom quarters have 1757 square feet including storage," Rogers said.

SSgt. Henry Smith and his wife, Mary, will be also moving from the 200 area and will occupy a two-bedroom unit in the first loop. "We've lived here (in the old quarters) for the last two years and have seen many seasons come and go," said Mary. "It will be a real thrill to be in a home where the wind doesn't go through the window and there is carpet on the floor."

Mary said the waiting has been hard for the new quarters, and they have been anxious to pack. "I'm excited about getting into

the new home and can hardly wait," she said. "Ever since the open house, I've been waiting patiently and will be ready to go when the word comes down."

Although the wait has been long, both families gave the staff at housing management high marks when it came to working with them in finding new homes. "Gerri Rogers was extremely helpful and kept us up-to-date on the situation," Sanchez said. "That was a terrific help, especially when it came to all the planning that is involved with a move."

There are 31 units in the first loop, and according to Rogers there has not been a problem in filling them. "All of the units in the first loop will be committed by April 12 and we should receive an additional 18 units by the end of the month," Rogers said.

Construction will continue on the rest of the homes north of Goss Road as well as the senior NCO quarters south of Goss Road. "The homes north of Goss Road should be ready for occupancy by late May, and the homes south of Goss Road should be ready for occupancy by July," Rogers said.

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# Telos awarded contract at Redstone

**B**OUNTIFUL, Utah—Telos Corporation announced April 3 that its hardware maintenance division, Telos Field Engineering, a leading provider of third-party hardware maintenance services headquartered in Bountiful, has been awarded a significant contract by the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.

The five year contract, valued between \$25-30 million, is a follow-on to Telos' current contract.

"This was truly a best-value award. Since 1989, Telos has worked closely with the command to increase service while reducing overall cost to the government. Telos' field service engineers in Huntsville have developed a partnership with the customer that has enabled us to achieve an overall equipment availability rate exceeding 99 percent and response time under 30 minutes," said Mark Hester, president of Telos Field Engineering.

Under the terms of the contract, Telos will continue to provide hardware maintenance services and maintenance management for the Arsenal.

Telos Corporation, headquartered in Herndon, Va., is a leading independent provider of information technology services focused primarily in the areas of systems integration and software services, hardware maintenance and consulting.

# MLRS an international system with plenty of firepower

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

By Kathy Harkleroad

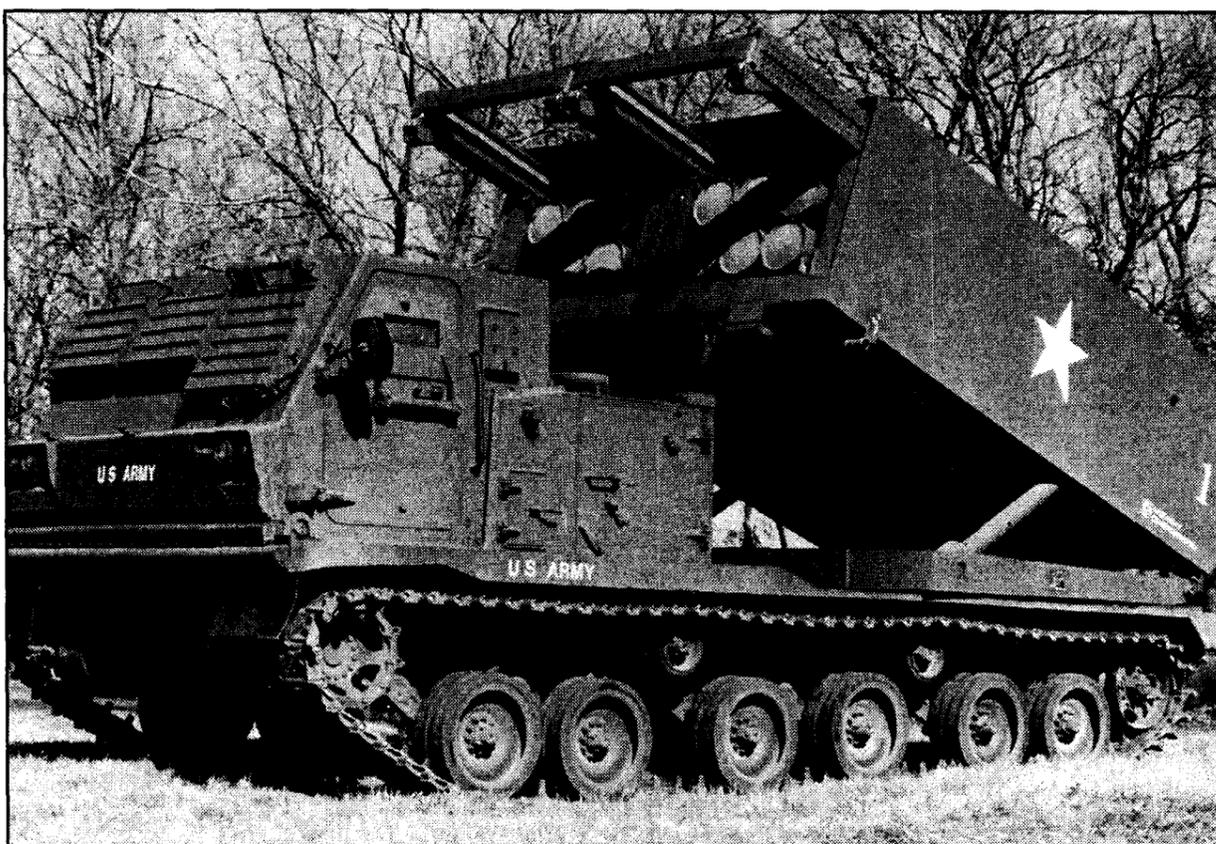
The Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) provides long range missile and rocket capabilities to artillery divisions in the battlefield. The MLRS consists of two launch pod containers that contain six rockets each, positioned on a launch platform. The launch pod container is affectionately known as "a six pack."

According to MLRS Project Manager, Col. William Taylor, the launch platform is the same that is used for the Army Tactical Missile System. "The platform is very versatile. It not only handles the rockets we have, but can handle several others, including the Army TACMS," Taylor said.

"Each of the rockets contains 644 grenades that will explode on landing," he said. "The rockets are also capable of carrying other submunitions. There are some rockets that carry land mines and there are concepts under consideration for other smart ammo."

The MLRS is manned by three soldiers who perform the actual firing of the system. "There is a computer on board the MLRS that evaluates the target, weather conditions, such as wind speed and temperature, and gives the signal to the soldier to push the firing button," Taylor said.

"During the Gulf War the Iraqi army learned what damage the MLRS could do, and nicknamed it 'Steel Rain', referring to all the grenades that were being dropped with each firing of



**LAUNCHER**— Each of the two launch-pod containers is affectionately known as a "six pack."

a rocket," he said. When all 12 of the rockets have been fired, a total of 7,728 grenades will have been released. "That is a lot of firepower," said Taylor.

The MLRS has proven to be popular with other nations, and was co-developed and co-produced with five partner nations. "The United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, France and Italy make up the partnership when it comes to the MLRS," Taylor said.

The partners meet several times a year and look at the future of the weapon system, sales, and any problems that may have arisen.

"During the last few years, we have seen an increased market in the foreign sales market," Taylor said. "The Netherlands, Turkey, Greece, Bahrain, Japan, Norway and Denmark are also buyers of the system. And we are currently working with Israel on a

future sale." Japan is also currently in Phase 1 of a co-production program which will eventually lead to the MLRS being co-produced in Japan.

One reason MLRS is so popular with the foreign nations is its uniformity. "No matter where you go in the world, the MLRS is the same. It has the same software, hardware and training. That is the beauty of the system, it is easy to maintain and is compatible with any nation," Taylor said.

The MLRS project office and the MLRS partners are not only looking at potential foreign sales, but have an eye to the future as well when it comes to the weapon system. "From day one, we have looked to the future and have built our foundation there... on the future," Taylor said. "We have a carefully crafted strategic vision for the future."

There are several con-

cepts that are either on the drawing board, or close to production, when it comes to changes to the MLRS. Currently under development is an extended range version of the MLRS rocket. "We are also looking at a wheeled MLRS, vs. the current track version, that will have one, six pack pod instead of two," said Taylor. The wheeled version will be able to be driven on a C130 when deployed. "Funding for this project is looking good," Taylor added.

Other changes include a modification that will enable the launcher to be in place much faster than the current model. "With the modifications it will only take 13 seconds to get the launcher into the firing position vs. the current 93 seconds," Taylor said.

"We are also looking to an increased hard disk storage increase, that will be able to accommodate any upgrade

anyone can presently envision.

"I see a tremendous future for the MLRS," said Taylor, "and the revisions and modifications that are being planned for the system will only make it better." The MLRS of the 21st century may look like the current system but will have capabilities far beyond anything imagined several years ago.

