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Early-out bonuses make nice departing gift for many

More than 190 civilian workers here have received the good news that they will be allowed to leave the government with a nice bonus check from Uncle Sam.

They will each get up to \$25,000 based on their severance pay calculation. This Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VSIP) is taxable income.

These workers will depart by Jan. 5 through either regular retirement, early retirement, or resignation. Workers eligible for early retirement included those with 25 years of service at any age, or those who are at least 50 years old

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Back in business...

The view from Washington, D.C., is brighter these days as the governmentwide shutdown ended Nov. 20 and federal workers returned to

work. Many workers were furloughed Nov. 14 due to a budget dispute between Congress and the White House.

Civilian here completes advanced course for active duty military officers

By Skip Vaughn

A logistics management specialist at LOGSA is the first civilian graduate in the two-year history of an advanced course for military officers.

Debbie Sherwood, of the Logistics Support Activity, learned about the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course at Fort Lee, Va., by reading a newspaper article. She took the 20-week course for active Army officers from June to November at Fort Lee.

In April, Sherwood learned about the course by reading an article in the

March 20 edition of Army Times. The article related how the course was the new wave of the future Army, training its officers with the focus on multifunctional logistics. CLOAC combines into a single course the officer's advanced courses in the five areas of quartermaster, ordnance, transportation, aviation logistics support, and medical. The idea is to make the future commanders in those branches multifunctional in this era of downsizing and also to enhance the officers' abilities.

"So when I read this article in Army Times last April, I knew I could

take something from that school because I work in a multifunctional logistics organization. And in LOGSA our missions include supply which is quartermaster, ordnance which is maintenance on our side of the house, and then transportation. We have divisions dedicated to all these areas," Sherwood said. She works in LOGSA's Readiness and Sustainment Center.

She applied for the course, under the Army Logistics Management College, and was accepted. "Based on

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SHERWOOD

Family support

Upon my departure from Redstone, there are several people I would like to thank on behalf of me and my family for all their help and support.

First of all CSM Sundry, thank you for all your time, help and concern in helping my husband and me with all the calls and important information you obtained and relayed to us. Thanks to MSgt. Simmons at Fox Army Community Hospital. Also thanks to all the staff at Army Community Service with extra special thanks to Virginia Dempsey, Sal Riccardi, Elaine Lewis and Larry Revoir. These people have been very helpful and supportive with all the medical problems and traveling we are having to do for our son, and plus helping us with our problems with moving. I also need to thank some other people and organizations that I know will probably never see this but I want everyone to know how each and all have been instrumental in helping us with the medical problems and travel for our son Quelynn. He is 7 years old and around Christmas he will be going into the hospital for his second heart surgery— this time to either have a bypass or to have a prosthetic valve inserted into his heart. So I want to ensure everyone knows and understands how grateful and thankful our family is.

Thanks to Ms. Bynum, Ms. Henry and everyone at J.E. Williams Elementary for your care, concern and support. Last to thank are all the people especially SSgt. Quinones in pediatrics at Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Hospital, Fort Gordon, Ga.; Dr. Lutin, Dr. Del Rosario and all the staff and nurses in pediatric cardiology at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, Ga.; and to my husband's new unit in Colorado, 10th Special Forces, 3rd Battalion.

All of you will always be in our prayers and thoughts. May God bless you all.

**Ed and Allison "Doni" Taylor,
Quelynn and Christopher**

Distressed hunter

Recently I was exposed to some distressing news that every soldier and civilian should know about. In past years the Outdoor Recreation Center has offered a hunting and fishing season on Redstone Arsenal with ample opportunity for authorized personnel to hunt or fish. Over the years this opportunity has slowly been decreasing. The Outdoor Rec staff has taken more and more holidays every year. This year is by far the worst. I learned on Nov. 9, just one day after the Family Symposium in which I sat next to the director of the Outdoor Rec, that there will only be half day hunts from Christmas Eve through New Year's Eve with no hunting on New Year's Day. In past years we have had to give up hunting full days on Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday, and No Hunting on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

