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Colors of spring...

With warmer weather around the corner, some Redstone residents have adorned their yards with beautiful flowers. This colorful arrangement was found at 1246 Nike St.

Missile Command to assume control of TMDE Activity

The Army Materiel Command has decided to place the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity under the control of the Missile Command.

Both MICOM and TMDE Activity are based at Redstone Arsenal.

TMDE Activity has about 1,100 soldiers and government civilian employees working with Army units throughout the world including about 500 at Redstone.

For almost three decades, TMDE Activity and its predecessors, sited at Redstone, have operated the Army metrology and calibration program worldwide, providing calibration and repair support for all Army test equipment. AMC is the Army executive agent for

Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment.

In its brief announcement of the organizational change, AMC said: "This realignment, which does not affect the current TMDE structure, is part of a continuing effort by AMC to achieve efficiencies through consolidation."

Earlier this year, AMC placed another of its elements, the Systems Integration and Management Activity-West, under MICOM's control. SIMA-West has about 400 Army civilian workers in St. Louis who design computer software for Army logistics operations. The Army has proposed moving that entire organization to Redstone Arsenal.

Early-out retirement list shrinking locally

By Sanda Trousdale

It won't be good news to those Missile Command employees who wanted to retire early, but it's starting to look like very few retirement applications will get approved.

That's because the Program Executive Offices and the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity—the elements who needed to lose excess employees—have been very successful in placing their excess employees within their organizations.

Add to that MICOM getting some relief from its OMA funding shortfall and in turn being able to fill some vacancies with excess people, and the recent announcement that TMDE Activity is coming under provisional control (thereby allowing TMDE Activity shortfalls to be offset by MICOM overages) and the picture for involuntary separations has drastically improved.

There were about 75 excesses identified at the beginning of VERA/VSIP opening date, according to Don Dixon of the Civilian Personnel Office.

The VERA/VSIP window opened April 10, and the estimate was there were 75 excesses. With the internal placement and MICOM vacancies offsetting that number, it's now reduced down to about 40 excesses, with the hope that other PEO and MICOM vacancies will re-

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Missile defense director sees added interest

By Ed Vaughn

Betting in Washington is that the country's missile defense program is "going to get more than the president's budget" requested for 1996, according to Lt. Gen. Malcolm O'Neill, director of the Defense Department's Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

O'Neill made this and a wide range of other points during his "annual update" to Huntsville in a speech to an industry association dinner and in long interviews with a local radio station and a local television station.

When it comes to missile defense, he said, the Army has put more "rubber on the ramp" than the other services and Huntsville is "probably the most important place on earth for the missile defense program."

At an American Defense Preparedness Association dinner Thursday, O'Neill showed a video of the recent successful first flight of the THAAD (Theater High Altitude Area Defense) interceptor and said it "demonstrated just about everything you need to have before you have an

intercept."

THAAD successes may make it possible to equal the four- to five-year timelines of the "old guard like Von Braun" for developing and fielding operational systems, he said, rather than the recently more familiar 10 to 15 years.

O'Neill also described as "brilliant" the decision by the Lockheed Martin Company and the Army that THAAD missiles will be assembled in Courtland, Ala. "The cost of logistics is less" than building them in California, he said, "and you get people off by themselves so they can do what they need to do."

"Another bright light," he said, is "added interest in the user community." In the past the commanders in chief of the unified and specified commands have had missile defense "way down low" on their annual priority lists, if at all. "This year," O'Neill said, "two CINCs have us No. 2, and the other CINCs have us in their top 10."

While mentioning the "rubber on the ramp" emphasis in the missile de-

fense program several times, "technology is the program I'm most worried about," O'Neill said, "SSDC technology groups have been hurt worst." He said he is "making the argument as eloquently as I can" that technology should be "put back in" the missile defense budget.

At the same time, O'Neill said that the National Missile Defense program "was one of the places I responded positively," when asked by a congressional committee, "What could you do if we gave you more than the president's budget?"

He said he is also "worried about cruise missiles evolving to be much more stealthy" and that "how well you could counter cruise missiles was one factor in the (Patriot) PAC-3 selection (of the Extended Range Interceptor) last summer." Cruise-missile defense, O'Neill said, "has to be coordinated among the services" and the Navy is probably in the best position because they have been dealing with cruise missiles since 1945.

Letters to the editor

Commander's letter: Military spouses

The Army has designated Friday, May 12 as Military Spouse Day. On this day, we recognize and honor an important member of the Army team—the spouse of the soldier.

From deployment, through permanent change of duty moves and downsizing, our spouses provide the stability of home life and encouragement to the soldier needed to meet any challenge. Our dedicated husbands and wives represent the best of the military lifestyle.

Army spouses have a long tradition of community involvement, from employment in the local economy to thousands of volunteer hours to assist local agencies, organizations, and their fellow military families. They fill our installation with a sense of purpose and commitment.

There is no way to thank these wonderful people for their involvement, enterprise, and sacrifices for us and for our country. Therefore, we honor them on this special day.

On behalf of the entire Redstone Arsenal community, I am proud to recognize the military spouse as a vital element in the defense of the United States of America.

Maj. Gen. James Link
Commander,
MICOM and Redstone

cannot recall one single time that I have seen the building's sprinkler system in service. Nor can any of the other employees with whom I've spoken. Is this some sort of extreme water conservation effort or is there something wrong with the sprinkler system?...

Regardless of the "root" of the problem, what is being done to correct the situation? This has been the warmest spring weather since I came to Redstone Arsenal, and brown is already getting to be the more predominant color. What in the world is the Sparkman landscaping going to look like if we have one of our typical summers?

Redstone Arsenal has recently won the ACOE Best Medium Size Installation award for the second time. Shouldn't Team Redstone's headquarters building better reflect the pride in our command and our installation that made this noteworthy achievement possible?

Name withheld by request

Sprinkler system

Why wasn't the sprinkler system at the Sparkman complex turned on during one of the worst spring droughts in North Alabama history?

Many of the 5,000 evergreen shrubbery, 1,500 shade trees and 442 accent trees have died or are in the process of dying; the 1 million square feet of seeded Bermuda and 120,000 square feet of sod are overrun with weeds.

What are the plans to take care of this very expensive landscaping?

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided the following response. "The sprinkler system at the Sparkman Center is designed to be winterized each year to prevent freezing. The system cannot be refilled with water until the likely probability of freezing temperatures has passed. The Base Operations Contractor began operations to re-energize the system and discovered that the power loop to the controllers had been accidentally cut by the new construction activities. The power loop is being repaired and the system will be brought on-line this week.

"The trees and shrubs installed at the Sparkman Center are under warranty by the construction contractor. Several trees have been replaced by the contractor already. The contractor will replace any trees or shrubs that die. The sod and bermuda seeded areas have not been accepted by the government at this time. The bermuda was planted at the end of the planting season and did not have sufficient warm weather to maintain a full stand. The contractor will return in late May to reseed the bermuda areas so that a full stand can be achieved.

"Soil samples have been taken, analyzed, and a work order initiated to herbicide and apply soil amendments to enhance grass growth and eliminate the weeds. This work will be accomplished during the month of May.")

Secretaries group

April 23 marked a momentous occasion for Redstone Arsenal: The Redstone Arsenal Chapter was chartered as an official chapter of Professional Secretaries International (PSI) at ceremonies held at the Sparkman Auditorium.

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, PSI, would like to thank the Redstone community for its support during the formation of our chapter. We extend a special thank you to Mr. James Flinn, director of Integrated Materiel Management Center, for his inspiring keynote address. Mr. Flinn is a true supporter of our profession and encouraged our members to share an active role in the administrative structure of their organizations. In this time of downsizing, the secretaries will find themselves also sharing the management role. He encouraged those present to mentor, teach and

share information and find a better way of doing business with each other. "Network, network, network" was the message of the day.

PSI began over 50 years ago and instituted what is today known as Professional Secretaries Week. PSI offers an opportunity for members and professionals to communicate/network ideas. The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, PSI, membership is open to all government secretarial and administrative personnel affiliated with Redstone Arsenal. Regular meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at the Officers Club, at 11 a.m. Visitors are welcome.

Again, thank you to all supervisors who support their office "partners" in being the best they can be; and thank you, Redstone, for a successful installation ceremony.

Polly Knox
Secretary,
Redstone Chapter, PSI

Memorable week

We would like to give a big thank you to the staff of the Community Mental Health Clinic for making this a Secretaries Week that will be remembered for a long time. We were honored in a unique fashion for National Secretaries Week. The CMH staff divided into teams and made each day special. On Monday we were given Orchid corsages and cards from Lucy Burdine and Gina Koger. On Tuesday we were served a sit-down breakfast, complete with china, bagels, doughnuts, bacon, jelly, coffee, and orange juice (they even did the dishes!). In addition to serving the breakfast Karen Scott, Sherry Clark, and Sgt. David Colwell answered the phones so we could enjoy our food. On Wednesday, Mildred Hightower and Brenda Lott presented each of us with a fruit basket. On Thursday Erin Smith, Dan McDonald, and Dr. Larry Maier gave us lace potpourri sachets. Then while having lunch at the Soldatenstube restaurant we received roses. Finally, on Friday Dr. David Ferguson and Dr. Belvia Matthews presented each one of us with a gift certificate from Madison Square Mall! We realize that we work for a wonderful group of people and want to express our appreciation to them by telling the Redstone Community how special we think they are.

Jan Graham, Lynda Ricketts
and **Debbie Sisk**

Workloads

Ever hear the old expression "Don't work a good horse to death"? Put another way, it's: "If you want the job done, give it to someone dependable who is overloaded and somehow they will work it in." There was a story told by a preacher about his congregation: They were 100 percent willing to work together to get the job done; that is, 90 percent of the people were 100 percent willing to let the other 10 percent do all the work..... These statements have never been more true, especially after the reorganizations that have taken place over the last several months. I realize the Army's new strategy is to do more with less, but that doesn't keep some people from saying "That's not my job" and getting away with it. I realize we are shorthanded but all some people have to do is walk around and chat with their neighbor and some supervisors are allowing this to go on unabated. There are also those who think they are doing the government a favor just by showing up for work three days a week. Workloads need to be more closely scrutinized and distributed more evenly.

Name withheld by request

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Wakeup call

Don't you think that the Oklahoma City bombing of the federal building should be a wakeup call to Redstone Arsenal? You would think that the security on this installation would have increased. Since money seems to be the problem with the security guards on the gates during the day, maybe from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. the gates should be manned by military personnel. And no I'm not talking about MPs; I'm suggesting that every military soldier assigned to RSA should be put on a DA Form 6 (duty roster) once every couple of months; when your name is up you should go pull your 12-hour shift on the gate checking for decals, etc. It would be just like pulling staff duty; the next day would be a comp day off. Then at 6 p.m. when the military guards' shift is up, the civilian security guards could take over. Regardless of rank, this could also be used as a training experience for those soldiers who have never had any training of this nature.

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Landscaping

Is it just me or have other denizens of the Sparkman Center Complex noticed the increasing number of dead or dying flora surrounding the "Crown Jewel" of Redstone Arsenal?

As I walk around on the path that encircles the complex, I see dead trees and shrubs, unhealthy looking grass and masses of proliferating weeds (which seem to be the only hardy green stuff around here). The same can be said of the plants, shrubs and grass closer to the building. In fact, just a few months ago most of crepe myrtles scattered throughout the parking lot had to be replaced, but the new trees don't look too healthy either.

What's going on here? Not being much of a gardener, I don't claim to have any precise knowledge of what the problem may really be, but it looks to me like there's been NO WATERING of anything.

