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STINGER SYSTEM— File photo shows a soldier with the Stinger system which is considered the ultimate short-range air defense weapon. Besides this manportable version, there are alternate applications.

Civilian worker has big 'thrill' firing the Stinger weapon system

By Skip Vaughn

Charles Cook culminated his 16 years of work with the Stinger project office by actually firing the weapon.

Cook, who served as assistant project manager for product assurance and test at FAAD (Forward Area Air Defense) Project Office, has moved to the Weapon Systems Management Directorate. He was among those who left the project office during its downsizing. The office reduced from 28 to

12 people and is now called the Stinger Product Office.

"When I was over there the last few years I felt I had the best job on Redstone Arsenal, I really mean that. It was a lot of fun and a lot of work," Cook said. On Oct. 2 he moved over to WSMD as the assistant director for functional integration.

His career with Stinger culminated Sept. 26 at launch complex 50 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

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Early-out window open through Oct. 27 at MICOM

The Missile Command is conducting a pre-application period for Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay.

MICOM has asked higher headquarters, Army Materiel Command, for permission to conduct an early-out. The Program Executive

Office for Tactical Missiles has requested expanded coverage approval.

In anticipation of approval, applications for VERA/VSIP will be accepted from all Missile Command and PEO Tactical Missiles eligible employees through Oct. 27.

"Somewhere during the

week of 16 Oct. we expect it to be approved," LeRoy Daniels, the civilian personnel officer, said. "That's when we expect to have the approval to conduct the VERA/VSIP. And those who expect to be off the rolls have to be off by the 5th of January."

Applicants are expected

to learn whether or not they have been approved for early-out during the week of Nov. 20.

Workers eligible for early retirement include those with 25 years of service at any age, or those who are at least 50 years old with 20 years of service. People who wish to resign can also

apply for Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay.

Under VSIP, you can get up to \$25,000 based on your severance pay calculation. This is taxable income.

Workers can apply for early-out from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday by Oct. 27. Retirement eligibles must

submit a Retirement Application and a Statement of Understanding to building 5304, room 4285 (Retirement Office). Resignation eligibles must submit a Resignation SF 52 and a Statement of Understanding to building 5304, workstation 41W079 (Kathryn Goyer).

Furloughs remain a possibility in mid-November

WASHINGTON— Even with a continuing resolution authority to fund the government into mid-November, the Army's comptroller said the possibility of furloughs and a government shutdown still looms.

Neil Ginnetti, the principal deputy assistant secretary of the Army for financial management and Army comptroller, was interviewed Sept. 25 about the possible "financial hiatus" by Sgt. Angele Ringo of

'We certainly hope that we're not going to have to implement our plan, and that the fiscal train wreck will not occur. We believe that neither the administration nor the Hill has any particular interest in seeing that happen.'

— Neil Ginnetti
Army comptroller

Soldiers Radio and Television. Ginnetti explained the need for a con-

tinuing resolution authority and talked some about what could happen in mid-

November if the federal government runs out of money and Congress fails

to raise the debt ceiling.

As the end of the fiscal year approached, Congress drafted a bill which would enable government agencies to operate through Nov. 13. The continuing resolution authority was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate and signed by the president. However, continuing resolution authority funds the Defense Department for 44 days at a level 5 percent less than what it operated at for the past year.

"The temporary spending authority gives Congress and the administration 44 days to enact appropriation bills. If agreement on the budget is not reached by then, the spending authority will expire about the same time the government's debt ceiling is reached around Nov. 15. The government will not be able to borrow more funds to keep going unless Congress raises the limit on the national debt.

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Commander's letter: Anti-violence month

Recent students show that four out of five reports of domestic violence in the military are substantiated. Annually, over 16,000 cases of spouse abuse are reviewed by military agencies. Here at Redstone Arsenal, there were 36 substantiated spouse abuse reports in FY '94.

These sad statistics hide the extent of the harm that is occurring. It is still true, despite efforts to improve public awareness, that many families trapped in the cycle of violence remain silent and do not receive the benefits of program services. The harm does not stop with the adults—approximately half of the perpetrators of domestic violence also intentionally injure their children physically or sexually. Additionally, research shows that children who witness violence in their homes, even through the walls, are adversely impacted in a variety of ways.

October 1995 marks Domestic Violence Prevention Month throughout the United States and at military installations around the world. But the campaign to prevent domestic violence can and must be a year-round concern. Without a communitywide commitment to end the violence in our homes, we will only find ourselves in the same position next year—measuring the hurt.

The violence must stop. Not only are our families threatened, but the fundamental mission of readiness is being undermined. Perpetrators of violence who fail to receive assistance are causing a great burden on families and on the Army.

We recognize that prevention is key. First, we need to prevent violence from continuing. Second, we need to recognize that every military couple lives under the kinds of risks that can, if not addressed, put families at higher risk for violence. Finally, prevention will be successful when the entire community understands that family violence is unacceptable, and that positive support for couples and families is essential.

Prevention of this kind takes partnership. This partnership must include commanders, the helping system, military and civilian personnel, and their families. Partnership includes learning to recognize the signs of violence and reporting violence if necessary.

At Redstone Arsenal, the Family Advocacy Program will be sponsoring several activities to inform and educate our community on the effects of family violence. I urge all members of the MICOM community to become more aware of the issue of domestic violence. Let us all work together to make every home violence-free.

Maj. Gen. James Link
Commander,
MICOM and Redstone

Letters to the editor

Grateful school

Over the past few weeks, our school has made some invaluable connections with Redstone Arsenal, and we want the Redstone community to know how much we appreciate your concern and help.

University Place Elementary School is one of three schools selected to participate in the Team Redstone Community Mentor Program. We have 10 third graders who are anxiously awaiting the program to get under way. We know, through working with UAH and Oakwood student study-buddies, what a positive impact academic tutors can have. Fortunately for our selected third graders, this program goes beyond tutoring by providing excellent training for the volunteers and building coordinators and by encouraging the mentors to sustain their relationships with the students over the next several years. Our staff is trying to develop kids who are resilient to many risk factors that often predict failure for our at-risk students. Research has shown that protective factors such as caring, support, bonding and high expectations help to build resiliency. Certainly this mentor program focuses on these protective factors.

Our second tie with Redstone began Sept. 25 when we attended a full-day workshop (along with many other teachers and counselors within the Huntsville City Schools) at the Sparkman Center on Peer Helper Programs. The superior training and materials we received have enabled us to look at what needs we have within our school that can be met with a powerful Peer Helper Program. We will be strengthening our existing Peer Mediation Program and begin planning a Peer Tutoring Program in which our older students help the younger ones.

We sincerely thank Redstone Arsenal for your interest in education. We especially want to thank Ruby Turner-Blake, the Redstone alcohol and drug control officer, for authoring the grant proposal to fund these outstanding projects; and Anna Whisenant and David Bates, the program coordinators. You are responding to our needs, and we are grateful!

Sue Flohr,
positive action teacher,
Sandra Carr, counselor,
University Place
Elementary School

Liked Oktoberfest

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody associated with the Oktoberfest festival held Sept. 29 to Oct. 1. My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed the festival and heartily recommend it next year for all of you who were unable to attend. Again, thanks.

Bob Mulkey

Blessing of animals

I was absolutely stunned when I read the article in the Oct. 4 Redstone Rocket titled "Annual animal blessing slated for Saturday at the chapel." Perhaps this is considered a very special and spiritual event, however I cannot comprehend how I could be denied service from the chaplain simply because I am a civilian opposed to a military individual. Are these animals civilian or military?

Prior to becoming a member of a church here in Alabama, I called the chaplain to obtain information on having my infant daughter baptized. The chaplain informed me that he could not provide any services to us because it was against military regulations. I beg to differ because my husband and I were married at a military chapel in Pennsylvania. Was this against regulations and therefore we are not legally married?

Please explain how segregation between military and civilian can happen in the house of God. I hope that the chaplain gets to bless a horse as he hopes, because he missed the blessed opportunity to baptize my daughter.

Brenda Miller
LOGSA

(Editor's note: The military chaplaincy, by congressional legislation, must abide by certain regulations; and that is why your request was not honored, according to Chaplain (Col.) William McAllister. Such requests are handled on a case-by-case basis, he said. If you are not satisfied with the reason you were given for ineligibility to use the services of a military chaplain, call McAllister 842-2964 for an appointment to discuss your case.)

Helpful soldier

Kudos and plaudits are directed to MSgt. Bruce Cameron who has taken it upon himself to beautify the area in and around the outdoor handball courts at Vincent and Kingfisher. I consider this a random act of kindness on his part because he doesn't even play handball!

Bruce epitomizes the principles of Army Communities of Excellence; and based upon his meritorious actions, I recommend that he be considered for Soldier of the Quarter.

Rick Stock
A handball player

New Hera target system successfully tested

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M.— The Space and Strategic Defense Command for the second time has successfully exercised a new target system of vital importance for testing future theater missile defense interceptors.

Hera, which delivers a threat-like ballistic missile target, consists of modified second and third stages from the Minuteman II missile, a modified Pershing II guidance and control section, various interstage hardware, and an instrumented ballistic reentry vehicle.

In the Oct. 2 test at White Sands Missile

Range, the Hera missile was launched from the new Launch Complex 94, located on leased land in the FIX (Firing in Extension) area outside of White Sands proper. It flew a trajectory similar to the trajectories it will fly for later Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system tests. This second Hera flight differed in several technical respects from the first flight April 24. In particular, it carried a payload configured for THAAD use, including a simulated (non-harmful) bulk-chemical payload that was dispensed during the flight. Also, the second flight demonstrated advanced guidance

and control technology, including an auxiliary attitude control system, which will be used to position the second stage and payload in space for special reentry presentations. Finally, the second Hera carried a special instrumentation/transmitter package to gather additional information on the first stage motor.

Successful completion of this and the preceding Hera booster test flight pave the way for the Hera target system to support upcoming intercept tests for the THAAD missile and radar system.

The Hera target system is managed by

Richard Sevigny of SSDC's Theater Targets Product Office, headed by Lt. Col. Ned Libby. The office is part of the command's Targets, Test and Evaluation Directorate, which executes a consolidated targets program for the entire Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, including range coordination and launch support services.

Coleman Research Corporation of Orlando, Fla., is the Hera prime contractor, supported by principal subcontractors Space Vector Corp. of Fountain Valley, Calif., and Aerotherm Corp. of Mountain View, Calif.

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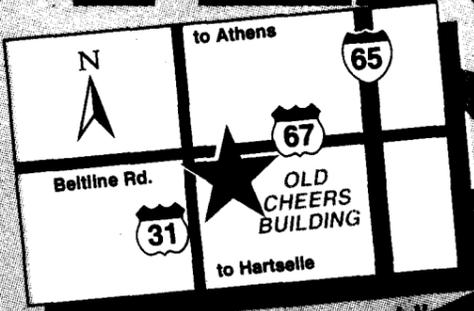
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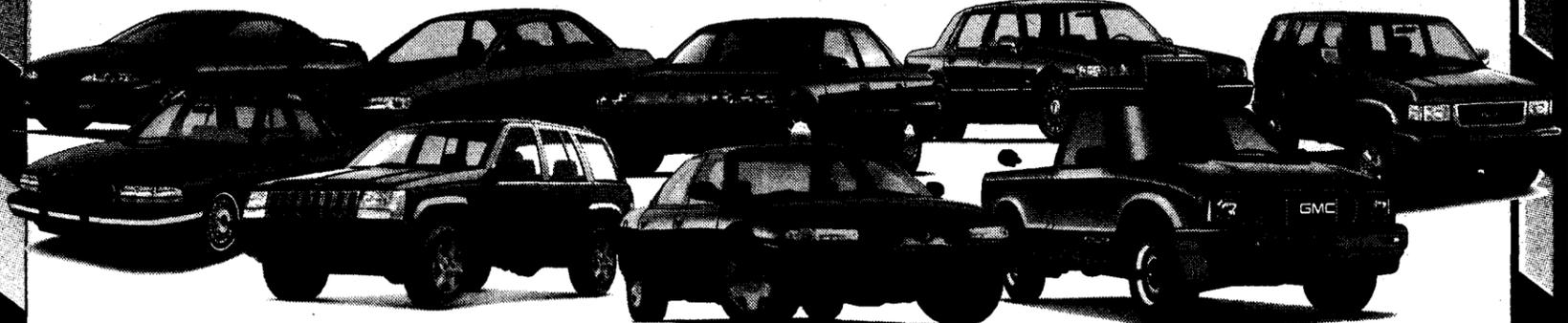
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Fox Hospital opens Champus satellite clinic in Madison

By Kathy Harkleroad

Champus-eligible patients who live in Madison and surrounding communities, now have a choice of driving to Fox Army Community Hospital, or seeing a Champus-partnership provider right in their own neighborhood. New Horizons Medical Care is the location of a new FACH satellite office.

The office, located at 8045 Highway 72 in Madison, can provide a wide range of services to patients, as well as provide referrals to special Fox Hospital clinics. The satellite office is equipped to handle family medicine, including minor injuries and procedures.

According to Lt. Col. Carey Payne, Fox Hospital deputy commander, although satellite offices are already located on a few larger installations, this is a new concept for Fox. It is also one that hospital officials are exploring at greater lengths.

