



# Redstone Rocket

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## THAAD passes test on Army's missile field of dreams



**MAIDEN VOYAGE—** The Theater High Altitude Area Defense missile heads skyward in its first flight test.

By Dave Harris

THAAD, BMDO and the Army's new theater defense interceptor, flew for the first time at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., April 21. Here are some non-technical observations on how things went.

**Nike Avenue, WSMR, Eastbound April 20, 1430 MDT**

The Army's missile field of dreams spreads for miles through the desert along this two lane blacktop, from headquarters all the way across the bottom of White Sands Missile Range to Orogrande. For more than 40 years, soldiers, Army civilian engineers and their contractors have come out here in the sand, mesquite and yucca plants to shoot their metal arrows.

There are sharp edged mountains east and west,

clear sky overhead and lots of room in between for things that go fast. Most works of man don't linger. Many of them ended violently, suddenly in large smoking holes. Much of the remembered rest has been torn down and carried off, even the massive transmitter and separate receiver for the Nike Zeus acquisition radar, so big you could see them 50 miles away looking north as the plane descended into El Paso.

Drive east, read the faded signs that point to the launch sites and recall what happened here. Right out there a Hawk killed an Honest John and then another one killed a Corporal. In pre-Scud, pre-Saddam 1960, no one outside the Army worried much about what missiles might do to our soldiers on future bat-

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### Racing fun...

Patrons at the Commissary and Post Exchange received a special treat May 2 when a Winston Cup racing car visited the complex. The number 10 Tide car driven by

Ricky Rudd was parked in front of the commissary for upclose viewing by customers and visitors. The car was a big hit among patrons.

## Legal assistance team wins Armywide award

By Skip Vaughn

The Army has recognized Redstone's Office of Staff Judge Advocate for providing excellent service in legal assistance.

The SJA office was notified of its selection for an annual Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance. "It's terrific; it's the mark of excellence. It's a goal we set and we accomplished it," said Col. Gregory E. Smith, deputy chief counsel and the staff judge advocate.

"It just shows we've got a good service to provide to the community and we've been recognized for providing good service. I have to attribute it to our highly competent, enthusiastic captains and legal assistance team," Smith said.

*It's a goal we set and we accomplished it.'*

— Col. Gregory E. Smith,  
Staff judge advocate

Capt. David Estes is chief of legal assistance. Other members include Capt. Cheryl Boone, Sgt. Michael McGilton, 1st Lt. David Goetz and

Gerald Patterson, paralegal.

Capt. Steven Hester, Capt. Lucy Bott, Sgt. Donnell Green and PFC Stacy Anderson worked in legal assistance until moving on to different functions in the SJA office. Hester served as chief of legal assistance through early 1994 when he was succeeded by Bott who served as chief until December.

"It's an honor," Estes said, referring to the 1994 award. "This office has really pulled together and worked hard in order to achieve this. We had a goal of winning this award, and we achieved it."

Armywide about 100 offices provide legal assistance, 65 applied for this award, and 38 were selected. "A third of all the posts were selected and we were one of those," Estes said. "The word was that our application for the award was the best out of all the AMC (Army Materiel Command) posts that applied for it. I know that Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., was also selected."

Legal assistance is among the functions provided by the Office of Staff Judge Advocate, building 111, which has 18 members— 13 military and five civilian. The Army legal assistance award has been a goal of this office, according to Smith, the staff judge advocate. "It's part of our

ACOE (Army Communities of Excellence) emphasis in customer service, and it's an essential part," he said.

• Installations and offices receiving the award include Redstone Arsenal, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Fort Monmouth, Yuma Proving Ground, Fort Huachuca, Fort Leavenworth, Fort Lee, Fort Leonard Wood, Fort McClellan, Fort Sill, Fort Benning, Fort Jackson, Fort McPherson, Fort Sam Houston, Fort Stewart, Fort Riley, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Carson, Fort Drum, Fort Campbell, XVIII Airborne Corps, 25th Infantry Division and USARHAW, USARJ/IX Corps/9th TAACOM, Legal Service Center- Brussels;

• Kaiserslautern Law Center, Legal Service Center- The Netherlands, Southern Law Center- Mannheim, Stuttgart Legal Service Center, 32nd Army Air Defense Command, 1st Armored Division; 1st Brigade, Kirch Goens Legal Center; 3rd Infantry Division; V Corps, Wiesbaden; 2nd Infantry Division, 19th TAACOM, Yongsan Law Center, Kwajalein Atoll, and 311th COSCOM Legal Assistance Office.

## Letters to the editor

### Checking decals

In regards to the letter "Wakeup Call" in last week's Redstone Rocket, I think whoever wrote it needs to wake up. That's just what we need: untrained security guards getting their training live on the gates. There's a reason we have professional guards and police on the gates when they are there.

In any case, I fail to see what kind of enhanced safety against terrorist bomb attacks is gained by checking decals 24 hours a day, anyway. Terrorists and criminals don't have to use the front door!... Face it, anyone that wants to get in the Arsenal can. And unarmed, untrained people on the gates can't stop it.

We're doing just what we're supposed to: heightened awareness, spot checks, patrols, random operations, vehicle surveillance. Don't be so paranoid.

**SSgt. Robert Stuckey**  
F Company, 832nd Ord Bn

### Trained guards

The letter titled "Wakeup Call," in which "Name-Withheld" came up with the brilliant idea to detail every soldier on Redstone Arsenal, from cook to clerk, probably armed with a clipboard and a Skilcraft pen, (and a 50-page binder on what to do if a terrorist drops by) to deal with the Timothy McVeighs and Hezbollahs of the world was utterly nuts.

I have a better idea. Let us detail EVERY worker on Redstone Arsenal, from GS-0 to SES, to pull guard duty from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and see how THEY feel alone, cold, unarmed, and responsible for the security of the installation. To quote Name Withheld, "It could be used as a training experience for those... who have never had any training of this nature." Gee, what a GREAT training experience! To actually get the opportunity to face an armed, determined crazy person! Every leader on the Arsenal must by jockeying for THAT mission!

I am sick and tired of hearing solutions to problems on this installation that simply make soldiers work extra hours, especially high-risk security duties. Most soldiers

have no training in counter-terrorism, search, seizure, or munitions detection...

And who, pray tell, is going to do that poor soldiers' job while he or she is pulling guard? Nobody, that's who. They are stuck with it, and if they fall behind on their work, they will be responsible.

I agree that security has been a problem on this installation during the past couple of years. Funding and manpower cuts forced some tough decisions, some that appear senseless to us regular folks. We have seen a break-in at the Sparkman Center. NASA lost \$10 million worth of tools, and a soldier was stabbed at an ATM on post. These are all indicators that our current security profile is inadequate. And the Oklahoma City bombing should indeed be a wakeup call. But we need armed, trained guards, either civilian or soldier, not untrained rent-a-guards, to protect this installation.

**Capt. Albert Rine**

### Additional duty

In response to the letter last week titled "Wakeup call"... Your letter stated the security on this installation should be increased. I must say I totally agree with you. I mean, just having a decal on your car, having a badge to access areas, having our streets patrolled and protected by well-trained military police, seemingly endless classes on subversion and bomb threats, and security posters constantly reminding us to be aware of what is happening around us; this is not secure enough? Maybe this person would like us to search every car that enters the Arsenal, or spend money on expensive metal detection systems to install in each building. I've got it, how about a video camera in every room of every building on the Arsenal, would that satisfy your terror? No, your suggestion was to put normal soldiers on the gates. Not military police, but the average cook, missile repairman, clerk typist, and supply clerk. Oooh, I can see that cook intimidating that terrorist, preventing him from entering the post armed only with his trusty ladle. The author of the letter also suggests this training would be good for the soldier. As if we had time for more activities. Not only are we doing PT

several times a week at 5:30 a.m., several of us are engaged in additional duties supporting our units. Perhaps we should make a DA 6 (duty roster) for all the civilians working on Redstone Arsenal. In your words: after all, "regardless of rank, this could also be used as a training experience for those civilians who have never had any training of this nature." After all, everyone is responsible for security.

**Name withheld by request**

### Security concern

I wholeheartedly second the recommendation of the letter "Wakeup Call," published in the May 3 issue of the Rocket.

I was appalled to find no added security on the gates at Redstone the day after the tragedy in Oklahoma. No one would have ever thought it would of happened there; do you think the same about here? Well I, for one, do.

I think more visibility of our military personnel on the gates would be an effective deterrent to any negative actions against our installation. Why wait until it is too late? We've had our wakeup call. A very heartbreaking and "too close to home" one, too.

Every conversation I have heard at work regarding "the bombing in Oklahoma" is always compared to our federal installation and lack of security. There is a cry here for protection. It may be silent, but there is one.

**Beverly Overman**

### Panoply '95

I'd like to thank all the organizations and individuals from the Redstone Arsenal community who provided support for the recent Panoply '95, the Huntsville Festival of Arts. Arsenal activities provided such essentials as picnic tables, folding tables and chairs, bleachers, and golf carts. Additionally many of the over 4,000 volunteers that worked throughout the festival have ties to Redstone, either as employees, soldiers, contractors, or family members. Panoply was a huge success thanks in part to your help.

**Lt. Col. R. Kelley Griswold**  
Co-Chairman, Panoply '95  
Site Acquisition Committee

## Safety/health awareness focus of week May 9-15

By Dian Avery

Maj. Gen. James Link, the post commander, recently accepted the AMC Safety Commendation Award in recognition of Redstone Arsenal's fiscal 1994 safety performance. Every member of the Redstone community should be proud of this award because it indicates the emphasis that each has placed on safety. Redstone continues to

shine as a center of excellence.

In order to keep safety awareness high, Redstone has in years past devoted a week to emphasize safety in job performance and at home. In keeping with that tradition, Link has declared May 9-15 as Safety Awareness Week. The MICOM Safety Office, the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School Safety Office, the Civilian Wellness Center, and the Space and Strategic Defense Command Safety Office will jointly sponsor a Safety and Health Awareness Week.

Some activities planned for the week include the following:

- **OMMCS:** Public invited— May 15 (rain date May 19) — Weather Safety Seminar featuring Dan Satterfield and Nick Simmons of WHNT-TV Channel 19 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Post Theater; Snake/Insect Safety, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Parade Field; Ergonomics, 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 2-3 p.m. at building 3305 auditorium;

- Fire Department demonstrations, 8:30-9:30 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 12:30-1:30 p.m., 2-3 p.m. at the Post Chapel parking lot; Tool Safety from 8:30-9:30 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 2-3 p.m. at Post Chapel, room 6B; Home/Office Safety from 8:30-9:30 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 2-3 p.m. at building 3301 auditorium. For more information, call CWO 4 Caudill 842-9765.

- **Civilian Wellness Center:** Mini Health Fairs— Services available include cholesterol screenings, blood pressure checks, massage therapy and educational literature from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 15 at SSDC room 2D-1200, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 16 at building 5250 room A-241, from 11-12:30 May 17 at building 5303, and from 11-12:30 May 18 at OMMCS. For more information, call Kelly Melcher 955-6845.

- **MICOM Safety Office:** May 16 from 9-11 a.m. at building 5301, room 1146-1148, Organizational Safety Representatives

Meeting. Topics scheduled for this information session include services available from Army Learning Center; Severe Weather Preparedness and Emergency Action Plans, Fire Safety, Occupational Health Program, Accident Statistics; Spring-Summer Display Board— illustrations and narratives on spring and summer safety topics — available to organizations for use upon request. For more information, call Dian Avery 842-8631.

- **Coast Guard Auxiliary Service:** May 13 and May 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., free courtesy boat safety inspections at recreation areas 1 and 2. For more information, call Johnny Elliot 842-8623.

(Editor's note: Avery is a safety and occupational health specialist in the Missile Command's Safety Office.)

### Correction

The EOD Training Department was incorrectly identified in an article last week on two members of the same family attending that training. The Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Department was misidentified in the article as the EOD Training Center.

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# Construction on LOGSA building moving along

By Sandra Cartee

Construction on the new Logistics Support Activity building is going as scheduled and when finished, the facility will serve as LOGSA's world headquarters. As the exterior walls are installed, employees that will occupy the structure look on in anticipation.

It seems like the construction is going rapidly, with the steel structure first being visible and now the exterior walls. But, according to the deputy project manager for the LOGSA facilities project, everything is going as planned. The project is about a quarter of the way toward completion.

"The completion date is scheduled for Dec. 2, 1995," said Clyde Myers, the deputy project manager. The timeline has remained the same and no problems have occurred. Myers said work continued even while it rained and "we worked around the rain."

"It's looking like more than just a big erector set," Myers said. "With the exterior walls going on, it looks more and more like a building."

The underground wiring, concrete foundations and steel structure were first constructed in the building. "Now we can insulate and install the outer walls, do ductwork, preliminary electrical work, the interior wall studding, exterior glass, joint sealing, stairways, and roof work," Myers explained.

When completed in December, the building will serve as LOGSA's world headquarters. It will house 460 of LOGSA's employees and provide the same professional atmosphere as the rest of the Sparkman Center complex.

What do these employees think of getting a new building? "I feel our people are keeping a close eye on it (the construction). People are anticipating it," Myers said. The anticipation should continue until the time when employees begin moving in. They are scheduled to begin moving in at the end of February 1996.

