



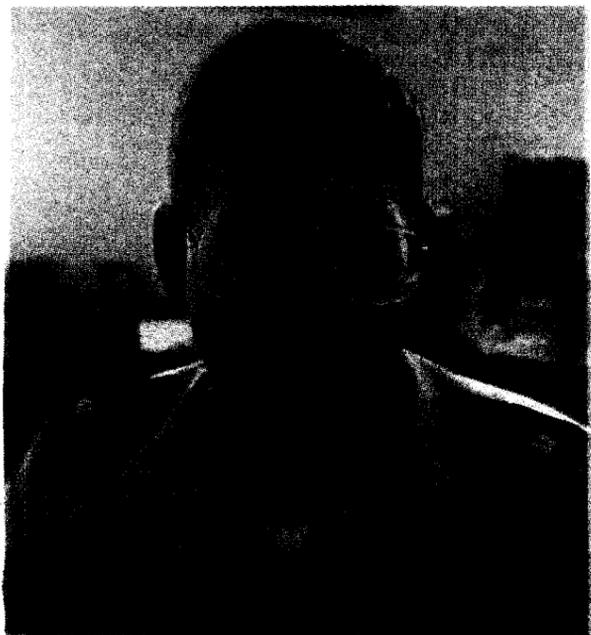
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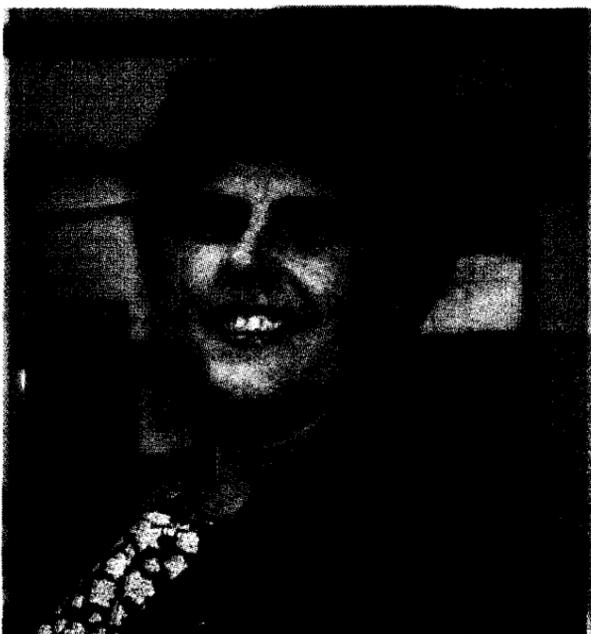
Redstone Arsenal honors its volunteers of the year



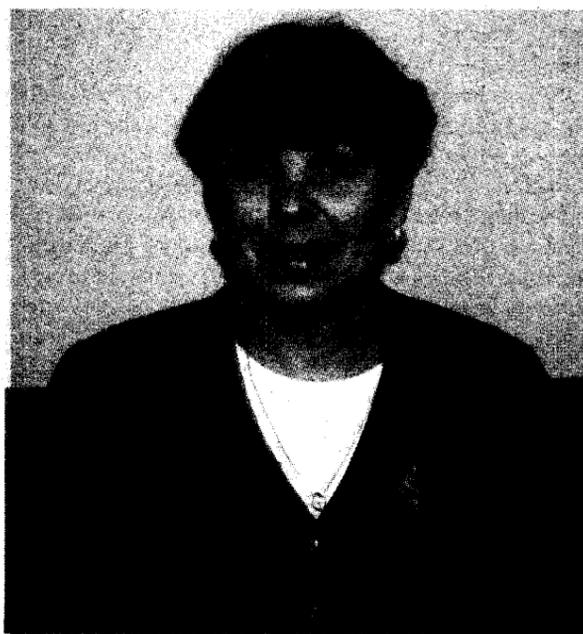
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By Skip Vaughn

The volunteers who support Redstone Arsenal agencies and organizations will be honored at an annual luncheon April 25.

National Volunteer Week is April 23-29. Redstone's four volunteers of the year, and other honorees, will be recognized during the luncheon scheduled 11 a.m. April 25 at the Officers Club. Cost is \$6.60. For reservations call Sarah Brazzel of the Missile Command's Protocol Office 876-7136.

The volunteers of the year for 1994-95 include Maj. David Veech, service to youth volunteer award; Beryl Cutts, Redstone Arsenal mili-

tary community sustained service award; Marjorie Hoffman, military community sustained service award; and Deborah Howell, community service involvement award.

They will represent Redstone at the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award Ceremony at noon April 24 in the Von Braun Civic Center, north hall. Additionally, the Officers Wives Club will be recognized as the outstanding group of the year for Redstone Arsenal. For more information on the Golden Rule luncheon, call Sue Paddock 876-9675.

Other community honorees include James Allred, Deborah Behel, Stephen Bruens, Albert Farrar Sr., Diana Hooper, Bill Kerlin, Alexis

McCullors, Yvonne Quantock and Maureen Sumera.

Here are profiles on the volunteers of the year:

Maj. David Veech

Veech, chairman of the Education Committee at Army Community Service, didn't waste time assuming that volunteer role. He arrived at Redstone in August 1992 and went to his first meeting as chairman that September. Veech also serves as assistant coach of his daughter's soccer team at Redstone.

"When I got here Scott Wilson, who was the chairman then, was fix-

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Others recognized for their voluntary contributions

Besides the Volunteer of the Year award recipients, the following will also be recognized April 25 for their service to the Redstone community:

- **James Allred**— For over 10 years of service to the Post Chapel and the Redstone community in the areas of organizing and staffing a lay leadership program; for leadership in the music ministry; assistance in maintaining an award-winning flower garden; for the organization and execution of innumerable fellowship dinners and single-soldier suppers; and support of the annual Food Basket Program.
- **Deborah Behel**— For numerous volunteer contributions to the Redstone community as a volunteer of the Officers Wives Club from January 1992 to April 1995. Most notable are volunteer time and commitment in assisting with the implementation of the Army Family Team Building Program at Redstone in 1994.
- **Stephen Bruens**— For volunteer contributions as Cub Scout Pack 234 committee chairman. Although this past year had an excessively large turnover of adult leadership, Bruens' initiative and professionalism were instrumental in developing and scheduling the 1994-95 Pack events and turning the program into a success.
- **Albert Farrar Sr.**— For more than 10 years of voluntary contributions to the Bicentennial Chapel and the Huntsville community. Farrar is recognized for 10 years of faithful service as an usher and layreader. Most noteworthy, for the past four years, his singlehanded efforts in promoting a Sunday School class for inner city eighth-grade youth have an immeasurable impact.
- **Diana Hooper**— For numerous contributions to military communities for more than 25 years. Serving in multiple roles at Redstone, her voluntary efforts in support of the Officers Wives Club, the Thrift Shop, Williams Elementary School, the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School's wives' support group, and Girl Scout activities are commendable.
- **William Kerlin**— For seven years of dedication and support of the Redstone Arsenal Outdoor Recreation Program and his team approach in promoting sportsmanship, assisting with the hunting seasons, and promoting safety and care of equipment.
- **Alexis McCullors**— For her unselfish devotion to the Redstone Arsenal Girl Scout Program. Through her voluntary efforts as a troop leader, troop organizer, troop consultant, troop cookie captain, she has contributed greatly in support of the young women in this community.
- **Yvonne Quantock**— For 25 years of service to the American Red Cross Bloodmobile Program. As chairperson of the Redstone Arsenal Bloodmobile Volunteer Program, she has been instrumental in recruiting, training, scheduling and coordinating effective blood drives for the community.

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Letters to the editor

Commander's letter: Volunteer Week

This year, the week of April 23-29 is proclaimed as National Volunteer Week. The national theme is "Volunteer, Because Change is Possible." Accordingly, here at Redstone Arsenal, we take time to recognize and honor our volunteers who provide valuable contributions to our community.

Volunteers have traditionally served as the backbone of support for community welfare and service to the military family. They all have a common goal—the desire to lend a helping hand.

We must never overlook the invaluable service that is given so freely by volunteers in the Redstone Arsenal community. They bring our local agencies a diversity of knowledge, skills and abilities that greatly benefit our soldiers and families.

On behalf of the entire Redstone Arsenal community, I am proud to recognize our volunteers as a vital element of this community, and call upon all personnel to take this opportunity to thank volunteers for their continued support.

Maj. Gen. James Link
Commander,
MICOM and Redstone

Travel services

This is in response to Beverly Overman's letter in the Redstone Rocket, April 5, subject: Travel Process. Ms. Overman's basic concern is the removal of the satellite ticket printers (STPs) that were provided by the previous commercial travel office (CTO), SatoTravel.

Effective March 27, SatoTravel was replaced by Carlson Wagonlit Travel as the installation's CTO. This date marked the first time that travel services at Redstone Arsenal were being provided by a contractor. For approximately 30 years, SatoTravel provided this service in accordance with a memorandum of understanding between the Air Transport Association and the Department of Army. The SatoTravel office also provided the STPs as a courtesy when the airlines stopped our courier from delivering tickets to the Huntsville International Airport. It should be noted that this extra service was at no cost to SatoTravel due to their ownership by the airlines. Carlson Wagonlit operates as a travel agency with no direct ties with the airlines; therefore, any STP cost would have to be absorbed by Carlson. As an alternative to providing STPs, Carlson has established a courier run that provides daily ticket delivery to all previous STP locations.

The commanding officer, Military Traffic Management Command, has been made aware of the STP situation at Redstone Arsenal. He has confirmed that there are no provisions in the contract for the CTO to provide such equipment.

During the first few days of the contract, problems regarding timely delivery of tickets surfaced by some organizations. Carlson now believes that these problems have been identified, resolved, and a more efficient courier service is in place.

Since our travel services are now being provided by a contractor, a contracting officer's representative from the Transportation Office has been appointed to monitor the performance of the CTO and report directly to the contracting officer located at Military Traffic Management Command, Falls Church, Va. Any complaints regarding service provided by Carlson Wagonlit should be reported to Margie Wallace, 876-1718, or sent to the Transportation Office, Attn: Ms. Wallace, building 111.

Col. Stephen Moeller
Deputy post commander

Secretaries week

Just a little reminder to supervisors and co-workers of secretaries and clerical personnel: Secretaries' Week is April 24-28. May I suggest this year in addition to the customary flowers and luncheon that you further recognize this employee as a valued member of your team by (1) Letter of Thanks, (2) Letter of Appreciation, or (3) On-the-Spot Cash Award.

Name withheld by request

Secretary power

If I was given a dollar for each time I have heard the phrase "Oh, she is just a secretary," chances are I would have a pretty substantial savings account. When I was a secretary those words angered me, now that I am not it angers and frustrates me. The frustration comes from not being able to portray to those who make the statement the significance of not using "just" and "secretary" in the same sentence.

With Secretaries' Week being just around the corner, I begin to ponder once again the correct terms to use to put the bearer of those words into their proper place. Maybe I can use this analogy: Envision the doctor in the delivery room cooing to a newborn baby as it is separated from the birth canal, "Don't worry about the place we have just removed you from, you will do just fine on your own, that was just your mother." Ha! Where would we be without her?

Maybe you require further explanation. One thing I am certain of: If I use just in the same sentence as secretary, it is because I just can't find the words to tell a secretary how much they are appreciated and needed in the workplace. After all, secretaries are just the super glue that holds the organization together. They are just the person you go to when you need assistance to complete that very important project that you will get all of the credit for completing in just the nick of time. The secretary is just the person you do not want to be absent when you are hosting a major conference. If you doubt the relevance of my statement, just give the secretary the day off the next time there is a high-visibility project going on in the office. Just this one time, try it. Oh, by the way if you want to continue to label them as just secretaries, one day when your curiosity is flowing, just ask your executive director, center chief, division chief, branch chief what their job once was and you just might hear them say, "Just a secretary!"

Never underestimate the possibility of a good secretary. She might one day be just your boss! And, if she is not, she will still be just as special. Remember, in today's workplace we receive information using a variety of communication devices. Whether it is via telephone, mail or computer, it is generally processed in through a secretary. An office reputation may be incumbent upon the way its secretary handles that information. So, if a secretary never reaches the position of upper management, she is still in a position of considerable power! Do not worry, a good secretary is much too professional to use that power in a self-serving demeanor.

If by chance you still do not understand the significant role the secretary plays in the workplace, chances are you probably cannot see, hear, feel, read or write. Modern technology has not created any type of device to communicate with such people, so it would be a waste of my time to continue to try.

For all of those wonderful secretaries (all genders included), I wish you the best. My hat is off to you not just for this short span your importance is celebrated, but for each day of the year. Happy Secretaries' Week! Contrary to what anyone might tell you, they have not come close to discovering the "chip" to install in any computer that will take the place of you!

Bernadine G. Jackson
LOGSA

Tax service

I would like to thank the ACS Tax Assistance team for the hours of work that they put into my complicated income tax return, especially Capt. Estes. They saved me many hours and dollars! The service that these fine folks provide is great!

Pam Clark
MEDDAC

Army brat

(Editor's note: The following poem, titled "An Army Brat's Life Schedule," was written by Lindsay Ford, a sophomore at Grissom High School. Lindsay, 16, is the daughter of Col. and Mrs. Charles K. Ford. She moved to Huntsville in February from Springfield, Va.)