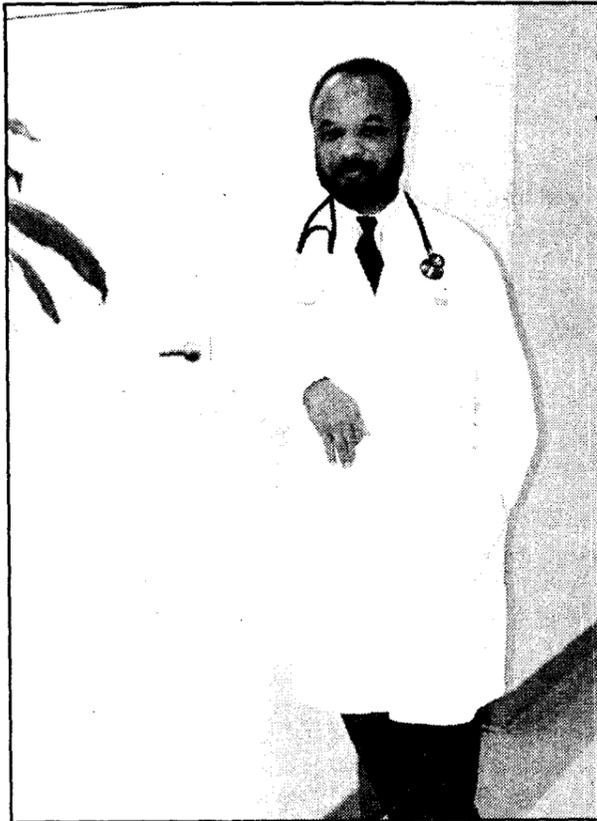
"We are very excited about the new office, as it will provide another avenue of access to the beneficiaries," Payne said. "We are looking into other satellite

offices where there is a large population of people who are Champus-eligible." Payne said they are looking at the entire Tennessee Valley area for another possible satellite office location.

Satellite offices might also be a trend in the near future, especially with the implantation of Tri-care, and according to Payne this is a good thing. "This is an important step in managed care. With satellite offices, patients can be treated and receive the same services they do at the main hospital. Satellite offices not only provide a convenient location, but more appointments are also made available to the patient," Payne added.

New Horizons Medical Care is run by Dr. Caswall Harrigan, who has a long standing relationship with Fox Hospital. "We have a strong relationship with Dr. Harrigan as he practiced at FACH for a number of years," Payne said. "Lots of patients are familiar with Dr. Harrigan as he worked in both the emergency room and the old Outpatient Clinic."

Dr. Harrigan is as equally excited about the new partnership agreement and



HARRIGAN

is looking forward to seeing some of his old patients. "I worked at Fox for many

years and developed relationships with quite a few patients. Now I will be able

to see them again," Harrigan said.

Harrigan is also optimistic about the number of patients that can utilize the clinic. "There is a large population of Champus-eligible patients who live in Madison and in the surrounding areas, that will be able to use the clinic. There are quite a few retirees who live out here, as well as active duty members," Harrigan said.

The clinic has many services available, and will be able to see patients seven days a week, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. "We are also excited about the hours we are open as it will offer a greater accessibility for the patients," Harrigan said.

The clinic is staffed by three doctors, with the possibility of additional physicians being added in the near future. "When we built the clinic we tried to take everything into consid-

eration, including expansion. Currently we have a pediatrician who is interested in coming to work here, as well as a few other doctors," Harrigan said.

Patients can be treated at the clinic for minor injuries as well as family medicine. The clinic is equipped with a laboratory, an X-ray department and a suture room. There is also an in-house pharmacy where patients can have their prescriptions filled with generic drugs.

"I really felt there was a need for a facility like this one," Harrigan said. "This clinic will not only save patients' time, but can provide some of the same services as Fox, and they can be seen at a time where it might be a little more convenient to them since we are open late and on the weekends."

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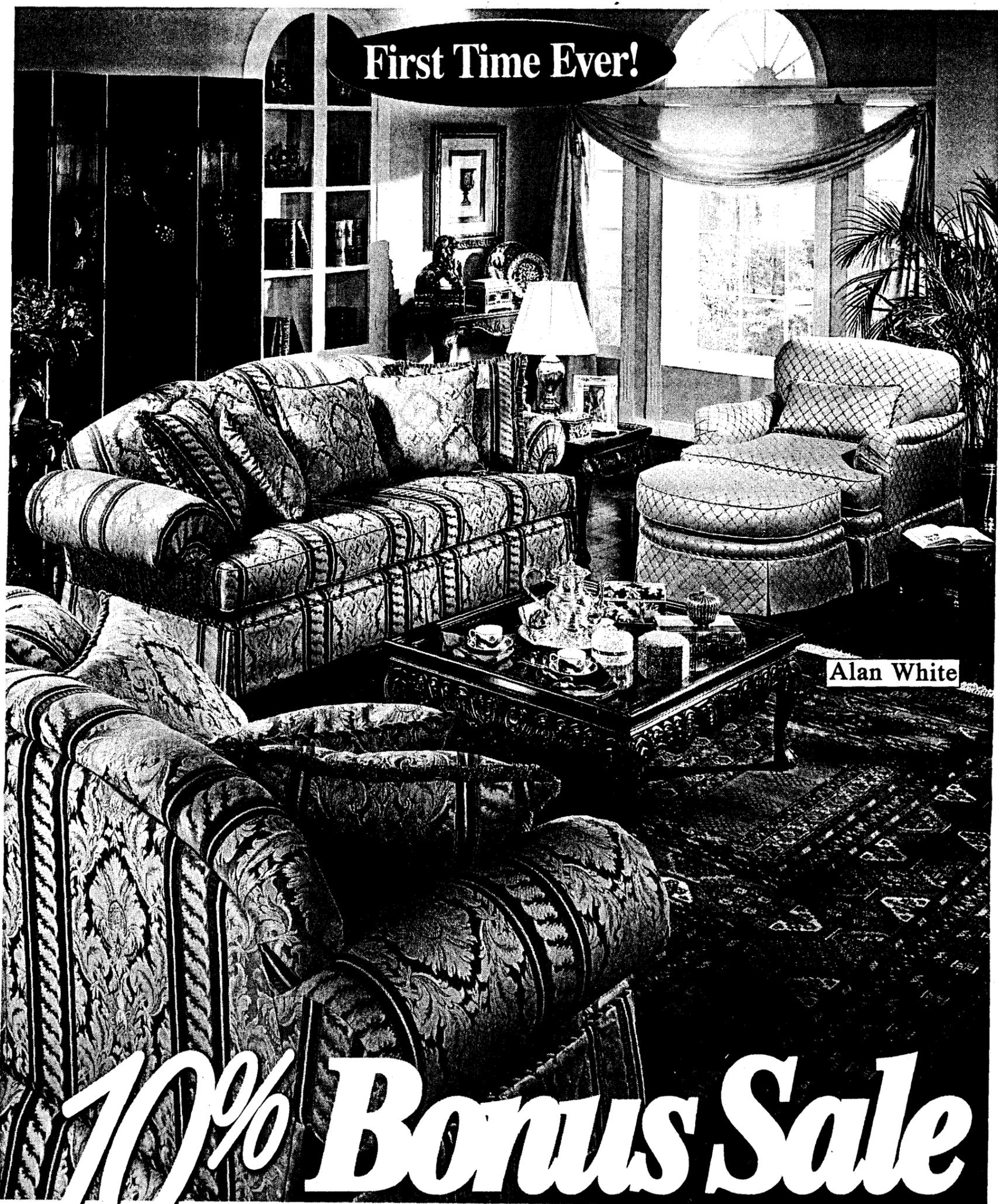
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Redstone receives honor for having large champion trees

By Michael Dickerson

On a day fit to honor watercress, a day in which Noah would be looking for big lumber, dignitaries from the Alabama Forestry Commission, TVA, and Redstone came together at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreation Area to honor Redstone Arsenal for being the home of four Alabama champion trees. Fittingly for the rainy day, Oct. 3, two of the trees were located in a swamp near the recreation area pavilion.

The Champion Tree program was started in 1970 by the Alabama Forestry

Commission to encourage the discovery, recognition, and preservation of old, large, or special tree specimens. A champion tree is determined by measurements for circumference, height, and crown spread.

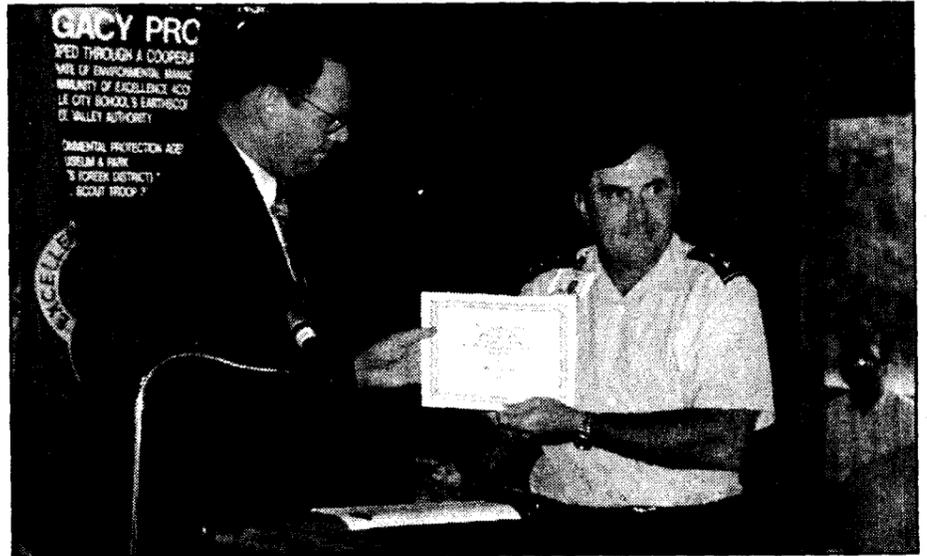
Susan Weber, of the Environmental Management and Planning Office, discovered the trees during an environmental study. "I have a list of champion trees in my head," she said. "I know what is missing from the list." Weber has found about 16 champion trees in Madison and Limestone counties.

Before working for the

Environmental Management and Planning Office, Weber ran her own environmental consulting company. She found the trees during one of her studies.

Certificates for each of the four champion trees were passed from Richard Cumbie, assistant state forester, to Maj. Gen. James Link at the 20-minute ceremony. "It's great recognition for the Arsenal," said Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal. "We take seriously our land resources."

A walk to one of the champion trees was washed out by the rain.



POST RECOGNIZED— Cumbie presents certificates to Maj. Gen. Link for champion trees.

Some Readiness Group deployed soldiers remain in Virgin Islands

By Kathy Harkleroad

Some of the Readiness Group soldiers deployed to the Virgin Islands to assist in hurricane relief efforts are home, while others remain.

According to Maj. John Western, Readiness Group training management officer, the final six soldiers deployed to St. Croix returned home Oct. 4; while the remaining 34 soldiers on St. Thomas will

stay until an undetermined date.

"There is still quite a bit to do there and the troops are working in an environment that is not very good. There are still some places without power and outages do still occur," Western said. "They have a job to do and are doing it with high morale."

Western also said he had "no predictions" as to when the soldiers on St. Thomas would be coming home. "They are still working with approximately 30 FEMA

(Federal Emergency Management Agency) cases and are coordinating the efforts of the 700 DoD personnel on site. At this time I have no predictions as to when they will come home," he said.

Troops on St. Thomas are coordinating efforts with the field hospital, and working engineering reports and other needs the state might have.

"We had nine congressmen visit St. Thomas and we helped coordinate the airplanes that flew over the island as they assessed the damage sites," Western said. "Basically we help provide the services the state can't."

The troops have been on St. Thomas since Hurricane Marilyn struck the island in mid-September.

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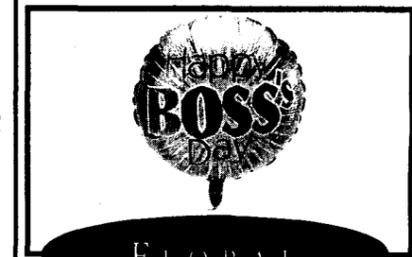


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Blood donors wanted: Those willing to share gift of life

By Michael Dickerson

Gwen Sadler and Janice Jean want to see blood. The more the better. No, they are not sicko's. Jean is the installation blood coordinator for Redstone. Sadler is the former coordinator who is imparting her knowledge to Jean.

Each month, Red Cross bloodmobiles roll across the Arsenal, stop at various buildings, suck up the red stuff, and return to home base. But, the Red Cross always seems to be short of blood.

Last month 336 units (a unit equals a pint) were collected from Redstone. "We could do so much better," Sadler said. "The Sparkman Center is not doing well at all. They only gave thirty-seven units in one drive and twenty-one in a drive on the 14th. There are thousands of people in the Sparkman Center."

Sadler also said that in this part of the country you don't have to pay for blood because of the blood program. "The Arsenal is a big contributor to that program," she said. Each day, 650 units are used in Alabama, 25 percent by cancer patients. Redstone typically gives 350-450 units per month.

But, Sadler said that three things have

hurt blood drives: scare of AIDS, downsizing, and alternate workweek schedules. "A lot of people want to give on Thursday before taking their Friday off," said Sadler. "Some want to give on Friday so they can get the afternoon off."