Although I get here early in the morning (usually before 6:30) and have occasionally left later in the evening, I

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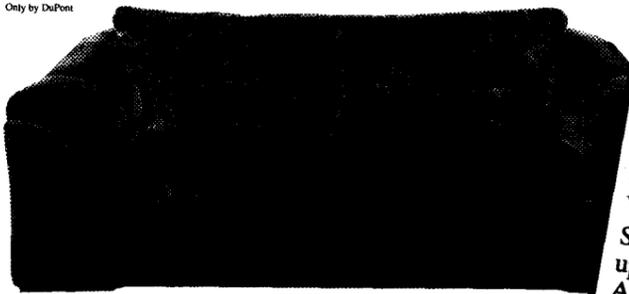
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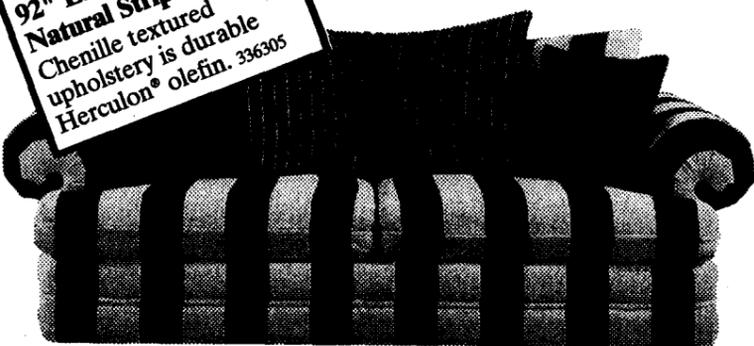
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New TMDE lab dedicated in memory of soldier

By Kathy Harkleroad

The new Primary Radiation Standards Center for TMDE Activity was dedicated and officially opened April 28 with a ribbon cutting and plaque unveiling.

TMDE director Robert DuBois opened the ceremony by welcoming the crowd of dignitaries and officials and spoke of the Army's commitment to cleaning up chemical munitions factories, such as Redstone Arsenal, and spoke briefly about SFC Calvin Wynn, for whom the building was dedicated.

Special guest speaker Gen. Leon Salomon, commander of Army Materiel Command, discussed the phases that the Army and Redstone Arsenal are going through.

"There are three phases that are occurring and being maintained in the Army. Those are continuity, growth and change," Salomon said. "We are constantly adding units, new people coming in, reduction in some workforces and increase in others. Through it all the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal have continuity and are still excelling.

"This building represents the growth being experienced at Redstone as well as throughout the Army. As a result of the 1989 BRAC, TMDE decided to relocate the U.S. Army Ionizing Radiation Dosimetry Center, currently located in Lexington to Redstone Arsenal," Salomon said.

Salomon also spoke about the soldier to whose memory the building was dedicated. "SFC Wynn was a dedicated soldier who

supported his soldiers. When I reviewed his records I found he had a unique and diverse career," Salomon said. "He joined the Army in 1946 as an infantryman. He also served in field artillery and air assault before transferring to the Ordnance Corps and calibration. He was awarded the Purple Heart during the Korean War and during his recuperation earned 60 college credit hours.

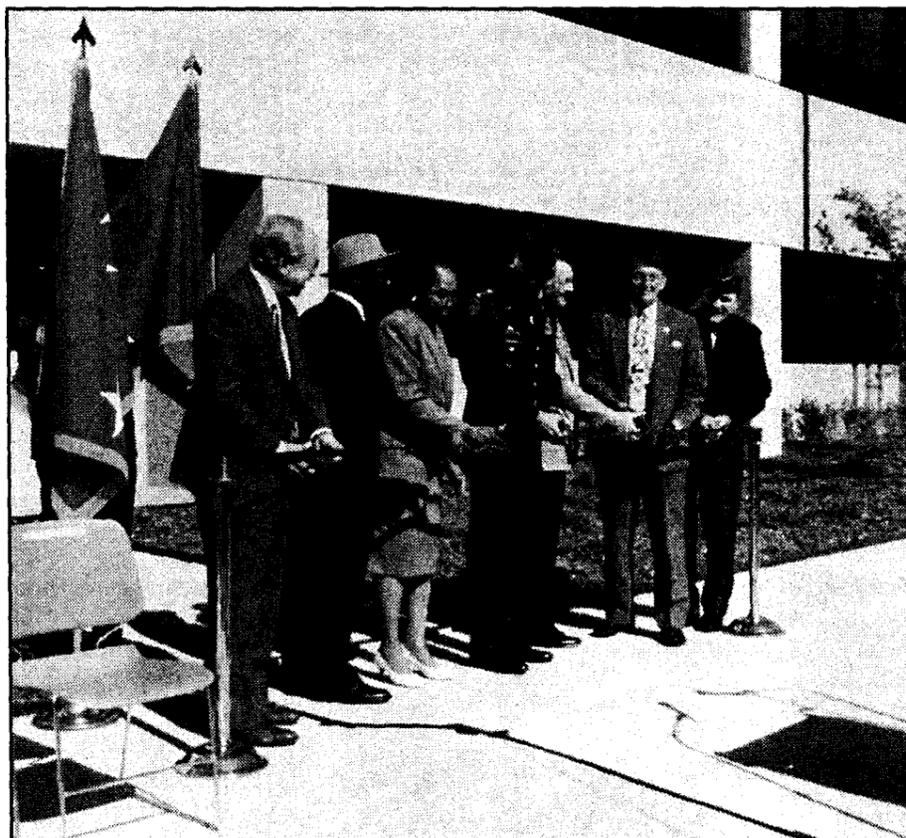
"He was a man ahead of his time because there weren't many soldiers pursuing a college career in the 1950s. He was also a sincere and dedicated soldier who put his men first," Salomon said. "Throughout his record there are commendations from his soldiers that speak highly of him."

Salomon read a letter from a fellow soldier of Wynn's who expressed Wynn's credo of putting the soldier first and making sure earned praised was passed on through the ranks. "Wynn also made sure his soldiers knew they had his support. We have taken SFC Wynn's credo and have wove it into the fabric of our mission of providing support of the soldier," Salomon said.

"I think SFC Wynn would be proud to have his name on this building," he said.

After the ribbon was cut officially opening the building and the dedication plaque was unveiled, Wynn's family members and guests were escorted on a tour of the new facility.

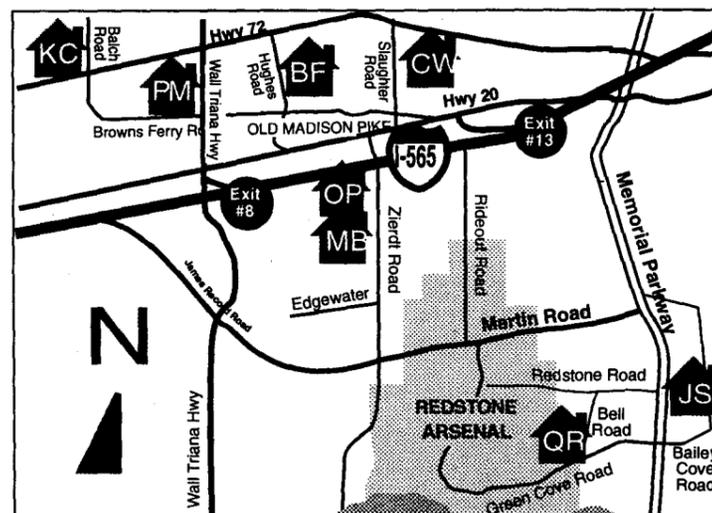
The two-story building will house state-of-the-art equipment and computers that will enable organizations to maintain high standards for Army calibration, leak testing, and dosimetry.



TMDE RIBBON CUTTING— The new Primary Radiation Standards Center on Jungerman Road was officially dedicated Friday with a ribbon cutting and plaque unveiling attended by Gen. Leon Salomon, commander of Army Materiel Command, and other dig-

nitaries. From left are Robert DuBois, director of TMDE Activity; Calvin Wynn, Aljulia Cheeks, Gen. Salomon, Huntsville Mayor Steve Hettinger, Madison Mayor Chuck Yancura, and Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of MICOM and Redstone Arsenal.

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On Monday, May 8, Team Redstone will commemorate the 50th anniversary of V-E Day. Disaster warning signals will be activated throughout the Redstone Arsenal complex to mark the moment 50 years ago that Redstone's first commander, Col. Carroll D. Hudson, proclaimed to the Redstone work force that "phase I of this World War has... ended."

Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, asks that all work stop for a moment of silence to remember those who worked so hard here on the munition and chemical manufacturing lines and those who bravely fought on the battlefields of Europe and Africa. Link notes in a communitywide Commander's Letter that "over 45.2 million units of ammunition were produced at Redstone Arsenal, the only Government-owned and operated arsenal established by the Ordnance Department during World War II. Redstone's employees won the prestigious Army-Navy 'E' Award for outstanding services in the

manufacture of munitions five different times."

The Germans surrendered to the Allies at Rhiems, France, on May 7. President Harry Truman proclaimed May 8 at V-E Day.

Here is an edited text of Hudson's speech:

"I have been advised by the War Department that today, the 8th of May, has been officially designated V-E Day. Germany has acknowledged defeat and surrendered unconditionally to the allies.

"I wish to offer my congratulations and express my deep appreciation to each of you for the part you have played in making the defeat of Germany possible. The ammunition you have made here at Redstone helped make the crossing of the Rhine by our boys a major tactical success with a minimum of casualties. Our 81mm Mortar Shell, 105mm and 155mm Smoke Shell set up such a good smoke screen on the east bank that our troops were able to cross the river under a minimum amount of fire. Our demolition blocks in the hands of paratroopers and demolition units of the

Corps of Engineers destroyed bridges and other vital installations behind German lines. In every major engagement our ammunition was a contributing factor to the successful advances into the heart of Germany.

"We are now faced with Phase II of this war in the Pacific Area against the last Nazi partner, Japan... We at Redstone must stay on the job so that total victory will not be delayed or postponed one hour or one minute. Delay means lives—the lives of fathers, sons, brothers, husbands, and sweethearts who will be fighting it out to the bitter end with the vicious and inhumane Japanese. We should not forget Pearl Harbor, the Bataan Death March, or the Santo Tomas prison camp. We must keep on backing up overseas forces with all the energy and devotion to duty of which we are capable.

"The fighting forces are looking to each of us to help in achieving a permanent and lasting peace in the shortest possible time."

Symposium draws students from throughout nation



OPENING SESSION— Youngsters listen to opening remarks at the symposium Friday in the Sparkman Auditorium.

More than 350 high school students, and their teachers, from public and private schools across the United States, Puerto Rico, Europe and Japan assembled in Huntsville for the Army's 33rd National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, April 27-30.

The 33rd national symposium culminated science competitions held on university campuses throughout the year which annually reach some 10,000 secondary school students and teachers. Beyond the com-

petition, symposia are designed to promote student participation in research and experimentation in the sciences, mathematics and engineering; promote understanding of the significance of scientific progress upon society; recognize students for scientific accomplishment; and prepare youth for future careers in research and development.

The program for the three-day symposium included field trips and tours hosted by MICOM scientists and engineers, local scientists and educa-

tors. The Missile Command was selected as the Army's host command for the 1995 symposium. Co-hosts included the Alabama Academy of Science, Alabama A&M University, the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and Marshall Space Flight Center.

"Team Redstone is extremely pleased to serve as the Army's host command for this symposium," said Ernie Young, deputy to the MICOM commanding general.

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MICOM engineer dies in car accident Saturday

A worker at the RD&E Center was killed in a two-vehicle accident Saturday while on his way to help judge a youth science program.

Dr. Don Jaklitsch, 47, of New Market, died in the wreck which occurred about 6:45 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of 565 and Sparkman Drive. He was the lone occupant of his car. The woman driver of a

pickup truck was slightly injured in the collision.

Jaklitsch, a materials engineer in Structures Directorate, had worked at the Research Development and Engineering Center for about three years. "He was a nice guy, just super energetic, and would do anything you asked him to do whatever it was; and technically very competent," said Paul Doyle, acting director

of Structures Directorate, who had known him about nine years. They had previously worked together at the Army Materials Lab in Massachusetts.

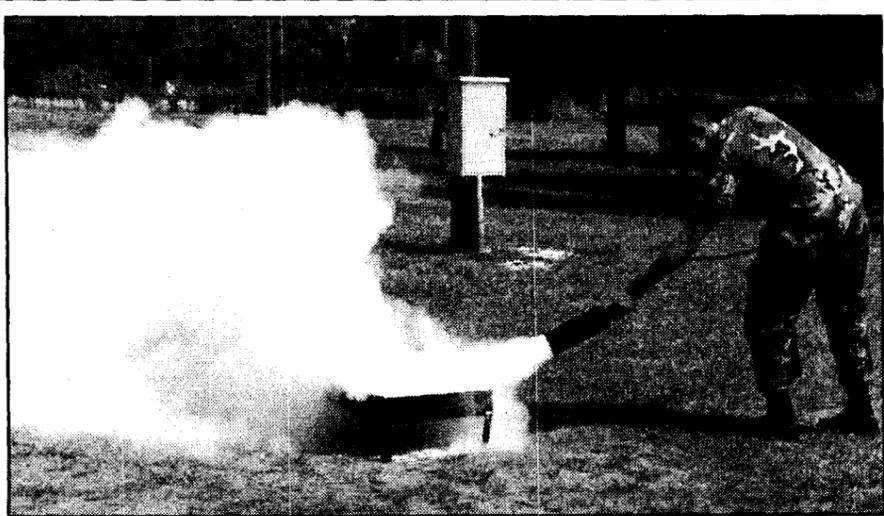
When the accident occurred, Jaklitsch was en route to the Marriott to serve as a judge in the 33rd Army Junior Science and Humanities Program. "He was on his way probably to the judges' orientation

because that was at 7:15 (a.m.); and the paper presentations were scheduled to start at 8:30," said Dr. Katie Blanding of the Academic Affairs Office at the Missile Command. Her office handles MICOM's support for science, math and engineering education; and it serves basically as an outreach program which interfaces with high schools and universities.

