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Civilian employees welcomed back to Arsenal after shutdown

By Dave Harris

The Great Government Shutdown of

1995 ended just before 6 p.m. local time Nov. 19. Most out of work government workers heard about it in snatches on televi-

sion. There had been a solution to the government funding crisis. Yes, federal employees would be back at work Monday. Yes, furloughed government employees would be paid for the time they were out of work.

Yes.

That's the way the single craziest experience in the careers of most local government workers wound up as this week began. As last week ended Friday, most of Team Redstone was on the bench and local Army operations were running down.

The television talking heads in Washington kept saying "no big deal" or "its happened many times before" but at Redstone Arsenal and in Huntsville, after four days of fiscal crisis and federal shutdown, more than 11,500 government civilian employees were on furlough and about 5,000 contractors were out of work. That never happened before.

Furloughed government employees were lining up to apply for unemployment compensation or calling the Arsenal asking if they could take other jobs if they could find them.

The answer was: yes. It was "no", however, to the furloughed workers who asked if they could work without pay because they knew things that had to get done.

Local Army commands and agencies were mostly shut down to emergency operation level staffing, doing those things-but only those things-that had to get done to continue effective support to Army combat units. Health and safety were the standards being applied on post so hospital workers, firemen and security personnel kept working. So did some activities such as the commissary and post exchange not funded from

the federal budget.

All soldiers remained on duty. All Army civilians, including those on furlough, get a paycheck today for work completed prior to Nov. 11.

Leaders of Congress said Sunday night that furloughed federal employees will get paid for the days they did not work. The details have yet to be worked out.

As of close of business Nov. 17 this was the situation in local commands and agencies:

MICOM: about 6,000 civilians on furlough, a couple of hundred people still providing matrix support to missile project offices, TMDE and missile maintenance technicians assigned to combat units worldwide still at work. More than 1,000 contractor, mostly base support personnel, sent home.

MSFC: about 3,000 civilians on furlough. Another 3,000 contractors sent home,

LOGSA: about 650 civilians furloughed,

AMC MEA: about 60 civilians furloughed,

MSIC: still working,

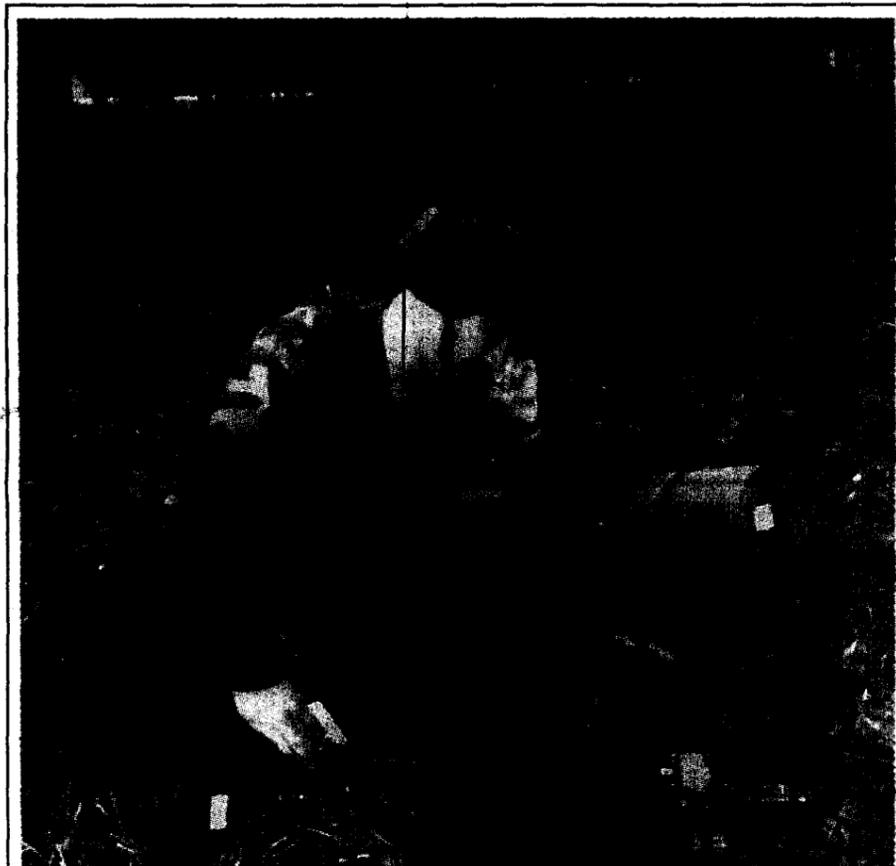
RTTC: About 125 civilians furloughed, and about 300 contractors told not to report effective Nov. 20,

DFAS: still working,

Defense MegaCenter: 42 civilians furloughed,

SSDC: About 700 government workers on notice not to report beginning Nov. 20,

PEO Tactical Missiles and PEO Missile Defense: issued notices to about 1,000 core and matrix support government workers not to report to work Nov. 20.



Learning the ropes...

2nd Lt. David Spess took part in the Basic Officer's Course Field Training Exercise Nov. 7 and spent two days in the field. The officers taking part in the course

participated in a road march to the training area adjacent to the Tennessee River and spent two days putting their classroom training to practical use.

Installation services affected by furlough at Redstone

By Kathy Harkleroad

The lights may have been out in some buildings, but they are shining brightly in others, as the military continued to work during the government-wide furlough. The layoffs affected military personnel and their families in many ways leaving some services operating and other closed.

According to RSA deputy commander Col. Stephen Moeller, several appropriated fund activities were temporarily closed and personnel in essential operations had been reduced. "We had to kept open several activities that were critical to the everyday operations of the Arsenal, and made sure support operations were minimally staffed," Moeller said.

On the open list of activities were the fire department, civilian guards, the Child Development Center and the Youth Center. Other services such as the Directorate of Public Works, Directorate of Logistics, Environmental and Flight Operations were included in the activities that were minimally staffed. Fox Army Community Hospital remained open.

The Commissary, Post Exchange and Shoppette, were open as they operate with their own funds.

"Morale, Welfare and Recreation services that are funded locally-generated dollars, in other words those services that are self-supporting, remained open." Moeller

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REOPENING—Pagano Gym was closed due to the furlough for the first four days. It was reopened on Nov. 18 with military personnel from MICOM and the OMMCS staffing the facility in order for

soldiers to continue with their physical training. Staffing the gym the first morning were left to right, SSG Al Johnson, SPC Alan Brown, SGT Rickey Cook and SPC Curtis Fluker.

Thanksgiving Message from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

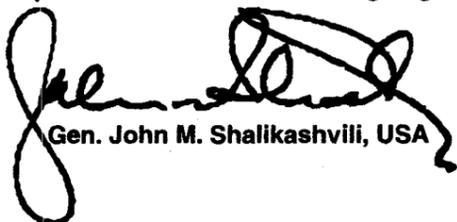
Happy Thanksgiving! On this uniquely American holiday it is an appropriate time to give thanks for the bountiful blessings we share as individuals, as families and as a Nation. It is also a time to reflect upon the values we cherish and the liberty we enjoy.

As men and women, military and civilian, in service of the Armed Forces of the United States, we have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. We are citizens of a country rich in natural resources and beauty but, most especially, are fortunate to live in a country where democracy and freedom have flourished.

During this special holiday, many of you will be celebrating far from home—in Haiti, Italy, Macedonia, Northern Iraq, Diego Garcia, Korea and many other distant areas around the globe. Through dedicated service, valor and steadfastness while standing watch at sea, on land and in the skies you are perpetuating the ideals of freedom. You reflect the proud heritage of not only the Pilgrims, but all those who travelled to America's shores in search of liberty and opportunity.

Each of you is an integral part in accomplishing the important mission of defending freedom and democracy. I salute you and extend deepest appreciation for the magnificent work and for a job well done!

The Joint Chiefs and Mrs. Shalikashvili join me in wishing every soldier, sailor, airman, Marine and Coast Guardsman, active and reserve, plus the civilian members—and all your families—a blessed Thanksgiving.



Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA

Letters to the editor

Cleaner soccer fields

Some people are taking their dogs out on to the soccer fields and letting them go to the bathroom and not picking it up. When the teams go out to practice they have to watch where they step and it might distract them from the game. The goalies glove might smell a little after the game. When you take your dogs out on the field, please bring a baggie and be considerate of others.

Sean Sunday
Soccer player, "ex-goalie"



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Plaque commemorating "Host Family" founding father presented to OMMCS

By Kathy Harkleroad

Former international students visiting the Ordnance, Missile and Munitions Center and School (OMMCS), will see a familiar photograph on the walls. A plaque was recently presented to the school in memory of a longtime friend who contributed greatly to the welfare and friendship of the international students on the Arsenal.

Thomas Pickens Gates was a longtime friend of OMMCS and helped start the Huntsville "Host Family" program which greatly benefited the international students at Redstone Arsenal.

Gates began the Host Family program in 1965 with an idea. He was a very prominent businessman in Huntsville, and according to his friends, had a deep concern for mankind. When he found out there was a vast amount of international students attending school on the Arsenal, he decided to do something to make them feel at home.

"Acting upon an idea offered by former OMMCS Colonel Charles Eifler, Mr. Gates played a significant role in the formation of the council for Huntsville-Madison County International

Visitors," William Tarpley said. "The council was chartered in 1965 to provide and promote hospitality to both long and short term international visitors."

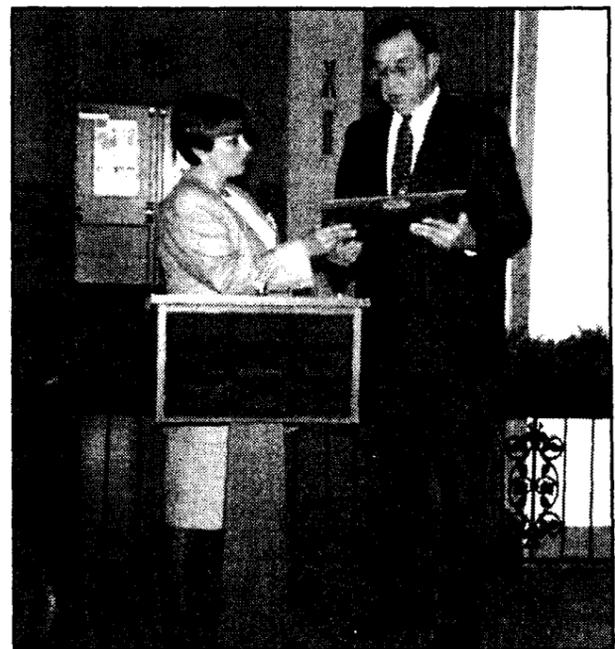
Since its inception, over 8,000 international students and dependents have to come to know the hospitality of Huntsville and the surrounding communities.

"My grandfather was a person who really cared about everyone. It didn't matter who they were or how they lived. He had a deep love of people and it showed in all his actions," Evelyn Kinsey said. "Pick Gates believed in friendship."

