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BRAC panel moves jobs to Redstone Arsenal

WASHINGTON— The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission decided Friday to move 2,569 federal jobs to Redstone Arsenal and combine Army aviation and missile functions there in a single new command.

The commissioners voted 5-1 with two abstaining to accept recommendations of the Defense Department and Army to close the Aviation and Troop Support Command

in St. Louis and move Army aviation management, aviation research and development and the Program Executive Office Aviation to Redstone. The System Integration Management Activity-West, also in St. Louis and an element of MICOM, is included in the decision and will also move to Redstone.

The lone negative vote was cast by S. Lee Kling, a Missouri businessman.

In a related action, commissioners decided without voting not to order the Space and Strategic Defense Command to move from a leased office building in Huntsville to Redstone. The Missouri congressional delegation had urged the commission to do that in the belief that moving SSDC to Redstone would block the transfer of aviation functions and jobs from St. Louis.

Huntsville civic leaders praised the deci-

sions and predicted the Tennessee Valley would eventually also gain thousands of contractor jobs as a result as aviation support contractors shifted here from St. Louis.

The commission votes were part of a two-day decision process in which the eight commissioners decided to close or realign 177 defense installations.

Other decisions impacting Alabama in-

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Bomb technicians learn their craft at FBI school here

By Kathy Harkleroad

Redstone Arsenal and the FBI have something in common and it is something both can be proud of. Redstone is the site of the FBI Hazardous Devices School which trains and certifies every bomb technician in the United States.

"The school is partially funded by the FBI, run by the Army and attended by civilian bomb technicians as well as FBI bomb technicians," said Capt. Brian Sweeney, chief of the Hazardous Devices Division (HDD).

The school is in session year-round and offers basic and refresher courses, as well as a recertification course for FBI bomb technicians. "The basic course is four weeks long and is attended by 24 students who are in the public safety field from cities across the United States," Sweeney said.

HDD students who are attending the basic course are given four weeks of intense training, both in the classroom and on the range. They are exposed to different types of explosives and are taught how to recognize them and defuse them. "Our main focus is safety. Obviously this is a very hazardous profession and

there are no room for mistakes," Sweeney said.

Students are taught how to safely approach and evaluate the device and how to defuse it. "We concentrate on civilian devices, but we do teach the students how to recognize military ordnance. If the device is military, then the Army is responsible for it," Sweeney said.

Defusing a device safely may seem easy to some, but there is quite a bit involved with the process. "We go into physics and other mathematical areas here as well as actually defusing the device," Sweeney said. "There is quite a bit of math and science that is involved with the job."

Students are also taught how to collect evidence after a blast and present the information in a court of law. "We teach the students how to go through the site, look for evidence, reassemble it and present it as if they are in a court of law. That is one of the main differences between Army explosive ordnance disposal technicians and the civilian bomb disposal technicians. The Army doesn't get involved in that area," Sweeney said.

The students are taught both in the classroom and

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Archeological dig....

This is a scene from the archeological dig last year at Beartail Rock Shelter. The Environmental Office is sponsoring a volunteer program for those who would like to

participate in this year's exploration which will be held in July. For more information, call Patricia Brand 842-0314 or Carolene Wu 955-6969.

SSDC exceeds annual goals for small business contracts

SSDC's Contract and Acquisition Management Office has exceeded virtually all its annual small business contracting goals as of May 31.

"This is an unprecedented accomplishment, with four months left in the fiscal year," said Mark Lumer, SSDC's principal assistant responsible for contracting. "Surpassing our goals for small businesses and for small disadvantaged businesses in eight months is a tribute to the dedication of many

SSDC personnel.

"At the top, SSDC Commander Lt. Gen. Jay M. Garner, and Maj. Gen. Jan A. Van Prooyen as the head of the contracting activity, put special emphasis on supporting the various interests of the small business community," Lumer said. "The result was just over 20 percent of the 1.1 billion in contracting dollars we administer placed with small businesses.

"At the implementation level, spe-

cial recognition has to go to Freg Segrest, SSDC associate director for small and disadvantaged business utilization, and to Joe Ward, the contracting officer who supports many of the small business programs," Lumer said.

He also gave credit to the rest of the contracting office and to the technical personnel of Space and Strategic Defense Command, including Army

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Fourth of July message from JCS chairman

WASHINGTON— Every year on the fourth of July, we celebrate the anniversary when, in 1776, members of the second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence and stated, "We mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

We combine the ideals of citizenship with the patriotic spirit of this day to recognize the democratic principles on which our great nation was founded — "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

You, the members of the Armed Forces, are the vanguards of freedom that the founding fathers envisioned. Often your missions and selfless service take you far from home, on bases, ships and posts around the globe. Your dedication in facing challenges and the American "can-do" spirit are shining examples in defending our great nation and safeguarding the world's democratic ideals.

We must also pause to remember our comrades who have made the supreme sacrifice, who have become captives of the enemy, or still remain unaccounted for while serving in our Armed Forces.

Americans everywhere enjoy the holiday traditions by flying "Old Glory," participating in parades, attending picnics with family and friends, watching traditional fireworks displays and showing appreciation for the liberty we, as U.S. citizens, cherish.

On behalf of the Joint Chief of Staff, I extend best wishes to all men and women in uniform, their civilian colleagues, and their families for a happy and safe Independence Day.

Gen. John M. Shalikashvili
Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff

Letters to the editor

Running trail

As one of the regular runners on the MICOM fitness trail, I would like to thank the person(s) responsible for clearing the debris from the trail, at least on the segment I run. The debris showed up after one of the recent storms and was gone about a week later. Thank you.

Jean Grotophorst
Army TACMS-BAT Project Office

Perimeter gates

I have a point of confusion. Cost drove the Provost Marshal Office to change over from a perimeter security system to an internal security system. Therefore, most of the time there are no guards at the gates. Then why are perimeter gates ever closed? It seems most cost effective to not waste manpower closing gates. That would include the Hanson Road gate. I am most grateful for the effort that goes into the directional lanes in the morning and evening and would hate to see that stop, but closing gates does not make any sense to me. Internal point security is adequate or it isn't.

Joe Robinson

Redstone Soldier of Month for June a computer technician for school

By Skip Vaughn

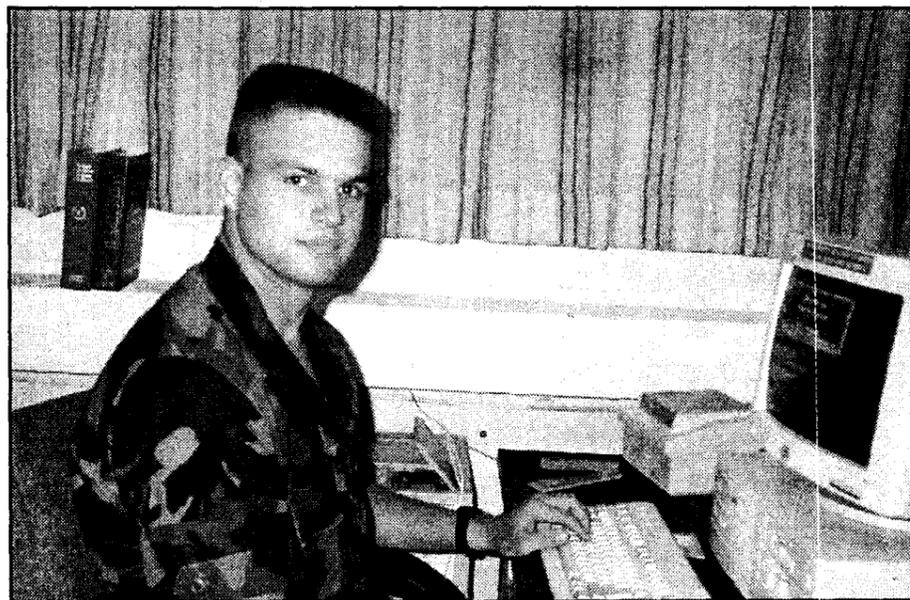
A computer technician at OMMCS is the Post Soldier of the Month for June.

Spec. James VanderWier, who works in the logistics automation department at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, was selected by a five-member board of sergeants major. The announcement was made at a luncheon for the four post-wide competitors June 15 at the Challenger.

"I feel proud; I worked hard at it," VanderWier said, following his selection. "I had a lot of help from my section, in general; in particular, SFC Daniel Foster and SFC Doug Roelofs.... My wife gave me a lot of moral support and encouragement."

His duties as a computer technician include helping with computer problems, working on presentations for the commandant, and assisting in other areas such as computer graphics. His Army specialty is electronic quality assurance test equipment— testing and repairing circuit cards.

"I really like working in this department. We have a lot of autonomy in what we do; we're given jobs and as long as we get them done, we're OK," VanderWier said. His four-member section includes Foster, Roelofs, and Sgt. Jason



VanderWier

Milks.

VanderWier, 24, is a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 59th Ordnance Brigade. He takes night classes at the Columbia College extension on-post toward a bachelor's degree, most likely in computer science, which he hopes to complete in the next two years. "I'd like to start a family also in the next two years," he added. He and his wife, Jennifer, a sales representative for Swimming Pool Chemical Manufacturer out of Jacksonville, Fla., have just bought a house in Madison.