Last week, due to Hurricane Opal, blood drives in south Alabama were canceled making the blood drives in the central and northern part of the state crucial in maintaining the blood supply. "We need to help them because they helped us when we had that tornado this year," Sadler said.

"We used to give awards to those who gave a lot of blood, but it became an accounting nightmare, especially with the reorganization and downsizing," she said. "We're going to start publishing results of blood drives on the Arsenal. Maybe we can get a little competition going."

You are eligible to give blood every 56 days if you are over age 17, weigh more than 110 pounds, and meet health criteria. The same people give over and over again. In September, only 16 out of 336 donors had never given blood before.

As a Red Cross flyer charms: "When you give blood you give another birthday, another night under the stars, another talk with a friend, another date, another dance,



PROGRAM COORDINATORS— Jean and Sadler help coordinate blood drives on Redstone.

another laugh, another hug, another chance. So, do you need another reason?" Roll up your sleeves, Redstone.

"Each building sets its own goal," Jean said. Blood drives are scheduled at build-

ings 5304 and 8027 on Thursday, building 4488 on Friday, building 4752 on Oct. 20, and SSDC on Wynn Drive and the Corps of Engineers on Oct. 27. For more information, call Jean at 876-3427.

AUSA conducts seminar for Army civilian workers

WASHINGTON— The Association of the U.S. Army is conducting a professional development for Army civilians Oct. 18 during the 41st annual meeting of the association.

"Reinventing Government II and the Army Civilian" is the topic for the seminar, held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Panelists include Rep. Lane Evans (D-Ill.), Sara E. Lister, assistant secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), and Gen. Leon E. Salomon, command general, Army Materiel Command. Moderating the discussion is Dr.

Diane Disney, deputy assistant secretary of defense for civilian personnel policy.

The Army Vice Chief of Staff, Gen. Ronald H. Griffith, is guest speaker at a luncheon to honor DA civilians.

These events focus attention on Army civilians as key members of America's Army. Awards will be presented to nine Army civilians from Army commands around the world. For information on registration, call (800) 336-4570, extension 521 or (703) 841-4300, extension 531. (Arnews)

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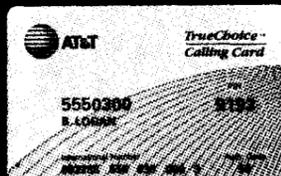
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Contributions to CFC go far in helping the community

By Michael Dickerson

Donations to the Combined Federal Campaign have helped many children in the Huntsville community.

Chessie Harris, founder of the Harris Family Foundation, discussed the local impact of CFC contributions at the 1995 Tennessee Valley CFC kick-off luncheon held Oct. 2 at the Marriott. More than 400 people attended.

Harris spoke on the many successes funded by CFC. She is well known, not only locally but nationally, for her (along with her late husband George's) Harris Home. Harris has shaken hands with President Bush; she was one of his "points of light." She told of several young people who were pulled up by their bootstraps with aid given through CFC. "CFC was there in some form in getting some youngsters going," she said.

One boy Harris told about, who didn't have money for school lunches before going to the Harris Home, now owns a block of apartments in Ohio. "Some



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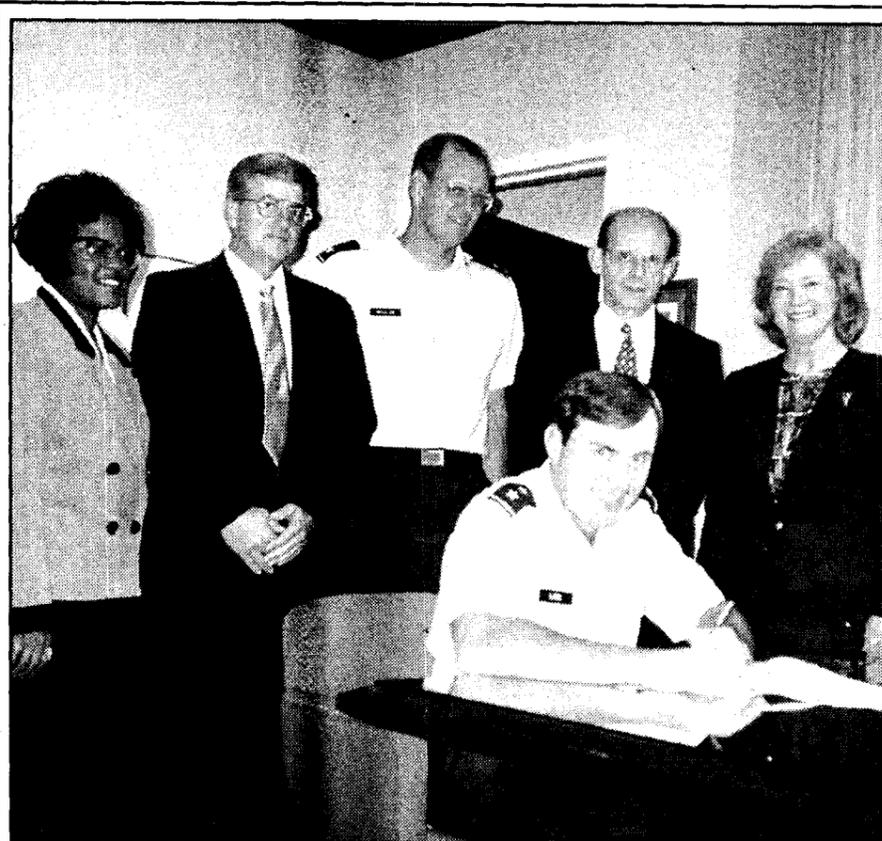
of our kids made very good choices," Harris said.

"CFC has been there for us," she said. "You will never meet some of the children, so accept from me their thank you."

John Bailey, this year's Local Federal Coordinating Committee chairman, introduced Maj. Gen. James Link, chairman of the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign. Link

said, "let federal employees be all they can be in terms of giving." He also said that the campaign would end "about the time of the next scheduled train wreck," referring to the possibility of a furlough in November when the temporary budget measure runs out.

The luncheon also featured singing from Jimmie Ruth Caughron and Edrene Malcolm.



First waiver signed...

Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command, signs the first waiver authority in the command's Reinvention Laboratory initiative. The waiver will eliminate a requirement for the post commander to perform a yearly walk-through equipment inspection. Looking on are, from left, Cheryl Wise,

the command waiver approval point-of-contact; Darrell Brewer, director of logistics, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity; Col. Stephen Moeller, RASA commander; Robert Spazzarini, MICOM Legal Office; and Dr. Polly Cason, director of Command Analysis Directorate.

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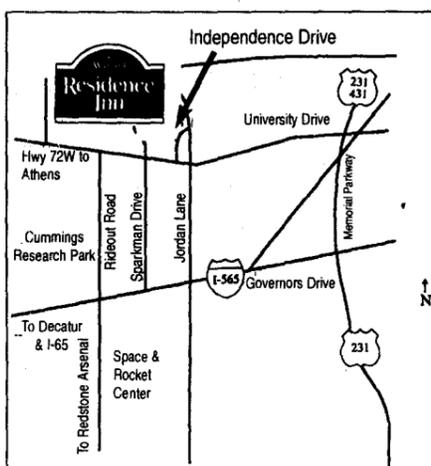


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Redstone welcome...

Maj. Gen. James Link, left, commander of MICOM and Redstone Arsenal, welcomes Maj. Gen. John Cusick, commander of Aviation and Troop Command, St. Louis, to an in-process review on BRAC planning. Cusick and his party visited Redstone Friday to discuss unresolved issues surrounding the merging of the two commands, ordered by the BRAC commission and expected to be completed within the next two years.

Corps of Engineers division now on-line with Internet

The Huntsville Division, Corps of Engineers has created a "home page" on the electronic World Wide Web. This move to the Internet is based on the need to use this technological resource as a service to provide the public with greater access to information about the Division's missions and actions.

Several items of interest can be found on the Huntsville Division Home Page. The home page provides information about the Division's organization and leadership, its ordnance mission, its environmental training support center, its contracting, and its Technical Information System.

For example, by accessing the Division's contracting information, vendors can learn the names and office telephone numbers of the Contracting Directorate's key employees, as well as their electronic mail addresses. The Division is

fully operational for electronic commerce through the Department of Defense's Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) network. It is also certified on an interim basis to participate in the Federal Acquisition Computer Network. EDI currently focuses on acquisitions up to \$50,000.

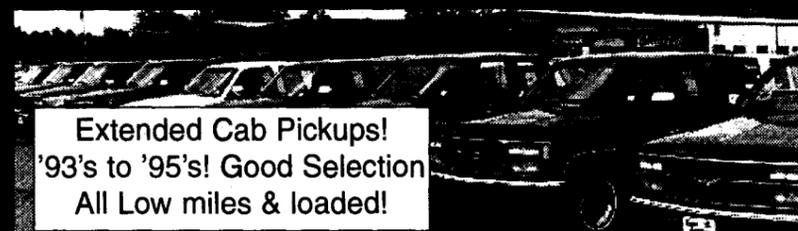
Although the home page does not give you access to electronic commerce, it does provide the information on how to take part in the use of electronic data interchange for procurement actions. It provides access to details about the DoD Electronic Commerce Information Center, an introduction to the basics of electronic commerce, overviews of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 and the Federal Acquisition Computer Network, and the procedures to register in the system as a contractor.

Interested individuals also can access Corps of Engineers' guide specification documents for military programs under the Tech-Info line. The home page gives directions to access the separate Corps of Engineers' Technical Information System maintained by the Huntsville Division for the dissemination of construction criteria documents.

In addition to these technical services, the Huntsville Division's Home Page provides access to its monthly news bulletin and to background information. This home page also provides access to the headquarters' home pages of the Corps of Engineers and the Army.

The Huntsville Division's Home Page address is: <http://www.hnd.usace.army.mil>.

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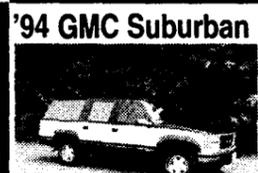
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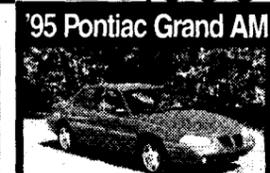
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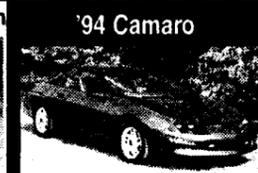
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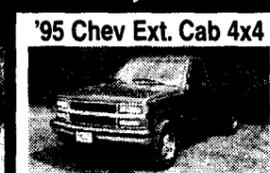
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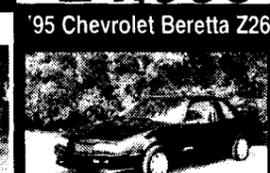
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Just doing their job at Redstone: the secretary

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles on everyday people who work on the Arsenal and perform jobs that are sometimes overlooked.

By Kathy Harkleroad

Secretary. According to Webster's Dictionary, the definition says "one who is in charge of records and correspondence for an organization and one who is employed to do clerical work, such as typing."

Today's secretary does much more than that; and they are an extension of their boss. They often do more than what their job description calls for and work long hours completing tasks. They are also sometimes overlooked in the everyday operation of an office.

Dianne Daniel, a secretary at the Explosive Ordnance Training Division, has worked on the Arsenal as a government secretary for the last 10 years and has seen several different offices. Currently she is the secretary to Capt. Scott Shepard and Sgt. Maj. John Walden.

When asked to describe her duties, Daniel had a hard time remembering what some of them were. "I do so many things that it's hard to remember everything. There are also quite a few things that I just do because they need doing," she said.

According to Daniel there are no real typical days in the life of a secretary, mainly because something is always happening. "The whole day can change with one phone

call," she said. "A good day is when everything goes smoothly. Other days I sometimes feel like I am caught in a hurricane, I don't know if I am coming or going."

Daniel's duties within the division read like a book, and most are pretty common to secretaries throughout the Arsenal. She is responsible for answering the phone, typing correspondence for both the captain and sergeant major, she maintains certain reports, and generally keeps tabs on what is going on in the office.

She also coordinates meals for the students when they are on the range, arranges transportation to and from the range, forwards mail when they leave the school, prepares completion certificates for each of them and the list goes on and on.

"Dianne is truly an asset to this office," Shepard said. "Her dedication and commitment to not only her position, but the mission as well, is above reproach. She always tries to stay two steps ahead of me and I am always going at 100 miles an hour. Somehow she manages to stay ahead."

Daniel, like other secretaries, or administrative assistants, also takes care of the social aspects within her division. She coordinates the graduation ceremonies for the students, she plans office parties and decorates as each holiday approaches. She also remembers birthdays, anniversaries and remembers who to congratulate when they are promoted.

She, like all other secretaries, fills in for other offices when someone calls in or takes



DANIEL

off. She has to know what is going on in other departments, as well as her own.

Everyone notices when a secretary isn't at work and things just don't seem to get done the way they do when she is there. Phones take longer to get answered, mail stacks up, and questions sometimes go unanswered.

Daniel, like other secretaries, said she enjoys her profession and looks forward to coming to work each day. "We are like a big family, everyone is close and helps each

other out when needed. It's been like that in other offices I've worked in as well," she said.

Also like other secretaries, Daniel said the worst part of her job is not having enough time in the day to get everything completed. "So many times things are rushed through to get them done. There are times where I have looked back and said 'I wish I could have done this... or done more to improve the situation. I just do the best that I can.'"