During ceremonies honoring Gates, Kinsey spoke of her grandfather and the diligent work he performed making sure each of the international students felt welcome during their stay, both at OMMCS and in the Huntsville community.

"He believed friendships could make miracles happen," Kinsey said.

Gates passed away earlier this year, and in memory of his hard work and dedication, the Gates family presented a plaque to the school in ceremonies held Nov. 14 at the Recreation Center. Family and friends were present during the ceremonies and several retired commandants were also



IN REMEMBRANCE—Visitors to OMMCS will find a new plaque on the wall commemorating the hard work and dedication of Thomas Pickens Gates. The plaque was presented by Gates granddaughter, Evelyn Kinsey, left, to Ken Carroll in ceremonies held Nov. 14.

present.

Ken Carroll, deputy director of OMMCS, accepted the plaque on behalf of the school and said "This memorial is not to only remember Gates and his work, but to remember the binding power of friendship of two people."

"Upon the death of Pick, the Japanese Liaison Officers sent a monetary gift to the Gates family at the request of General Kimata to

follow the Japanese custom," Tarpley said. "General Kimata has been a long time friend of Huntsville/Madison County and funded the Japanese bridge and cherry trees at Big Springs International Park," Tarpley added.

"Pick's family, in an effort to reflect the contributions of Pick and General Kimata to the International community, purchased the plaque," Tarpley said.

SERVICES

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said. "Those services include the golf course, the bowling alley and the clubs," he continued.

The Arsenal's main contractor, Northrop Grumman, was staffed to operate and provide emergency maintenance for utilities and buildings, according to Moeller. "We have the staff to handle emergencies in housing like heating, electrical, or plumbing problems, and they will also handle any emergency maintenance to the utility systems," Moeller added.

While most of the motor pool was furloughed, Bob Whiteford, Equipment Maintenance supervisor, said, the school bus drivers were retained through the furlough and it was business as usual. "We have 13 drivers who remained through the furlough and the buses continued to run as usual to the three schools we service," Whiteford said.

All military schools on the Arsenal remained open and continued to instruct troops. Although some DoD civilians are instructors at those various schools, training was not compromised. Support staffs, such as secretaries and clerks, were furloughed, but administrative operations were being filled by military members when needed. The phones were answered, not by secretaries, but by enlisted personnel and in some cases, officers.

Gates to the Arsenal were manned with civilian guards and military police during the furlough. Security was also increased around government buildings. "We were making our presence known and making sure nothing happened," Moeller said.

On the closed list was the garbage collection throughout the Arsenal and residents were asked to take their refuse to any dumpster on the Arsenal and dispose of it there until trash service could be resumed. Basic janitorial services were also halted during the furlough.

Transportation, outbound moves of

active duty personnel, was halted at the beginning of the furlough, and according to Moeller, contingency plans were made to bring back personnel early if the furlough continued to out-process military soldiers.

Pagano Gym was on the closed list for the first four days of the furlough, but re-opened with military personnel staffing the facility on Saturday, according to MICOM Command Sergeant Major Ben Sunday.

Also on the closed list was the Arts and Crafts Center, the Auto Craft Shop, the Post Library, the Self Help Store, the Wellness Center, the Rec Center and Outdoor Recreation.

Mail delivery to administrative offices was suspended, but housing residents continued to receive mail. Custodial, grounds maintenance, pest control, laundry, (except Fox Hospital), painting, transportation, and other various services were halted. Post restaurants also remained closed, while the hospital cafeteria remained open.

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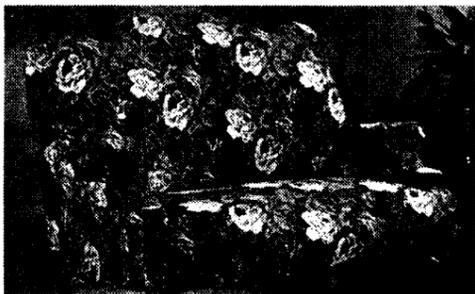
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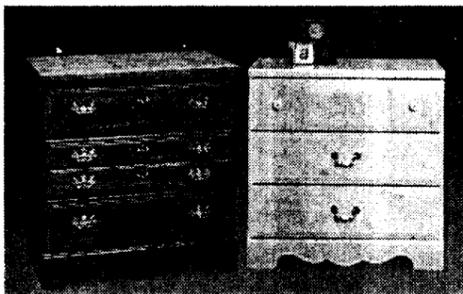
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Dr. Holmes presented DoD Meritorious Civilian Service Medal

Dr. Joseph W. Holmes of Huntsville was awarded the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Medal in a ceremony performed Thursday at the Missile and Space Intelligence Center.

The award is the second highest of seven incentive awards presented by the Defense Department to civilians and is one of two personally approved by the Defense Secretary. It is given to career civilian employees who have distinguished themselves by exceptional meritorious service of major significance to the Department of Defense.

Dr. Holmes received the award signed by William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense, for exceptionally meritorious service in positions of increasing responsibility culminating in the position of Director, Missile and Space Intelligence Center, Defense Intelligence Agency, from December 1991 to August 1994. Colonel Frederick J. Driesbach, Director of the Center, presented the award to Dr. Holmes on behalf of the Secretary.

Dr. Holmes was directly responsible for the development and organization of the Defense Scientific and Technical Intelligence support apparatus that will insure the flow of vital intelligence information to National-level leaders and warfighting commanders.

During DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM, Dr. Holmes' direct involvement ensured the reliability of critical intelligence information supplied to the warfighting commands in the theaters.

Dr. Holmes joined the Intelligence Community in 1967 as a system analyst in

the Air Defense Branch of the Defensive System Division, Missile and Space Intelligence Center. In 1977, he was promoted to Branch Chief, Short-Range Air Defense Systems Branch, and served in that capacity until being promoted to Air Defense Systems' Division Chief in 1984.

In 1988, Dr. Holmes was assigned as Chief, Tactical Systems Directorate with responsibility for all foreign air defense systems, short-range ballistic missile systems, antitank guided missiles, and related command and control. He assumed the position of Acting Director of the Center in September 1990 and was designated Director in October 1991.

In 1994 Dr. Holmes was designated Senior Military Intelligence Representative to the Pacific Command, and Chief of the Defense Intelligence Support Office, Honolulu, Hawaii. He retired from Federal Government Service in early 1995.

Dr. Holmes joined Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC) as vice-President and Operations Manager for Special Programs in February 1995. He is responsible for intelligence-related programs in the Huntsville office and for coordinating these programs with similar programs throughout a major sector of SAIC. He is also responsible for the development of future intelligence programs and related business.

Dr. Holmes was born in Phil Campbell, AL, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Alabama in 1962. He received a Master of Arts degree from Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX,



HONOREE—Driesbach, left, presents the award to Holmes.

and a Doctorate in Management from the Southeastern Institute of Technology, Huntsville, AL. His other education included the Federal Executive Institute, Office of Personnel Management Executive courses.

His awards include the U.S. Army Meritorious Civilian Service Medal and

numerous exceptional performance awards. He is also a Distinguished Engineering Fellow of the University of Alabama and a CIA Intelligence Fellow.

Dr. Holmes and his wife, Sandra, reside in Decatur. They have four children, Joe, Danny, Tanya, and Jeremy.

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Redstone Arsenal celebrates 10th year of Army involvement in education week during November

By Kathy Harkleroad

American Education Week was celebrated throughout Redstone Arsenal in spite of the furloughs and shut downs. The week-long events began with a kick-off luncheon Nov. 13 at the Huntsville Hilton.

In attendance were representatives from Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville City School and Madison County Schools. Col. Christopher Stratton, director, Personnel and Training, MICOM, took part in the luncheon and spoke about the Army's commitment to education.

"This year signifies the 10th year the United States Army has participated actively in American Education Week. Soldier education is important and is never done," Stratton said. "It is important to continue and educate our soldiers, it is the only means of competency."

Stratton also spoke about the Arsenal's commitment to education and training. "We have soldiers and civilians on the Arsenal who are taking part in higher education. There are approximately 600 students in lower level institutions, 300 in upper level institutions and approximately 140 students participating in graduate level courses," Stratton said.

"Good, professional, dedicated teachers are the core of those institutions. They are training the students to be thinkers," Stratton continued. "There is so much to learn with only a life time to do it."

Also speaking at the luncheon was Huntsville City Schools superintendent Dr. Ron Saunders who said "This is the time to celebrate what is good with education and not concentrate on what is bad." Saunders reminded the educators, senators and representatives at the luncheon, that everyone has had a favorite teacher at some point in their lives and

reminded them of the encouraging words that teacher had given them.

"In everyone's lifetime there has been a teacher who has encouraged you to go that extra mile and try harder. They have been there to encourage students to continue their education at higher levels. Where would you be right now if it weren't for them?" Saunders asked.

"Education is the best thing we have going," Saunders said.

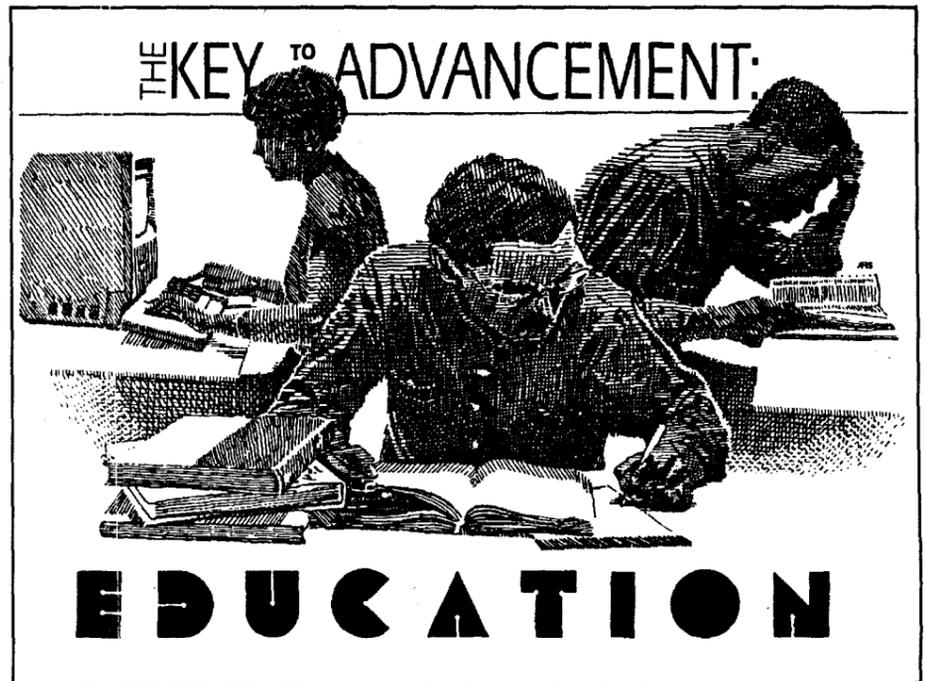
Dr. Mary Jane Caylor, State Board of Education, was also a guest speaker at the luncheon and said the education system needs educators who can find solutions. "We need people who are committed to finding solutions to problems. All of us have to take the extra step to achieve those answers and implement them," Caylor said.