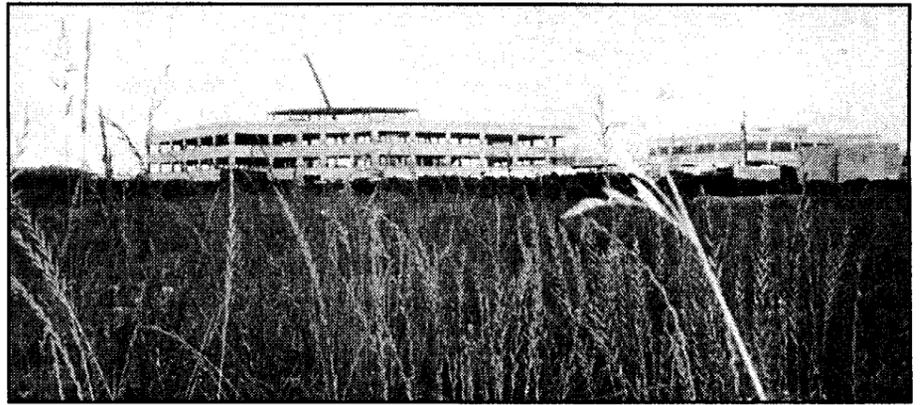
The new building will be a replica of building 5303 and be attached to the Sparkman Center Auditorium lobby. The 100,000 square foot addition costs \$13.2 million.

Myers feels that the new building will provide amenities that LOGSA employ-

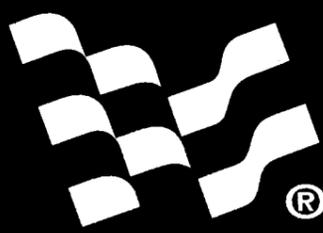
ees will enjoy. "Having elevators will be a big morale booster," he said. Many LOGSA employees have worked in buildings similar to warehouses and Myers said that the numerous windows will be nice.

Myers also feels that employees will appreciate

the open professional atmosphere. "The open environment will also be a plus." In anticipation of the completion, Myers spoke for the employees when he said, "this building will be like nothing we've ever experienced!"



**SPARKMAN CENTER ADDITION—** The Logistics Support Activity building that is under construction should be completed in December. The work is going as planned and when completed will house 460 employees.



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# Patriot Guard unit receives equipment

By Sandra Cartee

An Alabama National Guard unit received a much-awaited train delivery of equipment May 1. With this equipment, the Patriot Battalion members will be able to begin hands-on training in preparation for their unit's activation later this year.

The 1st Battalion, 203rd Air Defense Artillery has been waiting a long time for this equipment. "It's been two years and the biggest part of it is getting the equipment here and training on it," said Capt. Jeff Burnett, the logistics officer for the unit. The past two years have consisted of computer training and classroom-type instruction at Fort Bliss, Texas, for this Guard unit.

The 49 rail cars traveled from Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa. The large complex total fielding package included storage vans, tankers, Guidance Missile Transporters, training radars, Patriot launchers, and everything else the unit will need. "We will be able to do just about everything except push the button and send a missile," Burnett said.

This impressive delivery was the first of four shipments, and the unit was excited about it. With a crew of 20 men, the 124 pieces of equipment were expertly transported. "The guys were working extremely hard and derigging as safe as possible," Burnett said.

After everything was unloaded off the

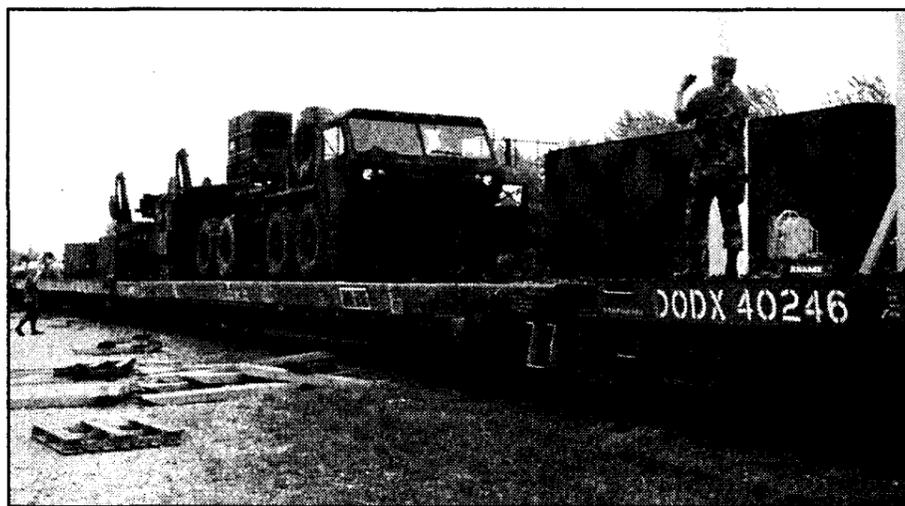
railway, the equipment was taken to the battalion operations building. This building, under construction by the 877th Engineering Battalion of the Alabama National Guard, is expected to be completed in June. The \$500 million worth of equipment and the new building will enable the unit to complete hands-on training here on post.

"We'll be able to deploy anywhere in the world either by sea or air," Burnett said. The equipment will not only help in the training of the existing 335 unit members but also help in recruiting new members. The unit includes prior service members, new recruits, and interstate transfer members.

"The majority of our training is done right here on Redstone Arsenal," Burnett said. He feels that this is an added plus to the unit's activation because the Patriot Project Office is nearby and parties will be able to test new ideas while staying on the Arsenal.

After all the hardware arrives this summer and the training begins, the unit will be activated. "Our goal is to do inventory and account for system integration checkouts and make sure it all works," Burnett said.

The unit is unique; this is the Army's only National Guard Patriot battalion. "We're kind of the testbed," Burnett said. The unit's activation will take place in September.



**LAUNCHER ARRIVES**—The National Guard's 203rd Patriot battalion received its first shipment of battery equipment by railway May 1.



**IMPRESSIVE CONVOY**—National Guardsmen were pleased as they transported their much-awaited equipment to their new battery operations building that is scheduled to be completed this summer. With the new equipment, the Guard unit can now do hands-on training and prepare for their activation in the fall.

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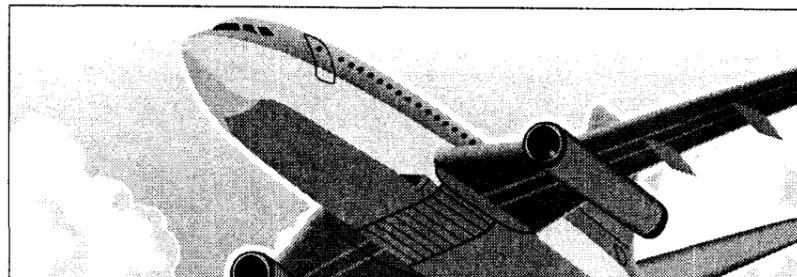
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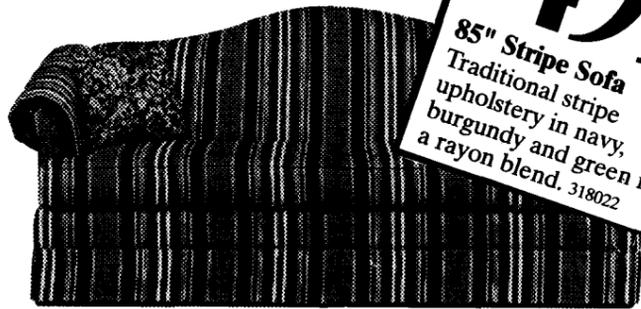
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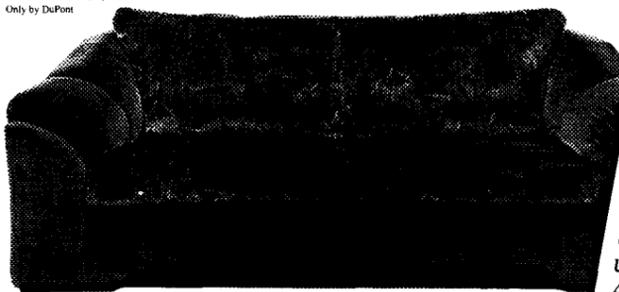
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# Computer-specialist interns begin career at MICOM

Twelve computer-specialist interns spent their first day on the job at the Missile Command May 1 after completing 13 weeks of classroom training.

A graduation ceremony was held April 28 in the building 5250 auditorium for this group of Army Materiel Command automatic data processing (ADP) interns. The awarding of certificates culminated the first phase of training which was under the tutelage of the Army Management Engineering Training College of Rock Island, Ill.

This is the third group of computer specialist interns to be trained here at the Missile Command since 1992, and the first group based at the new Sparkman Center during their training period.

"Our prior groups have been from all over, primarily the Southeastern United States. In this group they were all local except one from Texas. Of course the CECOM people and National Guard people are not included in that group," said Maurice Wolf, a management analyst in Information Systems Directorate at the Corporate Information Center. She serves as the training coordinator for the directorate.

Besides the 12 interns assigned to MICOM, the graduates included one trainee who already worked here, two National Guard members and two interns assigned to the Communications Electronics Com-

mand in Fort Monmouth, N.J. The Army Materiel Command funded the training; and the interns were recruited individually by AMC's Dallas Field Office.

"All of the interns were outstanding scholars," said Wolf, referring to the minimum qualification standard of 3.45 grade-point-average. The interns start out as GS-7s and eventually get promoted to GS-11 with no competition. This is a two-year training program for them.

The initial 13 weeks of classroom training was provided under contract by instructors with the Army Management Engineering Training College. In the graduation ceremony Mark Szkil, vice president of information management at AMEC, challenged the graduates to use their training on the job.

Szkil was assisted in awarding certificates by Jerrel McCollum of the Missile Command's Personnel & Training Directorate. Frankie Doolittle, acting director, introduced Szkil as the guest speaker and recognized others in attendance. Attendees included Roland Volk of the Dallas Field Office, Ray Wood of CECOM, and Derril Watts of AMEC's Southeast Regional Office at the Missile Command.

"We've had so many retirees the past two years. This is how we replenish our computer specialists; it's through these training programs," Wolf said. Of

the previous groups of interns, there were 12 in 1992 and 14 in 1993.

This year's graduating class included Dixie Sullivan who was already a member of the Corporate Information Center. The interns assigned to CIC include Anna Alves, Gwen Beranek, Angela Barnes, Brian Barnes, Susan Caldwell, Kristen Harris, David Holt from Texas, Roger Mullins, Joan Poma, Jagdeep Singh, Lynn Stringellow, and Lea Anne Warren.

Bonita Thomas and Esther Durand have returned to their home base with the National Guard in Washington, D.C. And two others, Scott Lintzenich and Theresa Oyler-Sayles, have returned to CECOM.



**THE GRADUATES**— In front row, from left, are Angela Barnes, Lea Anne Warren, Jagdeep Singh, Bonita Thomas of National Guard, Kristen Harris, Lynn Stringellow, Theresa Oyler-Sayles of CECOM, and Anna Alves. In back row, from left, are Brian Barnes, Dixie Sullivan, Susan Caldwell, Gwen Beranek, Esther Durand of National Guard, Joan Poma, David Holt, Roger Mullins, and Scott Lintzenich of CECOM.



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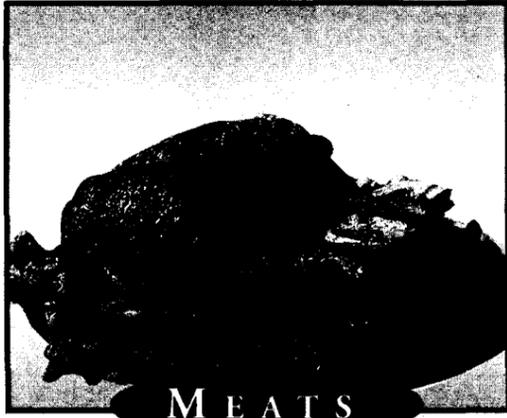
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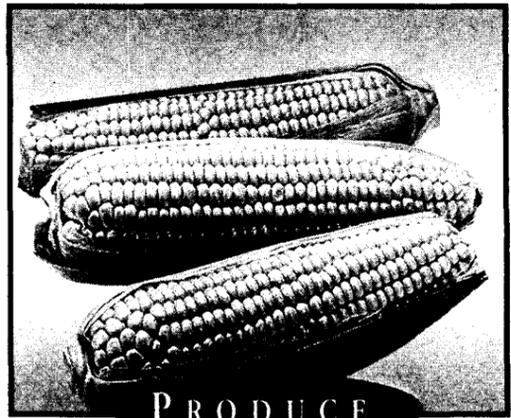
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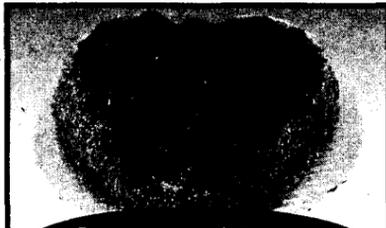
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# Air-to-ground missile systems aim to destroy tanks

(Editors note: This is the 11th in a series of articles on the weapons systems managed by project offices on Redstone Arsenal and in Huntsville.

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Air-to-Ground Missile Systems project office manages the entire family of Hellfire air-to-ground missiles designed to defeat tanks and other point targets while minimizing exposure of the launch platform to enemy fire.

The first production award for the Basic Hellfire missile was made in 1982. The basic Hellfire models contain a single shaped charge warhead. The missile weighed 100 pounds and was designed to be fired from helicopters to kill tanks.

There are three basic Hellfire missile models, AGM-114A, B and C, each having its own characteristics. The C model constitutes the bulk of the Army warfighting inventory now and, relative to the A model, has an improved rocket motor and improved guidance, among other things. The B model is the Navy version of the C model, but adds a motor safe and arm device for shipboard operations.

An evolving reactive armor threat led to the rapid development of the Interim Hellfire missile, AGM-114F, which began production in 1990. The Interim Hellfire was equipped with a precursor warhead that would detonate the reactive armor anticipated to be deployed on some tanks clearing a path for the Hellfire main warhead to do its job.

The Interim Hellfire addressed the reactive armor threat but increased the weight and length of the missile. The Hellfire II was developed to defeat the evolving electro-optical countermeasures threat and to

regain the original weight and length of the Basic Hellfire.

The production award for the Hellfire II was made in 1993 after a three-year development program. "The Hellfire II has a more advanced laser guidance system, has a larger, more lethal precursor warhead, and is hardened against electro-optical countermeasures," said Lt. Col. Richard D. Morris, product manager for the Hellfire II.