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Commercial pagers can send tactical warning messages

The Army Space Command's Advanced Concepts & Technology Support Office seeks to demonstrate a simple concept—integrating GPS information with broadcast data as a basis for activating a soldier's pager or receiver. Imagine...

"... A convoy departs to deliver Patriot missiles to an Air Defense Battery outside Kuwait City. Unbeknownst to them, a Scud missile is headed their way. Sensors detect this and broadcast data that defines the predicted impact area of the Scud across the entire battlefield. The data reaches a receiver located in the convoy commander's vehicle. The device then uses its GPS location to determine, in real time, if they are in danger. The alarm sounds. A simple graphic display shows the convoy commander that they are inside the impact ellipse, .9 kilometers from ground zero, with two minutes and 12 seconds before impact. The convoy commander directs the dispersion of the vehicles, and the soldiers seek cover. The missile hits nearby, but the application of present day technology defeats the effect of the Scud. Information is power. The convoy proceeds."

Far-fetched? No way! Miniaturized circuitry and antennae makes this application exciting and practical for the combat soldier. Tying this concept with the

global broadcast system initiatives makes a global paging service a possible and necessary part of the military communications architecture. The Army Space Command, the Army's focal point for space support to the warfighter, has investigated the value of pagers and broadcast warning—and advocate a concept that can revolutionize tactical event warning.

During Roving Sands '95, an annual Air Defense Artillery exercise conducted at Fort Bliss, Texas, an experiment was conducted using commercial pagers to pass "Scud Alerts" to soldiers. The experiment operated in the Army Theater Missile Defense Element Force Projection (ATMDE FP) Tactical Operations Center (TOC).

The ATMDE FP TOC's mission is to synchronize and integrate the theater missile defense battle. The commercial pagers supported the passive defense (warning) role. Here's how the experiment was set up...

Commercial pagers were issued to soldiers located throughout the training area and within range of the commercial pager network. The dispatcher was in the ATMDE FP TOC and used dispatch software on a laptop computer connected to a phone line. Capabilities in the ATMDE FP TOC enable the dispatcher to know when a Scud launch is de-

tected, the projected impact point the instant it is computed, and the locations of friendly forces. This awareness and the characteristics of broadcast communications enabled pager warnings to reach the soldier: first—before other tactical warning networks; fast—in time for the soldier to react before impact; accurately—only units in the impact area were warned; and reliably—soldiers trusted the pagers. These characteristics make a big difference and here's why...

• **First:** During the exercise, warning was also disseminated using a Mobile Subscriber Experiment "hot loop" and the Standard

Army Command Control System. Questionnaire responses revealed that pager warnings were routinely received first... and units with pagers received warning nearly simultaneously—no matter where they were.

• **Fast:** According to times recorded during the experiment (and depending on the range of the missile), the soldier had anywhere from 30 seconds to four minutes to act before a Scud hit. Passing warning from higher to lower echelons is often why warning arrives late. Broadcast warning to pagers "cut-out the middlemen" and gave the force valuable time to react.

• **Accurately:** All warnings

were sent with a friendly force location awareness. So, units who needed warning, got it. Needless warnings were avoided. A text message with the impact time and location is displayed by the pager—and it stays there until the soldier decides to delete it.

• **Reliably:** The most favorable questionnaire response was: "It worked." Soldiers had confidence in the pagers. When the pager began to beep (or vibrate), they knew an event concerning them was in progress. It reached them even where warning sirens were muted by local noise.

All this was proven with a "man-in-the-loop" using

existing commercial pagers. So, where is the revolution?

GPS Enhancement Concept: Exploiting future global broadcast systems and adding GPS processing at the receiver can have a profound impact. Consider this: If a receiver knows its current time and location with GPS, then tagged data sets defining any event in location, or altitude, or time can be broadcast to and analyzed by the receiver. Many systems send GPS data "up" to support situation awareness. But if you tell a soldier's receiver where a Scud is coming, they'll get out of

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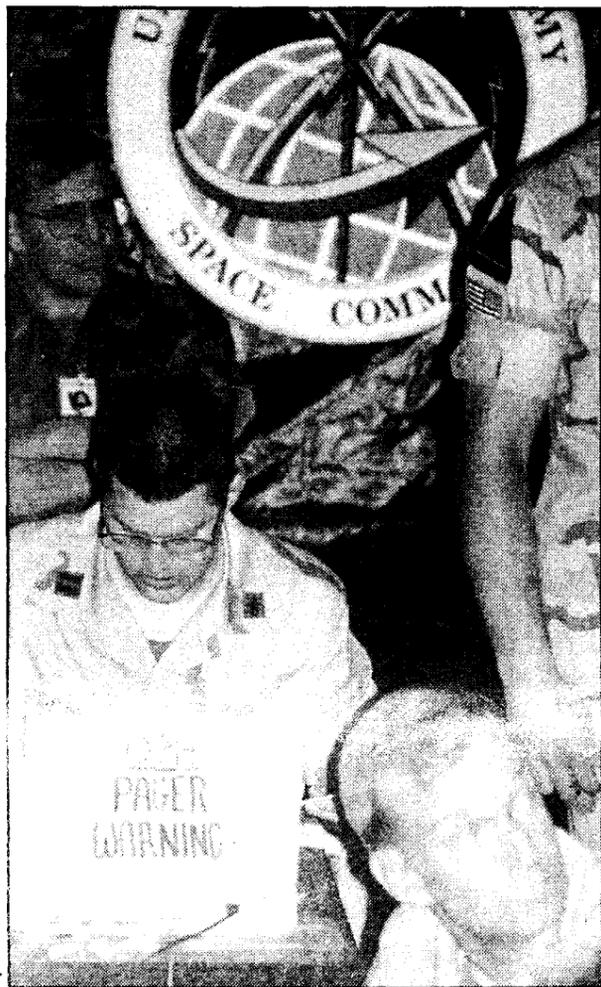
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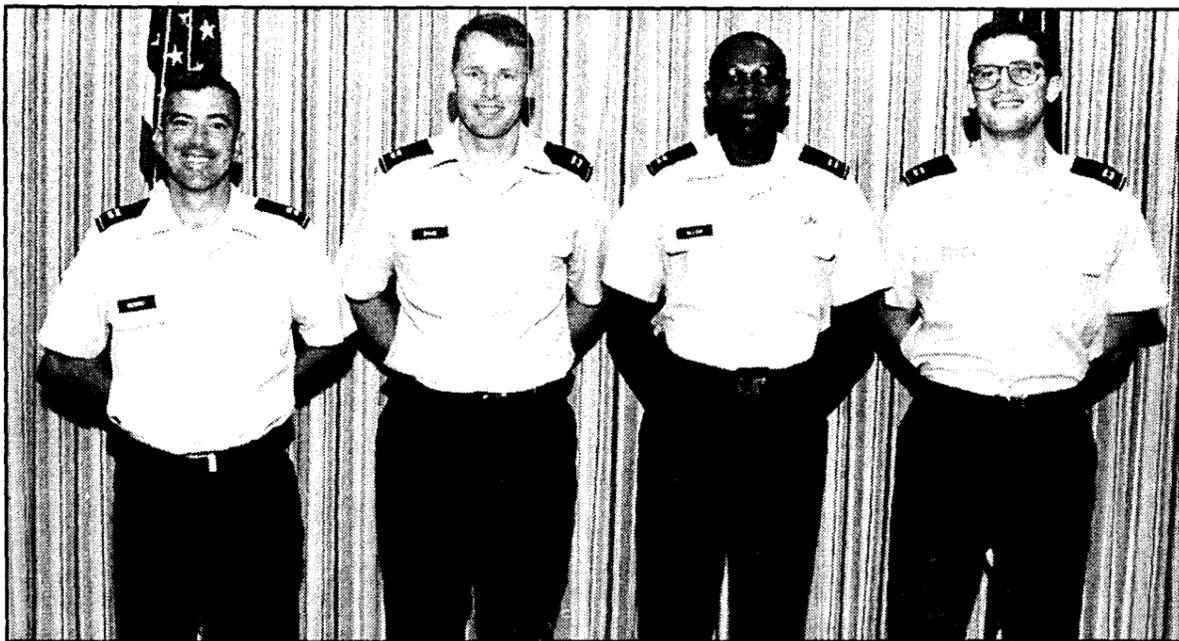
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DEMONSTRATION— Maj. Tom Budzyna, seated at left, performs the pager experiment from the operations center during Exercise Roving Sands held in April.





On promotion list...

The Missile and Space Intelligence Center recently celebrated with four officers who made the promotion list to major. From left are Capt. Jay Norris, Jack David, Mike

Allen and Karl Wingenbach. All four eligible captains at MSIC were selected for promotion by the board.

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the way! So, instead of monitoring where every soldier is on the battlefield, send the data "down" to everybody and let a receiver-processor warn those who need it! After all, the database to support accurate tactical warning already exists—it's in the hands of the thousands of servicemen, servicewomen, and systems with GPS receivers.

Potential Applications: Broadcast data need not only address an impact area. During the experiment, the Special Operations Forces Liaison Officer suggested that launch point data be broadcast to teams in enemy territory

to enhance reconnaissance operations. The Passive Defense Officer asserted that broadcasting data that defines the path of a poison gas cloud can enhance warning. The Air Force Liaison Officer remarked that enemy anti-aircraft unit locations could be broadcast to pilots while in flight to warn if they are in or near deadly air space. The political value of protecting a civil populace with GPS precision was also contemplated.

Payoff: The potential commercial application of this concept for a "GPS-public safety broadcast service" can inspire solutions to the technical hurdles associated with this concept. That can result in a big payoff to the warfighter

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(Editor's note: This article was provided by the Advanced Concepts & Technology Support Office, Army Space Command, at Colorado Springs, Colo.)

AUSA exhibition shows the Army's march to the future

WASHINGTON— The Army's ongoing march toward the force of the next century, Force XXI, will be on display Oct. 16 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Washington Sheraton Hotel in an exhibit titled, "America's Army ...Continuing to Grow."

Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, Army chief of staff, will be on hand to greet media and will host a question-and-answer session with senior Army leaders and experts in force modernization following a media tour of the experiment.

This unique event will provide the media a chance to not only view firsthand the advances during the past year in simulation and weapon technology of the future, but also the opportunity to interview the senior leadership of the Army's operation, research and training commands.

The "Synthetic Theater of War," the experiment's centerpiece, is a look beyond the horizon of the next century onto a virtual reality battlefield to showcase the Army's current ini-

tiatives to modernize, equip and train the force with cutting-edge technology. Advances in the technology over the past 12 months of weapon systems arrayed around the STOW will be highlighted within the STOW, giving the viewer the chance to see, feel and experience the battlefield of the future.

In addition to the updated technology within the STOW, new for this year's exhibit is a force projection tactical operations center located immediately outdoors from the STOW. Soldiers in the TOC will actually interact with the simulation play being generated by operations within the STOW.

The exhibit combines both present and developmental systems which have been refined through testing and research over the past year. It shows that America's Army is actively preparing to win any future conflict at a minimum cost of our most precious resource, the American soldier. (Arnews)

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Group seeks veterans of underage military service

By Skip Vaughn

A retired soldier who joined the Army when he was only 14 is looking for other veterans of underage service.

David Jordan, 63, of Burlington, N.C., is a member of the Veterans of Underage Military Service. This nationwide organization was formed in 1991, and Jordan is a charter member.

"We're trying to recruit members," he said during a vacation visit to Redstone last week. "Most of us are getting up there in age. And eventually the outfit will just die off, but we're trying to locate as many as we can."

The organization has 741 members, including five in Alabama. Jordan is sure there are many others who joined the military while younger than 17. "You can go in at 17 with parent's consent. That's how I got in; I lied a little bit. And then my parents signed for me, too," he said.

Jordan, who was born in Tillman, Miss., joined the Army on Jan. 9, 1947 in Vallejo, Calif. After eight weeks of basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., he boarded a ship bound for Guam. "I

turned 15 when I was on ship," Jordan said. He spent 20 months on Guam (1947-48), went to Fort Bliss, Texas, in 1949, and was placed in the 502nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion. Jordan returned to Fort Ord in September 1949 for preparations to go to Alaska. "I met my wife 5 Nov. '49 on a blind date, and she's been blind ever since," he quipped. "We got married 5 March '50 at Yuma, Ariz. And then in April '50, I shipped to Alaska."

He returned to Fort Bliss in 1952 where he was assigned to the radar school. In 1953 Jordan underwent a year of Nike Ajax missile training at Fort Bliss. He served at a missile site in Los Angeles from 1954-56. Jordan came to Redstone in 1956 to take the Nike maintenance supervisor class; and he graduated from that class at the missile school in December '56.

"It was in '56 that I wrote the Adjutant General to have my age corrected because I was applying for warrant officer. Because if they did a background check on me, I didn't want them to find out I was underage. So, in '56 I was three years younger and one

day," Jordan said, laughing. "And I made warrant officer in February of '57."

Jordan left Redstone in September 1957 for Europe where he stayed until August 1961. That was followed by tours with 5th Army headquarters in Chicago, Ill., and Thule, Greenland. In 1965 he was assigned to Redstone with duty station at Western Electric in Burlington, N.C. Western Electric was the prime contractor for the Nike system. Jordan served with the Korean military assistance advisory group 1967-68. He returned to Redstone in '68 with the Hercules project office at building 4488. After a year, he was assigned to Taiwan with the Republic of China military advisory group.