I must remind you that Outdoor Rec is supposed to supply a "customer service" to us the "customer." In recent years the price of permits has risen drastically with less opportunity to use them. If a soldier or civilian is off work, then the Outdoor Rec should be open for customer service. In the past the director of the Outdoor Rec has used the excuse, I do not have the staff to operate seven days a week and holidays. Recently, however, they have hired on two new GS workers along with a flex worker. To top it all off, they have a volunteer work force to help. I cannot understand why these people are so improperly managed. I guess that it boils down to this: If there is a holiday coming up and you enjoy hunting and fishing on the Arsenal's ranges, stay at work! If you are waiting for the Outdoor Rec to open its doors then you will be waiting till the next duty day. The Outdoor Rec is in the business of supporting the off duty needs of soldiers and civilians.

When are they going to conduct business!

SSgt. Tim Tripp

Ex-Outdoor Rec volunteer

(Editor's note: Outdoor Recreation provided the following response. "Those who hunt know the long hours Outdoor Recreation staff and volunteers work to provide hunting and fishing opportunities on Redstone Arsenal. Many other recreational programs and services are provided by these same people. Additionally, the Provost Marshal Office and Directorate of Public Works are equally responsible for the management of hunting and fishing programs. Once deer season begins in October through January the typical hours of operation for weekend hunts are 4:30 a.m. till one hour after sunset. The only holidays there is no hunting on Redstone are Christmas Day and New Years Day. Full day hunts are not required to handle the limited hunting populas on holidays and we offer full day hunts on regular weekends. The increase in permit fees is a direct result of limited appropriated fund resource to support game and fish management. Questions concerning operating hours or other management matters should be forwarded to Bill Moreland, Outdoor Recreation manager, 842-2188. Matters concerning other areas of game and fish responsibility will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.")

True workers

Our organization, like an infant, grows only through receipt of loving and conscientious care. We must have the courage and exert the effort to transcend our business as usual. We must all be consistent striving for achievement of the aims, ideals, and aspirations of our great organization.

Knowledge is power. Count the day lost that you do not learn something new. Read books, listen to tapes. Watch instructional videotapes, strive for continuous improvement in your life. Share your knowledge, teach others what you know; you will never become less valuable and, in fact, you and your fellow logisticians will gain even more capacity to grasp the challenge of change.

The power to change our lives and to help others change is the greatest gift our organization can bestow on our co-workers and customers. However, reaching this goal requires commitment and enthusiasm, which in turn relies on three key factors— desire, confidence and energy. Desire is the willingness to pay the price, to commit to sharpening our skills. With new knowledge and experience, we develop self-confidence. And desire and self-confidence give us the energy and momentum to overcome obstacles in life. In short we develop the power to change.

I have observed many, many co-workers who are filled with the spirit which stimulates and motivates us to give our all in accomplishing tasks. We all must work to maintain our history of great service, honor our long-range commitments, enhance the purpose of excellence in missilery— teamwork, knowledge and service, to assist our customers and above all to maintain our pride.

Never before have so many employees been sent home from work, especially government workers. Never have there been so many opportunities for all to participate and contribute. We must assure that all employees learn the true essence of greatness— that greatness which brings inner peace derived from honesty, pride, respect and eternal values. We must strengthen that moral atmosphere by which we can follow future leaders, educate leadership based upon integrity, honor, and good principles; well prepared to prevent social decay and man-made catastrophes.

This belief will require calculated risks, undivided loyalty, a worldwide common commitment, and the tenacity to surpass ourselves again and again. Reach out, share your enthusiasm.

