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Creative fun...

Children at the Bicentennial Chapel's Vacation Bible School enjoyed arts and crafts as well as learned about the Bible. Holding banners they made are: from left, Jenice Ramiez and Michael McMillions; back

row, Mackeshia Wilson, Jesse Watkins, Michele Kitchen, Veronica Ward and Matthew Bowen, members of Barbara Gangl's first grade class. See story inside.

Summer hiring tops projections for community

By Skip Vaughn

Office.

The Missile Command community is hiring more temporary workers this summer than was originally anticipated.

The latest number was 128, including 41 positions filled by rehires from last year. The remaining vacancies will be filled from the 102 applications submitted by college students under the summer hire program, and the 35 applications for summer aides.

"Management, in conjunction with Civilian Personnel, will be working together to make placements as soon as possible," said Don Dixon, chief of Employment Support 2 in the Civilian Personnel

There was an unexpected rise in the number of summer employment slots identified by MICOM and serviced organizations. In April the initial summer employment survey found that MICOM had 16 summer hire needs while serviced organizations had no requirements. In May a second survey found that MICOM requirements had grown to 49 while serviced organizations had less than 10 needs. By the end of May, the number had risen to more than 100 and it reached 128 last week. "So, the requirements have grown quite rapidly in the last minute," Dixon said.

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Post Exchange not immune from problem of bad checks

By Skip Vaughn

Bad checks are a continuing problem at the Post Exchange where more than 1,700 were returned in 1994. But check writers, beware: You will pay dearly for the checks you bounce.

The 1,743 bad checks at the PX last year represented a total value of \$171,611 or an average of \$98.46 per check. So far this year, through June 12, there were 631 bad checks for a total value of \$64,154 or an average of \$100.08 per check.

"It depends on the month. April was a very slow month... But our heaviest month is like January, February, right after Christmas time we get a lot of checks back," said Liz Marion, the accounting technician for the Post Exchange.

The annual numbers appear to be holding steady. Marion thought that bad checks would decline after the implementation of the Deferred Payment Plan in June 1993 which allows patrons to buy now and pay later. The problem continues, however, because some people write bad checks to pay on their Deferred Payment Plan account.

When a check bounces, it goes into the computer and blocks the soldier from any check-cashing privileges and from using DPP. "He won't be able to charge anything on DPP until that check is taken care of; and vice versa, if that DPP is delinquent he won't be able to cash a check until he settles that DPP account. So, it works both ways," Marion said.

After 30 days, the customer's bad-check file is trans-



OPEN FILES— Marion holds her files of ongoing cases regarding returned checks.

ferred to Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) headquarters in Dallas for collection. Involuntary collec-

tion means a suspension of check-writing or check-cashing privileges at the Exchange for at least a year. The Exchange Service can collect through active duty, Reserve or retired military pay. For others, the Exchange Service can collect through the Internal Revenue Service. Check privileges for military people can be suspended for a year from the time collection has been completed. For collections through the IRS, the privileges can be suspended indefinitely.

"I do have a couple of files where people have written numerous (bad) checks. For forgery and for excessive checks, those files are turned over to our security and MPI (Military Police Investigations)," Marion said. In one case under investigation, the wife of a soldier allegedly wrote 46 bad checks at the PX and others elsewhere.

"Not only has she written a lot here but like (at) three or four other exchanges. When I get a file like that, you can look at it and tell they're writing those checks deliberately with no intention of paying," Marion said.

She estimates that half of all bad checks are written deliberately and the other half are unintentional. Marion hears all kinds of excuses from check writers. Many blame their bank, although banks are only at fault about 1 percent of the time; in those few cases, the check writer must have a letter from the bank admitting its error and will still have to cover for the amount of the check. It usually takes about two weeks before the PX receives a returned check from the bank.

"And I think a lot of it stems from many young soldiers

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Letters to the editor

Military funeral

The family of retired SFC Bennie M. Riddle would like to express our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to the following men and women who participated in the military funeral of our beloved husband, father and grandfather:

Active pallbearers: NCOIC, SSgt. Jeffrey Smith, F Company 832nd Ordnance Battalion; SSgt. Darryl A. Harvey, F Company; Sgt. Jenie Santiago, F Company; Spec. Orson M. Riley, HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade; Spec. Iesha M. Hicks, F Company; PFC Denise M. Hennessey, D Company 832nd Ordnance Battalion; PFC Leon D. Gibbs, HHC 59th; and PFC Travis K. T. Ikehara, HHC MICOM.

Firing team: NCOIC, SSgt. Danny M. Garrett, F Company; SSgt. Todd R. Figenser, F Company; Spec. Erik T. McNish, D Company; PFC Adam M. Austin, HHC MICOM; PFC Gary D. Lafayette, HHC 59th; PFC Renee Spain, HHC 59th; and Pvt. Enrique Aguilar, F Company.

Post funeral team NCOIC: SFC Maurice C. Harlee, F Company.

Bugler: Ray Jones (civilian volunteer).

Funeral team armor: Spec. Michael R. Jones, A Company 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

We have received many compliments on the precision displayed and the respect shown during the performance of the military burial honors. Thank you so much for making the funeral so special to us, we will remember it always. You all did such a beautiful job and really made us proud to be associated with the U.S. Army.

**Michelle Riddle Cross
and the Riddle family**

Heartfelt thanks

We, the family of Michael Robert Williams, would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt and sincerest thanks to the many people who supported us during our recent loss.

The outpouring of love, kindness, thoughtfulness, sympathy and prayers for our family made our loss a little more bearable and will not be forgotten.

We would like to give special thanks to Fox Army Community Hospital, Doctors Arroyo, Ramos and Dominques, the Readiness Group, the employees of SSDC, the Bicentennial Chapel, Chaplain Boschen, Rev. Gaines, the Redstone community, the students and teachers of Westlawn Middle and Williams Elementary schools, Jerry and Deborah Delgado, SFC Robert Osborne, Kim Montgomery, MSgt. Davis, SFC Walker, the Hernandez family, Cynthia Blake, Simone Philson, Sharon Cook, Elaine Lewis, Capt. Raines, MSgt. Pat Simmons, Ruben and Myrna Flores, Lajennia Lacey, the logistics branch of SSDC, our many neighbors and friends and many more far too numerous to mention by name.

You all have our deepest thanks and sincerest thanks.

**Robert and Lisa Williams
and family**

Common courtesy

Recently I had a guest with me when we were going to play golf on the Arsenal's course. We arrived and went inside to pay for our round. We were the only people in the shop, except for two employees behind the counter. When we walked up to pay, the two employees were talking with each other and basically ignoring us.

We waited for at least a full minute or two before the employees acknowledged our presence. (It's not like they didn't know we were there either, because I could have reached out and touched both of them; they just ignored us.) Well, one of them finally turned around, looked at us and said "What do you need?" Not "Hi, can I help you," or "What can I do for you." His tone of voice really sounded like "Hey, I'm busy talking here, you are wasting my time."

I'm not trying to exaggerate, but he truly seemed totally inconvenienced by the fact that we wanted to play golf. About that time, another customer comes in from a different direction, ignores us, hands some money to the person behind the counter, and demands to buy some tees. Well, the employee turns to this man and takes care of him, turns back around and starts talking to the other employee again and my friend and I are left standing there fuming. I said, "Excuse me" and again the employee turns and asks "What do you need."

I was very embarrassed for my friend to see this. Here we are, paying money to play on this course and the employees in the shop are acting like jerks. This is not the first time something like this has happened to me either. Almost everytime I go there, somebody is rude or unfriendly. Hey, I'm not asking for much, all I want is a little common courtesy from the people that work there. You would think that they would know that their treatment of customers reflects badly on them as well as the whole image that the golf course creates.

Coincidentally the guest I had with me told me after the round that it was a nice course, but he won't come play there again because of the way we were treated.

Jonathan Noles

Conduct of a few

This is in response to the letter titled "Smoke breaks" published in your June 7 edition. We are employees of building 3433, we are smokers and we are the "we" this nameless writer refers to in the aforementioned letter. No one spent any more time or devoted any more effort into painting, renovating, cleaning up and building the smoke-break areas for this building than we did.

As the unidentified writer stated, this building is frequented by numerous visitors, on a daily basis, some of whom are actually smoker visitors. When the ashtrays

were removed from all the entrances, were all the smoker visitors informed not to throw their cigarette butts into the barrels (that have contained nothing but weeds and dead grass for the last two years)?

Is it right to condemn an entire group, labeled "smokers," because of the conduct of a few?

If you were so bothered by this gentleman, couldn't you have brought it to the attention of someone in a position of authority? If this gentleman was in violation of Army policy, then he should have been dealt with on an individual basis.

Further if you have the time to determine that "Some of the smokers actually take up to six smoke breaks per day," then either your work that is supposed to be getting accomplished is not being done or you simply do not have enough to do in the first place.

**Donna A. Rice, Rodney Logan,
and Phillip Rowe,
smokers at 3433**

Usually in pain

I have worked on Redstone Arsenal for almost two years and almost one year ago I had an accident in the building where I work. After I returned, my release said I should not climb three flights of stairs, but nothing was done about it. After trying three times with letters, my doctor gave up and now I am in a wheelchair and am in much pain most of the time.

My life is not being made easy and I wonder why. I don't know if I will ever walk again and all because one person did not care. And still no one cares, from supervisor to director. Well it is not them.

Name withheld by request

Complete recovery

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to the MICOM community during my illness, surgery and recovery. The cards, telephone calls, flowers, visits, donated leave and prayers were appreciated. I have made a complete recovery and returned to work June 5. It was so good to get back to the grind. My family and I would like to give special thanks to the following: Acquisition Center, Integrated Materiel Management Center, Sustainment Management Directorate, Targets Management Office (STRICOM), and Weapon Systems Management Directorate.

**Myria (Tidwell) Chastain
Logistics Management Div
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BAD CHECKS

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see a balance but they don't realize they might have four or five outstanding checks out there... and it's going to cause the other checks to bounce," Marion said. "And then we also have some soldiers who are maybe going to PCS overseas or somewhere and they don't realize that their debt is going to follow them."

The Post Exchange charges a \$22 fee for each returned check. This includes the worldwide Army and Air Force Exchange Service fee of \$20, plus a \$2 bank fee. "We have some people whose fees come to more than what they write the check for," Marion said.

She offers the following advice for check writers:

- Have the money in the bank already to cover the check; and keep a good record of

the checks you write, subtracting each amount from the balance.

- Don't rely on what the bank teller says; subtract all outstanding checks in your checkbook.

- Remember that banks also charge fees for returned checks. This will make your bank balance even less when you finally make a deposit.

"Our cashier cage deposits checks into the bank every day, sometimes twice a day.

And you never know when that check is going to hit your account. So there's a possibility that check you wrote today will come through before you can beat it to the bank to make a deposit to cover that check," Marion said.

"Please don't write a check unless you have the funds there because it will cost you. You will be paying dearly for a bounced check," she added. "If we don't get you, our headquarters will get you."

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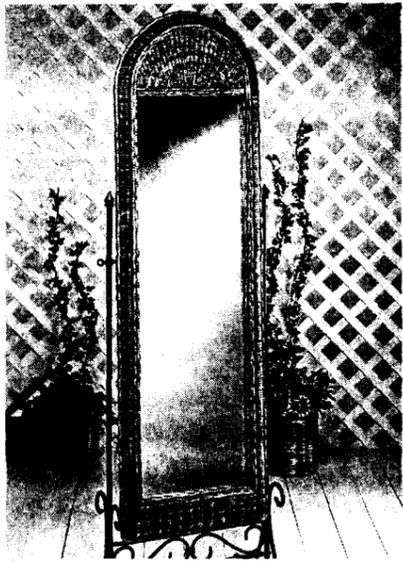
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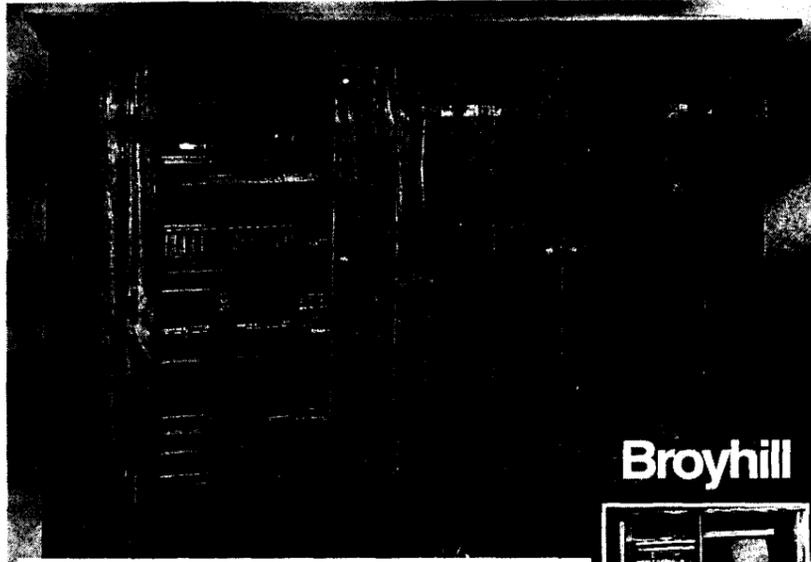
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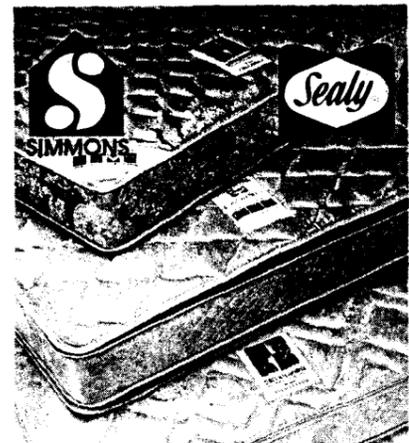
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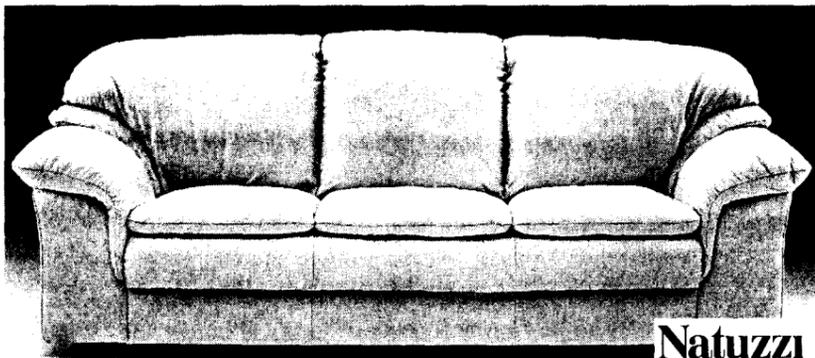
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Realignment commission votes on Redstone moves

The federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission will decide soon—perhaps as early as Thursday—whether to move Army aviation functions and the Space and Strategic Defense Command to Redstone Arsenal.