While in Taiwan, Jordan suffered a heart attack Aug. 30, 1970 and was evacuated to the hospital at Fort Ord. He had a second heart attack Oct. 14, 1970 while in the hospital. Jordan, a chief warrant officer 4, was medically retired from the Army on May 25, 1971 after 24 years, four months and 17 days of service.

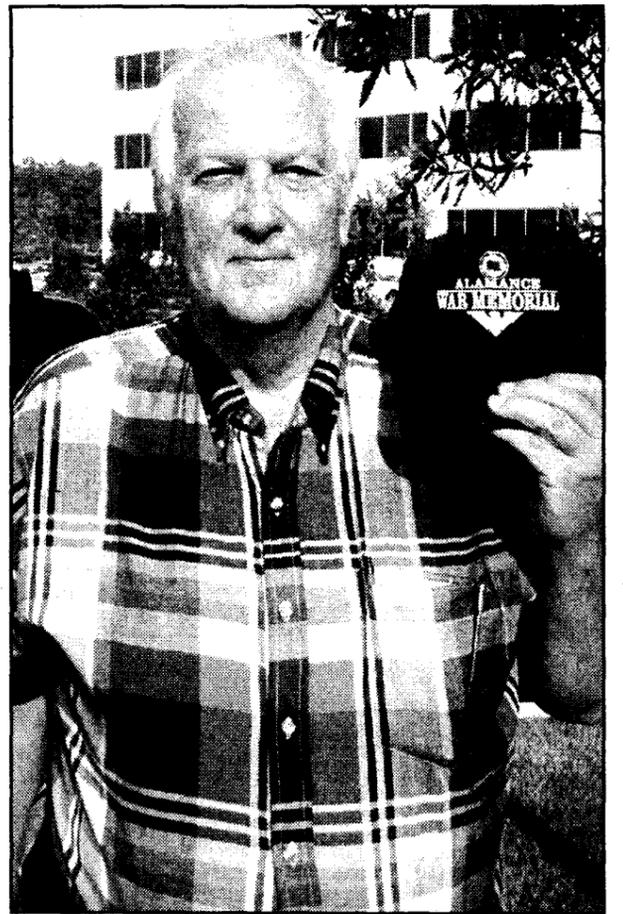
With only an eighth grade education, Jordan returned to Burlington and went to school 1973-81,

completing high school and picking up three associate degrees at a community college. He and his wife, Patricia, owned an alarm company—installing burglary, fire, close circuit TV, and access control — from 1982 until they sold the business in June 1994. The Jordans have three children: Beverly, 43, David, 42, and Patricia, 39.

"I never saw any combat," Jordan recalled. "I was in Alaska when the Korean War broke out. And then in Vietnam, the closest I got was Taiwan."

The Veterans of Underage Military Service, formed by Allan Stover of Ellicott City, Md., includes several Medal of Honor winners.

Among the well-known members are actors Gene Hackman and Rod Steiger; David Hackworth, a retired lieutenant colonel who enlisted at age 14 and writes for Newsweek Magazine; Congressman Bob Stump of Arizona, chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee; and Admiral J.M. Boorda, chief of Naval operations, who joined the Navy at 16. The peak year



JORDAN

for underage enlistments was 1943. Brouse, 100 Village Lane, Philadelphia, Pa., 19154. Jordan is among 12 Listed members include members of VUMS in Stanley Szczepanski of Alamance County, N.C. Decatur who can be reached at 353-4929. The national commander of the organization is George

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The Redstone Meteorological Team dedicated their building Friday to a fellow employee who died suddenly May 5. The building was renamed the David L. Evans RTTC Meteorological Facility during the dedication ceremonies. Helping with the dedication are, from left, Maj. Gen. Richard Tragemann, TECOM commander; Kathryn Evans; Jim Young; and Larry Johnson, director of Redstone Technical Test Center. A plaque was hung in David Evans' memory and a photo will be displayed

Paper nonavailability statements no longer required for travel

WASHINGTON— A new travel policy cancels the requirement for paper nonavailability statements for government quarters, effective Oct. 1.

The change is an effort to reduce the administrative burden of temporary duty travel, said Lt. Col. John J. Ogle, Per Diem Committee, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

"If government quarters are not available, the travel

order or voucher must list the nonavailability (by confirmation number), provided by the service in its registration process," Ogle said. "Otherwise, the member will note the date of the attempt to acquire reservations and the phone number and point of contact at the contacted billeting office."

Ogle said this is only the first step in making TDY travel simpler.

"The ultimate goal is to

make the TDY travel process paperless," he said. "The intent is to streamline government travel by using the 'best in class' business practices to reduce burdensome paperwork and eliminate massive inconvenience."

The new policy is part of the Joint Federal Travel Regulation, Volume 1, Chapter 4, Part E. (Arnews)

Chaplains seeking contributions for annual holiday food program

By Kathy Harkleroad

The holiday season is nearly upon us and this is the time of year people stop and give thanks for all they have. Unfortunately more and more these days, there are people who need a little extra help during the holiday season and soldiers are no exception.

In the past a food basket program was implemented at Redstone Arsenal and soldiers in need received a basket of food. Last year a new program was implemented using food vouchers good only at the commissary.

The program was a success last year; and Chaplain (Capt.) David Acuff would like to see the same results this year. "Last year we received \$17,000 in donations and were able to help 163 families. I think that was a real success story. How many families we help this year depends on the amount of donations," Acuff said.

"Logistically this is a ideal way to handle the situation. Especially due to more families in need, limited space and staff," he said. Acuff also said there seemed to be an urgency in the program because so many families are finding it harder to stretch the family dollar and need a little extra help.

Another plus for the program is the anonymity factor involved. "Recipients' names will be collected by commanders for the vouchers and they will dispersed in the same manner. Nobody will have to know, except the commanders, who received the voucher," Acuff said.

The anonymity factor also benefits the person who is donating to the program.

"This is a nice way for everyone to get involved in helping another person out without spending a lot of time. After all they don't have to search through their cupboards for canned goods or purchase extra groceries. This also eliminates the problem of delivering the items to the office," Acuff said.

Each recipient will receive a voucher good for food at the commissary with the exception of diapers. "By giving them the opportunity to purchase the kinds of foods they like, this also eliminates any possibility of any unused food," Acuff added. The vouchers are non-transferable and will be issued starting Dec. 11.

"The number of families we will be able to help this year depends on the amount of donations we receive," Acuff said. Last year about 163 families were helped through the holiday food basket program. Acuff said he expects to see approximately the same number of families who will need help this year and welcomes all donations to the project.

Monetary donations for the vouchers are being sought and can be made through the Chaplain's Fund on the Arsenal. The Officers Wives Club, Sergeants Major Association and the Thrift Shop have already donated monies for the program; and there will be designated offerings during the services held at Bicentennial Chapel.

"We would also welcome donations from anyone who would like to contribute," Acuff said. Persons wishing to donate to the program can drop off their donations at Bicentennial Chapel.

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Charity campaign holds Sparkman Center rally

By Michael Dickerson

The clouds were gray and lowering as a Red Cross disaster relief van parked in front of the Sparkman Center. Rain pelted the ground, turning it into an earthy soup. But, there was no disaster. The van was in front of the auditorium, along with Red Cross workers and an information booth in the lobby, to prompt MICOM workers to give through the CFC campaign.

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign held its kickoff for the Sparkman Center Oct. 3 at the Sparkman auditorium. Now it's up to federal workers not to drop the ball.

Besides the Red Cross, many other agencies were in the lobby with their booths and pamphlets, dolls and doll houses, photos and testimonies, trying to educate us on what they do for the community.

Christmas Charities Year Round, CASA, The Boys and Girls Club, Huntsville Kids

on the Block, The American Lung Association, Special Olympics, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, and several other agencies gladly told about their functions. They all had heartwarming stories to tell. These agencies were a sampling of the 1,213 organizations which federal workers can contribute to during the campaign.

At the rally George Gunter, loaned executive to the CFC, introduced Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal. Link said that he appreciated everyone who attended the rally. "You voted with your feet," he said. "What I ask you to do is to try to instill enthusiasm and caring into the rest of MICOM workers."

Mike Neal, a MICOM worker, spoke about his son who has leukemia. Neal's son is the little GI on the campaign poster. Neal named about a dozen agencies partially funded by CFC which offered help to his



KIDS ON THE BLOCK— Angie Colvert, left, and Kathy Romans, director of Kids on the Block, along with their puppet, teach us to live with differences.

son and family. He noted the many children in the Children's Hospital in Birmingham who came from families more desperate for help than his son.

About 1,100 solicitors will tell federal workers about agency activities and urge workers to give what they feel like giving.

Hispanic Heritage Month observance under way locally

Hispanics in the Military is the theme for this year's observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 through Oct. 14.

SSgt. Petra Branch, of the 59th Ordnance Brigade's newly-formed Committee for Equal Opportunity, has provided questions and answers about Hispanic-American history which will run in the Rocket each week during the observance.

The following is last week's entry, and its answer:

"The embodiment of Spanish romanticism, I am a poet and dramatist born Feb. 21, 1817, and died Jan. 23, 1893. I am fa-

mous above all for my play Don Juan Tenorio (1844), in which Don Juan is not damned but saved by his true love, Dona Ines. I also wrote leyendas (legends) based on traditional Spanish themes or history, from which I drew heavily for my poems and plays. My sonorous verses are known by heart by many in the Hispanic world, although I am not highly regarded by critics today. Who am I?" Answer: Jose Zorrilla Y Moral

Here is this week's question; look for the answer Oct. 18:

"I was born in Mexico City, 1904, and

died Feb. 4, 1957. I was a painter, caricaturist and illustrator. In 1923 I went to New York City where I became a noted stage designer and contributor of caricatures to such magazines as the New Yorker and Vanity Fair. An ethnologist as well as an artist, I wrote and illustrated Island of Bali (1937), based on my travels there. My mural paintings include two large works in Mexico City's Hotel del Prado (1947). I also pro-

duced illustrated works on pre-Hispanic Mexican culture, including Mexico South (1946); The Eagle, the Jaguar and the Serpent (1954), and Indian Art of Mexico and Central America (1957). My important collection of pre-Columbian art was donated to the National Museum of Anthropology, Mexico City, upon my death. Who am I?"

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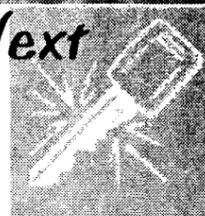
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Soldier returns to manage automatic test support systems

By Michael Dickerson

If you think your car has been taken over by electronics, you should see the changes to Army weapons systems. There are at least 10 systems to test on an Apache attack helicopter, 11 on the Multiple Launch Rocket System. Then there is the TOW missile system, Avenger, and the KIOWA Warrior, an armed observation helicopter, to keep up with. The weapons systems are mainly tested by a rack of general purpose test equipment, not unique test equipment for each part or system.

This isn't news, it's everyday stuff to Lt. Col. James Wargo and his approximately 30 core and matrix personnel. Wargo is the new product manager of Automatic Test Support Systems, at TMDE Activity, which is responsible for developing and fielding the automatic test equipment.

Actually, Wargo has been the new manager since July when he arrived at Redstone from the Defense Systems Management College in Virginia. He was stationed at Redstone before, in 1979, when he was a second lieutenant at the Missile Research and Development

Command. That Command has since been incorporated into MICOM.

The fielding directive includes logistics. "We are responsible for the logistics of fielded equipment," Wargo said. "We are told how many and where. There are 24 base shop facilities and 1,047 contact test sets." The base shops are racks of test equipment, sometimes mounted on the sheltered back of a truck.

The contact test sets are personal computers with hookups to the weapons system. "A lot of our stuff is off-the-shelf commercial equipment," Wargo said.

"We have plans to respond to smarter users. When they see what some commercial equipment can do, they want to do it also, like hooking a modem into the back of test equipment to order parts." Wargo also said that another enhancement may be to incorporate a tiny camera so that a technician at a school can look at the remote equipment.

Wargo has settled in for at least two to three years at the product manager position. He lives on post with his wife, Susannah, who works at the Fox Army Community Hospital, and sons Jason, 11, and Joshua, 9.



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Opryland, Recreation Center salute area military families

By Heather Haring

Leaves are starting to turn and fall, the temperature has dropped a few degrees since the sun's rays are more gentle and distant. It is the perfect time of year to be outside enjoying the weather. If you haven't already made plans for the last week of October, Opryland U.S.A. and the Recreation Center have paired to bring the Redstone community a week of Military Appreciation days at the Opryland theme park. It is the perfect opportunity to say farewell to the summer and welcome to the holiday season. Since Opryland and the Recreation Center know how expensive the impending holiday season is, they have a great deal for your entire family!

Admission price for adults is only \$14.50 (regular gate price is \$31.38). Military Appreciation days are Oct. 27-31.

Simply by showing your badge or military I.D. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Oct. 27-29, from 9-10 a.m., the military and civilian employees of Redstone Arsenal will be treated to an exclusive ride on one of Opryland's newest attractions, The Hangman. "You are dangling from a 104 foot high track traveling at an incredible speed and turning four 360-degree loops with nothing between you and the ground but your sneakers! So even if that is the only thing you go for, your trip will be well worth the short drive," says Christine Dingman, Opryland corpo-

rate sales executive.