The MLRS weighs approximately 50,000 pounds when fully loaded. Each rocket is about 13 feet long and approximately 682 pounds. Twelve rockets are loaded on the MLRS and are packed with 644 grenades each. According to Taylor the cost for a MLRS is approximately \$3.75 million, with that figure varying based on the business base.

There are 10-20 military people who work in the project office with 155 civilians, as well as liaison officers from the four other partner nations.

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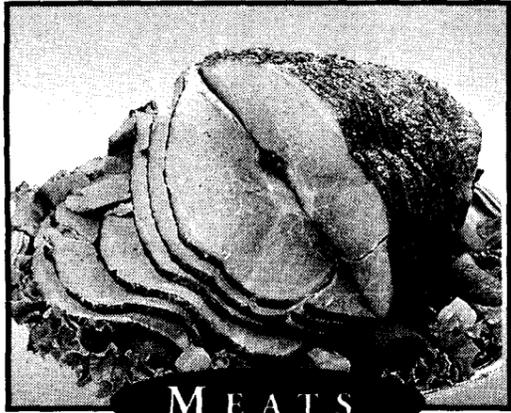
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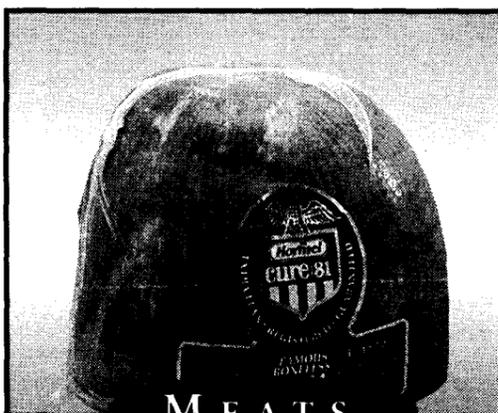
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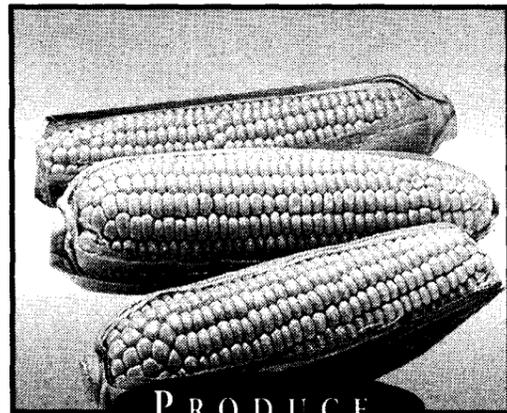
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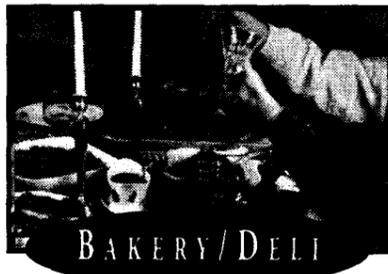
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**AST— The Airborne Surveillance Testbed aircraft, a modified Boeing 767 based in Seattle, Wash., will stop over at the Redstone Army Airfield Thursday, where it will be open to SSDC and Redstone employees and their families.**

### Modified 767 coming to Redstone airfield

All Space and Strategic Defense Command and Redstone employees and their families are invited to participate in open-house tours of the Airborne Surveillance Testbed aircraft on Thursday at the Redstone Army Airfield.

The AST is a modified Boeing 767 aircraft topped with an 85-foot cupola, which contains a very sensitive, long-wave infrared sensor. Data from the sensor is

processed in real time by signal and data processors in the airplane's main cabin.

Bus transportation to and from the airfield for the AST tours will be provided to avoid congestion there. Total time for transport and the tour will be one hour.

Buses will depart from the following locations every 30 minutes from 8 until 11:15 a.m.:

- From the SSDC building, 106 Wynn Drive, main

entrance, buses will depart at 8, 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10, 10:30 and 11 a.m.

- From the Sparkman Center, building 5303, main entrance, buses will depart at 8:15, 8:45, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45 and 11:15 a.m.

For questions about transportation, call Maj. Luis Wisniewski 955-1800 or call Daniel Robertson 895-3199 for AST information.

## Organ donation and small risk for infection explained

By Susan Goodman

During the HIV/AIDS training at Sparkman Auditorium, a question was asked concerning organ donations and HIV transmission. At the request of the class, this information has been prepared for publication in the Redstone Rocket.

HIV has been transmitted through transplantation of blood and blood products, kidney, liver, heart, pancreas, bone, possibly skin, and infected semen during artificial insemination. In 1985 when tests for the HIV antibodies became available, testing of blood, organs, and other tissues also began. The HIV antibody tests are very accurate. Most transmission of HIV to organ/tissue recipients occurred before testing began in 1985.

There are rare situations in which organs/tissues are donated after infection, before the antibody test is positive for HIV. The tests screen for the presence of antibodies, the body's response to the virus, rather than the virus itself. Antibodies to the virus are sometimes present as early as three weeks after infection and are present in 99 percent of the infected individuals by

six months. These are the rare cases you read about in the newspaper—organ/tissue donations made from a HIV-infected donor whose HIV-antibody test was negative at the time of donation as antibodies had not yet appeared.

Concern for additional federal oversight of organs and tissues developed after a 1991 investigation determined that several recipients had been infected with HIV by an organ/tissue donor who had tested negative for HIV antibody at the time of donation. Revision of the existing recommendations were made to reduce the already low risk of HIV transmission.

The Center for Disease Control/Public Health Service (CDC/PHS) recommends screening for behaviors that are associated with HIV-infection. Anyone whose behavior meets the listed criteria (reference MMWR, May 20, 1994) is excluded from donation regardless of their HIV antibody test results. Screening also includes a medical history, an examination of the donor for signs and symptoms of HIV infection, and blood tests for the HIV antibody. The Alabama Organ Transplant Center also does

PCR testing, depending upon the time factor. The PCR is an experimental test that directly detects viral genetic material by using DNA amplification. This test has detected the presence of HIV genetic material in individuals who test negative for HIV antibodies.

The Alabama Organ Transplant Center in Birmingham provides services for the entire state. This organization follows the Food and Drug Administration and CDC/PHS recommendations/regulations. In fact, every organ center and organization that recovers organs must be a part of the Organ Procurement Transplant Network, a federal government oversight organization. All of these organizations must follow the CDC/PHS guidelines for HIV testing of organs and the Food and Drug Administration guidelines for tissues.

In conclusion, transplant recipients should be aware of the "small but potential risk of infections, including HIV, from transplanted organs and tissues."

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

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# Thiokol proceeds with plans to close its plant on post

Thiokol has announced that its plant at Redstone will be closed over the next 15 months. Beyond that, the corporate headquarters isn't saying much.

Besides the company's initial press release, "there's no time-line nor schedule for reducing the work force, and the programs are all under evaluation to determine which programs we might be able to keep and which we won't," said Steve Lawson, manager of public relations at Thiokol's headquarters in Ogden, Utah.

The closing will occur over the next 15 months and involves 320 people, according to Lawson.

Here is the text of the company's March 9 press release:

"In order to strengthen Thiokol's competitive position in its defense and launch vehicle rocket motor business, the company will close and consolidate selected manufacturing facilities.

"Thiokol's plant in Huntsville will be phased out and closed over the next 15 months, eliminating 320 jobs. This facility manufactures rocket motors for tactical defense systems and Castor IV space motor boosters. Unaffected by this consolidation is the company's Space Operations and Science & Engineering activities located in Huntsville.

"Thiokol's Omneco Inc. subsidiary, located in Carson City, Nev., currently employing 50 will be sold as an entity, or divested in whole or part over a period of time depending on the most favorable financial return consistent with program needs. During the transition process, emphasis will be placed on not adversely affecting current production contracts. Omneco manufactures rocket motor cases for various defense programs.

"In connection with this consolidation, Thiokol intends to record a restructuring charge of approximately \$61 million pretax in its fiscal third quarter. After tax, the charge amounts to approximately \$45 million or \$2.41 per share. The charge includes approximately \$49 million pretax of non-cash charges associated with the disposition of fixed assets and the write down of goodwill. In addition to the third-quarter charge, and consistent with current accounting guidance, approximately \$10 million of pretax costs to relocate equipment and requalify programs will be expensed as incurred over the next 15 months.

"As previously announced in January, the Defense and Launch Vehicle (DLV) Division was created with a single

staff supporting multiple manufacturing facilities. Following the consolidation, the division's principal operation will be located in northern Utah. The DLV northern Utah facility will be responsible for the full line of Castor boosters for expendable launch vehicles, strategic missiles, air and ground-launched tactical missiles, high technology flare and decoy devices, and rocket motor neutralization activity both in the U.S. and overseas.

"The division's other facility in Elkton, Md., will continue to be responsible for Star motor upper stage and satellite placement motors, specialty gas generators, various advanced hot gas control devices, surface and subsurface launched naval tactical missiles and high technology electronic safe/arm, destruct, and initiation devices.