The Hellfire II attained all its original design objectives and is also reprogrammable in the field. The Hellfire II is a joint program, and the Marines are buying almost half of the planned Hellfire II production run. All Hellfire II missiles, Army and Navy, will be shipboard compatible. "The first delivery of the Hellfire II was March of this year and will continue through CY '97," Morris said.

The project office has not stopped at the Hellfire II missile. A long lead/initial production facilitation contract has already been awarded for the next generation Hellfire missile, the Longbow Hellfire Modular Missile system. "The Longbow is the weapon of the future and contains several advanced design features," Morris said.

The Longbow missile changes from laser guidance to radar guidance and is the first true "fire and forget" Hellfire missile. "Obviously, this new capability will save not only lives, but helicopters as well. The helicopters will be able to hover behind trees, pop up to engage their target, fire, and then hide again," Morris said.

The Longbow missile can be used in adverse weather conditions and can defeat armor threats into the 21st century. "The Hellfire II and Longbow Hellfire are premier missiles that complement each other on the modern battlefield," Morris said.



**HELLFIRE**— The Hellfire missile is primarily fired from an Apache helicopter and is designed to defeat tanks and other targets.

Army Hellfire missiles are launched from AH-64 (Apache) and the OH-58D (Kiowa Warrior) helicopters. The Marine Corps also launches the Hellfire missile from the Cobra helicopter. "The Hellfire missiles will also be fired from the next generation Comanche helicopter," Morris said.

Morris sees a promising future for the Hellfire II and the Longbow missiles. "There is a potential for improvements well into the next century, and I expect to see them around for a very long time," Morris said.

According to Morris, there is also a strong foreign sales market for these missiles. "We currently have several countries who have purchased the basic missile; and

there are several more countries considering the purchase of Interim Hellfire, Hellfire II and Longbow Hellfire," Morris said.

Col. Charles Greer is the project manager for the Air-to-Ground Missile Systems, and Vicky Armbruster is the deputy project manager. Lt. Col. Donald Wilbourn is the product manager for the Longbow Hellfire missile. The project office is staffed by eight military personnel and 89 civilians.

Rockwell International and Martin Marietta were prime contractors for the Basic and Interim Hellfire missiles. Lockheed Martin is the prime contractor for the Hellfire II missile, and the Longbow Hellfire is being developed and produced by a joint venture with Lockheed Martin and Westinghouse.

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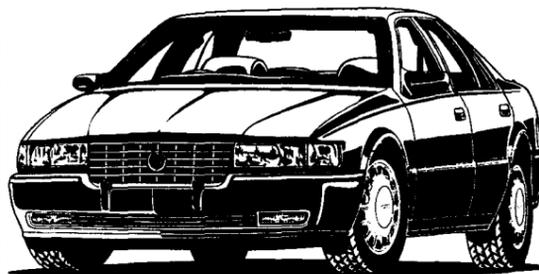
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# Customer Service Corner: Outdoor Recreation

By Sandra Cartee

Redstone's Outdoor Recreation provides customer service to the Arsenal community through a number of ways. Through customer feedback and a commitment to quality, Outdoor Rec has improved its service by purchasing new and better equipment to serve the community the best it can.

With summer approaching, many families will be venturing outdoors for fun in the sun and Outdoor Recreation is the perfect place to prepare for their outings.

"We've updated our equipment and for people who haven't been out lately, we invite them to come out and see our new modern equipment," said Bill Moreland, the Outdoor Rec director. The new equipment includes new pop-up and pull behind camping trailers complete with air conditioning, new bass boats, new canoes, new camping equipment, and even a new pontoon. "We have a lot to offer," Moreland said.

The equipment was bought to satisfy the demand as more and more families vacation and spend time outdoors. "We responded to our customers' needs and we listened to them. It helps us in our decision making and purchasing," Moreland said.

The amount of rental equipment is enormous and Moreland said that it compares well against much larger military installations. Whatever is needed for outdoor activities can be found at the rec area. Whether it's camping equipment, grills, sleeping bags, tents, or life jackets, it can all be found there.

"Other services that Outdoor Recreation offers are indoor and outdoor storage for recreational vehicles like boats and campers," Moreland said. An archery range, bow tower, trap and skeet range, shotgun and slug range, and a game processing station with walk-in cooler are also offered on the site.

Outdoor Recreation provides a wild game cookout, turkey shoots, fishing programs, education programs, and hunting for its customers. "We have 10,000 hunting requests, but we do a lot more than what people generally associate us with," Moreland said.

"We also have three recreation areas that we are responsible for as well as a fishing pond," he said. "We have put in new playground

equipment and new pavilions at the Vincent and Easter Posey areas and we installed new picnic tables at the Carroll Hudson area."

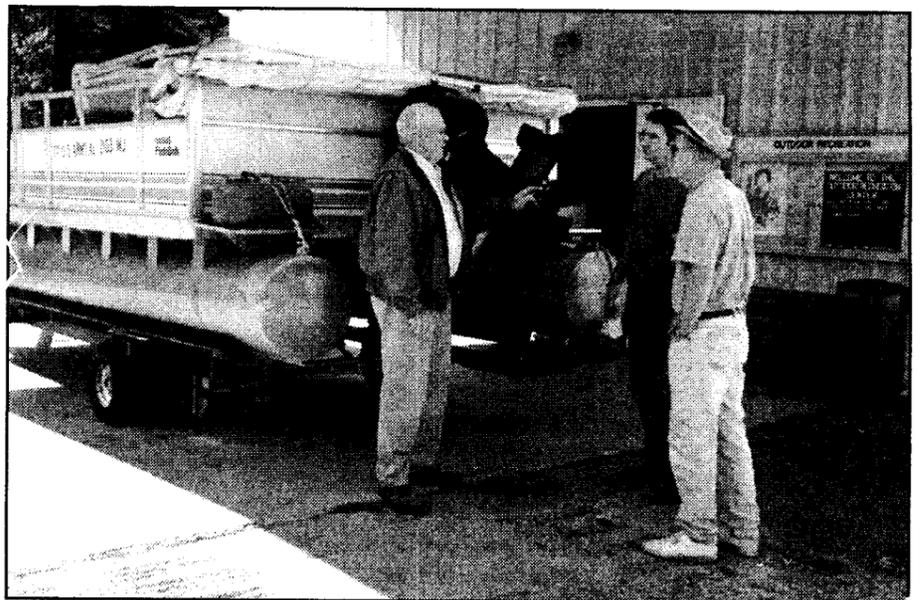
Much of the support at Outdoor Recreation comes from the 20 volunteers who help out there. "It helps out more than you could possibly imagine. They are dedicated people who love the outdoors and help out tremendously," Moreland said. There are always helpful people who are ready to explain what's offered or even give classes to customers.

Another new program that was designed to benefit the customer is the community calendar. "It's a courtesy type thing," Moreland said. Customers or organizations that have plans to utilize the recreation areas can contact Outdoor Recreation to tell them of the date, time and place.

That way, organizations who plan to have organizational days and that sort of thing will know if other parties will be at the same location. The calendar will help in traffic situations and enable the customers to plan better. Customers can also rent anything they might need for their parties such as grills or canopies.

All of the Outdoor Recreation programs are available to military and government civilians. The rental office is open seven days a week from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. And they are even open on holidays for their customers' convenience.

Moreland said that customers are always welcome to come and see the new things that Outdoor Rec has to offer. "We're real handy for people in the Sparkman Center to come over at lunch time and someone from our staff would be



**NEW AT OUTDOOR REC—** Outdoor Recreation has more to offer this year and has updated its equipment by purchasing new things. From left Luke Laney of Outdoor Rec gives instructions to Rocky Stephens and Jim Herring who rented the newest pontoon.

more than happy to take them around and help them make plans for their family vacations or outings," he said. For more information, call the equipment rental

office at 876-6854 or the hunting and fishing office at 876-4868.

With all the new equipment and constant upgrading, Outdoor Rec strives to pro-

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- **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.
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The Order of Daedalian is a national association of the aerospace community whose current national commander is retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Evon Rosencrans. The group annually selects the most outstanding weapon system which operates in whole or in part in the aerospace environment.

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Javelin Weapon System won the award for development activities, including design, development, testing and initiation of production of this leap ahead technology with the first time fire-and-forget smart missile system. A cost reduction program which reduced cost by \$1.4 billion over the life of the system was also recognized.

The only other Redstone-based system to win this prestigious award was



**JAVELIN TEAM**— The Javelin antitank weapon system program attributes its success to the consistent, committed teamwork between the Army and the contractor, Texas Instruments/Lockheed Martin Javelin Joint Venture (JV). Standing, from left, are Stuart Barab, president of T/Martin Javelin JV, Lewisville, Texas; Col. Michael Roddy III,

Javelin project manager; Col. James Gribshaw Jr., TRADOC systems manager, antitank missiles, Fort Benning, Ga.; Gerald Smith Javelin deputy; and Thomas Goslin, T/Martin Javelin JV. Kneeling is Spec. Jeffrey Roney, TRADOC system manager office, antitank missiles, Fort Benning.

the TOW in 1973.

The award is jointly given to the entire government and industry team which consists of the

Program Executive Office, Tactical Missiles, headed by George Williams; the Javelin Project Office, managed by Col Michael

Roddy; MICOM and other agency support personnel; and Texas Instruments/Lockheed-Martin Javelin Joint Venture.

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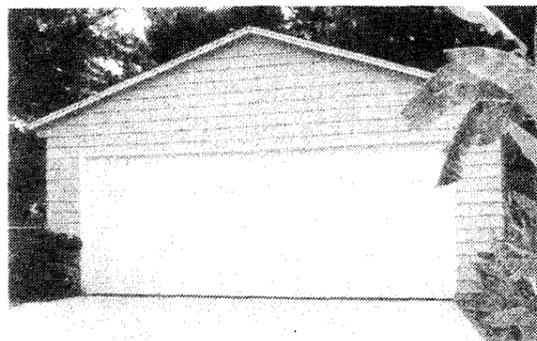
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- Sandra Marks, Performance Award, Level II Certification
- Jo Ann Martinez, Performance Award
- Marlene Morris, Special Act
- Donna Nowakowski, Performance Award, On-the-Spot Award
- Karen Parmenter, Special Act
- Joy Shackelford, Performance Award
- Ronald Stainthorpe, Performance Award, Certificate of Recognition
- Deborah Wallace, Performance Award, Certificate of Appreciation
- Carol L. West, Performance Award
- Brenda Wilkerson, Performance Award, Level II Certification

## Air Force, Army work together on air-to-air missile

The Missile Command hosted Air Force Day Thursday at Redstone Arsenal to continue demonstrating the joint cooperation between the two services in augmenting the Hawk missile system with the Advanced Medium Range Air to Air Missile (AMRAAM).

Some 25 Air Force and contractor personnel attended the event, which was co-sponsored by the Research Development and Engineering Center and the Weapons Systems Management Directorate.

Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of MICOM and Redstone, welcomed the group to the RDEC auditorium at building 5400. After briefings, the visitors viewed hardware and systems displays, including Hawk/AMRAAM. These will be a part of the SAFE AIR 95 International Trade Show scheduled for August in Fort Greely, Alaska.

AMRAAM was developed by the Air Force and is the world's foremost air intercept missile. Recognizing the tactical capabilities of AMRAAM, MICOM teamed with the Air Force AMRAAM program office and two



**AIR FORCE DAY—** Posing in the registration area at Air Force Day are, from left, Harry Schulte, Air Force Program Executive Officer, Tactical Strike; Maj. Gen. Link; Dr. William McCorkle, director of the Research Development and Engineering Center; and Dr. Eugene Paro, director of Weapon Systems Management Directorate.

AMRAAM missile contractors, Hughes and Raytheon, to investigate an advanced air defense system composed of the best characteristics of both the AMRAAM and Hawk missile.

Hawk AMRAAM will retain the highly developed Hawk missile and use Hawk for higher flying targets at relatively long ranges. AMRAAM will be added as a complimentary missile to Hawk to be used against mass raids and highly maneuvering

targets. Together they will form the backbone of Hawk AMRAAM which will sustain system effectiveness until a replacement system can be fielded.

Air Force Day at Redstone was a reciprocal event the Army held for the Air Force following the Air Force hosting Army Day at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., March 2 for about 30 Army personnel and contractors. It was held to give Army personnel a better under-

standing of the Air Force's air-to-air mission and an overview of the AMRAAM program.

SAFE AIR moves from its usual location in the New Mexico desert to Fort Greely, where the Hawk AMRAAM, along with Stinger Avenger, Hellfire and Chaparral missiles will be demonstrated to visitors from more than 26 nations. For more information about SAFE AIR 95, call Ted Gandy of WSMD at 876-6139.

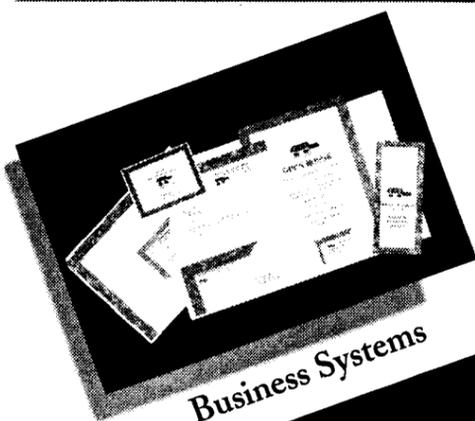
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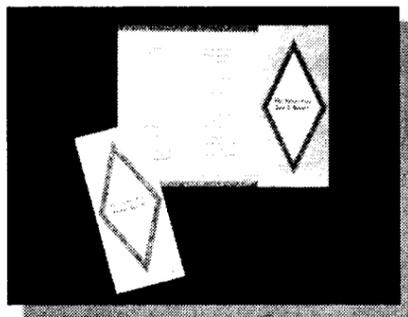


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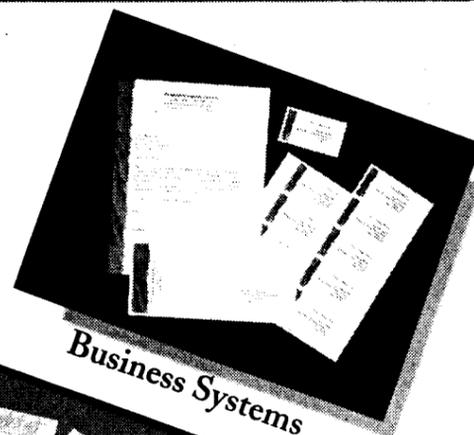


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# Single soldiers' group elects new officers

The newly-elected president of the BOSS Committee says her goal is to recruit more members for this single soldiers' group.