During the five military appreciation days you will also be treated to Howl-O-Ween programs for the young and young at heart. The daytime Howl-O-Ween program is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be filled with lighthearted, fun-n-friendly entertainment, characters, and activities. This a great time for the Redstone community families with young children to attend. The nighttime Howl-O-Ween program will be filled with eerie night attractions like the Bell Witch Mansion, Zombie Jamboree, Monster

Mash and Screamin' Demons just to name a few! The nighttime activities are scarier so they may not be recommended for young children.

You might ask why Opryland is offering this special weekend for America's Army. Dingman says, "We want to recognize the military and offer special prices to their families." This will be Opryland's second Military Appreciation Week and they are already discussing the possibility of making this an annual event.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, country music recording star

Willie Nelson will perform at Opryland. Ticket prices for this concert are specially discounted to the military community at only \$12.50 each. Reservations are required for the concert because there is reserved seating and reservations will be based on availability. You may call the Recreation Center for details.

Remember that you can get regular discounted tickets not only to Opryland but

to many other local attractions at the Recreation Center. The tickets are available to the entire Redstone community including active duty military, retirees and DoD civilians. For more information, call the Recreation Center at 876-4531.

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

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Sports

Redstone hunters take to the fields this weekend

By Michael Dickerson

Raccoon and rabbit hunting season opens Saturday as does deer bowhunting season.

According to David Nixon, wildlife biologist at Redstone, "there are some trophy bucks on Redstone." But, he won't tell you where. "That's why they call it hunting," he said. He also said, "I would look for a decrease in body weight because of the drought in August. It reduced the mast crop (acorns and such). We tried to make up for that with food plots." Clover, wheat, and annual rye have been planted in plots scattered throughout the Arsenal.

Nixon said that the quota for deer this season is 325 female and 125 male, from both bow and gun hunting. If the quota is reached before the stated end-of-season, the season on deer will be closed. That doesn't look likely considering last year's total take. Last year, 676 permits were sold and 245 deer were taken from Redstone. The hunting season is set in accordance with the Alabama Department of Fish and Game.

"Data suggests that there is one deer per 58 acres," Nixon said. "The carrying capacity is about one per 25 acres. There are plenty of deer on the Arsenal. There's deer everywhere out here."

Smaller game such as raccoons and rabbits are not tracked like the deer harvest.

Florida Gators have slight edge over Auburn Tigers, Tennessee Volunteers favored over Crimson Tide

By Skip Vaughn

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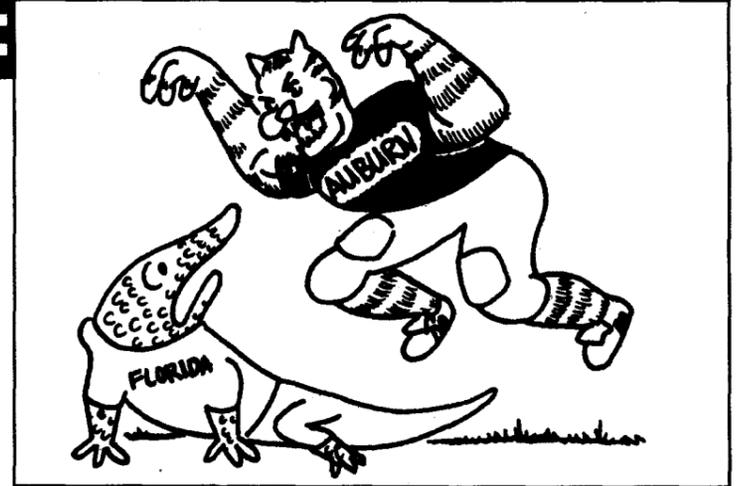
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STINGER

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Cook had the opportunity to fire the shoulder-fired weapon as part of production lot acceptance testing. This was lot 70, the final production delivery of Stinger-RMP (Reprogrammable microprocessor).

This was no demonstration; whether or not Cook's missile hit the target would help determine whether the Army would accept delivery of those missiles from the contractor, Hughes. Cook and another civilian, Mike Bieri, product assurance branch chief for Stinger Product Office, had to undergo several hours of training at Fort Bliss, Texas, in preparation. For three or four hours they tracked different targets in the Improved Moving Target Simulator at Fort Bliss.

The moment of truth arrived at White Sands. Cook, 57, put the 35-pound weapon on his gimpy right shoulder and fired...

A native of Crossville, Cook graduated from the University of Alabama in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He went to work for Thiokol at Redstone as a design engineer. Cook began his government career here in 1968 as a gener-

al engineer in the Product Assurance Directorate. He stayed at PAD for 11 years before joining the Stinger Project Office as an engineer in 1979. He became an assistant project manager in 1990. Cook was at Stinger until Sept. 30 when he and many others changed jobs or retired as part of the downsizing.

Asked what stands out his mind about his 16 years and four months with Stinger, Cook said, "I guess really the opportunities that I was given. The opportunities to make decisions, opportunities to interface with international customers, and the opportunity to manage good people."

He and his wife, Janice, have a daughter, Christi Wheelless, and a 2-year-old granddaughter.

"I'm convinced that what people want is to be responsible for something, be responsible to perform; and more or less, held accountable for what they're assigned," Cook said. "Money's important but it's not the only factor. I know the very few times I was disappointed in the Stinger program was when I was not involved in something."

... Cook was definitely involved in something this time, as he was for most of his years with Stinger. He was the man on the trigger.



COOK

He was the gunner determining whether or not the Army would accept this \$20 million production lot from the contractor. He fired that first round, and the missile failed. Another failure could jeopardize the Army's acceptance of that lot. Cook fired a second round at the aerial target, and scored a direct hit. He had fired the fifth and eighth missiles; and the Army accepted the lot with seven out of eight

direct hits.

"But one thing I learned from this," Cook said, "I came away from this test with a lot more respect for the gunner."

Finally getting the chance to fire the missile he had worked on for more than one and a half decades was "an absolute thrill," he said. "I've seen many, many of them fired but I didn't realize it was so intense."

The Stinger Product

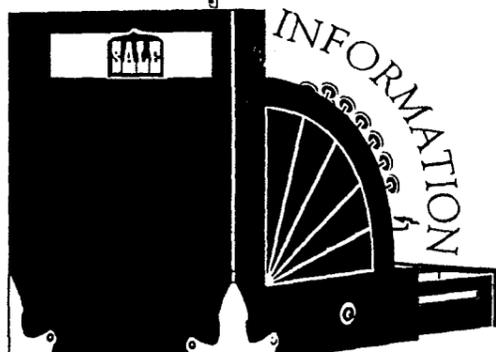
Office, under Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles, now moves into the next phase which is an upgrade of the Stinger-RMP. When completed, some of the current RMPs will be modified to incorporate that improvement. Jack Sanders, previously the deputy project manager, is the acting product manager for Stinger. Col. Dan Prescott, who served as the project manager, is now on the staff of PEO Tactical Missiles.

Cook plans to continue his career with Weapon Systems Management Direc-

torate for at least the next few years before thinking about possibly retiring to that land he owns in DeKalb County. Now he plans to spend more time with the hobbies he didn't have the time to pursue before.

"When I was with Stinger, that job absolutely consumed me. I would get in early and get out late. The last five years took me away from everything. But I'm going to change that. I've got a new granddaughter; and my wife and I are getting a little older. And there's a lot of things I want to do."

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FURLOUGH

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"If we were to go until Nov. 15, it would have a significant effect on the entire operations," Ginnetti said. "Our main thrust would be to find work-
rounds that would permit us to continue operations."

Ginnetti explained that positions directly impacting national security and safety would be exempt from the government shutdown. All active-duty soldiers would also continue working and earning pay, he said, although there could be a delay in the payments.

"We have a constitutional requirement to make certain that national security is protected, and provisions are made," Ginnetti said. "We have a number of financial (options) — one that we call the Feed and Forage Act.. which permitted the military to, if you will, appropriate certain goods from the citizenry in order for them to continue military operations."

"We have the ability to impose the Feed and Forage Act — of course we don't expect to go out and take goods and services away from civilians — but it gives us the authority that

we need in an emergency situation to proceed," Ginnetti said.

He explained that jobs which impact public safety, such as air traffic controllers, would be exempt from furloughs. Also exempt would be any units and activities which are directly involved in the preservation of national security.

All forward deployed units and activities throughout the world would be exempt, he said, as well as those preparing for deployment. He also said civilian employees who are necessary to provide direct support to deployed units will be exempt.

Ginnetti said soldiers and families should be prepared for a possible delay in pay if the government shuts down in November. He recommended that they talk with their supervisors, their landlords and their banking institutions.

"For example," Ginnetti said, "we're going to advise the banking institutions that it may be necessary for soldiers and civilians to delay such things as mortgage payments, car payments, rental payments, any obligations that we have that require us to have cash in the bank. And we're going to

encourage them to be prepared to assist financially through either low-cost loans or things of that nature to individuals that may need assistance."

Ginnetti said medical and dental treatment would continue for active-duty soldiers in the case of a government shutdown. He said doctors, nurses, anesthetists and their support staff would all be exempt from furloughs.

He said family members and other non-active-duty personnel would be able to receive emergency care, but such things as immunizations, physicals, routine physicals, routine care, would not be permitted during any period where the government does not have funding authorization.

Ginnetti said the Defense Department is uncertain whether schools on Army installations will be in the exempt category. "We're still working with

that one to see if we can come up with a legal basis in order to keep those activities open," he said.

Child care centers, and post education centers should be able to stay open, Ginnetti said.

Ginnetti emphasized that all precautions for a fiscal "train wreck" simply amount to contingency planning.

"We certainly hope that we're not going to have to implement our plan," Ginnetti said, "and that the fiscal train wreck will not occur. We believe that neither the administration nor the Hill has any particular interest in seeing that happen. That they all believe there's nothing to be gained. We're just going to have to work it out and pay attention and listen to the news."

(Arnews)
(From the "Pentagram." Interview conducted by Soldiers Radio and Television.)

Aid headed for Angola, Kurds

DoD and the State Department are providing humanitarian assistance to enhance road construction in Angola and generate power to Kurds in northern Iraq. Both projects received approval in late August from DoD and are part of the DoD Humanitarian Assistance Program.

DoD will airlift six gas turbine generators from Schwetzingen, Germany, to Sumail, part of Iraq's Dohuk region. A five-member military team will install the equipment and train Kurdish technicians. Each turbine can generate 625 kilowatts.

Officials said the generators will provide power to schools, water pumping stations, hospitals and clinics. The Iraqi government cut power to the region in 1993. The generators should arrive in Iraq by Sept. 30, with soldiers staying four to six weeks.

DoD will also send 19 prefabricated bridges and added support equipment to help the Angolan government improve its roadways. The prefabricated spans, ranging from 60 to 200 feet in length, can handle up to 80,000 pounds.

A California bridge manufacturer is providing the equipment, with DoD assuming the \$958,000 surface shipping costs from California to Angola. Once the bridges reach Africa, the Angolan government will place and construct bridges.

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Annual Great American Smokeout Focuses on deterring youngsters

By Evelyn D. Harris American Forces Information Service

The 19th Great American Smokeout is Nov. 16. The American Cancer Society is sponsoring "The Great American Smoke-Scream" on that day.

The event's message, "You're Too Smart to Start," is intended to encourage children not to start smoking and to correct the misperception that most teens smoke.

Cancer society officials said fifth to ninth graders across the country will scream out against smoking at 2 p.m. Eastern time. The event will mark the end of a week-long campaign against youth smoking in which schools will incorporate tobacco education into their daily classes.

According to the cancer society, more than 3,000 adolescents smoke their first cigarette every day. And while the number of adult smokers dropped from 30 percent of the population to 25 percent over the past decade, teen-age smoking is increasing. Nineteen percent of high school teen-agers smoked cigarettes daily in 1993, an increase from 17 percent in 1992.

The average age to start smoking is 13, according to a 1994 report by the U.S. surgeon general. Research shows a person who gets through the teen-age years without smoking will never smoke.

The DoD Dependents Schools System teaches students about the dangers of tobacco along with other drug education, said spokeswoman Marilyn Witcher. Often, the school nurse or a nurse from the military hospital or clinic gives a talk.