"This consolidation and reorganization of Thiokol's Defense and Launch Vehicle resources will support our objective of continuing to be the market and technical leader in solid propulsion, providing our customers with high quality, reliable products at competitive prices. The effort being made to improve performance in our defense and launch vehicle business, complements similar efforts in Thiokol's support of the nation's space endeavors through NASA and in our fastening systems business.

"Thiokol Corporation is a major producer of solid propulsion systems, ordnance and composite products for the space and defense industries, and high-technology, proprietary fastening systems," the release concluded.



## White elephant sale...

The Integrated Materiel Management Center held a white elephant sale April 5. Items such as books, collectors cards, toys, and other knick-knacks were sold in this indoor flea market type sale. The items were donated by the Tactical Missile Directorate's employees of IMMC and all the proceeds went to the Army Emergency Relief.

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# Army engineer survived USS Franklin attack in WWII

By Kathy Harkleroad

Dr. Troy Smith, an aerospace engineer at RD&E Center, is a very lucky man. He served with the Navy during World War II and while stationed on the U.S.S. White Plains, and the U.S.S. Franklin experienced firsthand the effects of war. Both ships were bombed by the Japanese, and Smith lived to tell about it.

"I was just doing my job, and never once did I feel it was time to quit," Smith said when asked if he considered himself lucky during the attacks. "I do feel there was some divine intervention when it comes to me getting through the attacks."

Smith's story begins with his enlistment in the Navy in 1942. He was stationed on the U.S.S. White Plains, Oct. 25, 1944, as a signalman when the vessel was attacked. "It was a nice day and I was at my duty station when the attack occurred. I was on the deck serving as a signalman," he said. During World War II, signalmen were the soldiers who operated the round lights with shutters, and spoke to other ships and aircraft with Morse code.

"We had just launched some planes and were at general quarters when the attack came at 7:15 a.m. There were three Japanese ships in the engagement," Smith recalled.

Smith's ship, the U.S.S. White Plains, was one of many in the Gulf that day and was supplying cover to U.S. planes. "The first shot the Japanese fired landed approximately 20 feet from our ship. You could feel the impact of the shell and the water really hit the ship," he said.

According to Smith, the U.S.S. White Plains was a smaller vessel and only carried a 5-inch gun. "The Japanese were using 18 inch guns and we only had the 5-inch gun. Obviously we were outgunned," he said.

Looking back at the incident, Smith said he was scared while the two-hour attack was under way, but did his job the best he could. "It was pretty scary, but I knew our commander was doing the best he could, under the circumstances. He threw up a smoke screen and we did a lot of zig-zag maneuvers to avoid being hit," Smith said.

Once the attack was over, the U.S.S. White Plains had to return to port to have damages repaired. "We suffered a crack in the hangar area due to the water hitting the ship at such a hard force," said Smith. "But I consider us lucky because the Japanese did manage to sink one of our vessels."

After surviving the attack on the U.S.S. White Plains, Smith was transferred to the U.S.S. Franklin where he also served as a signalman with the command staff. "The U.S.S. Franklin had just been refurbished in the United States and was back on duty when I was assigned to her," Smith said.

The U.S.S. Franklin, nicknamed "Big Ben" was one of 24 Essex-class carriers, home to 3,500 crewman and 100 aircraft. "It was a much larger ship than the U.S.S. White Plains," Smith said.

Smith's experience with Lady Luck did not end on the U.S.S. White Plains, and crossed paths with her once again on the U.S.S. Franklin. "I had just come back from the



**LUCKY MAN**— Smith, standing next to some of the missile systems he has worked on, survived two direct hits on ships during World War II.

chow line and went up to my station on the deck. We were unaware that a Japanese plane had made it through the lines and was headed our way. According to our commander, and the crewmen, this was just another day at sea," he recalled. Smith was at his station less than five minutes when two

500 pound bombs fell from the sky at 7:07 a.m. and landed on the U.S.S. Franklin. "The ship shook violently when it was struck. The smoke was everywhere and very intense, even on the signal bridge. Needless to say, breathing was very difficult at most locations on the ship," he said.

"I was luckier than most because I was up on the deck," he added. "The sailors that were below deck were the unlucky ones. Most didn't survive."

The first bomb ripped through 3-inch armor to the hangar deck and the second bomb detonated two decks below that, near the chief petty officer's quarters.

"We had quite a few planes on the ship when the attack occurred," Smith said. "Once the bombs dropped everything went up in flames. We had bombers, fighters, all the ammunition that goes with them, along with all the gasoline, that just exploded when the bomb hit."

"As seamen we were trained to protect and save our ship first, and everyone went into action when the attack occurred. We tried to save as many people as we could, but we also had to save the ship," Smith said. Approximately 1,000 men lost their lives on the U.S.S. Franklin as a result of the attack.

Smith followed the commander and other command staff off the ship approximately two hours after the attack, but was still able to observe the heroic efforts made by the ship's crewmen. "We had other vessels pull up beside us to help with the fire control and everyone worked as a team. It was really dangerous for the other ships being so close to us, but danger was a factor when it came to saving the ship and lives."

The U.S.S. Franklin was eventually able to make it back to the Brooklyn Naval Yard under its own power for repairs. "There was only a short period where the ship had to be towed," Smith said.

Smith served in the Navy for 37 months and when he was discharged returned to the University of Virginia where he got his bachelor's degree in engineering. He received his master's degree in 1952 at the University of Michigan and began his career with the Army in 1960 as an aerospace engineer at Redstone Arsenal. He returned to school while working as an aerospace engineer and received his doctorate in 1970.

He and his wife, Grace, live in Huntsville.

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# Redstone wins again in Army excellence competition

The commanding general is to accept Redstone's ACOE award in a ceremony May 11 at the Pentagon.

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. Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, is to accept the award May 11 in Washington, D.C.

"We won!" exclaimed a happy Carolyn Collier, Redstone's ACOE program manager. Department of Army informed Redstone officials by phone March 30 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.

## Reimer nominated as Army's chief of staff

President Clinton announced Friday his intention to nominate Medford, Okla., native Gen. Dennis J. Reimer to be the chief of staff of the Army.

Reimer, currently the commander of the Army's Forces Command since April 1993, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery and awarded a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy in 1962. His first military active-duty assignment was as assistant executive officer for the 20th Artillery, 5th Mechanized Division at Fort Carson, Colo.

In his current position as the commander of the Army's largest major com-

mand, Reimer oversees the readiness and the training of nearly 800,000 Active, Army National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers. Prior to assuming that post, he held a variety of important command and staff positions, including Army vice chief of staff, the deputy chief of staff for operations and plans, and commander of the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Carson.

As chief of staff of the Army, Reimer will be the principal military adviser to the secretary of the Army, responsible for planning, developing, executing, reviewing and analyzing Army programs. He will likely assume his new duties in late June, follow-

ing Senate confirmation.

Reimer has received numerous awards for his peacetime and combat service to include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, two Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, six awards of the Bronze Star Medal, one with the "V" Device for valor, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He also wears the Parachutist Badge, the Aircraft Crewman Badge, and he is Ranger qualified.

Reimer is married to the former Mary Jo Powers. They have a daughter, Ann Marie, and a son, Michael.



### Corps of Engineers' home...

The Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Division, has moved into its new facility at 4820 University Square. Cutting the ribbon at a dedication ceremony March 28 are, from left, Col. Robert D. Brown III, commander

of Huntsville Division; Lt. Gen. Arthur E. Williams, chief of engineers; Bill Matthews, regional GSA representative, director of business operations; and Henry Bostwick of BBCGH Partners I (building owner).

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# Labor union sees cooperation with management

By Skip Vaughn

The spirit of partnership that flows throughout government in these days of cutbacks is also evident—at least locally—in the relationship between the Army and the labor union.

That's according to leaders of Local 1858 of the American Federation of Government Employees. Since established in October 1958, the local AFGE has represented non-supervisory defense workers in the Huntsville area.

The atmosphere is upbeat these days at the union office. Last December AFGE moved into a newer building near the missile school after nearly a decade in an old courthouse on post. Most of the officers were re-elected without opposition in what is seen as a show of membership support. And the membership rolls boast nearly 800 and continue to grow.

At the helm is James Brothers, a GS-14 engineer at Space and Strategic Defense Command, who serves as president. Sitting at his desk in the carpeted, air-conditioned building, he discussed the missions of the union. "First of all, to serve our members to the best of our ability; to make sure that employees are treated fairly, equitable and reasonable. And while doing that, I personally have a desire and a mission to make sure that the taxpayers get what they pay for: that we, the employees and managers, give our best effort every day."