Dr. Paul Hubber, executive secretary of the Alabama Education Association, was the keynote speaker at the luncheon and said the connection between the military and education was a close one. He also said without the massive education of people, the government as a whole would not swive. "There are many different areas where education can take place; private schools and public schools offer quality and a means of learning," Hubber said. "Sitting in the classrooms today are potential governors, senators, colonels, and generals."

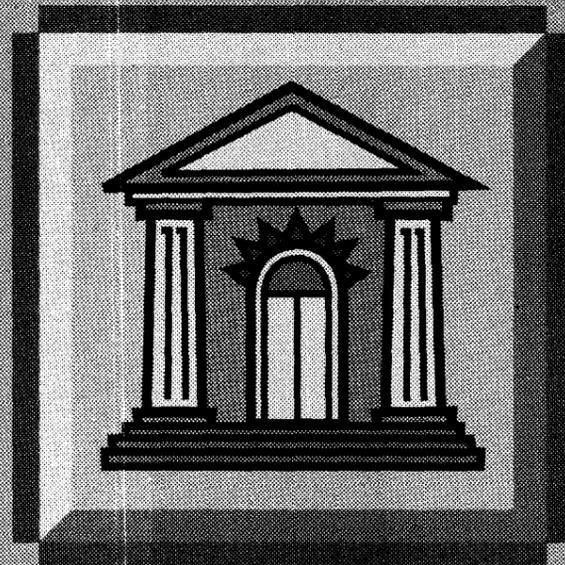
The Army Education Center also had several displays setup throughout the Arsenal during the week and hosted several open houses where vendors displayed their wares and answered questions on different colleges. Dr. James Campbell, director of the education center, said "we wanted to make as much information as possible readily available to both the soldiers and the civilians who work on the

Arsenal."

Higher education institutions who have satellite campuses on the Arsenal include Calhoun Junior College, Athens State College, Missouri State College, Florida Institute, as well as other services at the education center. Some of those education and training services include counseling, academic and military testing services, MOS Library, Learning Resource Center, basic skills tutoring, apprenticeships, and financial assistance. Further information on the different colleges and training can be obtained by calling the Army Education Center at 876-9761.



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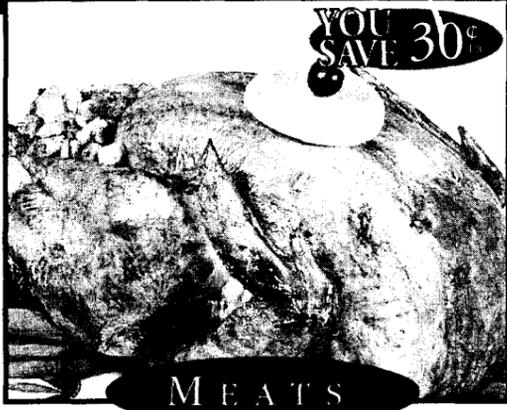
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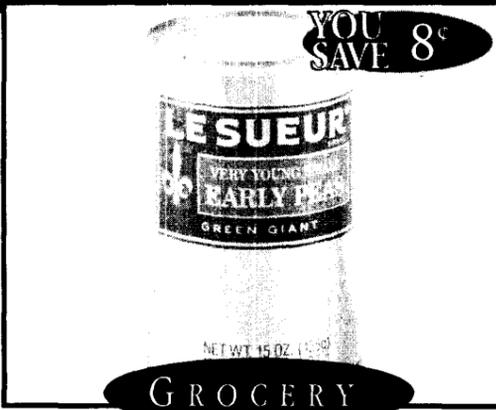
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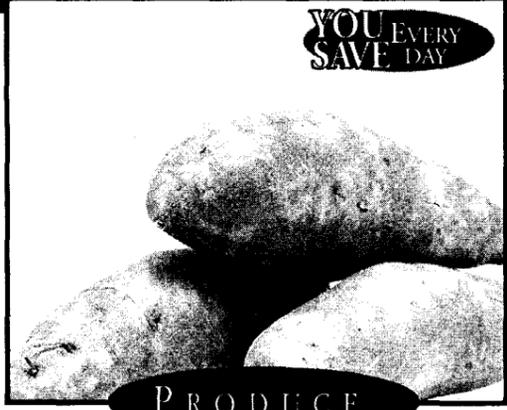
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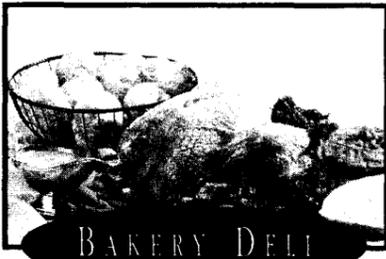
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Nance to be SSDC's new deputy

Colonel (P) Willie, B. Nance, Jr., project manager for the Army TACMS-BAT project office, will be the U.S. Army Space and Strategic Defense Command's next deputy commander. He made the list for promotion to brigadier general which was released on Sept. 26. In his new position, he will share responsibility for SSDC's role as the Army's advocate for Space, Theater Missile Defense and National Missile Defense.

Nance had been project manager for the BAT project office since 1992 and became project manager for the Army TACMS-BAT project in 1994 when the two programs were combined. Previous assignments include professor of systems acquisition management at the Defense Systems Management College; product manager for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle TOW2 subsystem within the Program Executive Office for Fire Support at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.; Department of the Army system coordinator for the Advanced AntiArmor Weapon System - Heavy, Advanced

Anti-Armor Weapon System - Medium, International Anti-Armor Systems, and as chief of the Surface-to-Surface Team in the Missile and Air Defense Division; and logistics staff officer and assistant project manager in the TOW Project Office at Redstone Arsenal.

Nance has earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in business administration from the University of Southern Mississippi and Florida Institute of Technology. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Infantry Officer Advanced Course, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

He entered the Army in 1968 as a member of the Mississippi All-Volunteer Company and served as an infantry officer until he branch-transferred to the Ordnance Corps in 1981.

He and his wife, Jonnie, have four children and two grandchildren.



NANCE

IMMC prepares for Rocket City Christmas

IMMC will be hosting Rocket City Christmas, this year's Christmas Party, on December 15 at the Madison Square Mall Holiday Inn in the grand ballroom.

The festivities will include entertainment by Time Machine, a 60's and 70's rhythm and blues sound from right here in the Tennessee Valley. The nine-piece band includes both male and female leads and a horn section, and plays hits from popular artists such as Aretha Franklin, Spiral Staircase, Swinging Medallions, and Wilson Pickett.

Though current Time Machine members have been together three years, some of the members have played together over the last 20 years in different bands, such as the Ticks, Mark V, and the Continentals, having gotten together initially in the old Muscle Shoals recording studio. The band is made up of businessmen and businesswomen who

play strictly for the enjoyment of it—they are truly a group of gifted musicians.

This year the IMMC will also have a photographer available for those that wish to have their portraits made. Danita (Pennifill), Gardner formerly of the IMMC, will offer both packages and individual units. Gardner has several years experience in landscape and portrait photography, and now specializing in location photography. Two packages will be offered, one for \$21 and one for \$26, and the individual sheets will be available for \$9 each.

The Madison Square Mall Holiday Inn has a block of guest rooms reserved for those that want to stay overnight. Reservations may be made at the special \$39 room rate calling 830-0600 and requesting one of the room set aside for the IMMC.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be purchased for \$14 each by calling one of the following planning committee members: Patricia Cox, 955-7948; Cynthia Azoroh, 842-6332; Pat Petit, 842-6009; Jeff Harris, 842-6092.

Girl Scout celebrate Founders Day

On October 27, the Girl Scouts of Redstone Arsenal gathered to celebrate the birthday of Juliette Low, the founder of Girl Scouting in the United States. Ten troops gathered at the Girl Scout building in western attire ready for a Western Roundup.

With almost 100 girls in attendance, the leaders were challenged to keep them busy. The activities included country western line dancing led by Ms. Landers of Williams Elementary. Singing with a

karaoke machine, and pass the gourd relay races. They also made glitter horses, friendship bracelets and caramel apples. Each girl also placed a painted hand print upon the wall to form a hand print rainbow.

The girls enjoyed an exciting night of crafts and games. The leaders would like to thank all the people who support the Girl Scouts, without you these events would not be possible.

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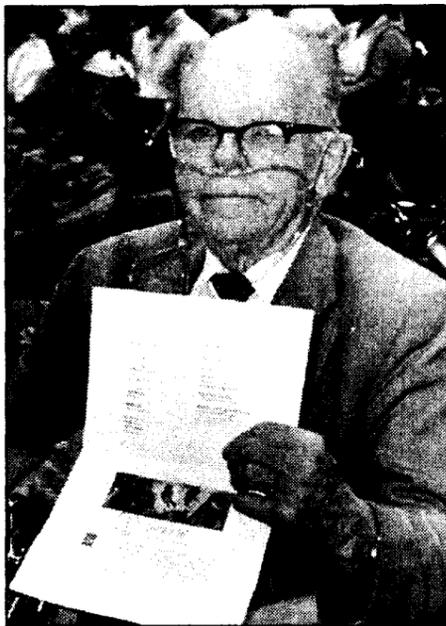
Former TMDE civilian worker bequests large sum to Huntsville public library

A long-time Redstone worker who died last February left a \$600,000 bequest to the Huntsville County Public Library.

Thomas Moore, who came to Redstone in 1950 with the Von Braun rocket team, was once the highest-ranking civilian at Redstone. As a civilian radar expert at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he did work for the Army during World War II. After joining Von Braun's team at White Sands Missile Range, he worked on some of the earliest prototypes of jet or rocket vests and held a patent on a version he invented in the early 1950's.

At the time of his retirement in 1991, he worked with the Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Support Activity.

Moore was a daily user of the library until his health failed last winter. His bequest will be paid in yearly installments of \$40,000.



MOORE



Volunteer of the month ...

Eva Small, volunteer to the Thrift Shop, is the volunteer of the month for November. Eva works on Thursday afternoons taking

appointments and does everything from data entry into the computer to tagging and putting the merchandise on the floor.

Housing residents can dial 911, rest of Arsenal to follow early next year

By Kathy Harkleroad

Housing residents on Redstone Arsenal can breathe a sigh of relief and know help is only three digits away when it comes to reporting a fire. According to Redstone Arsenal Fire Chief Thomas Stephens, residents can call 911 to report a fire and it will be routed directly to the Arsenal fire station.

"In the past residents could call 911 to report a fire and the call would be relayed to the military police station, who in turn would notify us. In order to cut down on the response time, we (the fire station) are now

in the system and will be notified directly from the Huntsville 911 operator," Stephens said.

The change in the system occurred because of a fire in the new housing complex last summer. "Quite a bit of concern arose because of the small delay in re-routing me call and we now have a direct line," Stephens said.