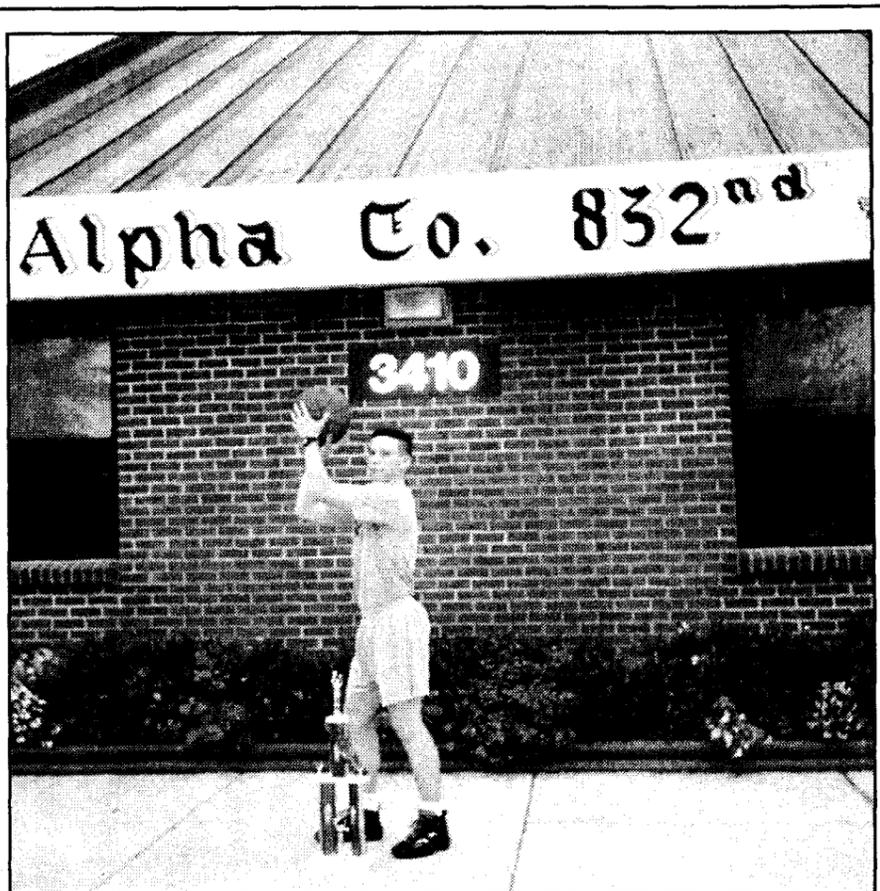
Although this year's event pays special attention to young people, the American Cancer Society is not giving up on older smokers, said spokeswoman Elizabeth Bridgers. This year, the society expects 10 million smokers to participate by quitting for a day.

U.S. military installations around the world participate in the smokeout. Last year, personnel at Fort Lewis, Wash., held Run Your Butts Off, a five-kilometer run/walk complete with Mr. Butts from the "Doonesbury" comic strip. He pulled an oxygen tank across the finish line. In the San Diego area, Navy personnel trying to quit for the day had 123 "survival stations" to support them. The stations passed out 14,820 quit kits. People at McConnell Air Force Base, Kan., took part in a Cold Turkey Trot fun run.

Year-round, military doctors in all specialties encourage their patients who smoke to quit, said Navy Capt. Bill Butler, senior DoD policy analyst for health promotion. "We're not just asking the primary care docs to talk to their patients. For example, a dermatologist could point out smoking leads to premature wrinkling."

Butler said DoD is in a U.S. Public Health Service program called Put Prevention Into Practice, whereby physicians incorporate health promotion as part of their standard of care.

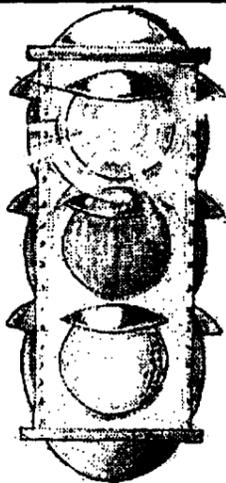
"Research shows people are more likely to quit smoking or using tobacco products if their physician encourages them to stop," said Butler. He also said the military is doing research to find more effective programs both to motivate people to quit and to help them do so.



Sharpshooter...

Pvt. Kris Harkey, of A Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, shows the form that helped him win the three-point shooting competition at the recent BOSS

Committee basketball shootout. The Alpha Gators always rise to the occasion, says Capt. Eddie L. Mitchell, company commander.



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DoD urges units to continue anti-terrorism planning

By Master Sgt. Stephen Barrett

While praising accomplishments of military units to combat today's terrorism threat, DoD officials are urging the services to continue planning for future security challenges.

H. Allen Holmes, assistant secretary of defense for special operations and low-intensity conflict, said he expects innovative and lethal attacks by groups bearing better weapons and less restraint when it comes to U.S. targets.

His remarks came during an awards luncheon at the DoD worldwide anti-terrorism conference in Newport, R.I., in August.

Despite 25 years' experience in tracking and combating modern terrorism, Holmes said, terrorists are adapting to U.S. preventive tactics.

"In their need to shock, to horrify and to capture headlines, they have grown more lethal," he said. Holmes added technological advances by terrorists make it even more imperative that intelligence, security and law enforcement entities work together in fighting terrorism.

With the fall of Soviet Union six years ago, Holmes said he was hoping for a time of optimism. "Money, weapons, training, sanctuary and strategic protection—without which no modern terrorist can operate—all disappeared within the space of a few months,"

he said. However, Holmes said his optimism was premature.

"Not only are many old conflicts still with us," he said, "but they have been joined by dangerous new hostilities. Civil war has returned to Angola, and the Khmer Rouge has reverted to bloodshed. Bosnia is in the midst of a civil war."

Holmes said the United States, long immune from terrorism, suffered major acts of political terror. He specifically cited the Oklahoma City and New York World Trade Center bombings. "It is clear that low-intensity conflict, in all its forms, will remain with us long after the memory of the Cold War has faded," he said. "The infliction of terror on innocent people is still often the weapon of choice for those who cannot accept the risk, or the cost, of open war."

Holmes said the increased threat will require greater vigilance, along with effective, targeted intelligence collection and analysis. "The operating environment may be complicated, but our mission remains constant—to protect our people and to deter terrorist groups," he said. "It is a challenge to which we are dedicated, and I know you are as well."

The anti-terrorism awards honored innovative efforts by units and individuals to combat terrorism while safeguarding American lives at home and abroad.

Named best anti-terrorism program manager was Marine Maj. Charles E. Woens of the U.S. European Command's office of defense cooperation in Greece. Honorable mention went to Army Staff Sgt. David Supinger of the 5th Signal Command in Worms, Germany.

The Naval Sea Systems Command of Arlington, Va., won the best anti-terrorism award for major commands. The Air Force Special Investigations Command at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., earned best small program, while the 11th Signal Brigade of Fort Huachuca, Ariz., received honorable mention.

Best anti-terrorism intelligence program went to the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, with honorable mention going to the Air Force Air Combat Command at Griffis Air Force Base, N.Y.

The best anti-terrorism innovation award went to the Northeast Metropolitan Field Office of Navy's Criminal Investigative Service in Earl, N.J. Honorable mentions went to Air Force Special Investigations Regions 2 and 3, at Andrews and the Air Force's 48th Security Police Squadron, stationed at Royal Air Force Base Lakenheath, England (USA American Forces Information Service)



Water damage...

Hurricane Opal left a few signs of her presence at Redstone Arsenal Oct. 4; and the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreational Area was one recipient. The area was flooded due to high

water levels in the Tennessee River, as well as surrounding creeks. The road into the recreation area was underwater, and entrance was unattainable.

DoD announces policy on blinding lasers technology

Although lasers will continue to provide a technological edge to U.S. forces, Defense Secretary William Perry said DoD will not design lasers to cause blindness.

Perry announced in a Pentagon statement that DoD prohibits use of lasers specifically designed to cause permanent blindness. He also supports negotiations prohibiting use of such weapons.

Perry said DoD recognizes accidental or incidental eye injuries may occur on the battlefield because of legitimate laser systems. However, he said, the services will continue to minimize injuries through training and doctrine.

The U.S. military cur-

rently uses lasers for detection, targeting, range-finding, communications and target destruction. Perry said lasers provide a critical technological edge to U.S. forces and allow forces to fight, win and survive on an increasingly lethal battle-

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TRICARE awards contract for Hawaii, California Support

Foundation Health Care Services, Inc. of Rancho Cordova, Calif., received a five-year contract to support TRICARE facilities in California and Hawaii. The \$2.6 billion contract will cover health care services for over 1.2 million people in DoD Health Care Regions 9, 10 and 12.

TRICARE is DoD's comprehensive health care initiative, and defense officials said this contract will help military health care commanders improve quality health care. In addition, it will provide medical support requirements during military deployments.

Under this contract, most CHAMPUS-eligible individuals in California and Hawaii can choose among three options on how they receive TRICARE benefits. They can choose TRICARE Prime, a health maintenance organization option that offers reduced cost-sharing for care from a network of military-civilian providers.

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Maintaining Forces in Asian-Pacific Region Vital to U.S. Security

By Linda D. Kozaryn

Superpowers waging world war is a fear of the past; smaller nations waging war against their neighbors is a fear of the present. The United States is committed to preventing such regional conflicts, according to Secretary of Defense William J. Perry.

"Today, medium-sized countries—North Korea, Iraq, Iran—driven by virulent nationalism and armed with modern weapons can cause enormous damage to their neighbors," Perry said. "And to compound the threat, these nations are seeking to acquire weapons of mass destruction."

Perry addressed the threat of regional conflicts during a September speech at the Japan Society in New York. U.S. strategy for preventing conflicts in the Pacific has been to maintain a strong military presence and firm alliances in the region, Perry said. There would be dangerous consequences if the United States withdrew from the region, he said.

"For years, the U.S. provided a secure environment which allowed the Asian Pacific nations to build their economies rather than their national defense structures," Perry said. "Our military presence helped foster phenomenal growth by providing a foundation

of peace and stability."

If U.S. forces were to withdraw, Perry said, Asian-Pacific countries would be forced to build up their defense structures. "Rapid growth of military structures, plus historic animosities, would be a volatile mix that could quickly destabilize the region," he said.

North Korea is a clear security threat to the region, Perry said. While the United States and South Korea spend 3 percent of their gross national products on the military and Japan spends 1 percent, North Korea spends 25 percent. Two-thirds of North Korea's million-man army is located within 100 kilometers of the demilitarized zone with South Korea, he said.

"In 1993, North Korea began threatening to withdraw from the Nonproliferation Treaty, to reprocess spent fuel rods from its nuclear reactor and to vastly expand its dangerous nuclear program," Perry said. U.S. leadership and the resolve of friends and allies forced North Korea to back down and accept the framework agreement, he said.

The United States is working to improve relations with China and to reduce tensions among China, India and Pakistan. "The relationship of these

three powers has long been one of fear and mistrust," Perry said. India worries about the threat from Pakistan and China. Pakistan keeps a strong force as a deterrent against India. "What makes this tension truly worrisome is the potential for nuclear weapons use in the event of a conflict."

The U.S. alliance with Japan is the cornerstone of U.S. strategy in the region. "Our cooperative efforts have helped keep the lid on regional conflicts, guaranteed freedom of the seas, reduced the risk of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and promoted democracy, respect for human rights and free markets," Perry said.

Japan firmly supports

U.S. presence in the region, he noted, and it pays more than 70 percent of the cost of keeping U.S. troops on its soil. Japan is also now participating in peacekeeping operations and bidding for a U.N. Security Council seat. "We support Japan's increased role in international security issues as good for Japan and good for the world," Perry said.

"Clearly, the Asian-Pacific region is making tremendous advances toward a permanent peace and stability," Perry said. "Old relationships are being strengthened and new ones are being formed—all in the interest of preventing conflict and sowing seeds of cooperation and trust." (American Forces Information Service)



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House accepts base closure list; recommendations now law

By MSgt. Stephen Barrett

The U.S. House of Representatives, by a 343-75 vote, rejected a proposal to overturn the Base Closure and Realignment Commission's 1995 recommendations. Those findings now become law, closing or realigning over 100 stateside military bases and affecting nearly 93,000 jobs.

Under the 1988 Base Realignment and Closure Act, Congress has 45 legislative days to pass a joint resolution rejecting the proposal. A Senate vote is no longer necessary.

The law closes 28 Army, 33 Navy, seven Air Force bases and two defense depots.

Army closings include Fort McClellan, Ala.; Fort Ritchie, Md.; Letterkenny Army Depot, Chambersburg, Pa.; and Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Aurora, Colo.

Navy closings include California's Long Beach Naval Shipyard; naval activities in Guam; the Naval Surface Warfare Center in White Oak, Md.; and the South Weymouth (Mass.) Naval Air Station. Air Force closings include McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.; Reese Air Force Base and Bergstrom Air Reserve Base, Texas; and Air National Guard stations at Roslyn, N.Y., and Ontario, Calif.

It's the fourth and final phase of the base closure process. Last February, Defense Secretary William Perry recommended 146

bases for closure or realignment. Perry estimated then the round would save \$18 billion that would go to improving readiness and force modernization.

However, the commission added eight installations to DoD's list, including the air logistics centers at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, and McClellan. The commission also decided to keep 40 bases open, rejecting nearly 25 DoD proposals.

Commission chairman Alan J. Dixon said in May the commission needed to consider the other eight installations to provide the best closure list to the president.

President Bill Clinton accepted the list July 13, but said he believed the commis-

sion deviated too much from DoD recommendations. He said the commission plan was economically harsher than DoD's even though savings were about the same.

Still, the president acknowledged streamlining defense by closing bases is important to national security. By approving the list, Clinton said, base structure would continue to shrink in line with personnel reductions.

DoD officials said plans are under way to privatize jobs at McClellan and Kelly over the next five years. Clinton said this move should protect against job loss while helping the Air Force avoid a readiness disruption. (USA American Forces Information Service)

Recruiting results announced for third quarter, fiscal 1995

By MSgt. Stephen Barrett

The military services will meet their fiscal 1995 recruiting goals, but they face severe challenges next fiscal year.