A Jacksonville native, he earned a high school completion degree in 1988 from Florida Junior College out of Jacksonville. He had left

high school a year early to continue a landscape company which he started in the spring of 1988 and sold in November 1992. VanderWier joined the Army through the delayed entry program in December 1992. After basic training at Fort Sill, Okla., he arrived at Redstone April 30, 1993 for advanced individual training and was subsequently stationed here. "I don't know whether or not I'm going to reenlist. I'm still debating on that," said VanderWier, who is scheduled to complete his enlistment Feb. 26, 1997.

He is the youngest of three sons of Patricia VanderWier who resides in Jacksonville. His father, Mike, died March 31. His

oldest brother, Jerry, works for AT&T universal credit cards in Jacksonville; and David, of Lakeland, Fla., works on computer networks.

"Today's Army I think is pretty good. Because of the downsizing, it has a much higher quality," VanderWier said. Asked what the Army has meant for him personally, he said, "education, motivation; it killed any procrastination I used to have."

His hobbies include computers, woodworking, and outdoor activities. "There's a lot of outdoor recreation available on Redstone Arsenal and the adjoining north Alabama area; a lot to do around here. Huntsville especially has a good standard of living," he said.

Retirement system could change soon

Proposed changes to the federal employment retirement system could impact some employees' decisions to retire before the end of the year, according to the Office of Personnel Management.

At its fourth annual Benefit Officer's Conference June 15-16, OPM discussed several retirement system amendments that are being considered. OPM believes, according to their press release, that a high-5 change will be a reality in the near future.

Under the current federal

retirement system, annuity is based on the last three years' salary. The high-5 would change the formula to base the annuity on the last five years' salary.

To understand the impact of the high-5 change, OPM provided the following three scenarios:

- An employee retiring as a GS-12/3 (one promotion) would have an annuity based on a salary that is 11.3 percent lower, i.e., high-3=\$45,044; high-5=\$40,460.
- An employee retiring as a GS-11/8 (no promotion) would have an annuity

based on a salary that is 4.9 percent lower, i.e., high-3=\$44,820; high-5=\$42,743.

- An employee retiring as a GS-11/10 (no promotion) would have an annuity based on a salary which is 3.8 percent lower, i.e., high-3=\$47,242; high-5=\$45,518.

The aforementioned illustrates that employees who received promotions would receive a greater reduction in their annuity. In the third scenario, a CSRS employee (with 30 years of service) would face a \$2,579 annuity reduction while a FERS employee's

reduction would be \$1,375.

Because of the impact this change would have on future retirees' annuities, OPM wants all employees covered by the federal retirement system to be aware of this potential change so they can make informed decisions about retirement plans well before the end of this year.

Locally, the Civilian Personnel Office reports that it does not have the software to calculate high-4 or high-5. If these proposals are enacted, further information will be provided.

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RFCU offers to members free financial counseling

By Sandra Cartee

The Redstone Federal Credit Union has a valuable service that helps its members in times of financial trouble. The Financial Counseling Department helps people get out of the hot waters of debt and teaches them how to monitor their expenses and find out where their money is going.

"We saw people struggling and felt that they needed an alternative," explained Scott Mead, manager of the department, about the creation of the service in 1988. A Credit Union member can now come to make an appointment to discuss many types of help including debt management, spending plans (budgets), debt repayment/proration plans or other ways of financial consulting. "We're not investment advisers or financial planners. We sit down with the member and take a close look at their personal finances on their request," Mead said. After factors such as income, living expenses, and outstanding debt are considered, the counselors attempt to find a way for the member to pay their creditors.

"As a last resort, I may have to negotiate with their creditors," Mead said. If no other alternative exists a member may be assisted in setting up a savings account that they will put money into every month. Checks are issued out of this account to make negotiated monthly payments to creditors.

"This helps with the pressure and stress, because the creditors stop calling the member," Mead said. The creditors are happy because they are getting the money that is owed to them and the

member is happy because their bills are being paid off. Mead said that the payment plan can sometimes take up to four years, but that the members benefit because they are able to get on with their lives.

"We try to educate the members and prevent these people from filing bankruptcy," Mead said. A person often spends an hour or more in the counselor's office learning and designing a budget or spending plan. "A spending plan gives you choices and doesn't take them away," he said.

The biggest problem seen in most members is that they don't have any money in savings. "A lot of people don't have any disposable savings and they live paycheck to paycheck or less," Mead said. That's when they run into problems and start feeling the money crunch.

"The majority of people are not past due (paying bills), but are scared and can see it coming to that," explained Mead. These people truly want to pay their bills and ask for assistance. "They come in and say, I don't know what's happening to all of my money," he said.

Mead sometimes sees members on the opposite side of the spectrum who are already deeply in debt and past due. "We try to keep these members out of bankruptcy but they have to want to stay away from it," he said. In most cases, they can be helped from going broke, but he said that unfortunately sometimes they are too far in debt to prevent bankruptcy.

After the Credit Union members have received help from the Financial Counseling Department, they tend to do much better

with their finances. "The majority of people change their outlook," Mead said.

Mead's advice to people in financial trouble or who fear financial trouble is to "get away from the Joneses syndrome." He feels that we have a very possession-oriented society and advises clients to decrease their spending. "Ask yourself, do you need bigger and better things?," he said.

He also advises people to be wary of "buy now, pay later" advertisements which try to lure them. Planning for vacations and that sort of thing should be done a year in advance as well, according to Mead. Having too many credit cards is also discouraged by the counselor.

Credit Union members can schedule appointments with the Financial Counseling Department located at the Wynn Drive location from the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by calling 722-3418 or toll free at 1-800-234-1234,



CREDIT UNION BUILDING— Whether you're in financial trouble or just don't know where all your money goes, Redstone Federal Credit Union offers financial counseling for its members.

extension 418. It doesn't matter what branch a member regularly uses, as long as they are a member of the Credit Union. There is no fee for this service.

For those people who want this service who aren't

members of the RFCU, they can also receive free help at the Consumer Credit Counseling Service in Huntsville.

"Being a credit union, we are member owned and we are here to service the member. This is just one of

the services we offer," Mead said. This counseling service can help members who are just managing their debt as well as those who are already in over their heads.

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Local defense contractor wins national award

KBM Enterprises Inc., a research and development and engineering firm in Huntsville, is a recipient of the 1995 James S. Cogswell Award. This award is given annually to defense contractors in recognition of superior performance in support of the Defense Industrial Security Program (DISP).

The news of the Cogswell Award was personally given to KBM president James D. Knight and facility security officer, Amanda J. Morris by Jesse Davis, Huntsville DIS field office chief. He explained that this award is the most prestigious in the industrial security field.

Achieving this distinction requires excellence involving a total team effort by top management, the facility security officer and the facility work force. Less than one-half of 1 percent of the eligible facilities in the country are recognized annually for the excellence necessary to receive this award.

The selection process for this honor is rigorous. It involves nomination by the industrial security representatives, endorsement by the field office chief, endorsement by the region's director of investigations, review by the director of industrial security and the regional director and review by DIS head-

quarters including coordination with military and government activities doing business with the nominated facilities as well as federal audit and investigative organizations.

The Cogswell Award is named after the late Col. James S. Cogswell, Air Force, who was responsible for developing some of the basic principles of DISP, including the partnership concept and the program's emphasis on excellence in industrial security. The Cogswell Award was instituted in May 1966 to help motivate contractors to improve security practices and to recognize superior performance in support of the DISP.

Knight has expressed his appreciation to

the security staff and to the engineering and support staff for the efforts and cooperation provided by them in achieving this award. A major factor in KBM's receipt of this award has been the excellent support received from the Huntsville DIS field office. KBM wants to say thank you to these industrial representatives who have set the standards for security excellence.

Scheduled to attend the award presentation June 28 in Orlando, Fla., were board of director member Lillian Davis and facility security officer Morris. (KBM Enterprises Inc. news release)

SSDC's commander to address July luncheon

Lt. Gen. Jay Garner, commander of the Space and Strategic Defense Command, will be the featured speaker July 6 at the first membership luncheon of the newly formed Army Space and Missile Defense Association.

From his headquarters in Arlington, Va., Garner is the Army's advocate for space assets and capabilities for Army warfighters and for both theater and national missile defenses.

He guides the activities of Army Space Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., the Army's component of the U.S. Space Command; the Missile Defense Space and Technology Center and the Missile Defense Battle Integration Center, both in Huntsville; the Army

Space Program Office, Fairfax, Va.; the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll missile testing facility in the Republic of the Marshall Islands; the Wake Island Launch Facility in the mid-Pacific; and the High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility in New Mexico.

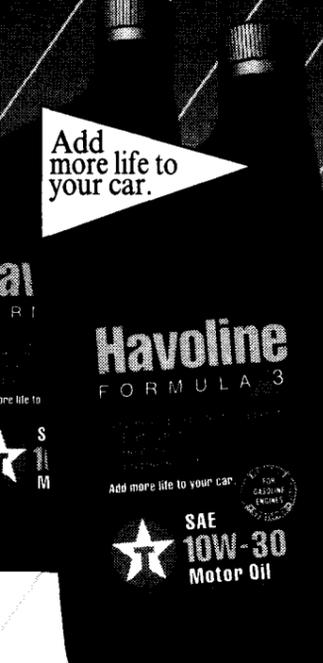
The luncheon will be held the main ballroom of the Officers Club, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 6. Tickets are \$7.50.