As in the past, once Arsenal residents dial 911, their address and a map appears on a computer before the 911 operator. According to Stephens once a call has been

taken by the operator, a button is pushed and the call is relayed to either the military police or the fire station depending on the type of call. "We now have our own button," Stephens said.

According to Stephens the reason housing residents, and not government employees, can utilize the 911 system is because housing residents are on a different telephone system than the rest of the installation. "Housing residents have private numbers and are paying for the 911 services each month when they pay their phone bills,"

Stephens said. "All of the government phones use an entirely different system."

The 911 system is also on its way to becoming a reality for the rest of the Arsenal, and according to Stephens, it is long overdue and is something the department has worked on getting for the last 10 years.

"Getting the system involves a lot of things," Stephens said, "and is something we would have liked to have had many years ago. We have had several obstacles we have

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Radical responses sought for Cruise missile

By Gerda Sherrill

The U.S. Army Space and Strategic Defense Command released a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for a "Cruise

Missile Radical Concept Study." The BAA asks industry and academia for papers proposing concepts, technologies, and operational tactics to counter both the near and far term

cruise missile threat. This is a joint undertaking with the U.S. Army Missile Command, and both SSDC and MICOM technical staff will monitor the proposals and resulting contracts.

As described by its name, the study will examine innovative and unconventional concepts for cruise missile defense (CMD) that offer effective, robust CMD capabilities and a cost savings over traditional CMD architectures. The study product will be technological and operational "nuggets" that not only reduce cost, but also provide flexibility (multiple mission capability) to the warfighter. Results will recommend promising concepts and areas for further investigation or investment.

Threats under consideration include cruise missiles, antiradiation missiles, and unmanned aerial vehicles. Study results will include threat excursions such as short range rockets, tactical air-to-surface missiles, attack helicopters, deployed sub-munitions, and countermeasures.

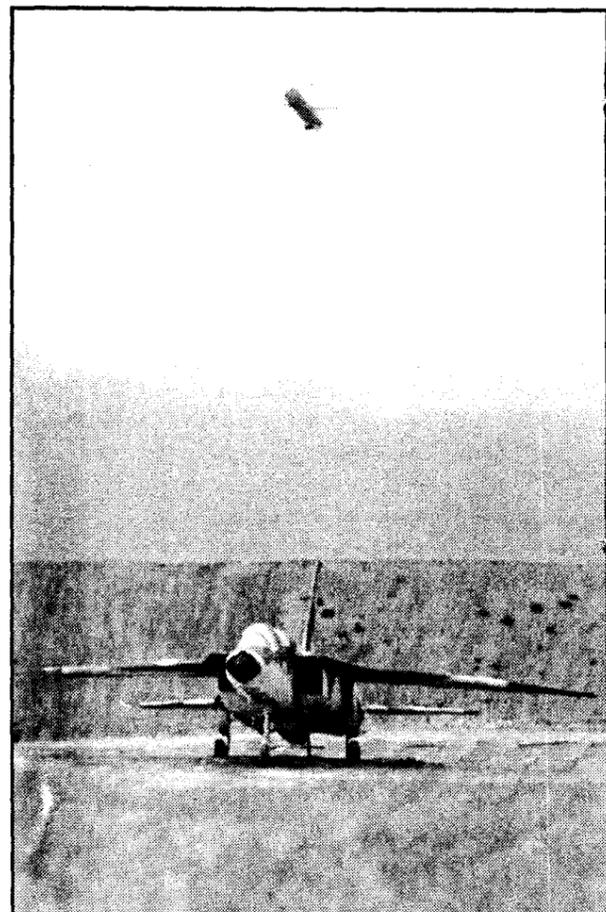
Offerors are invited to submit two-page technical concept papers which are

due by Jan. 2, and complete proposals should be received by March 29, 1996. Possible contract award for a 12 month effort is planned for June 1996.

Detection of cruise missiles and similar threats usually occurs under potentially severe environmental conditions and could require, for instance, the deployment of space based early warning sensors for targeting. Discrimination and identification of cruise missile types may be one of the most difficult problems to solve, since these threats can appear as part of the low altitude mixed air battle when clear lines of offense/defense often are not obvious.

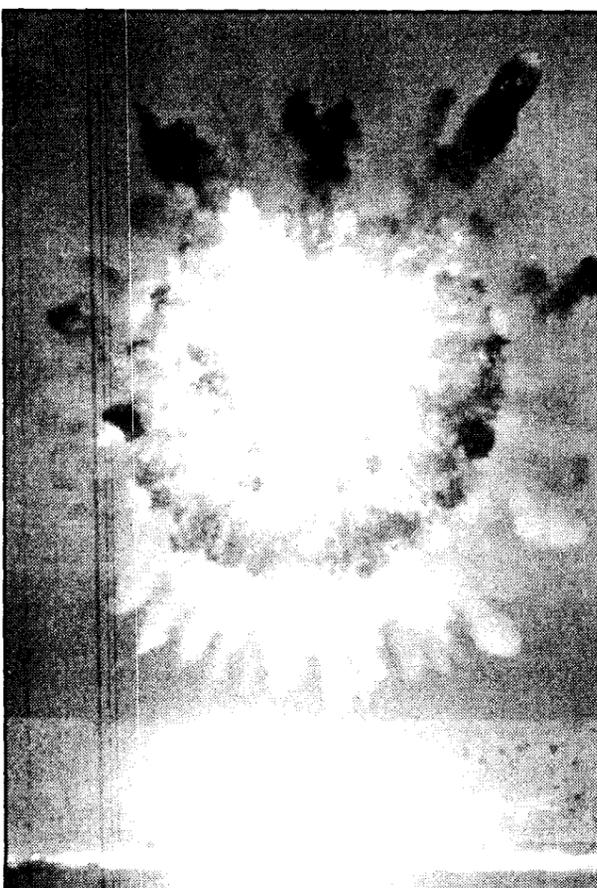
Killing cruise missiles could involve offensive optical or radio frequency jamming or disruption, but also catastrophic destruction either on the ground or in flight. Then there is the problem of false engagements which could lead to fratricide, which is a major concern to the Army.

Finally, cruise missile defenses must be part of the



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Infantry soldier makes the best of situation at Redstone

By Kathy Harkleroad

Every now and then you find a soldier with an Military Occupational Specialty (MOs) that doesn't quite mesh with the company or unit he is assigned to. SFC Jimmy Frizzle fits in that category and is the only soldier with an Infantry MOS assigned to the Ordnance, Missile and Munitions, Center and School. There are four other infantry soldiers stationed on the Arsenal and are assigned to MICOM in operations support positions.

Frizzle said he arrived at Redstone courtesy of a base closure and his desire to be close to his family. "I was stationed with the Light Infantry at Fort Ord and when they closed, I requested a duty station close to my family in Birmingham. The post I originally requested wasn't available and I decided to wait it out and let the powers to be know what I wanted. Sure enough I got a post in Alabama," Frizzle said. Frizzle has been here for the past three years.

"When I first got my orders I didn't know anything about Redstone

Arsenal and to be honest, really didn't care. I knew I was going home and would be closer to my three children and family who live in Birmingham. I think I even did a little dance when I read my orders," Frizzle continued.

Frizzle currently works in Operations at Command and Staff and helps trains officers. He coordinates the graduations, takes the officers to the ranges and teaches them marksmanship skills, instructs a Land Navigation class, and accompanies them on their Field Training Exercises. "I do a little bit of everything, and take everything very seriously," Frizzle said.

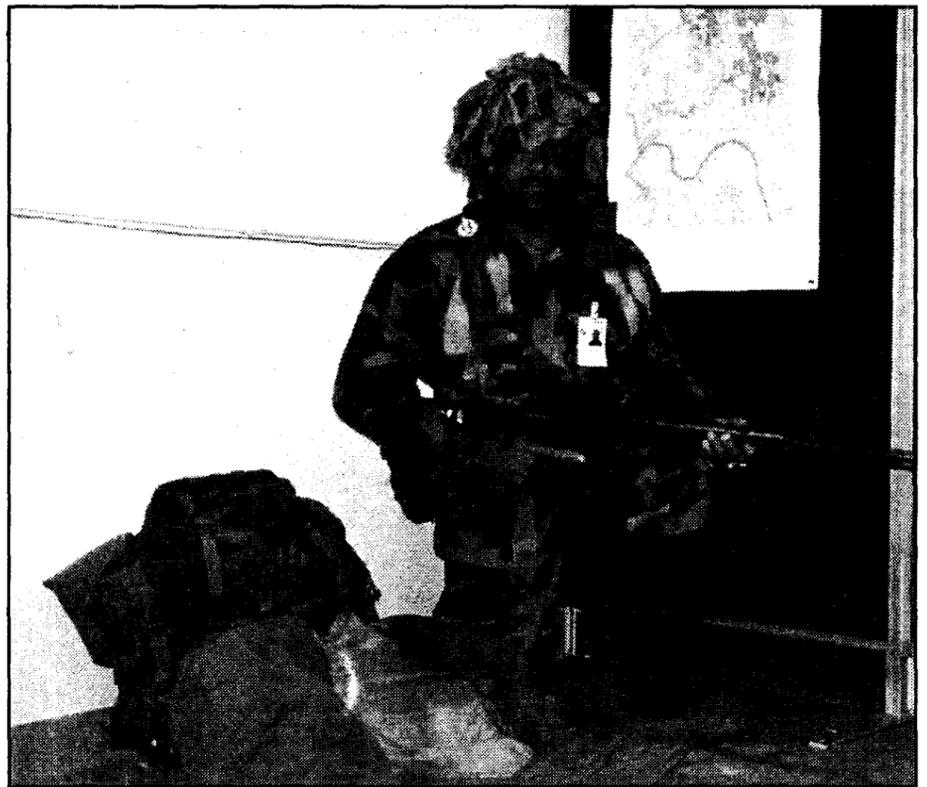
One of the lessons Frizzle teaches that he feels is one of the most important, is how to survive in the field. "I want to make sure that everyone I teach learns how to survive in the field. That is one of the most important lessons they can learn," Frizzle said. "There are reasons for doing things in certain ways and they have to know the reason why things have to be done the way they are."

Frizzle also instructs soldiers in the various companies on the post. "I have

done some instruction for Foxtrot Company and have helped individual soldiers as well with infantry-related topics. It is important to keep your training up to date and finely tuned," Frizzle said. "I don't turn anyone away who wants to learn."

As the only infantry soldier assigned to OMMCS, Frizzle said he sometimes feels like "a fish out of water", but has learned how to be a "people person" and has improved his communication skills. "Being the only infantry soldier does have a few drawbacks, but they can be easily overlooked. I have learned how to talk to people and make friends fast. As with any MOS, soldiers with that in common tend to stick together, but since I am out here by myself, I have learned to adapt. I also stay in close contact with the four other infantry soldiers who are assigned to MICOM," Frizzle said.