As union president he co-chairs two partnership councils, one at the Missile



**UNION OFFICE— Fuller, left, and Brothers pose in front of the sign at the union's new office.**

Command and one at SSDC. These councils, formed as the result of a presidential executive order signed in October 1993, include management and employee representatives. The Redstone partnership council covers not only MICOM but 10 agencies. "Each agency has a management representative on that council plus three at-large members, and the labor union has a representative from each agency plus three at-large. And we meet monthly. And our charter is to identify problems in the community and recommend solutions to the commander," Brothers said.

"Many of the organizations here are much more interested in partnering than ever before," he said. As an example Brothers mentioned the Army's reinvention lab experiment which includes the Missile

Command. The reinvention plan is "a broadbased effort to help make government work more effectively, more efficiently, with less people and fewer dollars," he explained. "It was authorized by legislation approved by Congress in 1994."

MICOM's designation as a reinvention lab will give the command and its people greater freedom to be innovative and put new ideas into practice. Reinvention lab status is broadbased and changes the authority that management has in personnel matters such as hiring and promotion, according to Brothers. "We the union feel that we need to have a more active role in this (reinvention) process," he said. "We're not only involved in developing the implementation plan but we will follow the process throughout the four years to

make sure employees' rights are protected."

The union not only represents its bargaining units, but also individual members who file complaints, according to Vicki Fuller, AFGE's chief of labor relations. "We represent individuals through the grievance process and arbitration, the merit system protection board appeal process, the EEO process, and (workman's) compensation," she said.

In early March AFGE filed a union/employer grievance with the Space and Strategic Defense Command to protest the command's plan to hire two GS-15s from the outside. The protest was upheld when the commander agreed that current employees should be given first consideration.

The union represents most non-supervisory pro-

fessional and nonprofessional Defense employees in the Huntsville area, with the exception of the Army Corps of Engineers. By way of separate elections it recently won three new bargaining units: the Logistics Support Activity, the Program Executive Office for Missile Defense, and the Commissary. The Commissary workers were previously represented, but a recertification election was required when the store changed from management of the Army to the Defense Department arena.

"For the short-term it is our objective to help employees resolve their problems, their differences with management in an expeditious manner such that we can minimize the number of grievances or arbitration cases required," Brothers said, adding that the union plans to assist individuals through the grievance process when required. "Our second objective is to increase our membership. We're continually trying to get new members; and it is through the members' dues that we can take their issues through the arbitration process."

Membership is approaching 800 strong, and hopes are to double that number through a membership drive July 10-21. Participants at this local drive are to include John Sturdivant, national president of AFGE, and Kenneth Blaylock, national vice president for the 5th district.

"As for long-range plans, we want to help our national office get changes made through legislation that will improve the lot of the federal worker," Brothers said.

"Secondly, we want to continually improve the relationship between employees and management."

The union-management relationship is seen as improved, just as the union's new location at building 3202 is better than the old office. AFGE moved to the building on Mauler Road last Dec. 3 after the previous occupants, the Weapon Systems Management Directorate, went to the Sparkman Center. The union was chartered Oct. 1, 1958 and occupied building 3648 until moving into the courthouse building, 7132, in 1976. Brothers credits Col. Stephen Moeller, the deputy post commander, with helping the union obtain its new location at 3202. "We have kind of a satellite office over at SSDC," he added. "It's equipped with furniture, telephones, fax machine, everything we need."

Fuller, who became a paid employee of the union years ago, sees a positive union-management environment today. "Basically I think it's a new day for unions and management in the federal sector that we're working closer together in a partnership for the same goals," she said.

The union members meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Membership dues are \$10.50 per pay period for current employees, or \$24 per year for retirees. For information call 876-4880 or 881-7430; the fax number is 955-8846.

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# Annual community block party a big success

By Kathy Harkleroad

It was the event of the season, with more than 2,000 parents and children attending the annual Community Block Party at the Youth Center April 8.

"The turnout this year was as expected," said Barbara Dumas, center director. "Over the past couple of years we have over 2,000 people attend the Block Party and everyone really enjoys themselves."

The weather was perfect and the crowds turned out in droves for the event. Activities were held both indoors and outdoors; and wherever you looked, there were lines of children for the events.

"We were constantly running out of prizes and I spent the good part of the day replenishing prizes to each of the booths," Dumas said. Children participating in any of the

games received a small prize for their efforts.

Bingo was a very popular game, and the room remain full throughout the day. "We had kids everywhere wanting to play," Dumas said.

Other events at the Block Party included a sack race, a basketball shoot (another very popular event according to Dumas), putt-putt golf, bean bag toss, bottle throw, balloon dart throw, fishing booth, duck pond, cake walk, ping-pong toss, and the ever popular moonbounce.

In addition to games, the children were able to get an up-close look at several static displays. "We also had the K-9 unit from the Provost Marshal's office and a bike rodeo sponsored by Allstate Insurance," Dumas said. Also included in the event were Karate demonstrations and talent shows.

WAHR radio station 99.1, and QZAR

was also on hand for the Block Party and helped with the entertainment.

Free hot dogs, chips and Pepsi were available to the participants and were very popular. "We ran out of drinks and had enough for over 2,000 cups. We cooked approximately 1,500 hot dogs and went through numerous chips as well," Dumas said.

According to Dumas, the volunteers who helped man the booths at the event, as well as with the behind the scenes, were the stars

of the event. "We couldn't have done it without their help. I wish I could thank all of them individually, but there were so many it would almost be impossible," Dumas said. She mentioned that several parents volunteered to help once they arrived and the extra help was welcomed.

"F Company was a great help and the soldiers really contributed a lot," she said. Dumas also said the Post Exchange deserved a big thank you for all the donations.



**BALLOON FUN**— A clown makes balloon animals for the line of children who wait patiently to make their requests.



**AT THE WHEEL**— Lawrence Babin Jr. takes his turn at the wheel of a MLRS at the Community Block Party and finds out what it might feel like to drive the weapon system. SSgt. Raymond Glace boosted the youngster up into the driver's seat and is standing by to answer questions. Lawrence is the son of SSgt. Lawrence and Cynthia Babin.

## Sports Haven Lounge closing due to lack of business

By Pam Rogers

The demise of the Sports Haven Lounge will bring a needed expansion to installation's child care program.

The Sports Haven, which has been perennially unsuccessful in its role first as an enlisted club and then as a community sports bar, will be

closed May 1. Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of Redstone and the Missile Command, ordered the club closed after it lost \$9,000 during a three-month trial period beginning Jan. 1.

An element of the Child Development Services, the School Age Care Program, will move into the building.

Officials with the program hope to have operations moved by this summer.

The 10,000 square-foot building, constructed in 1991, has enough room to support 60 to 80 children with a structured curriculum including computer labs and homework centers, according to Bobby Presley, chief of

RASA's Family Support Division. The program currently has 31 children enrolled, with others on a waiting list.

"Redstone is one of six sites selected by AMC for School Age Care expansion," he said. Army Materiel Command will provide \$6 million for expansion at the selected sites, he added.

Presley said that with the expansion could come the possibility of enrolling limited numbers of children of civilian workers.

Lee Hicks, chief of Community Operations Division, said the Sports Haven has never been successful because there are not enough young soldiers (the club's targeted

market) here to support it. Activities offered at the club will continue at other locations.

"The Free County-Western Line dances on Wednesday nights will move to the Officers Club, and Thursday Karaoke will be at the Challenger Club," Hicks said.

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# Sergeants Major Association offering scholarship

By Sandra Cartee

One lucky high school senior will receive a scholarship to the learning institution of their choice courtesy of the Sergeants Major Association.

This is the third year that the association has awarded this prestige to teens and has already begun taking applications for this year's scholarship. "We want to help students who've taken the initiative in high school to advance in their education," said Sgt. Maj. William Beardsley, chairman of the scholarship committee. That's why they award one student a year with \$750 paid directly to the college or university that the student will attend.

Students eligible for applying for the scholarship must be graduating seniors who are the dependents of an active duty, retired or deceased NCO. They must also have an average 3.0 grade point average and already be accepted to an accredited college or university.

"I'm looking for students who've worked hard in their high school years and would like to advance through education," Beardsley said. A copy of the student's transcripts is also evaluated in the application.

The student must provide their military identification card for application. The students can come from any school in the re-

gion and applications have already been sent to the seven local schools.

The applicant has to submit an essay of 500 words or more with grammatical accuracy and structure. It doesn't matter if the essay is typed or handwritten as long as it is legible.

The three topics for the essay include "what actions can be taken to prevent violence in schools," "what actions can be taken for the betterment of the future job market," and "should all government officials be limited to two terms in office such as the presidency." The student should choose one of these three topics.

The essays and applications have to be in by April 21. "This is the last date that I will accept applications and then I will put them before a board," Beardsley explained.

The board is a panel of individuals from the Redstone community who aren't shown the names of the applicants. "All they see are the grades and the essays," Beardsley said. They choose the best applicant and the award will be given.