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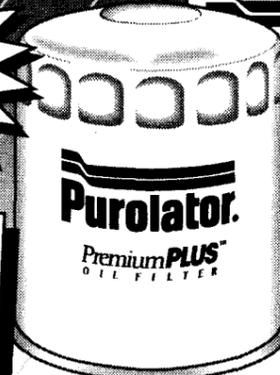
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Customer service corner: Billeting/Guest Housing

By Sandra Cartee

The Billeting/Guest House Operations office stays very busy with all of the military personnel and their families coming and going from post and in need of quarters. These customers, whether they are going through a permanent change of station, temporary duty assignment, or visiting the Arsenal for any other reason, are well taken care of while staying in billeting quarters.

Bill Brumm is the assistant manager for operations and can be found doing whatever needs doing at the Trailblazer. "I take care of all the problems or needs. It may include delivering the mail, cleaning the carpets, or fixing the air conditioners," he said. No matter what the need is, Brumm is there to help.

Many of his customers are military personnel who are being relocated and are in need of somewhere to stay while moving on or off post. During their stay, they might stay in a room somewhat like a hotel. "These

rooms have had new carpet and new furniture installed in the past two years," Brumm said.

"It's unique here, because some people travel with pets and we also have 10 units (in buildings 238 and 239) that they can stay in. It works out good," said Brumm about the accommodations. His customer service doesn't end there. Brumm also has retirees or families of people in the post hospital staying as unofficial visitors. "They save money and it's closer for them."

The office is also open 24 hours a day because they understand that travelers can't always check in at decent hours. "They come in late and they really appreciate the service they get," Brumm said.

Also in the billeting office is Julia Story, the bachelor housing assignment clerk. She receives around 200 phone calls a day from people inquiring about Redstone's billeting. One of her more popular services includes assigning visiting officers and digni-

taries to quarters.

"We take a lot of pride in our cottages," Story said. The five cottages, which are located in the officers' housing area, are decorated in different style themes and have been renovated. "We go that extra effort to make the customer happy," she said.

Little things are added such as beverages in the refrigerators, and a basket full of snacks for the customers' convenience. "They are always pleased," Story said. Some of the customers in these quarters have included senators, generals, congressmen, and other important dignitaries.

Every guest that stays in billeting, regardless of where they stay, is given a comment card to express any feelings about their stay. One customer left a card saying, "these were very nice accommodations. Much better than staying in a hotel, and much better



STAYING IN LUXURY— Officers and special guests visiting Redstone are able to stay in beautifully decorated cottages. Story displays one of the cottages that has an oriental motif.

than any other visiting officers quarters that I've ever stayed in (in ten years)."

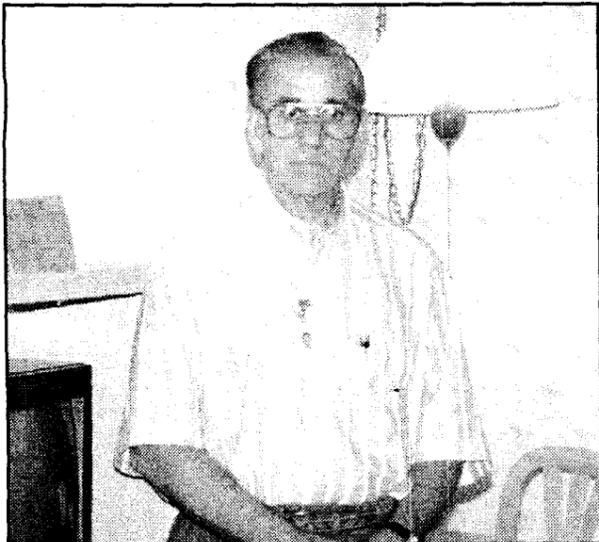
The office handles many other type customers as well. People on temporary duty assignments, perma-

nent bachelors, and other types of military travelers also receive good customer service.

Story and Brumm agreed that the entire office does everything in their power to

make their customers enjoy their stay. "We try to accommodate them any way that we can," said Story.

Brumm added, "we do everything possible to satisfy the customer."



ACCOMMODATING FAMILIES— Brumm tries to make his customers as comfortable as possible. The people he serves are military families going through permanent changes of station, and others in need of billeting.



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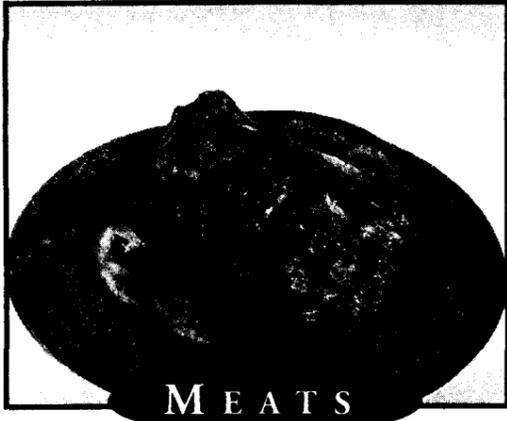
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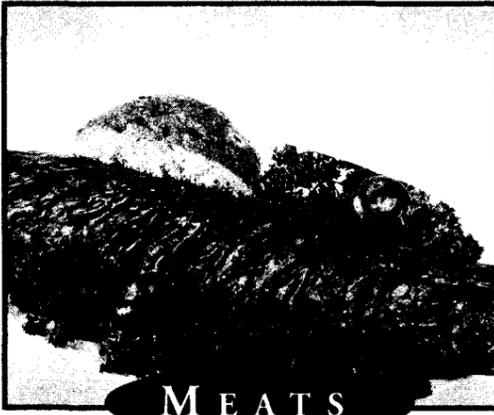
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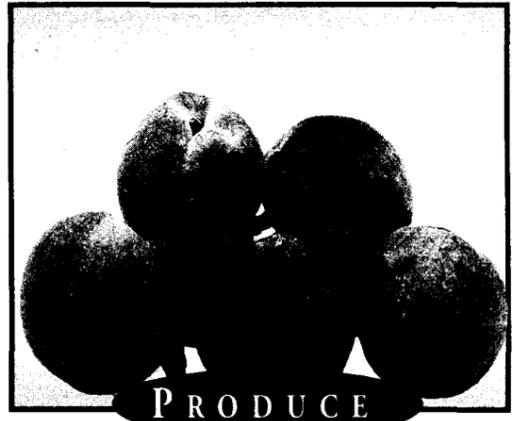
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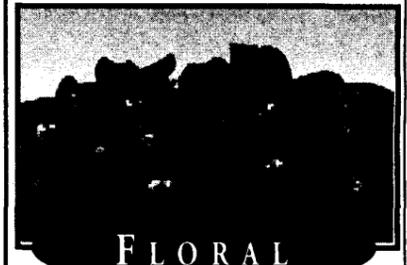
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Avenger training devices ready for Marine Corps

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Research Development and Engineering Center, Missile Guidance Directorate, in conjunction with the Forward Area Air Defense (FAAD) project office has completed a five-year engineering effort to provide an economical training device for Avenger Missile System gunner/spotter teams.

The trainer, called the Avenger Institutional Conduct of Fire Trainer (ICOFT), completed its final audit on May 31 and will begin delivery to the Marines in late June. The Marine Corps has supported the effort of the development of the trainers by providing funding to build the first two ICOFT units. Those units will be delivered to Cherry Point, N.C., and Camp Pendleton, Calif.

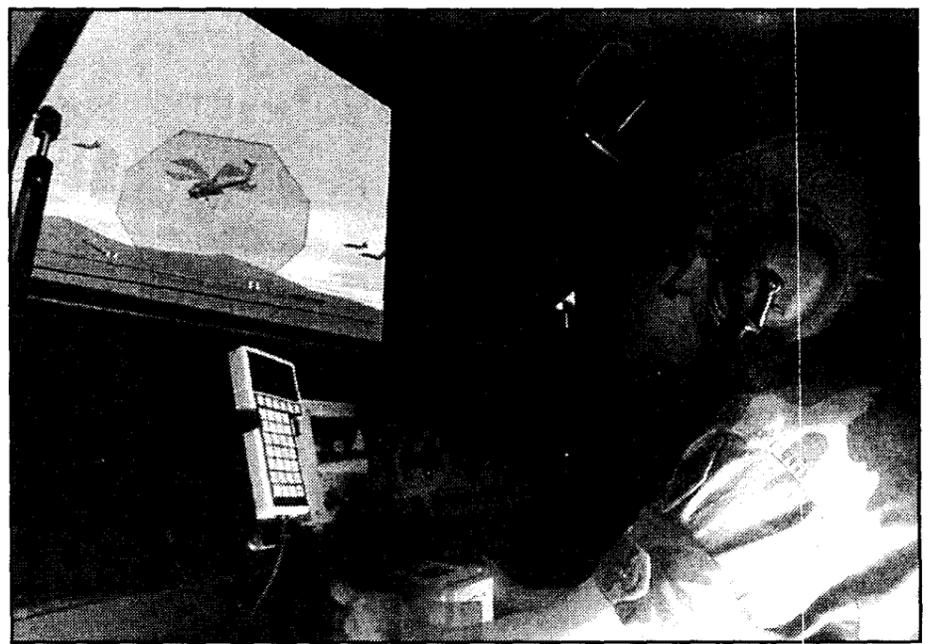
"We are very pleased with the end results and have had great fun working on this project," said Amy Ballard, electronic engineer. "Working on this project was like designing a video game, a very accurate video game."