Even though Frizzle is an infantry soldier assigned to OMMCS, he does have a unique capability. He knows the Ordnance Song, and has



KEEPING THE ROLE—SFC Jimmy Frizzle is the only infantry soldier assigned to OMMCS and keeps up his infantry skills by teaching other troops. Frizzle is currently assigned as the Operations Officer of Command and Staff.

sung it at official events. "It does seem kind of strange that I would know the Ordnance Song being an infantry soldier, but I enjoy singing and when I was asked to sing it when Gen. Shadley came to visit, I couldn't say no. He even

gave me a coin for my performance," Frizzle said. Frizzle also sings for his church choir and enjoys working with youth. He is also a self-proclaimed chef

and said his specialty dish was spaghetti. He also said he used to run, but has switched to lifting weights, and loves to play football.

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CHECKING IN—Drill Sergeant Marie Woidt, left, and SGT Charles Ornouski, were two of many controllers at the event and signed off score cards as Charlie Company soldiers located their point at Tech Escort, next to Skunk Hallow Range.

The annual 832nd Ordnance Orienteering Meet was held Nov. 19 on Nadkin and Weedon Mountains located on the Arsenal. The meet puts soldier's land navigation skills to practical use in a contest form.

"The Security and Training Section co-ordinated the event and plotted the points for the soldiers to locate," SFC Christopher Martin said. "They were required to pinpoint a spot on the map, then by counting paces and measuring meters, found control points and had score cards signed off," Martin continued.

According to Martin the skills of distance through terrain association was utilized.

Each unit assigned to the 832nd Ordnance Battalion was divided into teams of a maximum of eight teams per unit. The teams ranged from 10 points to 40 points, with the two mountains. The more difficult higher points were awarded.

Individual winning team members were awarded ribbons to display on the unit guidon.



UNIT WINNERS—Placing first, second and third with highest combined points were HHC 59th, 615 points; Bravo Company, 550 points; and the Marine Detachment, 510 points respectively.



PLOTTING THE COURSE—Soldiers participating in the 832nd Ordnance Orienteering Meet put their Land Navigation skills to practical use Nov. 18 as they competed in the annual event. Pictured plotting out the location are left to right, SSG Scott Thomas, SSG Randy Kaehne and SSG Anthony Devo representing Delta Company.



ON THEIR WAY—These soldiers took off running in search of elusive locations. All ten of the control points were located someplace on the east side of Nadkin and Weedon Mountains.

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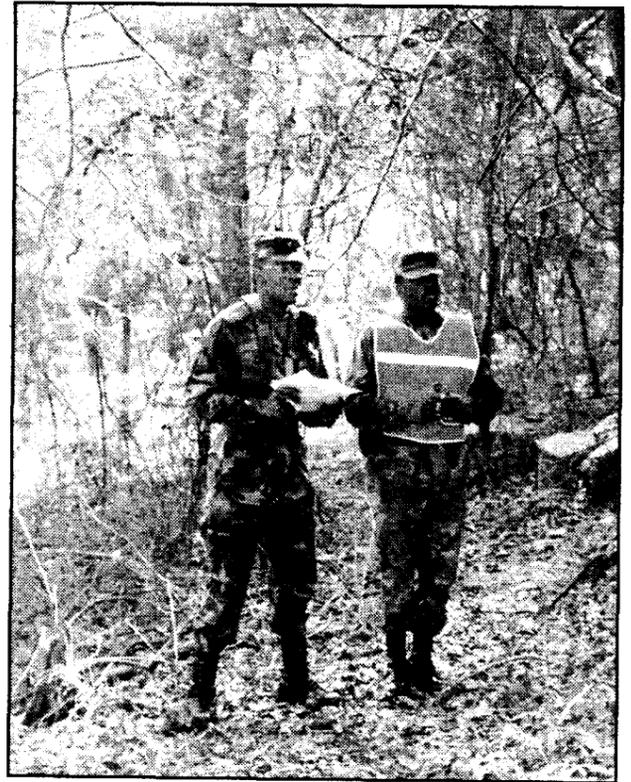
nce Battalion had a minimum of four cipate in the three-hour event. Scores trol points located at different spots on as to find or reach a control point, the

awarded medals, and units were given

Placing first in the Individual Team award was Team One, HHC 59th, with 180 points in 2:47:45, placing second was Team One, Bravo Company, 170 points in 2:52:45, placing third was Team Two, Bravo Company, 170 points in 2:54:21.

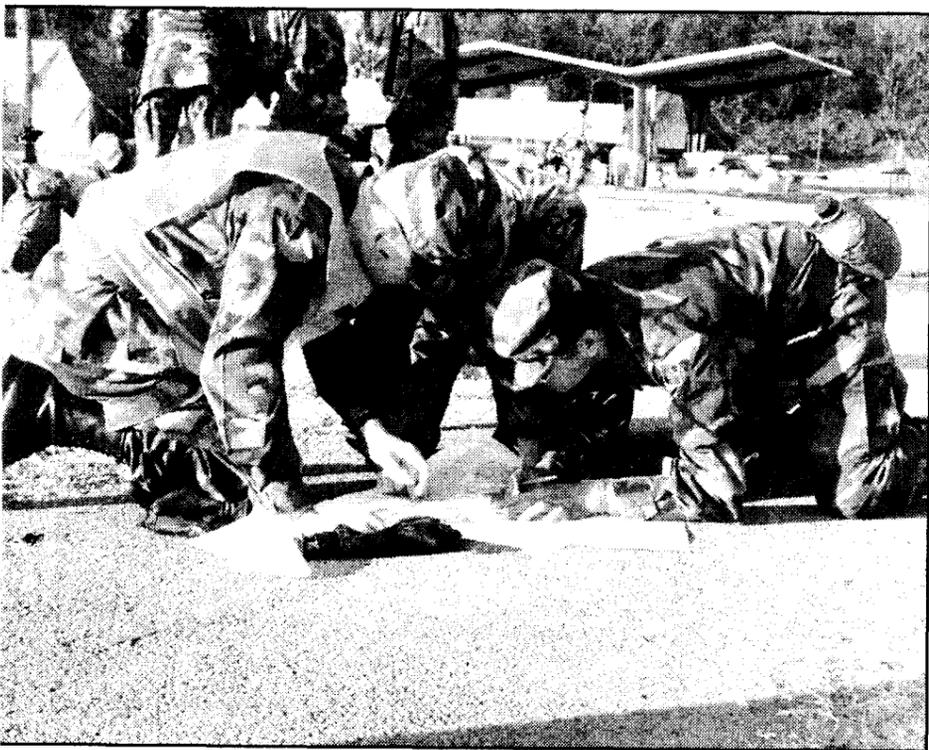
Placing in the Unit Awards were HHC 59th, with 615 points, Bravo Company 550 points, and the Marine Corp. Detachment, 510 points.

The event took several months to plan and according to Lt. Col. Kathleen Meehan, "SFC Christopher Martin, SFC Michael Brinkley, and SSG Ronny Mitchell were instrumental in putting together the event." All three soldiers were recognized during the awards ceremony and were given a token of appreciation by Meehan.



SSG Michael Diggs, and SPC Randell Mitchell, HQ. Alpha Company, check out the area before advancing to their next control point.

TEAM WINNERS—Placing first, in the Individual Teams were left to right, SPC Ariel Rivera, SFC Dwight Smith, and CPL Dennis Timmons, all from HHC 59th; placing second were PCT David Kane, Senior Drill Sergeant Herbert Gately, and Drill Sergeant George Landreth, Team One, Bravo Company; PVT Eric Fernandez, PVT Justin Monroe, and PVT William Duenez, Team Two Bravo Company.



FINDING THE WAY—As soldiers participated in the meet, empty pots were at a premium when it came to plotting the map and soldiers took to the pavement to work. From left, SPC Jesse Allen, SPC Dan Madigan and SPC Frank Salis try to figure what where they will be heading when it comes to looking for winning points.

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On the job: Teaching the troops

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

By Kathy Harkleroad

Teachers. Everyone has had one and everyone has one that they remember more than others. Redstone Arsenal is full of instructors, both military and civilian, who teach the many students troops temporarily assigned to the installation.

Redstone Arsenal is the home of the Ordnance, Munitions, Missile Center and School (OMMCS) and is the temporary home to soldiers fresh out of basic training, to higher enlisted soldiers and officers. Courses having to do with anything related to the various missile systems operated and maintained by the Army to munitions and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) are taught here.

Instructors are a key part of the learning that takes place everyday here. All of the instructors are experts in their field and have had some type of instructor training. They come from all walks of life and have generally have many years of field experience before

they come to Redstone Arsenal and begin teaching others.

SSG Dale Crewe, Missile Systems Instructor/Writer is one of those teachers. He has been stationed on the Arsenal for the past three years and has liked teaching so much, he is even pursuing a college degree in education and is looking for to teaching when he retires from the Army.

Crewe, like other instructors, spent a number of years in his field and transfers his experience to the young troops who have graduated from Toftoy Hall.

"I get the soldiers after they have completed the basic electronic courses at Toftoy Hall. When they arrive at Toftoy they have little or no experience with electricity and by the time they reach my classroom, they have all the basics. I take it from there and teach them the intricate details about IFTE (Integrated Family of Test Equipment)." Crewe said.

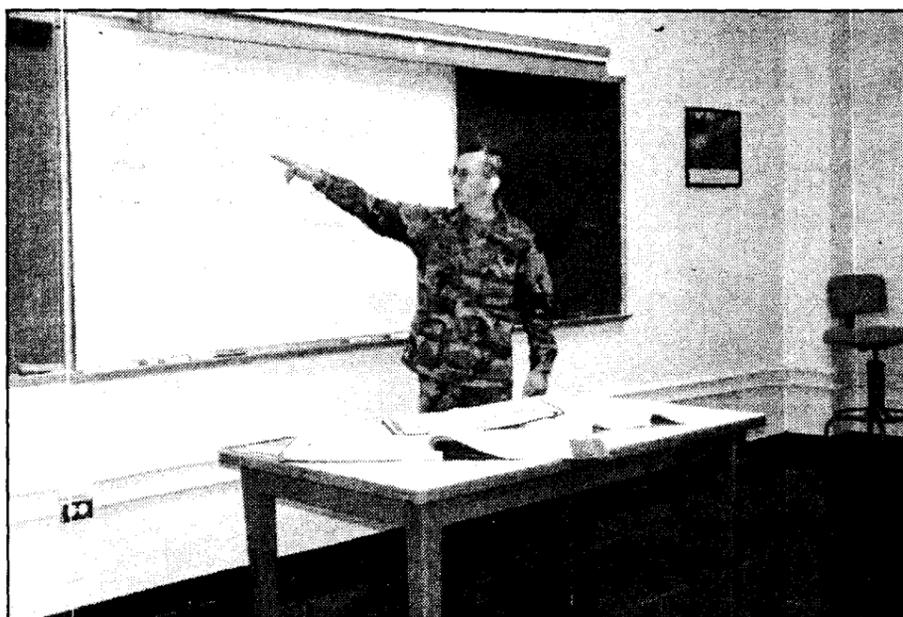
Teaching isn't as easy as getting up in front of a classroom full of students, according to Crewe, teaching takes a lot of skill, dedication, patience, and energy. "Teaching is one of the most challenging jobs I know of, and is one of the

most rewarding," Crewe said.