The student must decide which institution that they will attend by Sept. 1 so the money can be sent to the school. The student can choose to spread the \$750 throughout several semesters or have it used for one particular semester. There is no certain



**PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY—** The Sergeant Majors Association will be taking applications for its scholarship program until April 21. From left are CSM Ben Sundry, Sgt. Maj. Michael Roberts, and Sgt. Maj. Beardsley.

major or curriculum that the student must follow in college to keep their scholarship.

The scholarship was created to help out dependents of NCOs from the Sergeants Major Association funds. The group also

helps out the community in many other ways. This scholarship is the association's way of rewarding hard working students and helping to further their education.

## 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 Hudson 837-0750.

• **OPENINGS: Redstone Arsenal Saddle Activity**— There are vacancies for boarding privately-owned

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• **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.

• **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.

• **THURSDAY, APRIL 13: Army Family Team Building Course 1.03**— Intro to Military and Civilian Community Resources— 7 p.m. in the ACS Conference Room. Call no later than April 13 to reserve your space at 876-5397.

• **FRIDAY, APRIL 14: Easter Egg Hunt**— Youth Center at 3 p.m. For information call 876-KIDS.

• **TUESDAY, APRIL 18: AFTB Course 1.04**— Benefits, Entitlements and Compensation — 7 p.m., ACS conference room. Call 876-5397 to reserve your space no later than April 16.

• **TUESDAY, APRIL 18: AFTB Course 2.04.3— Family Support Groups** — 7 p.m., Post Chapel. Call 876-5397 no later than April 16 to reserve your space.

• **TUESDAY, APRIL 18: AFTB Course 3.04.1— Personality Types** — 7 p.m., Post Chapel. Call 876-5397 no later than April 16 to reserve your space.

• **TUESDAY, APRIL 18:**

**Town Hall Meeting**— The community is invited to attend the Town Hall meeting at 6 p.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel. For more information call 876-3294.

• **FRIDAY, APRIL 21: Earth Day Parade**— 3 p.m. at the Child Development Center. For more information call 876-7952.

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# Sports

## Yarnell, Allen win annual Fund Run 8K

Mike Yarnell and Kelly Allen won the 1995 Fund Run 8K road race held April 1 in downtown Huntsville.

Yarnell, 34, was first across the finish line in 26:16. Allen, 34, was the first female finisher in 34:20. The annual race, held near Huntsville Middle School, benefits the Huntsville Track Club's Harold and Louise Tinsley Scholarship Fund.

Here are the overall and age group results:

**Male:** Overall— Mike Yarnell (26:16).  
 14-under— Stephen Baker (39:10). 15-19— Perry Fletcher (35:42), Chris Peterson (37:23), Daniel Pitts (42:06). 20-24—

Jeremy Dobbs (28:12). 25-29— David Purinton (26:37), Craig Armstrong (26:43), Dink Taylor (28:36), Ted Kerstetter (34:02), Tony Kim (40:09). 30-34— Randy McFarland (28:13), Steve Solomon (30:18), Daniel Bond (31:07), John Ricci (31:18), Barry Meadows (31:42). 35-39— Terry Daniel (26:55), Randall Roland (29:07), Michael Allen (30:35), Charlie Bonne (33:19), Keith Hallmark (34:17). 40-44— Bill McDowell (31:31), Richard Rodenhausen (32:41), Ed Elmore (32:56), Robert Lucas (33:06), Gerald Baker (33:12). 45-49— Steve Rice (29:02), Carl Nicholson

(29:15), Dick Franklin (30:53), John Hickey (31:03), Fred Beckett (32:42). 50-54— Dwight McPherson (32:10), Bryan Miller (34:52), Jerry Berg (37:09), Gerald Karr (39:13), Mark Maxey (40:10). 55-59— Sammy Morris (31:17), Gaylon Dodson (33:04), Tim Hopper (33:50), Earl Jacoby (35:36), Phillip Parker (35:46). 60-over— Mac McCrady (34:32), Kelly Stinson (35:49), Lyman Jackson (38:34), Mark Wheat (39:40), Loyd Doering (42:27).

**Female:** Overall— Kelly Allen (34:20).  
 14-under— Janie Pumphrey (41:58). 25-29— Annette Evers (38:30), Carrie Jakab

(43:42), Stephanie Allen (45:53), Cindy Castle (49:32), Chenny Cargile (57:36). 30-34— Jacqueline Moquin (35:02), Jennie Rountree (35:40), Julie Burge (38:12), Lisa Nola (41:20), Sherri McCay (44:19). 35-39— Bonnie Adams (40:57), Carolyn McMillan (45:24). 40-44— Nancy Sheppard (39:20), Diann Tolbert-Easley (40:23), Susan Welstead (40:56), Alma Holland (48:05). 50-54— Dolores Mohlere (46:49). 55-59— Anne Park (41:24), Barbara Meyer (43:21), Jackie Clark (44:00), Christine Hearn (51:38).

### Early-out

Continued from page 1

"The interest seems high. A large number of people in the briefing asked for an application form," Dixon said.

Dixon said the combined total the five affected organizations need to reduce by is about 75. He said CPO may get more applications than are needed, in which case not everyone in MICOM/MEA who wants to leave would be able to.

For a person in MICOM/MEA to be approved for VERA/VSIP, an employee in one of the five affected activities must be "saved."

"We'll have to look for skill matches," Dixon said.

Those eligible employees include optional retirement eligibles, early retirement eligibles (VERA), and employees who want to resign. Senior Executive Service members are not eligible.

To qualify for VERA an employee must have 25 years of creditable service, or be age 50 and have 20 years service. At least five years must have been civilian service, and employee must have been an Army employee since Feb. 18, 1995.

To be eligible for VSIP, an employee must be on a permanent job, have been continuously employed by DoD for 12 months, not eligible for disability retirement, not a reemployed annuitant (civilian retiree), must not be in receipt of a RIF separation notice and must save a minimum of one employee.

VSIP is calculated in the following way: one week pay per year for the first 10 years of service; two weeks pay per year for years over 10; 10 percent more for every year over age 40. The maximum is the lower of one year's pay or \$25,000.

Those interested in applying must submit a Retirement Application and a Statement of Understanding to building

### Bowling standings

Here are the standings for the Redstone Arsenal Intramural Bowling League as of April 4:

	Won	Lost
MI Detachment	446	279
Missile Maniacs	429	296
Sandbaggers	425	300
F Company MLRS	410	315
Readiness Grp-2	403	322
TMDE-2	397	328
TMDE-1	394	331
Marines	392.5	332.5
Master Blasters	383	342
Dilligaf	366.5	358.5
SHORAD-2	334	391
D Company-1	323	402
SHORAD-1	284	441
Hooters	273.5	451.5
D Company-2	259.5	465.5
Readiness Grp-1	250	475
<b>200 games/600 series bowled April 4:</b>		
Tracy Grindrod (TMDE-2)		211
Lawrence Ashton (Shorad-2)		200
Avery Hollifield (Missile Maniacs)	223, 232, &	626 series
Brad Banister (Sandbaggers)		200
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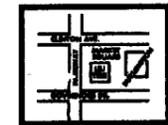
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# Redstone's working women of WWII topic of research

By Sandra Cartee

In commemorating the 50th anniversary of World War II and upon exiting Women's History Month, Dr. Kaylene Hughes, the senior historian for the MICOM Historical Office, released a publication depicting the lives of women working at Redstone and Huntsville Arsenals during World War II.

Upon researching the era, Hughes found a lot of interesting facts about the women who worked here, letters that they wrote during the time, and she also interviewed some ladies who shared their experiences of what it was like. "I tried to use their words to give the whole effect," explained Hughes. Their words, the pictures, and the way they lived their lives while working here proved to be amazing.

In 1942, the Secretary of War (at that time), Henry L. Stimson, made a public announcement that the number of women hired to perform war jobs would be doubled. In conjunction with that, women in north Alabama went to work for the Army as chemical plant workers. "The women who

sought employment at Huntsville and Redstone arsenals during WWII had economic, patriotic, and personal reasons for working," explained Hughes in the publication.

"I was absolutely amazed of how determined these women were to get here," Hughes said. She found out that some women walked hours on end to get to work, while others carpooled, and many came from as far away as Tennessee. Without public transportation and roads not even being built in most places yet, the transportation was difficult.

Once these women got to work, their lives were sometimes filled with trauma. "Some women's skin would get stained and people would turn colors like yellow, green, and purple. They weren't washable either, they just had to wear off," Hughes said.

The colors came from certain kinds of chemicals that some women worked with. They manufactured colored smoke munitions, gel-type incendiaries, and toxic agents such as mustard gas, phosgene, lewisite, white phosphorous, and tear gas. Even though the

women were trained and reminded of safety procedures, accidents still occurred leaving some women injured or even dead.

The women who worked with more dangerous chemicals wore more protective clothing. "Working around mustard gas and in the summer heat, I can't imagine how horrible it was to have to wear rubber gloves and masks and have no air condition," Hughes said.