The trainer is a real-time training device

that is comprised of an instructor station and six student stations. Each student station accommodates an Avenger squad consisting of a gunner and a driver. The gunner trains while seated within the turret mockup and the driver assists by cueing the gunner over the intercom as in a real Avenger.

The turret mockup is an exact replica of the actual turret the soldier would sit in. "We have duplicated everything, down to the pedals on the floor to the control panel. We did quite a bit of measuring and have used actual tactical pieces of equipment in the trainer so the soldier would feel like they were actually in one," Ballard said. She added it was an important requirement to have the mockup look and feel like the real thing. "You can provide negative training by having the buttons in the wrong place and with this unit that negative training has been eliminated."

The instructor station provides menu driven tools to control the training session, to monitor student performance, maintain student performance records and to script new engagement scenarios for each student station. "The instructor will have the capabil-



AT CONSOLE— Marines will soon be utilizing a new way of training on the Avenger. The Marines will train on a prototype

developed by RD&E Center that is an exact replica of the turret and will enable them to train in real-time scenarios.

ity of replaying a scenario for a student if the need arises as well," Ballard said.

The instructor is also capable of connecting all six stations together where the soldiers can learn to fight as a team. "Each instructor station can run six separate scenarios, or the same scenario can be presented to each student station and the students can fight as a cohesive unit," Ballard said.

The Avenger ICOFT was developed by RD&E Center engineers and support contractors from conception to production

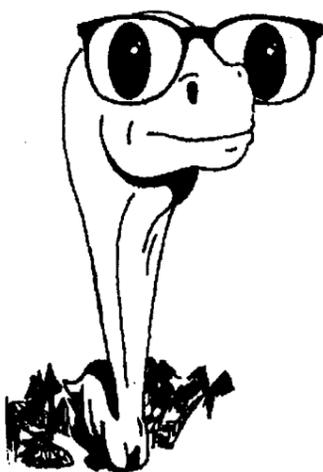
level. While the Marines are getting the prototypes, Ballard said the Army has budgeted fiscal 1996 funds to build production units for the Fort Bliss Air Defense School. Long-term management of the product will be assumed by the Weapon Systems Management Directorate next fiscal year.

Principal contributors to the ICOFT effort have been the personnel from RD&E Center, Computer Sciences Corporation, Nichols Research Corporation and On-Line Applications Research.



NEW TRAINERS— Personnel at RD&E Center have completed two prototype units of the Avenger training unit for the Marine Corps. Working on the project were, from left, Amy Ballard, Mary Frey; Rex Powell, director of the Missile Guidance Directorate; and Mike Pitruzzelo.

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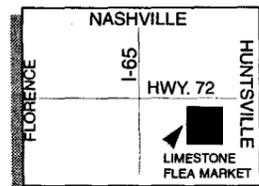
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Canine patrol members serve as MP's best friend

By Kathy Harkleroad

There is an elite and unique group of military police personnel on Redstone Arsenal. They complete their assignments with precision and disregard to danger, and are kept mostly away from the public eye. The five-member group each has a partner that guides the way and issues commands, as well as feeds them and takes care of their every need. The five-member group is the K-9 patrol of the Military Police.

"Our dogs are our partners and everyone of the handlers feels that way toward their dog," said SSgt. Dwight Atkinson, kennel master. "They are an extension of us, and make an excellent team member."

The K-9 patrol consists of four Belgian malamutes and one German shepherd. According to Atkinson, each of the dogs has a unique personality, as well as specialized training. "All of the dogs are trained to patrol, but we also have dogs who are trained to find narcotics as well as explosives," he said.

The dogs are trained at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, which is the main training location for military police dogs throughout the Armed Forces. "We receive the dogs when they are about one year old and they are semi-trained," Atkinson said. "At that point they are assigned to a handler on the military installation who goes through a bonding period and then completes their training. We also have the dogs train throughout their career as a military police dog and conduct training sessions all the time."

The dogs are trained to patrol, track, do building

searches, controlled aggression and complete the obstacle course. Once the dogs complete that training they move on to training for narcotics, contraband, and explosives. "The Army is moving toward using dual-trained dogs," Atkinson said. "In the past they were trained in one area and that was their specialty. Now they are all trained as patrol dogs first and then trained to search and find narcotics or explosives."

The training does not end when they arrive at their new duty stations and continues throughout their military career. "Each of the dogs goes through at least four hours per week of proficiency training in their area. They also train and retrain on the obstacle course here at the kennel," Atkinson said.

In the past the dogs would transfer to new duty stations with their handlers, but that has changed. "In the past the handler would take his dog with him when he moved, but now only the handler moves. The dog stays and a new handler is assigned to him. The reason for the change was because when the handler and dog left, it could take up to a month before a new dog and handler were assigned to that location. This eliminates that problem," Atkinson said.

The dogs become very attached to their handlers and are always happy to see them. "You can tell the difference in the dogs' face when you walk in the kennel," said Sgt. James Frey, K-9 handler. "They get very excited when you tell them it's time to go to work. They just love being outside and doing what they are trained to do."

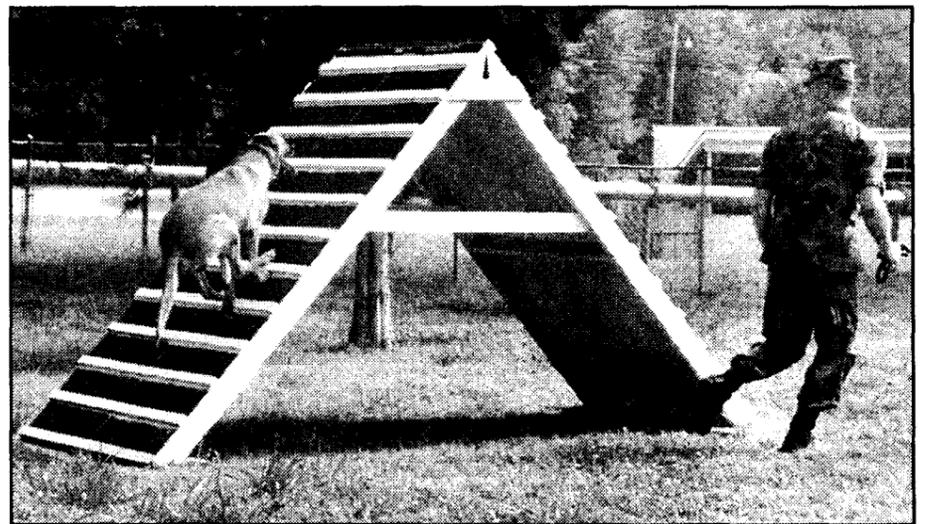
The handlers also have to go through extensive training before they are

assigned to a K-9 unit. "The handlers go through a 12-week course that includes training in patrol and detection of bombs and narcotics," Frey said. "All of the handlers volunteer to be in the unit and each of them have to attend the special training, in addition to other training."

Atkinson said he really enjoys working with the dogs and has spent the last 11 years of his military career with the K-9 unit. "You know what the dog is going to do, and with humans it is hard to tell sometimes. I know my dog's capabilities and would never ask him to do anything he wasn't capable of," Atkinson said.

Frey said "You have to like dogs to work here. My dog is my best friend and my partner and I treat him like one."

The K-9 unit conducts several patrols on the Arsenal, and these include random parking lot searches, vehicle searches, and building searches. "They have a routine and patrol assignment, just like the human MPs," Atkinson said.



INTENSE TRAINING— Canine members of the Military Police K-9 patrol receive extensive training throughout their military career. The dogs receive both general and specialized training at their kennel on the Arsenal. Robby, a Belgian malamute, is shown running through the obstacle course at the kennel.

The dogs are also taken to community events, and demonstrations are put on for the public. "We have several dogs who are comfortable being around strangers and those are the ones we let the kids pet. Each dog has his own personality and way of reacting and we are sensitive to them," Frey said.

Approximately 50 children from the Chrysler

Child Development Center in Huntsville recently visited the kennels and were treated to a run on the obstacle course by Robby, a 9-year-old Belgian malamute, as well as a tour of the kennels.

The children were also allowed to throw a ball for Rex, the German shepherd, who retrieved it and brought it back. The children were also allowed to

pet Rex on their way out. "We enjoy putting on these demonstrations for the public and I know the dogs enjoy it just as much. This is their chance to come out and play for a while," Atkinson said.

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Soldiers get valuable advice for balancing their budget

By Kathy Harkleroad

Military personnel at Redstone Arsenal attended a financial seminar June 20 sponsored by the Staff Judge Advocate's Office and Army Community Service and learned how to take control of their finances.

"So many times young soldiers are caught in a financial nightmare because they didn't understand a contract or how credit works," said Sal Riccardi, consumer affairs and financial assistance program manager at ACS. "Quite a few times they come into the Army straight out of high school and quite frequently this is their first job. I have even seen some who didn't know how to take care of a checkbook, then wondered why checks were bouncing everywhere."

Soldiers attending the seminar were told how their credit histories and military

careers are connected. "A bad credit history, not paying your bills or acting responsibly, can affect your career. Especially when it comes to getting and maintaining security clearances," said Capt. Cheryl Boone, Staff Judge Advocate's Office. "When you sign your name to a contract, you are responsible for the debt. That means making the payments on time and if you don't, you have to pay the consequences."

Boone said those consequences could include an involuntary judgment against the soldier and a garnishment of his pay, and a higher debt. "A \$100 debt could become a \$500 debt by the time you add in court costs and legal fees. It's better to pay the \$100 than to watch it grow larger," Boone said. "The bottom line is be a responsible adult."