"Teaching is challenging because you can't reach all the students at the same times and on the same level. You might have one student who just can't get what you are trying to explain, and it is challenging to find that level of explanation where they can understand what you are trying to teach," Crewe added. "You have to make sure the student not only understands for today, but for forever."

All of instructors on the Arsenal not only spend time teaching in the classroom, but also incorporate hands on training with the book instruction.

Everyday is different, H Crewe said, "I might spend four hours on the podium one day and the balance of the day is spent in a conference environment. That is where we perform the hands-on training and the students are able to put to practice what they learned in the classroom. I think that part of the learning is just as important as the classroom environment. That is where they can actually touch and feel what they have seen in written words. Sometimes that makes as the difference in someone getting what we are trying to teach. The next



TEACHING THE TROOPS—SSG Dale Crewe is fulfilling a lifetime dream of teaching while stationed at Redstone Arsenal. He is one of numerous instructors, both military and civilian who teach the student population assigned to the Arsenal.

day I might spend eight hours on the podium."

Crewe said teaching is also challenging because the instructor has to find a way to make the lesson interesting and not just read from a book. "If an instructor breathes life into the topic area, the students will really listen and understand it. If you just read the information from a book, it gets boring and a person's mind tends to wander. If you want to succeed as an instructor you have to make the subject matter interesting," Crewe said.

Because most of the schools that are conducted

on the Arsenal are lengthy, the instructors also have the time to get to know their students, and vice versa. "As time goes by you get to know a little about the student. They aren't just a body sitting in a classroom, they are real people with real challenges. They also get to know a little about me, and there is a definite bonding that takes place during the time they are in the school," Crewe said.

"I believe that bonding helps in many ways. The instructor wants to try that much harder to make sure that students understand what is going on, and the

student wants to try that much harder to get it right because he knows the instructor cares," he continued.

Crewe also said being an instructor takes a lot of good people skills. "You have to learn how to read the expressions of the students. I think that is very important. After every discussion I ask 'are there any questions?' and if there is silence I can only assume there aren't. But if I look out and see the 1,000 mile stare, I know the student really doesn't know but might not want to admit

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Florida Gators picked over FSU Seminoles, in clash of power

By Skip Vaughn

Florida State will try to spoil Florida's perfect season Saturday in Gainesville.

Coach Steve Spurrier and the Gators have the goods this year, however. Look for the Gators to strut their stuff once again.

Skip's Picks last week delivered a 26-9 record, bringing the season totals to 309-105-6 for 75 percent. Here are my predictions for selected games this week in major college football:

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- Vanderbilt at Tennessee— Tenn.
- Ole Miss at Miss. St.— Ole Miss
- North Ala. vs. Carson-Newman, Tenn.— UNA
- Air Force at Hawaii— AF

- Arizona at Ariz. St.— Arizona
- Baylor at Texas— Texas
- Boston College at Rutgers— BC
- Brigham Young at Fresno St.— BYU
- Georgia at Ga. Tech— Georgia
- Texas Tech at Houston— TT
- Illinois at Wisconsin— Ill.
- Purdue at Indiana— Ind.
- Minnesota at Iowa— Iowa
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- Oklahoma at Nebraska— Neb.
- North Carolina at NC St.— North Carolina
- Pittsburgh at West Va.— W. Va.
- Texas A&M at TCU— Texas A&M

911

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had to overcome and it looks like we might have a centralized 911 system in place for the rest of the Arsenal around the first of the year."

The obstacles Stephens spoke about were numerous and some were out of reach until recently. "One of the

major obstacles we had was the phone system itself. All of the prefix numbers are in use and we had to wait for technology to advance before we could even think about adding the system," Stephens said.

The prefix numbers Stephens is speaking about are the first three digits of the telephone numbers used on the Arsenal. "The O is

used for the operator, the one is used to emergency services, the two, three, four, five and six are used for the prefixes used on the Arsenal, the seven is the access for FTX, the eight is the access for the Autovon, and the nine is used to get an outside line," Stephens said. "As you can see our hands were tired until new technology came along."

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However, the DD Form 2520 may still be used, by both patients and providers of care, to file CHAMPUS claims for services received outside the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

TEACHING

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it and I know I still work to do," Crewe said.

Because the courses that are taught at OMMCS involve potentially dangerous subjects, safety is always a concern and is one area that is stressed. "The students not only have to learn about the system or topic they are taking, but have to learn the safe way to approach it. We stress the respect for electricity and teach them it can hurt you," Crewe said. Safety is also stressed at Toftoy Hall the Munitions Department and the EOD Department on the Arsenal.

Instructors are not only responsible for teaching their students, but are also responsible for creating their lesson plans, and most of the instructors also write the course of instruction.

"That is one of the most rewarding areas of being an instructor," Crewe said. "There is a great deal of pride in knowing you had a hand in preparing the materials and course of instruction. With the rapid advancement of technology, we have to keep our lesson plans up to date and review the material constantly."

Crewe said teaching can be very rewarding, especially when you see a student comprehend what you are teaching them. "I get a real sense of accomplishment when I see a student understand an area that was difficult for them. It's like you can see the light bulb go off in their head and the eyes start to shine. That's when I really feel like I have done my job," Crewe said.

On the same hand, Crewe added he feels the

pain of failure when a student can't grasp the subject matter and fails. "It doesn't happen very often here, but it does happen. In those cases I go to the student and ask if there is anything else going on in their lives that might be affecting them. I'm not trying to be noisy, I just care and want to do what I can to get their minds going in the right direction."

All of the instructors on the Arsenal take their responsibilities as seriously as Crewe does, and go the extra mile for each of their students. After all when the student leaves Redstone Arsenal they are going into the real world where missile systems are real munitions are live, and bombs are a reality. They have to know their stuff before they can safely perform their jobs.

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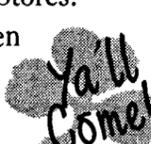
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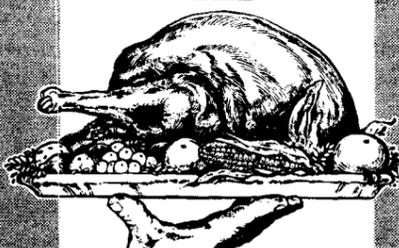
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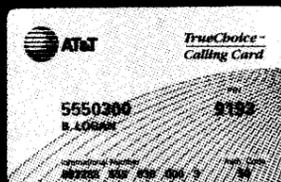
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Use caution, common sense in preparing holiday poultry

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The U.S. Agriculture Department provides tips that not only help keep the dinner safe and edible, but also help make the turkey dinners browned and succulent, instead of underdone or overdone.

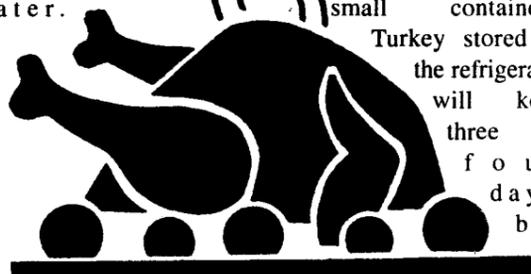
Poultry experts caution cooks to wash anything—hands, utensils and kitchen counters and sink—before reuse after contact with raw poultry. Washing with hot, soapy water will help prevent the spread of bacteria.

If you buy fresh turkey, refrigerate it at 40 degrees Fahrenheit for no more than one to two days before cooking. A frozen bird should stay in the freezer at 0 degrees until time to cook it. Cook as soon as it's thawed, officials say.

Thawing a frozen bird in the refrigerator can take from one to five days depending on size. Thawing in a cold water can take from four to 12 hours. Microwave oven instruction manuals provide thawing time and power information.

After thawing the bird,

remove the neck and giblet package from inside it and wash the bird inside and out with cold water.



Refrigerate left-over turkey within two hours after cooking. The best way to store is to divide into small containers.

Turkey stored in the refrigerator will keep three or four days, but

Allow to drain well.

Stuff the turkey loosely just before cooking, allowing three-quarters of a cup per pound of dressing. Dry ingredients can be prepared ahead, but add perishable ones (onions, celery and especially oysters, if you use them) immediately before cooking. Remove stuffing right after cooking. Or cook stuffing separately in an ovenproof container or aluminum foil for extra food safety.

The turkey's inside temperature should reach 180 degrees Fahrenheit. Directions for cooking times and temperatures are available in basic cookbooks or on the bird's wrapper.

Roasting times vary, depending on size and whether the bird is stuffed. Stuffed birds take longer to cook. For example, a 16 pound turkey takes 3.5 to 4.5 hours, unstuffed; 4.5 to 5.5 hours stuffed.

stuffing will keep for only two days.

The Department of Agriculture has a tollfree, year-round meat and poultry hotline— (800) 535-4555 or (202) 720-3333 in the Washington area. The hotline is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time. From Nov. 1 through Nov. 30, the hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Thanksgiving, Nov. 23, the hotline is open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and food safety experts will answer questions live.

People with touch-tone-phones can access recorded answers to the most commonly asked questions by calling the hotline anytime. The hotline includes information on what to do following a power outage and updates on E. coli bacteria outbreaks. (Army Information Service)

Dining facility cooking up plans for Thanksgiving Day feast

The military dining facility, building 3438 south, invites soldiers, family members, retirees and guests to its most popular meal of the year: the Thanksgiving feast, Thursday.

Getting together on Thanksgiving for a great meal is an Army tradition. About 500 people are expected to enjoy their traditional Thanksgiving meal at the dining facility.

This meal is the largest single meal of the year for the dining facility, according to CWO 4 Paul Simmons, the installation food adviser. The big menu includes 225 pounds of turkey, 150 pounds of ham and 100 pounds of steamship round of beef. Other items are: shrimp cocktail, savory dressing, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, buttered green peas with mushrooms, cranberry sauce, seasoned corn, seasoned broccoli, a salad bar, hot rolls, butter patties, assorted pies and cakes, assorted fruits, assorted candies and nuts, coffee, tea, milk and assorted carbonated beverages.

Thanksgiving Day breakfast for soldiers is set for 7-8 that morning. The Thanksgiving Day Meal will be served to all personnel, single soldiers, soldiers with family members, guests and retirees, from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the dining facility. Reservations are not required. This will be followed by the dinner meal from

3-5:30 p.m. for authorized military personnel.

Defense Comptroller has permanently exempted all active duty officers and family members from paying the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday meal surcharge. Officers and family members will pay only the food cost. Enlisted personnel never did pay the surcharge.