Redstone stands to gain 2,600 civilian and military jobs if the commission votes to close the Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis and move aviation missions here.

The commission will begin voting Thursday on individual actions it has been considering since receiving a list of recom-

mended base closures and realignments from the Defense Department on Feb. 28. The commission is scheduled to submit its formal recommendations to President Clinton by June 30. In each of the three prior rounds of BRAC, the commission's recommendations eventually became law.

The two decisions directly impacting Redstone on which commission votes will be taken are:

- Close ATCOM in St. Louis, move Army aviation management, research and development and PEO Aviation to Redstone,

move Systems Integration Management Activity-West from St. Louis to Redstone. Merge aviation management functions with MICOM to establish new command managing aviation and missiles at Redstone.

- Move SSDC from leased building in Huntsville to Redstone.

In testimony before the commission last week, the Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff endorsed the move of aviation functions to Redstone as one that would save the Army more than \$50 million a year. They opposed moving SSDC citing low potential

payback.

The commission agreed to take a look at the SSDC move last month at the urging of the Missouri congressional delegation which apparently hoped that moving SSDC to Redstone would fill up buildings the Army planned to use to house some personnel of the new command charged with managing missiles and aircraft.

The Army has not said how quickly the moves will take place if they are approved.



ACCEPTING FLAG—Cunningham, right, incoming commander of the Huntsville Division, Corps of Engineers, accepts the symbol of command from Williams, the Army's chief of engineers.

Local Corps of Engineers gets a new commander

Col. Walter Cunningham took command of the Huntsville Division, Corps of Engineers, from Col. Robert D. Brown III, June 8 in an afternoon ceremony in front of the division's headquarters building at University Square.

With the Corps' red and white flag reflecting off the gleaming glass of the division's new building, the traditional ceremony was punctuated by a personal charge given to Cunningham by Lt. Gen. Arthur Williams, the Army's chief of engineers.

Williams emphasized four points to Cunningham as he took command. First, continue to be a proactive leader, he stated. Second,

he told him to stand committed to the needs of all the people the division serves. Third, Williams directed Cunningham to remain totally committed to the people of his command. And finally, he reminded him to have fun along the way.

Cunningham is the 13th division engineer to command the Huntsville division. In his remarks at the change of command, he described his leadership position as one of the most coveted jobs in the Corps of Engineers. Cunningham moved into the commander's position from the role of the division's deputy commander for chemical demilitarization in which he

held the responsibility for designing, constructing and equipping the facilities that will destroy the nation's aging stockpile of chemical warfare munitions. Cunningham and his wife, Phyllis, currently reside on Redstone Arsenal.

In praising the leadership of his predecessor, Cunningham noted that Brown once served as his battalion commander. "We served in a low priority, triple digit engineer battalion (588th) at Fort Polk, La. We were the hollowest part of the hollow Army back in 1979 and 1980. The great Army that we have since owes a lot to commanders like Duncan Brown. We survived because of his

leadership and what he taught a lot of young soldiers and people like me so that we could carry on. He kept the faith in a very tough time."

Following the change of command portion of the ceremony, Brown retired from active duty with 30 years of service. Williams presented him with the Legion of Merit for his leadership accomplishments during three years of command in Huntsville and also presented him with the Army Engineer Association's silver order of the de Fleury medal for cumulative achievements during his career as an Army engineer.

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Post fire department on-line with computer system

By Sandra Cartee

After three years of waiting, the Redstone Fire and Emergency Services waits no more for their connectivity through computers. With the help of the Redstone community, all of the fire stations are linked together in a computer system which enables them to do their jobs better.

It may not seem like much to those of us who have had computer capabilities for a long time, but it's a big deal for the firemen who needed it. "This was a blessing for us when it came out. We had used computers, but there was no way to ever connect them," explained Art Murtha, the systems administrator and fire prevention inspector for the Redstone Fire and Emergency Services.

In past years, the Fire Department used old 286, and 386 computers which were not connected to one another. The computers came from generous Redstone personnel who no longer needed them. "Now, we're state of the art and functioning well," Murtha said.

The Department of Army invented a Fire Information

and Resource Management System and had it prepared in Fort Carson, Colo. After years of scrounging and asking for old computers, the fire department was brought into the '90s. "We've come into the world of computers," Murtha said.

The new system keeps track of everything the firefighters need to know. One section of the system has the details on the individual firefighters; things like next of kin and blood types can be found in case of an emergency. Also the training that the firefighter has received is shown. "It gives all the pertinent information," Murtha added.

The computer "is a way for us to maintain accurate training records, too," he said. The firefighters train continuously and Murtha said that training goes on daily. The computer keeps track of all the available training, who received it and when.

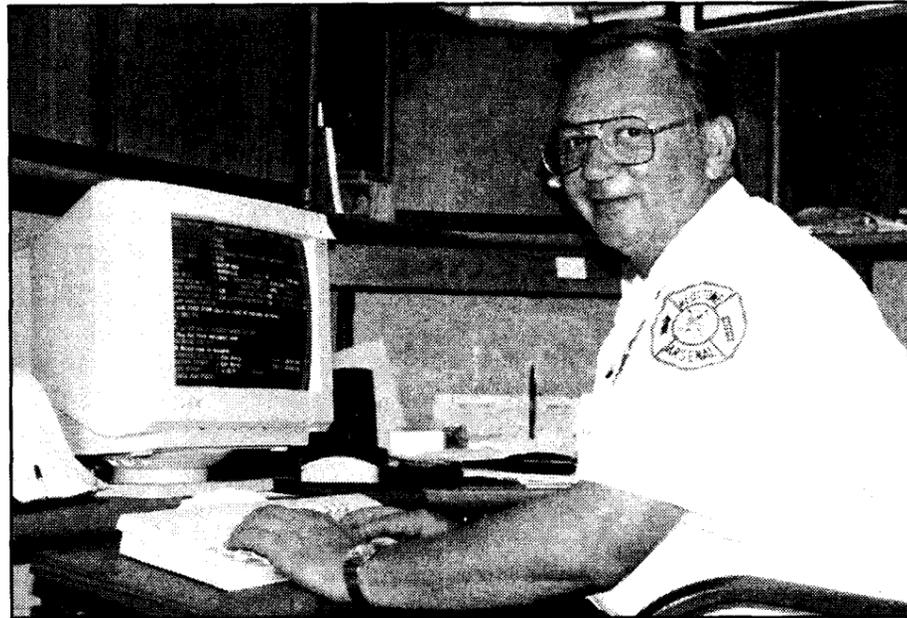
The computer also has fire hydrant history records for the entire base. Being on-line with the rest of Redstone, Murtha said that engineers with the Directorate of Public Works can now tap into hydrant infor-

mation before planning construction. "They will be able to know if there will be enough water for fire prevention before building."

By keeping records of water hose maintenance and upkeep, the computers help in the safety of the firefighters. "The records show when the hoses have been tested to see if the jackets are staying on and the numbers are marked. The last thing you want or a firefighter needs is for a hose to pop during a fire," Murtha said.

Another big plus for firefighters is the including of fire inspector records in the computer. "This gives the firefighters the ability as they go into the buildings to know what the building is made of, the electrical and gas units of the building, and the inspector building data," explained Murtha. This not only saves time, but enables the firefighters to perform their job easier.

In being a part of the Campus Area Network, any of the firefighters can get into the Internet and receive local weather forecasts. This will help in the planning of operations or if there should ever be a toxic fume situation on post. The depart-



CONNECTED— Murtha (pictured) demonstrates how all the firefighters on Redstone through keeping files on training, personnel, building information, equipment upkeep, and available water hydrants. The computers play a vital role for

ment can better determine how to handle anything that may arise with the weather information on hand.

Murtha credits many people with getting the computers on-line. "We would have to thank everybody on base: MSIC (Missile and Space Intelligence Center); CIC (Corporate Information Center); procurement; receiving; Betty Whit-

man and Dr. Dave Branham, of the Directorate of Public Works; Steve Carter, of the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity; John Bowers; Bill Posey; Benny Sharp, of Boeing; Muse Mann, of NASA; and especially Gregg Walker, the systems administering assistant. Without them, we couldn't have made this work."

All of the members of

the Redstone Fire and Emergency Services now have quicker access to information important to their work. The best part of the computers is that they are connected together and all stations can tap into the same information. Murtha appreciates the new capabilities, but is more thankful for the support from the community.

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Customer service corner: ACS financial counselor

By Sandra Cartee

Sal Riccardi is the consumer affairs and financial assistance program manager at Army Community Service. He helps people budget their finances, get out of debt, and understand ways of investing. He takes a vested interest in his customers and enjoys seeing them benefit from his help.

Riccardi's customers include the entire Redstone community. Many people visit him to learn basic budgeting skills or about debt liquidation. His customers include active duty, retirees, and Department of Defense civilians.

"I can help a person evaluate and I can prepare a budget for them," Riccardi said. The biggest problem people tend to have, according to Riccardi, is not seeing their budget clearly. "Too many people don't put their budget down on paper," he said.

When preparing a budget Riccardi includes everything that may cost money, even soft drinks that are purchased. "I break it down monthly including the little bills. Then we start planning. Things like Coca-Colas add up, too, and I get people thinking about this stuff," he said.

One doesn't have to be in financial trouble to have Riccardi help them. "Take your net pay and then work out what percentage of debt or payments (excluding rent or mortgage) and if it is more than 10 to 15 percent then you probably feel a crunch. If it is more than 15 to 30 percent then come see me," Riccardi said.

Riccardi can help people with creditors after they've gotten in over their heads. "I try to rearrange or make new arrangements

for payments to pay the debt off. A lot of times, a creditor is more likely to rearrange if that means they will get their money."

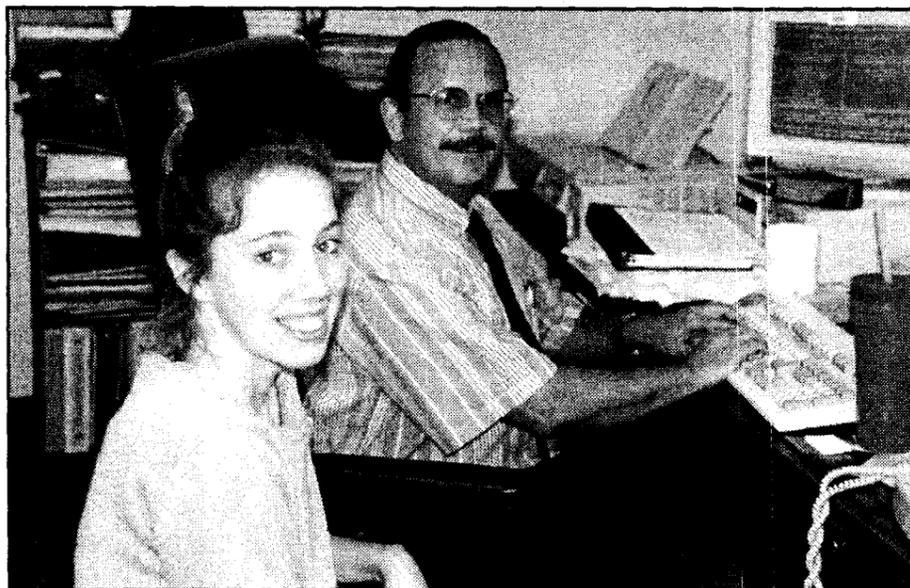
Riccardi believes honesty and straightforwardness are valued by creditors and will make them more likely to cooperate with the debtor. "The sooner you can get with your creditor and let them know, then the more likely they will be to work with you. Good faith is worth its weight in gold," he advised.

Riccardi tells soldiers to not plan their budget or income around their spouse's income. "I see that put them into jeopardy because they plan around their spouse's job and they move and lose the job. Once they're late with two or three payments, their credit is messed up anyway."