Riccardi echoed those

statements and said soldier can visit his office before the debt gets to the garnishment stage for help. "If a soldier is in trouble with his creditors, or getting in trouble, they can stop by my office and I will do everything I can to correct the situation. Quite a few times, creditors will work with me because they know the situation will be taken care of. Besides it looks a lot better if the soldier is the one seeking help, before there is a problem," Riccardi said.

One piece of advice Riccardi offered the soldiers was not to get discouraged when it came to seeing decreasing credit card balances. "It take a very long time to pay off a balance when you are only making minimum payments. If you want to see the bill go away faster, pay more than the minimum. It

will still take time, but not as much," he said.

Both Boone and Riccardi talked about bankruptcy and how that legal action also affects the soldiers, both now and in the future. "Bankruptcy stays on your record for 10 years and can be detrimental to obtaining new credit and can jeopardize your military career," Riccardi said. "My advice is to try everything you can to avoid it."

Soldiers were also given advice on saving money for their future and how to invest those funds. "You have heard the old saying, 'Pay yourself first'; it works," Riccardi said. "If you tuck away 10 percent of your earnings at the beginning of the month, you will have a six digit savings by the time you retire."

Riccardi also mentioned that before a retirement savings account is begun, there are several prerequisites that should be met. "Make sure your bills are paid and paid off if at all possible. It is also a good idea to make sure you have at least three months of living expenses set aside separately to tide you over in case something should hap-



FINANCIAL HELP— Capt. Boone and Riccardi were the key speakers at the financial seminar.

pen. After those two areas are taken care of, start a retirement fund and stick with it."

Riccardi also reminded the soldiers not to count on their spouses' paychecks when it came to budgets. "You're mobile. If you count your wife's check as part of bill-paying money, what happens when you move and your wife can't find a job? Bills become delinquent and within three months you're in trouble," he said.

According to Riccardi

and Boone, the best thing to do is sit down with your spouse, figure out a budget on paper, and see exactly where you stand. "If you have a question or need help, come by and see me," Riccardi said. "The service is free and you will be the one to benefit."

Boone echoed those statements and said, "If you are serious about wanting to correct the situation, or obtain help, come see us. We can also answer questions about contracts and other legal problems."

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Space Command and U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, and of the Program Executive Office for Missile Defense, "who are all willing to support, and take chances with small businesses."

"There was nothing magical about this remarkable achievement," said Lumer, "just a lot of hard work by many dedicated people."

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Veterans home opens soon to serve north Alabama

By Sandra Cartee

A new state veterans home will open in July and provide managed nursing care to more than 120 Alabama war veterans. The opening of the home will enable many north Alabama vets to receive inexpensive care while being close to their homes.

The Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home will start accepting residents July 17. The 120-bed facility will provide managed nursing care for veterans who have been residents of Alabama for two years and were honorably discharged from the Armed Forces and served during wartime. "It's going to be a great asset," said William Clough Jr., the veterans service officer for Madison County.

One reason why Clough believes the home will be such an asset is because of the location. Currently, area veterans who need managed care must go to Alexander City or Bay Minette and this causes problems for the family members who want to visit with the vet. "No one wanted to travel that far to see their veteran," said Clough, and now their drive will be shortened.

Not only are local vets anxious to be transferred closer to their homes, but many people have been in private nursing facilities and are waiting to come to the home. "There is a real advantage in a state veterans home as opposed to a private nursing home. Every person there is a vet-

eran and it's vets helping vets. There's a sense of camaraderie and that's a better situation," Clough explained.

Some veterans have been awaiting the opening of the home and have been taking care of themselves or have had family members taking care of them. "Some are waiting and doing the best they can do. Those will be the happiest," Clough said.

The facility will be a big help to the family members of the veterans who have been providing around-the-clock care to the veterans. "I told one lady on the phone when the home was opening and she said 'praise the Lord'," he said.

"A lot of people can't afford private nursing homes," said Clough. The opening of the home will help with the burden of expensive managed care. "It's very competitive," Clough said.

Whereas private nursing facilities may charge \$120 or \$130 a day, the veterans home only charges \$74.67 a day. That fee includes all the extras like pharmaceuticals, lab services, rehabilitation therapy and any other charges.

"Most vets are going to qualify for more assistance," Clough said. After receiving financial help from the Veterans Affairs, some residents may have to pay less than \$40 a day. "You can't stay at a Holiday Inn for less than \$40 a day," Clough quipped.

An additional wing with an extra 30 beds is sched-

uled to be completed by January 1996. This will bring the total of beds to 150. "We anticipate a full house when we open the doors," Clough said.

More information can be obtained by calling Clough at 532-1662. Applications for the home can also be found at all of the county veterans offices. The Madison County Veterans Affairs Office is located at 115 Washington St., just a half block north of the courthouse.

The dedication for the new home will held Saturday, July 29, at 10 a.m. at the location on Meridian Street. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.



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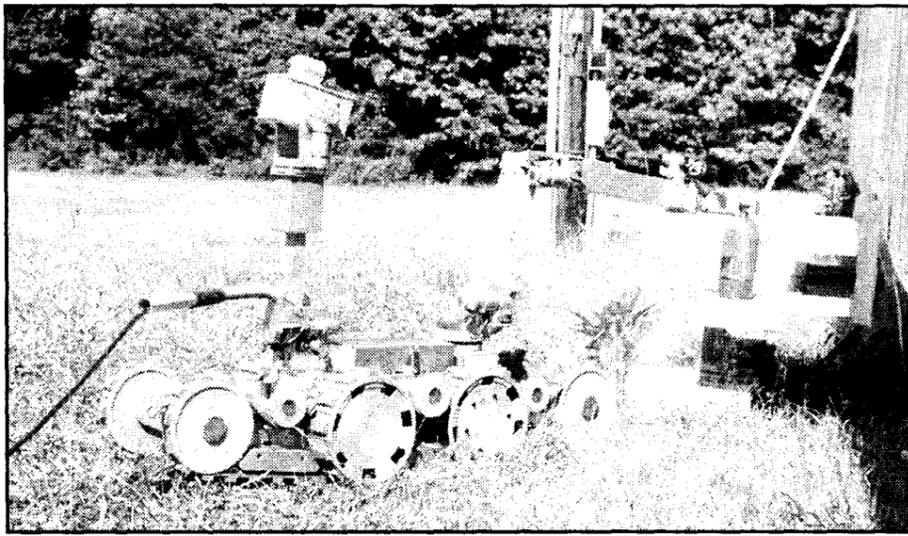
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Continued from page 1 on the range off Buxton Road, where they receive actual hands-on training. "Here we have different scenarios set up for the students and they have to find the safest way to defuse, or render safe the explosive device," Sweeney said. "The students spend approximately 60 percent of their time on the range working with different tools and devices."

One of the tools technicians use is a robot that is operated by remote control. HDD instructor SFC Chris Ory teaches the students how to operate the robot which can enter areas which are unsafe for humans. The robot is equipped with two cameras, one black and white camera above the arms of the robot, and a color camera located at the robot.

"The operator controls the robot from a control unit that can be located as much as 300 feet away," Ory said. "They can see what the robot sees from the camera and can manipulate it into the area where the device is. From there the operator can pick up the device and have the robot put it into a transport vehicle."

Operating the robot is not as easy as it looks, as the movements must be slow and gentle. "The hardest part of operating the robot is having a different depth perception. It can be hard to judge where the arms actually are. All it takes is a little practice and learning how to look at landmarks and using them to judge distances," Ory continued.



MECHANICAL HELP— HDD technicians receive help in the form of a mechanical robot as they learn how to defuse explosive devices.

The robot can also be used for other hazardous situations and can be hooked up to a VCR, and the procedure can be taped. "You can use the tape in training situations. The robot is also ideal for searching aircrafts or any other tight situations. There is a lot of versatility with this machine," Ory added.

The classroom on the range also involves learning how to approach items found in different scenarios. "The students are given a situation and are allowed to figure out how to safely approach the item and dispose of it," instructor Terry Back said.

Scenarios may change from class to class, but the bottom line lesson does not. "Safety is the first and last word," Sweeney said.

Students are exposed to actual explosives as well as replicas. "We use the replicas in several situations. We do have them wired to say a flashbulb so the students can see when the device would have gone off,

if it were real," Back said. "The students try things we haven't thought of yet and they have worked. This is a learning experience for everyone."

Instructor Bobby Nye said the technicians are a "unique bunch of people." "Teaching here is really enjoyable, the students want to be here and the instructors want to teach. What more can you ask for?"

Students attending the basic HDD course are referred from police, sheriff and fire departments across the United States. The departments have to show they have on hand or on order, or have accessibility to a bomb suit, X-ray equipment, a disrupter, demo equipment and quality hand tools before they can attend the school. The FBI also does a background check on the students and then they are enrolled in the class. Students are invited back after 36 months for a one-week refresher course

where they go over different topics. "This is an excellent time for them to share what they have learned and experienced in the field as well as brush up on situations that they have not been exposed to," Sweeney said.

HDD instructors are also sent out into the field, main-

ly to larger cities, were they assist the FBI during their week-long training seminars. "We travel to places like Denver, Atlanta, San Diego, San Francisco and New York at different times during the year, and give classes on specific topics," Sweeney said.