**Jimmy Harbin
IMMC**

Arsenal roads

A month or so ago a writer complained about all the cars without decals that he had observed on the Arsenal. Let me thank you (a few years after the fact) for publishing my letter which suggested that the Arsenal roads are built by taxpayer funds and we taxpayers ought to jolly well have access to them as we see fit, except of course, for those involved in impact areas, military operations such as marching troops, and more rarely, "classified" areas. Otherwise, it seems incongruous that "we taxpayers" would pay for a road for anyone's exclusive use.

... If the closed-access proponents think that they have a solid case, they might look at most of the other Army bases which have found that totally closed access is not cost effective. Specific facilities can be protected for a lot less money than any attempt to seal off an area as big as Redstone Arsenal with its large resident and visiting populations.

While suggesting that the policy should be changed, we comply with the regulations which do provide for most folks who need or want to visit the Arsenal. We have a valid decal on one of our cars, and that is the only car we use when we visit the Arsenal.

Thanks again for allowing— and encouraging — free expression of our opinions.

**Frank E. Hancock
Madison**

Role model

A few weeks ago I wrote a letter thanking all of the wonderful people I have worked with during the last four years of military service. Within that letter, I failed to mention a very important friend and role model who has been an inspiration in my career. CSM John Hoffman of the 59th Ordnance Brigade has been a leader who I could go and talk with at any time and when we finished, the situation or problems would have been solved. Thanks again and I am sorry for the mistake. Finally, to anyone else who I may have left out, thanks for everything.

Cody Swinford

Holiday tips offered for office security on post

Seasonal activities such as shopping, taking leave, parties, and year-end suspenses disrupt normal schedules and make it easy to forget or relax routine security requirements. The following tips are provided to enhance security awareness during the holiday season:

Ensure end-of-day security checks are conducted by having someone designated to do a double check.

Ensure couriers and mail personnel make deliveries to a person rather than leave mail on desk tops or mailboxes.

Check incoming mail for classified items immediately upon receipt.

Conduct double check to ensure work areas are completely sanitized before visitors arrive.

Make sure visitors are badged.

Escort visitors to and from designated areas within buildings. Establish visitor controls, where appropriate, using signs, ropes, etc., to mark boundaries.

Challenge personnel who are not badged.

Conduct social activities in areas that do not store/process classified information, etc.

For more information call the counterintelligence division, Intelligence and Security Directorate 842-7511.

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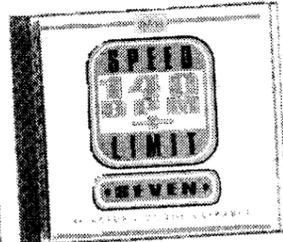
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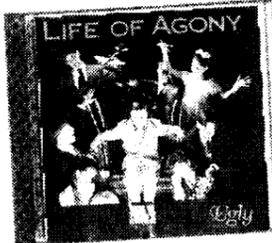
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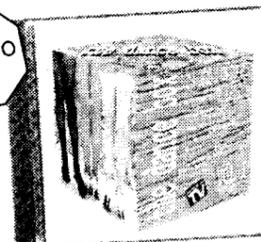
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On the job at Redstone: family child care providers

Editor's note: This is the 10th in a series of articles on everyday people who work on the Arsenal and perform jobs that are sometimes overlooked.

By Kathy Harkleroad

Patrons at the Child Development Center on Redstone Arsenal have a choice when it comes to child care. They can choose between utilizing the center or placing their child in the care of a Family Child Care (FCC) provider.

These providers live on the Arsenal and operate under the rules and regulations of the center and can utilize the services of the center as well. "We have access to the lending library which has just about everything you need to run a day care," Kim Rucker, a FCC provider, said. "They have materials for arts and crafts projects, toys—big and little; books, mats and sheets, just about anything you would need."

Once the FCC providers accept a child into their care, they are responsible for that child's needs, and in most cases, many more children, for the time they are with them. Care can be on a part-time or full-time basis, and can begin at 6:30 a.m. and last until all hours of the evening.