Holiday meal prices are as follows:

- **Enlisted personnel (meal cards)**— zero meal cost, zero surcharge, zero total.
- **Family members (active duty):** age 12 and over— \$3.10 meal cost, zero surcharge, \$3.10 total. 11 and under— \$1.55 meal cost, zero surcharge, \$1.55 total.
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Chapel sponsors annual tree lighting ceremony Dec. 4

By Kathy Harkleroad

The holiday season is upon us and signs of Christmas are everywhere. Christmas would not be complete without the traditional tree and community members of Redstone Arsenal are invited to attend the annual tree lighting ceremony Dec. 1 at 4 p.m.

"This is something we do every year to welcome the holiday season and light the tree," BiCentennial chaplain Major Timothy Boschen said. The tree was donated to the Chapel in 1987 by the Widows and Widowers Group of Redstone Arsenal and is in remembrance of the Prisoners of War and Missing in Action.

"We decorate the tree with white lights, in memory of the service members who won't be spending Christmas with their families," Boschen said. "It is also a remembrance of the sacrifice they are making and to welcome them back."

In conjunction with the lighting ceremony, special guests will present, including Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Redstone Fire Department has graciously donated the use of one of their ladder trucks as transportation for the famous man. "Santa will



SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS—The official Redstone Arsenal Christmas Tree may look bare now, but Dec. 1 it will shine with white lights in memory of soldiers who away from home during the holidays. The community is invited to attend the tree lighting ceremony.

be on hand to talk to the children and pass out candy in the social hall after the ceremony," Boschen said.

Children from the Child Development Center will be

invited to attend the ceremony, and children throughout the Arsenal are also welcome to come and sing Christmas Carols and talk to Santa.

Community invited to holiday party

All members of the Redstone Arsenal community are invited to the 1994 Redstone Arsenal Holiday Party set for Dec. 8 at the Officers Club.

In light of the many diverse events, such as the recent furlough and downsizing that have affected the Redstone community this year, the theme for the event will be "Brighten Your Holidays." "There are many opportunities and awards which the Redstone community can be thankful for. Let us all reflect on this year and plan for a brighter year ahead for the Redstone community," said Melissa Broderden, party chairperson.

The event is being co-sponsored by the Security

Assistance Management Directorate (SAMd) and the Weapon System Management Directorate (WSMD).

The event will include dinner, musical entertainment and dancing. A social (cash bar) will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:15 p.m. The menu features a prime rib entree with a carafe of wine for each table.

Fred Lamour will be the pianist during the social hour and Col Wolfe, director SAMd, will be the master of ceremonies. Entertainment will be provided by the Huntsville Metropolitan Chapter, Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in

America, Inc. They will perform a combination of Barber Shop and Christmas Songs. Dancing begins at 9 p.m. with music provided by the Little Rock Band, who focuses on tunes from the '50's and '60's.

Military dress is Army blue/mess dress with bow tie; or Class A green (male-white shirt, black bow tie; female-skirt, white shirt and neck tab). Civilian dress is business suit or cocktail attire.

Cost is \$16 per person. Invitations and reservation forms can be obtained from your administrative office or by calling the MICOM Protocol Office at 955-6925. Reservations will be accepted until close of business Dec. 4.

Alaska unit to help Santa answer mail

For the 19th straight year, Alaska's Eielson Air Force Base is helping Santa Claus answer his Christmas mail. The base's operations support squadron will answer children's letters to Santa Claus. Last year, the squadron handled more than 6,000 letters.

For a letter from Santa to reach the child before Christmas, the squadron must receive it before Dec. 10. Be sure to include the stamped envelope and that the child's address is legible.

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DoD announces recent child care survey results

By Linda D. Kozaryn

Military child care centers fill about 93 percent of the requests for hourly care, according to a recent DoD worldwide survey.

DoD tracked requests from June 12 to July 11 to see how much hourly care is needed, how much is provided and why families need it. Nearly 270 military child care programs worldwide responded.

During the survey, there were more than 48,000 requests for hourly care—about 22,800 Army, 12,100 Air Force, 8,900 Navy and 4,300 Marine Corps. Of these requests, about 45,000, or 93 percent, were filled, most frequently by placement in child development centers or private homes.

Of the 7 percent who did not receive care, nearly one-third had been offered care in homes, but refused it. The survey confirms parents tend to prefer child care centers rather than private homes with certified care providers. As a result, DoD officials say they need to do a better job familiarizing parents with family care programs.

Two factors mitigate the survey results, according to Linda K. Smith, director of

family policy at the Pentagon. First, the survey was conducted during the summer, when teen-age babysitters are more available, thereby possibly reducing the number of requests for hourly care at child care programs. Second, she said, is the possibility people turned away in the past simply no longer request hourly care.

A second survey will be conducted during the school year, Smith said.

Most parents surveyed said they need hourly care while they are at work, at school or for emergencies when other child care arrangements fall through. Parents may work alternating schedules or there may be a gap between the end of one parent's work hours and the beginning of the spouse's work hours, Smith said.

About 60 percent of the requests were from enlisted personnel needing child care between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. The average request was for about four hours at a time, and requests were evenly spread over the days of the week.

All installations responding to the survey offer hourly care: 3,940 spaces in child development centers and 3,064 in family child care homes. Centers specifically

offering only hourly care are operated at 24 locations.

More than 750 surge care sessions were provided for special occasions in locations such as the NCO or officers club. Surge care is another option that needs to be expanded and more broadly marketed, DoD officials concluded.

Smith said DoD also reviewed a Navy survey on hourly child care needs conducted during the last week of July and the first week of August 1995. The Navy randomly

queried people at eight stateside locations. More than 1,200 active duty members or spouses of active duty members with children under age 6 participated. About 39 percent said hourly care is their most frequent child care need, but only 9 percent of this group said they rely on base programs to meet that need. Most rely on spouses, relatives or friends, Smith said, which is how most hourly care needs are met in civilian communities. **{American Forces Information Service}**

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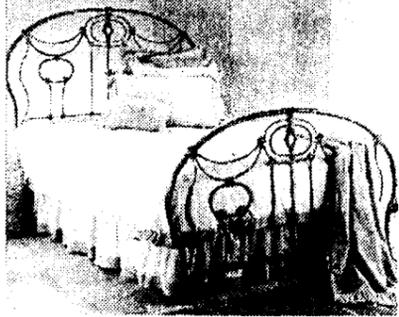


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DoD practices in Virginia for the unthinkable disaster

By Jim Garamone

"Broken Arrow" is a phrase no one in the Pentagon wants to hear. Broken Arrow is the code name for an accident involving nuclear weapons.

But DoD cannot hide its head in the sand and simply hope nuclear accidents don't happen. There have been nuclear accidents in the past, and, despite safeguards, there may be some in the future.

Those involved with containing and cleaning up after nuclear accidents must know how to perform their missions.

Recently, all the players came together in the Tidewater area of Virginia to participate in Exercise Display Select.

The exercise was based on a scenario in which a plane crash on a Navy dock in the York River sets off a series of explosions that damages a nuclear weapon. The explosions kill some personnel outright, injure others and spread radioactive plutonium. What's more, strong winds pick up radioactive particles and spread them southwest over the Tidewater peninsula to the James River.

Fire and rescue units respond, but the presence of explosives complicates relief efforts. Within the hour, local officials at the Naval Weapons Station Yorktown notify the Pentagon of a "Broken Arrow."

Yorktown officials acknowledge the scenario is a bit far-fetched, but it still allowed more than 2,200 local, state and federal officials to exercise their reactions to a nuclear emer-

gency.

A total of 76 federal, state and local agencies participated in the exercise. Federal response teams came from the Navy, the Defense Nuclear Agency, the Pentagon, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy. Virginia geared up its emergency response teams and the National Guard. Emergency teams from the city of Newport News, and York and James City counties and the local towns also participated. All agencies had people in place within hours of the accident.

Exercises like Display Select stress cooperation and interoperability among the agencies. The exercise attempts to look at all aspects concerning a nuclear weapons accident. Radiological detection teams actu-

ally travel the area and test air, water and soil samples for contamination. Senior officials must answer to the media. The military tests notification of next-of-kin procedures and casualty evacuation. Local hospitals see how they would handle

mass casualties complicated by radiation contamination.

Navy divers search the river for explosives, and weapons experts test methods of stabilizing and moving nuclear warheads.

State officials test notification procedures and evac-

uation plans.

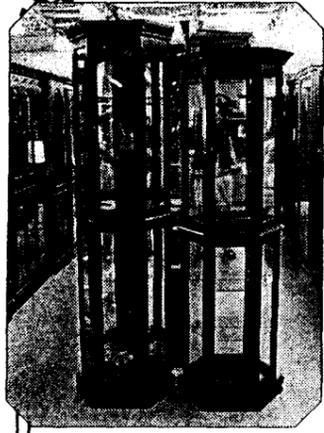
"We practice nuclear response exercises all the time, but they are geared toward accidents at nuclear power plants," said Mike LaCivita, a Virginia Department of Emergency Services spokesman. "There are

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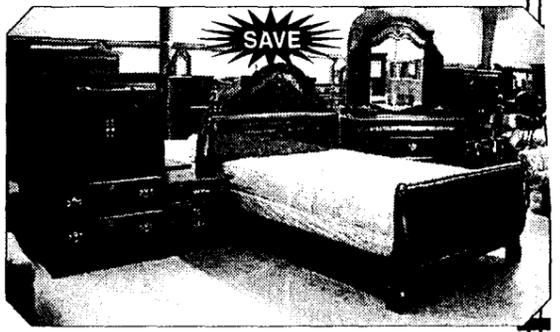


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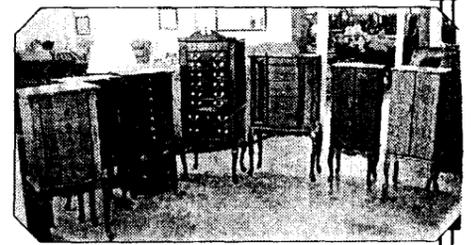
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Tax hints offered by Staff Judge Advocate's Office

By Kathy Harkleroad

While the upcoming holiday's are on everyone's mind, there is another annual event that is right around the corner that doesn't always bring happy thoughts or smiles. The 1995 income tax season will be here before you know it and it's not too early to start preparing for it.

"The earlier you start collecting everything you need, the easier your filing process will go," said Capt. Cheryl Boone. "We are opening the tax assistance center Feb. 5 in anticipation of lots of early filers."

The Staff Judge Advocate's Office and Army Community Services (ACS) has sponsored the free service of preparing and filing tax returns for several years, and is going to do so again this year. "Last year we helped prepare 2,655 returns and filed 1,685 federal and state returns," Boone said. "This year we would like to exceed those numbers."

New this year is the location of the Tax Assistance Center. ACS has donated the use of building 3475, the old Troop and Tackle Shop, for the Tax Assistance Center. "The building is ideal for the office. It is handicap accessible, everything is close together, and we will have space for children to play while their parents are having their taxes done," Boone said. "ACS has been very instrumental in making this year's pro-

gram as much as a success as last year."