All the women wore a jumpsuit type uniform with baret type hats or scarves to tie their hair up. "They wanted to feminize their uniforms and they wanted to maintain that they were women," Hughes said. They tried to personalize their uniforms by wearing the hats differently.

It wasn't uncommon for the women to sit on the assembly lines and sing or for them to bring in potluck type meals on special occasions. Hughes relates that even though the women were doing what would be considered men's jobs back then, they still continued to act like women and enjoy socializing with one another.

Many women made other contributions to the



**PRODUCTION SOLDIERS—** A new publication written and researched by Hughes tells the lifestyles of women working on Redstone Arsenal during World War II. As shown in the picture, these ladies even wore uniforms while laboring on assembly lines manufacturing colored smoke munitions, mustard gas, and other chemical munitions.

homefront efforts in addition to their duties as production soldiers such as volunteering for the Red Cross. "Many would volunteer to wind bandages after work or knitted needed blankets in all of their spare time," Hughes said. These women served their country by not only filling in for the men at work, but after-hours patriotic duties as well.

The contributions that women made in ordnance and chemical warfare here

from 1942 until the end of the war in 1945 along with many photographs are featured in Hughes' publication. There is also an exhibit complete with video on display outside of the Equal Opportunity Office on the first floor of building 5300. Copies of the publication can be picked up there or at the MICOM Historical Office located on the same floor.

Women played a vital role to Redstone and

Huntsville Arsenals during WWII and as Hughes said in her publication, "the wartime contributions of the women employees of Huntsville and Redstone Arsenals were considerable, especially when one considers that injury and death were always possibilities while they were on the job. Their diligent efforts on behalf the U.S. Armed Forces helped to guarantee victory over the Axis powers of WWII."



## Postwide cleanup...

SFC Levell Williams, who resides at 1395-A Lance Drive, takes part in the postwide cleanup April 6 by cleaning the street gutters around his home.

Williams, along with other Arsenal residents, cleaned up their yards and the street around them as part of the beautification effort.



## E Company inactivates...

Casing the colors during the March 31 inactivation of E Company 832nd Ordnance Battalion are, from left, Capt. Hardee Green, company com-

mander; CSM Cyril Manthey, command sergeant major for 832nd; and SFC Crystal Taylor, NCO-in-charge for logistics and supply at 832nd.

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- Patricia Hooper** Exceptional/Cash Award  
1,000 hours Sick Leave
- Harold D. Jacobs** Exceptional/Cash Award  
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- Janice Jean** Exceptional/Cash Award
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- Henrietta Maples** Exceptional/Cash Award
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- Wanda Woodruff** Exceptional/Cash Award
- Michael Bagby** Performance Award
- Signa Barksdale** Performance Award
- Jerry Dalrymple** Performance Award
- Barbara Ferdinand** Performance Award
- George Jacovides** Performance Award
- Dennis Harris** Special Act or Service Award
- Mike Lawrence** Special Act or Service Award
- Charles Neal** Special Act or Service Award
- James Wilkerson** Special Act or Service Award  
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# Medical laboratory professionals play important role

By Martha Mears

Fox Army Community Hospital Laboratory and the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, in cooperation with other medical organizations and almost 40,000 laboratories across the country, are celebrating National Medical Laboratory Week, April 16-22.

This year's theme is "The Laboratory Professional: A Key Member of Your Health Care Team," which notes the vital role that every medical lab professional plays in the health care field.

These trained professionals who make up over 265,000 lab personnel, are the key to early detection, appropriate diagnosis and cost-effective treatment of disease. Today's modern laboratory is not only one of the modern "miracles" of medicine in the diagnosis and treatment of disease, but also is the key in unlocking the mysteries of human physiology, genetics and the prevention of disease.

Many people work in the medical laboratory performing and supervising the almost 10 billion lab tests done annually in the United States. They have varying degrees of

education and experience. Here are a few of the professionals that may help save your life:

- **Medical Technologists (MT)** who holds a minimum of a bachelor's degree and is responsible for performing a full range of lab tests, confirming the accuracy of test results, and reporting laboratory findings to the pathologist and other physicians. Medical technologists work in five major areas of the laboratory: blood banking, chemistry, hematology, immunology and microbiology.
- **Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT)** who, under the supervision of the medical technologist, performs general tests. Medical laboratory technicians have special training in addition to a high school diploma or an associate degree.
- **Pathologist** who is a physician and reads and interprets the result of laboratory tests or examines tissues under a microscope to diagnose and monitor disease. They are licensed medical doctors (MD) who are experts in diagnosing such diseases as cancer, diabetes, AIDS, hepatitis, and thyroid conditions. The American Board of Pathology requires five years of training following medical school to be eligible to take

examinations leading to board certification as a Clinical/Anatomic Pathologist.

- **Cytotechnologist (CT)** who examines cells under the microscope to detect signs of cancer in the earliest stages when a cure is most likely. Cytotechnologists must hold a bachelor's degree and have special training to search out the smallest abnormalities in color, shape or size of cells.
- **Histotechnologist (HTL)** who prepares body tissue samples for microscopic examination by the pathologist using sophisticated techniques such as electron microscopy and immunohistochemistry. Histotechnologists must hold bachelor's degrees and have special training to freeze, cut, mount and stain tissues, often while the patient is still in surgery, thus playing a major role in the diagnosis of malignancy.

• **Phlebotomy Technician (PBT)** who collects blood samples to be used in many laboratory tests to detect disease and monitor treatment. Phlebotomists have special training in addition to a high school diploma.

During this special week in April, please help us in our efforts to celebrate National Medical Laboratory Week by joining us for our Lab Open House, April 17 at 1 p.m. Take this opportunity to view a "behind the scenes look" at your lab professionals at work. We want the public to know the important part that medical laboratory professionals play in today's health care field. Come meet the professionals who may someday save your life.

*(Editor's note: Spec. Mears is a laboratory technician at Fox Army Community Hospital.)*

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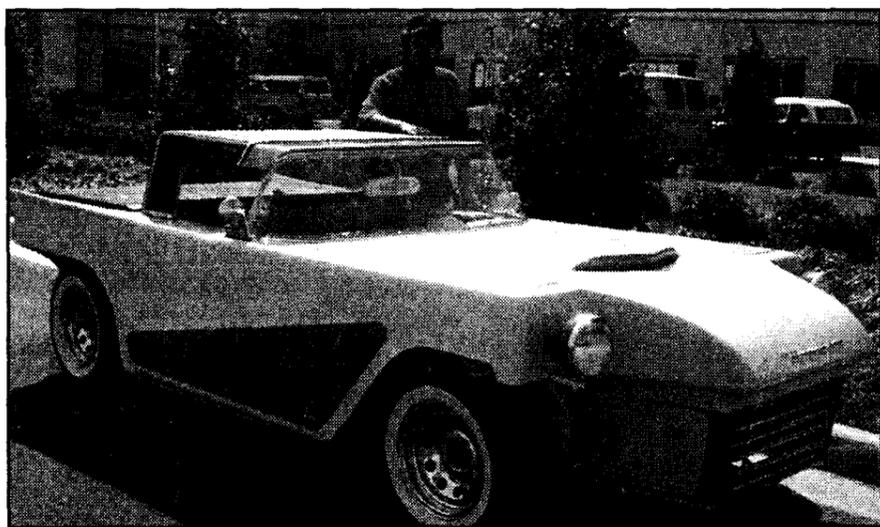
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**An original...**

Jim Fisher stands behind a car that he built from scratch. The body is all handmade from wood, foam and fiberglass and constructed on a Volkswagen frame and engine. Fisher, who works in the mailroom of the Acquisition Center, plans to keep the custom-made vehicle and display it at car shows. This is the fourth "Fisher original" vehicle that he has made.

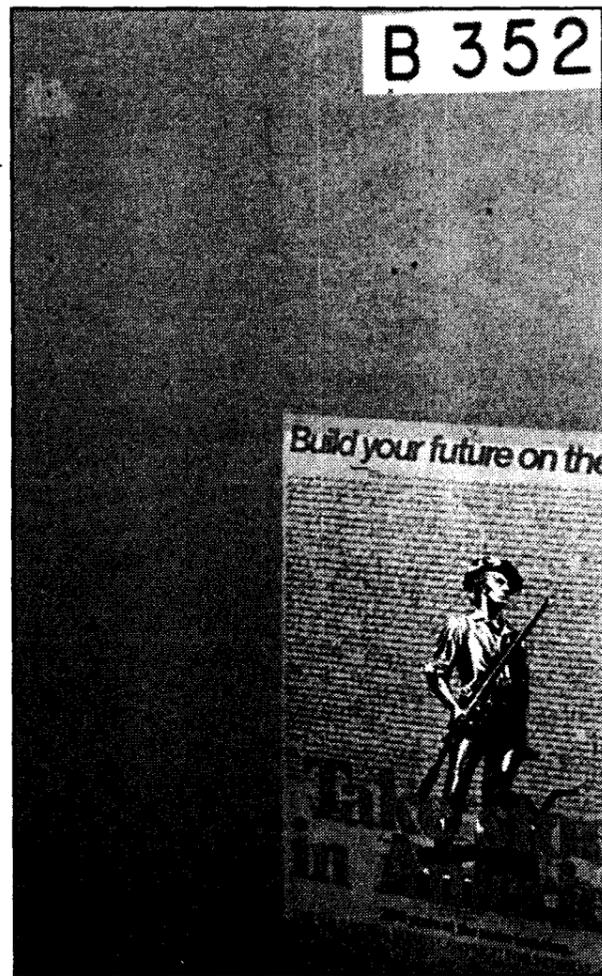
**Old poster found during new construction**

Workers removing plywood from a hallway in building 5250 found a 20-year-old poster promoting savings bonds.