Repairing credit reports is another service Riccardi offers. He said a bad credit report can affect someone's chances of getting a security clearance and pose other problems. He believes people don't understand that once they achieve credit, that good credit stays on their report for seven years. "Once you've received good credit, you don't need to keep a balance," he said.

He can also help people in ways of investing and saving their money. "I talk about ways of investing. I don't tell people what stocks to buy, but I help them understand their ability to risk," he said. Staggering CD investments is a common recommendation from Riccardi.

How someone should invest depends on "how well you can handle risk and how much time you have to watch it," he said. Riccardi feels that many people invest in mutual funds and he tells people about sure investments such as U.S. savings bonds.



BUDGET MAN— Riccardi, right, helps customer Sharon LeClear with budgeting finances. Riccardi said some soldiers on post refer

to him as the "budget man" because he's known for helping them balance their money and help with debt problems.

"As long as you're saving something and you get out of debt, you can make progress toward any future goals," he said.

Riccardi helped coordinate a bankruptcy seminar along with the Staff Judge Advocate's Office for the servicemembers on June 20 at the Post Theater.

He is also a backup Army Emergency Relief officer and sometimes helps families through the Total Tots program. "Financial problems are the No. 1 reason for divorce and anything I can do may help to reduce friction in the house," he said. Riccardi also gets some customers who are referred to

him through other agencies on post.

Riccardi is willing to come in early to help people who may not be able to visit during his office hours of 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at ACS in building 3491. He's available by appointment on Mondays through Thursdays and alternate Fridays by calling 842-8377.

Riccardi receives satisfaction in the services that he provides. "The biggest reward is the soldiers that I've helped who go some place and come back to see me. I know that their situation got better. That makes me feel good."

Wage grade workers get 3% raise

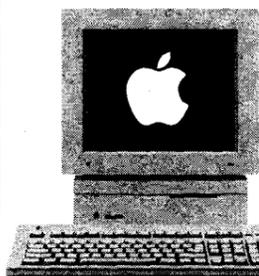
Wage grade employees in the Huntsville area will receive a 3.03 percent raise under a new schedule issued June 6 by the Department of Defense Wage Fixing Authority.

This schedule was established under the Federal Wage System and applies to all wage grade employees of the federal government who are engaged in laboring, trade, and craft occupations in the Huntsville Wage Area. The new schedule is dated June 6 and will be effective the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after June 11. Average

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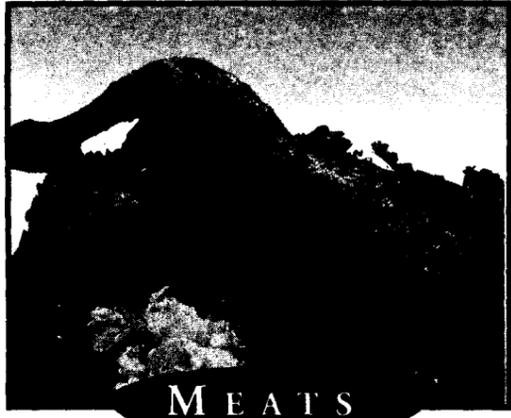
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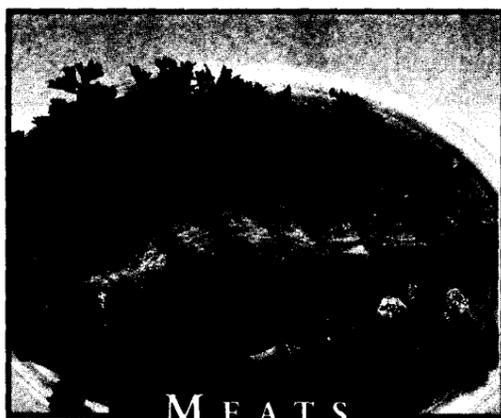
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Eleven Army youngsters win trips to Space Camp

By Virginia Dempsey

This year 11 children from active duty and retired military families won scholarships to Space Camp, Space Academy and Aviation Challenge.

Sixty children from the Redstone Arsenal community submitted essays on why they wanted to attend Space Camp for fourth through sixth graders, Space Academy for seventh through ninth graders, and Aviation Challenge for 10th through 12th graders.

The students' handwritten essays on the topic of "Why I Want to Go to Space Camp/Space Academy/Aviation Challenge" were each numbered with all identifying names deleted. They were judged on content, creativity, sincerity, grammar, spelling and neatness. Each child also had to have the school certify that they maintained an overall C average.

The Space Camp winners include Sarah Freeman, Williams Elementary; Nicole Ledesma, Westlawn Middle School; Jennifer Naigle, Chaffee; Tyrone Snell, Williams; and Christopher Velasquez, Liberty Middle School. The Space Academy winners include Amber Davis, Bob Jones High School; Leigh Ann Dozier, Hazel Green Middle School; Lindsey Helton, Mountain Gap Middle; and Sarah Leopold, Westlawn Middle. The Aviation Challenge winners include Marc Cervantes, Huntsville High School and Jason Summer, Butler High.

"The essays we received this year were very well done and I know that the children must have worked very hard on them. It would be wonderful if every child who participated could be sent to camp. We hope that every child that didn't win this year will try again next year," said Mary Gustine, Space Camp program chairperson. "Eleven children were selected to receive scholarships, due to the generosity of the five associations and clubs that support this awards program."

Betty Cochran, co-chairperson for the awards program, said, "This is the second year that I have been involved with this program and it has been a very rewarding experience for me. The payoff for all the work involved is meeting the children who receive the scholarship at the awards ceremony. I know that every child who attends these camps will benefit greatly from the experience. We are very fortunate to be able to offer this program every year.

The five sponsors of this program include the Association of U.S. Army, the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club, the Officers Wives Club, the Sergeants Major Association, and the Thrift Shop. These

organizations donated the money to send the children to the camps during the June 25-30 session. Normal tuition cost is \$600 for a youngster to go to Space Camp and \$650 for Space Academy and Aviation Challenge.

Judges this year included Sylvia Kitchen from the Thrift Shop, David Seay from the Association of U.S. Army, Blanche Moore from the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club, Debbie Behel from the Officers Wives Club, Sgt. Maj. Graham Van Oostrum from the Sergeants Major Association, and Charles Salvo and Larry Revoir as the at-large judges.

At the awards ceremony held May 22 at the Post Chapel, Capt. David Estes, incoming chairman of the Army Community Service (ACS) Education Committee, recognized the contribution of these supporting organizations and thanked them for their commitment to the Space Camp Program.

The guest speaker was Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal. He congratulated each student and challenged them to strive for continued excellence.

Joe Moquin, acting general manager, Space and Rocket Center, gave each child a cap from their respective camps and assisted Link in presenting each child with a certificate of recognition.

Also in attendance were the parents, children, school principals, counselors or teachers, representatives from the donating organizations and special guests.

Space Camp began at the Space and Rocket Center in 1982. Redstone has been providing awards for military youngsters to attend since 1984. The ACS Education Committee coordinates this program through its Space Camp subcommittee.

Here are excerpts from the winning essays:

- "Being born in the Rocket City started my life-long love for space flight. My grandfather worked on the Nike Hercules and used to tell me stories about it. He took me to Marshall Space Flight Center to look at the rockets. Then, when I saw my first launch of the Space Shuttle, I set a goal to become a shuttle pilot. Going to Space Academy can help me do it."— Lindsey Helton.
- "Why do I want to go to Space Academy? I'll tell you! It sounds like an enticing challenge, and a truly neat opportunity!"— Sarah Leopold.
- "I would like to attend Space Academy for a challenging and educational experience. It is my goal to be among the first female fighter pilots in the U.S. Armed Forces."— Amber Davis.
- "Space Academy can give me the opportunity to learn more about the space pro-



SPACE CAMP WINNERS— Winners of this year's Space Camp scholarships include first row, from left, Christopher Velasquez, Tyrone Snell, Sarah Freeman,

Jennifer Naigle and Nicole Ledesma; back row: Lindsey Helton, Sarah Leopold, Marc Cervantes, Jason Summer and Amber Davis. Leigh Ann Dozier is not pictured.

gram and its importance in our world today. It will also help me determine more about my future education."— Leigh Ann Dozier.

• "I want to go to Aviation Challenge because I believe aviation is a challenging career opportunity. Aviation Challenge will be an exciting opportunity to help me get a realistic experience in aviation."— Marc Cervantes.

• "Ever since I was 12 years old, I have dreamed of being able to fly. I used to think, 'What could be more fun than hopping into the cockpit of an F-15, grabbing on to the steering stick, and taking off?' As two or three years went by, I slowly began to realize that learning how to fly an airplane or a jet required quite a bit of training over an extended period of time. When I saw the completed Aviation Challenge facility a few years ago, I thought that it would be a good start for me."— Jason Summer.

• "When my family moved to Huntsville the first thing I wanted to do was attend Space Camp. Even my teacher in Virginia talked to me about Space Camp. I would like to be selected for the Space Camp Award."— Tyrone Snell.

• "I want to go to Space Camp because it will be the opportunity of a lifetime for me. Science has always been my favorite subject in school and some day I want to become a Research Scientist/Medical

Doctor."— Nicole Ledesma.

• "The reason why I want to go to Space Camp is because I would enjoy a hands-on experience instead of just reading from a textbook. I also think I could learn a whole lot. What a better way of learning about space, rockets, and technology when you have space shuttles, rockets, missiles, and a moon surface mockup right in your own backyard. (The Space & Rocket Center is right behind our house.)"— Sarah Freeman.

• "I would like to have the opportunity to go to the ultimate space camp in the world. I want to live the impossible dream and share it with others. Even though my feet are on the surface of the earth, this would give my heart the opportunity to soar into space."— Christopher Velasquez.

• "There are many reasons why I want to go to Space Camp, and I'm going to share a few with you. First, I would like to go to Space Camp to learn more about the Universe and the equipment NASA has developed with which to study the Universe. Another reason to go is that I would like to learn some things that might help with my future career as an Astronomer."— Jennifer Naigle.

(Editor's note: Dempsey is the family services coordinator at Army Community Service.)

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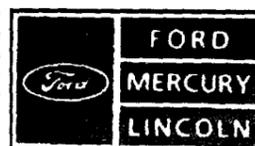
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Self-paced courses available at Army learning centers

By Kathy Harkleroad

Although there are three Learning Centers located on the Arsenal. The North Army Learning Center, in building 3222, is most frequented by soldiers, both active duty and retired, and their family members.

"We offer courses that can be applied to college credit, as well as the Self Paced Army Computer Education (SPACE) courses," said Phil Olin, Learning Center coordinator. "Some of the classes offered in SPACE can be accepted for college credit also."

Olin said the center has hundreds of classes to offer soldiers, both active duty and retired, and their family members. Although DoD civilians are also welcome to use the center, Olin said the majority of his customers are soldiers. "Most of the civilians use the center that is located in the Sparkman Center. We are close to the workplaces of the soldiers and it is easy for them to come over on their lunch hour or after work."

The courses offered at the learning center come in all forms and include computer courses, video courses, audio and text courses, and a combination of video and text. "We have something for everyone and it is up to the student to decide how they want to learn. Most of the students have been utilizing the computer courses for several reasons," Olin said.

Students who chose a class in the SPACE curriculum are given an access disk and can sign on the computer from home,

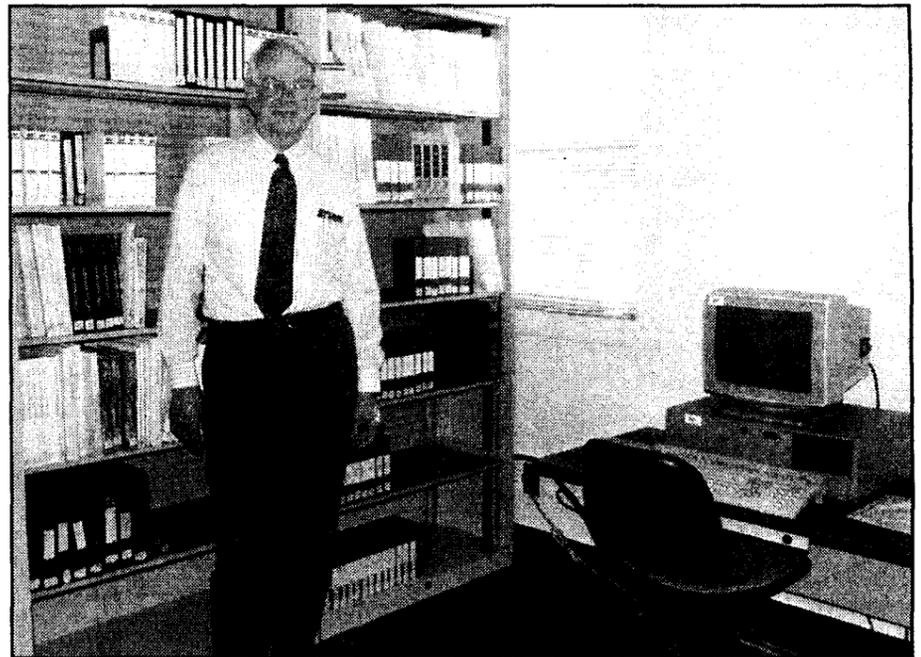
work or at the center. "More and more students are choosing the SPACE curriculum because they can work at home with their computers. They do have to come to the center though to take the tests," Olin added.

A small percentage of the courses in the SPACE program can be applied to college credit. "There is a small number of the SPACE courses that can be used for college credit. Most the soldiers use the SPACE classes to increase their promotion points while the civilians use the courses to satisfy job requirements," Olin said.