Cpl. Lavonnie Haynes was elected to succeed Spec. Cody Swinford as president during last week's fourth annual workshop of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers group. The workshop, held Thursday and Friday at the Recreation Center, drew about 20 participants.

"My No. 1 plan now is to go out to the units and talk with all the single soldiers to bring them into BOSS," Haynes said. "That's my first priority: getting new members. And the next is to bring out the talent that the single soldiers have such as plays, and talent shows, things like that."

Haynes is a member of the 74th Maintenance Battalion. The other officers

electd Thursday include Cpl. Lonnell Brooks, vice president; PFC Renee' Spain, secretary-treasurer; Sgt. Jimmy Brooks and Pvt. Mary Park, publicity chairmen; Spec. Shantron Smith, single parent representative; and Spec. Felicia Sewell, assistant single parent representative.

The attendees heard from representatives of post activities and discussed issues concerning single soldiers. Issues were presented to the post commander during the outbrief Friday afternoon.

"We have been able to accomplish a lot" during the past three years that the BOSS program has been in effect at Redstone, Swinford said. The outgoing president is preparing to leave the Army in December.



**BOSS LEADERS**— Kneeling, from left, are Sgt. Jimmy Brooks, Pvt. Mary Park and Spec. Felicia Sewell. Standing, from left, are Spec. Cody Swinford, Cpl. Lavonnie Haynes, Cpl. Lonnell Brooks, PFC Renee' Spain and Spec. Shantron Smith.

# Redstone travel contractor promises happy trails



**LEISURE TRAVEL TEAM**— Members of Carlson's leisure travel section include, from left, Dominique Thornton, Tolgo, and Doris Posey.

By Skip Vaughn

A new contractor is providing official and leisure travel services for the local Army community.

Carlson Wagonlit Travel

performs services which were previously provided for many years by SatoTravel. Based in Minneapolis, Minn., Carlson Wagonlit began serving Redstone and other Army posts in the

southeastern U.S. March 27.

Its four locations here include a leisure section in the Sparkman Center; and official-travel offices at building 111, the Space and

Strategic Defense Command, and the Corps of Engineers.

"A lot of people still don't know our location," said Lee Tolgo, supervisor of the leisure travel section at building 5302 in the Sparkman Center. Leisure-travel needs can also be met at the other three sites.

Carlson Wagonlit returns more than 4 percent of its sales to Redstone's morale, welfare and recreation fund. "We are under contract for MWR. We're not just a travel agency; we give back to MWR," Tolgo said.

Its services include air tickets, cruise and tours, rental car and hotel reservations. "No service charge, and we guarantee lowest price available at time of booking," Tolgo said. Carlson Wagonlit's hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday. Phone numbers include leisure section 882-6180, building 111 at 880-3601, SSDC 837-3967, and Corps of Engineers 837-3734.

For official-travel services, the customer must have his or her official orders. Anyone can use the leisure-travel services. "And right now we have a special cruise going on for government employees, DoD, military active duty and retired," Tolgo said. The special cruise rate, for a three or four day cruise to the Bahamas, is available now until February 1996, but reservations must be confirmed by May 12. Other leisure-travel specials are also available throughout the year to government

civilian and active/retired military travelers.

"I think we are the best; they should give us a chance," Tolgo said. "We guarantee the lowest air fare, and guarantee the lowest cruise and tour rate through Carlson Travel."

The local Carlson staff includes Tolgo, Dominique Thornton, Doris Posey, Inge Acreman, Theresa Befecadu, Donna Bible, John Bingham, Lana Christian, Angela Cody, Nancy Dominguez, Stephanie Fikes, Vicky Gil, Beth Glass, Mary Jane Gooch, Kevin Grimm, Terry Hale, Kim Neely, Jean Roddy, Jae Jae Salgado, Katie Jo Seay, Karen Staley, Doris Stanik, Jessica West and Tamera Butler.

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# Military spouse finds niche in picture framing



**ART PROFESSIONAL**— Culley has made a name for herself in the art and framing sector. She not only owns Uptown Art and Frames, but she is also certified in the Professional Picture Framers Association.

By Sandra Cartee

What started out as a hobby has turned into a booming business for Janet Culley. The wife of Col. Jim Culley, she has made a name for herself in the professional framers sector and even owns her own shop: Uptown Art and Frames.

"I used to paint for a hobby and I would make my own frames," Culley explained. After taking a few classes, she decided she liked making frames and went into business for herself. "It was very much my own dream," she said.

It wasn't easy opening up her own store as Culley recalls. "I started with a building, a matte cutter, a saw and the first month's rent," Culley recalled. She also learned that there is a lot of math involved and long physical labor in cutting frames and mattes for pictures.

Shortly after she opened the business' doors, her husband was relocated to El Paso, Texas. He was stationed there for three years and she stayed in Huntsville to continue running her store. She is happy to say now Col. Culley has been stationed here at Redstone for the past three and a half years. "It's been hard, but if we didn't have such a stable marriage, it wouldn't have worked."

Even though her husband is in a totally different kind of career field, Culley feels that he helps her business by keeping the accounts straight. "He won't give me an inch, either, but there's quite a lot of teamwork," she said.

Culley enjoys when she can help her customers get satisfaction. "I just have a feel for personality types and art," she said. Once she gets a feel for her customers' taste, she can then help

them.

By choosing the right matte color of designing the frame intricately, Culley can make any work of art beautiful. "I'll see something and I can turn it into something that someone else loves," she said. She said that art is like furniture and one could have the most beautiful piece of art, but if it's not dressed right, the beauty is lost.

Culley goes to great lengths to help her customers and does a lot of consulting for them. "If people ask me to go to their homes, I will," she added. She takes great pride in helping her customers any way that she can.

The store has many different kinds of artwork and Culley loves them all. She has traditional, contemporary, South Western, Oriental, European, Victorian, and even impressionist type art in the store. Culley also frames old family photos and just about anything that one would like to hang on their walls.

She has limited edition prints, originals, and posters to pick from, too. "We sell a lot of military art," Culley added. The frame work to choose from is endless as well.

Culley's professionalism has also been recognized by the best. Last year she was certified in the Professional Picture Framers Association. She's also a certified picture framer and was chosen to be in Who's Who in the Library of Congress. "I really succeeded beyond anything that I thought I would," she said.

Culley truly loves her career and her business and feels that it's very rewarding. "It's hard work but it's all worthwhile when I see happiness in the customer's face," she said.



**RESERVE UNIT**— Air Force Col. Frederick Driesbach, the MSIC director, in back row fourth from left, poses with members of Air Force Reserve Flight 9.

# Air Force reservists assist MSIC

An Air Force Reserve unit has been established to provide support at the Defense Intelligence Agency's Missile and Space Intelligence Center at Redstone.

Air Force Reserve Flight 9 was created to provide DIA/MSIC S&T intelligence analytical support, according

to a news release from the Missile and Space Intelligence Center. The Flight incorporates local-area Air Force individual mobilization augmentees whose backgrounds are mainly in the engineering and computer science fields to support MSIC's technical air defense requirements.

Col. James Mungenast, of Air Force Reserve, Knoxville, was selected as the unit's first flight leader. Initial individual development training for the members was held April 21-22 at MSIC.



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## Sports/Recreation

# Bike across north Alabama for charitable cause



**FAMILY OUTING—** The upcoming BAMA ride will have scenes similar to this Bike Ride Across Georgia held in June 1994.

A family-oriented bicycle ride across north Alabama this summer is being organized as a fund-raiser by Huntsville's Spring City Cycle Club.

Up to 250 bicyclists will roll through north Alabama June 7-10 in Bike Across Magnificent Alabama (BAMA), the first of what is to become an annual event. The BAMA executive director is Morton Archibald, a Redstone worker and avid bicyclist.

BAMA is a three and a half day, 205 mile, family-oriented bike ride across scenic north Alabama. It begins at noon Wednesday, June 7 at Ditto Landing in south Huntsville and ends Saturday, June 10 in Rome, Ga. BAMA participants arrive in Rome just in time to continue on the 16th annual Bike Ride Across Georgia (BRAG) which begins Sunday, June 11 in Rome.

Profits from BAMA will go to the Food Bank of North Alabama, according to

Archibald. He is a Total Quality Management consultant for the Education and Development Division of the Personnel and Training Directorate. "I'm also a full-time bicycle commuter; I commute to work every day year-round with few exceptions," he said.

The route will go from Huntsville across the Guntersville Lock and Dam, across the southern tip of Sand Mountain, and into historic Fort Payne. There will be a long, gentle climb up Lookout Mountain, a ride along the rim of scenic Little River Canyon, and then down Lookout Mountain, a visit to the town of Centre, then along the eastern shore of Weiss Lake into historic Rome, the city of three rivers.

Overnight stays will be in downtown Guntersville, Fort Payne High School, Cherokee High School in Centre, and Rome High School. The longest day will be Friday which will cover 62 miles. One of the features of the ride is that cyclists have nothing else to do but pedal their bikes and have fun. BAMA organizers will provide baggage transportation to the overnight stops. Riders may want to carry money for the day, a camera or other optional gear. A bus will be available to carry riders and their bikes back to Huntsville.

"BAMA is modeled after similar rides in other states, including Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and the granddaddy of them all, Iowa. In addition to the charitable cause,

the chief attractions for riders in these events are exercise, camaraderie and the chance to see America closeup at a slower pace," Archibald said.

Entry fee will be \$45 for early registration, and \$55 after the May 19 deadline. Registrations will be accepted at the starting point. The fee covers expenses for the overnight campsites, baggage transportation and other support vehicles along the route, and a T-shirt.

Profits will go to the Food Bank of North Alabama, an organization that provides low-cost food to human service organizations such as domestic violence shelters and the Salvation Army. Each year Food Bank of North Alabama solicits, transports, warehouses and distributes food with an efficiency of 94 percent. It serves 140 non-profit feeding programs which range from large, on-site food kitchens to feeding small, rural church pantries. Food Bank has been in north Alabama for 10 years and depends on charitable contributions for its operations.

For more information send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to BAMA, 2117 Rothmore Drive, southwest Huntsville, Ala., 35803-1431; or call Archibald at 881-8032.

### Troop volleyball

Here are the troop volleyball standings as of May 4; a double-elimination tournament is scheduled May 10-17:

#### Eastern Division

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C Company 832nd	5	6

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## Sports/Recreation

# Avid cyclist: Everyone saves with bicycle commuting

By Morton Archibald

While over 90 million Americans own bicycles, only about 2 million of us ride them daily. If all goes as we hope, this number will swell by a few million on May 16: National Bike to Work Day.

I'm one of several full-time bike commuters on Redstone Arsenal. I regularly ride 18 miles roundtrip from my home to the Sparkman Building. I ride year-round and in all weather except thunderstorms and snow. Most drivers are very courteous and considerate. About once every three months, I will meet an

unpleasant person determined to teach me once and for all that roads belong to motor vehicles, not for snickers-powered cycle drivers.

There are many personal advantages to bicycle commuting:

**Improved health:** When I was 49, the Civilian Wellness Center determined that I was as healthy as an average 47-year-old. Not bad! I beat the odds by two years. A year later, after I began bicycle commuting full-time, my health was equivalent to a 46-year-old. I got a year younger instead of older.

**Parking:** Bicycle riders may park right at the entrance to the building. They never have to circle parking lots looking for a vacant space that isn't reserved for someone special.

**Economics:** I estimate I save \$7,000 per year by bicycle commuting. The League of American Bicyclists believes that you can save as much as 25 percent of your annual income if you replace your second car with a combination of bicycle commuting and an occasional taxi or rental car.

**Time savings:** Combine your exercise program with your daily commute. No

more trying to find time to exercise. It's built into your schedule!

Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal will benefit from every bicycle commuter who leaves the car at home:

**Pollution solution:** Automobiles are the single largest source of U.S. air pollution. Short trips—those that are bikable—are up to three times more polluting per mile than long trips. An average four-mile roundtrip bike commute saves nearly 15 pounds of pollution from contaminating your air annually. This means less benzene, cyanide, lead, carbon monoxide,

CFCs, sulfates, and ozone in the air we breathe. Since ground-levels ozone problems are worse in the summer; even fair-weather bike commuting will help the environment when Mother Nature needs help the worst.

**Tax savings:** If motor vehicle operators paid the true cost of their roadway travel in fuel taxes, gasoline would cost up to \$9 per gallon. Other taxes now pay for road construction, maintenance, parking, police protection, emergency services, pollution cleanup, etc. Everyone saves with bicycle commuting.

International balance of

payments reduction: More than half the gasoline used in the U.S. comes from foreign oil. Two million daily bike commuters across America helps where we need it most.

Bicycle commuting is not for everyone. Some people live too far away from work or they are not in good enough health to make the daily trek. If you are willing to give it a try, however, you will probably be amazed at just how easy and convenient it is. You will get healthier and the ride will become easier surprisingly quickly.



## Unfit, overweight troops hit training roadblock

WASHINGTON— The Army is getting tougher on soldiers who fail to meet fitness and body weight standards. The bottom line, according to Pentagon operations and plans officials, is that soldiers who are unfit or overweight cannot attend many of the professional development schools needed to progress through the ranks of an Army career.