"I had not known him very long but was very much impressed with his dedication to our program," Blanding said. Jaklitsch was scheduled to judge papers submitted by high schoolers in the engineering section of the four-day symposium. There were three judges per section, with about seven or eight papers to be presented per section.

Survivors include his

wife, Maria Bostic, a computer engineer at TMDE Activity; two daughters, Zoie Jaklitsch of New Market and Maizy Jaklitsch of New York; his parents, Ernest and Mary Jaklitsch of Florida; a sister, Susan Allmendinger of New York; and a brother, Alan Jaklitsch of New York.



Safety Day...

Personnel at the Redstone Airfield participated in the semi-annual safety day April 18 and learned several new safety measures that could be put into practice if the need arose. Personnel learned the proper

way to use a fire extinguisher, several first aid practices and attended a workshop on boating safety and the new boating laws. Pictured is Spec. Steven Jones as he learns the proper way to use a fire extinguisher.

UTSI convictions send message

CHATTANOOGA—A civilian worker at the Missile and Space Intelligence Center at Redstone Arsenal and two others from the Marshall Space Flight Center were convicted of mail fraud in federal court here Friday after a five week-trial.

The jury deliberated for four days before returning a verdict that the government prosecutor said sends a message to NASA and the Army that: "cozy and intimate relationships with contractors could lead to federal prosecution."

Those convicted include Dennis Faulkner of MSIC, guilty on five counts each carrying a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine; Peggy Potter of MSFC, guilty on five counts and Richard Congo of MSFC, guilty of eight counts of mail fraud and one count of per-

jury.

The government charged the three government workers traded advanced degrees from the University of Tennessee Space Institute at Tullahoma for government contracts. A former official of UTSI, Dr. Walter Frost, and Robert Turner, who ran the Huntsville office of Frost's consulting firm, also were convicted of multiple counts of mail fraud.

The five will be sentenced in July. All said they would appeal Friday's decision.

After the verdict, government investigators gave subpoenas to Faulkner, Frost and Turner to appear before a federal grand jury later this month. Prosecutors said they may seek further indictments.

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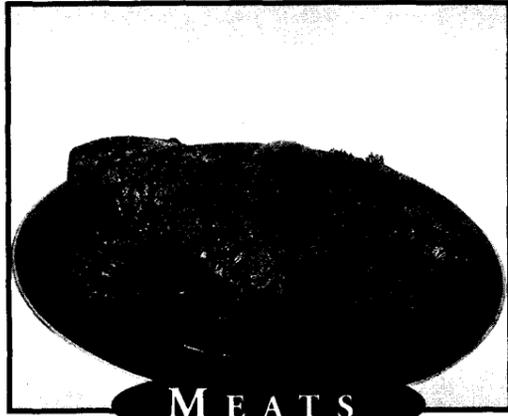
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JOINING FORCES— Cruze, left, and Posey sign the cooperative agreement.

Acquisition Center and NCMA sign agreement

The MICOM Acquisition Center and the Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) have joined forces in implementing procurement reforms under the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act (FASA) of 1994.

On April 11, Marlene Cruze, director of the Acquisition Center, and Emil Posey, president of the Huntsville Chapter of NCMA, signed a cooperative agreement in which the two organizations will dedicate resources to implement electronic data interchange (EDI) in the contracting process. This is one of several key initiatives authorized under the FASA. Proven implementation of EDI will allow the Acquisition Center to use simplified acquisition procedures for all purchases under \$100,000. The current rules allow simplified acquisition only for purchases under \$25,000.

The joint signing of the cooperative agreement stems from a request from Dr. Steven Kelman, administrator for the Office of Federal Procurement Policy to Barbara Weaver, the national president of NCMA, to assist agencies in developing implementation guidelines for all the initiatives enacted under FASA. MICOM is working within Army Materiel Command guidance and will serve as the lead agency within AMC for implementing EDI. NCMA has committed to offering low-cost training seminars and broad-based discussion groups to MICOM, the Space and Strategic Defense Command, NASA, and the Corps of Engineers Huntsville Division in their efforts to implement FASA initiatives. Leading with EDI, the Huntsville chapter will host an Electronic Commerce Workshop on May 4. For more information, call 464-0652 and leave a message on the voice-mail system.

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Three Redstone execs receive presidential rank awards

By Sandra Trousdale

Three high-ranking Army civilians at Redstone Arsenal have received Presidential Rank Awards for their contributions to Army programs during 1994.

Members of the Senior Executive Service, those receiving the awards include Ernie Young, deputy to the commanding general of Missile Command; Dr. Larry Daniel, director of RDEC's System Engineering and Production Directorate; and Larry H. Johnson, director of the Redstone Technical Test Center.

The awards were presented in a Pentagon April 20 by Secretary of the Army Togo West.

Young has been in his current position since June 1993 and is the first civilian in MICOM's history to hold that position. His civil service career dates back to 1956.

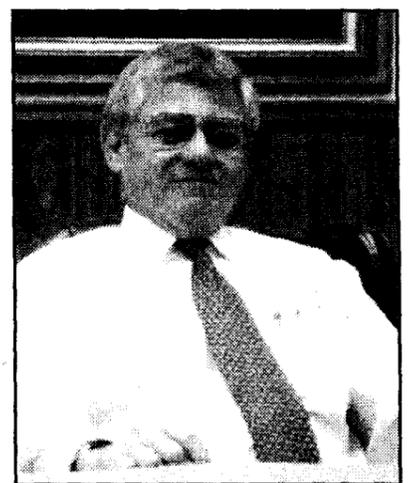
Young's recent award bestows the rank of Meritorious Executive in the Senior Executive Service. It's the third time he's received a presidential level award. Young has been a member of the Senior Executive Service since 1981.

Daniel was recipient of the Meritorious Executive rank and was cited for saving MICOM more than \$200 million in engineering programs, playing a key role in eliminating ozone depleting chemicals in missile applications and introducing new programs in the technology base.

Daniel has been in his present posi-



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tion since August 1987 and has spent his entire civil service career at Redstone. He's been a member of the Senior Executive Service for five years.

Johnson has been director of the test center, a Test and Evaluation Command tenant organization at Redstone, since 1989 and has spent most of his career at Redstone in the test community. He has responsibility for management of tests conducted from technology development through total system life cycle.

Johnson received the Meritorious Executive rank in the Senior Executive Service. He's been a member of the SES since 1989.

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Sgt. Coman named as Post NCO of Quarter in April

By Kathy Harkleroad

Sgt. Michael Coman, HHC MICOM, is a proud soldier these days, especially after being informed he was the NCO of the Quarter for Redstone Arsenal. Coman appeared before the board April 19 and heard the decision April 21.

"I was really surprised to hear I had won," he said. "I studied for the board and felt confident, but there was always the factor of not knowing whether or not I had done the job well enough."

Coman, along with five other soldiers, appeared before a board of sergeants major and answered questions from the soldier's manual. "We were asked questions about leadership and training and we had to give a five to seven minute class to the board," Coman said.

Coman talked about Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBCs) during his class and felt confident about the presentation. "This was a subject I knew quite a bit about and I feel is one of the most important ones in the military," he said.

Along with winning the title of NCO of the Quarter,

Coman received several other prizes. "I received a plaque, several certificates, approximately \$500 in cash awards, lots of gift certificates from local restaurants, hotels, and Aafes (Post Exchange)," Coman said.

In order to compete in the NCO of the Quarter Board, he had to win the company-level NCO board competition. "The company board was held a week prior to the post board, and I basically gave the same presentation. The questions at the post board were much harder though," Coman said.

Coman has been in the Army for eight years and is a single parent. "I have joint custody of my 2-year-old son, Alexander, and he keeps me pretty busy," Coman said.

Coman also enjoys working on his truck, lifting weights, and has recently completed a book which he hopes to publish. He also attends Calhoun Community College, and will be attending University of Alabama in Huntsville next year.

Spec. Ball chosen Soldier of Month at 15th Brigade, Fort Gordon, GA

FORT GORDON, Ga.— Spec. Almeter Ball was selected as the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade, Fort Gordon, Soldier of the Month for April.

Ball is assigned to the 73rd Ordnance Battalion, Headquarters and A Company; and in specialty 71L, she works as a clerk typist in the administration/operation

branch, training support division, Ordnance Electronic Maintenance Training Department.

She won the 73rd Ordnance Battalion Soldier of the Month while competing against soldiers from three other companies. In order to win the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade Soldier of the Month, she

had to compete against soldiers assigned to four Signal battalions. She won by being the best at answering questions concerning military subjects presented by four brigade sergeants major and one senior NCO.

Ball, a native of Greenville, Ala., has been in the military two years and eight months. She has been an

active volunteer in her company in support of the Adopt-a-School program. She enjoys singing, running and recently completed two years of college toward her bachelor of arts in education degree through the University of Maryland.

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Annual great moon buggy race draws teams from colleges

Teams of university students from across the country tested their engineering skills April 24 when they participated in the second annual great moon buggy competition sponsored by Marshall Space Flight Center and the Redstone Technical Test Center.

Student teams from seven universities designed and constructed a total of nine moon buggies for the competition. Each vehicle was raced at Redstone Technical Test Center's Controlled Input Road Course, Test Area 7, which is the same course where the actual moon buggy or Lunar Roving Vehicle was tested for the Apollo program.

"This competition gives students an opportunity to put their skills to work as members of a team by designing, constructing, testing, and competing an original-design vehicle that meets predetermined specifications," said Dr. Frank Six, moon buggy competition coordinator at the Marshall Center. "The effort also allows students to build team spirit and participate in an activity that will enhance awareness of human exploration and development of space."

"Redstone Technical Test Center is happy to participate in this annual event," said Walter Ruh, a RTTC test engineer who served as the Army representative on the moon buggy committee. "We routinely test various Army tactical vehicles for hardware design evaluations on the road course at Test Area

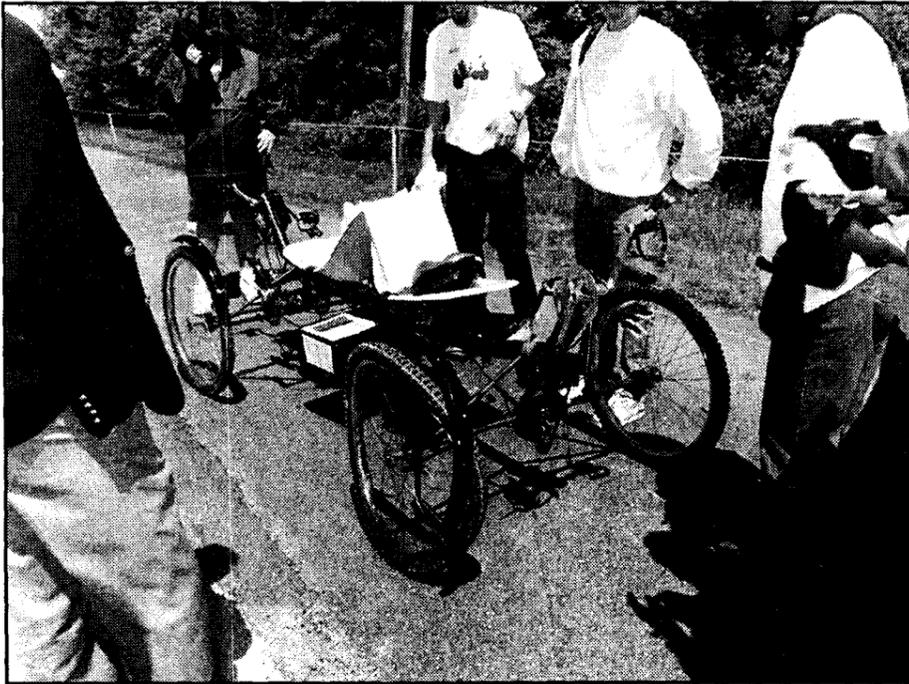


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WINNING VEHICLE— This moon buggy from Georgia Tech won the race despite finishing with a damaged wheel.