There are 13 chapters in the SPACE catalog that list courses which are available. Courses include logistics, clerical, communications, computer, engineering, sciences, finance, health, language, grammar and supervisory courses. "The SPACE courses are similar to the correspondence courses that almost every soldier is familiar with. The difference is the correspondence courses are done with pencil and paper and the SPACE courses are all done on computer," Olin said.

College credits can be earned in courses that include algebra, calculus, chemistry, business courses, computer courses, computer programming, management, physics, and even selling. "We have quite a few people take advantage of those courses," Olin said. The Learning Center will monitor the progress of the student and once the final testing is done, a certificate is received and a letter of recommendation is given for colleges to accept the credit hours.

"I think we are one of the best kept



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES — The North Army Learning Center offers many opportunities for soldiers when it comes to expanding their education. Phil

Olin is in charge of the center and guides the soldiers to the program that will most suit their needs.

secrets on the Arsenal," Olin said. "Soldiers don't know we are here, and if they do find out about us, it is usually by word of mouth. We are here for them and provide an opportunity for them to increase their education. Best of all, all the classes are free."

The center's hours are also tailored to the soldier and are open Monday through

Thursday 8 a.m. until 7 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. until noon. "There is always someone here who can help answer questions and can direct the student in the direction they want to go," Olin said.

The North Army Learning Center can be reached at 876-9416 for more information on the courses available.

Volunteers needed for archeological dig

By Anita Harrison

During the archeological dig last year at Beartail Rock Shelter, the environmental office received several requests from the Redstone community to assist in the dig.

Due to the interest expressed, the Environmental Office will sponsor a volunteer program for those who would like to participate in this year's exploration. Employees of the Environmental Office along with a University of Alabama team headed by archeologist Charles Hubbert will conduct the events scheduled to take place during July.

Hubbert, who until recently worked here under contract from the University of Alabama, has theorized the shelter could be one of the oldest sites in the eastern United States. Researchers who have worked the site agree it was sort of a prehistoric motel used by bands of nomadic people as a temporary lodging place.

Some of the artifacts discovered during last year's dig were estimated to be around 10,000 years old. The oldest artifact discovered last year was a late

Paleo Indian projectile point. Late Paleo Indian occupation dates from 10,400 to 10,900 years ago. Discovering the point while only halfway through the dig leads researchers to believe that this year's event will yield even greater finds.

The volunteer program will be limited to military and their families as well as the civilian work force and their families. Family members must be at least 10 years old to participate.

Those family members under 18 must be accompanied by a parent. The digs will take place each weekend during July. There will be two four-hour shifts, with a limit of eight volunteers per shift, each day. However, you can volunteer for both shifts on any given day. Once on the site, you will be required to remain until the shift expires before you will be transported to the exit location.

Planned activities include, but will not be limited to,

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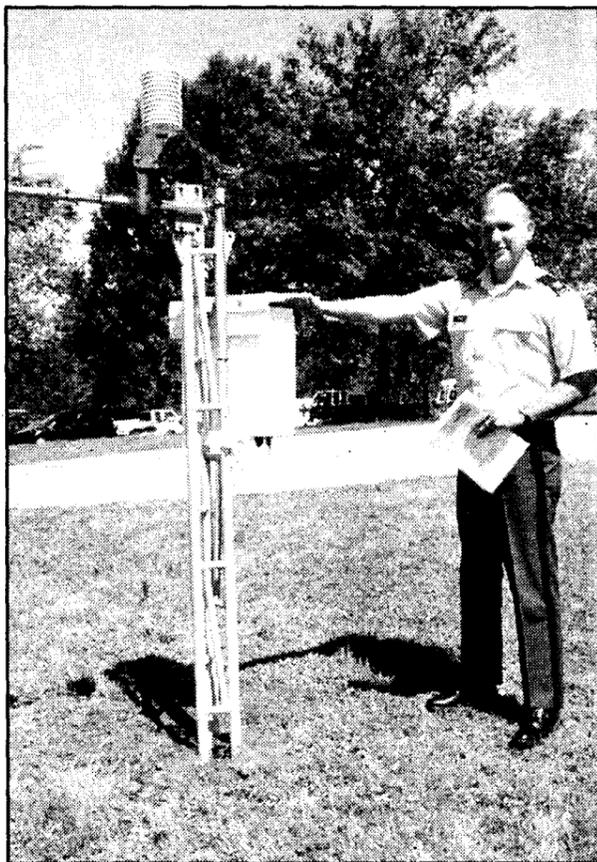
Hospital takes temperatures at new weekend weather station

By Kathy Harkleroad

Soldiers participating in weekend training at Redstone Arsenal now have a place to call to find out heat indexes and the temperature. While that might not seem important to some, it can be a critical factor while soldiers are training in the field.

"High temperatures play an important part in planning training exercises," said Capt. Christopher Pate, director of the coordinated care division at Fox Army Community Hospital. "When the temperatures go up and there is a high degree of humidity, it feels hotter than the actual temperature. Until now, commanders of soldiers training on the weekends did not have access to heat index information, as well as tempera-

tures." The hospital has installed a weather station consisting of three different means of collecting information. "We have the means for collecting ambient (surrounding conditions), wet ball (humidity) and black globe (direct sun-



KEEPING TABS— Fox Army Community Hospital has gone into the weather business and is a backup for weekend heat readings. Pate stands next to the weather station adjacent to the hospital.

light) readings. The computer takes those readings, averages them and gives us a true

reading of what the temperature is like," Pate said.

Emergency room per-

sonnel will read the temperatures every two hours and can determine what heat category is in effect at that time. "We have five heat categories, starting at one for temperatures 78-82 degrees, and up to five for temperatures 90 degrees and up," Pate said. "The higher the heat category, the worse it is outside and precautions should be taken for soldiers who are training or undergoing physical training or strenuous exercises.

"The weather station fits in with our mission of providing quality care to the soldier and most important safe conditions for the soldier," he said.

Commanders can call the emergency room at 876-8287 for weather information during weekend hours. "The same information is provided by Test Area 1 during the weekdays," Pate said. "They have also been very instrumental in helping us set up our weather station and getting the equipment."

Trash pickup schedule explained for residents

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- bulk trash, all housing areas— Wednesday
- recycle, all housing areas— Tuesday.

After the Memorial Day holiday, the Housing Office received a number of inquiries concerning trash and recycle collection dates. If a holiday falls on a day that collection is normally scheduled, the garbage will not be picked up until the next scheduled day. There are no makeup collection days. For example, if a holiday is on Monday, residents of Goss Road will have garbage collection on Thursday only; those living south of Goss Road will have scheduled pickup on Tuesday. Service to Redstone Arsenal family housing is not provided by the same organization that serves the Huntsville community. Local television and radio announcements giving alternate pickup dates in the event of a holiday do not apply to family housing residents.

The upcoming Fourth of July holiday falls on a Tuesday. Residents north of Goss Road will not be affected, however, residents south of Goss Road will have trash pickup on Friday only that week.

Recycle collection service does change when a holiday occurs. If the holiday falls on Monday, the recycle pickup will normally be changed from Tuesday to Thursday. As of this date, the recycle contractor was not certain of the Fourth of July schedule. The contractor will coordinate with the Redstone Rocket to publicize a schedule of alternate collection days for family housing when pickup day is affected by a holiday.

If you have any questions regarding trash, garbage, or recycling collection services, call 955-6526 for assistance.

Resource Management assumes quality responsibility

Effective today, command responsibility for Total Quality Management will move to the Resource Management Directorate (RMD). Gary Yacura, chief, Productivity and Management Division, RMD, has been designated to succeed Mel Walters as the MICOM TQM officer. This will allow Walters to dedicate full-time effort on the preparation of the application for the Federal Quality Award (FQA).

The FQA is the highest award for quality in the federal sector. The award is

given by the president of the United States to a federal organization that has implemented quality management in an exemplary manner while providing high quality service to its customers. This will be the first time the command has gone forward to compete for this national award and is the first in Army Materiel Command to do so as a command.

The award application is due to the Department of Army by Aug. 7. The FQA team consists of Waters, Wyatt Shankle, Fred Carr,

Romy Bayuga and Marilyn Phillips. They are using input received from the 100-question MICOM Data Quality Call of February of this year to prepare the command's application.

It is to the command's credit that it has moved from initial implementation of Total Army Quality in 1986 to its present preeminent position to compete for this prestigious award. While MICOM has long been noted for its quality consciousness, in 1986 the Executive Steering Committee was established to

broaden the quality awareness base. After initial efforts of organizing, establishing policy, and initiating training, it was decided to dedicate resources to carry out policy direction.

The MICOM TQM office was established in 1990 with one permanent position. Other positions were filled on a temporary rotational basis in recognition that quality is part of

everyone's job, not a program, and that the office was not to be a permanent structure. The quality journey has brought the command from a decentralized implementation of awareness to a focused, broad-based effort in making quality part of the culture and work ethic. The command is now positioned to compete for the FQA signaling time for yet another change.

The move of the MICOM TQM office functions to RMD brings the journey full circle; for it was in RMD that the initial efforts to organize and implement Total Quality Management at MICOM began. Yacura formerly served as facilitator and recorder for MICOM ESC until the establishment of the MICOM TQM office.

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HIRES

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Officials decided June 5 to open the summer hire program for new applicants; and the application period opened June 6 and closed June 13. "We didn't think that we were going to have to open it this year because the number of requirements was so small. Then the requirements grew and we found we had more requirements than applicants," Dixon said.

This is in contrast to last year when all 96 summer jobs were filled by rehires from the previous year's program. Now there are more jobs and less returnees.

Vacancies are filled through two sources: the needy and disadvantaged youth—summer aide program—who are referred by the State Employment Service; and the summer hire program for college students. Under the summer aide program, there were 35 applications submitted for "category 1" needy and disadvantaged youth. The state has four different categories based on income, and category 1 is the most needy group so these applicants receive first consideration. Summer aides can be brought in starting at minimum wage.

Under the summer hire program, college students must have a 3.0 grade point average and qualify for a position and grade level. Most are brought in at the GS-4 level.

The 41 employees who came to work June 1 include two summer aides and 39 summer hires. Positions will be filled in MICOM and serviced activities including the Logistics Support Activity, Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles, PEO for Missile Defense, and the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

"The majority of them are office automation clerks (formerly known as clerk typists)," said Florence Martin, a personnel assistant. Duties of these positions include typing, filing, data entry, answering phones and other general office support. Employment period is for the summer, not to exceed Sept. 29.

Summer employment programs have been provided for many years under governmentwide authorities. The number of positions varies each year depending on available resources and needs. Last year's 96 positions—all filled by returnees from the previous year—included four summer aides and 92 summer hires. "I think they had 200-plus for 1993," recalled Carol Garner, personnel assistant.

During the week-long application period for summer hires, which ended June 13, copies of the announcement were issued to the State Employment Service, the Office of Personnel Management, local churches, and to the MICOM community on electronic-mail. "We also distributed copies to the Equal Employment Opportunity Office who



CPO TEAM— Civilian Personnel Office's summer employment team includes, from left, Garner, Dixon, Goyer, Conner and Martin.

made further distribution to the Huntsville community," added Phyllis Conner, supervisory personnel staffing and classification specialist.

The summer employment program benefits both the summer worker and the organization, according to Kathryn Goyer, personnel assistant. The program provides "gainful employment, just the opportunity for the

experience to work. It does open the doors for re-employment. It establishes their record as a federal employee. It gives them resources to continue their education," Goyer said. "And the organization has employees to help alleviate workload during summer vacation; we have employees to help pick up the slack."



TRAINER— Frye poses with Benny, one of Redstone's military working dogs.

Dogs get obedience training in free summertime course

By Pam Rogers

Young military family members who live on post will have an opportunity to enroll their dogs in a free obedience training course this summer.

The course, sponsored by the Provost Marshal's office, will feature basic instruction in training, grooming, health care and maintenance of equipment. It will be limited to residents of the Redstone housing area who are between the ages of 12 and 17.

The course begins Saturday, June 24, and will continue for nine weeks. Each session will begin at 10 a.m. and last one and a half to two hours. Rain dates for each session will be Sunday at 6 p.m. The class will be held at the field

behind Tin City, on Sergeant Road off Patton Road, adjacent to the football field.

While the course is not restricted to any particular breed or type of dog, trainers recommend that puppies be at least six months old, and no aggressive dogs will be allowed to participate.

Sgt. James Frye, one of the trainers who will teach the course, said there will be homework involved.

"We will teach the basics, but they'll have to train a lot at home with their dogs," he said.

The course will concentrate on the basic commands of sit, stay and heel. There will be a show at the end of the course with the winner being named "best dog," Frye said.

Participants will be issued training equipment for the duration of the course, and a T-shirt and

cap to keep.

All dogs that participate must be certified as registered on post with all shots current. To obtain certification, stop by the veterinary clinic from 8 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 3:30 p.m. The certification must be presented upon registration at the kennel facility in building 3554. For more information about the course, call 876-8090.

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Longtime hospital volunteer recognized for her service

By Kathy Harkeroad

After 31 years Mary Louise Ferguson is hanging up her Red Cross smock and will reduce her volunteer effort at Fox Army Community Hospital. Ferguson has been the chairman of the hospital's Red Cross since 1980.

Ferguson was honored at a retirement ceremony June 13 held in the dining facility of the hospital and was greeted by guests, volunteers and hospital officials.