Civilian bomb disposal technicians are not the only ones who attend the school. "We have a recertification course for the approximately 90 FBI agents who are currently in the field," said Sweeney. FBI bomb disposal technicians are also students in the basic classes held here. Army instructors at the HDD are also required to take the course before they can teach it. "All the instructors assigned here have taken the course. There are some differences in the equipment and procedures when it comes to working in the civilian world," said

Raymond Funderburg, deputy chief of HDD.

FBI special agent David Jernigan works with the FBI Explosive Unit-Bomb Data Center and is a regular visitor to the school. "We have trained the approximately 1750 current bomb disposal personal in the country here at Redstone and we see approximately 500 students per year.

"This is a collocated program and we are into it as partners; the U.S. Army and the FBI are equal partners and it is a good situation for both of us," Jernigan said. Learning is not just confined to the classroom, according to Jernigan. "We have an exchange of information that goes on on a regular basis. Police departments will notify us of situations and we in turn relay the information here to the

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LEARNING FROM THE PAST— HDD range. HDD instructors Norman Lear and SFC Olaf Bye give the students a closeup look at some replicas of actual devices.

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Continued from page 12 school. We have also had many instances where information was needed on certain items, and the instructors here at the school were notified and they assisted with the problem.

"We have an extremely low failure rate when it comes to students passing the course and that is because of the dedication of the instructors. The learn-

ing doesn't stop at 4:30," Jernigan said.

"Our instructors take any extra time it needs to make sure a student is proficient in any area," Sweeney said.

The students are housed off the Arsenal and spend the entire course time together. "They eat together, stay in the same hotel and are bused to and from the school together," Jernigan said. "They also study together and a bond is formed between them, which is important."

Jernigan visits the students and gives an outbriefing the last day of class. "I make sure the students realize what could happen if they don't follow the rules. I give them graphic details of techs who didn't do what they should have. We have names of technicians who have died memorialized on a plaque as a reminder to the new students that the technicians did not do what they should have done," he said.

Redstone Family Picnic promises fun for all

The 1995 Redstone Community Celebration is scheduled for July 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Col. Carroll Hudson recreation area on the Tennessee River, with the rain date scheduled for July 22.

The Redstone community—which includes military, civilian, Army tenant organizations and family members—is invited. The theme for this Redstone Arsenal Family Picnic is, "Team Redstone '95—Keeping the Tradition Alive." Entertainment will include activities for the entire family.

There is some fresh entertainment scheduled for this year's picnic. For the entire family there will be ski boat demos periodically throughout the day; and "Action Sports Co." will also conduct periodic jet ski demos. Bob Barron, Channel 31 weatherman, will also be available from 10 a.m. until noon.



Bingo is again being offered this year and will be located in the general picnic area. Prizes will include cash, and a grand prize game will be played.

Other family entertainment includes the "South Avenue Band," a country and rock group which will entertain from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and the Gary Gilbertson Band, a pop band, will play from 1:30-4 p.m. The "Gary Cross Taekwondo Plus" demo is scheduled for 1 p.m.

And of course there will be periodic drawings for door prizes throughout the day. "So, make your plans to enjoy a wholesome, fun-filled day," concludes a release from the picnic organizers. "See you at the picnic!"



ADCCS honoree...

Reba Holder, center, a secretary in the program management division at ADCCS Project Office, is recognized as the project office's "Employee of the Quarter" for April through June. Presenting the award are program assistant Laura Darnell, chairman of the Employee of the

Quarter committee; and Col. Daniel Montgomery, the project manager for Air Defense Command and Control Systems. Holder's dedication, willingness to help others, and loyalty to the project office were among the factors cited in this recognition by her co-workers.

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Play ball...

Soldiers from units throughout Redstone are taking part in all kinds of sports now that warmer weather is here. Softball and soccer games can be found almost nightly at the fields on Patton Road. F Company soldiers pictured here are intent on playing against the Marines during a softball tournament.

HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade wins post volleyball title

By Richard Lonardo

The competition was tough and the crowd leaned forward in the bleachers with clenched fists. In the previous match the Marine Corps detachment beat the top Army team. Could they win this second match and take the post volleyball trophy over all those Army teams to include MICOM, the Ordnance School, and the Readiness Group? The NCO Academy proved to be tough competitors, but not tough enough. It was up to the "Raise Up" soldiers of HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade to stop the formidable Marines.

In the first match, the Marines played flawlessly. HHC 59th stumbled several times over, but the Army had one last chance in this final match. Could they do it?

After a loud "Raise Up" cheer, the soldiers moved on to the court with a determined look. The crowd's heads moved back and forth watching remarkable plays occurring on both sides of the net. However, the endurance and the experience of the soldiers prevailed over the younger Marine team.



CHAMPS— Members of HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade pose with the trophies they captured in post volleyball. Seated, from left, are Sgt. Macelle Stines, CWO 3 Obidio Rivera, PFC Renee Spain, Spec. Christopher

Hood and Spec. Brenda Kelich. Standing, from left, are CWO 3 Tom Craig, Sgt. Juan Figueroa, SSgt. David Sanchez, Spec. Alfonso Palacios, SFC Prenis Best, and Fetui.

HHC's team had two strong points. The first was a great variety of players on the team. Young enlisted soldiers played along with senior NCOs and even two officers. The second advantage was their coach, SSgt.

Rames Fetui. This NCO had led several post championship teams in his career. In his final season before retiring from the Army, Fetui did it one more time! HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade took the post trophy in their final match.

The Marines came in second, followed by HHC MICOM in third place. (Editor's note: Capt. Lonardo is the commander of HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade.)

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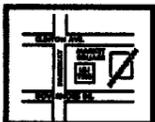


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The 1995 recommendations will not become law until late summer. No dates have been established for the move of personnel and functions from St. Louis to Redstone or the creation of the new combined command.

Future engineers benefit from apprentice program

By Kathy Harkleroad

There are 64 fresh young faces on the Arsenal this summer, thanks to one of two apprenticeship programs sponsored by the Department of Army. The high school and college students are assigned to offices throughout the installation and in Huntsville.

"The program really gives students 15 years of age and up an opportunity of a lifetime," said Mary Thomaskutty, adviser/counselor for the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program. "It isn't often they can find themselves in a work situation like this. They have access to equipment they may never see again."

High school students can apply for the program as long as they are 15 years of age or older, have a high aptitude for math and science and have good communication skills. Once the students have participated in the program during high school, they are eligible to participate during college. "We have many students who applied for the program as a high school student and reapplied as a college student," Thomaskutty said.

Chris Singletary is one of those students and has been in the College Apprenticeship Program (CAP) for the last four years.



ON-THE-JOB TRAINING— High school and college students can acquire work experience during the summer by participating in an unique program offered by the Department of Army. Thomaskutty, seated, in the adviser for the program which supervisors 64 apprentices. Behind her are Chris Singletary and Erika Swinson.

"Right now I am working with TMDE with photonics and really enjoy it. I have also worked with the Weapon Sciences Directorate for three years

and did experiments with lasers," Singletary said.

Singletary, a senior at Auburn University majoring in mechanical engineering, said the CAP program has been very beneficial. "Working in a job like this gives you a chance to learn how to do research and present it. It also helps by giving you actual experience in working with someone and improves your communication skills. I have really enjoyed it."

University of South Alabama freshman Erika Swinson echoed those statements and said she has gained several things from the program. "I participated in the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program for two years while I was a high school student at Grissom. It was just natural to reapply for the program when I began college," Swinson said.

Swinson is currently working at RD&E Center with the Software Engineering Directorate and is working on a test program for Integrated Family of Test Equipment. "It is a real challenge and by participating in CAPI have gained invaluable experience," she said.

Both of the students said they work closely with their mentors and have a voice in

the work that is being done. "Sometimes the projects we will be working on have already been chosen, but there are instances where we have a voice in what project we can do," Singletary said.

Both students agreed the eight-week program isn't quite long enough to suit them. "It's hard trying to accomplish everything you want to in that short amount of time. You work as fast as you can to get what you want to get done," Singletary said. "You have to be careful about what project you choose because you might not have time to complete it. That's when the advice of the mentor comes in." There are several former apprentices who have graduated from college and are now employed on the Arsenal. "We have several mentors who have participated in the program as apprentices in the past. They are giving back to the community what they reaped," Thomaskutty said.

The apprenticeship program has been in existence since 1986 and has seen great growth. "We started with approximately 20 students and this year we have 64. The numbers vary according to the amount of funds available," Thomaskutty said.

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COMMITTEE MEETING— Members of the NCO/Soldier of the Year planning committee meet with CSM Ben Sundry every two weeks in order to coordinate the annual luncheon event. Committee members counterclockwise are

Sundry, SSgt. Brian Pippert, OMMCS; Sgt. Rachel Marchbanks, MEDDAC; SSgt. Clarence Brooks, HHC MICOM; SFC David Sanders, HHC MICOM; SFC Tony Sullivan, TMDE; and SSgt. Freddie Gilpin, OMMCS.

NCO/Soldier of the Year event planning already under way

By Kathy Harkleroad

The annual NCO/Soldier of the Year appreciation luncheon may still be a few months away, but it is already in the planning stages and a committee is meeting biweekly to discuss details.

"It is because of these seven soldiers that all the details are being worked out for the annual event," said post CSM Ben Sundry. "We meet every two weeks to go over everything to make sure it will be a success. All the work is being done by these committee members and they deserve the credit."