7, and it was impressive to see some of the designs these students developed."

Each university's team raced their two-person human-powered buggy, piloted by one male and one female student, on a 1.4 mile course simulating lunar terrain with 12 obstacles including moon craters and lava ridges.

After a safety inspection of each vehicle, the competition began when the two crew members carried their moon buggy a distance of 20 feet and set it at the starting line. The event clock started and the crew was required to assemble, or unfold, their moon buggy from a storage volume no larger than 4 feet cubed and race around the course. The event clock was stopped when the vehicle containing

two crew members crossed the finish line.

Judges awarded first, second and third place prizes to the teams that took the least time to assemble their moon buggies and complete the obstacle course. Georgia Tech was awarded first, University of Alabama in Huntsville was second, and University of Puerto Rico at Humacao was third. A prize was also awarded to the team whose buggy was judged to be of the "best" design— original, creative and the best technical solution to navigating on the lunar surface. The University of Alabama in Huntsville won this best overall design award. The overall winner, Georgia Tech, won an all-expense paid trip for six team members to Kennedy Space

Center to watch a shuttle launch.

Teams from Georgia Tech, University of Puerto Rico at Humacao (two buggies), University of Evansville (two buggies), Northern Kentucky University, Arizona State University, University of Alabama in Huntsville, and Texas A&M participated in this year's event. In addition Monterey (La.) High School participated and gave the university students some tough competition.

The National Space Club, U.S. Space and Rocket Center, and the Alabama Space Grant Consortium joined with the RTTC and Marshall Center to sponsor the event.



Remembering WWII...

The MICOM Historical Office has a display of posters commemorating World War II in the hallway leading to the cafeteria in building 5302 at the Sparkman Center. Spec. Carrie Gifun, left, and SFC Eugene Henderson stand in front of the display which they were instrumental in organizing. Mike Boecking of the Integrated Materiel Management Center hung this 50th anniversary commemoration that depicts WWII in mainly the later years.

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As of Friday, about 125 VSIP applications had been received by CPO. In view of having received more applications than the number of excess employees, the VERA/VSIP window for MICOM closed May 1, nine days earlier than planned.

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Senior German air defense officer renews local friendships

By Skip Vaughn

A senior German air defense officer sees continued good relations with missile developers in Huntsville, but regrets the drawdown of U.S. forces in Europe.

Lt. Gen. Axel Kleppien, commander of German Air Force Tactical Command North and director of Reaction Force Air Staff, visited Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal April 26-28. As the former system manager for ground-based air defense systems—including Patriot and Hawk—he helped establish the German Patriot Office here. Kleppien last visited Huntsville in 1992 when he was chief planner for the German Air Force.

Asked about today's relationship in Huntsville, he said "I'm very pleased to find out that the relationship between the Americans and the Germans obviously is still very good."

The German Patriot Office, collocated with the U.S. Army's Patriot Project Office, is led by German Air Force Col. Rainer Herrmann. It consists of five servicemembers and five civilians.

"I enjoy my visit (in Huntsville) thoroughly," Kleppien said. "I still have a lot of good old friends here and enjoy seeing them again; and they are here in the military and in the contractor community. And it helps

to cultivate those liaisons."

Asked about the drawdown of U.S. forces in Europe, Kleppien said he regrets it. "I regret it personally because I'm sure that the very close relationship that we had in the past, especially between German air defenders and U.S. air defenders, will probably decrease. Nothing can make up to being close together; there is no substitute to daily cooperation," he said. He added that he understands the reason for the drawdown. "Similar to our situation, the resources are becoming smaller and smaller."

The German forces are equipped with four air defense systems. These include Patriot, Hawk, the German-French-built Roland system, and the Stinger which they recently acquired.

"We are continuing cooperation on the Patriot system," Kleppien said when asked about joint development efforts. "Both sides will improve the system through continuous process of upgrades and modification."

He pointed out during his visit that the German Air Force's quest for a successor to the Hawk system in no way changed their high priority for Patriot PAC-3 improvements. The formal process obtaining national approval for PAC-3 is proceeding, he said.

"We will acquire certain (Patriot) hardware and software changes as developed by



RECOGNITION— Col. Herrmann, left, receives an award from Lt. Gen. Kleppien during the general's visit to Huntsville.

the U.S. Army," Kleppien said. "We are not only receiving customers, we can take the initiative and point out certain shortcomings we have felt; and they can then be taken care of by the American community. And we are very grateful for what they (the Americans) have done."

Corps Sam—which the Germans call Medium Extended Air Defense System

(MEADS)— is a co-development project involving the U.S., Germany, France and Italy. "We are still in the beginning phase," Kleppien said.

Upon his departure from Huntsville, Kleppien traveled to Fort Bliss, Texas, and White Sands Missile Range, N.M., where he was to observe German Patriot units' participation in Exercise "Roving Sands."

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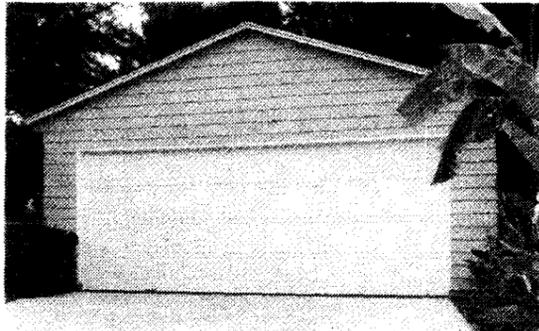
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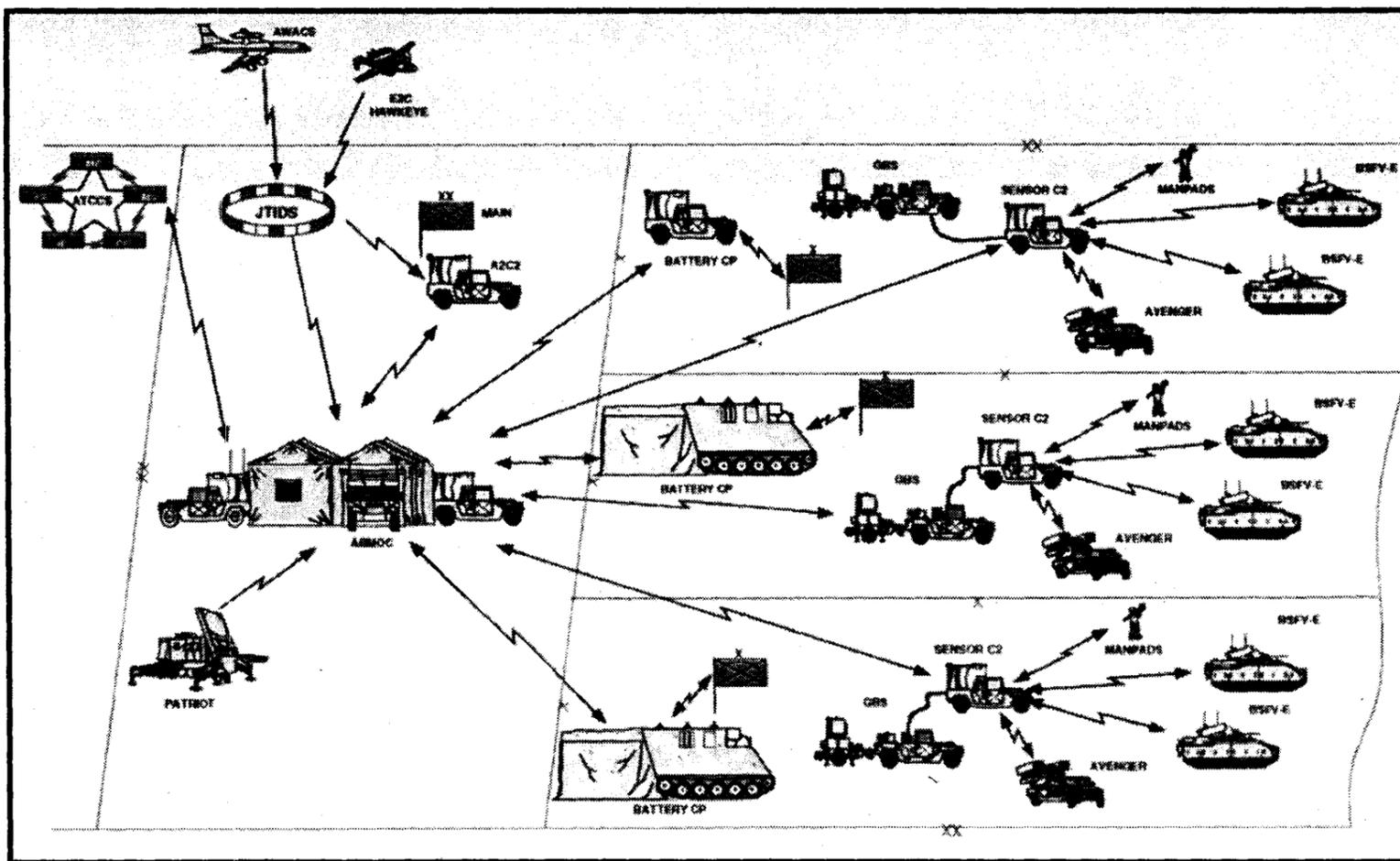
By Kathy Harkleroad

The Forward Area Air Defense Command, Control and Intelligence (FAAD C²I) System is managed by the Air Defense Command and Control Systems project office in Huntsville and provides an automated command and control capability to air defense battalions in all Army divisions, all Avenger battalions, and to air defense batteries supporting Army armored cavalry regiments.

"FAAD C²I is the air defense element of the Army's Tactical Command and Control System providing air defense gunners with real-time air track data and providing commanders throughout the division with 3d dimensional situation awareness," said Col. Daniel Montgomery, project manager.

"With the FAAD C²I system, we are finally replacing binocular teams, voice alerting, acetate maps, and grease pencils with radar and satellite data, digitally transmitted and processed and presented in real-time to air defense gunners located in virtually 100 different locations across the divisional battlefield," Montgomery said.

The FAAD C²I system consists of an Air Battle Management Operations Center located at the battalion Command Post (CP), an Army Airspace Command and Control element located at the division main CP, six sensor nodes connected to a Ground-Based



AIR DEFENSE COMMAND AND CONTROL— The Air Defense Command and Control System provides soldiers with real-time air defense information and involves several types of weapon systems.

Sensor, battery CPs, and handheld computer terminals for all platoon leaders, section chiefs, and mounted in every FAAD weapon system (BSFV, Avenger, and Stinger MANPADs). The system utilizes common Army computers, Standardized Integrated Command Post System shelters, and Army communication systems.

"The FAAD C²I system has made air defense artillery a leader in battlefield digitization. It brings the power of the microprocessor right down to the foxhole. When the Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Sullivan, first saw the system demonstrated, he remarked 'Now, this is what I mean by digitization of the battlefield'," Montgomery said.

"As we gain more field experience with this system, we're finding that its uses and value are greater than we ever thought. We are presenting a real-time air picture inside division CPs and maneuver brigade CPs for the first time, and the value of that is tremendous. The soldiers' ability to see and analyze enemy air activity, and the commanders' quick reaction to that, has dramatically changed the outcome of simulated exercises," he said.

The FAAD C²I has been fielded to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) who have conducted several training exercises with the new system. It is being fielded to the 2nd Infantry Division and the 24th Infantry Division, and elements of the system have

been fielded to the 1st Cavalry Division.

"The information that is transmitted also makes the nighttime battlefield a safer place to be. With the information we are able to pass on, soldiers can see what's flying around them by looking at their computer screen," Montgomery said.

Montgomery has been involved with the project for the past three years and said it has been one of the most exciting times of his career. "I have seen the project go from development to fielding, and it has been very exciting. Especially when I came from the time of grease pencils and knowing what improvements were needed. I have actually seen the improvements happen," he said.

He also saw a bright future for FAAD C²I. "As I mentioned before, as the soldiers are using the system they are finding areas where it will be very useful and are doing things with it that we never thought of. The future is a very bright one," Montgomery said.