"Mrs. Ferguson has been with us for the past 30 years and has contributed quite a bit to the hospital," Col. William Wong, hospital commander, told the group of well-wishers. He also listed some of the achievements and duties Ferguson has participated in and thanked her for her outstanding service.

Capt. Christopher Pate read the Department of Army's Commander's

Award for Public Service while Wong pinned a medal on Ferguson in recognition of her dedication. "She has done an outstanding job for us and her constant presence will be missed," Wong said. Ferguson was also presented with a large framed photograph of the hospital as well as a framed copy of the award.

"I couldn't find a better place or more wonderful people to work with," said Ferguson as her voice was filled with emotion. Lt. Col. Carey Payne told Ferguson he would make sure she got an oak leaf cluster to go with her medal if she would stay another 30 years. At that Ferguson began to laugh.

Ferguson still plans to volunteer at the hospital two days a week and fill the rest of her time with her two grandchildren.



HONORS BESTOWED— Ferguson, center, was honored with a reception June 13 for her dedication and volunteer work for the past 31 years at Fox Army Community Hospital. Hospital commander Col. William Wong, left, and Capt. Christopher Pate presented a citation and gifts for Ferguson at the ceremony.

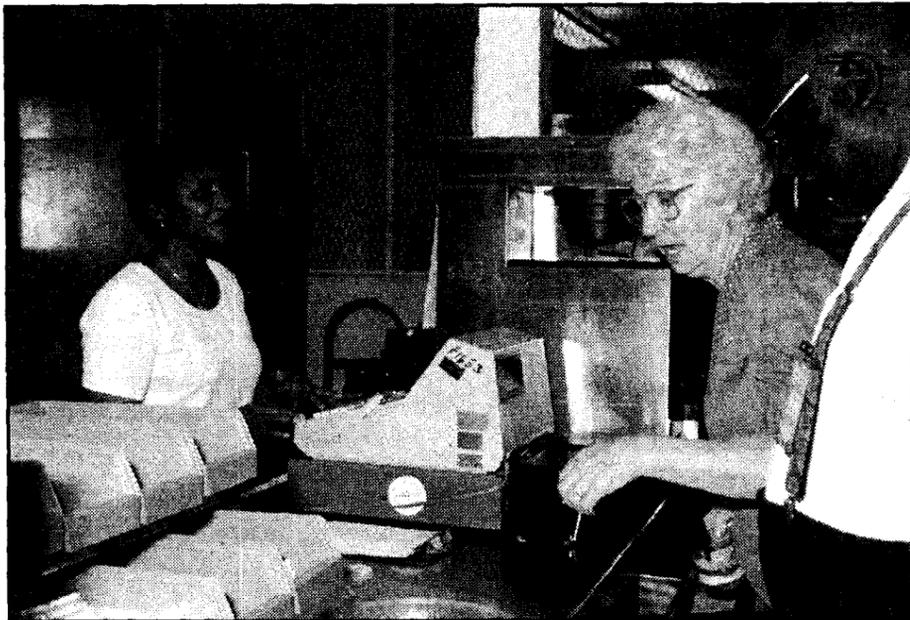
Customers express appreciation to departing cafeteria worker

By Maurice Wolf

When the cafeteria in building 5678 closed May 25, personnel of the Information Systems Directorate, CIC, said goodbye to Marie Bynum. Bynum had been the mainstay of the cafeteria for eight years.

ISD's appreciation was expressed to her in a card signed by those who contributed to her "surprise" gift, and presented to her by Frankie Doolittle, ISD's director. She, and her tasty hot biscuits, sweet fruit cobblers and banana pudding will be sorely missed.

Bynum's cafeteria skills began to show here at MICOM 10 years ago when she started her career in building 5400. Following that she worked in building 5681 and 5250. Her parents taught her how to cook while growing up in Collinsville, and her grandmother taught her how to make those good hot biscuits.



AT CASH REGISTER— Bynum, left, helps customers Gloria League and Roosevelt Whitfield at the 5678 cafeteria which closed May 25.

Bynum went about her work conscientiously and was modest in receiving the many compliments about her cooking. Since she found it difficult to say goodbye to her friends in 5678, she wrote the following on the chalkboard just outside the cafeteria: "All good things have to come to an end. Certainly I have

enjoyed working with you all these past eight years. I will truly miss all of you. I don't like goodbyes, so I'll say I hope to see you again soon. Pray that I'll do well on my new job in 4488."

We know you will, Marie.

(Editor's note: Wolf is a management analyst in the Information Systems Directorate, Corporate Information Center.)

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Chamber of Commerce sponsors week of events for Armed Forces

Activities for the local 11th annual Armed Forces Celebration will be held June 26 through July 1.

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County, a celebration luncheon will take place at noon June 26 at the Von Braun Civic Center north hall. Cost is \$25. Lt. Gen. Ronald Hite is the scheduled guest speaker. For tickets call the Chamber at 535-2031. The 14th Army Band will perform at 7 that evening at the Big Spring International Park downtown.

The "I Love America" production will take place June 28 through July 3 at 7 p.m. at the Whitesburg Baptist Church. Tickets can be obtained by calling 882-0495 or 881-0952.

A retirement parade will be held at 4 p.m. June 29 at the parade field on Patton Road. Static displays will be on site and World War II veterans and guests will be honored with special seating. Reservations are not required.

To conclude the week of celebration, the Huntsville Stars baseball game and fireworks display is the place to be. The game will be played July 1 at 7:05 p.m. against the Memphis Chicks at Joe Davis Stadium.

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TI wins \$2.8 million contract to assist small businesses

A Department of Defense mentor-protége contract was awarded May 18 for \$2.8 million to Texas Instruments in support of the Javelin weapon system.

The purpose of the mentor-protége program is to provide incentives for DoD contractors to assist small disadvantaged businesses in enhancing their capabilities to increase their competitiveness and broaden their business base. Texas Instruments will be providing assistance to Balo Precision Parts Inc., a small disadvantaged business (SDB) supplier of electronic packages and other metalized parts, and to MINCO Technology Labs Inc., a SDB supplier of a variety of electrical and environmental screening operations.

The contract will be used to provide training, manufacturing production enhancement equipment, and in-house technical support to each of the protege businesses. Training will focus on customer requirements, business process management, cycle time reduction, statistical process control, teaming activities, and "Six Sigma" methodologies. In addition the agreement will provide test station equipment, hardware, software and systems support for monitoring statistical processes and computerized planning systems for job scheduling and manufacturing floor control efforts.

Texas Instruments selected the two small disadvantaged businesses because of their history of providing critical packages and military tested die used in hybrid devices. The electronic packages and semiconductor die are two of the largest hybrid material cost drivers. The Javelin program utilizes these two small disadvantaged businesses in production to meet the SDB subcontracting planning goal.

MINCO, located in Austin, Texas, is owned by Liz Coker and has about 130 employees. MINCO has been recognized for its quality standards and has received several quality-related awards. This company provides Javelin with electrical and environmental screening operations on unencapsulated semiconductor die used in hybrids.

Balo, located in Butler, N.J., is owned by Edward Rapoza and has about 70 employees. Balo provides precision machining on difficult/exotic materials as well as specialty hermetic electronic packages used for hybrids.

Col. Michael Roddy manages the Javelin Program for the Army at Redstone Arsenal under the direction of George Williams, program executive officer for tactical missiles. The Javelin mentor-protége contract is the first awarded by the program executive officer for tactical missiles.

The Acquisition Center contracting officer making the award was Leroy Williams Jr.

Training program provides fast help for soldiers in their academic skills

By Kathy Harkleroad

Soldiers who would like to increase their test scores can receive extra help in specialized areas at the Learning Center. They can utilize a self-paced program complete with individualized instruction by participating in the Fundamental Academic Skills Training (FAST).

"The FAST program is an improvement over the Basic Skills Educational Program, also known as BSEP," said Jeannette Chaney, FAST instructor. "The FAST program is a computer run, self-paced program in which the soldier can increase his knowledge of math, language and reading skills."

Chaney said the soldiers who are utilizing the program are trying to increase their test scores in several areas of testing. "They might be reclassifying and need to retake. There are also situations where the soldier might need an extra boost or extra study time to improve his TABE score or his Armed Forces Classification Test score," she said.

Whatever the reason for the soldier attending the FAST program, Chaney said it is an ideal situation for the teacher and the student. "I love to teach and these soldiers want to learn. Quite a few of them are here on their own accord and spend their free time in here with the computer. Others attend during duty hours in time that has been allotted to them by their commanders. Either way you look at it, you couldn't ask for a better student/teacher relationship. They want to learn and I want to teach," she said. Both soldiers who are



IMPROVING SCORES— Soldiers Guard member Sgt. David Wyman, left, and PFC Kyle Snyder are shown receiving the extra help from instructor Jeannette Chaney.

stationed on the Arsenal and those attending one of the several schools here utilize the program.

The computer program is one of way of learning and students seem to excel when utilizing the program. "We still have the pencil and paper programs and use them in conjunction with the computer program," Chaney added.

She also said the computer program is an excellent monitor of the students' advancements. "The program will not allow a student to advance to the next level if they have not achieved a minimum of an 80 percent mastery of the subject. They can't go on until they have achieved that; whereas with the older ways of teaching, students could advance if they had a 70 percent mastery. This way we know the student has learned the lessons and

can handle the new material," Chaney said.

In most cases the success of any program is determined on repeat customers, except in the FAST program. "I rate our success on how many soldiers don't return after they can retake their tests," Chaney said.

If non-returnees is the deciding factor of the success of FAST, then they must be receiving high marks. "Out of the approximately 300 soldiers I have seen pass through here, we have only had one soldier return because of test scores. Even in that case, his score had risen by 14 points, but he wanted it to go up even higher," Chaney said.

The FAST program is

also utilized by family members of the soldiers and Chaney said she has seen quite a few spouses and teen-agers take the eight week program. "We have had several wives use the program to brush up on English techniques, especially where English is their second language. We also have had a few high school students use the program to obtain help in Algebra," Chaney said.

More information on FAST can be obtained by calling Chaney at 876-9416. "I'm here Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for extra help, and the classroom is open until 7 p.m. for those who wish to use it," she said.

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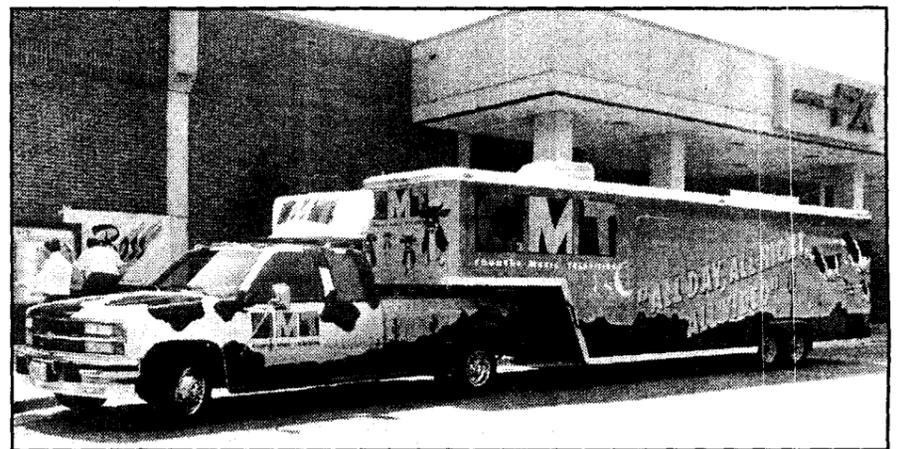
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Busy golfers...

The golf course on Redstone Arsenal is always busy this time of year as golfers take to the course to perfect their scores. Golfers can be seen on the course at all hours during the day.



Country music van...

The Country Music Television traveling van paid a visit Friday to the Post Exchange in conjunction with the Dog Days of Summer concert tour to be held July 28-29 on the parade field. The concert will feature country music recording artists David Ball and Sammy Kershaw on July 28 and a rhythm and blues concert will be held July 29 featuring VYBE and Peabo Bryson. Tickets can be purchased at the Recreation Center, the Sparkman Cafeteria and through Ticketlink for \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the event. The CMT van held give-aways during the day for CMT promotional items and was in the area to promote its cable television channel.

Finding your sports 'zone' a practice of mind and body

By R. Paul Stock

How much does performance have to change to lead to athletic or business success? Maybe, you are thinking in the 10 to 30 percent range? Surprisingly, a small percentage change of only 1 to 5 percent can result in dramatic success. If a professional golfer can reduce his/her strokes only 1 percent to 3 percent, it can make the difference between being one of the top 50 money winners and one of the top 10.

It is practice of mind and body in concert that gets you where you want to be in the sport or athletic endeavor of your choice; concentrating on only one facet of your sport just won't do it! There needs to be a "synergistic attunement" of the two in conjunction with drive, dedication and spirit. When this takes place repetitiously over a period of time you will find yourself intermittently in "the zone."

These hyperproductive experiences are dubbed

"flow states" by psychologist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi in his book, "Flow: The Psychology of Optimal Experience, Steps Toward Enhancing the Quality of Life," 1990. These states are times of intensely focused concentration. Being in "the zone," "the groove," is magnified by an increase in the level of challenge and the development or possession of the skills needed to meet the challenge. Remember when you first took up tennis, handball, racquetball or golf and your mentor usually took you to task because of his or her experience and superior skills. However, you were tenacious with the sport and one day you found most of your shots hitting their mark. It all seemed effortless and in slow motion. You visited "the zone" and whether you won or not is secondary to the optimal experience you just enjoyed.