"We basically set our hours and based on the parents' needs, can be flexible," Rucker said. During a normal week, Rucker cares for five children, in addition to her own daughter, Ashley, and has two children who spend the entire day with her and three children who are there part time. "I became an FCC provider because I like taking care of children and wanted to spend time with my daughter," she said.

FCC providers not only plan activities to keep the children occupied during the

day, but also plan menus and serve breakfast, lunch and snacks to youngsters there full time. They also serve an afternoon snack to children who are in their care after school. All of the menus must meet the child care center's regulations and must fall under the Department of Agriculture guidelines.

Denise Jones, a FCC provider, lives across the street from Rucker. Jones and Rucker are not only friends who provide child care, but have formed their own support group when it comes to being a child care provider. "Being responsible for someone else's children isn't an easy job, and if you don't have a support system of some kind, it could be more difficult," Jones said.

Both women spend quite a bit of time together and visit libraries, attend FCC provider classes and plan out their days together. "When one of us comes up with an activity, we share it and that makes planning quite a bit easier," Jones said.

The providers also plan field trips with children and take them to places like Discovery Zone, to the skating rink, and other local attractions. "We try to do something different as often as we can," Rucker said. "The key is staying busy and planning out your day." Jones echoed that statement and said "it also helps to stay on a routine of some kind. The kids really like that."

Planning and playing with their wards isn't the only thing the FCC provider does. According to Rucker and Jones, there is also a considerable amount of paperwork involved with

each child. "We have to keep attendance records, make sure each child has a current health assessment, have written copies of our meal plans and we have several other forms we are responsible for," Rucker said.

"We are also responsible for filing any and all paperwork to the IRS since we are paid directly," Jones said.

Homes of the FCC providers undergo several different kinds of inspections and, according to Rucker, these can happen at any time. "We have one announced inspection and the rest are unannounced. We have a yearly health and fire and safety inspection, as well as monthly inspections," Rucker said.

According to Jones, the after school children she takes prefer a home environment vs. a day care facility. "It is easier for us to provide one-on-one care than say a larger facility. We have a smaller ratio and the kids



DAYTIME FRIENDS— Child care services are not just limited to the main center on the Arsenal and are provided in private homes throughout the Arsenal. Kim Rucker, center, is a FCC provider who spends her days with six small children. Pictured with Kim are Casey Cahile, left, and Destinee Bartow as they work on an arts and crafts project.

have said they really like that."

Both Jones and Rucker said all of the children they watch get very attached to

them, and sometimes have a hard time going home. "We spend more time with them than their parents do, and they often get very

attached," Rucker said. "There are many times they say they want to stay, and have to be reassured they can come back the next day."