The project office is also heavily involved in development of Tactical Operation Centers (TOC). "Basically, we are taking Army Command, Control, Communications and Computers (C4) products and functionally integrating them in a TOC," Montgomery said. "We developed a Theater Missile Defense TOC and delivered it to the Army Space Command this past February and developed an Air Defense Brigade TOC

and delivered it to the 31st Brigade at Fort Hood last month." Both of these systems will participate in exercise Roving Sands being conducted this month in New Mexico.

The project office is staffed by seven military personnel and 85 civilians, and is to expand soon. "We aren't downsizing, but upsizing. We are trying to get 10 more engineers here in the office and with ATCOM arriving here we will increase even more," Montgomery said.

The deputy project manager for the project office is Reggie Skinner. Product managers include Lt. Col. Ed Siomacco and Lt. Col. Jamey Moran. The prime contractor for the system is TRW.

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Romero

Post Soldier of the Month a 'relieved' award winner

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Post Soldier of the Month for April is Spec. Todd Romero, operations specialist/driver for the deputy to the commanding general at MICOM.

Romero has been before post boards before and put extra effort into studying for this board. "I've been to four or five other post boards and knew what to expect so I studied hard for this one," he said.

When he was informed of winning the title of Soldier of the Month, Romero said he was more relieved than surprised. "I have been to so many boards before and came really close to winning. I was very relieved to hear I had won," Romero said.

Romero answered questions on general military information and gave a class on how to clear an object from the throat of a conscious victim to a panel of sergeants major. "I chose this topic to give my class on because I not only had a good visual aid to use, but thought the information I

learned from studying might come in handy some day," Romero said.

As part of his prize package Romero took home \$150 in cash, \$200 in savings bonds, gift certificates to various restaurants and Post Exchange coupons and certificates.

When not studying for boards, Romero enjoys participating in all kinds of sports in his off-duty time. "I'm an outdoors kind of person and am game for any kind of sports, Romero said. His favorite sports include soccer, football, volleyball and mountain biking.

Romero is now eligible to participate in the Post Soldier of the Year competition in September.

Spec. Lisa Heck of HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade was the Post Soldier of the Month for March.

LETTERS Continued from page 2 Winning team

As I transition back to civilian life after nearly 19 years in uniform, I must express to you all how appreciative I and my family are to have been given the opportunity to have served as a part of such an extraordinarily professional team of caring individuals these last three years in Huntsville. It is so appropriate that you have all been recognized as "The Army's Best" and given this honor again this year, because Team Redstone—you are some of the finest Americans anywhere.

Since arriving here in 1992, I have served in Matrix Support positions in the program offices, on the MICOM Command Group, and on the PEO, Missile Defense staff at SSDC. In each of these areas, the personable and knowledgeable people I have worked with specifically and the general willingness of "Team Redstone" to work hard to go the distance for whomever needs your support has never ceased to impress me with a sense of pride for being a part of this community. But it's more than just your "willingness"—it's your total knowledge of the requirements and procedures necessary to affect an action and your commitment to people—to the degree that you know what can be set aside in the bureaucratic processes to get the job done—based on a sense that people's lives mean more than the rote following of steps layed-out in a handful of manuals. This degree of professionalism is more than just a matter of solid values, it demonstrates a natural respect for basic human dignity far beyond that which normally characterizes an organization this size. I feel certain your individual efforts collectively embody much of what the current administration is grappling with in Washington with their National Performance Reviews and Reinventing Government efforts. Maybe someone should tell them—"Hey, just go to Redstone Arsenal for a while and see what they're doing..." Then again, maybe not.

Special thanks to the wonderful folks at Redstone Arsenal Support Activity—everywhere, in every office the welcome is remarkable. Thank you for all the great things you do to support this Arsenal, its mission and its people. You demonstrate for Col. Moeller that "empowerment" is working.

Thanks to all the great people at the Military Personnel Office: Dotty Howard, Sarah Trial, Phil Fredrich, Maj. Shirley Givens—your organization is truly one of the Army's jewels.

HHC MICOM—thanks for all you do behind the scenes; SSgt. Brooks, 1st Sgt. Williams, and Capt. Slade—you've all got a great team of teams.

For the exceptional group of professionals in MICOM's Emergency Operations Center—thanks! God bless you all.

Name withheld by request

Youth soccer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the players, parents, coaches, referees, team parents and all the other volunteers involved in this past spring soccer season, for all their efforts. It really was a big success. There were a few accomplishments during this spring season that the league has achieved through your efforts that I think you should know about, and be proud of. We had approximately 190 children, from ages 4 through 13, with 13 teams. This is approximately double the number of players and teams we had last spring. The referees for home games were all volunteers and from what I saw they did an excellent job. Without their support we would not have been able to have any home games. My sincere appreciation to everyone who has volunteered to ref. We all know it is not an easy job.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Shelby Williams, director of youth activities, and Missy Richards, acting youth sports director, for their fantastic support this season. Their dedication to the children and their excellent support of the soccer program have really made a difference. The next time you see them, please let them know how much we appreciate their support.

Again, thank you; and please remember that the strength of our youth programs are the volunteers.

Richard C. Johns
Commissioner,
Youth Soccer League

TMDE funding

Why is the TMDE Activity allowing MICOM CPO to needlessly continue to strive to place "surplus" TMDE Activity employees in MICOM competitive area vacancies when TMDE Activity has more than adequate OMA financial resources to cover the cost of these employees? Headquarters Army Materiel Command records reflect that the TMDE Activity was provided (on March 23, 1995) a substantial plus-up in its FY '96 OMA PBG!

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(Editor's note: Robert DuBois, director of TMDE Activity, provided the following response. "TMDE Activity does not have adequate OMA financial resources to meet FY '96 program commitments and pay all of its personnel. Not only does it have an OMA shortfall in FY '96 but the deficit is even greater in FY '97. Military to civilian conversions coupled with RDT&E and OPA funding cuts worsen the entire TMDE Activity financial posture. However, TMDE Activity is still in the process of placing excess personnel internally to include offering VERA/VSIP. The TMDE Activity and four other local activities have provided lists of excess personnel to MICOM in an effort to place the employees and avoid a RIF.")

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Sports/Recreation

Bowling standings

Here are the final standings of the regular season for the Redstone Arsenal Intramural Bowling League:

	Won	Lost
Missile Maniacs	488.5	311.5
MI Detachment	480	320
Sandbaggers	468.5	331.5
TMDE-1	452	348
F Company MLRS	448	352
Marines	431.5	68.5
Master Blasters	428.5	371.5
TMDE-2	426.5	373.5
Readiness Grp-2	423	377
Dilligaf	412.5	387.5
SHORAD-2	367.5	432.5
D Company-1	357.5	442.5
SHORAD-1	331.5	468.5
Hooters	294.5	505.5
D Company-2	281.5	518.5
Readiness Grp-1	275.5	524.5

200 games/600 series bowled April 25:

	246, 202, & 619 series
Brian Long	216
Raymond Biron	216
Bob Thorne	214
Kevin Napier	214
Raymond Glace	212
Clifford Daniel	210
Avery Hollifield	202/200

Troop volleyball

Here are the troop volleyball standings as of April 27:

Eastern Division

	W	L
NCO Academy	7	0
HHC 59th	7	0
A Company 832nd	5	2
C Company 832nd	3	5

Western Division

	W	L
TMDE	4	4
Marines	4	4
F Company 832nd	2	5
HHC MICOM	2	6
MEDDAC	1	7

Bass tournament fund-raiser has only winners

By Jim Deweese

The April 15 Redstone Arsenal Support Activity (RASA), Army Emergency Relief (AER), Bass Buddy IV Tournament is now history. There was the "Thrill of Victory," the "Agony of Defeat," and Frustration for others. The bass tournament sponsored by the Directorate of Support Operations, RASA, raised \$200-plus for the AER.

Now for the big story! As in the past, the bass buddy tournament was a story in itself. During the pre-fish period I observed many boats pre-fishing in an attempt to locate quality fish; evidently some anglers were able to put it all together. Bass buddy IV had 23 boats and 46 anglers attempting to catch some quality bass. The bass buddy IV anglers were "hot" in pursuit of the gold (Trophies) and the money (\$1,140 was paid to money finishers).

"The Thrill of Victory": first place and big bass, Richard Wysong and Dean Firestone—PEO, National Missile Defense Team, 16.31 pounds; second place, Tom Piasecki and Tony Morris—Readiness Group Team, 11.49; third place, Brian Clark and Doug Maddox—Ohio Team, 9.56 pounds.

"The Agony of Defeat": boat 15, Steven Carey and

Sgt. Maj. Mike Flemming, Provost Marshal/Security Team weighed in 9.74 pounds; however, it was taken out of third place due to a dead fish ruling. Steve has now purchased a larger aerator pump to ensure his fish are "super comfortable." Boat 4, Maj. Gen. James Link and John Brannen, the Command Group Team, lost a big fish which would have put them in the money. Boat 1, SFC Tim Tillery and Charlie Bertus, OMMCS Team, blew their engine in the pre-fish period, obtained another boat for the tournament, and didn't finish in the money.

"Frustration": The water had not raised to summer pool, the fish had fed during the night due to a full moon, boat 1 was missing from the fleet during takeoff, a Pontoon was stranded on the ramp during weigh-in, and 10 boats failed to weigh fish (let's use the excuse "we didn't want to bring small fish to the scales").

Overall, Bass Buddy IV proved to have a very interesting field of anglers. There was a team from Tennessee, two teams from Ohio, with the remaining 20

teams being from the local area (Redstone, Toney, Harvest, Guntersville, Albertville, Athens, Huntsville, Madison, etc.). There were no losers during this tournament, just those that finished better than others. Col. Stephen Moeller, commander of RASA, presented the trophies and money to the winners—with on-lookers "chanting" we want a fall tournament this time.

As tournament director my special thanks and grat-

itude go out to all you tournament anglers, Sgt. Danny Sale and Sgt. Robert Spears of RASA for their assistance at launch and weigh-in, and Gary Wilson of Space and Strategic Defense Command for serving as weighmaster and providing the tournament scales.

(Editor's note: Deweese, official mail manager for RASA, served as tournament director.)



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Sports/Recreation

New batting cages at Youth Center a big hit with kids

By Sandra Cartee

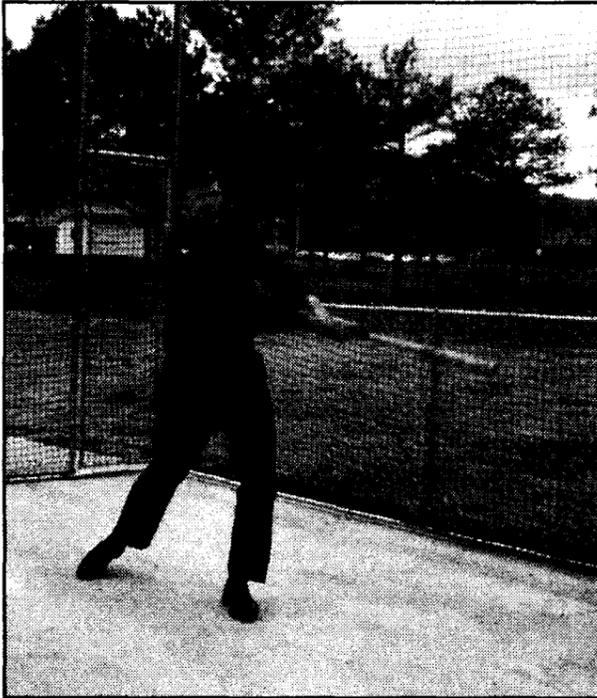
Youth Services patrons can now work on their baseball swings in new batting cages located in front of the Youth Center.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was held April 24 with Col. Stephen Moeller, deputy post commander and chief of the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, performing the honors. The four cages feature ball shooting and return machines and ensures much fun and recreation for kids of Redstone.

"This is the only way to teach kids how to bat," Moeller said. With one 50-cent token, someone can hit up to 18 balls. This gives plenty of practice for kids who want to work on their home runs.

Some kids have already had the chance to try the cages out. "They absolutely love it and they think it's the greatest thing in the world," said Missy Richards, youth development specialist at Youth Services. The cages consist of three baseball-pitching machines and one softball machine.

Coaches of Arsenal teams will also be able to utilize the cages for their teams with reservations. "The cages will hopefully improve their batting skills and improve the overall teams," said Bobby Presley, chief of family support division. So, the cages are more



BATTING PRACTICE— Youngsters won't be the only ones enjoying the new batting cages; adults will, too. Moeller tried his skills in the cages and hit almost every ball. (He was known for breaking bats in his younger ballplaying days.)

than just fun: They serve as an educational tool for teaching players how to hit.