Richard Lonetto, in his book, "The Rhythm: Being Your Best in Sport and Business," states that when a per-

son finds his "sweet spot," there is a natural link joining preparation and doing. "At your sweet spot, you open a door to let yourself be guided without creating any resistance to your actions. Within the sweet spot you are in synch with a pulse that is protected from time and place. Your movements are flowing, unhurried. You can attend to all those details that need to be dealt with rather than be engulfed by them. The pulse of your actions will not allow anything to go wrong, no distractions can cross your mind."

Once you have been to "the peak," "the pinnacle" via participation in your sport of choice, you find the feeling of "being in the flow" captivating and enticing you to return to the court, the links, the slopes, or the track, more and more often. You want to recapture that feeling of being high on life.

A bonus derived from athletic involvement is that you can replay "zone experiences" at any time via men-

tal rehearsal to elevate your mood; to assist you in a new challenge on or off the court. The physiological and neurological mechanisms of the human body cannot tell the difference between the actual experience and the imagined experience. This allows you to mentally and emotionally reach back for that extra firepower so you can run a record time, ski that big mountain, whitewater a No. 4.

Take a few minutes now to recall your favorite memory in your sport of choice when everything clicked. This applies only to your active participation. This does not include channel surfing from a standing position! Cast your mind back now. What was it like? Re-create as much of the scenario as you can. It may have been fleeting—a few shots, swings, or runs that felt effort-

less and flowing as if you plugged into a "rhythm" never experienced before. How did your body feel? What was going on in your mind? What were you feeling?

Each time you initiate

your sport of choice, you increase your odds of going into "the zone," so maybe you should "just do it."

(Editor's note: Stock is a therapist/trainer at the Community Counseling Center.)

Civilian softball

Here are the standings for the Men's Civilian Welfare Softball League as of June 16:

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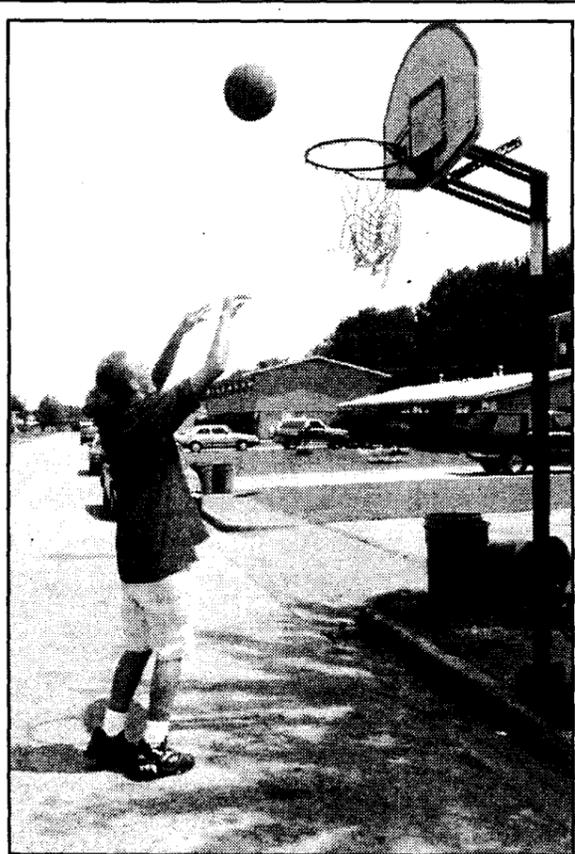
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Hoops anyone?

Scott Anton, 1385B Lance Drive, likes to play basketball any chance he can and was spotted practicing on the goal located on Lance Drive. Scott is the son of SFC Dale and Kim Anton.

The following are upcoming Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities:

- **CONCERT TICKETS: Dog Days of Summer**— Tickets are selling like hot cakes! Be sure to get yours in advance and save \$2 per ticket. They are \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the event, July 28-29 at the parade field. Get your tickets at any one of these locations: Recreation Center; Sparkman Cafeteria; and through TicketLink (formerly Fastix). Remember, everyone, including the general public, is invited to attend.
- **CONCERT T-SHIRTS: Dog Days of Summer shirts**— They are on sale now in the Recreation Center! These top-quality tees are 100 percent cotton and cost \$10 each; it is a four-color designer T-shirt. Go by the Recreation Center and get yours today. For more information, call 876-5492.
- **NOW THROUGH JULY: Volunteer program**— Redstone is expanding its

community volunteer program from now until July 31. Anyone interested in helping out the Team Redstone work force is encouraged to call Sue Paddock, volunteer coordinator, 876-9675.

• **ON SALE: Picnic T-shirts**— Redstone Post Picnic T-shirts are on sale now; cost is \$8. There's only a few left so call Heather Haring 876-3030.

• **CRAFTS CENTER: Arts/crafts**— Visit the Arts and Crafts Center and try your hand at creative techniques such as matting and framing, oil painting, needlework, water colors, and more. For information on dates and times of classes, call 876-7951/7974.

• **VACATION: Carlson Wagonlit**— Aren't you ready for your annual vacation yet? Well, even if you've been too happy at work to even think of taking a break, Lee Tolgo has thought of a vacation for you! Give her a call at 882-6180 so she can tell

you all about your next getaway-from-it-all vacation of your dreams.

• **JUNE 24: Chief's Table**— The Officers Club will offer a five-course seafood feast called Chief's Table for \$16.95 per person. Reservations are required; members can call 830-CLUB.

• **JUNE 27: Issues of Aging session**— "Caring for Caregivers" will be an informative session which will address concerns and issues faced by those who care for elderly family members. This session will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in building 3447 (behind Army Community Service opposite Toftoy Hall). To register or for more information, call 876-5397.

• **JULY 28: Golf Course grand opening**— The new Clubhouse, Restaurant and Pro Shop will have its ribbon-cutting Grand-Opening Ceremony July 28 at 4 p.m. All authorized users are invited to attend. Refreshments and door prizes will

also add to this fun filled event. Scheduled speakers include commanding general, Maj. Gen. James Link; Redstone Golf Course pro/manager-Chip Enlow; director of the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, J.P. Mullen; retired Col. Bob Bennett; president of the Redstone Ladies Golf Association, Fran Sullivan; and the 1995 Post Champion, SSgt. Jay Walton.

• **AUG. 12: Turkey shoot**— Mark your calendar now to come out to Outdoor Recreation for the Turkey Shoot set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Outdoor Rec will provide weapons or you can bring your own 12-gauge shotgun. For your safety, the trap and skeet ranges will be closed during this event. Cost is \$3 per shot. Prizes will include hams and turkeys. Active duty military, DoD civilians, Redstone contractors, family members and guests are invited to attend and participate in this event.

Two Fort Benning wrestlers medal in international event

CONCORD, Calif.— Spec. Keith Sieracki (163.5 lbs) and Capt. Jeffrey Green (286 lbs), both of Fort Benning, Ga., pinned down the silver and bronze medals for the Army to lead the Armed Forces to the championship team title in the 1995 Concord Cup Greco-Roman Wrestling Championships. Memorial Day weekend. One hun-

dred nineteen wrestlers from 11 countries participated in the international event held in Concord.

Sieracki was voted winner of the Most Dynamic Match in his semifinal 4-3 victory over France's Ghani Yalouz, the 1995 European champion and fifth place finisher in the Barcelona Olympics. Green lost to U.S. National Champion,

Rulon Gardner, in the semi-finals, but then beat the Navy's Matthew Lamb for the bronze medal.

In team results, the Army led the Armed Forces to the club team title. Sieracki and Green were the only Armed Forces wrestlers to medal.

Five other soldiers placed in the 14th annual major international Greco-

Roman wrestling tournament. At 105.5 lbs., Cpl. Rafael Mejia placed fifth and PFC Kevin Brumit finished seventh.

At 149.5 lbs., Sgt. Robert Allen placed fifth winning an overtime match against Poland's Ryszard Wolney. Wolney is the 1995 European silver medalist and placed seventh in the 1992 Olympics. At 198

lbs., an injured Sgt. Derrick Waldroup placed eighth. SSgt. Edward Mitchell won over Jason McCloud, of the Minnesota Storm Club, to garner fifth place.

The next two major championships the team will

compete in include the U.S. Olympic Festival, July 21-30, at Boulder, Colo., and the U.S. World Team Trials. The trials will be Aug. 6-8 at Atlanta. (Arnews)

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Team building program lists upcoming family classes

Army Family Team Building (AFTB) provides training for a way of life that prepares everyone in America's Army to function at their highest level, in any situation, with minimal outside support. This training improves personal and family preparedness which enhances overall Army readiness.

Classes are open to military family members interested in learning more about the Army. Upcoming

classes, held at Army Community Service in building 3491, include the following:

- June 27, from 6-9 p.m.— Military Terms, Acronyms, Customs and Courtesies (1.01); Chain of Command/Chain of Concern (1.02); Intro to Military and Civilian Community Resources (1.03).
- June 29, from 6-9 p.m.— Benefits, Entitlements and Compensation (1.04); Family and Military

Expectations (1.05); Impact of the Mission on Family Life (1.06); and Basic Problem Solving (1.07).

- July 6, at 6 p.m.— Military Terms, Acronyms, Customs and Courtesies (1.01); Chain of Command/Chain of Concern (1.02); Management Skills: Communication (2.02.2); Management Skills: Conflict Mgmt (2.02.3).

To register for any of the classes, call Army Community Service 876-5397.

Prenatal classes helpful for expectant mothers, spouses

By Kathy Harkleroad

Having a baby and you're not real sure what is going to happen during the labor and delivery? If so, Fox Army Community Hospital has the answer. They have begun a series of prenatal classes for expectant mothers who are eligible for care at Fox.

"This is the second series of classes we have held, and each series lasts approximately seven weeks," said Mary Bailey, a nurse who conducts the classes. "We try to reach each of the new mothers in the Outpatient Clinic where we have reinstated maternity care."

New mothers can sign up for the classes in the Outpatient Clinic and will be contacted by Bailey as to class time and location. "We try to get the women who are going to deliver first in the classes first and

go from there," she said.

Bailey said although they are reaching most of the expectant mothers who use Fox Hospital for maternity care, they are missing a few. "If the mother is classified as a high-risk she is automatically sent downtown and we might never see her again. Those are the women we want to reach and let them know the classes are here and are free."

The classes cover all aspects of pregnancy and focus on nutrition, exercise, breathing and relaxing techniques, labor and delivery and post partum care as well. "We also devote the last few sessions to the baby and what is normal and what isn't," Bailey said. "The most popular portion of the class though is the breathing techniques and everyone wants to make sure we cover that area."

The expectant mother

isn't the only one invited to attend the class. "We stress the spouses, significant others, or birthing coaches are invited to attend the classes. After all, what we learn in the classes affects them as well and they will be the ones in the labor and delivery room with the mothers. They are a definite help to the new mothers," Bailey said.

Bailey said statistics show the birthing experience is a more positive one for women who have attended classes such as these. "When the mother and coach are educated as to what is going on and what procedures are being performed, the experience is much more pleasant and less scary than those women who haven't attended the classes," she said.

Women interested in more information can call Bailey at 842-9882 or Connie Glover 876-4128.

AAFES is ranked in 'Fortune 500'

DALLAS— The May "Fortune 500" magazine ranked the Army and Air Force Exchange Service as the 164th largest company in America. Results are based on AAFES' 1994 sales of \$7.1 billion and earnings of \$269.4 million.

AAFES ranks:
• 23rd among the food, drug, specialty and general merchandise retailers in the nation

- 12th in Texas and
- 5th in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Although AAFES is a federal organization, it is a non-appropriated fund instrumentality and operates almost exclusively from customer patronage, not tax dollars. AAFES donates 100 percent of its earnings back to its customers through quality of life programs — Army and Air

Force MWR and improving and building new facilities.

Contributions to MWR in 1994 were \$183.7 million (\$110.7 million to Army, \$67 million to Air Force and \$6 million to Navy and Marine services). Contributions to improve and build new facilities were \$85.7 million. (Arnews)

(From an AAFES news release.)



Summer fun...

From left David Jr., Eli and Nathan Jensen spend an afternoon in the pool in their front yard on Jupiter Street. They are the children of Sgt. David and Diane Jensen.

Vacation Bible School a big hit with youngsters

By Kathy Harkleroad

Children attending the Vacation Bible School at the Bicentennial Chapel had plenty of fun while learning about religion. Children from preschool to sixth grade were involved in the week-long activity.

"I have learned about God and I think He is nice," said first grader Matthew Bowen. Bowen and his classmates were busy making lion's faces while they learned about Daniel and Lion's Den, and made banners depicting rainbows.

"I think singing is the most fun," said Jesse Watkins, also a first grader. "There is lots to do and I like it when we sing."

Kindergartners taking part in Vacation Bible School were a little overwhelmed at the classes as they are quite different from their first experiences in public school. The children sat in a circle and were mesmerized by Kent John, a student at Oakwood College, who visited the classroom one morning. They watched as he played

his guitar and mimicked the hand movements to the songs he taught the children.

"Everything is fun and I really really like the singing," said kindergartner Allison Lawson.

"I like it when we make things," said classmate Bobby Rogers. "The mane for the lion's face was easy."

Bethany Stennett said, "I learned about Noah and his Ark."