In the past, soldiers were required to meet fitness and body weight standards as a graduation requirement for a number of Army schools. Now, those soldiers who cannot do so will be turned away at the schoolhouse door.

"As the Army downsizes and changes to meet future challenges, it's critical that soldiers being trained to lead America's Army meet the highest professional

standards," said Sgt. Maj. Steven A. Tew, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans.

"Having soldiers take and pass the APFT and height/weight standards before the course begins allows instructors to teach the conduct of fitness training," he said.

Home stations and losing commands of soldiers who report to Army schools and are subsequently not enrolled for fitness reasons will be held responsible for those soldiers, and may also be responsible for reimbursing training funds related to travel, Tew said.

The policy affects the following schools, beginning April 1 for the Active Component and June 1 for the Reserve Component:

- Primary Leadership

Development Course;

- Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course;
- Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course;
- Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officer Course;
- First Sergeant Course;
- Command Sergeant Major Course;
- Warrant Officer Candidate Course;
- Warrant Officer Advanced Course;
- Warrant Officer Senior Course; and
- Officer Candidate School.

Soldiers who attend other professional development courses in either a permanent change of station or temporary duty status, or any other resident course eight weeks or longer in length, must pass the Army

Physical Fitness Test as a graduation requisite.

There has been no change to Army policy concerning pregnant soldiers as a result of the stricter standards, Tew said. Also, foreign students attending affected courses are exempt from the policy.

Soldiers with temporary physical profiles that prevent full participation in a TDY course will be removed from school attendance consideration by their immediate commander. Permanently profiled soldiers must include physical profile documentation with their school application and will be allowed to attend training if they can meet minimum course graduation requirements.

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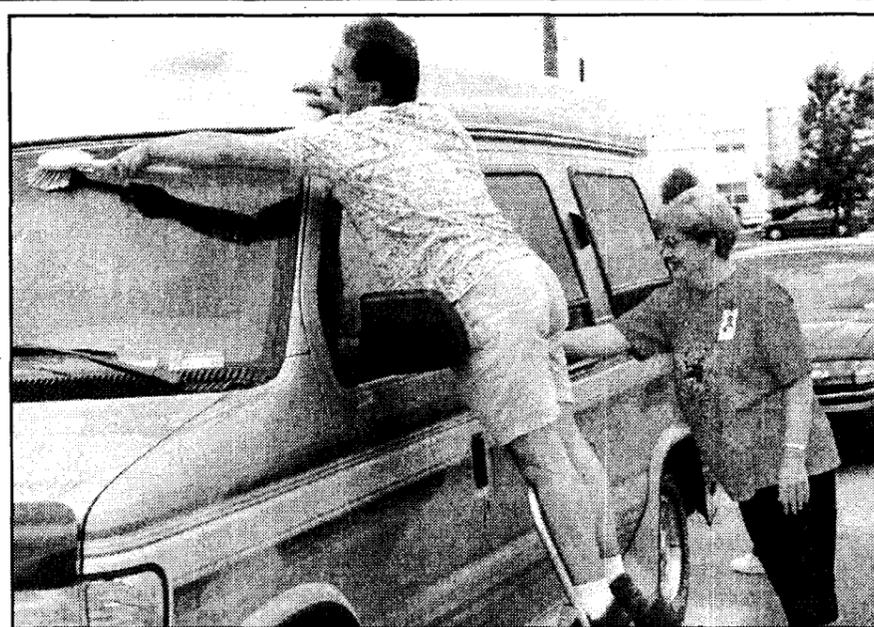
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**Car wash...**

Steve Nelson and Marie Plyler vehicles that came through the wash one of the more than 80 car wash April 27 for AER.

**TMDE worker makes difference in Boy Scouts' lives**

By Sandra Cartee

People at Redstone know him as Albert Farrar Sr., an engineer and technician for the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity; but boys in the Boy Scout Troop 400 know him as Scoutmaster, role model, and friend.

Farrar started volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America when his son was small and involved as a Scout. That was over 17 years ago and Farrar has been working with the organization ever since.

"There was a terrible need," Farrar explained. "The boys had no fathers and they desperately needed male guidance and direction." That's when he decided to help the large group of boys from Huntsville's Mason Court Housing Project.

Farrar has served as a Scoutmaster, unit commissioner, Cub Scout leader and other mentor roles. He

has helped to guide and direct over 300 boys from ages 6 to 18. "In the area that I volunteer in, the success stories are rare. Our goal is to take a boy and expose him to enough positive things to help him find himself and set goals for something in their future," Farrar said.

Farrar takes them camping, swimming, and helps them obtain badges. With 100 boys in a troop, the task of just reaching them is difficult. "It takes you a long time to build their confidence and it takes time and patience," he said.

Improving school grades, attendance, and conduct are a few goals that Farrar works on with the boys. "They know that we care and we do look at their grades," he said. The boys are rewarded for good grades with money and points toward their Scouting competition.

Farrar helps to guide the boys in a spiritual way as



**GUIDING YOUNGSTERS—** Farrar helps guide boys in the right direction through volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America. He's made positive impacts in boys' lives for over 17 years.

well. "I take them to church every Sunday at the Bicentennial Chapel," he said. He also teaches a Sunday school class for the boys in grades four through eight.

"It's a positive experience for both me and the boys," Farrar said. He feels that the boys who are in-

involved with the Boy Scouts stay in school longer and have a better understanding of how important it is to achieve goals. "They don't

have a lot of self-worth and you have to build that up."

"Another thing that keeps me going is the exceptional community support," Farrar said. Members and businesses in the community donate tents, food, uniforms, and other things that help the boys.

"I think, looking at our country and the way it's going, many of us need to do something to change the direction it's heading," said Farrar. He thinks that other adult black males could volunteer and make a difference in young boys' lives. He feels that the country would benefit if they did.

Farrar may retire from the Arsenal soon and if he does, he plans to continue his work with the Boy Scouts. "I'll just do a better

job with the Scouts," he said.

He feels obligated to contribute to the guidance and direction of the boys. "As blessed as I've been with my children, I feel that I owe something back," he said. Farrar was recently nominated for the Volunteer of the Year award and although he didn't win, he still feels like he's made a difference. He was presented with \$1,000 after recently winning the J. C. Penney Golden Rule Award and he donated that to the Boys Club of Huntsville.

Due to the devotion of Farrar, the boys in Boy Scout Troop 400 have received guidance, love, direction and things they may not have received otherwise. Farrar thinks that his part is no big deal and that anyone could and should do the same. He

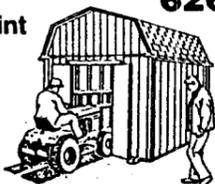
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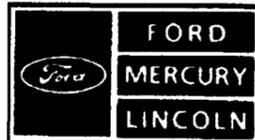


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# Group serves families of children with disabilities

By Skip Vaughn

A group has formed locally to provide information and fellowship for families with children who have disabilities.

Reach Out will have its next bimonthly meeting 7-9 p.m. May 19 in the activity room at Bicentennial Chapel. One of the group's leaders is Redstone resident Deborah Fleischmann, wife of SSgt. Henry Fleischmann.

"We've been meeting since November; and up until now we've been meeting at Trinity United Methodist Church. And we've had a real good response to this. But I wanted to try to reach the military community and the civilian DoD community at Redstone Arsenal," she said. Plans are to meet from now on at Bicentennial Chapel.

Reach Out is a subsidiary of REACH (Regional Early-intervention Assistance for Children), a non-profit Alabama corporation. REACH is actually in the planning stages with a target date of Oct. 1 to begin offering therapy services to children, from infants to 5-year-olds, in their natural environment at home or preschool. Services will include a physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech pathologist, and developmental specialist. "This is really the first time that anything like this has been tried in the area. There has never been a program that offers all four services like this

where you go into a child's natural environment," Fleischmann said.

The REACH services are planned to augment existing programs. The idea is to make additional services available to families. "This program is going to be free to the families. We're going to write grants to get state and federal funding," Fleischmann said. "We need to get the number of children that would like to be involved in this program, especially in the military community, the DoD community. And they can do that by calling me at 721-1013 or by writing Reach Out, P.O. Box 681, Huntsville, Ala., 35804."

The informational and fellowship group, Reach Out, is for all families affected by individuals who are challenged or at risk for developmental delays. "There is no age limit. We're not trying to reach a specific type of developmental ability or disability. We offer this to anyone interested in finding out more information on different services available in the community," Fleischmann said.

She and her husband, an instructor at the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Training Department, have a daughter who was born with Down syndrome. Caitlin, 2, and other children born with an extra chromosome can experience delays in their development.

"One of the things that Reach Out wants to try real-



**BUSY MOM— Fleischmann and her daughter, Caitlin, visit Army Community Service.**

ly hard to do is let the families and communities know that basically everybody is the same. We may have different timetables for learning things, but children are just children. Kids are kids. Our children and adults are involved in community things just like anybody else. Each of us have our strengths and our weaknesses. What we want to do is recognize our strengths as well as our weaknesses," Fleischmann said. "Our kids will be going to regular classrooms and working in the community like everybody else."

Caitlin attends the Mother's Morning Out program at First Christian Church where "she's treated just like all the other kids, and she's doing just fine," Fleischmann said. "We have high expectations of her and she reaches them. She reaches them every time."

Fleischmann, a Huntsville native, was one of the founders of the Reach Out group. About 20 people

have been attending the meetings including husbands, wives and children. They usually have a speaker, social time and snacks. Scheduled speaker for the May 19 meeting is Ande Boumann of Huntsville Pool Therapy; she does physical therapy in the pool for various age groups.

"I think the best thing that we have to offer is that we are positive. There's a lot of kids out there that, even when born, the doctor just gave up on them. We all have a real good positive attitude," Fleischmann said. People interested in Reach Out can call her at 721-1013 or Terri Frandsen 830-9373.

Virginia Dempsey, Exceptional Family Member Program manager at Army Community Service, encourages families to attend the Reach Out meetings. "I think it can pull a family out of isolation and make them understand all the possibilities and opportunities that are open to their children," Dempsey said.

# VA regional office director retires

Sam Maraman, director of the Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Montgomery, retired March 31 after 35 years of federal service.

He was the director in Montgomery since Jan. 17, 1988, and also served as the acting director of the 12 state Southern Area during that time. Previously, Maraman was the assistant director in Montgomery and director of the Jackson, Miss., Regional Office. He has also been the assistant director of both the Atlanta Regional Office and the Wichita, Kan., Regional Office and Medical Center.

Maraman has also been the adjudication officer in Jackson, earlier having transferred there from the Compensation and Pension Service staff at VA Central Office, in Washington, D.C. He began his VA career in Montgomery in 1959 at the Medical Center, but subsequently transferred to the Regional Office on the Veterans Benefits side of VA as a claims examiner trainee in 1965.

His VA career was interrupted by military service from 1971-74 when he was recalled to active duty from the Army Reserves. He maintained his interest and commitment to the military over 34 years in the Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserves, and eventually retired from the Reserves with the rank of colonel. He graduated from the Army Command and General Staff College. As a veteran, he is a member of the major veteran service organizations.

He was educated in Montgomery schools and is a graduate of Auburn University at Montgomery. He attended Jones Law School in Montgomery where he earned the LLB degree. He has attended the Federal Executive Institute, participated in the Leadership VA program, and completed the VA's OPM approved Career Executive Development program prior to entering the Senior Executive Service. Former President Bush awarded Maraman with the rank of Meritorious Executive in the Senior Executive Service for sustained superior accomplishments.

Maraman is married to Trish Maraman and is the father of Mrs. Leanne Cozart and Michael Maraman, both in Montgomery. His mother, Eva Maraman, brother, Ralph Maraman, a sister, Mrs. N.S. Barranco, all live in Montgomery, and another sister, Mrs. James Lumpkin lives in California. His post-retirement plans include his leisure interests of traveling and building houses. (News release from Department of Veterans Affairs.)



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## Philippine-American Association promotes brotherhood locally

Editor's note: May is "Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month."

By Aniceto Bagley

The Philippine-American Association of Alabama (PAAA), located in Huntsville, is an organization of Filipino-Americans formed to promote friendship and brotherhood; to preserve the traditions and culture of the Philippines; and to foster civic, charitable and educational awareness. Its members come from Huntsville, Madison County and other areas of north Alabama. Many of its members are retired or active duty military personnel assigned to Redstone Arsenal and their dependents.

Organized in 1988, it has participated in cultural and civic events at schools and churches in the community. Its Young Bayanihan Dance Troupe of school-age children has been a regular performer of native Philippine dances at Panoply for the past several years. This year they were joined by adult members of the Association.

The PAAA has been a regular participant in the annual Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month activities at Redstone Arsenal. It has provided exhibits of Philippine handicraft and native apparel, native dances and Philippine cuisine.

The Association has encouraged its membership to contribute individually to organizations that provide relief to victims of natural disasters in the Philippines. Except for Bangladesh, the Philippines has been hit by more natural disasters than any other country—everything from volcanic eruptions, to typhoons, to earthquakes. The PAAA has also contributed to the relief efforts to the best of its ability.

Two charities that the PAAA supports are the Kids on the Block and Operation Smile. The former operates in Huntsville and, by the use of puppets, teaches children that not everyone is the same. There are many among us who have a different skin color or who because of physical deformities or mental disorders are different from others. You might say that the message is tolerance. Operation Smile operates, both figuratively and literally, in foreign countries. Their main mission has been to perform corrective procedures on individuals with cleft palates, commonly known as hare lip. The branch in Birmingham sends doctors to the Philippines so the PAAA has been working with them for several years.