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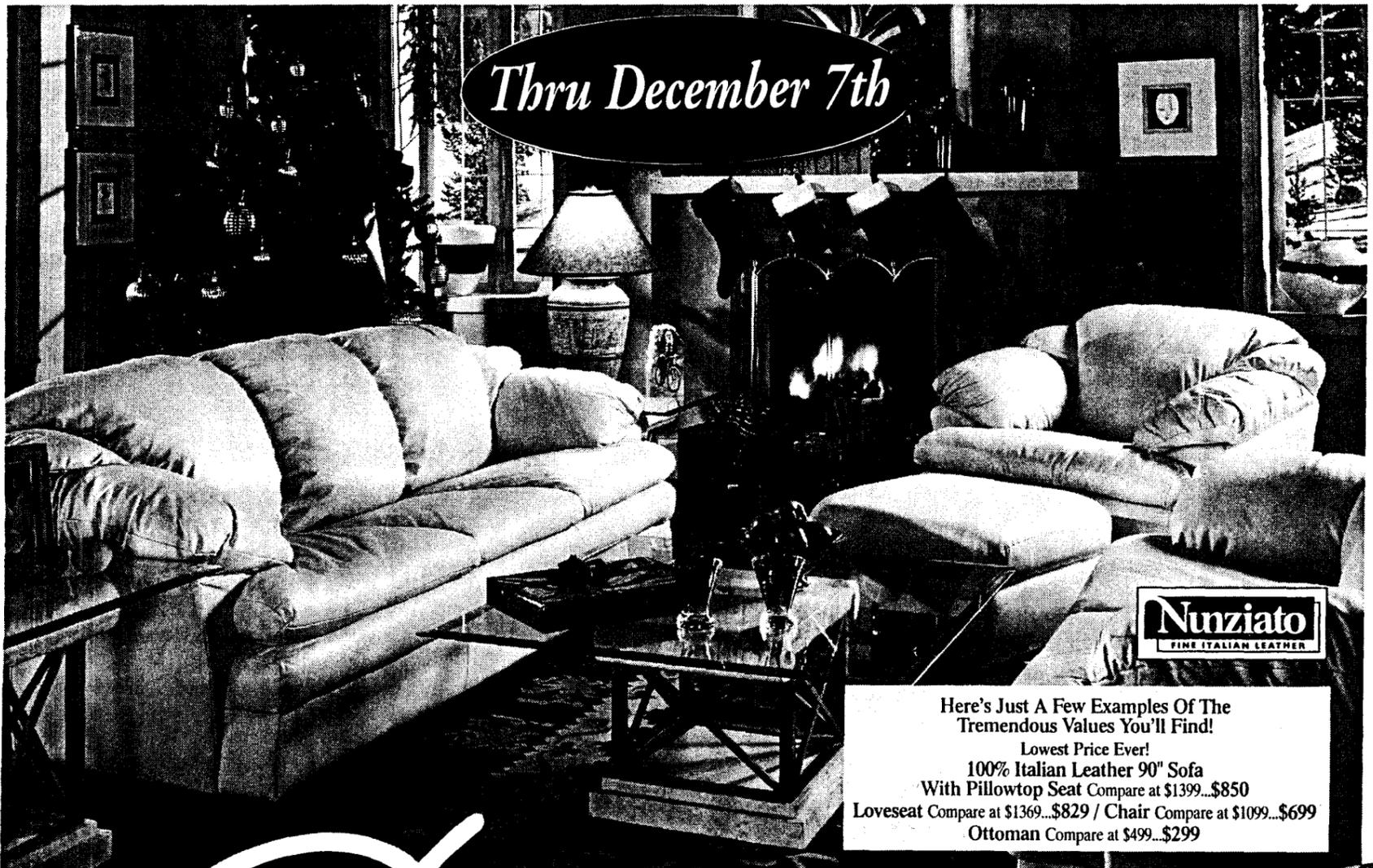
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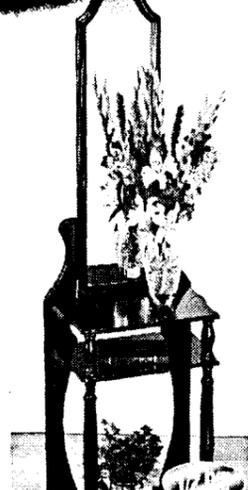
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Changes on horizon for Fox Army Community Hospital

By Kathy Harkleroad

There are many changes and good things happening at Fox Army Community Hospital where the future looks bright, according to Lt. Col. Cary Payne.

"We have quite a few construction projects upcoming and they will be very beneficial to our customers," Payne, deputy commander for administration, said. One of the projects Payne was speaking about is the new ambulance building that will be constructed outside the emergency room.

The new building will not only house the ambulances, but will serve as storage for the mass casualty exercises the hospital conducts.

The new UAB Clinic that is currently housed in the old outpatient clinic and Optometry Clinic, will also undergo renovations soon and will become one clinic. "When the construction is completed the clinic will be U-shaped and will offer additional space," Payne said. "Once that has been completed we will also be able to see pediatric patients there as well."

Another change on the horizon at FACH is the possible addition of an Orthopedic Clinic. "We are currently looking at the

feasibility of establishing an Orthopedic Clinic at FACH, possibly sometime the first of next year," Capt. Christopher Pate, chief of clinical support, said.