According to religious education director Patty Wilson, there were 135 children and volunteers who attended the week-long event. "We were really disappointed this year because there were quite a few school-age children who couldn't attend. Last year they were able to walk over from the center, but the center moved and is now located in the middle of the post. We really missed their shining faces this year," Wilson said.

Despite missing the school-age children, the program was a success. "We had to close the regis-

tration for preschool and kindergarten children because the classes were full and we didn't have enough volunteers. Maybe next year we can have a few more volunteers and can have more children attend," Wilson said.

Vacation Bible School was a success due to the generosity of several people, according to Wilson. "All of our materials came from funds from the Consolidated Chaplain's Fund and the labor of love was provided by the many volunteers we had teaching the classes. All of them put in quite a few hours, not only teaching the classes, but preparing for them and planning the activities," she said.

In addition to the classroom fun, the children were treated to a visit by Gigi the Clown on Thursday and were given a balloon the last day of class that said "God Loves You."

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Champus: Get the most from your medical benefits

By John Mason

You've been to Fox Army Community Hospital for a medical problem and were referred downtown for civilian healthcare. What do you do now?

For those of us who have been around the military for a long time, the answer is obvious: When health services are not readily available at the local military treatment facility, care can be obtained by using your

Champus benefit. Champus stands for the Civilian Health and Medical Program for the Uniformed Services, and is a healthcare benefit, similar to health insurance, available to active duty family members, retirees, retired

family members and other specifically designated eligible beneficiaries. In spite of what you may have heard, Champus is a valuable benefit that, if used correctly, can be a great deal of assistance when one of your family members has a medical problem. To get the most of this benefit, it is important that you know how to use it.

Essentially, Champus was developed to perform three major functions for eligible military families: to share the cost of most medical services performed by civilian providers when beneficiaries can't get care from a military hospital or clinic; to supplement the care available from these uniformed hospitals or clinics; and to cover medically necessary services and supplies required for the diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury, including maternity care. The reasoning behind this was that although all military treatment facilities may not be created equal, the quality of health care available to our beneficiaries must be.

How can you access the system? It's simple as being an eligible beneficiary. And who are they? With some exceptions, anyone with a valid military I.D. card registered in DEERS (Defense Eligibility Enrollment System). Specifically, all active duty family members, retirees and their family members (under the age of 65), widows and widowers, and in some cases, former spouses. Children are eligible to the age of 21 if unmarried, and 23 if unmarried and a full-

time student. Conversely, some people are not eligible for Champus benefits. They include active duty soldiers, parents, parents-in-law, grandparents or grandchildren, and most people who are eligible for Medicare because they've turned 65 years old.

One important thing to remember is the Champus is not free. The plan has been set up on a cost-sharing basis where you, the patient, must pay part of the medical costs. There are even some things that it doesn't cover at all. Champus pays for only medically necessary care and services that are provided at an "appropriate level of care." Claims that don't meet this definition may be denied. In that case, you will be responsible for the costs incurred.

How can you know what's covered and what's not? A good place to start is the Champus Handbook. This publication of OChampus (Office of Champus, Aurora, Colo.) explains many of the details of Champus, as well as listing some of the things that are and are not covered. If you don't have a current copy of this book, you may obtain one at the Champus office of your local military treatment facility.

There is another good source of Champus information in that office—the health benefits adviser. HBAs are the "resident experts" on Champus, and they are found at every military treatment facility. They train continuously on Champus

policies and procedures, and are available to advise or assist you on any manner concerning your Champus benefits. At Fox Army Community Hospital, they can be reached by calling 876-2960, 955-6497 or 1-800-223-9531. Feel free to contact them for any questions you may have. Or, if you're going to be near the hospital, their office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. No appointment is necessary.

In this brief space, I've tried to give you an overview on the basics of Champus, specifically, how it functions and who is eligible for its benefits. In future articles, we'll discuss the referral process, or how to find the right civilian healthcare provider for you, non-availability statement requirements, claims processing, and appeals procedures. By the time we are finished, you should have a good working knowledge of what your benefits are and, more importantly, how they work.

Remember though, this is general information, and is not intended to address all of your specific issues. If you have specific questions or problems, or need further clarification on the topics discussed here, contact your health benefits adviser. They're the real experts, and they're here just for you. (Editor's note: Mason is director of marketing, managed care division, at Fox Army Community Hospital.)



ENVIRONMENTAL CLASS—Members of the Redstone Arsenal work force attend class at the Command Environmental Institute. From left are (front row) Carolene Wu, Linda Smith, Truman Ward, Ramsey Makkouk; (second row) Mike Walcutt, Gene Daniels; (third row) Danny Dunn,

Dan Seaver, Raymond MacKenzie, Tony Pitts; (top row) Doug Slauson. Class attendees not pictured are: Sgt. Kevin Haimovioi; Sgtr. Kevin Haimovioi, SSgt. Rahseem Amiranti, Carl Green, Robert Washington, Garret Whalen, Danny Davis and Donald Thompson.

Environmental Institute has classes for workers here

The Command Environmental Institute, which offers environmental law and compliance training to the Redstone Arsenal work force, held two classes during the week of June 12.

Rick Montgomery and Greg Cox, instructors with the Army Environmental Training Support Center, located in

Huntsville, taught classes on Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA) and Introduction to Hazardous Waste Management.

If you are interested in attending a class at the Command Environmental Institute, call Gerald Holton at 876-6125 for more information.

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Exchange Service offers deferred payment plans

By Mark A. Van Dyke

WASHINGTON— Need a new uniform now, but you're a little short of cash this month? That video cassette recorder you've been wanting for months just went on clearance sale at the post exchange, but pay day is still 10 days away? Looking for a way to consolidate your post exchange expenses into one easy monthly payment?

Don't worry, if you have a good credit record and enough money coming in each month to cover your expenses then the Army and Air Force Exchange Systems deferred payment plan may be for you.

The deferred payment plan, or DPP, is a special credit service designed to help military members and AAFES employees purchase exchange system merchandise with extended payment terms similar to revolving charge accounts offered by major department stores — but at a more competitive interest rate.

According to Air Force Maj. Harry Edwards, a spokesman for AAFES headquarters in Dallas, Texas, DPP has been around for many years, but only recently in the United States. "DPP was first introduced in overseas AAFES outlets more than 15 years ago," Edwards said. "But it has only been available to patrons of exchanges in the continental United States

since 1993."

A similar plan, the uniform clothing deferred payment plan, or UCDPP, is also available to military members. Mike Hamilton, an AAFES accounting technician at Offutt AFB near Omaha, Neb., said the deferred payment plans were developed to satisfy the needs of AAFES customers.

"We had been getting a lot of feedback from AAFES customers indicating that they wanted to be able to possess our products ...while they paid for them," said Hamilton, a retired Air Force master sergeant. "And this way, they don't have to pay the higher finance costs associated with many credit cards or loans."

Eligibility

Among those eligible for DPP and UCDPP are active duty military personnel, members of the Guard and Reserve, AAFES associates, military and AAFES retirees, family members with AAFES privileges and command sponsored civilians overseas.

To apply for DPP or UCDPP, members may pick up an application at any AAFES customer service counter. Customer service representatives are available to help fill out the application and enter personal financial data into the AAFES DPP computer while you wait. The application and approval process generally takes only a few

minutes for the average customer. Or the application may be completed at home and returned to the customer service counter at a later date.

Once approval is granted, members can begin using DPP or UCDPP to purchase almost anything in stock at the PX, uniform clothing sales store or AAFES catalogue. The plan may also be used to defer payment on special orders, home delivery charges, assembly costs and even auto repairs. Don't expect DPP to cover all your shopping expenses, though. DPP is not offered at AAFES Class Six stores, theaters or food concessions.

Monthly statement

To make a purchase under DPP, servicemembers simply show their military or AAFES identification card to the cashier and indicate that they would like the purchase billed to their deferred payment plan account. A signed receipt is required. AAFES is also developing plans to issue a DPP card within the next six to eight months that will be used to make deferred payment plan transactions.

DPP members receive a monthly statement. For those who belong to both DPP and UCDPP, the statement will itemize purchases separately for each plan. DPP members have up to 36 months to pay for their pur-

chases. Payment must equal or exceed the minimum amount indicated on the statement. Interest is also charged on any unpaid DPP account balances.

The annual percentage rate for purchases under DPP is a variable interest rate. The rate, standing at 13.75 percent at the end of May, is calculated by adding 4.75 percent to the rate disclosed as the U.S. Prime Rate reported in the "Money Rates" section of "The Wall Street Journal." The APR for the deferred payment plan, however, will be no lower than 12 percent. UCDPP members have eight months to pay off their uniform balance. There is no interest charged on UCDPP account balances, but there is a \$500 limit on uniform purchases under the plan, regardless of rank.

Servicemembers who are retiring or transferring to the Guard or Reserve may keep their DPP and UCDPP payment plan accounts active.

Credit limits vary according to an individual's credit record, rank and the amount of income — called disposable income — available to pay off purchases under either plan. In general, credit for privates through specialists is limited to \$500 for the first six months, regardless of disposable income. Credit limits may be increased after six months based on the individual's credit record and

disposable income. Credit limits for sergeants and above are determined by credit record and disposable income.

Advantages

There are several advantages to the deferred payment plans. They can help members:

- establish a good credit record, especially for those establishing credit for the first time;
- lower finance charges through the competitive DPP interest rates;
- enjoy purchases while you are paying for them;
- simplify bill-paying by consolidating most AAFES purchases under one monthly statement;
- take advantage of the PX policy to match the sales price of the same item offered for sale off base.

There are pitfalls, however. As with any credit program, it's easy to spend more than you earn and quickly establish sizable debts. If payment is not received within 90 days of the due date, the entire DPP balance becomes due.

AAFES officials will notify a servicemember's command if they fall more than 60 days behind in their DPP or UCDPP payments. And military commands may counsel or take action against a servicemember — even garnishing the member's wages to pay off debts.

But Hamilton stressed

that AAFES deferred payment plan system is meant to help the servicemember build a good credit record and stay out of debt. "The system is designed to prevent extended credit to an individual for more than he can supposedly afford," said Hamilton. "We do have a few problems with delinquent members, but overall the plan is working well."

To help keep up with regular monthly payments, military customers can also start an allotment when they open a DPP or UCDPP account. To begin a voluntary allotment, members may complete a DD Form 2558 at their local military finance and accounting office or at the main exchange customer service desk.

Members who enroll in DPP and UCDPP are also helping their local bases. The net profit earned by AAFES through the payment plans is returned to the base morale, welfare and recreation program to support recreational facilities and other MWR programs.

For more information on DPP or UCDPP, interested members may stop at their local AAFES customer service desk or call the toll-free DPP information line at 800-826-1317. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Van Dyke is a public officer at U.S. Strategic Command.)

Worker burned in electrical fire

A Northrop Grumman worker suffered serious burns in an accident Friday on post.

Jimmie Payne, 42, is being treated at the Burn Center of University Hospital in Birmingham for second and third degree burns sustained in an electrical fire. Payne and other

workers were attempting to restore service to buildings in the Marshall Space Flight Center after a power outage when he was burned about 2:30 p.m.

He was treated at

Huntsville Hospital and moved to Birmingham later the same day.

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Good credit advice: Stay out of debt

WASHINGTON— Credit can be very useful, but remember — credit is a privilege, not a right. Here are a few tips on how to use credit wisely and stay out of debt.

- Shop around for credit. There's more to it than selecting the best interest rate. Also consider the type of credit (loan or credit card), membership fees, and how long you have to pay. A longer payment period means smaller monthly bills, but a shorter payment period reduces interest paid.
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- Track your credit purchases. Write them down in a spare checkbook register or other record. Be sure you and your spouse know what each other is charging, and don't charge it if you can't pay for it in full.
- Plan ahead. This is especially important when considering long-term debt (like pur-

chasing a car or home). Are you planning a family — or an addition to one? Taking on other debts? You or your spouse changing jobs, retiring, or changing your level of income? Don't charge something today that you won't be able to pay for down the road.

- Avoid impulse buying. Watch for warning signs such as juggling payments, running out of money before the end of the month, using cash advances or savings to pay for routine living expenses, paying bills late, not knowing how much you owe.
- Get help if in trouble. Call your family service center or financial counselor. Financial counselors can help you develop a reasonable plan to get out of debt and stay out.
- Get smart — before you get into trouble. Family service centers may also offer a variety of courses on credit or personal financial planning for servicemembers and dependents, young or old. Call them to get more information or sign up for classes. (Arnews)

(From a Strategic Command news release.)

Local Juneteenth Celebration will become annual event

MICOM worker Anthony Anderson and his fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., sponsored the Huntsville-Madison County area's first Juneteenth Celebration (Emancipation Day) and plan to make it an annual event.

The celebration, held Friday at Brahan Spring Park, included volleyball, softball, badminton, apple bobbing, sack races, music, walking races and horse-shoes. Food included hot

dogs, hamburgers, pizza and desserts.

Juneteenth is a century old African-American celebration stemming from the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation which freed slaves. Although the Proclamation was signed Jan. 1, 1863, the news of freedom didn't reach the slaves in Texas until around June 19, 1865. Once they learned they were free, the

slaves immediately began to hold huge celebrations.

From then on, June 19 became an annual event and was given the name Juneteenth which means Emancipation Day for the freed blacks in Texas. Although the celebration has become increasingly popular in other states, Texas is the only state that celebrates Juneteenth (Emancipation Day) as a state holiday.



Concert T-shirts...