The luncheon will be held Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Officers Club. The entire Redstone

community is invited to the luncheon which will feature chicken elite or braised beef tips. "The luncheon will be complete with all the trimmings," said SSgt. Brian Gilpin.

Tickets for the event are \$6.60 each and can be obtained from committee members. Points of contact for tickets include SSgt. Brooks, HHC MICOM, 876-7797; SFC Sullivan, TMDE, 842-2806; SFC Sanders, HHC MICOM,

955-9496; SSgt. Gilpin, OMMCS, 842-9675; SSgt. Pippert, OMMCS, 876-1837; and Sgt. Marchbanks, MEDDAC, 876-5873.

Guests of honor at the luncheon will be the four non-commissioned officers who won the NCO of the Quarter award and 12 soldiers who were named Soldier of the Month on Redstone Arsenal. The NCO of the Year and the Soldier of the Year will both be announced at the luncheon.

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School bus registration opens July 31

Summer has arrived but it's not too early for Redstone's military families to start planning for school bus transportation for the upcoming school year.

All military people residing on Redstone Arsenal who desire school bus transportation to the three core schools for school year 1995-96 must register each child for transportation. Registration will be performed at the Bicentennial Chapel as follows: July 31 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Aug. 1 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (extended time); Aug. 2 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Aug. 3 from

7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Aug. 4 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Registration for City of Huntsville bus transporta-

tion to the magnet schools and special needs (handicapped) schools will be conducted at the aforementioned location, dates and times.

To qualify for school bus transportation, each registrant must show proof of active duty status. Registration has to be completed during this scheduled period to allow sufficient time to develop routes and establish bus stops, according to Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

BDU trousers in short supply

DALLAS— All services are experiencing a shortage of hot weather battle dress uniform (HWBDU) trousers. Increased demand from military operations and contractual defaults by major manufacturer depleted the Defense Personnel Supply Center's (DPSC) inventory.

Defense Personnel Supply Center, the sole provider for BDUs, began awarding new contracts in December 1994 to take up the slack. Now manufacturers are exceeding monthly quotas and expect significant improvements by August.

Training centers are receiving priority and will not have difficulties obtaining HWBDU trousers. DPSC is currently filling backorders and expects the shortage to

continue through this summer at military clothing sales stores and Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps depots.

Of the available 21 sizes, the majority of backorders are in nine sizes, with three sizes most severely affected: medium regular, small-short, and small-regular.

Over the summer DPSC will transition to a new Enhanced HWBDU uniform approved by the Army in 1992. The new uniform features "longer wearing" 50 percent cotton and 50 percent nylon, vs. the current 100 percent cotton uniform. Military clothing sales stores expect to begin receiving the new Enhanced HWBDUs by October or November. (AAFES release)

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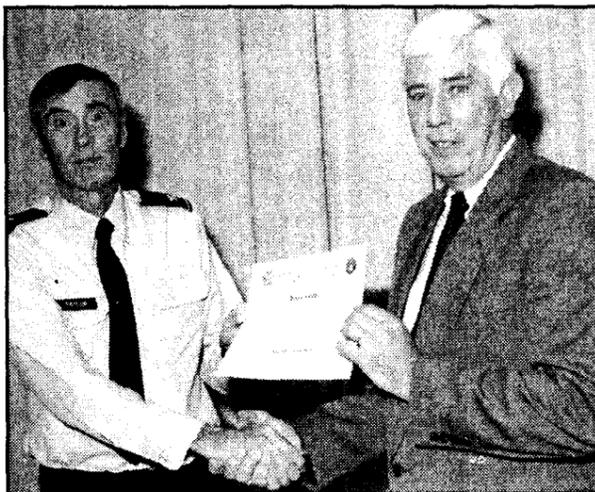
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- Donnie Ballance, Special Act Awards
- George C. Jones Jr., Special Act Awards
- Douglas Love, Special Act Awards
- John Reynolds, Special Act Awards
- Raymond Pietruszka, Special Act Awards
- Paul Hester, Monetary Performance Awards
- Maureen Raley, Monetary Performance Awards
- William Capley, Monetary Performance Awards
- Deborah A. Brown, Monetary Performance Awards
- Sandra Thatch, Monetary Performance Awards
- Elvirta Nave, Monetary Performance Awards
- Hilda Buckshaw, Monetary Performance Awards
- James Ayers, Monetary Performance Awards
- Shadric Bridge, Monetary Performance Awards
- Eugene Edwards, Monetary Performance Awards
- Lee Hendricks, Monetary Performance Awards
- Robert Kirby Jr., Monetary Performance Awards
- Carolyn Cantrell, Monetary Performance Awards
- Jerita Crummie, Monetary Performance Awards
- William Reed, Monetary Performance Awards

- Christine Swanner, Monetary Performance Awards
- Bryan Tauchen, Monetary Performance Awards
- David Moultrie, Monetary Performance Awards
- John Reynolds, Monetary Performance Awards
- Raymond Pietruszka, Monetary Performance Awards
- Joyce Randles, Monetary Performance Awards
- John Simmons, Monetary Performance Awards
- Elizabeth Booker, Quality Increase Award
- Wilma Yates, Quality Increase Award
- Sandra Maciel, Quality Increase Award
- James Cox, Quality Increase Award
- Peggy Langley, Quality Increase Award
- Wilma Edwards, Time-Off Award
- Dennis Vaughn, Certified Acq Professional-Level III
- John Beale Jr., Certified Acq Professional-Level III
- Harold Wright, Certified Acq Professional-Level III
- Linda Gentle, Certified Acq Professional-Level III
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MLRS ceremony – Col. William Taylor, MLRS project manager, presents an award to Dennis Vaughn, deputy project manager, for Certified Acquisition Professional-Level III.

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- Johnnie Swaim, Certified Acq Professional- Level III

- Charles Elder, Special Act- Value Engineering
- Charles Fitts, Special Act- Value Engineering
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- Francis Gregory Jr., Special Act- Value Engineering
- James R. Johnson, Special Act- Value Engineering
- Judy Kennedy, Special Act- Value Engineering
- William Marler, Special Act- Value Engineering
- Paul Massey Jr., Special Act- Value Engineering
- Robert McNeill, Special Act- Value Engineering
- David Moultrie, Special Act- Value Engineering
- Eugene Orebaugh, Special Act- Value Engineering
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- Michael Pitruzzello, Special Act- Value Engineering
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UNIQUE SPECTROMETER— Dr. Peter Solomon, left, from Advanced Fuel Research, and Stearns from SSDC inspect the unique portable spectrometer.

Spectrometer evolves from SSDC program

By Gerda Sherrill

One of the Space and Strategic Defense Command's advanced technology programs led to the construction and production of a unique Fourier-Transform Infrared (FTIR) Spectrometer capable of detecting and identifying battlefield and environmental pollutants/contaminants.

This portable, broad-spectrum infrared spectrometer has a moving-mirror type of interferometer, which separates out the wavelengths that allow identification of various gases over a large infrared spectrum. The interferometer is immune to external shock and vibration forces and, therefore, permits the system to be portable and usable in ground vehicles, aircraft, and helicopters.

This year, the spectrometer will be critically tested for its detection and identification capabilities on various contaminants at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

The Weapons Sciences Directorate and the Propulsion Directorate at Redstone will evaluate the new system for analyzing rocket plume gases. The Air Force has also shown interest in trying out the instrument.

The new product has already found an open market. Four of the systems have been sold for applications such as smoke stack gas monitoring and measuring epitaxial film thickness of semiconductors. Also, a

licensing agreement with a Japanese company has been reached.

The effort was managed by Howard Stearns from SSDC's Advanced Technology Directorate under the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization's Small Business Innovative Research program. Advanced Fuel Research Inc., from East Hartford, Conn., and their manufacturing wing, On-Line Technologies Inc., under Dr. Peter Solomon, completed the FTIR.

Changes announced in Space Camp awards

Some changes have been made in the Space Camp scholarship program being offered to dependents of military and civilian personnel at any location of the Space and Strategic Defense Command and the Program Executive Office Missile Defense by a new association. Changes from the article that ran in the June 7 Redstone Rocket are included in the following up-to-date details of the scholarship program.

Dependents of active duty military and civilian personnel at any location of SSDC or the PEO Missile Defense can apply for scholarships to the U.S. Space Camp or Space Academy in Huntsville. These scholarships are being offered by the Army Space and Missile Defense Association (formerly the Space and Strategic Defense Association).

Scholarship selection is based on financial need and scholastic achievement. Scholarships include tuition to Space Camp or Space Academy, transportation (from/to outside Huntsville), team video, and flight suit.

Applications are being taken for the fall 1995 sessions, and must be completed and mailed to be received by July 10.

Applications may be obtained at the Space and Rocket Center Scholarship Office; the command library at SSDC-Huntsville; the administrative office at SSDC Headquarters, Arlington, Va.; the SGS Office at Army Space Command at Colorado Springs, Colo.; the Office of the Director at HELSTF,

White Sands Missile Range, N.M.; and the Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll.

Each application package must be completed and must include the U.S. Space Camp application and the ASMDA scholarship application.

For further information, call Paul Freeman 722-0190.

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United Arab Emirates native finds many differences here

By Sandra Cartee

The Air Force Air Defense of the United Arab Emirates sends some of their members to train here at Redstone on the Hawk product improvement program. One soldier from this unit, SFC Salem Abdulla, shared the differences and similarities that he has seen between his country and the U.S.