"It still looked pretty good," said Terry Johnson, a computer equipment analyst with Corporate Information Center. He and three other CIC workers found the poster on the wall after removing the plywood in B-wing on the third floor. They were working overtime Saturday, April 1 to install new computer data-lines for when Army TACMS/Bat Project Office moves into the building.

Ironically the poster, dated 1975, observed the nation's bicentennial. "I just thought it was kind of funny that was a 200 year anniversary and it's been up there for 20 years," Johnson said.

South Central Bell had put up the plywood 20 years ago while upgrading the telephone system. The CIC workers had to remove the sheets of plywood to install the new computer lines; and they found the poster affixed to the pale green wall outside room B-352.



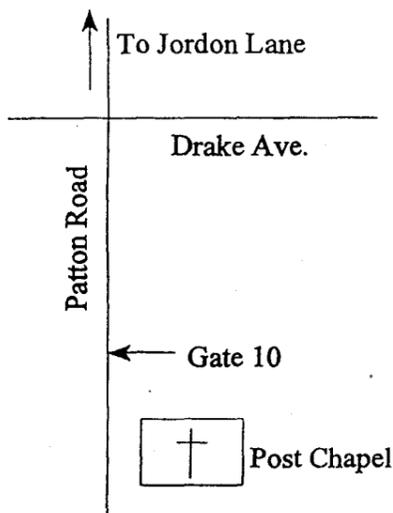
**SAVINGS BOND PROMOTION—** This 1975 poster was found in the third-floor hallway at the former Missile Command headquarters building.

The CIC workers included Johnson, Gary Neely, Phillip Fortner and Randy Weaver.

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# Fashion show fund-raiser promises 'elegance en vogue'

By Cora Mayfield

"Elegance en Vogue II" will mark an explosion of spring fashions as the Auxiliary of the Military Retirees Association, the Regularettes, present their review of clothing featuring eye appealing garments selected to dazzle and enhance the wardrobe of the audience April 16 at the Officers Club.

Fashions from McRae's, European Boutique, Added Dimensions, Bessie's Boutique, Burch and Hatfield will be presented to

the vibes of music by the Private Property Jazz Ensemble from Birmingham.

Coordinated by Olene McGowen and Sandra Lyles-Jackson, the extravaganza will display an array of fashions linking the elegance of the '60s with the practicality of the '90s, emphasizing the versatility of a well planned wardrobe. The fashions presented will fit the budget of the thrifty and expand to affordable elegance.

Fabrics are selected to accentuate a woman's contours and the longer semifit-

ted jackets will provide an added dimension to fashion. Skirts of various lengths and styles will make a statement complimented by the latest leather accessories, to include skinny belts, chunky heels, French contoured heels, loafers and trendy handbags.

The spring fashions will also focus on the wardrobe of the fashion-conscious male. Double and single-breasted jackets coordinated with slacks of select wool blends will grace the runway. The audience will see the male models transform from a casual

days wear to the ultimate in evening attire.

Tickets for "Elegance en Vogue II" are \$15 and can be purchased by calling Margurite Lyles 859-0625 or Olene McGowen 837-8436.

Proceeds from the annual fund-raiser will provide scholarships for deserving Madison County graduating high school seniors.

The auxiliary is a non-profit organization chartered in 1984 to provide community service, fund-raisers for the Annie Ruth Wilson scholarships, visitation to nursing homes, tuto-

rial service and tax assistance to low income families. Edna Collins, president, and Ethel Henderson, the financial manager of the fund-raiser, invite the public to come out and make this scholarship fund-raiser a success.

Members of the Auxiliary, representatives from local sororities, fraternities and professional models will be featured in the fashion show.

Sumptuous hor d'oeuvres will be served, and door prizes donated by local merchants will be given

away during intermission.

McGowen, Henderson, Margurite Lyles, Cora Mayfield, Jessie Singletery, Sara King and Bonnie Wilson are the program committee members planning this fund-raiser.

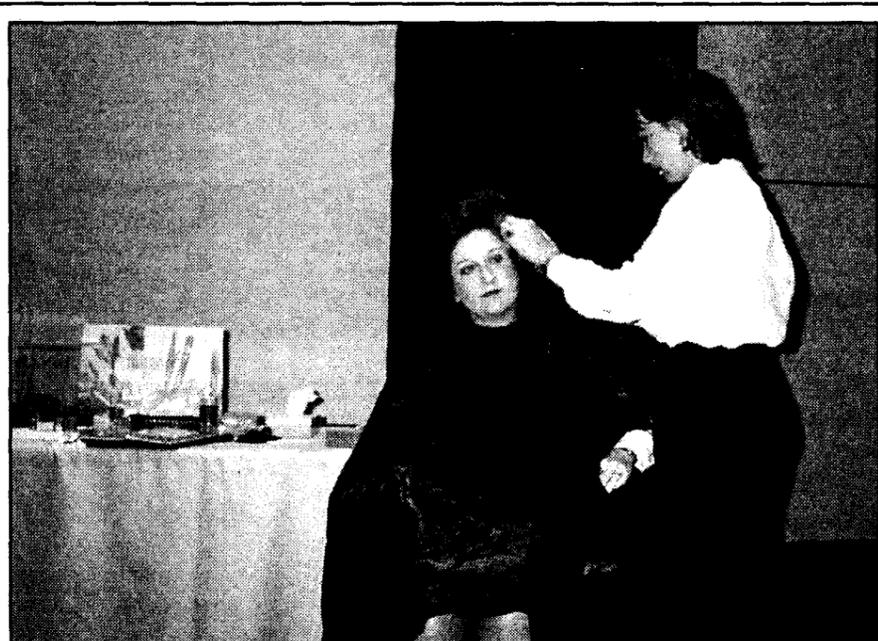
(Editor's note: Mayfield, a program analyst at Program Executive Office for Missile Defense, is a member of this event's program committee.)



## Bunny time...

Children of Redstone soldiers were treated to a visit by the Easter Bunny during the Easter egg hunt sponsored by F Company, 832nd Ordnance

Battalion. Pictured is 22-month-old Zach Bobert as the Easter Bunny finds an egg for him. Zach is the son of SSgt. Ronald and Gina Bobert.



## AER Makeover...

Patricia Cox, of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, gets a makeover during a fashion show held April 5 at the Sparkman Auditorium to benefit

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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.

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**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, commanding of Army Materiel Command. Attire is formal. For more information, call Maj. Taylor 876-6608 or Maj. Fabozzi 955-6555.

**Body fat testing**— Sparkman Fitness Center and Fox Army Community Hospital will conduct body fat testing today 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 this afternoon 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.

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**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 Sundry 876-1874 for more details. Proceeds will be used for local charities.

**MICOM hail/farewell**— The MICOM Community Hail & Farewell will be held 4-6 p.m. April 25 at the Officers Club. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, and a cash bar will be available. All military and civilian employees are invited and encouraged to attend. Honorees will include all military officers and civilian employees GS-9 and above, who have joined the MICOM community within the three months preceding (January, February and March) and those scheduled to depart prior to June 30. Response forms for attendees and honorees will be available via e-mail and from your administrative officer. For more information, call Orlando Odom 955-4035.

**AER booksale**— Command Analysis Directorate will have a booksale April 10-21 to raise money for the Army Emergency Relief fund. They need books for sale; call one of the following to arrange for pickup or dropoff of books: Darrell Routon 955-7794, Beverly Swaim 842-9930 or Marle Cobbs 842-9904. The booksale will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. April 10-21 in room 5241 on the second floor of building 5300.

**Reward offer**— A \$250 reward is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the burglary March 23 at two quarters on Hughes Drive. Anyone with information concerning these offenses should call Charles Thorpe, provost marshal investigator, 876-3449/2090. Your identity will be kept confidential. This offer expires April 24.

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**Scuba society**— The SEAS (Scuba Explorers and Adventurers Society) will meet 7 p.m. Thursday at Mr. Gatti's Pizza, 4315 University Drive. For information call 876-2829 (work) or 518-9843 (home).