The PAAA sponsors several get-togethers throughout the year, usually on or in conjunction with traditional holidays. These would be for Valentines Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. In addition, in June, Philippine Independence Day is celebrated, complete with a roast pig called lechon. These functions are always "potluck." The social activities committee

organizes games for children and adults. Indoors, these can be parlor games such as musical chairs and "balloon busting." During the summer, when activities are conducted outside, the PAAA holds picnics and the children have races and other games. Volleyball and basketball are among the favorite games for adults. Door prizes and raffles add to the enjoyment of get-togethers. Other features that are popular among members are dancing and karaoke singing. The PAAA also sponsors a bowling league which bowls at the Redstone lanes.

In September the PAAA conducts its big annual event which is the Inaugural Ball where the Association's officers for the coming year are installed. This is a semiformal event held in a suitable location, usually a hotel ballroom. The program includes a guest speaker and for some of these occasions in the past the PAAA has been fortunate to get a consular official from the Philippine Embassy. Last year the Association was honored to have the Philippine ambassador to the U.S., His Excellency Raul Ch. Rabe, as guest speaker. A highlight of the Ball is the awarding of honors for academic achievement. Three students each are selected from the elementary, middle, and high school levels and prizes are awarded in accordance with their academic grades. The prizes are money and a certificate. In addition all students who enter the competition receive certificates.

The Association's activities are financed by membership dues, small fundraisers throughout the year and a big fund drive at Christmas. During December members go Christmas caroling to different houses and receive contributions from the hosts. This is a fun activity and the hosts always prepare food for the carolers. The result is that there is a party at every house visited.

All these activities provide a time when Filipinos in the area can get together, converse in their own language, eat foods prepared in the Filipino manner, and have a good time among persons of the same cultural background.

Anyone of Philippine heritage and the spouse of such a person are eligible for regular membership with voting privileges. Friends of the Philippines not meeting the aforementioned criteria may become non-voting honorary members. For membership information, call Aniceto Bagley 852-7973 or Mindy Mendiola 837-7869.



**KIDS ARE US**— Pictured are the 11 teen-age girls who completed the Babysitting Basics Class given by the Child Development Services. The qualified caregivers are also certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

## Teen-agers complete babysitting course

A Babysitting Basics Class was sponsored by Child Development Services on April 24-28 and a group of responsible teens successfully completed it.

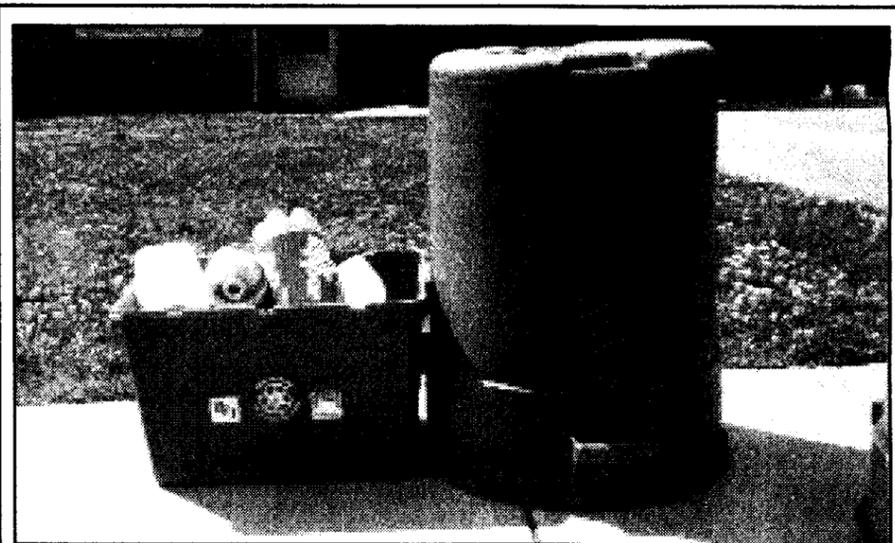
The 11 young people who completed the training include Lisa Winfield, Natasna Perry, Jennifer Knight, Latasha McDonald,

Kantra Wright, Chicha Thomas, Phancia Montgomery, Teanisha Hayes, Bina Hibbler, LaToya Haynes and Rica Spears.

This babysitting training is offered by CDS as needed. Individuals must be 13 and older to qualify. The training includes lectures, role playing, observations

of classes, class discussions, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

A referral list of the CPR-certified babysitters may be obtained at the Central Enrollment Registry office located in building 113. For more information, call 876-7888.



### Conservation...

Earth Day was celebrated around the world on April 22. Recycling plays a big factor in environmental awareness because of landfill space, and members of the Redstone com-

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# Military spouses deserve thanks for their support

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Army has declared Friday as Military Spouses Day to honor and recognize the important part a military spouse plays in a soldier's career.

"The roles of a military spouse have changed dramatically over the years," said Judy Link, wife of the post commander, Maj. Gen. James Link. She said she would like to offer a gift of thanks to those spouses who have shown the flexibility, support and stability it takes to maintain a household, whether the soldier is home or on a deployment.

"I would like to offer a sincere thanks to all the military spouses for all they do. They not only maintain a home while working and are the primary caregiver when the soldiers are gone, but have made Redstone an Army Community of Excellence with all the volunteer work they do and dedication they have shown to the community," Link said. "Military spouses do it all. They work, support their husbands, balance the family, fill numerous volunteer hours and support our community. Our spouses here at

Redstone are a unique group of individuals."

When asked for two words to describe the requirements for a military spouse, Link said "It is almost impossible to list only two words. I think a military spouse has to have quite a bit of flexibility, more now than ever, and be able to provide the sense of stability for the home. Along with quite a few other qualities. We all strive for a peaceful world."

Although the role of a military spouse differs somewhat from rank to rank, there are many similarities. Following are different looks at military life from spouses of soldiers both enlisted and commissioned.

### Brand new view

"My husband just entered the Army in January and to be honest it was a little hard to get used to the military way of life. There are so many different ways of doing things and so many new things to think of," said Sharon LeClaire, the wife of a private.

"So far my experiences have been wonderful when it comes to finding help or information. I think it is really nice that the military

not only thinks of the soldier, but the spouses and families as well," LeClaire said.

Although LeClaire's husband is only stationed at Redstone for a short time while he attends school, Sharon said she is looking forward to the future. "It is always in the back of my mind as to where we are going next, but I understand every military spouse thinks those same thoughts. I do worry that he will be sent some place and I don't know if I will be able to go," LeClaire said. "I do know that if that happens there will be plenty for me to do and if I need help, it is as close as a phone call."

LeClaire said she spends a lot of time volunteering at Army Community Service (ACS) and has found that an excellent way to understand what is going on and to learn more about the Army way of life. "Volunteering there has also helped me meet new friends and get out of the house," LeClaire said.

### Going up the ladder

Carol Varrette, the wife of a junior NCO, has experienced the separation, moves and some of the social



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obligations that go hand-in-hand with a soldier's career.

"I was in the Air Force for 16 years, so I had a good idea what the military and its way of life was all about. One thing is for sure, a military spouse has to really love her husband and make a commitment to stick with it, regardless of the good or bad. Being married and in the military takes a special person," Varrette said.

"Military spouses have so many more things to think of and deal with than a civilian. We move every three years or so and that next move is always on our minds. Even when we buy a new piece of furniture. We can't just say that looks nice and let's buy it. We have to

consider if it will move well, will it break, will it arrive at our next duty station intact, and will it fit in our new quarters," Varrette said.

Moving isn't the only thing on the mind of a military spouse, the career of the soldier is another topic the spouse has to consider. "If your husband is making a career of the military, his job is No. 1. You have to realize that from the beginning," Varrette said. "His job is always on his mind and a wife has to be there to support her husband. That is the most important thing."

"When it comes to going to TDY, being deployed, or just pulling CQ, the husband has to feel comfortable that his wife can handle the

everyday things that happen and emergencies that might come up," she said. "The first year my husband and I were married, we were apart. That comes with being in the military and a spouse has a lot to deal with when it comes to being alone."

"On the same hand a wife has to realize that once her husband comes home, she is no longer the boss and things change. Some wives have a hard time dealing with the constant role-changing with their husbands being gone and returning. For some wives it is not a problem. I just deal with it and handle whatever happens," Varrette

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**THRIFT SHOP CONTRIBUTION—** Sylvia Kitchen and Mary Ellen Myers present a check for \$700 to the special education department at J.E. Williams Elementary School May 3. The money came from proceeds from the Thrift

Shop and will be used for materials within the department. From left are Lee McCallister, principal of the school; Ella Francis, Lysa Parker, special education instructors; Myers and Kitchen.

## Thrift Shop contributes to local communities in area

The Thrift Shop Welfare Committee recently distributed over \$5,000 to various schools and organizations throughout the communities of Huntsville and the Arsenal.

Among the recipients of funds were the Space Camp Scholarship Fund, J.E. Williams Elementary School (special education), Meals on Wheels (Madison County), Butler High School Girls Soccer, Redstone

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# Archeologist traces Redstone's pre-Army residents

By Charles Hubbert

Timmons farm is a historical/archeological site located on the southern end of Redstone Arsenal, near the Tennessee River. The remains that are visible consist of two chimney piles, a mound of dirt and rubble where the house burned, a cemetery, the remains of a barn, and evidence of other agricultural industry, including a blacksmith shop, concrete pilings, foundation stones, and broken plowshares and horseshoes.

The house stood on a low hill overlooking the river flood plain. Today, huge walnut, oak, and hackberry trees spread a dense shade over the remains of the house and the yard. At the northeast corner of the yard a driveway enters through gateposts and leads toward the house. Between the house and the driveway daylilies, irises and jonquils grow wild, in no apparent pattern. Wild roses and wisteria clamber in abandon over what must have been the walls of the house.

Large limestone boulders were skillfully shaped before being incorporated into the chimneys. When one stands there in the quiet woods looking at them they lend a sense of massive timelessness to the chimneys and to the house which once stood there.

The dense shade makes it a cool place during the summer months, and during the winter the trees make a wind-break; the winter sun feels a little warmer on your face than if you are standing out in the open.

Timmons farm is a ghostly kind of place. I have noticed that when one stands at the site one tends to speak in hushed tones, and to wonder aloud who it was that lived there. The remains of mens activities are abundantly evident in the agricultural/industrial aspects of the site. It is clear that whatever men lived here were hard workers. The remains of their work stations and projects are scattered over an area of at least four acres and bears testimony to their industriousness.

But it is also clear that women were busy at Timmons Farm. One of the facilities nearest the house was a fruit cellar, and there was obviously a flower bed to greet the visitor when he turned in the driveway. Surely many of the flowers have perished but some have survived, though the seldom bloom because of the dense shade and lack of cultivation. For the most part, men will tend to forego the little niceties in the interest of economy and ease of maintenance, but a woman will make her place pretty.



**CEMETERY—** Kittie Quay Timmons' small tombstone, flanked by boxwoods, can e seen through the gate to Timmons Cemetery.

Who were the people who lived here? What were their lives like? Were they happy here? What kind of man was old John Timmons, who bought the land in 1818? Those are the kinds of questions that echo through our minds as we examine the site. Yet we are aware that we can never truly know the answers.

Except for this: a few hundred feet west of the house is the cemetery. It is surrounded by thick brick and masonry walls and it has a hand-forged iron gate— rusty now but solid. The brick was skillfully laid, and the cemetery shows evidence of having been lovingly cared for. It contains the graves of several generations of the Timmons family. Among them is a small monument with an inscription which reads like this:

*No bitter tears for her be shed  
Blossom of being seen and gone  
With flowers alone we strew thy bed  
O blest departed one.*

**KITTIE QUAY TIMMONS**

*Born November 11, 1861  
Died June 18, 1862*

*Beside this stone in sweet repose  
Is laid a mothers earliest pride  
A flower, that scarce had waked  
To life, and light, and beauty  
Ere it died*

And this can tell us much, can it not? It tells us that here in this house there was the joy and boundless love of new marriage and a first child; and the devastating, crushing loss of that child. Happiness and pain were here. All the happiness and all the pain of several lifetimes.

And overall, all across the Timmons Farm, in the strength that built the house, in the industry that worked the farm and made it a home, in the caring of the flower beds and the cemetery, there is a patina of love. This place was loved. And the evidence of that love is still observable.

Timmons farm is a monument to a time and a people long gone. We did not know them, but they have much to do with who we are and the lives we lead in today's world. Today, America is a preeminent nation, but it may not always be so. If hard times ever come again to America (and they surely will), and we are tested to our core, we will need to know very well who we are as a people and as a nation.

We should search for the strengths of those people of long ago who built Timmons farm, and make them our own. After all, history is not a subject which will help most of us accomplish our daily tasks. But it will make us better citizens.

*(Editor's note: Hubbert is an archeologist with the University of Alabama who served as MICOM's staff archeologist through an intergovernmental transfer program from 1985 to 1995. He is now doing field archeology for the University of Alabama.)*

## Commentary: Military family pets are special, too

By Ken David

Our dog Holly is half cocker and half poodle, seven pounds of heart and love, with a coat of fur that is so curly she looks like a used Brillo pad.

We bought her in Cersfeld, Germany in 1983 when we lived on top of a mountain at the Wildflecken Training area, just seven miles from the Communist East German border. Winters at Wildflecken were long and hard, snow was measured in meters not inches, and it didn't melt until June. Because we were snowed in a great deal of the time, we thought a dog would be a good companion for our daughter, Carrie. Since we felt that

Carrie had reached the age to accept responsibility for caring for a pet— 9 is very old indeed for a military brat — we decided to get our first family dog.

We picked Holly up on Christmas Eve when she was 8 weeks old, put a bright red ribbon around her neck, and put her under the tree to surprise Carrie. She was, as you can imagine, a big hit on that cold and snowy Christmas in the Rhone Mountains of Bavaria. We named her Holly after the Christmas holly that decorated every house. She immediately accepted her job as a very important part of a military family, and has been our best friend ever since.