"That is one of the larger services that is not currently being done in-house, and would prove to be both cost-saving and time-saving for patients," Pate added. Hospital officials are also looking at the feasibility of adding a Podiatry Clinic and an advanced physical therapy clinic.

Allergy patients at FACH also have some relief on the horizon, with the addition of an allergist in August. "We are very close to signing a contract with Dr. (Shashi) Kumar who used to be the chief of pediatrics," Pate said. "He is a board-certified allergist and will deal primarily with allergies."

Payne said the addition of Kumar is a welcome one and will benefit everyone. "There will be a significant savings on antigens since we can get them cheaper at Walter Reed Hospital, than downtown," Payne said.

The Surgery/GYN Clinic has also taken on a new look at the hospital and boasts reupholstered chairs, new wallpaper and pictures and silk flowers and plants. The nurses and clerks also have new smocks and name tags to go along with the new look. "The head nurse, Mary Bailey, really put all



NEW LOOK— Patients in the Surgery/Gyn Clinic might have to take a second glance when they see the waiting area. The entire space has been remodeled using third-party funds, and has taken on the look of someone's living room. From left are Cora Marshall, Mary Milligan, Johanna Friedrich and Alma Hager in the clinic.

this together and made things happen," said Alma Hager, clinical clerk.

Lockheed-Martin wins downselect for new kill vehicle at SSDC

By Gerda Sherrill

The Space and Strategic Defense Command has announced the selection of Lockheed-Martin Missiles & Space Company in a competitive downselection for the continued development, fabrication, and flight testing of a new kill vehicle in the Atmospheric Interceptor Technology (AIT) program. The selection

makes Lockheed-Martin eligible for the award and options of a contract totaling \$111 million.

The program will produce a lightweight integrated vehicle to operate within the earth's atmosphere at the high and low altitudes necessary for both National and Theater Missile Defense.

Traveling at very high speeds, the interceptor will operate through severe, high

temperature, and high pressure environments as it acquires, tracks, and engages enemy targets. AIT will ensure endoatmospheric hit-to-kill with aimpoint accuracy using advanced infrared seeker technologies.

AIT is the endoatmospheric interceptor technology base for the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization to enable advanced capabilities for the acquisition of future weapons systems beyond current state-

of-the-art. The kill vehicle contains inherent capability to advance the performance of the Theater High Altitude Area Defense, Corps Surface-to-Air, Boost Phase Intercept, and Navy Upper and Lower Tier missile systems.

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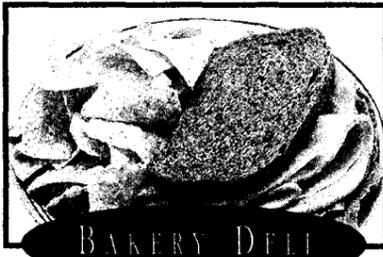
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Hunting season off to good start at Redstone Arsenal

By Kathy Harkleroad

Hunting season is officially in full swing on the Arsenal, with bow season opening Oct. 15 and gun season opening Nov. 20 and waterfowl season opening Dec. 2.

"We had to delay the opening of the gun season due to the furlough," Bill Moreland, the Outdoor Recreation director, said. "They are out in numbers now and we have lots of hunters bringing in lots of different species of animals."

As of presstime, the hunting season is off to a good start, with 57 deer being harvested. The largest deer in weight being harvested has been recorded with nine points and weighed in at 163 pounds. An 11 point deer was also harvested early in the season.

Hunting season on the Arsenal isn't something that just happens each year, but requires a lot of hard work, dedication and safety measures by not only the personnel at Outdoor Rec, but also the game warden and the wildlife biologist.

Bringing the animals to the woods on the Arsenal is one of the many responsibilities of David Nixon, the wildlife biologist. "We are enhancing our deer population through several programs," Nixon said, "and that includes the increased food acreage plots and controlled burns which increase the productivity of seed and plant growth."