I'd like to introduce myself,
I'm an Army brat and proud
And since my birth,
I've traveled the Earth
In cars and planes through clouds.

We're a very special breed, indeed
If I do say so myself
And every few years
We wipe our tears
Pack up and move with stealth.

Excitement fills our early years
New places, friends, and things
Distant lands,
friendly hands,
And memories they bring.

Once we hit our teen-age years
Things get a little bit tough
To leave good friends,
Start over again,
And many smiles to bluff.

We really are no secret
No extra legs or arms
Just normal kids
Born amid
The American Forces Armed.

We're proud of our moms and dads
Who serve to keep this country free
And everyday
I hope and pray
That courage will rub off on me.

It's hard to be an Army brat
To never know your fate.
You could move to Kentucky
Or, if you're lucky,
Germany or the Golden Gate.

In the Bible, I believe there should be
An added scriptural plus
God created Earth all in one day
But heaven forbid he had time to play,
It took the other six days to make us.

Our putty side makes us adaptable
Our rubber side helps us bounce back
We've got pure clear eyes
And wide-open minds
Passports and Visas a stack.

Now I've never known another life
Been an Army brat since birth
But, as I look back
You can count on the fact
I wouldn't trade it for anything on Earth.

Lindsay Ford

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Secretary of Army expects aviation move to happen

By Skip Vaughn

The Army's recommendation to transfer aviation jobs to Redstone will receive careful consideration from the BRAC Commission, according to the secretary of the Army.

During his visit April 12, Togo West told the local news media that he personally expects the move to happen but can make no guarantees. The move of more than 2,300 civilian workers to Redstone from St. Louis is among the Defense Department's recommendations to the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

"I have some expectation that most of what the Army has recommended will get accepted but no I won't assume that the BRAC Commission won't make its

own judgments," West said. If the closure of Army Aviation-Troop Command (ATCOM) in St. Louis occurs, the consolidation of the Army's missile and aircraft teams at Redstone could begin next summer and be mostly done within two years.

The Army will continue to evaluate its infrastructure for possible reductions. "It's part of our contract with America," West said. "I expect that we will continue to review."

Asked about the possibility of further transfers to Redstone, West declined to predict the future. "Obviously there are some positions coming to Alabama from ATCOM. Whether there'll be additional decisions after that, it's a little too early to tell," he said.

West addressed about 460 people at the Officers Club



ARMY LEADER— West addresses a luncheon for the local chapters of ASMC and AUSA.

for a combined luncheon of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) and the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA). He thanked this community for its "warm support" of the Army.

He gave an update on Army recruiting, training and modernization. "In the area of finding and recruiting our soldiers, we are doing quite well," West said. "We have had the

third best year in recruiting our soldiers in the United States Army in our history."

The price, however, is on the stress placed on recruiters who have had to work harder to make their goals, according to West.

"I can report the Army is the best trained force in the world," he said, adding that training funds which faced possible reductions last fall have been restored.

The status of near-term readiness is good, but modernization is another story, according to West. "The fact is the biggest concern we will have for the Army tomorrow, and the day after that, is modernization," he said.

Challenges facing the Army include finding better ways to do business, the concern for modernization, and quality of life for soldiers and their families.

West said the Army should not have to choose between force structure and modernization. "How can you ask a parent which child to give up," he asked.

"The quality, the sincerity of our advocacy on behalf of modernization can have an effect," West said. "I expect that we will continue to say: Army modernization must no longer be the stepchild of DoD planning, scheduling and funding."

America's Army is the ninth largest in the world and the security of this nation does not rely solely on technology, according to West. He said its edge over other armies includes the quality soldiers, their training and American technology. "The bottom line is the integrity, the competence of our individual soldier," he said.

Proposal would change retirement federal benefits

WASHINGTON— Federal civilian workers will pay more to their pension fund and the number of years used to calculate retirement benefits will increase if a bill adopted by the House of Representatives becomes law.

The changes in federal pensions are in the Tax Fairness and Deficit Reduction Act (H.R. 1215) passed by the House last week.

It will be considered by the Senate following the Easter congressional recess.

The changes affect both retirement systems for federal workers, the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) for workers hired before 1984 and the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) for those hired after 1984.

Under the proposed new law, federal

workers' contributions to their pensions increase by 2.5 percentage points over three years: 1.5 percent in 1996; .5 percent in 1997 and .5 percent in 1998. The rate for workers under CSRS increase to a cap of 9.5 percent of salary and for employees under to FERS to a cap of 3.3 percent. Agency contributions into CSRS increase by a total of 3 percent over three years since

agencies generally must match employee retirement contributions under CSRS.

Under current law, employees' highest three years of pay are used to calculate their annuities. Under the proposed new law, in 1996 the highest paid four years of employees' federal service would be used to calculate their annuities and in 1997 and beyond, the highest paid five years would be used.

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ACAP Job Fair invites job seekers

Transitioning workers can meet potential employers Thursday

If you are a soldier or civilian who is leaving government service or the family member of such a person, the Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) has just the place for you to be on Thursday.

It's ACAP's Job Fair, designed to bring prospective employers together with quality workers. The ACAP office says it has gone to great lengths to ensure that employers attending do in fact have jobs available.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the Officers Club. Attendees should dress appropriately and bring copies of their resumes.

The ACAP office provided the following advice for prospective attendees:

- Target the companies you are interested in networking with and research them prior to the event.
- Be well-groomed and in your business attire.
- Make sure the resumes you distribute are perfect.
- Appear enthusiastic and positive about your job search.
- Have your personal qualifications summary

memorized.

- Collect business cards of people you network with for future followup.
- Maintain a cheerful, friendly attitude toward all participants.
- After the event, try to jot down what you learned from each company representative.
- Write thank you letters to employers with whom you had contact.
- Continue networking through your new contacts.

Here is a list of companies and service organizations scheduled to participate in the Job Fair:

— Alabama National Guard, Alabama Department of Transportation, Alabama State Department of Education, Alabama Department of Revenue, Alabama State Employment Services, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Autozone Inc., Champion International Corporation, Compass Transportation, Lockheed Missiles and Space Company Inc., Non-appropriated Fund Activity, Office of Personnel Management, Raytheon Company, Summa Technology Inc., Tennessee Department of

Employment Security, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Vista Technology Inc.;

— SOS Temporary Services, Hibbett Sports, Federal Bureau of Investigation, First Alabama Bank, Team Source, Act Personnel, Tennessee Department of Corrections, CDI, Racetrac Petroleum, Amtronix, Mutual of Omaha, Infinity Technology, AMEX Long Term Care, Auburn University, City of Huntsville Police Department, City of Huntsville Fire Department, Woodmen of the World/Omaha Woodman, Food World, Cooperative Internship Program, Northrup Grumman, Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, J.B. Hunt, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Army Community Service, Managed Care Division, The Retired Officers Association, the University of Alabama, and the Civilian Personnel Office.

For more information, call the ACAP office 955-6490.



Open house...

Hundreds of Space and Strategic Defense Command and Redstone Arsenal workers toured a one-of-a-kind aircraft at the Redstone Airfield on April 13. The Airborne Surveillance

Testbed, operated by SSDC, is a modified Boeing 767 which carries one of the world's most sophisticated infrared sensors in an 85-foot-long cupola atop the airplane.

Redstone Federal Credit Union participates in fund-raiser

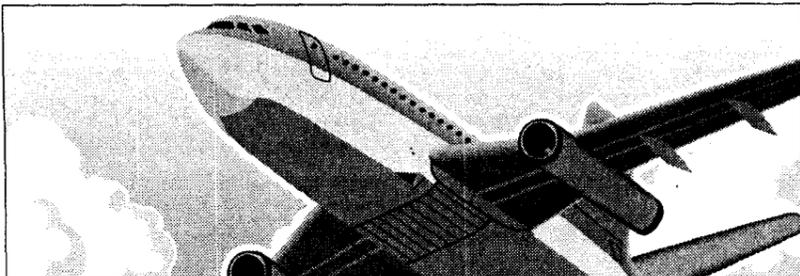
Redstone Federal Credit Union, based in Huntsville, participated in the 10th annual Junior Achievement Bowl-a-Thon. RFCU's employees enthusiastically bowled Sunday, March 5 at Parkway Lanes. Each participant agreed to raise at least \$25 for Junior Achievement. The Com-

munity Service Committee, made up of RFCU employees, is proud to announce that \$2,334.31 was raised by a total of 58 bowlers.

The Junior Achievement Bowl-a-Thon is an annual fund-raising event where participants raise money from sponsors, compete for prizes and have a great time

bowling. Funds raised through the Bowl-a-Thon support JA's economic education program, provided to young people in K-6th, 8th and 12th grades in the Huntsville City/Madison County and Arab School systems. (RFCU news release.)

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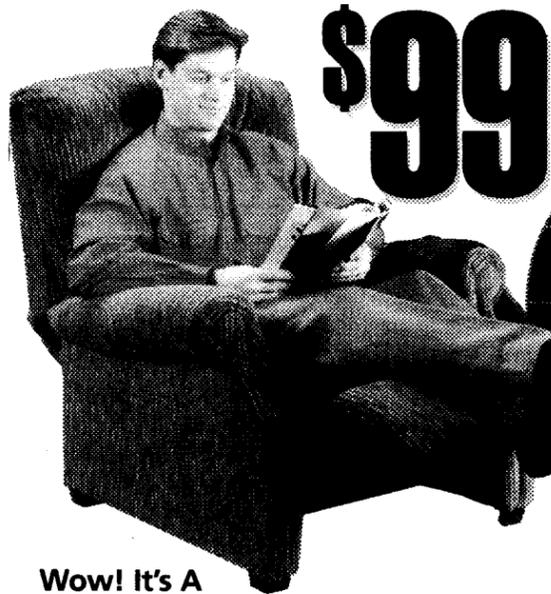
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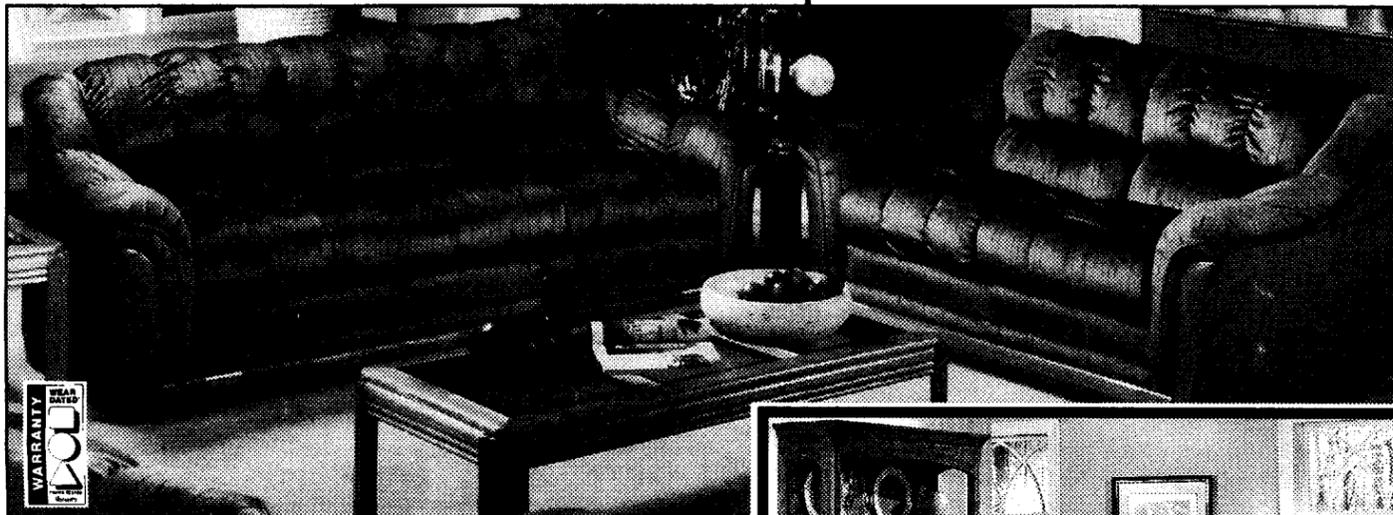
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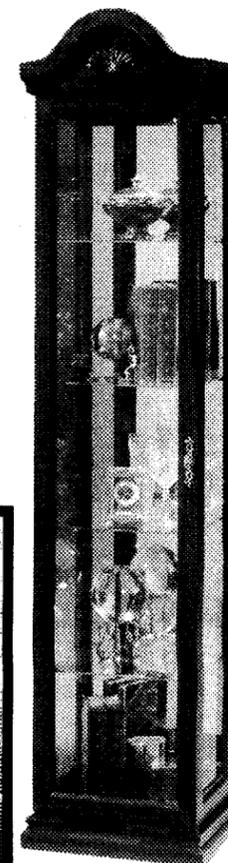


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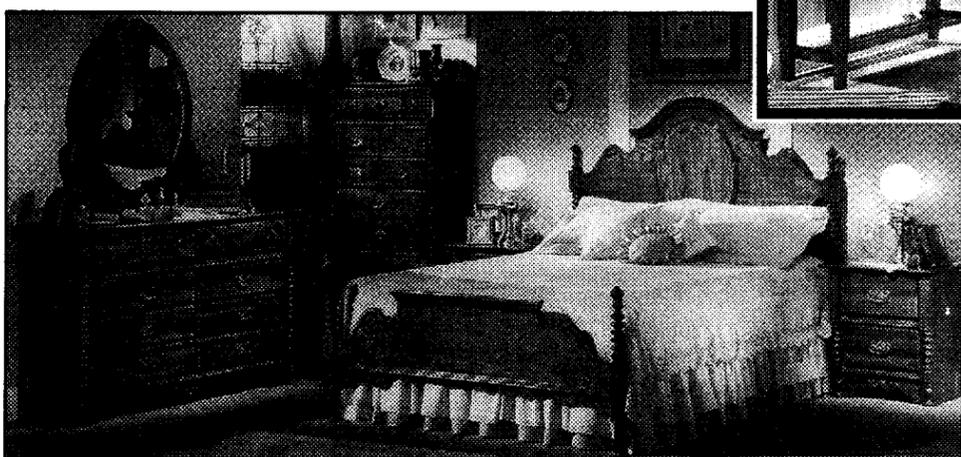
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Tactical missile maintenance consolidates under BRAC

By Jesse Price

BRAC 1995 is upon us. The Department of Defense made its recommendations to the Base Realignment and Closure 1995 Commission in February. Those recommendations include moving Tactical Missile Consolidation (TMC) from Letterkenny Army Depot to Tobyhanna Army Depot, moving the artillery workload from Letterkenny to Anniston Army Depot, and closing Red River Army Depot, Texas. The track vehicle workload at Red River is recommended to move to Anniston.