Whenever a military

family moves, it affects more than just that serviceman. It affects their wives, children and even the pets. Holly has flown on more planes, taken more trips by car, and moved more than most people. She has adjusted to the deep snow of Germany, the bitter cold and wind of upstate New York, and the hot summers of Alabama. She has lived in military quarters, apartments, motel rooms, and other types of temporary housing. Through it all, she has never changed. She just kept doing her job: She kept our family company, gave us unconditional and completely selfless love, and on those occasions when I was stationed away from the family, took her responsibil-

ity as guard dog a little more seriously.

Just being with us was her greatest joy. She loved to take walks with us, jump in the car and take rides with us, and follow us anywhere we went in the house or yard. She loved to play and rough-house, especially if you were reading a book and not paying attention to her. She was no wonder dog. The only tricks we ever taught her were to tear open trash sacks, and turn over wastebaskets. But she was always fun, bright and happy.

I don't know when Holly got old; it happened very slowly. First, she stopped following us everywhere, preferring to stay on the couch or under my chair as we moved about. A couple

of years ago we had the ball joint in one of her rear legs operated on, and from that time she has limped, forcing her to give up her walks with us. She has developed an enlarged heart which has even further reduced her mobility. She can't make it up the stairs now and has to wait for one of us to carry her up. Occasional strokes and seizures now leave her confused.

For now it's OK. I don't mind carrying her around, and if we have to pamper her, why not? She has paid her dues in loyalty and love. But if the day comes, and it soon may, when she can no

longer function or she has developed too much pain to cope with, I'll accept the responsibility of ending it for her. It will break my heart, but I owe her too much to allow her to lose her dignity. We will face that day together.

I'm sure Holly is unremarkable to anyone else, but to us she's special. She served her time in military life with us, retired with us, and made our home— no matter where in the world it was—complete.

*(Editor's note: David, a retired chief warrant officer, is the veterans service officer for Limestone County.)*

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# Company wins Champus/Tricare contract out west

QualMed Inc. of Pueblo, Colo., has been awarded the contract for Champus/Tricare health care delivery and managed-care support services in the states of California and Hawaii, beginning Oct. 1.

The contract continues many of the same services and features now provided to Champus beneficiaries in those states under the current contract with Aetna Government Health Plans. It incorporates the new uniform HMO benefit approved by the secretary of defense in December 1994.

The \$2.5 billion contract is scheduled to run for five-and-a-half years, including a six-month startup period and five one-year options for the delivery of health care services. The contract award puts QualMed financially at risk for the cost of services provided to Champus beneficiaries in the civilian community. It contains incentives for good performance, including financial incentives for speed and accuracy in handling claims.

Under the managed-care support program, military families have more health care choices than under the standard Champus program, and they can save money while reducing their paperwork through participation in either of two new special programs.

The first option, Tricare Prime, features preventive care, low fees for routine visits to the doctor (or free visits for the families of some lower-ranking enlisted members, and upper limits on the cost of inpatient care. Families must enroll in Tricare Prime, and must

use a designated network of providers of care.

The other option is Tricare Extra, which offers the same benefits as the regular Champus program (also known as Tricare Standard), but with discounts on cost-sharing and limits on the cost of inpatient care. Tricare Extra requires the use of specified providers, but there's no requirement to enroll, so this system can be used on a case-by-case basis.

Families also have easier access to needed health care through a "health care finder" at each military hospital in California and Hawaii. Care in both military and civilian settings will be provided under the oversight of the military medical commanders, or "lead agents." These are the commanders of the David Grant Air Force Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base and the San Diego Naval Medical Center in California, and the commander of the Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii. The Champus/Tricare contractor also provides civilian staff members and other resource for military medical facilities to further increase the accessibility of health care to service families.

Those who prefer not to use the managed-care systems for their health care needs are still free to use the military hospitals and clinics on a space-available basis, as before, and may also still use the standard Champus program (Tricare Standard) as they always have. (Champus news release.)

# Health benefits program has pharmacy discounts

Champus Select announces a new way Champus-eligible beneficiaries can save money on prescription medications. A Champus Select pharmacy program began May 1 in the southeastern region.

The network is made available through a joint agreement between Wisconsin Physicians Service, the Champus claims processor for that region, its subcontractor, HealthCare Compare Corp., and Medco Containment Services Inc.

Beneficiaries will receive a significant discount off the Champus allowable charge

on prescription drugs listed on the Champus Select drug formulary. The formulary includes a wide range of brand name and generic drugs.

Champus Select is a voluntary health care benefits program offered by the Department of Defense as a cost-effective alternative to standard Champus.

For a list of participating pharmacies in this area call Jennifer Riddle, the Champus Select coordinator for Redstone Arsenal, 881-5150.



## Group re-enlistment...

Maj. Gen. James Monroe, left, the Army's Chief of Ordnance, re-enlists soldiers at building 3300 during a ceremony March 31. The soldiers are, from left, SFC Peter Taube,

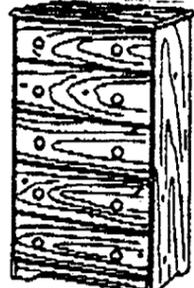
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## Champus/Tricare will cover hospice care

Champus/Tricare will soon begin paying the cost of hospice care.

The hospice benefit will be for patient admissions that occur on or after June 1.

The Champus/Tricare hospice program is based on Medicare's hospice program. It's designed to provide care and comfort to patients who are expected to live less than six months if the terminal illness runs its normal course.

Since this type of care emphasizes supportive services, such as pain control and home care, rather than treatment that's aimed at curing an illness, Champus/Tricare-eligible persons who elect to receive care under the hospice program can't receive other services under the Champus/Tricare basic program (treatments aimed at a cure) unless the hospice care has been formally revoked.

Champus/Tricare will pay for the following services and supplies under the hospice benefit:

- Physician services furnished by hospice employees or under arrangements with the hospice.
- Nursing care provided by or under the supervision of a registered nurse.
- Medical social services provided by a qualified social worker who is working under the direction of a physician.
- Counseling services provided to the terminally ill patient and his or her family members or other persons who care for the patient at home.
- Short-term inpatient care, both respite and general, when provided in Medicare-participating hospice inpatient units, hospitals, or skilled nursing facilities. Respite care (care that is provided when necessary to relieve family members or other persons who care for the patient at home) may be provided only on an occasional basis, and for no more than five consecutive days at a time.
- Medical supplies, including drugs. The drugs

must be used primarily for the relief of pain and the control of symptoms related to the patient's terminal illness. Medical supplies must be part of the written plan of care.

- Durable medical equipment, as well as other self-help and personal comfort items, related to the relief of pain or management of the patient's terminal illness and provided for use in the patient's home.

- Home health aide services furnished by qualified aides and homemaker services. The aide services must be provided under the general supervision of a registered nurse and must be documented in the nursing notes as well as the treatment plan.

- Physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech-language pathology services, provided to control symptoms or to enable the patient to maintain activities of daily living and basic functional skills.

The hospice benefits are subject to various limitations and rules. For example, patient-care services rendered by an attending physician who is not employed by, or under contract with, the hospice are not included in the amount that Champus/Tricare pays the hospice for its services. The attending physician will bill separately for his or her own services.

Also, in order to participate in Champus/Tricare's hospice program, a hospice is required to offer bereavement counseling and therapy (counseling services provided to an individual's family after his or her death) to the families of pa-

tients. However, Champus/Tricare will not pay for such therapy.

In addition, services must conform to a written plan of care. Also, a registered nurse must visit the home site at least every two weeks when aide services are being provided, and the visit must include an assessment of the aide's services.

There are other rules and limits as well.

A patient who has a life expectancy of six months or less and who elects to receive the hospice care benefit may receive four episodes of care: 1) two 90-day periods; 2) one 30-day period; and 3) a final period of unlimited duration. These episodes of care must be used consecutively. That is, the patient must use the two 90-day periods before the 30-day period, etc.

There may be gaps between the episodes of hospice care. If there's any break in hospice care a separate election must be made for a subsequent episode of hospice care. In gaps between periods of hospice care, the patient will revert to eligibility for standard Champus/Tricare benefits.

The patient may change from one participating hospice program to another program once during each period of care by submitting a signed statement addressed to both the current hospice and the new hospice.

A Champus/Tricare patient who decides to receive hospice care must file an election statement with a particular hospice. Hospices will design and print their own election statement forms.



### Gate 7 beautification...

Trees, shrubs and flowers have been planted along Martin Road and Gate 7, thanks to the Ombudsman's office. Some 28 Crepe Myrtle trees and 26 shrubs now grace an entrance to Redstone Arsenal. Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone, thanked the group re-

sponsible for the landscaping efforts and said this project was an example of Team Redstone at work. In front row, from left, are Link, Sharon Blackwell, John Finafrock, Pamela Wilbanks and Rusty Helms. In back row, from left, are Wanda Ferguson, Melissa Black and David Mellberg.

## Child abuse, comes in all forms, sexual and neglect

Army Community Service provided the following information during April's "Child Abuse Prevention Month."

There are four types of child abuse: physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse and neglect.

Physical abuse is the nonaccidental physical injury of a child, including beatings, burns, bites, strangulation, emersion in scalding water which results in bruises, welts, broken bones, scars, or serious internal injuries.

Child sexual abuse is sexual contact between a child and adult or older child for the sexual gratification of the offender. It can include both physical and non-

physical contact and it is always forced.

Emotional abuse is a pattern of behavior that attacks a kid's emotional development and sense of self-worth.

Neglect is the withholding of or failure to provide a child with the basic necessities of life: food, clothing, shelter, medical care, attention to hygiene, or supervision needed for optimal physical growth and development.

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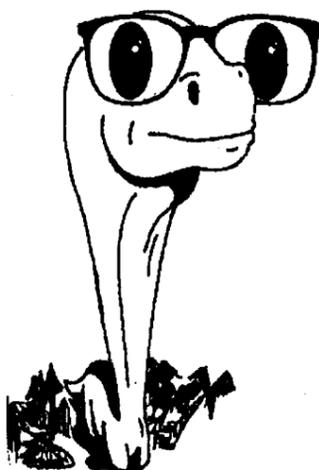
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# THAAD

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our soldiers on future battlefields. The city-killing ICBMS starred in the national nightmare in those days. Nike Zeus, a three stage, motherless brute, routinely scattered its fins and body parts out here in the early '60s until they finally got it to fly. HIBEX and Sprint jumped straight up out of the desert right there, both of them so fast their ice cream cone shapes wore heat protective coatings to keep air friction from turning them into Roman Candles on the way up. President Kennedy sat over there one day, saw the missiles fly and heard the Army talk about anti-missile missiles. He said it was like trying to hit a bullet with a bullet, a task that brought others here with the experimental HEDI, FLAGE and LEAP to show eventually that it could in fact be done.

From a cleared place off to the left here in the mid-'70s, Patriot ran off something like 14 kills in 15 tries to prove track via missile guidance worked. They took it far off up range later to teach it to take on missiles just in time for the Gulf War. Not so long ago, two ERINTs fired over there got hired as the PAC-3 missile by smashing ballistic missile target nose cones.

A half mile north of the brand new sign, tomorrow's missile rests on the launcher in its sand colored canister. The man with the gun sits nearby. He does not smile at visitors.

The soldiers and the Army civilian engineers and their contractors are back to try again. This one they call THAAD. They and their missile inherit the collective wisdom from all the ones that flew and the others that didn't and they are armed with technology beyond the dreams of those who came in the long ago. But like those who came before them, the THAAD guys know component tests and simulations get you only so far. Sooner or later you must fly. You know for sure only when the missile flies...or fails. They also know if they overlooked any defect in design, made any mistake in assembly, their creation will tear itself to fragments in the morning. At the speed it flies, things go bad very quickly, things go straight to hell. That's

not a good thought to take to bed.

## Project Room, Range Control, WSMR April 21 0830 MDT

It's dim in here, almost gloomy. That's what happens when you paint the walls dark colors and turn out most of the lights. Two rows of consoles face one another with room between for visiting firemen trying to keep out of the way of the working types. There are several TV screens carrying the same show: the sun shining on the launch pad. At the opposite end of the room two floor-to-ceiling displays take up the entire wall. One is an electronic map of the range, the missile shot line a bright red streak from lower right to upper left. The other shows the missile's curved trajectory in altitude and down range distance from the launcher.

Army project office and Lockheed people are on the consoles. Lockheed guys sport new caps that say "THAAD." Project office soldiers wear BDUs. A couple of their civilian engineers have caps on, too. Theirs say "ALABAMA." There's some traffic back and forth through the door to the right. There are serious folks and a computer over there set to put THAAD to instant death if it so much as thinks about misbehaving in flight. White Sands has been testing for a long time and never hurt anyone. They're not about to start now.

Minus five minutes. Conversation dries up fast. It's spooky quiet in here, not like the movies at all. No doomsday voice counting down the seconds, just a digital clock with orange numbers sliding backwards toward zero. Butterfly time in a belly near you.

No target to shoot at today. These intense men and women are here to find out if their bullet works before they go hunting.

Routine flight test, right? Wrong. There are no "routine" missile flight tests. First flights are just as "routine" as getting married.

Minus two minutes. Success is not exactly expected or required but it sure will be welcome. When Nike Zeus was in the midst of its bad string years ago, a senior officer decreed in a pre-flight message that the next flight would succeed. That missile blew up too. No one sends such messages to launch crews and project offices anymore.... at least not in hard copy.

Minus 10 seconds. All eyes are on the missile canister centered in the TV screen as the clock's orange numbers turn to zeroes.

THAAD doesn't exactly launch or lift off. It simply vanishes. A flash on the TV screen and the missile is gone. Hold on, it's back. A tracking camera has it briefly. The missile's image swims across the screen. The camera operators are having a tough time staying on it. This one is quick, real quick.

Someone says: "Flare deployed." This arrow is too fast to wear fins. Sixteen hinged metal plates around the base of the missile have sprung out and locked in position to help stabilize it as the missile accelerates.