**AER bowl-a-thon**— A bowl-a-thon, to benefit the Army Emergency Relief fund, will be held 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 20 at Redstone bowling alley. The \$7 charge covers three games, shoes, AER contribution and prize money. Tickets are on sale through April 14 for this event which is sponsored by Automated Maintenance Directorate. For tickets call Ethel Morris 842-8964, Sarah Gregory 842-0367 or Narda Johnson-Frost 842-6665.

**Town hall meeting**— The next Redstone Arsenal Community Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 18 in the Bicentennial Chapel. Town hall meetings are open to all residents, retirees, and employees authorized to use Redstone Arsenal Community Facilities. Tentative topics for the agenda include PX renovation update; Commissary news, new hours and nutrition tours; housing update, occupancy of new housing, neighborhood coordinators, street lighting; Army Family Team Building update; MWR update, spring and summer youth activities, children in post gym, Sports Haven status.

**Military personnel**— An issue discussed at the Family Symposium in November 1994 concerned the lack of a Total Quality Management statement on the Officer Evaluation Report and the NCO Evaluation Report. Additionally, there is no annotation in the 201 files or certificate filed since the training is under 40 hours. By regulation, TQM training is not reflected in personnel records unless it is 40 hours or more. However, the Military Personnel Office will file these documents in the temporary side of the 201 until the individual leaves Redstone Arsenal. There is nothing to prohibit a rater or senior rater from making bullet comments on the OER or NCOER about TQM training.

**Contract managers**— The Huntsville Chapter, National Contract Management Association (NCMA) will award up to three scholarships to assist deserving college undergraduate students in pursuit of a bachelor's degree. To be considered for a scholarship, the applicant must be a college sophomore, junior, or senior with at least one semester or quarter remaining. The applicant must be in good standing at a local institution and be pursuing a degree in acquisition, contract, logistics, procurement management, or a related field such as economics, finance, marketing, or accounting. Applications are due by May 15. The scholarships will be awarded in June. For more information and qualification

requirements, call Lisa Hubbard 922-3527 or 461-7875.

**Post Theater**— Thursday, "Billy Madison," rated PG-13, 88 minutes. Friday, "Billy Madison," Saturday, "Legends of the Fall," rated R, 132 minutes. Sunday, "Legends of the Fall." Tuesday, "Death and the Maiden," rated R, 102 minutes. Admission for Tuesday is adult \$1.50, child \$1. Admission for all other shows is adult \$2.50 and child \$1.25.... Effective May 2, the Theater will show features on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The box office opens at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7. This revised schedule is due to low attendance on Tuesdays.

**Consumer protection**— The Better Business Bureau of Huntsville will address mail order scams and sweepstakes scams—and how soldiers can protect themselves from these — at 11 a.m. today at the Post Theater. For more information, call Capt. Cheryl Boone at 876-9015 at the Staff Judge Advocates Office.

**Government accountants**— The North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will hold its annual joint meeting with the Information Management Accountants on Tuesday, April 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Research Park. The scheduled speaker is Johnnie Vann, partner at Sirote & Permutt in Huntsville. His topic for the evening will be

the "Mercedes Bill." For reservations call Sandra Julian 876-2373.

**NCO spouses**— The Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club will have its monthly meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Challenger. Spring activities will highlight the meeting, so bring a friend and become involved in your community. Call 859-0340 if you have any questions or need a ride.

**Investigation in Korea**— Witnesses are sought by Republic of Korea-United States Joint Investigation Team in reference to the murder of Spec. Rhonda Irey. A \$25,000 reward is offered for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the perpetrator(s). Your identification can remain confidential. Irey was last seen at the Mayfest Festival at Camp Red Cloud, Uijongbu, Korea on May 21, 1994, and her burned body was found the next day in a ditch 250 meters from Route 349 near Biam-ri, Korea. Anyone who saw the burned body, fire, smoke, saw any vehicle in that area, or who knew Irey while stationed in Korea, please contact the Military Police at 876-2222 or Criminal Investigation Command at 876-2037. Case number: 0196-94-CID838.

**Aggie muster**— The North Alabama Texas A&M Club will gather on April 21 to celebrate Muster at the Flagstone Apartments' Clubhouse. Former graduates, parents, and friends of Texas A&M are invited to attend. The activities will

begin at 6 p.m. with a social, followed by a potluck dinner and the Muster ceremony. Brisket, soda, plates, and utensils will be provided. The fee is \$5, plus one dish per family. Call Bob Olson 539-6870 by April 15 if you are planning to attend.

**Reserve officers group**— Reserve Officers' Association Golf Tournament will be held April 21 at noon at Redstone Golf Course; \$5 entry fee plus green fees and cart cost. Recognition and awards will be presented at the convention banquet the next night. For more information, call Reserve Col. John Porter 880-1185.... Reserve Officers' Association, Alabama Department Convention will be held April 22 at the Tom Bevill Center, 301 Sparkman Drive. For more information call Reserve Col. Howard Race, convention chairman, 883-7672.

**PSI meeting**— The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, PSI, will hold its regular monthly luncheon meeting April 18 at 11 a.m. at the Officers Club, rooms 1 and 2. The installation committee will review the final plans for their installation ceremony.

**Housing residents**— Attention family housing residents: Now is a great time to start getting your yards ready for the Yard-of-the-Month program. The first judging will be April 24 and the program will run through October. The remaining judging dates for this year are scheduled for

May 22, June 26, July 24, Aug. 28, Sept. 25 and Oct. 23.... If you did not pick up your spring bedding plants yet, another delivery is scheduled for April 18 at the Self Help Center. Two flats and up to four individual potted plants will be allowed per family housing quarters.... The Family Housing Spring Carport/Yard Sale is scheduled for April 29 and 30 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. "This is a great opportunity for some of us to dispose of those things we no longer need and others to pick up a bargain. Good selling and shopping to all!"

**Defense preparedness group**— Lt. Gen. Malcolm O'Neill, director of the Defense Department's Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, is to address a dinner meeting of the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the American Defense Preparedness Association on April 27 at the Officers Club. He is to discuss changes to the BMDO organization and mission since the Bottom Up Review. A social begins at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:30. Tickets are \$20 per person. For reservations call Carolyn Sorden 895-8767 or Peggy Williams 895-8649.

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'91 Geo Storm GSI, black, 5 speed, air, book \$7000, \$6100 obo. 880-1160.

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'89 Cutlass Supreme Brougham, new paint, engine, carburetor, all parts new, 2000 miles on new engine, \$2600 obo., 721-0614.

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'83 Honda Accord, 2 dr., 5 spd., 1 owner, 113K miles, good condition, \$1800, (205) 586-0315.

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'80 Cadillac Fleetwood, 29K miles, \$10,900 obo., 837-4262 after 5 pm.

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'89 182 Caravelle Glasstream, I/O 175 HP Mercuriser, walk-through windshield, ski and safety equipment, \$6,900 obo., 828-7972 after 5 pm.

**Jimmy Buffet, Nashville,** April 26, Starwood, 3 lawn seats, \$40 obo., 883-4688, leave message.

**Kenmore washer and dryer,** heavy duty 70 series, white, good condition, \$200 for both, 883-0282.

**Macintosh Performa 550,** 5 mb RAM, 160mb HD, CD ROM, much built in software, used 5 months, perfect condition, \$1,400, 534-9607.

**Men's mountain bike,** 10 speed Roadmaster, 26"x1.75, brand new, \$79. Electric trimmer/edger by Craftsman, 12" cut, speed, heavy duty, bump speed, \$39, 883-6951.

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'90 Dynasty boat, 19'cuddy, I/O V-6 Mercuriser 175 HP, marine radio, depth finder, sunbathing deck, sleeps 2, full canvas, 859-2963.

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**Prom dresses,** 2 latest styles, size 12/14, one short, blue-green; one long, pink and black, reasonable, 828-0730 after 6 pm.

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Maj. Gen. James Link, the post commander, and Col. Stephen Moeller, deputy post commander, are very supportive of environmental management and awareness, Fields said. The 33-member directorate

was formed last November. Fields hopes to see a filled auditorium of up to 700 attendees at the upcoming seminar.

Plans include a seminar for midlevel managers and other workers in late summer, additional local courses, and a training database. The institute is working with the Army Environmental Training Support Center to develop cost-effective training. "Our goal is to get at least 50 pounds of training in a 5-pound sack," Holton said.

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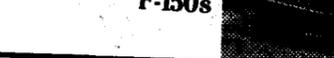
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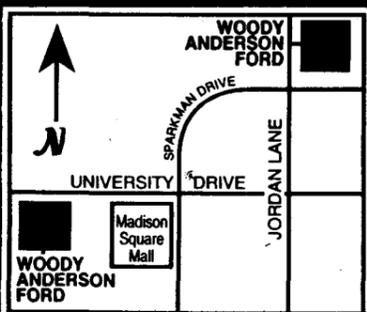
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