The BRAC Commission will present its recommendations to the president and Congress by July. The president can request the Commission to reconsider its recommendations once. But in the end, the Commission's plan will become law unless the president or Congress rejects the entire package. Meanwhile the BRAC Commission is holding hearings on various proposals, giving local communities the opportunity to state their cases and possibly reverse the recommendations.

Since Oct. 14, 1993, when the last BRAC Commission's recommendations became law, MICOM and

the Tactical Missile Consolidation Joint Services Working Group have been working to direct the repair of all DoD tactical missiles to Letterkenny. Bound by BRAC '93 Law until such time as it is superseded by BRAC '95 Law, TMC continues at Letterkenny. Consolidation problems, inherent in a multiservice consolidation of this magnitude, are systemic and will remain the same regardless of which depot is selected in BRAC '95.

As of Feb. 1, thirteen Army systems, including the Air-to Air Stinger, Avenger, Army Tactical Missile System, Multiple Launch Rocket System, Hellfire, Dragon, TOW 2, Stinger, TOW Cobra, TOW Bradley, Patriot, LCSS, and Shillelagh, have been identified for transition to Letterkenny.

Interservice systems identified to transition to Letterkenny include the Air Force's Maverick, Standard, Sidewinder and Harm Advanced Medium Air-to-Air Missile; the Navy's Sparrow, Phoenix and Sidewinder. The Marine Corps' only system identified to transition is the Hawk from the Marine Corps Base at Barstow, Calif.

There are a total of 21 systems scheduled to move

to Letterkenny from other depots. Over half of them have already moved, saving millions of dollars in contract costs.

Army's Avenger and ATAS missile systems have placed more than 50,000 hours of work at Letterkenny in fiscal 1994. Other Army systems in place either partially or totally at Letterkenny include Hawk, Patriot, LCSS, Shillelagh, TOW Cobra, TOW BFVS, and Dragon.

Jesse Price, of Integrated Materiel Management Center TMC Office, was the keynote speaker at the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony at Letterkenny for TOW BFVS and Dragon systems' successful maintenance program transition to Letterkenny.

All four base-closing rounds of 1988, 1991, 1993 and 1995 will generate annual savings of about \$6 billion by the end of this decade. Those savings are "absolutely crucial" to DoD and William Perry, Defense secretary, who plans to increase spending on weapons modernization late in the decade, said the Pentagon Feb. 28.

According to the same press release, this is the last round of closings authorized in the current law, but



RIBBON CUTTING— Cutting the ribbon are Col. James Fairall, commander of Letterkenny Army Depot, and Price, MICOM Tactical Missile Consolidation representative. The ribbon cutting launched the TOW BFVS and Dragon maintenance program transition to

Letterkenny. Attending the Feb. 10 ceremony were Pennsylvania State Rep. Jeff Coy, Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce president David Sciamanna and Franklin County Commission Chairman Sam Worley.

Perry said he probably will ask Congress to OK another round of BRAC in three or four years in order to assure installation cuts match military personnel cuts which are at 21 percent and 33 percent respectively.

The IMMC TMC Office will attend the next Joint Services Work Group meeting, May 2-3 at Chambersburg, Pa. It will be the last

meeting before the BRAC '95 Commission makes its final recommendation announcement, July 1. This office will continue to update the MICOM Community on BRAC

Tactical Missile Consolidation activities.

(Editor's note: Price is action officer in the Integrated Materiel Management Center's Tactical Missile Consolidation Office.)

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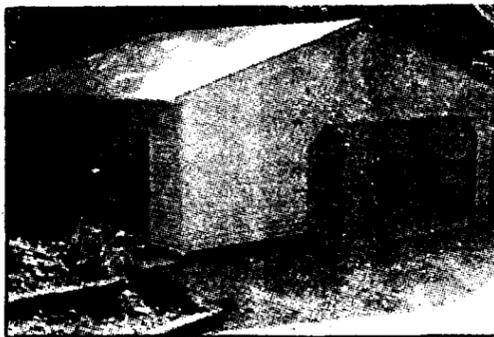
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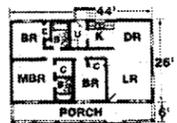
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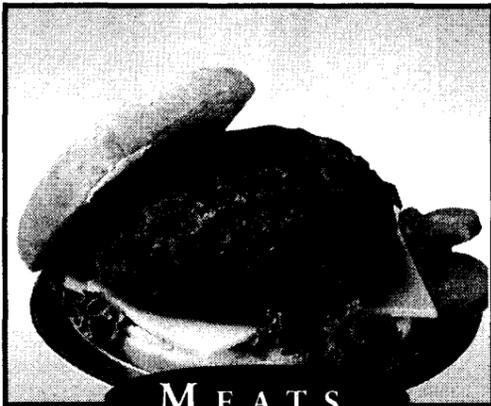
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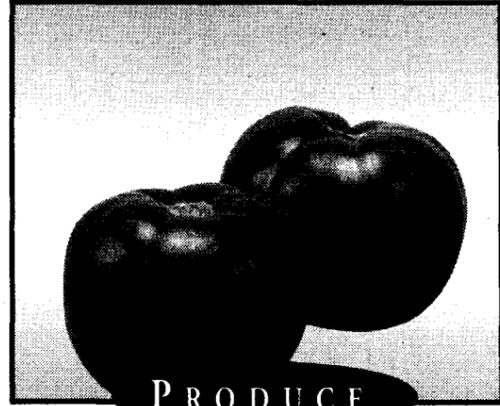
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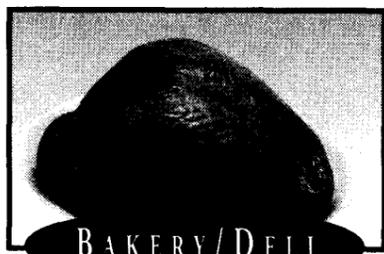
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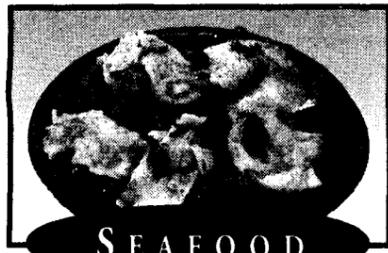
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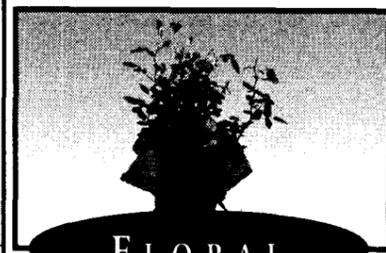
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Logistics reps among first JTAGS graduates



THE GRADUATES— This is the graduating class of JTAGS Operator and Maintainer Training Course. Street and Adkins are not pictured.

Norman Street and Robert Adkins, logistics assistance representatives from the Readiness Directorate of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, are among the first graduates of the Joint Tactical Ground Station (JTAGS) Operator and Maintainer Training Course.

JTAGS operators and maintainers graduated March 29 at the Loral Federal Systems Division facility in Boulder, Colo. Lt. Col. John Sweatman, deputy director of the JTAGS Program Office, presented training certificates to 14 enlisted soldiers and six civilians. Four govern-

ment agencies were represented by the class: Missile Command, Training and Doctrine Command, Army Space Command, and White Sands Missile Range.

The two-part training course consists of a six-week Defense Satellite Program class taught by the 533rd Crew Training Squadron of the Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., and a three-week JTAGS Operations and Maintenance class taught by Gencorp Aerojet Electronics Systems Division.

JTAGS is a transportable information processing and communications sys-

tem designed to detect in-theater tactical ballistic missile launches and other tactical events and disseminate early warning and cueing data to theater commanders.

It is a direct response to accuracy and timeliness deficiencies identified during Desert Storm. The system is currently in the engineering manufacturing and development phase of its life cycle and is undergoing developmental and operational tests at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. Five units are planned for deployment in fiscal 1997.

JTAGS is an Army-Navy joint interest program.

National union officer visits local AFGE chapter

A national union officer visited the Redstone chapter April 10 to plan a membership drive and install local officers.

Ken Blaylock, national vice president of AFGE 5th district, helped plan the membership drive scheduled July 10-21 for Local 1858 of the American Federation of Government Employees. About 15 people from the national office, including the union president, are to participate in the drive here.

"We want to add like a thousand more members to this Local," Blaylock said, referring to Local 1858 which has nearly 800 members.

The 5th district covers five southern states — Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida —and has 21,400 members. "That's a net gain of over 3,000 members in a little over two years," Blaylock said.

He installed the AFGE Local 1858 officers, the majority of whom were re-elected without opposition. The three elected April

10 included Raymond Washington, vice president for MICOM non-professional; Steve Dunham, sergeant-at-arms; and Bill Clemons, vice president for RASA.

James Brothers and 10 other Army workers were elected without opposition at the March 13 meeting to a second two-year term.

Brothers, an engineer at Space and Strategic Defense Command, was elected as president and will continue to serve as co-chairman of both the MICOM and SSDC Partnership Councils.

In addition to Brothers, four other SSDC workers were elected without opposition. They include Jerrell Justice, executive vice president; Connie Davis, secretary; Jack Remich, SSDC professional vice president; and Nancy Parker, SSDC non-professional vice president.

Six other Redstone workers were elected without opposition to top AFGE positions. They include Gilbert Wiley Orr, of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, assistant president; Jacqueline Shoulders, of



UNION LEADERS— Blaylock, left, confers with Brothers, president of Local 1858.

Defense Finance and Accounting Service, treasurer; Lee Chatman, AAFES vice president; Sandra Dargin, MEDDAC/DENTAC

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NCO Corps inductees challenged to set example

By Skip Vaughn

Fifteen soldiers became part of the backbone of the Army April 12 when they were officially inducted into the ranks of the NCO Corps.

The noncommissioned officers, all of whom had been promoted to sergeant in recent months, participated in the first NCO induction ceremony which is to become a quarterly event. "You are a noncommissioned officer, the backbone of the Army," stated the narrator of a 12-minute locally produced film which served as an introduction.

They raised their right hand and repeated the "Charge of the Non-commissioned Officer" as administered by CSM Ben Sunday, the post command sergeant major. "As a non-commissioned officer I accept the charge to observe and follow the orders and directions given by supervisors," the oath reads in part, "acting according to the laws, articles and rules governing the discipline of the Army, I will correct conditions detrimental to the

readiness thereof. In doing so I will fulfill my greatest obligation as a leader and thereby confirm my status as a noncommissioned officer."

Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, congratulated the NCOs for becoming part of an elite group. "You really are entering a small elite group of professional non-commissioned officers," Link said.

"You're now someone who's going to be called upon to make tough choices, to make hard decisions," he said. "You stand apart and you have to maintain a distance, a distance between yourself and your subordinates."

The commanding general advised the NCOs to do the things that will make them better soldiers. "You never stop learning, you never stop bettering yourself, you never become satisfied with the status quo, you never stop setting the example," he said.

Each NCO was presented a noncommissioned officer induction book and a



NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS— Among the 15 inductees are, from left, Sgt. Michael Shepherd, Sgt. Patricia Richards and Sgt. Loren Rains, all of Medical Command.

book titled "The Story of the Noncommissioned Officer Corps." After the afternoon ceremony, the NCOs were congratulated by the soldiers and civilians who attended the event held in the Sparkman Auditorium.

Sgt. Patricia Richards, of Medical Command, said her goal as an NCO is to "take care of my troops." She was

among eight Medical Command soldiers inducted into the NCO Corps.

"To ensure other people travel a smoother path than I have," said Sgt. Michael Nichols, of Medical Command, when asked his goal as an NCO.

Sgt. Christina Ellman, a MICOM soldier who works

at the Airfield, said her goal is "to make the best of the rest of my career, fulfill my potential, and perhaps become a drill sergeant."