In announcing third-quarter statistics, Fred Pang, assistant defense secretary for force management policy, said the services are facing competitive market conditions in recruiting service members. Pang said he bases those conditions on fiscal 1996 requirements and declining propensity of young men to enlist. He added obtaining high-quality volunteers now depends on support of Congress and the American people.

Both the Navy and Marine Corps successfully met third quarter recruiting goals. The Army met 99 percent of its third quarter goal, while the Air Force recruited 98 percent. However, since DoD exceeded its delayed entry program goals by 3 percent, Pang said, the services will meet their goals.

Defense statistics show recruit quality remains strong. Through the first nine months, 95 percent of recruits are high school graduates. In addition, 71 percent of recruits scored in the upper half of the Armed Forces Qualification Test. Less than 1 percent of new recruits scored in the lowest acceptable category.

Black recruits increased slightly from fiscal 1994 figures, going from 18 to 19 percent. The Army's 23 percent black accession rate was highest, but the Navy showed the largest change—a 3 percent increase from fiscal 1994.

Female recruits increased from 17 percent to 19 percent, the Navy increased female accessions from 17 percent to 21 percent. Twenty-four percent of Air Force recruits during the first nine months were women. (USA American Forces Information Service)

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DoD releases personnel strength through July 31

Military personnel strength dropped by over 13,000 between June 30 and July 31, according to figures released by DoD recently. It is also a decrease of nearly 100,000 from the same time in 1994.

DoD bases its report on a preliminary report of 1,533,717 currently serving as

fulltime military members. These numbers include regular and reserve service members on active duty. It also includes officer candidates and cadets and midshipmen attending the service academies.

(American Forces Information Service)

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DoD to promote school/home partnerships

By MSgt. Stephen Barrett

A nationwide effort to promote scholastic partnerships among parents, students and local schools is receiving heavy emphasis from DoD.

The Department of Defense Education Activity is attempting to increase parental involvement in its schools. By doing so, the activity hopes to better prepare its students to meet 21st century challenges.

Lillian Gonzalez, director of DoD's education activity, said family and community support is essential to improving children's education. She is encouraging such support at over 200 DoD dependents schools worldwide.

In promoting the program, the Education Department and DoD are encouraging partnership activities based on six goals. The six focus on family, school and civic contributions to promote and improve learning.

The first is improving reading, writing and math skills. Officials say teachers should rigorously teach the basics in school, then receive help from families once the student arrives home. Educators suggest parents promote reading and writing activities, monitor television viewing and encourage their children to develop good study habits early.

To enhance learning, officials encourage parents to become involved in school activities early. Teachers can tell who's interested in their children's education by who tutors them, attends field trips and joins school associations. These parents establish contacts that remain throughout a student's education.

Another aim is raising achievement and discipline standards both at home and in school. By enrolling children in tougher courses, officials say parents challenge children to be-

come better students. Parents must also maintain contact with the schools to ensure students meet standards.

Creating safe, drug-free school environments is also a concern. Education officials encourage parent patrols around schools and neighborhoods, firm and fair school policies and community involvement that promote safe neighborhoods and safe passages to schools.

Another suggestion is to better prepare students for college. Parents can do their part by ensuring their children enroll in courses that prepare them for college and future careers. Schools can offer college preparatory courses to high school seniors. Counselors should also guide students in selecting the courses they'll need to meet college entrance requirements.

Schools should also work with college administrators, sharing information on academic and admission requirements. This includes college tours that introduce students to the demands and environment associated with college life.

With technology demands growing and computer use becoming more important, both DoD and the Education Department encourage schools and businesses to continue up-

grading classroom computers. They also encourage more computer training and practice for students.

Families with home computers can help students simply by encouraging their use for homework projects, assignments and papers. Meanwhile, schools should work with local businesses to establish or continue programs bringing technology to classrooms.

Finally, by merging home, school and local resources, families can build an education-oriented community partnership. Community residents can improve opportunities through evening classes at community buildings, promote business apprenticeships, organize weekly study groups and create other specialized training that promotes a learning community.

Education officials said these suggestions, combined with other local ideas, can improve education at the home, in school and in the local community. For other suggestions, a resource guide containing school involvement activities, partnership information and other information is available. To obtain a copy, call toll free the U.S. Department of Education at (800) USA-LEARN. (USA American Forces Information Services)



Garden show...

The Botanical Garden's sixth annual Cornucopia Art Show and Fall Frolic will be held Oct. 14-15 at the garden, 4747 Bob Wallace Ave. Cornucopia will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Cost is

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Retirement ceremony— The post quarterly retirement ceremony will be held 4 p.m. Oct. 19 at the parade field. Rehearsal will be held 7 a.m. Oct. 18 at the parade field. Retirees wishing to participate in the retirement ceremony should call Sgt. Spears of RASA Support Operations 842-2576.

Organization day— The Lead AMC Integration Support Office will hold its annual Organization Day picnic Oct. 18 at the Col. Carroll Hudson recreation area.

SSDC/PEO MD picnic— The Space and Strategic Defense Command and the Program Executive Office, Missile Defense will hold their annual picnic, "1995 Fall Blast," Oct. 20 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the NASA picnic area on Redstone Arsenal. There

will be plenty of food, drink, games, entertainment and activities for the entire family. Tickets cost \$6 for adults, \$3 for children. They can be purchased from your office representative or Teresa Scalf in SSDC's Sensors Directorate. For more information call Peggy Adams, picnic chairperson, 955-3778 or the SSDC Public Affairs Office 955-3887.

Federal retirees— The National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting starts at 10. For more information, call 837-6328.

Sparkman High— The Sparkman High School PTA will hold one of its major fund-raisers, the Pancake Breakfast, from 7-10 a.m. Saturday. Cost is \$3.50 (all you can eat); free for children 3 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information, call Bobbie Moore 721-9633.

Alcoholics Anonymous— The Redstone Arsenal Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets each

Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of the Bicentennial Chapel.

ID cards— The Military Identification Card Section of the Military Personnel Office, building 3710, will be open Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Boating safety course— The Coast Guard Auxiliary in Huntsville is offering a Boating Skills and Safety Class "ideal for the whole family to take to qualify for the new Alabama boating operator license and (which) could lower insurance premiums for boaters who take it." A material fee will be collected on the first night of class. The class will be offered on post in Stillwell Hall building 3305, room 115, starting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 890-2220 (days) or 830-6621 (evenings).

HHC 59th commander— Capt. Richard Lonardo will relinquish command of HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade to Capt. Byron Echols in a change of command ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Recreation Center, building 3711. For more informa-

tion, call SSgt. Gary Taylor 876-2717/2937.

NCO spouses— The Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Challenger. The agenda includes "plans for the Christmas Party decorating the Challenger Club, and our involvement in the community tree lighting. Bring a friend and become involved in your community." If you have a question or need a ride, call 859-0340.

Professional secretaries— Redstone Arsenal Chapter, Professional Secretaries International will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Oct. 17 at the Officers Club, room 4. Membership is open to all government-employed professional secretaries. For information call Janet Carter, membership chairman, 876-1365.

Red Cross blood program— Here's the blood program schedule for this month: Oct. 12, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., building 5304 (Sparkman Center), contact Vivian Paschel 842-7968 or Ricky Moore, alternate, 876-6463; and 8:30-11 a.m., building 8027, Rodger

Pitzer 842-0731. Oct. 13, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., building 4488, Mallory Murray 842-7637. Oct. 20, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., building 4752 (NASA), Edwina Bressette 544-8115. Oct. 27, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., SSDC (Wynn Drive), Al Longhi 955-4164; and 7:30-11:30 a.m., Corps of Engineers, Nancy Villasana 895-1233.

Family housing news— During the last "Housing Talk" newsletter, residents of the family housing were given permission to remove any shrubs/plants from quarters 200-276 with the exception of Guest House quarters 237 through 239. "Oops! Somebody goofed! The majority of the plants belonging to the Guest House were taken. If you mistakenly removed any plants/shrubs from building 237 through 239, please take them back. Guest House employees worked very hard as a self-help pro-

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Financial managers— The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Holiday Inn, Research Park. Maj. Gen. Robert Howard, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for budget, is scheduled speaker. For reservations call Cherry Hovik 876-3590.

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Logistics engineers—The Society of Logistics Engineers will have its monthly luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Holiday Inn, Madison Square Mall. Cost is \$8.50 for members, \$9.50 for non-members. Mike Ivey, director of Lead AMC Integration Support Office, is to speak on "Integrated Data Environment." For reservations call Don Hunnicutt 955-9847. Belinda Terry 955-0532 or Walt Lorcheim 895-8620.

Olde English Fayre—All Saints Anglican Church, 1201 Kingsbury Ave., is sponsoring an Olde English Fayre from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. There will be food and entertainment. For tickets or more informa-

tion, call the church 533-7733.

Singles event—A "Singles Fall Fling" will be held 8 p.m. Friday until midnight at the Jaycees Building, off of Airport Road between Memorial Parkway and Leeman Ferry Road. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at entrance. For information call Susan 772-9436 or Robert 534-4776.

Bazaar/bake sale—East Huntsville Baptist Church, 808 Maysville Road (three blocks south of Oakwood), is sponsoring the Oak Place Bazaar, Bake Sale and Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Civil Air Patrol—Redstone Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol has changed its regularly scheduled meetings to the second and fourth Monday of each month. Meeting location will be the city of Madison municipal complex on Hughes Road. For more information, call Ron Coleman 955-7366 or Jim Harris 828-7569.

Prayer breakfast—The Non-Denominational Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by IMMC, will be held at 7 a.m. Oct. 31 at the east end of Sparkman cafeteria. "We will have special music instead of a guest speaker this month. Please come join us for praise, song and fellowship."

Post Theater movies—Saturday matinee, "A Kid in King Arthur's Court," PG, 90 minutes. Saturday, "Desperado," R, 104 minutes. Sunday, "Lord of Illusions," R, 109 minutes. Friday, "Babe," G, 91 minutes. Showtime is 2 p.m. for the Saturday matinee, 7 p.m. for all other shows. Matinee price is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children. Admission for all other shows is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 children.

Community classes—Learn how to help your child with homework by attending a "I Hate Homework!" class at 11 a.m. Thursday at Army Community Service, building 3491. This one-hour

class is jointly sponsored by ACS and the Civilian Wellness Center. To register, call ACS at 876-5397 or the Wellness Center 955-6844.... Learn how to recognize the signs of domestic violence and what you can do to help at a "Break the Silence and Stop the Violence" class at 11-noon Oct. 25 at building 5300, room 5140. This class is jointly sponsored by ACS and the Civilian Wellness Center.

OWC golf tournament—The Officers Wives Club and the Redstone Golf Course will present the inaugural "Pineapple Open" tournament Oct. 22 at the course. All proceeds will benefit the OWC welfare fund for the community. The tournament, open to the public, will be a four-person scramble (A, B, C and D players). Prizes will be awarded. The event starts at 12:30 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1:30. Rain Date is Nov. 5. Entry forms can be picked up at Redstone Golf Course. For more information call Sandy Sans, OWC president, 830-9387.

Scouts fund-raiser—The Tennessee Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America is holding its annual popcorn sale through Nov. 13. The Scouts are selling Trail's End Gourmet Popcorn, the profits from which will help to finance the activities of the Council and its individual units. For more information call Jim Charlton 883-7071.

F Company commander—F Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion will hold a change of command ceremony Oct. 27 at 3 p.m. in the quadrangle behind building 3435W. Capt. George E. Davis will relinquish command to Capt. Henry T. Booker. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony would take place in Pagano Gym. A reception will follow in the F Company dayroom in building 3435W. For more information, call 842-2220.

Halloween party—All dependent children of soldiers and Marines assigned

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and attached to the 832nd Ordnance Battalion and HHC, 59th Ordnance Brigade, are invited to a Halloween party from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Recreation Center, building 3711. For more information, call SFC Taylor 876-6624.

Williams Elementary— On Oct. 20, Williams Elementary is sponsoring a

chili cookoff in the school cafeteria. This evening is a celebration with Williams' partners in education— Redstone Arsenal, Lockheed, and Raytheon. Twenty teams will participate from these organizations and Williams. Tickets to taste all the chili's must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$5. Ticket chairman is Kevin Ring 461-4841 or Debby Howell 430-3220.



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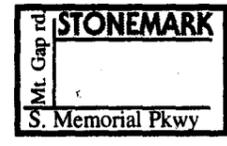
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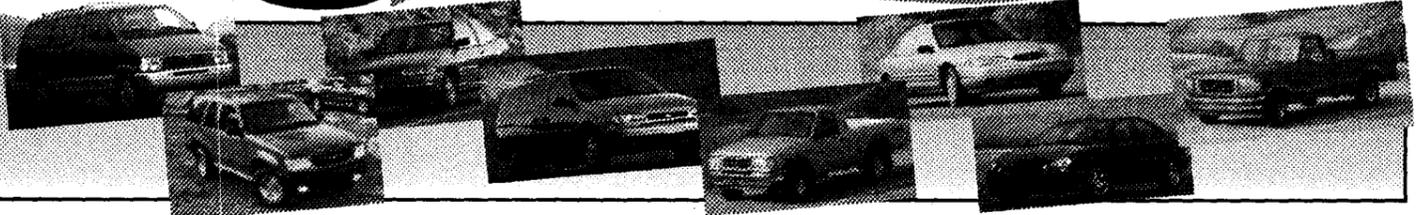
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