Moeller feels that the batting cages will help parents as well. "The beauty of this machine is that it retrieves the balls for you. When a parent goes out to practice with their kid, they spend a lot of time fielding the balls," he said. The machine saves that time, and the kid can practice a lot quicker.

The recreation benefits

parents as well as the children. "With \$3, I can wear my daughter out," Moeller said in jest. The practice not only gives the kids something to do, but also burns energy.

Safety is ensured because everyone participating is required to wear a helmet, furnished by the Youth Center. Patrons under age 10 must have an adult present; and everyone under age 18 must sign a waiver before playing.



RECREATION INSTALLATION— Moeller, left, officially opened the Youth Service's new batting cages with a ribbon-cutting ceremony April 24. Assisting him in the cutting were Presley, center, and Richards.

There will also be someone supervising the cages and monitoring the speeds of the machines. In the future, timers may be installed to the machines to provide automatic capabilities.

The cages will be open from 3 to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and from 3 to 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cages, that

were bought with Army Communities of Excellence award winnings, also have bats and helmets. (Patrons can bring their own bat if they wish.)

Adults will also be able to take advantage of the batting practice. "When it gets warmer weather, we will be busy. Not only with kids, but adults will be enjoying them just as much,"

Richards said.

The cages are lighted for evening practice, too. Presley said that the machines are some of the latest in the industry and compare highly with cages off post.

"It'll be a great source of entertainment for kids," Moeller said. For more information on the batting cages, call 876-BALL.

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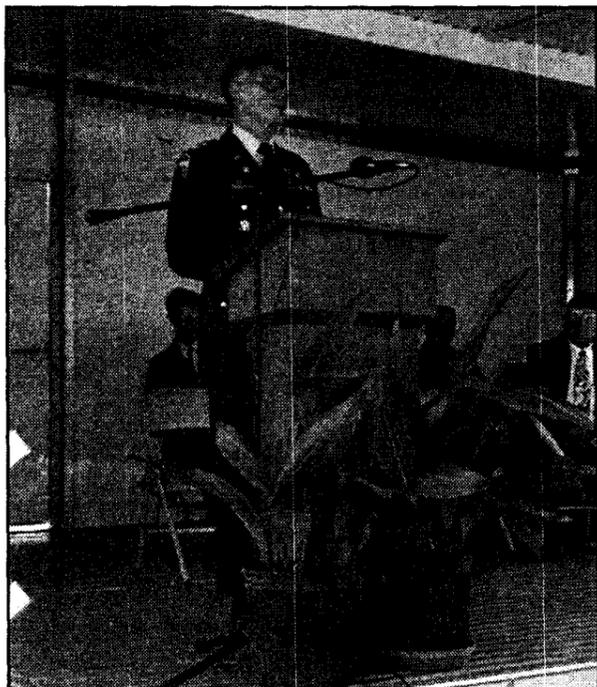
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Redstone participates in area Arbor Day celebration



BANNING TOGETHER— Col. Solomon signed a proclamation along with officials from the cities of Huntsville and Madison, and Madison County promising to recognize Arbor Day and work toward protecting trees and the environment.

By Sandra Cartee

Redstone joined hands with the surrounding communities Friday to support a common goal. It was the Huntsville-Madison County

Botanical Garden's fifth annual Arbor Day Celebration, and officials from area communities came out in full force to show their support.

Representatives from

Huntsville, Madison, Madison County, and the Arsenal signed a proclamation declaring their rededication to helping the environment by saving and planting trees. They told children from the Child Development Center and fourth graders from Morris Elementary how important trees are to their communities.

Col. James Solomon, director of the Intelligence and Security Directorate, represented Redstone in signing the proclamation. He said, "we will continue to recognize how important trees are to us." Solomon also told of how recent storms have taken out numerous trees on post and of the efforts to replace them.

Representing the city of Huntsville was Mayor Steve Hettinger, and Mayor Chuck Yancura represented the city of Madison. Hettinger told the children of the efforts to save trees around the Huntsville community and Yancura instructed the kids on the importance of planting trees now.

By signing the procla-

mation each representative promised to work toward steering schools, businesses, and organizations in each community to better the environment. Harvey Cotten, executive director of the Botanical Garden, said "this represents conservation and environmental stewardship."

Dr. Dave Branham, di-

rector of Public Works for the Arsenal, was present for the event. He said, "Trees are common to all of us. This (celebration) shows that Redstone is a part of the community and that we demonstrate that."

Andrew Dalins who represented the Huntsville Tree Commission summed up the event when he said, "if

we all did our part, we could make Huntsville, Madison, Madison County, and the Arsenal a better place to live."

The Arsenal also held a separate ceremony on the same day commemorating Arbor Day on the local level. A tree-planting ceremony took place near building 112.



CELEBRATING TREES— About 30 youngsters from the Child Development Center participated in the Arbor Day celebration held Friday at the Huntsville-Madison County Botanical Gardens. The children sang songs about springtime and trees to show the importance of planting trees.

Self-esteem expert gives ingredients of winning family



Hart

Children's problems only reflect the problems of society as a whole, according to a well-known speaker and expert on self-esteem development.

Dr. Louise Hart, from Boulder, Colo., was invited to deliver two presentations here during April's "Month of the Military Child" and "Child Abuse Prevention Month." She spoke at Bicentennial Chapel April 17 and 18. Her presentation 7-9 p.m. April 17 was titled "The Winning Family"; and her presentation 9-noon April 18 was on "Fostering Resiliency."

Hart, who holds a doctorate of education in community psychology, has written two books: "The Winning Family" and "On the Wings of Self-Esteem."

"Young people are at risk only to the extent that their family, community and so-

ciety also are at risk," Hart said. "Young people mirror conditions of our general society at risk."

She listed things that people can do to keep high self-esteem: confront the troublesome situation, withdraw from the situation when necessary, consider the source of a problem, ask someone why he or she upset you, talk to a friend, don't be easily offended, and use humor. Suggestions that she called "saving graces" to help deal with difficult situations included pets, hobbies, sports, nature, humor, tenacity, creativity, achievement, compassion and caring, relationships with other people, and

prayer.

The components of resiliency are partly internal and have to deal with an individual's capability, and partly external and concern what we do as parents and educators to help our children, Hart said. She advocates "the challenge model" which looks at solutions, rather than just problems.

"Everybody made real positive comments" after the presentations, said Jennifer Clark, family advocacy program manager at Army Community Service. "Her whole approach is very upbeat. So often these days we focus on what's wrong with people, and giving them labels. She focus-

es on what we need to survive: How can we identify strengths and build on them."

Sponsors for the public presentations included ACS Family Advocacy, Child Development Services, Youth Services, Chaplains Office, and the family practice clinic of Fox Army Community Hospital. About 90 people attended the April 17 evening session. And about 20 attended the April 18 session when many school counselors had to cancel due to state-ordered school testing.

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EOD school a family affair for brother and sister

By Kathy Harkleroad

Retired MSgt. Edward Mitchell has something to be very proud of. Two of his children are following in his footsteps and are on their way to making a career in the Explosive Ordnance Disposal field. Pvt. Chris Collis and Pvt. Jennifer Mitchell will enter the first phase of the EOD school at Eglin AFB in Florida the end of May.

"We grew up in an EOD family and know pretty much what goes on and have heard lots of stories," said Jennifer. "My dad was in EOD for a very long time and this is something I have always wanted to do."

Collis echoed that statement and said he can't imagine doing anything else. "I was adopted by the Mitchell family and my real dad was a drill sergeant in the Army, so the Army has always been a way of life for me. EOD just seemed the natural way to go when it came to choosing a career," Collis said.

The number of EOD soldiers Armywide is somewhat small when compared to other occupations. Currently there are 850 EOD personnel, including officers, worldwide.

"We will have approximately 300 students come through the EOD Training Center this year. This is the first time that I know of that we have had a brother and sister go through the training together, and to top it off, they are the son and daughter of a retired EOD soldier," said MSgt. Ray Biron, EOD Training Center.

"I am really excited about going into EOD and can't wait to begin school," said Jennifer. "This is something that I really want to do. I'm also looking forward to being assigned to a unit when the courses are over. The only problem is my commander will probably already know who I am," she said laughing.

"Dad knows a lot of people out there and has been real supportive of our decision to go EOD," said Collis. "He is real proud and both of us are looking forward to having him pin our badges on us when we graduate from school."

Collis and Jennifer joined the Army under the buddy system and attended basic training together at Fort Jackson, S.C. "After basic we came to Redstone and are attending the school for ammunition specialist. Once we graduate from there we will change our MOS and will be on our way to EOD school at Eglin by the end of May," said Jennifer.

"Both of us tried college and decided it wasn't for us. We wanted to join the Army but didn't really want to do without



KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY— Pvts. Chris Collis and Jennifer Mitchell are following in their father's footsteps and will soon attend the Explosive Ordnance Disposal course. Pictured from left are Collis, SFC Phil White and Mitchell at the EOD training department.

each other," said Collis. "In a way it has been very beneficial because the stress was less and we were able to see each other in the hallways every now and then. Both of us are real excited about going to EOD school together."

Both soldiers said they were drawn to EOD because of the way of life within the EOD units and from the stories they have heard from their father and from family friends. "EOD units are quite a bit smaller and there is a real feeling of camaraderie and family. Everyone really looks out for everyone else," said Jennifer.

"Once you hear the stories some of those guys have to tell, you can't help but get your interest up and want to know more," said Collis. "They live a dangerous life, yet everyone

knows what they are doing and they are more than willing to teach the new guys how things are done."

"It helps to have our dad in EOD, even though he is retired. He knows just about everyone, or almost everyone has heard of him. He was in the Army for 21 years and most of the time with EOD. As I said before he has been very supportive and has helped us get over quite a few rough spots," Jennifer said.

Another reason the two soldiers decided to join the EOD team was because of the job opportunities and experiences when their Army careers are over. "Dad retired from EOD and is still doing work that involves the training he received in the Army. He really enjoys it," Collis said.

"After completing an 11-week course at Eglin AFB, the two soldiers will then go to a 17-week course at Indianhead, Md., for further training. After graduation from Indianhead, they will return to Redstone where they will complete the last phase of instruction and will then be assigned to a unit," said SFC Phil White, student control NCO at the EOD Training Center.

"This is somewhat of a unique situation, where we have a brother and sister attend the school at the same time. Occasionally we do have a relative of a prior EOD soldier come through, but this is the first time for this situation," White said.

Choosing EOD for a career is not an easy decision and takes a considerable amount of thought. "Before soldiers are assigned to a class, we make sure this is something they want to do and are capable of doing," Biron said. "Qualifications for this MOS require a soldier with high motivation, integrity above reproach and a drive to do everything correct. There is a no room for error in our job."

Both Biron and White said soldiers who would like to investigate a career in EOD are welcome to call them at the center. "We can fill them in on everything that is involved and can go from there," said Biron. They can be reached by calling the training center at 876-5885.

Both Jennifer and Collis fit the bill for the job and are looking forward to entering the EOD way of life and can't wait to get started. "Both of us are marking our calendars until the day we leave for Eglin. There are five of us in our class now who will be going to Eglin and all of us can't wait," Jennifer said.

"I only hope the time flies by until we are on our way to Eglin," Collis said. "I can hardly wait."

Watchable wildlife area on post serves as an outdoor classroom

By Pam Rogers

Redstone, Huntsville and Madison County community leaders celebrated the opening of the Watchable Wildlife area with a ribbon cutting and tree planting April 25.

The area was designed as an outdoor education center complete with an outdoor classroom, nature trails with informative signage, and boardwalks through wetlands areas. The site is ad-

acent to the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreation Area.

Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, thanked the many organizations that made the project possible, including the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Redstone's Directorate of Public Works and Environmental Management and Planning Directorate.

A naming contest for the area was held among all fifth grade classes in the Huntsville City and Madison County Schools. Theresa Anderson's class at Terry Heights Elementary School came up with the winning name, "Path to Nature." Students in Susan Hall's fifth grade class at Liberty Middle School had the second place entry,

"Friends of Wetlands Outdoor Education Center."

After the ribbon for the Path to Nature was cut, Huntsville Mayor Steve Hettinger presented a tree that was donated by the city.

Any school group can arrange field trips to the Path to Nature by calling Carolene Wu, project officer for the area, at 955-6969.



WILDLIFE AREA—Youngsters plant a tree which was donated by the city of Huntsville.