The inductees included Richards, Nichols, Ellman; Sgt. Cyntanya Anderson of 74th Maintenance Battalion; Sgt. William Cotter of HHC 59th Ordnance

Brigade; Sgt. Michael Davidson, Sgt. Dean Dever, Sgt. Daniel Medina, Sgt. Loren Rains, Sgt. Michael Shepherd and Sgt. Mark Wells, all of Medical Command; Sgt. Brian Balega, Sgt. James Frye Jr., Sgt. Donnell Green and Sgt. Phyllis Herbin, all of MICOM.

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Weapon system may change future of tank warfare

Editor's note: This is the eighth in a series of articles on the weapon systems managed by Army project offices on Redstone Arsenal and in Huntsville.

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Line-of-Sight Anti-Tank (LOSAT) system is a dedicated anti-tank weapon system which provides a high volume of lethal, accurate fire at ranges exceeding tank main gun range.

"We think the LOSAT is the next generation anti-tank system," said Richard Paladino, acting project manager. "We like to think once this system is introduced to the world, it will help end tank warfare once and for all. The LOSAT is designed to destroy any tank it encounters."

The weapon system has undergone quite a few changes since its conception in 1989. "We started out with a stretch Bradley that carried 20 missiles. As a result of budget cuts the program was streamlined and we began using the existing Bradley," Paladino said.

The second generation LOSAT system has completed the advanced technology transition phase, a systems design phase and is currently in a technology demonstration phase which is scheduled to end in fiscal 1998.

The early-entry-force configuration of the system utilizes an Armored Gun System (AGS) chassis, Kinetic Energy Missile (KEM), and second generation Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR)/TV acquisition sensor.

The missile used by the LOSAT utilizes kinetic energy and does not contain a warhead or fuze. "The missile is relatively simple. It has only one moving part and it

destroys by pushing a penetrating rod through the target," Paladino said.

At first glance, one might not think a rod would be enough to stop a tank. But consider this: When the missile is shot from the turret, it travels at the rate of 5,000 feet per second. In other words it can travel one mile in the time it takes to say hello.

"With the missile traveling at that rate of speed, no matter what it hits, it is an assured kill. Kinetic energy and penetration are what destroys the target," Paladino said. The missile has a range in excess of four kilometers.

There will be two containers of six missiles each loaded into the turret, much like the Multiple Launch Rocket System. "Loading the missiles into the turret saves a considerable amount of time and permits reload much quicker than before," Paladino said.

LOSAT will also be utilizing a sophisticated fire control system. "The fire control system will allow the gunner to find and track up to three targets at the same time. Once the targets are located, the gunner will issue the launch consent and the computer will automatically guide the missile to the target," Paladino said.

"The advantage this brings is that once a missile is launched, the gunner can then immediately fire another round at the target he has already located," he said.

LOSAT will utilize a second generation FLIR with eight-inch optics, providing detection and recognition of the targets at ranges substantially beyond the required engagement range of the missile. "Using this system, LOSAT will be virtually undetectable," Paladino said. "We will be looking at heat images and not actively emitting any type signal to the enemy. They will



ANTI-TANK SYSTEM— LOSAT is designed to destroy any tank it encounters.

never know we are looking at them.

"Our vision of the LOSAT is that it will end tank warfare as we know it. I like to compare it to the 100 year war between Britain and France when a kinetic energy weapon ended armored warfare. That weapon was the crossbow," Paladino said. "Up until that point the soldiers wore personal armor. Once the crossbow was invented over 100,000 soldiers were lost on the battlefield and personal armor was never used again.

"We feel LOSAT will accomplish what the crossbow did over 500 years ago. We have a weapon that uses kinetic energy and can pierce any type of armor out there and they can't make it heavy enough for us not to defeat it," he said.

The LOSAT project office is staffed by three military people and 27 civilians, with Lt. Col. Jack Wolf as the deputy project manager.

"We have been affected by the downsizing, as everyone has, and are currently working with half the size of the team we had in 1991. I hated to see them go because we had a terrific bunch of people," Paladino said.

Effective Oct. 1, the LOSAT system will be merging with the CCAWS project office and will become one of their products. "We are having to do this because of the recent downsizing efforts, and will lose a few more people in the process," Paladino said.

Loral Vought Systems of Dallas is the prime contractor for the system.

Redstone dining facility wins AMC Connelly award

The military dining facility here is representing the Army Materiel Command in the annual Armywide competition for food service excellence.

Redstone Arsenal Support Activity Dining Facility won the 1994 AMC large garrison dining facility category in the Philip A. Connelly competition. It is among 11 large dining facilities competing for the Armywide annual

Connelly Award. "It's a good thing and we're always real proud when we can win AMC," said CWO 4 Paul Simmons, the installation food adviser. "We're trying real hard to win Army this year."

A three-man evaluation team from Fort Lee, Va., is visiting Redstone April 18-20. The 11 finalists for the Connelly award represent the major commands Army-

wide. Redstone was notified of its selection by AMC March 29.

The Connelly awards program was established March 23, 1968 to recognize excellence in the Army food service. The program is named

for the late Philip A. Connelly, former president of the International Food Service Executives Association, who was responsible for obtaining IFSEA sponsorship of the event.

"Much of the profession-

alism associated with today's Army food service program is a direct result of the Connelly competition and invaluable support provided by IFSEA," Simmons said. "The program's fringe benefits have caused

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Imaging procedure gives radiologists better view

By Kathy Harkleroad

Officials at Fox Army Community Hospital have found yet another way to save money and still provide state-of-the-art care for their patients. Beginning April 1, an agreement was made with Bio-Imaging of Huntsville that will ultimately realize a 50 percent savings in a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) procedure. The MRIs are then read by radiologists at FACH, saving the hospital even more.

"This has always been a dream of mine," said FACH radiologist Dr. Carole Levy, referring to the MRI reading capability. "I have always been interested in MRIs and have studied the procedure for quite a while. I am really excited we can now read the MRIs here."

Dr. Hillarie Saul, another FACH radiologist, echoed

those statements and said she was quite pleased to see the reading of the MRIs done at FACH. "Ideally we would like to have a unit here and have considered a mobile unit. But the cost is astronomical and the equipment wouldn't be as advanced as the one at Bio-Imaging," Saul said.

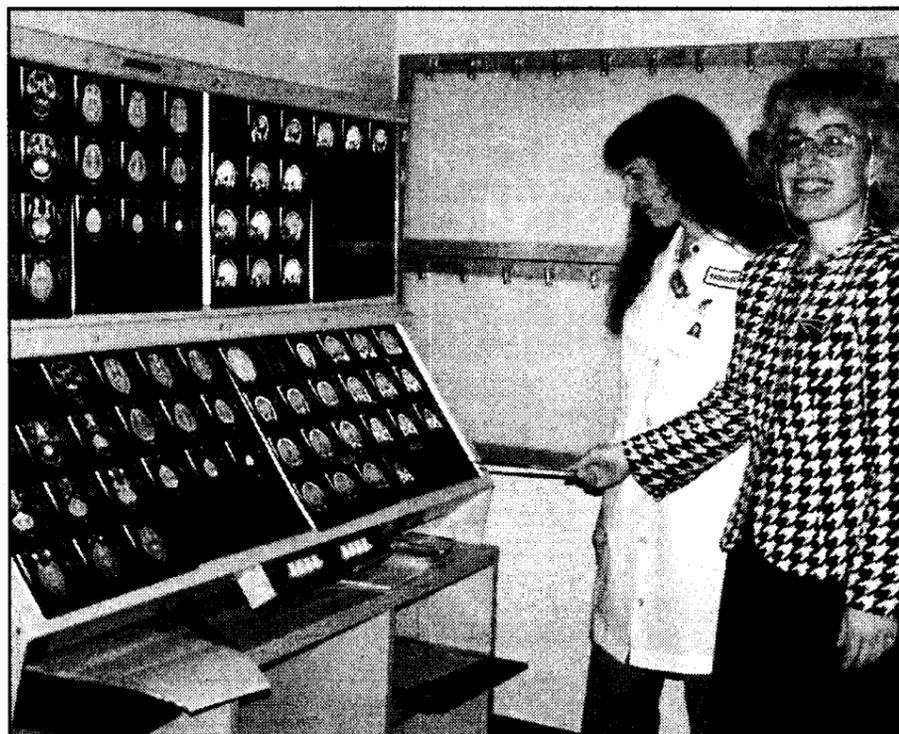
MRI, a non-radiation procedure, is more advanced than an X-ray. "With an MRI we are able to get a more complete look at certain parts of the body and can see blood vessels or abnormalities in greater depth," Levy said.

With an MRI physicians are able to view two types of images on three different planes, and when combined create somewhat of a three-dimensional effect. "We are seeing things (with the MRI) that might have been missed before, or found at a much later date," Levy said.

"The MRI is a definite advantage when it comes to specialized diagnoses."

According to Levy, the MRIs are limited to heads, three areas of the spine, and joints. "In the past we were unable to really get a good view of joints, and now with the MRI we are able to see 'slices' and different parts of the joint."

The MRI is an ordered procedure by the attending physician and is usually ordered when other means of diagnosis have failed. "The MRI is a safe procedure because dyes do not have to be injected into the body. As I mentioned before, it also allows the physician to find the cause of a patient's problem in a much quicker time frame. By the time an MRI has been ordered, the physician has gone through several different procedures trying to rule out the cause," Levy said.



MRI CAPABILITY— Patients of Fox Army Community Hospital can now have their MRIs read at the hospital vs. an outside source. Radiologists Dr. Hillarie Saul and Dr. Carole Levy are both trained in reading the advanced procedure and are both on staff at FACH. Levy, left, and Saul are pictured reading an MRI.

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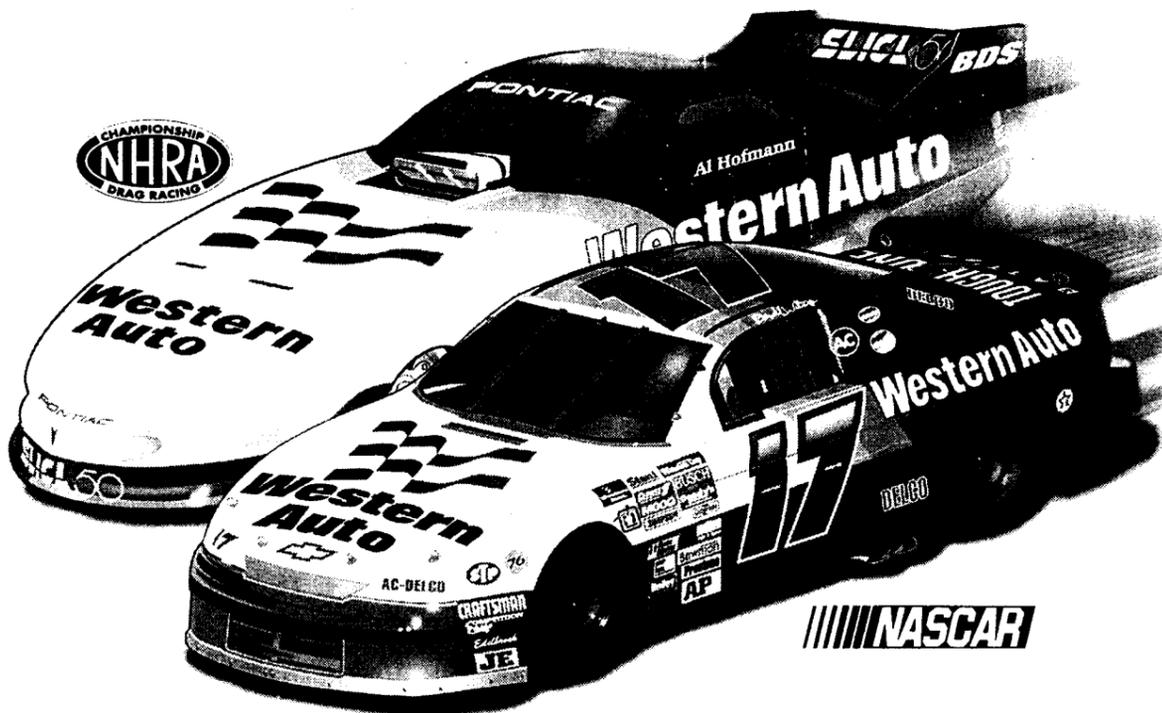
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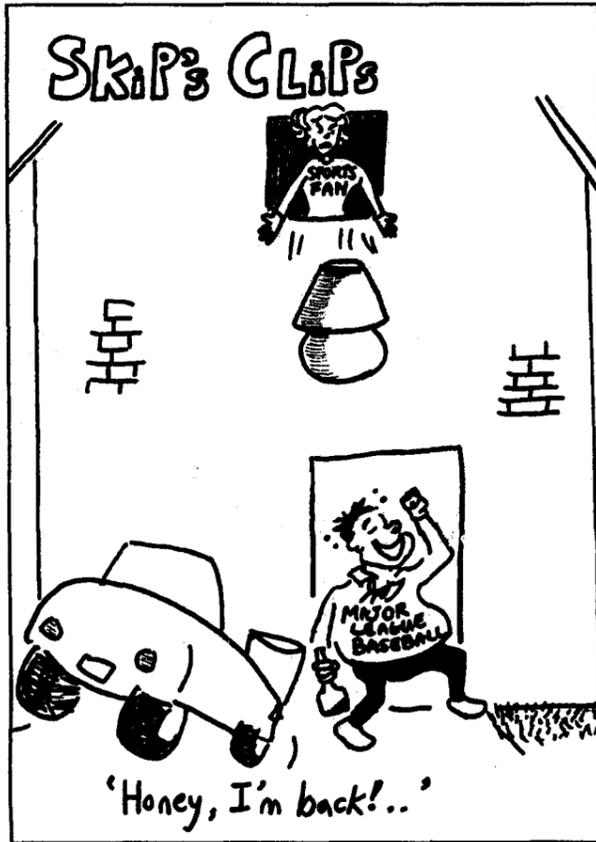
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AER fund-raising...