Also instrumental in getting the Tax Assistance Center operational was Richard Russell, chief, Operations Support at the Missile and Space Intelligence Center, Mary Brendan from ACS, and Capt. David Esters and Capt. Steve Heater, Staff Judge Advocate's Office. SFC Oksana Mandybur, SFC Bruce Cameron, and SPC Mark Perdue have also been a tremendous help, according to Boone.

"Mr. Russell and Mary Brendan from ACS have been very supportive in our efforts and have been very instrumental in getting the program off the ground this year," Boone said.

As in years past, the center will operate on an appointment basis. Each company will have two Unit Tax Assistance officers who will coordinate appointments with the center. Soldiers and retirees may also call the center to schedule an appointment. There will be four Volunteer Income Tax Assistance officers on duty at the center full time during the tax season.

"We will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. and from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday evenings," Boone said. "We want to make it easy for everyone who is authorized to utilize our services. Those persons include retirees, active duty

service members, their spouses and dependents.

"This service is free of charge and can really save the retiree or service member quite a bit of money," Boone said. "It doesn't make sense to pay someone to do your taxes for you when the same service is offered on the Arsenal free of charge."

The Tax Assistance Center will not only prepare tax forms, both federal and state, but will also file the federal return electronically, free of charge. "The advantage of having your return filed electronically are numerous and is something everyone should take advantage of," Boone said. "As in the past, we will be doing that free of charge to eligible personnel."

The Staff Judge Advocate's Office is also looking for volunteers to attend a training session and learn how to help prepare the tax forms. "We will hold a training session Jan. 16-19 at Stillwell Hall, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. We will welcome anyone who has good math skills, some tax knowledge and people who are willing to learn, to the training sessions," Boone said. "All they have to do is contact Sgt. Tor'na Spears at 876-9015 for more information."

For those of taxpayers who would like to get a jump on collecting the necessary paperwork for filing taxes the following check



list has been provided by the Staff Judge Advocate's Office as a reference tool.

- Copies of 1994 Federal Income Tax return
- Social Security numbers of your spouse, yourself and all dependents
- Consolidate each charitable contribution
- If you are approved for disability and your retirement does not reflect this, bring your percentage of compensation for non-taxable purposes.
- If you have rental property, bring in the rent amount, repairs, management fees, and any other adjustments incurred.
- If you owned a home in 1995, bring in interest and property taxes that were paid.
- If you sold a home in 1995, please have the date of sale, selling price, sales commission, original purchase price, and any home improvements prior to the sale.

Any other items that are used for income or tax deductible purposes. (Not sure? Ask the receptionist or bring the paperwork anyway.)

According to Boone, state tax forms and booklets will also be available, and help will be provided in filling those forms out as well. Further information on the information needed for tax filing or on becoming a volunteer, can be obtained by calling the Staff Advocate's Office at 876-9015.

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Cold turkey...

The Great American Smokeout was held Nov. 16 and Fox Community Hospital sponsored a "Cold Turkey" raffle. SSG Joe Ortiz, center, turned a pack of cigarettes and won a frozen turkey. The turkey was presented by LTC Carey Payne, FACH deputy commander, left and Susan Goodman, nurse educator at Preventive Medicine.



Waiting game...

Visitors to the Arsenal during the six-day furlough were greeted by guards at all open gates. Visitors were required to obtain a pass before being allowed on the Arsenal. As guards wrote out passes, cars backed up and caused some minor delays. Pictured is Gate 8 on Goss Road as cars lined up to enter the Arsenal.

Announcements

Support groups— Breathe Easy, for people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and respiratory lung disease, meets the fourth Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Therapy and Fitness Center, Huntsville Hospital Medical Mall.... Care and Share, a weekly support group for patients, family and friends who are dealing with cancer, is held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Comprehensive Cancer Institute/conference room at Huntsville Hospital Blackwell Medical Tower....

Second Chance, for organ transplant patients, both before and after surgery, meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Blackwell Medical Tower.

OMMCS holiday party — The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School holiday party will be held Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. at the Sheraton Inn, Huntsville Airport. The cost for the party, which includes dinner and entertainment, is \$16 per person. The party is open to everyone and dress is infor-

mal (coat and tie or Class A uniform). The Commandant wishes to make this a happy and joyful time for all and invites everyone to come and join in on all the fun. Ticket information may be obtained from CWO 5 Dull 876-7649/842-2920 or by contacting your office ticket point of contact.

Thrift shop— The Thrift

Shop will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 22, 23 and 24. It will also close for Christmas Dec. 22 and will reopen Jan. 3. The staff at the Thrift Shop wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Girl Scout cookies— The annual Girl Scout cookie sale will run through Dec. 10. You will be able to buy cook-

ies from any Girl Scout. For more information about cookies or Girl Scouts, call Karla Watenpohl 420-8244.

Leisure travel— Carnival Cruise Lines is offering spe-

cial prices on selected sailings for winter 1996. Three and four night cruises start as low as \$289.50 per person and seven nights as low as \$569.50 per person. See ANNOUNCEMENTS on page 26

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IMMC party— The IMMC will hold "A Rocket City Christmas," this year's Christmas Party, on Dec. 15 at the Madison Square Mall Holiday Inn in the grand ballroom. The Madison Square Mall Holiday Inn has a block of guest rooms reserved for those that want to stay overnight. Reservations may be made at the special \$39 room rate by calling 830-0600 and requesting one of the rooms set aside for the IMMC. A limited number of tickets are available and may be purchased for \$14 each by calling one of the following planning committee members: Patricia Cox 955-7948, Cynthia Azoroh 842-6332, Pat Petit 842-6099 or Jeff Harris 842-6092.

PX news— Everyone is invited to visit the PX parking lot today to inspect an

AAFES customized tractor-trailer and chat with the driver. Higinio Ortiz of the Waco Distribution Center. Ortiz has been selected as the 1994 AAFES Driver of the Year and was presented with the keys to the new, customized, walk-in sleeper cab freightliner tractor. A 48-foot white cargo trailer with the AAFES "Earth Friendly" logo and a translucent roof. Children of all ages will be excited to view this tractor.

Holiday hours— Post Exchange, Main Store, building 3220, will be operating with the following holiday hours starting Nov. 24: Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to midnight; and Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Stray pet policy— Stray dogs and cats on Redstone Arsenal will be picked up and brought to the Veterinary Treatment Facility, building 3543. There they will be held three working days for their owners to claim. A stray pet fee of \$5 per day will be assessed. Animals not claimed after three working days will then be available for adoption. For more information,

call 876-2441.

Rustic Lodge— The Rustic Lodge is a great place for hosting family outings; you can reserve a date up to a year in advance. Call Valerie Carey 955-6739 for more reservation information. Also, the MICOM community is invited to help decorate the Rustic Lodge for Christmas from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 27. An open house will be held 1-4 p.m. Nov. 28 to showcase the new office, located on the north side on the left of the Rustic Lodge. Refreshments will be served.

Saint Barbara Day— The annual Saint Barbara Celebration will be held Jan. 12, 1996 at the Officers Club from 6:30-10:30 p.m. For information on nominating someone for the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara, the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara, or the Artillery Order of Molly Pitcher, call Renee McArdle 842-2682 or e-mail: rmcardl@redstone.army.mil. The last day to submit nominations for an award is Dec. 1.

hicle/machinery lubricating device (grease gun) has been found on a roadway. To identify and claim it the owner should contact the Provost Marshal Office, Investigations Section, building 3649, phone 876-2090/3449.

Air defenders— The Alabama Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association will hold its bimonthly luncheon Thursday at the Officers Club. A social period will begin at 11:30 a.m., with lunch at 11:45. Scheduled speaker is Lt. Col. Jed Sheehan, product manager for Ground to Air Missile Systems. Cost of the luncheon is \$7 for individual and corporate chapter members, and \$8 for non-members. Persons wishing to attend should call Keith Furney 722-4696 by noon today. "Please provide Officers Club, VISA, MC, American Express, DC or RSAOC card numbers when calling."

Alpha company deactivates — Beginning on December 1, CPT Eddie L.

Mitchell and ISG Carl A. Smith will no longer command the Alpha Gators. They will deactivate Alpha company and moments later, reactivate the Unit as Charlie company. After these changes occur, the commander and First Sergeant will do a change of command therefore turning Charlie company and it's soldiers over to CPT Roxanne M. Fox and ISG William A. Porter. At this time, CPT Mitchell will prepare for his tour to Germany, ISG Smith will become the First Sergeant of Delta company and SFC Premas D. Liverpool will go to Delta company or HHC, 59th Ordnance Brigade. This event will take place in front of Alpha company, Bldg. 3410 at 0700 hrs, or in Pagano gym in case of inclement weather. There will be a reception in Gator Bay following the event.

OWC merit awards—The Officers Wives Club will present one or more merit awards to eligible graduating high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited college or vocational school and to undergraduate or graduate students who are presently enrolled in a col-

lege and working towards a degree. Applicants must be family members of active duty, retired, reserve, or deceased commissioned or warrant officers. All applicants must hold valid ID cards. Their primary residence must be with parents or parent residing in the Huntsville area. Students on fully paid school scholarships or who have previously received this award are not eligible to apply. Merit awards are also available for spouses of active duty, retired, reserve or deceased, commissioned or warrant officers. The deadline to apply for the merit awards is March 9, 1996. Applications can be obtained by written request to Helen Hickman, Merit Awards Chairman, 14347 Hunter Road, Harvest, AL, 35749.

Post Theater movies— Saturday, "Assassins", R, 120 mins. Sunday, "Assassins", R, 120 mins. Friday, Dec. 1, "How to Make an American Quilt," PG-13, 17 mins. Showtime for all movies is 7 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.25 for children.

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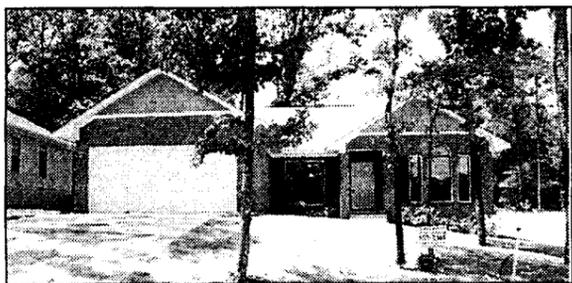
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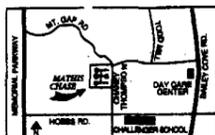


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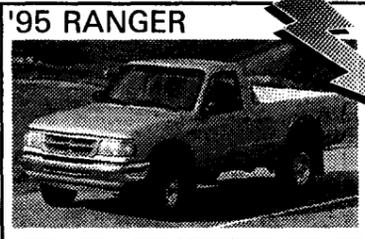
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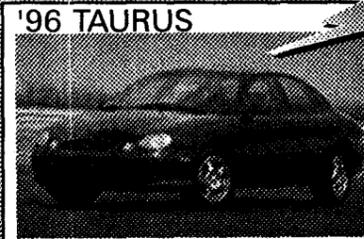
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