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Huntsville community helps Redstone in cleanup of creek



WORKING TOGETHER— Redstone officials express thanks to the Huntsville-Madison County Clean Community for funding a project to clean up the Arsenal's portion of Huntsville Spring

By Sandra Cartee

Branch. For the second year in a row, Redstone will receive support in cleaning up Huntsville Spring Branch.

The creek has large amounts of trash debris that wash up during storms from the Huntsville area. In support of the cleanup, the Huntsville-Madison County Clean Community announced it will provide funding again this year.

"There's a concern on behalf of the city that there is a lot of debris on Redstone Arsenal and Wheeler Wildlife Refuge that is generated from Huntsville," explained Layne Vaughan, the director of landscape management for the city of Huntsville.

Jesse Horton, the installation forester, feels that because the Arsenal has a large number of wetlands, flooding helps to collect the debris. Debris such as fast-food cartons, old tires and other household garbage build trash jams around the Arsenal bridges. The litter can be seen deposited on the banks and even overhanging in trees during periods of high water.

"When it rains, there's a backfill that comes washing up to the Arsenal and as the water subsides, it just stays," said Sue Paddock, Redstone's quality of life coordinator and the Arsenal's representative on the clean community board.

April was Keep America Beautiful Month and the cleanup supports this idea. The pro-

ject is also an Army Communities of Excellence initiative which began last year. The city is pleased to be a part of the cleanup and Huntsville Mayor Steve Hettinger said in a release "we are always pleased to assist the Army in enhancing the quality of life in our community and this is a fine example of neighbor helping neighbor."

A certificate of appreciation was presented on behalf of Redstone to the Huntsville-Madison County Clean Community program Thursday for their sponsorship of the cleanup. The event took place at the Huntsville Spring Branch bridge on Patton Road between Mills Road and Redstone Road. A sign marks the site of the cleanup and sponsorship.

As far as the future holds, there are plans to prevent the waste buildup. Dr. David Branham, director of public works, said, "a study is being done by the Corps of Engineers to build a trash screen north of the Martin Road bridge to collect the debris and put it on a conveyor belt to put it in a dumpster." This possible solution and others are currently being worked on and funded by a federal grant.

The effort of cleaning up the Huntsville Spring Branch not only enhances the quality of life for the entire Redstone community, but also shows the camaraderie between the Arsenal and the city. This is a clear example of neighbor helping neighbor for the benefit of the environment and the community.



Helping hand...

Students in the Officers Basic Course helped refurbish a house for North Alabama's Habitat for Humanity on April 22. The group of 15 repaired all the roofing (as pictured) and

took out closets and windows for the house's interior repair. After the house is finished Habitat will choose a family to occupy the newly remodeled home.



Teamwork...

This leadership and group participation project fostered teamwork and taught officer candidates that Army officers play a part in the community.

Pictured helping one another repair the roof are 2nd Lt. Donna Ford, left, and 2nd Lt. Craig Weisser.

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Canadian visitor...

Dr. Brian Harrison, left, director of scientific and technical intelligence, Canada National Defense, visits the Missile and Space Intelligence Center recently for a series of discussions and

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MWR highlights

The following are upcoming Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities:

- **WEDNESDAYS: Officers Club**— Free country and western dance lessons are offered to the entire Redstone community every Wednesday evening from 6-8. For information call 830-CLUB.
- **THURSDAYS: Schnitzel Lunch Special**— For \$5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., enjoy the best schnitzel in town at the Soldatenstube. No reservations required. For more information, call 881-5181.
- **OPENINGS: Redstone Arsenal Saddle Activity**— There are vacancies for boarding privately-owned mounts. For more information, call 837-9854 or 876-1373.
- **MAY 13: Flying Activity**— The Redstone Flying Activity's annual open house, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., includes hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks. Cost for mini flying lessons and for aircraft rides is \$15 per person. For information call 881-3980.

- **MAY 14: Mother's Day buffet**— The Officers Club is offering a Mother's Day buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; moms eat at a reduced rate. For reservations call 830-CLUB.
- **MAY 15-18: National Employee Health and Fitness Week**— In conjunction with National Employee Health and Fitness Week, the Civilian Wellness Center will sponsor a mini health-fair in several buildings where a variety of services will be available. These services will include cholesterol screenings, blood pressure checks, nutritional counseling, massage therapy, educational literature, and more. The schedule is as follows: May 15, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at SSDC; May 16, from 11-12:30, building 5250; May 17, from 11-12:30, building 5303; and May 18, from 11-12:30, OMMCS. For more information and to register for a cholesterol screening, call 955-6844.

- **MAY 26 TO AUG. 14: Summer Day Camp**— For DA civilian and military family members, ages 6-12, Summer Day Camp at Youth Center from May 26 through Aug. 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration began May 1. Cost for each youth is \$45 per week (plus youth center membership fee). For more information, call 876-KIDS.
- **MAY 26-28: Bingo program**— The Challenger will have a Holiday Bingo Program. For information call Ann Hudson 837-0750/0751.
- **ONGOING CLASSES: Family Child Care**— FCC is offering free classes to become a certified Family Child Care provider. For information call Evelyn Carnes 876-7801.
- **SUMMER LEAGUES: Bowling center**— Rocket Lanes is now forming summer leagues. For information call 876-6634.

MLRS secretary feels her profession an admirable one

By Sandra Cartee

It's no secret that the job description for secretaries has changed. With office automation and computer technologies, secretaries have taken on more than ever.

Pat Jackson, of the Multiple Launch Rocket System Project Office, is an example of today's versatile secretaries; she's a secretary for Tony Adams in the MLRS Logistics Division. "I do administrative work for our division and that includes lots of automation work," she said. But that doesn't even begin to describe her job.

Jackson must communicate with many different types of customers, and that sometimes can be difficult. "MLRS is diversified and I deal with military personnel, civilians, foreign nationals, and contractors." Speaking or understanding other languages helps; and Jackson speaks German and a little French. "It gets to be complicated at times," she said.

Communication skills aren't the half of Jackson's job. "I have to stay abreast with security policies, and regulations," she said. Utilizing grammar, math, managerial, and organizational skills are also a part of Jackson's days and she said, "you utilize everything you know (being a secretary)."

Like many secretaries, Jackson must keep up with training and education. "You have to with as much as technology changes. There are constant changes in hardware and software and you have to continue training," she explained. Jackson attends college and



JACKSON

will soon complete degrees in both computer sciences and management technologies.

"Secretaries don't just answer phones anymore; you have to know what's going on and learn acronyms and become part of the organization," Jackson said. This takes time and Jackson has learned a lot since she started out as a clerk 10 years ago. She now supervises three branch secretaries under her.

Jackson feels that the secretary profession has changed. "As a profession, it's come a long way from the pen and paper and phone calls," she said. She believes that secretaries like herself constantly handle more than one thing at a time and are the backbone of all organizations.

"The main thing is that it's not just a job, it is a profession and it should be viewed as a highly admirable one," she said. With the skills that secretaries acquire, they become

equipped to perform many other types of professions. "The secretary plays a vital role and makes everything work as a unit," Jackson said.

Secretaries are recognized nationally for a week in April for all their contributions. "One week is important and it makes people recognize us, but I think that we should be recognized all year long and not just during that one week," Jackson said. She feels that her employer shows her respect and she appreciates that.

"Prior to Secretaries Day and all year long secretaries should be recognized, even if it's from a verbal approach," Jackson said. She believes that all secretaries need to feel appreciated on a daily basis.

Jackson feels that being a secretary is an admirable profession and other secretaries should feel the same. "It's a good class of people. They have a hard job and they make it look so easy, but it's not," she said.

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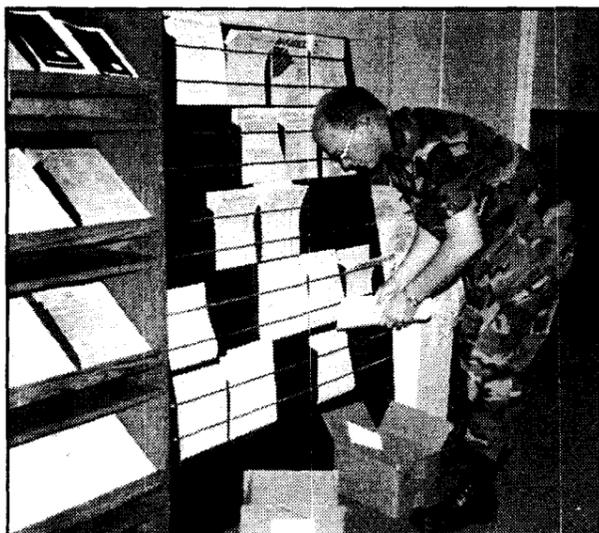
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Tax assistance program saves money for community



TAX TIME— The 1994 tax season is history and for the personnel at the ACS/JAG tax office it is a welcome relief. MSgt. Robert Thorne packs up the excess tax forms that will eventually be recycled.

Fees for membership increase in June at Youth Center

By Kathy Harkleroad

The fees for membership at the Youth Center will increase to \$25 per year, per child, beginning June 1, according to Missy Richards, youth development specialist.

"The increase is to bring the Youth Center in line with other similar facilities," Richards said. "We called a number of other posts and the cost for membership in the other centers were considerably higher than we were. We were the lowest one around."

Although the increase might seem drastic to some, Richards said it is a very good deal. "This is the first increase of any kind we have had since 1991 and with the additional money we will be able to offer more after-school programs and teen programs to the community," she said.

Currently military de-

pendents ages 6-12 utilize the center from 3-6 p.m. and teenagers ages 13-18 use the center from 6-9 p.m. six days a week. "We have more participation from the 6-12 age group and the center is generally full during the week, with children playing and having a good time. This is definitely an active place during those hours," Richards said.

Activities that are available to the children who use the center include basketball, pool, foosball, video games and other activities. "We will also be offering some special workshops in the coming months for teenagers, as well as trips to area amusement parks," Richards said.

Further information on center programs can be obtained by calling the center at 876-KIDS or 876-BALL.

By Kathy Harkleroad

Soldiers and retired military personnel on Redstone Arsenal received quite a bit of help from the tax assistance office located in the Army Community Service building this year, and according to MSgt. Robert Thorne, this was the busiest year yet.

"We had a 214 percent increase in electronic filings compared to last year," Thorne said. "This was the year the electronic filings really took off."

Approximately 1,685 federal and state tax forms were filed in the tax assistance office this year, compared to 846 last year. "The total

number of tax forms comes to 2,655 that were prepared by personnel from this office and from the volunteers at the unit level," Thorne said.

"We not only prepared and filed federal tax forms, but prepared quite a few different state tax forms as well. We weren't able to electronically file some of them, because the states were not in the system, but we did do the preparation of them," he said.

Of the forms that were processed through the tax assistance office, 792 people received refunds with the average refund being \$763. "Of the tax forms we prepared, the total amount

of refunds came to \$604,000. On an average the refunds were \$763," Thorne said.

Not everyone received good news when it came to filing taxes; some 178 taxpayers had to dig into their pockets. "The total amount that was owed to the federal government came to \$136,000. Of that amount, the average amount paid to IRS was \$765," Thorne said.

The highest refund amount was \$4,758 and the lowest refund was \$1. The highest payment due IRS was \$6,533 and the lowest payment was \$4. "We also had quite a few people who were able to take the Earned Income Credit. The average was \$1,124 with \$2,528 being the highest credit allowed and \$30 was the lowest EIC taken," Thorne said.

The tax assistance office was staffed by four military personnel and four volunteers, two civilian and two military. "We also had 25 volunteers at the unit level who helped fill out the forms and set appointments," Thorne said.

The tax assistance office opened to active duty soldiers and retired military personnel Feb. 1 and remained open until April 17.

"We had quite a few people come in early and get their taxes done, but we had many more who waited until the last minute to complete the task. Towards the end we were here until 8 p.m. almost every night and it got pretty hairy," Thorne said.

In offering advice to taxpayers for next year, Thorne said "Don't wait until the last minute to file your taxes. With the electronic filing you can file your taxes early and if you owe money, you don't have to pay it until April 15."

"You would be surprised how many people waited to file and pay their taxes because they didn't want IRS to know they owed money," Thorne said. "IRS is going to find out sooner or later you owe money, and will look at tax forms filed late in the game a little closer than the ones who are filed early on."

Center is great deal for military youngsters

By Heather Haring

Where could you spend approximately \$2 a month for your child to enjoy a place to play basketball, pool, foosball and much more? Well, the answer is nowhere else but Redstone's own Youth Center.