More than 100 participants teed off at the Redstone Golf Course in a tournament April 10. The fund-raiser was sponsored by the Integrated Materiel Management Center and proceeds ben-

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Bowling standings

Here are the standings for the Redstone Arsenal Intramural Bowling League as of April 11:

	Won	Lost
MI Detachment	451	299
Missile Maniacs	448.5	301.5
Sandbaggers	446	304
F Company MLRS	423	327
Readiness Grp-2	413	337
TMDE-1	410	340
Marines	407.5	342.5
TMDE-2	402.5	347.5
Master Blasters	392	358
Dilligaf	386.5	363.5
SHORAD-2	353	397
D Company-1	335	415
SHORAD-1	299	451
Hooters	277.5	472.5
D Company-2	265.5	484.5
Readiness Grp-1	260	490

200 games/600 series bowled April 11:

John Jarboe (Dilligaf)	232
Jeff Hilton (F Company MLRS)	225
Brian Long (Marines)	214, 205, & 615 series
Jeff Beasley (SHORAD-1)	207
Avery Hollifield (Missile Maniacs)	206 & 205
James Tillapaugh (Hooters)	202

Troop volleyball

Here are the troop volleyball standings as of April 13:

Eastern Division		
	W	L
NCO Academy	2	0
HHC 59th	2	0
A Company 832nd	2	1
C Company 832nd	1	2

Western Division		
	W	L
Marines	2	1
F Company 832nd	1	1
HHC MICOM	1	1
TMDE	1	2
MEDDAC	0	2

Motorcycle club members share hobby on the road

By Sandra Cartee

The Redstone Riders Motorcycle Club consists of motor enthusiasts who get together to share common interests, raise money for charity, and have fun riding together.

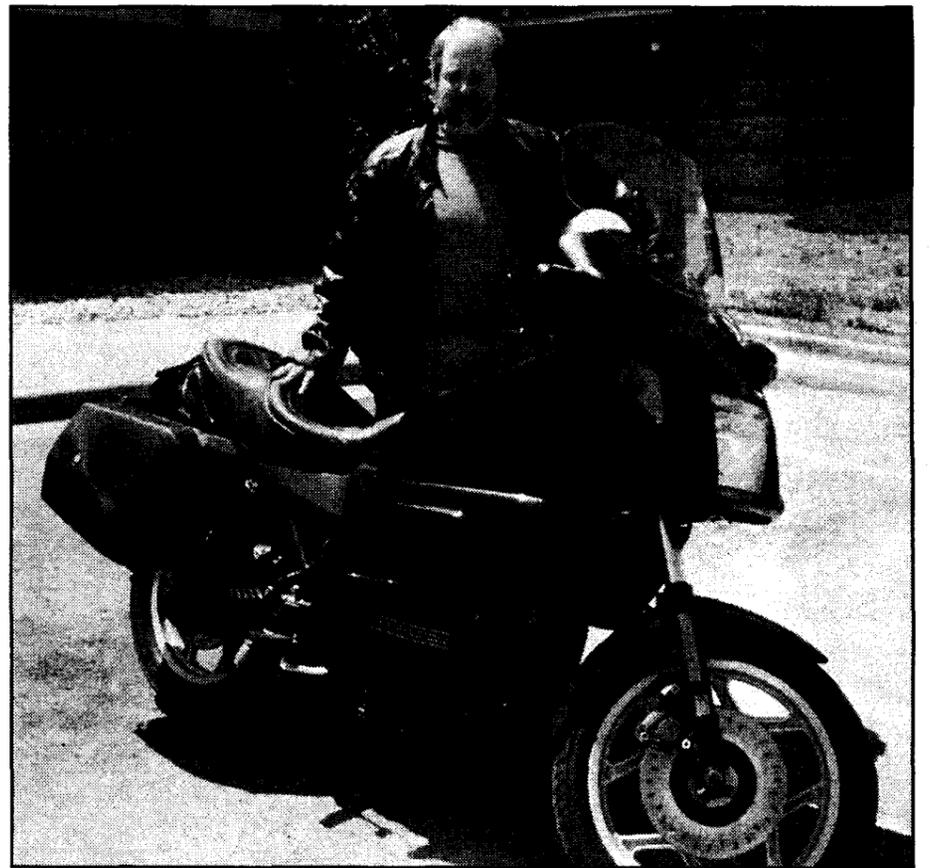
The club was founded in the mid-1970s on the Arsenal. "It was organized by people who worked on the Arsenal as civilians or military," said Jeff Stratton, the club president. Later the Redstone Riders grew and moved off post.

Of the 52 members, there is a wide range of occupations. "Some are retired military, some are engineers, and I feel that we represent the community fairly well," Stratton said.

The club is a leisure-type group where people share a common hobby. "We just enjoy a different kind of transportation. Some people don't like the wind blowing in their face (when riding a motorcycle), but we do." Their club motto sums up the idea with "good friends, good food, and great rides."

The only criteria for club membership is that you own a motorcycle. "That's what makes us different (than other clubs), we're not brand specific," Stratton said. Club members drive everything from touring type motors to dirt bikes. One lady even has a side car for her Harley Davidson.

The club believes that biker gangs are few and make up about 1 percent of motor enthusiasts. "It's a



BORN TO BE WILD?— Stratton believes that he and the Redstone Riders aren't a wild type motorcycle club like one would see in the movies. He says that it's more of a leisure type group and they just like to get together and have fun.

sport, not a criminal activity," Stratton explained. He said that sometimes they may receive snide comments from onlookers, but in most cases they get compliments. "I've ran into more people that like my bike than not."

"Motorcyclists do a lot of good things for the community," Stratton said. They just recently held their annual rally and raised \$1,100 for the National Children's Advocacy Center. This money will be used to send some needy

children to camp this summer.

The group also gets together to go on rides. They travel to conventions and other fund-raisers during the year. One road trip will be this Memorial Day weekend when the club will ride to Kentucky for a national rider rally.

Other rides are more simple and Stratton said that there's a run almost after every meeting. "Sometimes we'll go on ice cream runs and ride real far away to get

ice cream," he said.

The club meets every Saturday informally at the Burger King in Madison at 9 a.m. "A ride will usually develop from that," Stratton said. Anyone with a motorcycle is welcome to attend and there are no club fees.

The club is always looking for new members and anyone interested can call Johnny Johnston, the membership coordinator, at 536-0278. For more information, call Stratton 722-9378.

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Personal flotation devices save lives

Safe Boating Week starts a week before Memorial Day Weekend. National Safe Boating Week will run May 20-26 (Saturday through the following Friday) this year.

This year's message is "It won't work if you don't wear it! Life Jackets save lives."

The second message is designed as a summer reminder and will put special emphasis on the Fourth of July. This message is personal flotation devices and kids.

The third message will be designed for Labor Day and autumn on-the-water activities, which many people overlook. The emphasis will be life jacket use for hunters and fall anglers.

As of May 1, boats under 16 feet must have one wearable life jacket, or personal flotation device, for each person aboard, under new rules issued by U.S. Coast Guard. Under the new regulation, a "throwable" personal flotation device, such as a buoyant cushion, will no longer qualify for the carriage requirement.

Life jackets have been saving lives for generations. They've been saving lives for nearly 150 years, but nobody ever gave them an award for heroism. Yet, thousands of people have given them credit and provided all the proof necessary that show they do the job for which they are designed.

They're personal flotation devices, life preservers or life jackets (with emphasis on the word life), and they've been in the forefront of life saving since way back in 1852. It was on Oct. 30 of that year when Congress passed the first requirement that passenger steamboats on the nation's rivers carry a float or life preserver for every passenger aboard.

During National Safe Boating Week and while participating in activities on the water, remember the importance of life jackets.

(Editor's note: This article was written by Chuck Johnston of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.)

Coast Guard Auxiliary provides services to Redstone community

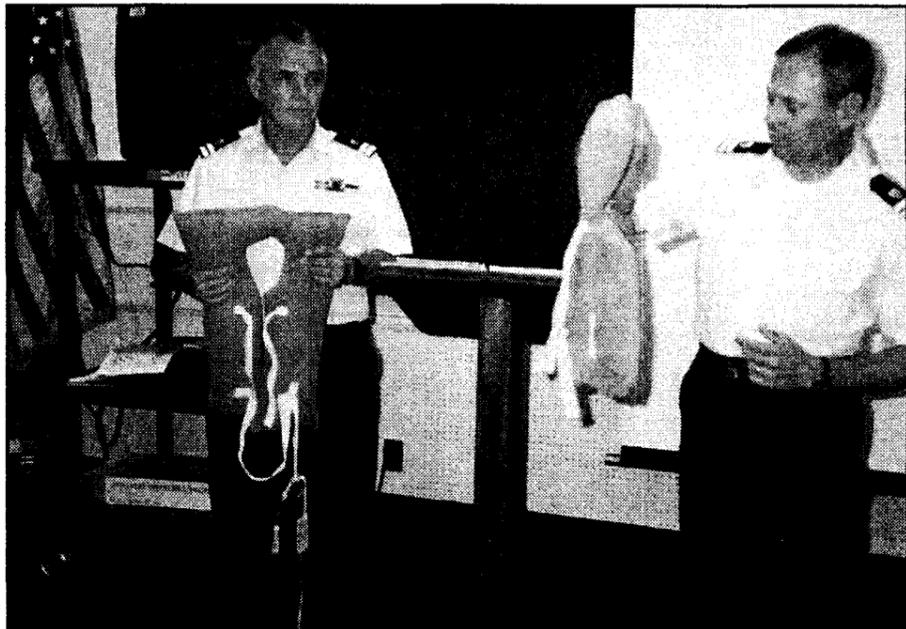
By Sandra Cartee

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has a Redstone Flotilla (or division) which not only performs safety patrols of area waters, but provides many education services to soldiers, civilians, and anyone interested in boating and water safety.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and operates solely on volunteer manpower. Many members of the Redstone Flotilla are retired military and get satisfaction by helping boaters. Ages range from college students to seniors, all with a common interest: safety on the water.

Patrolling the Tennessee River from the Interstate 65 bridge up to Ditto Landing is one aspect of this flotilla's job. "There's a personal satisfaction in assisting the general public. When you see a stranded boater floating down the river and they're waving because of a problem, they're relieved to see you and you tow them to safety," said Tom Kunhart, the flotilla commander and a retired colonel. They assist many capsized boats, boaters who've run out of gas, or even instances when boats have caught on fire, he said.

The flotilla conducts these safety patrols on Saturdays, Sundays, and holiday weekends during prime boating season. Although they have no law enforcement authority, the flotilla does work in cooperation with the Marine Police in preventing speeding, boaters driving under the influence of alcohol and many other violations. Many of the members are husband and wife teams and everyone has completed a Red Cross first aid course and is equipped to recover people from the water.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION— Guard Auxiliary. Chuck Johnston, left, and Kunhart teach a boating and water safety is a class at building 3505 on post. major function of the Coast

Courtesy marine examinations are also provided by the 23-member team. They inspect vessels and ensure that state and federal safety regulations are being met on board and then issue a free decal if everything is in order.

While one would assume that river patrol was the biggest part of the Coast Guard Auxiliary team, education plays a larger role. "We think that the Huntsville area is safer (on the river) because of our classes," Kunhart said. The training that boaters receive in these classes help to make the area waterways safer for all.

Many find it easier to take the class than to pass the state board examination on their own. "If you take the class and successfully complete it, then you don't have to take the state board examination. The personalized instruction gives hands-on training and it's a lot easier to learn that way," Kunhart said.

The course costs \$12, and this fee pays for the books and learning materi-

als needed. The instructors are volunteers.

The flotilla provides much support to the Arsenal by holding classes of 100 soldiers at a time. The Thursday night classes are open to anyone and are held in Stillwell Hall (building 3505) in room 115 at 6 p.m. "We get a good mixture with the general public and a lot of military," Kunhart said.

"We do a lot of support right in the Arsenal," he said. They not only give classes to soldiers, but also to people who request they come and teach. The Redstone Airfield is one of those who requested and will get instructed this month.

Adults aren't the only ones that benefit from this auxiliary unit. "We teach 2,000 children in Huntsville and Madison County schools about flotation devices," Kunhart said. Kindergarten through third-grade children are given coloring books about life jackets and taught the importance of wearing them and water safety.

The children understand the concept of water safety. "It's amazing about the

feedback we get from these children," Kunhart said. He not only hears of children wearing life jackets, but also of encouraging their parents to do the same.

Teen-agers interested in entering the Coast Guard can benefit from the auxiliary. "We interview them and then recommend that they be accepted for a one-week orientation," Kunhart said. The teens must be entering their senior year of high school and have a B average.

The services that the Redstone Flotilla provide are numerous. They not only help protect and keep the water safe by patrolling it, but they educate the boaters to ensure safety for everyone. They also educate children that may ride in the boat, and teach importance of water safety.