Heather Haring and Kenny McDonald, both of Directorate of Community and Family Activities, model the "Dog Days of Summer" concert tour T-

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Vietnam Wall holds memories for all who served in war

By Thomas Mani

WASHINGTON— The ceremonies at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall were not to begin for another five hours, but already the area east of the Lincoln Memorial was filled with people.

Here the black, mirrored chevron with its 58,191 names angles its arms toward monuments for wartime leaders of the nation, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. But it is the wall in this declivity that has drawn so many, not the imposing Greek temple with its statue of a brooding Lincoln, not the tall white obelisk, symbol of the spirit of Washington.

"I'm glad to be here,"

said Judy Brookover, who came to Washington to see that her brother would be recognized as one who served his country in Vietnam. Brookover came with her family from Iowa to remember her brother, Larry L. Butts. "When he came home he physically recovered," Brookover related, "but he said he saw many things he wished he could forget." Butts, suffering from alcohol and drug abuse, and 100 percent disabled, took his life May 31, 1992.

Memorial Day

The holiday, which was started after the War Between the States at the instigation of Gen. John A. Logan for "decorating the graves of comrades who

died in defense of their country during the late rebellion," became known as Decoration Day and then as Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for soldiers and often observed for civilians as well.

This was the case for Sgt. Curtis Dixon, who headed a squad from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Salute Guns Platoon for a 21-gun salute at noon from the banks of Fort McNair. He said that he thought of "the fallen" as the guns thundered their tribute but that the loss that he most personally feels on the day is that of his grandmother, who died when he was young.

Brookover attended an 8 a.m. "In Memory" service and was the first of the relatives reading names of their departed veterans to place a memorial certificate identifying a servicemember, his period of service, and his death as a result of the war, at the base of the Wall. There were 166 names added this year under a program sponsored by the Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Those who died after returning from the war as the result of post traumatic stress disorder and suicide, or cancer associated with the defoliant Agent Orange, are not listed on the wall. They are recognized, however, by a program begun three years ago. The program "has grown exponentially" according to Gerry Stegmaier, a spokesman with the non-profit group. An article in "Parade" magazine last

November helped spread the word of what the group is doing.

Now, in addition to the directory for names on the Wall, visitors can leaf through notebooks with the names and pictures of Vietnam veterans who lost their lives later as a result of the war. Stegmaier estimates that about two-thirds of those listed are deaths from illnesses brought about by Agent Orange. Others are deaths due to illnesses complicated by wounds, and suicides that family members attribute to post traumatic stress disorder.

Ann Kelsey, a community-college worker from New Jersey and Army Special Services librarian at Cam Ranh Bay in 1969 and 1970, volunteered to help stand the plastic encased certificates at their proper locations along the wall. Many of the plastic pouches included photos and other memorabilia. They were stood with wire holders beside flowers, letters, photographs and certificates from other organizations.

Kelsey went to Vietnam directly from the campus of UCLA, partly as a reaction to campus protests of the war. Because she grew up beside a military base, "everybody I knew had been or was going [to Vietnam], so when the recruiters came, I signed up," Kelsey said. The loss she now feels, the caring, is for many.

Bike project

Two veterans from Wisconsin, part of a group

that spearheaded the donation of parts for a Harley chopper to be left at the Wall for those who did not come back, also found it hard to differentiate among their losses.

"Shooter" Joe Rutkowski said that images float through his mind of many people who were known only shortly, many without names. The bike project, "Hogman" Robert Thompson said, will help the living as well as pay tribute to the dead.

Excess parts and money from the project go to VA hospitals in Wisconsin, and another fund-raiser will be held Saturday that will bring patients from the hospital out for a motorcycle and car show. "We do all of this for our Brothers and Sisters on the Wall," read a flyer they were distributing. "Because of them, we are. They are us and we are them."

The losses from the war are recent for many. Grief is still sharp, not yet softened by time. They are the loss of a child for his father, as with Jonathon Brown, the 21-year-old son of Clifford Anthony Brown, a captain in the Marine Corps during his service in Vietnam in 1969-1970. Diagnosed with Hodgkins disease in 1972 after his return, he died from that disease 21 years later, hospitalized only three months at the end and dying at home.

"I don't know what to say about him," his son con-

fessed. "It's nice to have him finally recognized. It's nice to have the country realize, to understand, the lives that were ruined."

Feeling of numbness

A Special Forces sergeant with four months to serve before he gets out of the Army, Sgt. Stephen Croushaw from Fort Benning, was drawn to the Wall and to the statue of three American soldiers of the Vietnam War. "We have a picture of this in our squadroom," Croushaw said, calling attention to the eyes of the sculpted men. "The way they stare into space, like they are trying to soak it up, what happened, numb ... the feeling of numbness, everything in your life goes to the back of your head and it is all in the here and now..."

Croushaw had come from Arlington National Cemetery where he visited the grave of James Smith. "He was in my squad and got hit in the femoral artery when we started scrapping in the streets in a bad part of Mogadishu," Croushaw said. Croushaw and Smith were with Bravo Company, 3rd Ranger Battalion, on its extraction mission that turned into an 18-hour fire-fight.

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Company commander...

1st Lt. Kristine Pate is the new commander of Medical Company. She assumed command from Capt. Virginia Farrow in a change of command ceremony June 1 at Fox Army Community Hospital.



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Retirement ceremony— The quarterly Retirement Ceremony will be held 4 p.m. June 29 at the post parade field. Rehearsal will be held at 7 a.m. June 28 at the parade field. For more information call RASA Support Operations, Sgt. Spears, 842-2576.

Golf tournament— The

IMMC will hold a golf tournament June 26 at Gunters Landing, Guntersville; rain date is June 28. The four-player scramble, shotgun start is scheduled at 9 a.m. Teams will be according to handicap. Only the first 120 entries get in; the \$30 entry fee includes golf, riding cart and prizes. Entry deadline is close of business June 23. Send entry to building 5302 (22W111). For information call Dean Anderson 842-7481, Ron Walton 876-2549, Nadine Manderson 842-7890, Margaret Ingram 876-5491 or Mike Stafford 842-7889.

Environmental panel— The Missile Command's

Environmental Office will hold the third meeting of the Technical Review Committee at 1:30-3 p.m. June 29 in the auditorium of the Sparkman Center. The mission of the TRC is to review and discuss ongoing environmental cleanup activities with members of the public in support of the Installation Restoration Program at Redstone. The purpose of the June 29 meeting is to discuss the proposed interim remedial action/design which will be used to treat the contaminated groundwater at the installation's rocket motor propellant manufacturing area at the former Redstone Ordnance Plant site. The public is in-

ited to attend the meeting. For more information, call Anita Harrison of the MICOM Public Affairs Office 876-4162.

Caring for aging— A workshop titled "Issues of Aging: Caring for the Caregivers" will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 27 in building 3447 (behind ACS opposite Toftoy Hall). This Army Community Service workshop will address concerns and issues faced by those who care for elderly family members. To register call 876-5397.

Smoking cessation— Smoking is an expensive

habit, costing you time, money, and above all, your health, according to Fox Army Community Hospital. "Join us in a smoking cessation program at Fox Army Community Hospital." The schedule will be as follows: 9-10:30 a.m. July 11; 9-10 a.m. July 18, 25 and 27, and Aug. 1; and 9-10:15 a.m. Aug. 8. Group support sessions, from 11 a.m. to noon, are scheduled Aug. 15, 22, Sept. 7, 19, and Oct. 3. These classes are free and open to all military beneficiaries and Civil Service workers. As space is limited, call Preventive Medicine Service 876-8831 to register. For more information, call Susan Goodman 876-8831.

HHC MICOM day— All assigned/attached soldiers and their family members are invited to the HHC MICOM Organizational Day from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. June 30 at Vincent Park. "Come join us for volleyball, baseball, softball and have a ball. We'll have children's games, music, delicious food and lots of fun." In the event of bad weather, the event would be held at the Recreation Center. For information call SFC Smith 842-9783.

Post run— The Commanding General's Quarterly Post Run will be held at 5:30 a.m. July 14 at the Parade Field. In support of the Quarterly Post Run, the Child Development Center will be open at 4:15 a.m. For more information, call SFC Walter Jones 842-2500.

Female officers— The next meeting of the Female Officer Professional Development Program will be held

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"We don't have a memorial," but the Ranger said he felt "like-minded" with the people coming together from the Vietnam War. A history major, Croushaw sees similarities in the difficulty of the mission between the humanitarian venture in Somalia and the attempt to bolster a democratic regime in South Vietnam. "So much is the same."

A construction foreman for a drywall framing contractor, Jerry Chavis had biked to the Wall with 15 others from Pembroke, N.C. Most were members of the Lumbee Indian tribe. As a young soldier not yet a veteran of Vietnam, he had joined up with a friend, Jimmy Clint Lowery, both just out of high school. Chavis went to Germany and his friend, Lowery,

went with the 82nd Airborne to Vietnam in 1968. "He was killed in two months," Chavis said. When he later left Germany on orders for Vietnam, "I sat by his grave all night." There were others later who died or were injured, but Lowery is the one who made the first and deepest impression.

Another of the group, Jimmy Jones, had served in Korea with the 1st Battalion, the 15th Artillery, and was checking on progress of the Korean War memorial being readied for a July dedication on the opposite side of the Reflecting Pool. "I had a baby brother in Vietnam, and that kept me out," Jones related. "He came back OK."

Personal remembrances

The more affecting of the speeches given later at the Vietnam ceremony were also personal remembrances of the war and those who made sacrifice.

The best of them, as with an address by Air Force Lt. Col. Regina C. Aune, held out the hard-won hope of healing and the challenge of continued service. Aune, a nurse at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, lost a dear friend, Mary Clark, the last military casualty of the war, when the airplane evacuating 300 children from Saigon in a medical flight at the end of the war — Operation Baby Lift — was hit and downed 18 miles from Saigon. Two hundred lives were lost in the wreck, including that of Clark, and Aune herself suffered severe injuries she only discovered when she found herself unable to bend to help a child.

It takes time to heal the psychological and spiritual wounds, Aune said. "But for all its uniqueness, the pain can be shared and healed." For herself, after a time and with the help of

something written by a pilot in his Vietnam diary, she again came to realize that her duty was in uniform. "Hope is what I learned," she said, and related for the audience the representative successes and contributions now being made by four of the orphaned children who survived Operation Baby Lift. "Winter is always overcome," she said, "by the gentle and warm embrace of spring."

(Editor's note: Mani is a staff writer for the "Pentagram," in which this article originally appeared. Courtesy of Military District of Washington News Service.)

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Fashion show— The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Committee will sponsor "A Touch of Class" fashion show 7-10 p.m. June 27— note date change — at the Recreation Center. Admission is \$1. For information call Sgt. Lavonnie Haynes 955-7061.

Help needed— Fire completely destroyed the home of one of Redstone's telephone operators June 10. If you would like to help the family in any possible way, call Marge Gates 876-7111.

832nd day— The 832nd Ordnance Battalion will hold its annual organizational day picnic Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Vincent Park. This event is a day for all OMMCS soldiers, family members and their guests to enjoy plenty of food and fun. The day is filled with activities for the soldiers and the entire family. For information call SFC Eugene Melchior, adjutant, 842-2239.

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"Don Juan Demarco," PG-13, 92 minutes. Saturday, "While You Were Sleeping," PG, 100 minutes. Sunday, "While You Were Sleeping." Admission is adult \$2.50, child \$1.25.

Job workshop— Army Community Service will sponsor a workshop on how to complete the SF-171 application and the optional application OF-612 on June 29 from noon until 1 p.m. at the ACS office, building 3491 on Honest John Road. To register call Debra Jefferson 876-5397.

Motorcycle enthusiasts— The Motorcycle Safety Foundation and the American Motorcyclists Association are sponsoring a ride to work day. The event which is being recognized nationwide is called "Ride to Work IV," and people with motorcycles are encouraged to ride them to work on Wednesday, July 19. For more information, call Bill Bryant 842-9163.

Scottish festival— The North Alabama Scottish Festival will be held Saturday at Butler High School. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children. For more information, call 420-4693 or 533-4101.

Tornado relief— An unmet needs committee is being organized June 27 at 4 p.m. at the Red Cross

Building, 1101 Washington St. in northwest Huntsville. Organizations, agencies and individuals are invited to attend the meeting to form an unmet needs committee. This committee is for the purpose of collaboration to meet the unmet needs of tornado-stricken people in Madison and Limestone counties. For more information, call Joyce Rhoden 536-0084 (ext. 236).

Hispanic heritage— The Hispanic heritage committee will meet at 10:45 a.m. June 28 in the Sparkman Cafeteria. This meeting will focus on committee selections and program development for the Sept. 19 program. All interested are welcome to participate. For more information, call MSgt. Thomas Griffith 876-8648 or Becky Miller 876-8946.

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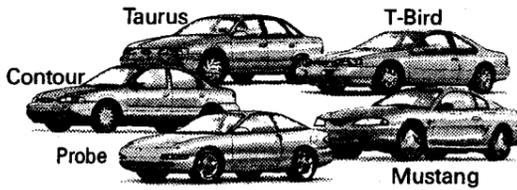
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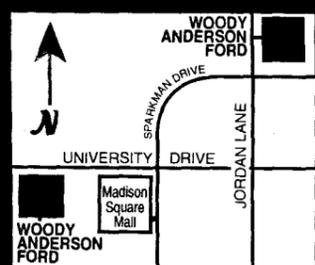
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