Abdulla has been learning about the Hawk in the U.S. since 1993 and was glad to get the opportunity. "I was so happy and so excited because I wanted to see this part of the world, learn English, learn about different people, different culture, and learn more about life," he said. Living in a country that borders Saudi Arabia his entire life, Abdulla was in for some big changes.

The first difference Abdulla experienced was the surroundings. "I have been around sand all of my life and it's all green here. It's good because I like the nature and I like the green more than the desert," he said.

The temperatures were slightly different, too. "The temperature gets to be 125 degrees in July at home," said Abdulla. That was another feature that he hasn't really missed while being in the states.

The 27-year-old soldier had learned much about culture in the U.S. from watching television. He said that he wasn't that surprised with the lifestyles that he has encountered here. "I was a little bit open and I traveled enough to see, so it didn't shock me."

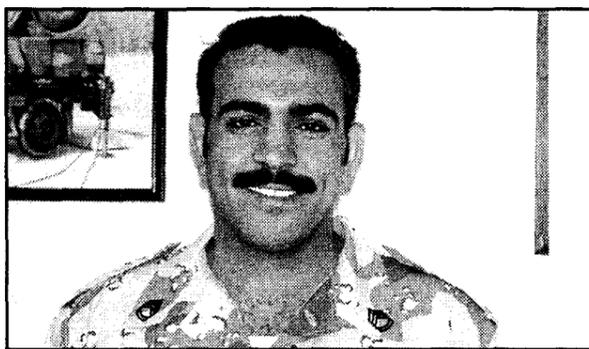
In comparison, Abdulla said there are many differences between the way peo-

ple live in his country and the U.S. ways of life. "Everything is controlled by the Holy Qu'ran (the Muslim Bible)," he explained about his country. That means that the laws and the lifestyles are governed by their religious beliefs.

In Abdulla's country, entire families live in one house and don't ever move out. "My parents, my six sisters, my three brothers, my wife, and my two kids all live in the same house. We like big families and we like to stick together," Abdulla said. He found that families aren't quite the same here in America.

Another difference is the way in which women behave. "As part of the religion, women are supposed to cover their body except for the hands and faces," Abdulla said. The reasoning is from their beliefs that a wife should not show herself, including her hair, to anyone other than her husband.

Women are also forbidden from socializing with men who aren't in their families. Women can't even be in the same room with men who aren't in their families. Wives are also expected to stay home and raise their children as opposed to women working outside of



CULTURE SHOCK?— Even though lifestyle is different in Abdulla's home country in the United Arab Emirates, he said that he wasn't that surprised with the culture in the U.S. He had learned about our customs and ways through watching television.

the home like the U.S.

Children go to school, just like they do in this country, but there is a major difference. "Boys and girls go to separate schools as part of their religion. They do this all their lives and even in college," Abdulla said. College is also free to high school graduates with good grade point averages.

College isn't all that's free in Abdulla's country, medical care is too. "Here, if you get sick and go to the hospital, they want money, money, money. In UAE, every person gets free medical care and you can get it anytime," he said.

Abdulla said the food

isn't all that different than American cuisine. "We don't eat pork, that's big time against our religion. We don't drink alcohol, either. The food is just about the same, the only difference being the ways that we cook and serve it," he said.

Hot tea is consumed widely in his country; and when Abdulla recently went home for a visit, he surprised his family by putting ice in his tea. "My mom had some and said wow this is nice," he said. He joked that his family now tells him that

they know how much he likes ice tea instead and will fix it for him when he returns.

Abdulla said that work weeks and schedules differ between his country and the U.S. "We don't take lunch breaks, instead we leave work around 2 or 2:30 in the afternoon. I like that better," he said. Weekends also fall on Thursday and Friday instead of Saturday and Sunday as is recognized in the states.

"Friday is the religious day where we have a big two hour long mass. Afterward we go to an uncles or other family members house and have a big lunch. We call it our family day," Abdulla said.

The culture in Abdulla's home country is very similar to that in Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, and Oman. He said that all the countries bordering Saudi Arabia in the Persian Gulf are close in cultures.

"I think that I'm real happy that I'm Muslim. I can't explain in English how serious we take our religion," Abdulla said.

Abdulla is also very happy to have spent so much time in the U.S. "I have a lot to tell them (his family) now," he said. "There are a lot of good open-minded people here who will treat you right and the people really care here."

One thing that the U.S. has that the UAE doesn't have too much of is roller coasters. Abdulla's favorite pastime while in the U.S. is finding huge roller coasters, like the one at Six Flags Over Georgia, to ride. "I loved it and people in my country would die to ride something like that," he said.

Abdulla plans to vacation in the U.S. after he graduates from his course, and returns to UAE later this summer. While he's proud of his Arabic culture, he's glad that he got to learn more about American culture. "I think a lot of the U.S. There are people in my heart here and it will be hard to leave them."

When asked what he thinks about the U.S., Abdulla said, "I love the U.S., I just love it here!"

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Announcements

Military personnel office— The Military Personnel Office, to include the ID Card Issuing Facility, Retirement Services and Transition Point, will be closed July 3 and 4 in observance of Independence Day. It will be open for business as usual July 5.

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.

Environmental panel— The Missile Command's Environmental Office will hold the third meeting of the Technical Review Committee at 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday 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 Thursday 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 invited to attend the meeting. For more information, call Anita Harrison of the MICOM Public Affairs Office 876-4162.

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. Friday 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 Aug. 17 and will feature Brig. Gen. Patricia Hickerson, deputy commanding general, Army Recruiting Command (West). The dinner will be held at the LoneStar Steakhouse at Madison Square Mall at 6:30 p.m. Call 1st Lt. Monaghan 955-7904 for more information or to make reservations. Deadline for reservations is July 14.

Stray pets— Stray dogs and cats on Redstone Arsenal will be picked up and brought to the Veterinary Treatment Facility, building 3543. There they will be held for three working days for their owners to claim. A stray pet fee of \$5 per day will be assessed. Animals not claimed after three working days will then be available for adoption. For further information call 876-2441, Monday-Friday, 8-11:30 a.m./1-3:30 p.m.

Job workshop— Army

Community Service will sponsor a workshop on how to complete the SF-171 application and the optional application OF-612 on Thursday 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.

Hispanic heritage— The Hispanic heritage committee will meet this morning at 10:45 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.

Ethnic displays— The MICOM Equal Employment Opportunity Office has

three display cabinets in the Sparkman Center available for you to share your ethnicity with MICOM and Redstone Arsenal. "Celebrate your ethnic diversity." For more information, call MSgt. Thomas Griffith 876-8648.

PX news— The Redstone PX will kick off the AAFES 100 year anniversary celebration with a sidewalk sale Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. "We will have a 'Make an Offer Sale.' Make us an offer on clearance merchandise excluding clothing and shoes. Save an additional 35 percent on clearance clothing. Many great buys to be found at the 100 year anniversary sidewalk sale Friday at the Redstone PX."

Post Theater movies— Thursday, "Village of the Damned," rated R, 97 minutes. Friday, "Jury Duty," PG-13, 87 minutes. Saturday, "Bad Boys," R, 106 minutes. Sunday, "Bad Boys." Admission is adult \$2.50, child \$1.25.

832nd command— Lt. Col. Mark Pierson will relinquish command of the

832nd Ordnance Battalion to Lt. Col. Kathleen Meehan in a ceremony 9 a.m. July 11 on the post parade field. A reception will follow in building 3711. All interested persons are invited to attend. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony would be held in Pagano Gym.

F Company families— The F Company Family Support Group meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday in F Company dayroom. All family members of F Company personnel are invited to attend. Come find out what the FSG can offer you and meet a few new friends while you are there. For information call 842-2220.

Housing office hours— The Housing Office in building 111 and the Family Housing and Billing Furnishings Operations in buildings 3653 and 7445 will be closed July 3 and 4 in observance of Independence Day. They will open for business as usual July 5.

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Retired officers—

The Retired Officers Association's June dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Officers Club. John Mason is to speak about "Tricare— DoD's new managed health care plan." For more information, call retired Lt. Col. Gerald Ludick 881-7974.

Picnic T-shirts—

T-shirts celebrating the Redstone Arsenal Family Picnic, July 15, are on sale. Cost is \$7 for small and medium, \$8 for large and X-large, and \$9 for XX-large and XXX-large. Points of contact in-

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Union meeting—

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. July 6 in building 3202 (Union Office). For information call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

Holiday hours at PX—

The Post Exchange will operate with the following holiday hours July 4: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Shoppette, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; military clothing, closed; service station, 10

a.m. to 6 p.m.; Class Six, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Anthony's Pizza, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Burger King, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and concessions, closed.

Toastmasters—

Toastmasters Club 4562, the Communicators, will meet today from 11:30 until 12:30 in building 5304, room 4253/57. Toastmasters provides a forum for improving your public speaking and listening skills. Visitors are encouraged to attend and participate. For information call Kitty Williams 842-9287.

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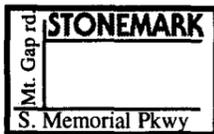
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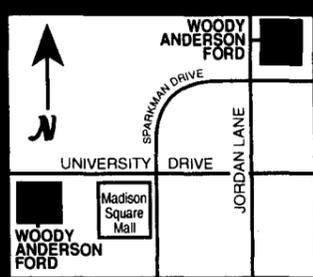
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