All of these services are provided to Redstone and the surrounding communities by this volunteer organization. For more information on the Coast Guard Auxiliary or the classes that are offered, call Kunhart at 890-2220 or 830-6621.

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Customer service corner: Redstone's blood donors



GIFT OF LIFE— Giving blood are Vickie Gist, left, of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, and Williams.

By Sandra Cartee

The service that Redstone workers give when they donate blood to the American Red Cross is tremendous. Their blood goes to help people who need it due to car accidents, illnesses, and many other reasons.

According to the Red Cross, only 3 percent of people in Alabama donate their blood on a regular basis. Most Arsenal workers who donate do so on a regular basis. "These people who you are seeing now (giving blood) have been coming and coming for years," said Barbara Rose, a licensed practical nurse for the American Red Cross.

One employee of the Readiness Directorate's Customer Support Division has been donating his blood for the last 10 years. James Williams said that he knows there's a need for it. "To me it's no big thing, but it is a big deal for the people who need it," he said. He realized how needed the blood was after his father was hospitalized and relied on blood donation.

Linda McKinney, of the

Resource Management Directorate, said she gives her blood to help someone else that needs it. She likes being able to donate while at work and said that the drives held on the Arsenal make it easier. "It's nice to have them here (in the Sparkman Center), it makes it more convenient," McKinney said.

Another regular donor is Diane Rogers of the Unmanned Ground Vehicles Directorate. "I donate as often as I can because there are a lot of people out there that do need it," she said.

The donors themselves also benefit from giving blood. They receive four hours leave time from work just for donating. "It gives you time to go home, rest and recuperate," McKinney said.

Getting rid of old blood also helps in the donor's health. "Donating helps regenerate their blood and gets rid of old blood and the body builds fresh new blood. People with high iron content also feel better because donating helps drop the iron level," Rose said.

Each individual's reasons for donating are different and Rose said that many

people do it because they've lost someone to leukemia or had someone close hospitalized. But the people who donate do have a common trait. "The donors are all good hard working people who go home and have a simple life," Rose said.

The number of workers donating isn't as good as it used to be and the Red Cross is always looking for more. "The retirements cut down a good number of the donors," Rose said. She also believes that the younger generation of workers aren't coming out to donate like they could.

The American Red Cross holds blood drives throughout Redstone. The information on locations and times is sent out through computer mail, and appointments are required before donating.

Donating blood is a service that many Redstone workers already perform and without any recognition. They feel that it is something that they must do and encourage more workers to do the same. "Everybody that can, should," Williams said.

WWII vets asked to share souvenirs

Redstone's BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) committee is planning a reception this summer for veterans of World War II, and they need help.

They are planning an open house that will include displays of World War II memorabilia and are asking area veterans for written memories and loans of souvenirs. The items will be

used in a display that will open the week before the reception, planned for Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

Plans are under way now for the event, which will have a theme of a Red Cross Canteen, complete with live 1940s music. Any World War II veteran in the north Alabama/south central Tennessee area is invited to par-

ticipate by sharing souvenirs and attending the open house.

If you would like to loan an item you can drop it by the Recreation Center (building 3711) from 1:30-9 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekends. Memories can be mailed to: Recreation Center, P.O. Box 8192, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35808-0192.

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Brig. Gen. Jan A. Van Prooyen, the deputy commander of the Space and Strategic Defense Command, is promoted to major general in a ceremony April 12 at SSDC's facility in Cummings Research Park. Pinning on his new rank are Gilbert Decker, as-

sistant secretary of the Army for research, development and acquisition, and Van Prooyen's wife, Cindy. Van Prooyen has been selected to work with Decker as the Army's next deputy for systems management at the Pentagon.

Adult volunteers essential to Girl Scouting efforts

By Darcie Grindrod

Perhaps you have seen the Redstone Arsenal Girl Scouts selling cookies, participating in flag ceremonies, going on tours of the local organizations or just having fun within their group around the Arsenal. Where there are Girl Scouts, there are wonderful, caring adults who spend their time unselfishly to our future—our children.

Girl Scouting is a movement that gives girls from all segments of American life a chance to develop their potential, make friends, and to become a vital part of their community. Based on ethical values, it opens up a world of opportunity for girls, working in partnership with adult volunteers. Its sole focus is to meet the special needs of girls.

Why should military girls be involved in Girl Scouting? One mother said that Scouting was one of the few things that was a constant in her daughter's life. Every place they moved, her daughter was able

to move into a troop and make new friends and to wear the patches she had earned from her previous troops. Without adults dedicating themselves to these young ladies, Girl Scouting would not be possible. Leaders guide girls through the process of learning. Though the girls do things themselves, these leaders help them with difficult tasks and cheers their accomplishments. They are sensitive to the girls and their needs. They help meet the needs by recognizing problems and showing they care about each and every girl as individuals. Leaders, also, share many talents and skills with other leaders.

April 22 is Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day; are you a Girl Scout? Is your daughter a Girl Scout? Have you benefited from a service project they have done this year? Because of unselfish dedication, contribution of time away from their own families, patience and love, these Leaders give unconditionally—give some thanks to these won-

derful people. Thank a leader this week; send a card, draw her a picture, give her a hug, tell him or her what a great job they have done, express appreciation for the time they spend with your child. Girl Scouts cannot exist without adult volunteers.

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(Editor's note: Grindrod is manager of Redstone Girl Scout Service Unit 13.)

Longtime Red Cross volunteer sees continuing need for help

By Kathy Harkleroad

During the fall of 1964 Mary Ferguson was looking for a way to spend her free time and decided to volunteer for the American Red Cross at Fox Army Community Hospital. Now 30 years later, Ferguson is still at FACH and is still volunteering.

"When my husband and I came to Huntsville, I looked around and tried to find a position volunteering for the National Cancer Society. I ended up signing up for the Red Cross after noticing a flyer advertising a training session, and have been here ever since," Ferguson said.

She began service as a volunteer when the hospital was located in building 111, not far from the existing hospital. The old hospital is now home to Housing Management, RASA, and the Staff Judge Advocate's office. "We knew it (the location of the old hospital) as 'pill hill'," Ferguson recalled.

Ferguson began her service doing odd jobs and did quite a bit of filing for the physicians in several different clinics. "I did whatever needed to be done and enjoyed every minute of it. I will say this, the new hospital is quite an improvement over the old one. At the old location, things were not laid out conveniently and you really had to know where you were going," she said.

The move to the new location and modern facilities took place in 1978 and Ferguson can remember the move as if it were yesterday. "The move went pretty smooth. It wasn't real confusing and you really didn't notice it," Ferguson said.

Now the volunteers are still busy doing anything they can to assist the medical professionals at the hospital and the patients who



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are treated in the clinics. "We will do anything we can to help anyone we can," Ferguson said. There are approximately 50 Red Cross volunteers at the hospital. "That number used to be 80, but people just don't volunteer their time like they used to. It's that way all over town," Ferguson said.

She became the chairman of the hospital Red Cross in 1980 and has remained in that position ever since. "I was responsible for overseeing the everyday happenings around here and help the volunteers with training and schedules. But now I feel it's time to step down and in the very near future will end my term as chairman," Ferguson said.

"I have seen a lot of changes, including the number of volunteers. In the past, we used to have quite a few young wives sign up to volunteer and that is just not the case anymore. Now they are getting

jobs and doing other things, and I can't blame them, with the economy like it is," she said.

Volunteers are gearing up to man a new information line at the hospital, and Ferguson said they are in desperate need of additional volunteers. "Anyone can volunteer and we will welcome anyone who would like to help. We need to have four slots filled before we can start the info line and are really looking for additional help," she said.

Persons desiring to volunteer a few hours each week can call the Red Cross office at 876-2812.

Once Ferguson steps down as chairman, she said her days will still be full. "I still plan on volunteering at the hospital two days a week, and I have two granddaughters who come stay with me after school every day. Don't worry about me, I'll still have a lot to do," she said with a smile.



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Missile school staff honored for gate 10 sponsorship

The first Hats Off Award for the spring season goes to the OMMCS command group for its sponsorship of gate 10 on Patton Road.

Lt. Col. Mark Hilborn, chief of staff for the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, accepted the honor on behalf of the command group from Col. Stephen Moeller, deputy post commander. The morning ceremony was held April 10.

Moeller announced during the presentation that Redstone Arsenal had just received the good news that it had reclaimed the title of best medium-size installation in the United States.

"This is the fourth year in a row that Redstone has finished near or at the top in the annual Army Communities of Excellence (ACOE) competition; and one of the reasons for this continued excellence is the fantastic organizational support received for ACOE endeavors such as the area sponsorship program. It is this type of dedication and commitment that make Redstone a winner," Moeller said.

Judy Link, wife of the post commanding general, expressed her appreciation for the hard work put into the gate sponsorship area by soldiers assigned to OMMCS. "These soldiers not only pro-

vide the upkeep for this area which visually benefits people who work and live on the Arsenal, but also volunteer for a number of other activities," she said. "These activities include support for the upcoming Special Olympics which will benefit not only military dependents but families in the surrounding communities as well."

Hilborn said he felt proud to support the ACOE program since soldiers' quality of life had benefited from previous ACOE winnings. "This is definitely a two-way street," he said.

RD&E workers honored with top Army award

By Kathy Harkleroad

Lee Gray and Ronald Kerbo, employees at RD&E Center, share quite a bit in common, and have something to be very proud of. They were selected to receive the Army's individual standardization award.

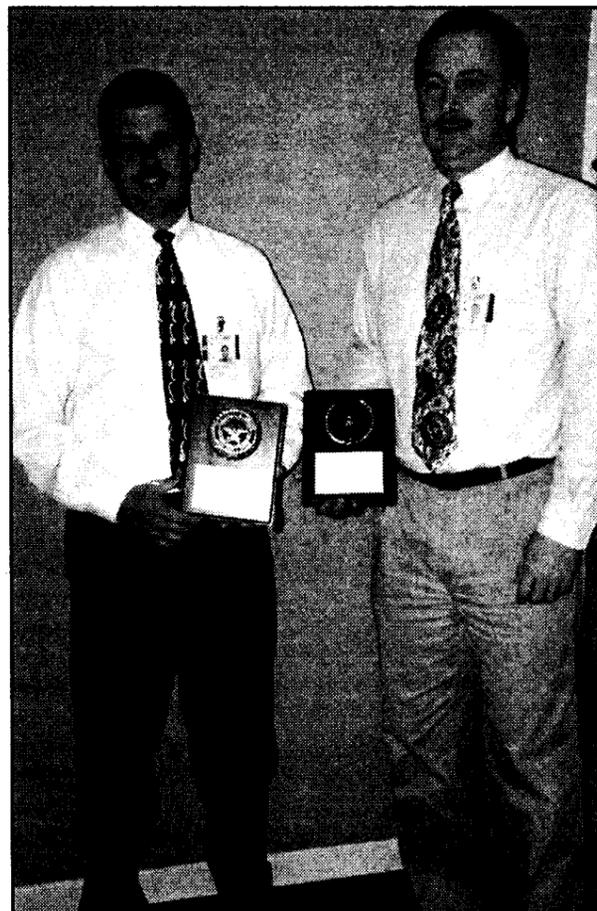
The two men traveled to Washington, D.C., March 2 and received their award at the Pentagon from Joshua Gotbaum, assistant secretary of defense for economic security.

"We received the award from aggressively implementing the DoD parts control program," Kerbo said.

"As a result there is an expected \$5.5 million cost avoidance for FY 94," Gray said. "The majority of parts used in MICOM supported weapon systems are routed through this office, and it is our job to make sure duplication of orders are not made and we try to save money wherever we can."

They see orders for parts consisting of everything from screws to microchips come through their office. "We try to order parts that are interchangeable among the different systems. When a contractor for say, the Javelin, needs a screw we can offer them ones that are used on the MLRS and TOW and they will work on the Javelin," Gray said.

Parts aren't the only things the men take care of to help conserve the Army's funds. They also make sure the contractors' contracts



AWARD WINNERS— Kerbo, left, and Gray recently received the Army's individual standardization award for their effort in saving money.

are in order and all the requirements are listed and no duplications have occurred.

When asked about the award, Kerbo said receiving the award was "pretty exciting." "After all it's not every day you go to the Pentagon to receive an award of this magnitude," Kerbo said.

The two men had dinner

in the executive dining room of the Pentagon the night before the ceremony where they received their plaques. "This is definitely a once in a lifetime experience," Gray said.

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ing to leave; and he asked me if I'd be interested. My daughter was about to go into kindergarten," Veech recalled. "When I got there and started doing it, it was just a good job. I'm going to miss it when I leave. The folks at ACS are great, the folks downtown are wonderful; it put me in touch with a lot of folks I would not have met otherwise."

His volunteer work with ACS Education Committee instills in Veech the feeling that he's a part of the community. "It gives me the feeling I can really make a difference with kids," he said.

Veech, 34, is a contracting officer in the TOW branch of procurement division B in the Missile Command's Acquisition Center. The center has been supportive of his volunteer efforts, he said.

The Kentucky native was born in Louisville, graduated from high school in Bardstown and went on to Western Kentucky University. "I got an ROTC scholarship when I went to college and found out it was something I like and was relatively good at it; so I decided to stick with it," he said, recalling how he entered the Army. He graduated from Western Kentucky in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in government and became a second lieutenant. He received his master's degree in industrial management in 1992 from Clemson.