Nixon said crops are being planted throughout the 60 different hunting areas on the Arsenal that will supplement the deer's diet of acorns, young plants and other materials. He also said the increased food plots will benefit the other species found on the Arsenal as well.

The crops that are being planted this fall and next spring by Nixon and Cecil Wynn, the Redstone Arsenal game warden, include corn, soybeans, milo, Egyptian Wheat, Chufa, Iron Clay Peas, and other row crops.

While deer is one of the more popular animals to hunt, there are many more species living on the Arsenal. "We have squirrels, skunks, beaver, groundhog possum, turkey, quail, raccoon and of course lots of different types of water fowl," Wynn said.

Deciding to go hunting also takes a lot of thought and preparation on the part of the hunter. Safety is the No. 1 concern of Moreland, Nixon and Wynn; and first-time hunters are required to take a Hunter's Safety course offered at the Army Learning Centers.

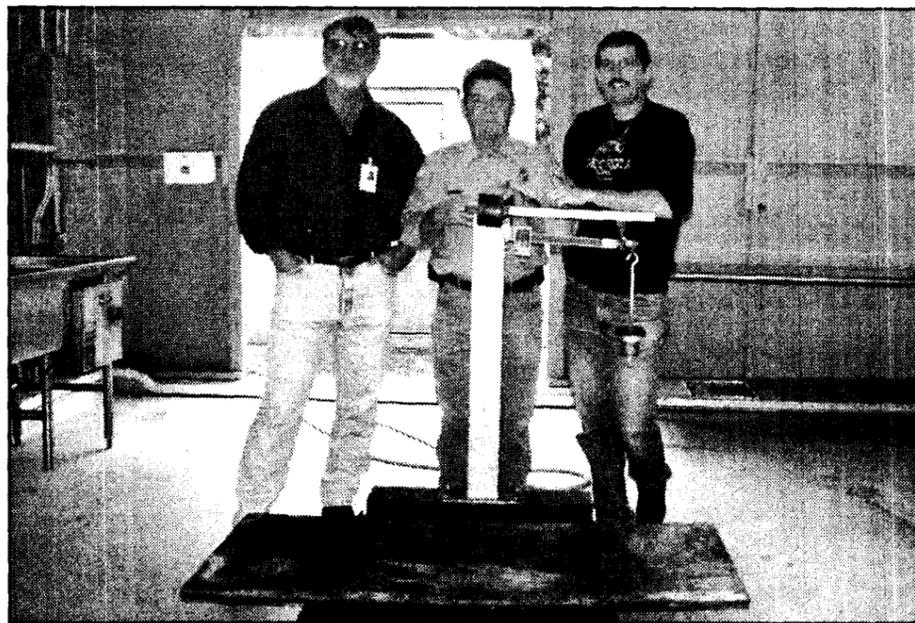
Hunters are required to check-in and out of Outdoor Rec each time they venture into the woods and are assigned locations where they can hunt. "When the hunter registers with us before going out, they can request a certain area in which to hunt," Moreland said. "We keep track of how many hunters are already there and when that area has reached its quota of hunters, we assign the hunter to their second or third choice of an area."

Checking in and out of Outdoor Rec may seem like an inconvenience to some, but according to Moreland, it is a necessary safety measure. "The hunters have until one hour after sunset to check out with us. If at that time they still have not done so, we go out and find them, even if that means forming a search party," Moreland said.

Wynn echoed the statement on the importance of hunter safety and said "we were one of the first programs to require hunters to use a safety strap when climbing trees. It is now a statewide requirement and one that is very important."

With safety also in mind, Moreland, Nixon and Wynn are encouraging joggers and nature walkers to use the many other facilities on the Arsenal and stay out of the woods during hunting season. "If they are going to be in the woods with the hunters, they should wear at least 144 square inches of hunter orange on their person," Nixon said. "They need to be highly visible, especially with hunters in the area."