Someone says: "Burn-out." The rocket motor has done its job. Memory says the booster motor burned through in the first six or

seven Nike Zeus flights. "Burn through" is engineer talk for "explode".

Someone else says "Clean separation." Up high and out of sight of all but the tracking cameras, the motor cuts loose from the kill vehicle as planned, no sure thing with something moving this fast. The kill vehicle shoots on up, the motor begins the long fall back to earth.

There's a little green light on the display of the missile trajectory. It climbs quickly up the wall.

Someone says: "Passing 50 kilometers."

The voices continue: "Right on the money" ...."looking good"... "coming up on termination." If the voices had tails, they'd be wagging now.

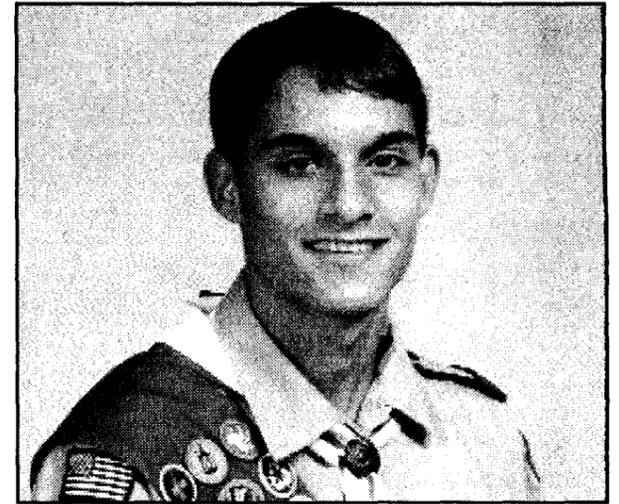
The green light passes 100 kilometers and keeps going up.

Then the kill vehicle blows up in a pre-planned end to the test that proves the flight safety package works and its as though the X-Ray technician just said: "Okay breathe." Mr. Perot may have heard the giant sucking sound first at just this point in a good missile test as a roomful of people resume inhaling and exhaling.

Not a hitch. Not a single hold in the countdown. The missile has done all that was expected and more. The THAAD guys reach for one another in the dark wearing smiles that start somewhere in the back of their heads and wrap completely around their faces.

They have not practiced how to shake hands and hug one another at the same time. Some find it awkward, but they learn fast.

# Son of retired NCO earns Eagle status



MEAGHER

The son of a retired NCO has earned the highest award offered by the Boy Scouts of America, the Eagle Award.

Kevin Patrick Meagher, 18, of Huntsville, became an Eagle Scout in ceremonies April 17 at the First United Methodist Church. He is the son of retired Sgt. Maj. Patrick and Georgia Meagher.

A former member of Troop 15, Meagher is one of about 2 percent of all Boy Scouts who attain the Eagle rank, according to Scout-

master Ron Eagles. To become an Eagle Scout each candidate must earn 21 merit badges and successfully complete a service project related to community, church or synagogue. Meagher performed his project rebuilding trails at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens. He earned 36 merit badges.

Meagher, who will graduate from high school in June, plans to study architecture at Auburn University.

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### Tagging items...

Frances Clowdus, Thrift Shop volunteer of the month for March, places price tags on items that are ready to go on sale. Clowdus has been a volunteer at the Thrift Shop for approximately three years.



### Thrift Shop volunteer...

Diana Hooper, Thrift Shop volunteer of the Year for 1994 and volunteer of the month for April 1995, takes down information on a new item to be consigned at the Thrift Shop. She is the wife of Col. Thomas Hooper, commandant of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

## WIVES

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deal with it and handle whatever happens," Varrette said.

According to Varrette there are advantages to being in the military. "In the military we know almost everyone our husbands work with, including their bosses and the other spouses. That isn't always the case in the civilian world. In the military, families tend to stick together and form a bond rather quickly. After all we are all in the same situation and we have quite a bit in common."

#### Life is different

Habhajan "H.J." Ludlow is married to a senior NCO and spent quite a bit of time in the military with her husband. "I have seen him advance through the ranks and with each promotion comes new responsibilities," Ludlow said.

"Now I attend quite a few of the social functions that my husband is required to either attend or hold, and I enjoy going to support him. Being a senior NCO wife also means I have to be there to support the other wives and help them through tough times. I am kind of like their touchstone," she said.

"Life is definitely different in the military and it changes even more the higher rank you husband achieves. It was pretty easy going from a junior NCO to a senior NCO. The transition was smooth and I think it was because both of us have matured through the years and that helped a lot," Ludlow said. "I am very proud of the achievements my husband has made throughout the years he has been in the military. He has accomplished a lot."

Ludlow said she has seen quite a few different posts in her husband's career and the changes have been good. "Even though we move every few years, we form friendships

with other military families that last and create a bond that endures through time. I enjoy experiencing different parts of the country and the world and when the time gets closer to move, I am actually looking forward to it," she said.

Being separated from family members can be hard, but according to Ludlow, military families make adjustments and create circumstances where separated family members are brought closer together. "We make sure that we see a member of our families at least once a year, whether we go to them or they come to us. It is important to remember where you came from and to teach your children about their roots. It's not easy being in the Army, moving from post to post, but it is important enough that you find a way to stay close to family members," she said.

Ludlow echoed the sentiments of the junior NCO wives when it came to being separated from your husband. "It is never easy when your husband isn't home, and it takes a special person to handle all the separations. A military wife has to be a creative person when it comes to solving problems and know when to ask for help. The nice thing about the Army is help is close by if you need it and you don't have to be afraid to ask," Ludlow said.

"Military wives tend to stick together and look out for each other. Especially when our husbands are gone. All of us, regardless of the our husband's rank, are going through the same thing, or have gone through the same exact situations they have and we want to help each other," she said.

"I love the closeness and togetherness the wives feel. You could put us all in one room, officers' wives, senior NCO wives, junior NCO wives and wives of privates, and we would all have something to talk about and share, without having to think hard. It's wonderful," Ludlow said.

#### Career wife

Maria Kilgore is the wife of Col. Fred Kilgore, project manager for the THAAD program, and feels being an officer's wife has added many dimensions to her life. "There is always something going on, either with my job or Fred's, and it keeps me busy," Kilgore said.

She said it takes a very flexible person to be the wife of a soldier, whether officer or enlisted. "Let's face it, we move a lot and there are times where our husbands' assignments can be very demanding. We as wives have to stay in tune with our husbands' needs and obligations as well as be flexible with our own," Kilgore said.

"There have been a few times where I have not really wanted to move, but everything always seems to work out. You just have to look for the silver lining in the clouds. I think of moving as a fresh start and being able to clean things out of the house," she added.

Moving, according to Kilgore, is not just a fresh start, but is also a chance to develop new friendships. "We have so many friends

from previous duty stations, and they are lasting friends. That is one advantage to being in the military, you are always meeting someone new and adding them to your list of old friends. I think we tend to make stronger relationships, and they last a lifetime. Friends become our second family," she said.

Being an officer's wife brings on a few more social obligations and Kilgore said they are sometimes hard to attend. "Both of our work schedules are real hectic and sometimes you have to weigh the options. It can also be a hard decision as to whether or not to stay home or go, especially if your husband is gone quite a bit and he happens to be home at that time."

According to Kilgore, it is also very important that the spouses are supportive of their soldiers. "Support can come in lots of forms and I think it is one of the most important things a spouse can offer their husband.

"It also takes quite a bit of flexibility and a willingness to compromise in a situation that is not necessarily in your favor, to be a good military spouse," she said.

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**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 weekdays after 1:30 p.m. or weekends after 10 a.m.

**Military spouses**— The Post Exchange will hold a cake-cutting ceremony at 9 a.m. Friday 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.

**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 today 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.

**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. Thursday at Pagano Gym.

**Air defenders**— Redstone Arsenal/Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association will hold a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Officers Club. Scheduled speaker is Col. Fred Kilgore, THAAD project manager. Cost is \$7 for members, \$8 for non-members. For information call Shirley Brown 895-8928.

**Scuba explorers**— The SEAS (Scuba Explorers and Adventurers Society) will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at

Mr. Gatti's Pizza, 4315 University Drive. For more information, call 876-2829 (work) or 518-9843 (home).

**Contract managers**— Huntsville Chapter, National Contract Management Association (NCMA) will have a luncheon meeting Thursday at the Sheraton Inn Airport. Registration begins at 11:15 a.m., with lunch at 11:30. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. Scheduled speaker is David Muzio, deputy associate administrator for procurement innovation, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Executive Office of the President. For reservations call 464-0652.

**PX hours**— Effective May 14 the Main Store, building 3220, will change its Sunday hours to 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The former Sunday hours were 10-6.

**Military retention**— The Army has approved an involuntary early separation of up to 60 days for skill level one soldiers (SPC/CPL) or below with less than six years of service, whose ETS falls between August and September 1995. Has this affected your plans for joining the Reserve Components? If so call your total Army retention NCOs, MSgt. Mary Brown or SSgt. Demetria Cunningham, at 876-6813.

**Post Theater movies**— Thursday, "Tall Tale," rated PG, 96 minutes. Friday, "Tall Tale," Saturday, "Outbreak," rated R, 127 minutes. Sunday, "Outbreak." Admission is adult \$2.50, child \$1.25.

**Business exhibition**— Delegates and several companies from Brandenburg, Germany, will be attending and exhibiting at the Tech-

nical and Business Exhibition/Symposium (TABES) '95, May 16-17, at the Von Braun Civic Center. Be prepared to maximize the return of your investment in time attending TABES. Learn something about Brandenburg beforehand at a free public lecture Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m. in the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library. Scheduled speaker is Peter Cox.

**Domestic violence**— For information on domestic violence, call HOPE Place Inc. 534-4052, an agency providing services to victims of family violence and prevention of family violence in our community through education, awareness and advocacy. If you are a victim of domestic violence call the 24-hour crisis line, HELpline 539-1000.

**Moon exhibit**— Through July 23 the U.S. Space and Rocket Center is exhibiting "A Clementine Collection": more than three dozen new photographs of the moon and a full-size model of the satellite that took the images. These are some of the images recorded by Clementine I which orbited the moon in 1994. The exhibit is open to the public, free of charge, in the Center's Spacedome Theater lobby from 9-5 daily.

**Blacks in government**— The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government will meet May 16 at 11 a.m. in the Regimental Room at the Officers Club. Special feature will include an introduction and discussion of the book "Black Labor—

White Wealth." Buffet line will be used and the meeting will start at 11:20. For more information, call Johnetta Graves 876-7223.

**Secretaries group**— The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of Professional Secretaries International (PSI) will hold its monthly luncheon meeting May 16 at 11 a.m. at the Officers Club, room 4. The agenda will include committee assignments and program plans for the year.

**Weight control**— A new chapter of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) weight-control organization has been formed at Redstone Arsenal. The chapter meets each Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Fox Army Community Hospital. For more information, call Shirley Hill 883-9151.

**Diet tips**— To help you in cooking exciting low-fat foods, American Heart Association's Culinary Hearts program will be offered during May. A registered dietitian and nurse educator from Fox Army Community Hospital will present the program. The six sessions cover basic principles of nutrition, food selection and preparation, ways to modify favorite recipes, menu planning at home, eating out, and entertaining. The Culinary Hearts class will be held from 1-2:30 p.m. May 16, and then 1-2 p.m. May 18, 19, 23, 24 and 25. This program is open to military beneficiaries and civil service workers. To register call Preventive Medicine Service 876-8831.

**Al-Anon family**— The Al-Anon Family Group meets Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. at

Bicentennial Chapel, room 10. Al-Anon is a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems of living with alcoholism.

**Configuration/data managers**— The Association for Configuration and Data Management will meet 6-8 p.m. May 18 at The Meeting Place at Parkway City Mall. For information call Jonnesa Countess 876-1684.

**Government accountants**— North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will hold its monthly meeting May 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Marriott-Huntsville (5 Tranquility Base). This is the final meeting for the year and will include the annual awards ceremony. For reservations call Sandra Julian 876-2373.

**Team building**— The Army Family Team Building (AFTB) will conduct a four-day training for military spouses interested in becoming volunteer instructors to teach levels I, II and III to other military spouses. The training will be held from 5:45-9 p.m. May 15 through 18 at Army Community Service, building 3491 on Honest John Road. Free child care will be provided. To register call ACS at 876-5397.

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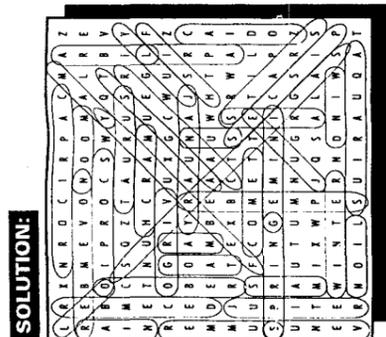
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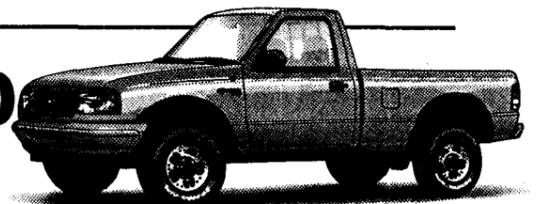
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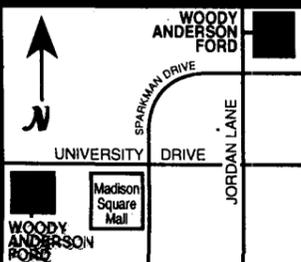


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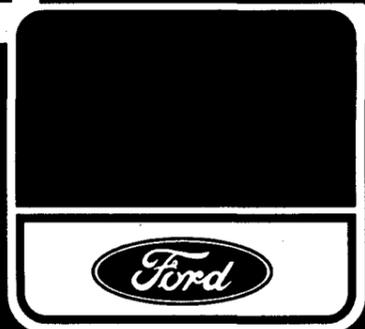


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