Veech's military occupational speciality is Infantry. Tours at Fort Knox, Ky., and Germany were followed by a stint at Stetson University as an ROTC instructor. The Army sent him to Clemson for a year and a half to earn his master's degree; and then he arrived at Redstone in 1992. He and his wife, Mary, have a daughter, Susie, 8, who attends second grade at Williams Elementary; and son, Matthew, 4, who also plays soccer on post. Mary is expecting their third child in May.

"I like to do some rock climbing and orienteering, sports with the kids," Veech said, describing his hobbies. "That pretty much takes care of all of my (spare) time. I like to be with the kids."

When international ten-

sions mounted in Southwest Asia last fall, Veech was dispatched to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. He departed Redstone Oct. 12, arrived in the desert Oct. 15 and returned home Dec. 3. Veech spent three weeks in Saudi, three weeks in Kuwait and a week of travel. "So I was there seven weeks—seemed like forever," he said, laughing.

The career soldier is slated to leave Redstone this summer for a new permanent assignment. "So I'm looking for a replacement for the (ACS Education Committee) chairmanship job; don't know where I'm going yet," Veech added. "And hopefully I can stick around in the Army 20 years, if they let me, at least; because I like it. It's a good job. There's just too many opportunities."

Depending on the committee's activities, Veech might spend as much as 15 hours a week in his chairmanship duties. Normally he devotes from five to 10 hours a week to this volunteer work.

Reasons why people should volunteer their time include, he said, "No. 1, there's not enough money to hire people to do the things that have got to be done." Secondly, Veech believes volunteers can do just as good a job. "Volunteers tend to put their hearts in it as opposed to their wallets," he said.

"And it's really rewarding," Veech added. "It's an indescribably good feeling."

Beryl Cutts

Cutts, a contract specialist at Army TACMS-Bat Project Office, began most of her volunteer work at Redstone in 1982—the year she got her U.S. citizenship. "'82 was a very good year," said Cutts, a native of Jamaica.

She volunteers for the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club, Bicentennial Chapel, and the AKA Sorority. Cutts is serving her second two-year term as vice president of the spouses club; and she also serves as chairperson for its scholarship program. At Bicentennial Chapel she serves as an usher and layreader, and works with the Protestant Women of the Chapel. Cutts has just finished serving four years as the financial secretary for the AKA Sorority; and she is co-

chairman of its special project committee and its health committee.

"I just love to help others; keeps me busy," she said. "And plus I figure if I help somebody maybe somebody will help one of my four children one day—never can tell.

"It gives me self-worth, it's rewarding and it's nice," Cutts said, describing what volunteering means to her. "It's a good way to spend your time if you have some extra hours."

Cutts came to the United States in 1961, and married a soldier the following year. She traveled extensively as a military family member; and her volunteer work with the chapel began in 1969 when they were stationed in North Carolina followed by a tour in Germany. They arrived at Redstone in 1973. She and retired SFC Raymond Cutts—who left the Army in 1980 after 20 years—have four children and three grandchildren. He is the postmaster for the Normal, Ala., post office on the campus of Alabama A&M University.

"I believe military families are special, and military children are extra special—very extra special. They're like little ambassadors wherever they go, whether in the states or another country; they get an education they would never get in the classroom. They're just good kids, very special. And I have four Army brats."

Her four children include Diane Cutts Oates, of Houston, mother of an 8-month-old girl and 23-month-old boy; Sandra Cutts-Bone of Aurora, Ill.; Raymond Jr., father of an 8-year-old boy; and Sonia Cutts, the youngest at 25.

Cutts began her government career in 1985 as a contract specialist in the Acquisition Center. In 1989 she became a contract specialist at Bat Project Office, which merged last year with Army TACMS Project. In her spare time she enjoys reading, watching television, and traveling. Cutts has traveled to Houston at least four times in less than a year to see her grandkids and for other special occasions. "And I still find time to work for AKA, and the wives club. You make time for the things you want to do," she said.

"When you help others,

you help yourself too," Cutts said. "You get a sense of satisfaction, you get a sense of worth. It's just a fulfillment that you get. It's a two-way thing: You help somebody and it makes you feel good about yourself."

Marjorie Hoffman

A military spouse, Hoffman works as the budget assistant in the resource management office at Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. She volunteers with the Thrift Shop, the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club, and the OMMCS Coffee Group.

Hoffman serves the Thrift Shop as a board member and volunteer-recognition coordinator. She serves as the programs chairman for the NCO spouses club. And she takes her turn setting up monthly get-togethers with the OMMCS coffee group.

Her volunteer work in military communities began about 1972 and has included working with youths, thrift shops and family support groups. "It needed to be done and I was there," Hoffman said. "It just kind of comes with the territory." During her husband's 29-year military career, she has spent nine years in Germany and the remainder in the states. The Hoffmans arrived at Redstone from Germany in 1991.

"If you feel like you're helping someone or assisting somebody, especially when it's needed, it gives you a great deal of self-satisfaction," she said, referring to her volunteer work. "It makes me happy when other people are happy."

Hoffman's government career began in 1976 in Germany and has continued throughout her husband's tours. The time she spends volunteering varies, depending on the need. "I'm just kind of a behind-the-scenes person, kind of keep a low profile," Hoffman said.

She was born in Arkansas and raised in Poplar Bluff, Mo. Her husband, CSM John Hoffman, is the command sergeant major for OMMCS. They have three children: daughter Lira Frye, 28, of Clarksville, Tenn.; and sons Eric, 26, of Monroe, La., and Mark, 14. Their grandchild and Eric's son, Jacob, is 2.

The Hoffmans reside on

post. When the command sergeant major retires in April 1996, they plan to move to the land they purchased just across the Tennessee line.

Besides her volunteer service, Hoffman likes to read and do outdoor work.

"Volunteer work's very fulfilling, and people should never be at a loss for something to do because there's so much need for volunteers—especially in the military. Military spouses should never get bored," she said.

Debby Howell

Howell does her volunteer work daily, mostly through her son's school, Williams Elementary. She has served on the PTA board there for three years and also does the weekly newsletter, a student directory, the Italian dinner, and the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program for second graders.

She also conducts the city schools' Supply Bank which was created by Huntsville's council of PTAs to provide school supplies for youngsters who don't have all they need. Howell began that program and has been running it for two years. She has served on the Army Community Service (ACS) Education Committee for three years. And this past year she has served as one of the hospitality persons for the Officers Wives Club.

The wife of a colonel, her volunteer work began four years ago when she arrived from Fairfax County, Va. One of her daughters was attending Butler High School at that time and she wanted to get involved in the school.

"There's personal satisfaction involved in knowing that you're part of your community. And in doing so, I'm hoping that others will become a part," Howell said. But self-satisfaction is not her main reason for volunteering. "I do this because of my friends; I guess through volunteering I've found all my friendships with people that do the same kind of thing, all the people that are involved in the community through various activities."

At Redstone's Family Symposiums, she sits in as a

representative for youth activities; and she serves through the Youth Center on a new committee to revamp the sports program at Redstone.

The Houston native has traveled with her husband to tours in Texas and Germany. She was manager of an art gallery in Germany, owned her own small pottery business, worked in a civilian personnel office and equal employment opportunity office at Fort Bliss, worked in a plant nursery at Texas A&M, and drove a school bus in Fairfax County for three years. She said she loved the school bus driver's job. "Through that activity I was in the schools all the time and doing field trips and sports trips. My children were embarrassed and my husband thought I was crazy," Howell said, referring to that non-traditional job for an officer's wife. "But I was able to see Virginia and Washington, D.C., so many times; it was a fun job."

Her husband, Col. Mike Howell, works at the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles as assistant PEO for air defense integration. They have three children: daughter Heather, 22, a student at Calhoun Community College; daughter Laurel, 20, a student at Vanderbilt University in Nashville; and son, T.J., 8, a second-grader at Williams Elementary.

Howell's hobbies include gardening, refinishing furniture, attending auctions, shopping and traveling. She plans to continue volunteering with the schools until her son finishes school and possibly after that.

"I feel that parents should be involved with school even if they go once and participate in one activity, then it would really make a difference in our school. Attend one PTA meeting, one field trip... so they show their children that they think it's important," Howell said.

"If they would just spend an hour a week or an hour a month, it would make such a difference in our community and our schools; and not wait for somebody else to do it, but be an example," she said.

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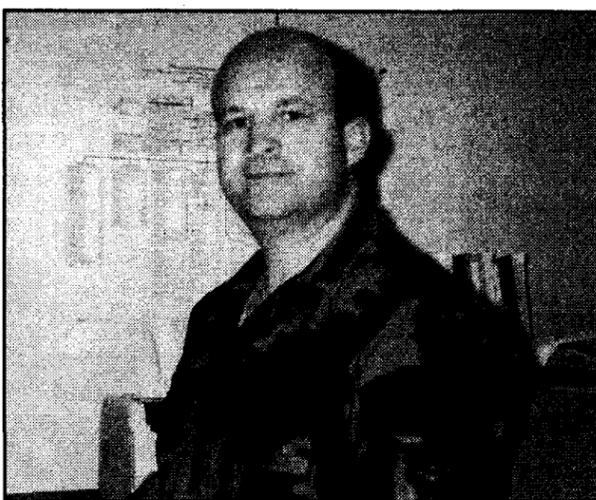
By Sandra Cartee

Eleven students and one instructor will be spending all day this Saturday laboring in the hot sun. No, it's not part of their curriculum. They will be helping Huntsville's Habitat for Humanity by refurbishing and repairing a needy family's home.

The class of students is going through the Officer Basic Course on post and was tasked with coming up with a class project that involved teamwork and was for a good cause. Class 2-95 decided they would do something that helped people directly and that they could see firsthand how their efforts helped.

"We wanted to pick something that did help and did make a difference," said 2nd Lt. Mark Barlowe, the soldier in charge of the project.

So the group decided to help Huntsville's Habitat for Humanity. Habitat is a national Christian housing ministry which is trying to eliminate poverty housing from the world by working with people in the community and with people in need. They build houses for people who are in need because of financial problems or due to displacement by such things as fires. They also refurbish existing houses and make them more safe and suitable for families to live in.



PLANNING TO WORK— Barlowe is coordinator of a community project involving 12 members of an Officer Basic Course.

"Everybody liked the idea and they recognized the need," Barlowe said. So, the team offered their time and labor and Habitat will put them to work Saturday refurbish-

ing the roof of a family's home in north Huntsville. "It's nice to know that you're helping someone," Barlowe said.

Barlowe believes that it will be a contribution that they will never forget. "This is one for giving of yourself and time and not just your money. It's personable because it's hands-on and we'll remember working on a hot roof on a hot Saturday with our friends," he said.

The group that is taking this 16-week course includes a mix of active duty, two Army reservists, one National Guardsman, and two international students. "We are the first class to ever help Habitat," Barlowe said. Their senior instructor, Capt. Michael Grojean, will also be out in full force helping in the effort.

The class members include Barlowe, 2nd Lt. Christopher Faust, 2nd Lt. Donna Ford, 2nd Lt. Mark Fritsche, 2nd Lt. Craig Weisser, 2nd Lt. Lance Cangelosi, 2nd Lt. Jonie Wood, 2nd Lt. Dennis Wheeler, 2nd Lt. Cayle Sargent, Moeketsi Hlophe from Lesotha, and Capt. Ayman Gabala from Egypt.

The project will not only strengthen teamwork within the group but will also benefit a family less fortunate. The group members feel that the fruits of their labor will help someone. "We don't know the family or their situation, but we do understand the cause and the need," Barlowe said.

Decker sees important role for local Army programs

By Ed Vaughn

The decline in the Army's modernization budget has about bottomed out, and the defensive and tactical missiles produced by the "Army-Huntsville crowd" have a major role in the Army's future plans and modernization needs, according to Gilbert Decker, assistant secretary of the Army for research, development and acquisition.

Decker's statements came during discussions with news media last week in conjunction with the semi-annual general membership meeting of the ArmyScience Board hosted by the Space and Strategic Defense Command.

Asked about the board's study regarding roles and missions of the Army commands in Huntsville, Decker said that goal is "to see if we can better align ourselves to get more efficiencies out of the overhead structures vis-a-vis the technical management structure."

He said that, because of

his industry background, his instinct is to believe there may be benefits from combining "certain generic overhead functions" like legal, procurement, contracting, and financial management. But "I'm really going to wait and see how the Science Board comes back because they're looking at this in depth on the contents of the technology and program management structures. I really want to have this looked at objectively."

The BRAC proposal by the secretary of defense to move Army aviation programs to Huntsville does not necessarily involve "combining aviation and missiles," Decker said. "We're moving the aviation part of the Army to Huntsville because it's a better setting for them and will save money" and the organizational structure has not been determined. But, he said, "we can again maybe save some overheads by putting common functions together like contracts and finance."

Asked whether there were

any program "stretchouts or outright kills" coming for programs like THAAD, Corps Sam, BAT and Comanche, Decker said that if you assume the president's proposed fiscal 1996 budget as a baseline, "we can carry out that program if we get some stability and they don't keep changing the dollar numbers on us downstream." But "program instability could cause some other programs to get broken," he said.

Theater missile defense programs like THAAD are very high priority throughout the Defense Department, he said, "and I don't anticipate they will be impacted unless the political mood changes."