Beginning June 1, the Youth Center will increase its registration fee to \$25 per year. Comparable programs in town are at least twice the price. The Youth Center is open to military family members, grades one through 12.

Kathy Riggs, wife of Marine SSgt. Daryl Riggs, says her son "absolutely loves to go to the Youth Center." Last year she told her son he could join the Youth Center only if he brought home straight A's, and he did! When asked about the upcoming increase in the registration fee to \$25 Riggs said, "They really take a genuine interest in the kids and as a working mother, that is very important to me. Considering the quality of services they provide, I do not mind it at all. Actually, I am all for it!"

This is the center's first fee increase since 1991, according to Shelby Williams, chief of youth activities for the Center. The increase will help pay for the expansion of programs the Center offers, as well as to meet current operation costs. They recently added more staff to give the Center a 15:1 child to adult ratio. The fee increase will go into effect June 1. Be sure to make plans to register your child/children at the Youth Center for year-round fun! For more information, call the Center at 876-KIDS.

(Editor's note: Haring is a marketing assistant at the Directorate of Community and Family Activities.)

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International student sponsors needed— Approximately 75 officers and enlisted men come to Redstone Arsenal each year for training at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. Most come without families and usually travel alone unless accompanied by another student taking the same course. The opportunity to assist an international officer or enlisted man can be an experience both interesting and highly rewarding. The main objective of the program is to provide the student with a sense of belonging and integration into the community life at Redstone Arsenal. Should you have an interest in this project, please report to D Company, building 3435, or call 876-1704 or 842-2230. You will receive a packet of information and a briefing on the student's country and background prior to meeting your sponsoree. You will not be bound by time limits should you desire to volunteer.

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

Command at 876-2037. Case number: 0196-94-CID838.

Federal Women's Program— The Federal Women's Program Committee is sponsoring a "CARES Seminar" from 9:30-11 this morning 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.

Infrared workshop— The RD&E Center, in cooperation with the Space and Strategic Defense Command, the Army Research Office, Army Materiel Command, the Communications-Electronics Command, and the Air Force Wright Laboratories, will sponsor a workshop on "Infrared and Millimeter Wave Polarimetry" Dec. 5-7 at the Sparkman Center Auditorium. Unclassified abstracts are due by July 1. For more information, call Ginger Demirjian 895-6343 (ext. 277).

CFC Seminar— The Combined Federal Campaign will present Vanessa Chandler with Girls Incorporated of Huntsville, at the CFC/United Way At Work seminar. She will be speaking on Family Communications, "How to Live 'Happily' with your Teenager" from 10-11 a.m. May

9 in room A-115, building 5250. For more information call 876-9143.

Job fair—The Chattahoochee Valley-Fort Benning Chapter of the Association of the United States Army will host its second annual job fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Main NCO Club at Fort Benning on May 18. More than 300 local and national businesses have been invited from areas of law enforcement, medical, environmental, service industries, sales, trucking and communications. Attendees should dress for possible interviews and bring 20 copies of their resume. For more information call Mary Allen, ACAP, at 706-545-7020 or Shirley Jarrett, FMEAP, at 706-545-6969.

Rec Center tours— The Recreation Center still has seats available for its upcoming tours. "On May 27, we will be going to the Nashville Flea Market, one of the largest flea markets in the South. Seats are only \$10. Join us on our June 10 trip to see the fabulous 'Imperial Tombs of China' exhibit in Memphis, and the cost is only \$25 and includes transportation and admission. On June 17, we will be going to Sam's Town in Tunica, Miss. This one is filling fast, but we still have a few seats and the cost is only \$15." For more information, call 876-4531 week-

days after 1:30 p.m. or weekends after 10 a.m.

Public Service Recognition— Public Service Recognition Week, May 1-7, is a time set aside to educate Americans about the broad variety of services provided by government and to show appreciation to public employees at the federal, state and local level who ensure our government is among the best in the world. Included in this year's activities are public service displays at Madison Square Mall May 3, and a Public Service Recognition Week luncheon at the Officers Club at 11:30 a.m. May 5. The public is invited to these events. A Public Service Essay Contest is also being conducted in Huntsville and Madison County schools in conjunction with this year's activities.

Military spouses— The Post Exchange will hold a cake-cutting ceremony at 9 a.m. May 12 in recognition of Military Spouse Day. Throughout the day the PX will present a carnation to military spouses and will conduct door prize drawings in their honor.

Contract managers— Huntsville Chapter, National Contract Management Association (NCMA) will hold a workshop Thursday on "Electronic Commerce/Contracting" at the Teledyne

Brown Engineering Center, 300 Sparkman Drive, building 1 (main entrance). Registration begins at 12:45 p.m., with the workshop from 1:15-4:45. Cost of the workshop is \$30 for NCMA members, \$35 for non-members. For reservations call 464-0652.

Post Theater movies— Thursday, "Roommates," PG, 109 minutes. Friday, "Roommates," Saturday, "Man of the House," PG, 97 minutes. Sunday, "Man of the House." Admission is adult \$2.50, child \$1.25.

Community calendar— For your convenience Outdoor Recreation is offering to maintain a community calendar to help you plan for an organizational day or event. Though not a reservation, this calendar will allow you to know when large groups will be at any of the three recreational areas. Points of contact may come by building 5129, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, to list their activity. With your cooperation this community calendar will help you organize and reduce conflicts at our recreation areas. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-6854.

CFC agencies— The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign will hold an open meeting May 10 to announce the agencies eligible for inclusion in the 1995 campaign. Scheduled by the

Local Federal Coordinating Committee, the 3 p.m. meeting will be held at United Way, 701 Andrew Jackson Way. All applicants to the 1995 CFC are invited to attend. For more information call Charles Scott, CFC director, 536-0745.

Best yards— Yard of the Month winners for April include CWO 4 and Mrs. Myron L. Sturms, 424 Hughes Drive, officer; Sgt. Maj. and Mrs. Michael C. Roberts, 16 Ripley Drive, senior NCO; Sgt. and Mrs. Brian J. James, 1389-A Lance Court, junior enlisted single/duplex; and Spec. and Mrs. Andreas H. Adams, 1415-A Nike St., junior enlisted multiplex. Unit winner was HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade, building 3412.

Tall club— The Rocket City Tall Club will celebrate Founder's Day with a brunch at Shoney's located at 4951 University Drive, across from Bill Heard Chevrolet, May 7 at 11 a.m. Members and prospects are invited to attend. For more information call Brian Miller, social chair, 461-0180 or Macy Brown, membership chair, 464-0507.

ID card section— The Military Identification Card Section of the Military Personnel Office, building 3710, will be open Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Cholesterol screenings— Staff from Preventive Medicine Services, Fox Army Community Hospital, will provide free total cholesterol screenings from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 11 at Pagano Gym.

Educational software— SFE Systems USA of Huntsville provides free educational software to the Redstone community, as well as to Huntsville city and county schools. Software may be downloaded via computer and modem by calling the SFE Systems communications line in Huntsville 650-0107 anytime, 24 hours a day. All software is for IBM and IBM compatible computers. There is no cost for this service, and the software is "Shareware," also known as try-before-you-buy software. For more information, call Timothy Blake 650-0901.

Officers wives— The Officers Wives Club will hold its May meeting May 9 beginning at 10 a.m. with a breakfast brunch. Merit awards will be presented at this time. Reservations are due by noon May 5; call Mary Jane Johnson (A-L) 882-1856 or Maryellen Myers (M-Z) 464-0583. For child care, call Sylvia Kitchen 830-0403.

Physical exams— Summer Camp/ Sports Physicals are available at Fox Army Community Hospital. For scheduling information, call 876-4159.... Fall school physicals will be conducted in August; information on scheduling school physicals will be announced at that time.

Maintenance technicians— Attention all past and present Ordnance Corps maintenance technicians, missile maintenance technicians and Logistic Assistance Representatives: A gathering will take place May 13 from noon until 5 p.m. at the Carroll Hudson Recreation Area for the aforementioned and their past and present bosses, spouses and secretaries. A barbecue dinner and drinks will be served at the cost of \$5 per person. RSVP by May 5 to Frank Mooney 876-9424, Jarvis Wilson 842-8665 or Dick Pingry 842-8485.

Blacks in Government— The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government is seeking the identification of all African Americans from local, county, state and federal government who retired with 30 or more years of civilian service on or before Mary 31, 1995. These persons will be recognized during the upcoming BIG awards banquet. If you are such a retiree or know

someone who is, please call one of the following prior to May 8 for further information: BIG chapter 890-0599, Willie Wiggins 830-1891, Charlie Barnes 852-5996 or James Reynolds 533-4225.

Air defenders— The Redstone Arsenal/ Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Association will hold a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. May 11 at the Officers Club. The scheduled speaker is Col. Fred Kilgore, project manager of THAAD. RSVP by noon May 9 to Shirley Brown 895-8928. Cost will be \$7 for members and \$8 for non-members.

Union meeting— AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. May 8 at the Union Office, building 3202. For information call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

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Affordable and spacious two story, 3 bedroom home, 2 baths, whirlpool tub in master bath, eat-in kitchen, study, large laundry room, patio/deck, fireplace, many more X-tras. Owner will pay \$1,000 towards closing costs. Lease/purchase available. Owner transferred - must sell! Mary Marsh at Omni Realty, 533-5917.

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By Owner, Madison, 2 acres, brick, 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA, LR, FP, gas logs, LG eat-in kitchen, pantry, W/D hook-up adjacent

to kitchen, carport, utility room, \$89,000, 837-2628, if no a nswer leave message.

By Owner Sale/Lease, 3 bedroom, 2.5 Ba., privacy fence, large utility room, 2 story, other extras, assumable 8.2% loan, \$89,900 or \$8000 equity and assume \$703/month. Rent \$695/month. 2610 Pioneer, 880-7575.

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3600 Greenbrier St., double garage, 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, fireplace, \$650 + deposit + lease, 895-0140.

Totally remodeled show case home. 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA brick ranch. New AC/H, carpet, paint and more, \$59,990, 539-3033.

2 BR, 1 BA, \$48,900. 1 mile from gate 2, Challenger/Grissom schools. Seller pays \$1000, closing. 13931 Hurstland, 882-0796.

You Can Own Acreage and Home in City Limits! 3 bedrooms, 1.75 and 1/2 bath, formal living room and dining room, den, rec. room, eat-in kitchen, laundry room. Many

more X-tras. Mary Marsh at Omni Realty, 533-5917.

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• Help Wanted •

Apartment manager wanted for small apartment complex. Free rent, Plus-, 880-6614 or 880-2954.

Help out with family finances, excellent part or full time income, flexible hours, work out of your home. Call Kelly Sanders 851-0918.

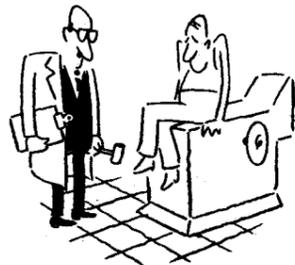
Help Wanted: Earn up to \$500 per week assembling products at home. No experience. Info 1-504-646-1700 Dept. AL-5099.

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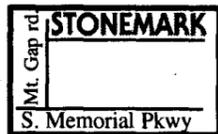
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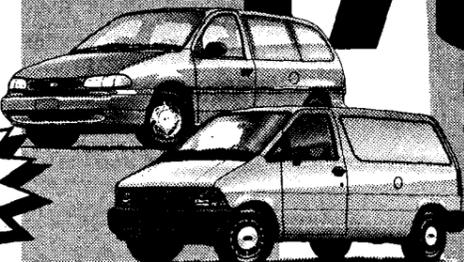


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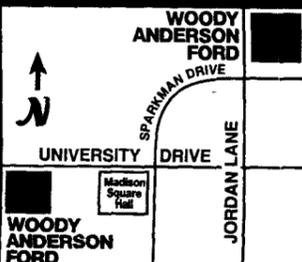
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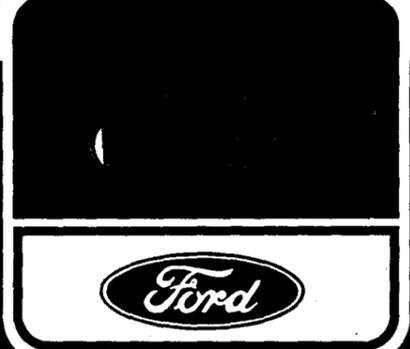
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