Regarding the \$10.6 billion proposed by the president for the Army's fiscal '96 research, development and acquisition budget, "I think we're about at the bottom of where we can go," Decker said, "or we're going to have some serious readiness problems in about three or four years."

Easter basket raffle proves big success for AER fund

An Easter basket raffle at the Sparkman Center raised more than \$2,100 for the Army Emergency Relief campaign.

This was the fourth year for the contest sponsored by the Integrated Materiel Management Center's business management directorate. "And we raised more money this year than we ever have: \$2,107," Irene Garoppo said.

Raffle tickets, at \$1 each, were sold for a week and a half. The three homemade prizes included a woman's basket, child's basket and man's basket. The many items in each were donated.

Announced Thursday the winners included Becky Morris, the woman's basket; Jackie Bennett, the man's basket; and Sandra Recio, the



TRUE SALESMAN— Johnson poses with the Easter baskets which were raffled off for the Army Emergency Relief campaign.

child's basket.

Danny Johnson, a supply analyst at IMMC, served as chairman of the raffle committee and proved to be a true salesman. "It took a lot of persistence," he said, explaining the raffle's success.

Committee members included Suzanne Ware, Sandy Chandler and Anne Hughes.

"I'm taking money for next year's baskets," Johnson quipped to passersby after the raffle near the cafeteria.

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Many childhood diseases can be avoided by vaccines

By Kathy Harkleroad

Measles, mumps, rubella, polio, Hepatitis B, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, and H. influenza. These are all preventable diseases which infants and children should be immunized against, but unfortunately in more cases than not, children aren't receiving the immunizations they need.

"All of those diseases can be prevented and all the parent has to do is make sure their child receives the proper shots. Unfortunately there are many times where the parents have either put off getting the proper immunizations at the required age and then the child falls behind," said Maj. Terry McDonough, a nurse practitioner at Fox Army Community Hospital.

Several changes were made this year in the schedule of immunizations, and parents need to be aware of the changes.

According to the new guidelines: At birth children should receive a Hepatitis B vaccine; at two months of age the child should receive Hepatitis B, DPT, Influenza type B, and oral polio vaccine. At four months of age children should receive booster shots of the above, except for the Hepatitis B. At six months of age children should receive an additional booster shot of DTP, Hepatitis B, influenza type B and the oral polio.

At 12 months of age children should receive a booster DPT shot, a booster influenza shot and the first of the measles, mumps and rubella series (MMR). "In addition to

the new schedule of immunizations, parents will now be required to sign a statement of consent before the child receives the immunization," McDonough said.

The MMR booster shot is also given at age 4 and again in the early teen years depending on when they received their last MMR booster. "Children entering school for the first time in Alabama must have a blue card which indicates when the immunizations were received," McDonough said. "The card lists all of the immunizations, and parents must supply the card to the school before the child will be admitted."

According to McDonough, parents list several reasons for not having their children immunized against the diseases. "Basically we have heard almost every excuse under the sun, but the most common is the parent doesn't have the time to come in to the clinic or they have canceled the appointment because the child is sick. Contrary to popular belief the child can have a cold or an ear infection and still receive their shots," McDonough said.

"As I mentioned before, all of these diseases are preventable and we can save lives just by having our children immunized against the diseases," she added.

For patients eligible to use a military hospital, getting those immunizations can be fairly easy. "All they have to do is call the family practice clinic or pediatrics and make an appointment. We can usually see them in less than an week," McDonough said.



IMMUNIZATION TIME— McDonough administers an immunization to 3-year-old Mary Hunt as Mary's older sister looks on. They are the daughters of SFC Bryan and Catherine

Hunt. April 22-28 is National Infant Immunization Week and parents are reminded to review their child's shot records to make sure immunizations are up to date.

For those parents who are not eligible to use the military facilities, local health departments offer the shots free of charge. The Madison County Health Department gives immunization shots from 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

During National Infant Immunization Week, April 22-28, FACH in conjunction with Army Community Service will have static displays set up in the mall between the commissary and exchange. "ACS will have charts available for the parents on

when the immunizations should be given," McDonough said.

McDonough and Amy Reynolds have made themselves available during that week to take telephone calls from parents who might have questions about the immunization schedule. "They can call me at 876-3784 or Amy at 876-4159 during normal duty hours and leave a message," McDonough said. "We will be more than happy to call them back and answer any questions they might have."

Ordnance Ball promises a celebration to remember

According to Ordnance Ball Committee Chairman, Maj. Doug Taylor, this year's celebration will be the best ever. The 1995 Ordnance Ball is set for 6 p.m. April 28 at the Officers Club. There are only 420 seats and reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

This promises to be an enjoyable Ordnance Ball because, for one, the ball is open to everyone and guests will receive a friendship candy jar. A photographer will be available for photos. Moreover, historical vignettes and numerous displays will be presented. The Child Development Center will also be open just for the occasion.

Scheduled speaker for the Ordnance Ball is Gen. Leon Salomon, commander of Army Materiel Command.

Salomon graduated from the University of Florida and has a master's degree in management logistics from the Air Force Institute of Technology. His military education includes the Chemical Officer Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Salomon has had numerous staff positions leading to his current assignment. From 1992-94, he was the deputy chief of staff for logistics, Department of the Army. Prior to that



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assignment he was the deputy commander for combined arms support, Training and Doctrine Command, and commander of the Combined Arms Support Command and Fort

Lee, Va., from 1989-92.

Other key assignments include deputy chief of staff for readiness, AMC; commanding general and chief of Ordnance, Army Ordnance Centers and Schools, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; commander, Division Support Command, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; and director, combat service support systems, Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Va.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; the Air Medal, third award; the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Expert Infantry Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

For more information on the Ordnance Ball, call Taylor at 876-6608 or Maj. Scott Fabozzi 955-6555.

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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 today, 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 this morning. The walkathon will begin at the Civilian Wellness Center and utilize the Installation Fun & Fitness Trail. Participants may register beginning at 8 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. For more information, call Julie Middlebrooks 876-4152.

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 Sunday 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.

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.

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.

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 Biamri, Korea. Anyone who saw the burned body, fire, smoke, 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.

Reserve officers group— Reserve Officers' Association Golf Tournament will be held Friday 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 Con-

vention will be held Saturday at the Tom Beville Center, 301 Sparkman Drive. For more information call Reserve Col. Howard Race, convention chairman, 883-7672.

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.... 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.

Smoking cessation— Smoking is an expensive habit, costing you time, money and above all, your health, says Fox Army Community Hospital. The hospital offers a smoking cessation program with classes scheduled as follows: 9-10:30 a.m. May 2; 9-10 a.m. May 9, 16, 18 and 23; and 9-10:15 a.m. June 1. Group support sessions will follow on June 6, 13 and 27; and from 11 a.m. to noon July 6 and 11. These classes are free and open to all military beneficiaries and Civil Service workers. As space is limited, call Preventive Medicine Service 876-8831 to register. For more information, call Susan Goodman 876-8831.

Arts and crafts fair— The 34th annual Art-on-the-Lake, an arts and crafts fair, will be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 22-23 at Carlisle Park Middle School in Guntersville. For more information, call Lou Ann Patton in Guntersville 582-5752.

PX news— Robin Hood sandwiches are now available at the Post Exchange food court (previously Frank's Franks). Choose from a variety of sub-type sandwiches

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Cancer Control Month — For "Cancer Control Month," the Community Health Nursing Service presents two cancer education programs in cooperation with the American Cancer Society: "Taking Control" held from 11 a.m. to noon April 26, and "Special Touch" held from 11-noon April 27. Both classes will be held at the Bicentennial Chapel. To register call Preventive Medicine Services 876-8831.

Fitness center — Orientations to the Sparkman Fitness Center are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. For more information, call 313-6091.

Contracting workshop — The Huntsville Chapter, National Contract Management Association (NCMA) will hold a workshop Thursday at Teledyne Brown Engineering Center, 300 Sparkman Drive, building 1 (main entrance). Regis-

tration begins at 5:30 p.m. and speakers are from 6-8 p.m. Barbara Duncomb, attorney-at-law, Vorys Sater (Washington, D.C.), is to speak on "Case Studies in Subcontracting." Cost is \$25 for NCMA members and \$30 for nonmembers. For reservations call 464-0652.

Alcoholics Anonymous — The Redstone Arsenal Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of the Bicentennial Chapel... Al-Anon Family Groups will meet at the Bicentennial Chapel, room 10, beginning April 27 at 11:30 a.m. Al-Anon is fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems.

Butler band parents — Butler High Band Parents will meet at 7 p.m. April 24 in the bandroom, 3401 Holmes Ave. Attendance and participation is requested of all parents/guardians with band students. They will be electing officers for the 1995-96 school year... The Butler Band Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. April 27 at school. Family participation is requested for this event since awards and recognition for the conclud-

ing year will be given.

AER fund-raiser — The Information Systems Directorate, Corporate Information Center, will sponsor a fund-raiser Thursday for Army Emergency Relief. Location is building 5678 parking lot and picnic area. In addition to serving lunch, other planned activities include: car wash, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., cost of \$3 for cars and \$5 for vans and trucks; cake walk from 9 a.m. until all cakes are won, at 50 cents a walk; and book sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in room S14 (inside entrance No. 1). Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu will include chicken, hamburger and hot dog plates at a cost of \$3. Hamburgers only will cost \$1.50, hot dogs \$1, and drinks 50 cents. Advance tickets are available by calling 876-5691/4038. Rain date is May 2.

Car wash/cookout/bake sale — The Army TACMS-BAT Project Office will hold a car wash/cookout/bake sale April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711, with the proceeds benefiting Army Emergency Relief. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, bake goods and drinks will be available. Stop by and show your support. You can have lunch while you get your car

washed for the weekend. For more information, call Maj. Pat Sutherland 842-7734 or Renee McArdle 842-2682.

Federal Women's Program — The Federal Women's Program Committee is sponsoring a "CARES Seminar" from 9:30-11 a.m. May 3 at the Sparkman Auditorium. CARES stands for Candidate Automated Referral and Evaluation System which integrates and upgrades all six existing systems: MACES, MACARS, ROADS, APPS, RAMPS, and Talent Bank. All interested employees are encouraged to attend this seminar.

Red Cross youth volunteers — Redstone Arsenal Red Cross is now taking applications for its summer Youth Program. Teen-age volunteers are needed at the Youth Center and Fox Army Community Hospital. For more information, call Christine Myers 464-0583.

Post Theater movies — Thursday, "Heavyweights," rated PG, 96 minutes. Friday, "Heavyweights." Saturday, "The Brady Bunch," PG, 90 minutes. Sunday, "The Brady Bunch." Tuesday, "The Quick and the Dead," R, 103 minutes. Admission is \$2.50 for adult, and \$1.25 for child.

ACS Education Committee — The Army

Community Service (ACS) Education Committee will meet at noon April 26 at ACS, building 3491. It is helpful to call in advance concerning problem areas that need to be put on the agenda. Any parent interested in the educational needs of their child is invited to attend. This meeting is open to everyone. For more information, call Virginia Dempsey 876-5397.

Toastmasters — Tennessee Valley Toastmasters Club, Toastmasters International, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Crestwood Hospital (cafeteria meeting room), One Hospital Drive, southeast Huntsville. Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month. For more information, call Anne Hughes 881-8707.

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

'90 Sid/pleasure boat, 90 HP outboard, 15' V-bottom fiberglass, walkthru windshield, low hours, garage kept, exc. condition, \$5600, (205) 353-3113.

'93 Bayliner, 19' classic cuddy, 2.6 L Mercruiser inboard/outboard, bimini

top, AM/FM Cassette, must see, \$9750 obo., 772-8549.

Peavy Classic Chorus 212 guitar amp in excellent condition, \$250, 721-0725 after 7 pm.

Piano, Kimball, also a player (electric). Exc. cond., \$1000 obo., 883-7043.

RCA 19" color TV, \$119. Bed frame for twin or regular size bed, \$20. Computer printer, Star NX1000 Multiport, \$49, 883-6951.

Sears Kenmore 5 cycle clothes dryer and Sears Advantage automatic washing machine with 5 cycle dual agitator, \$150 each, 461-8267.

'78 Kimbel Superstar organ, \$400 (incl. manuals), 859-2998.

'77 Challenger boat with trailer, 75 HP Evinrude, 15' tri-hull, walk thru windshield, well maintained, dependable, \$1950, 852-5046.

'77 Challenger ski boat, 85 HP Evinrude, easy-ride trailer, tilt - trim, skis, kneeboard, ski vests, etc., \$2200, 536-5278.

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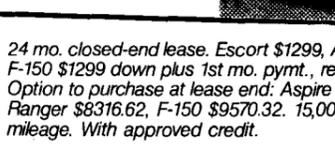
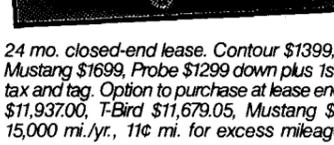


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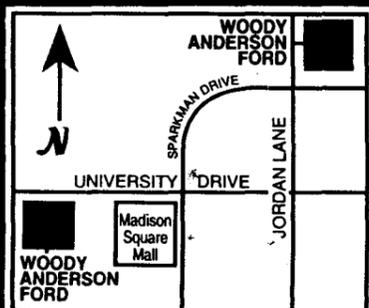
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