Moreland and Wynn strongly encouraged the joggers and walkers to use the many other facilities available and stay clear of the woods during hunting season. "We can't tell them to not go in the woods, but it would be very beneficial to themselves and would prevent any accidents. If



WEIGHING IN— After hunters have returned from their adventure, they are required take any harvested deer to the weighing room at Outdoor Rec where mea-

surements and weights are taken. From left are Nixon, Wynn and Moreland behind the scale used to weigh the deer.

they would chose another location to exercise on," Wynn said.

"We have the Nature Path as well as many walking paths and jogging paths that are much safer than the woods during hunting season," Moreland said.

As a common courtesy, Nixon is also asking all hunters to be a little more careful when it comes to leaving their hunting area clean. "We are asking that once a deer has been field dressed, that the hunters please dispose of the remains properly and make sure the personnel garbage is taken care of

as well," Nixon said.

Off-road travelers is another concern of Nixon and Wynn, and they said the practice of driving through planted crops and fields is becoming a problem. "Hunters or other individuals who utilize Redstone Arsenal and continue to drive vehicles in food plot and off road locations, in any fashion should discontinue the practice immediately," Nixon said. "The resources here on the

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Soldier spouses have much in common with their mate

By Kathy Harkleroad

1st Lt Kristine Pate, Medical Company commander, and Capt. Christopher Pate, chief of clinical support at Fox Army Community Hospital, have more in common than just being man and wife. They are both in the Army and are pursuing careers in the medical field.

The couple met at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and were separated the first year of their married life. Kristine was still in Texas and Christopher was stationed in New York. "We spent quite a bit of time on the telephone until we got stationed at the same post," Kristine said.

The couple arrived at Redstone Arsenal in July 1994 and are both assigned to Medical Department Activity. "The Army tries to assign married couples to the same post, and it is easier to get those kinds of assignments when you have the same MOS (Military Occupational Specialty)," Christopher said.

While the Pates are both assigned to MEDDAC, it isn't very often that their paths cross during the day. "I do mainly the administrative things that are involved with the soldiers who are assigned to the company," Kristine said. "I do run into him at least once a day when I'm at the hospital checking on the troops and

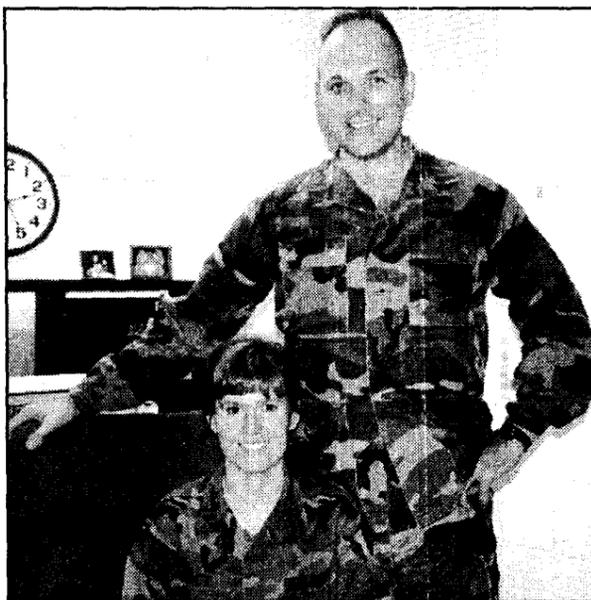
we try to have lunch together when he can fit me in," she laughingly said.

Christopher said his days are full of briefings, solving clinical problems, and overseeing the appointment and telephone system, as well as many other duties. "My days are never the same," he said. "Something is always happening and there are many diverse problems to solve."

Like other married couples, the Pates share their day with each other at the close of business. The difference is they try to keep it at a minimum. "We tell each other about upcoming events, and what may have happened in the course of the day, but we try not to overdo it," Kristine said. "When we are off duty, we concentrate on family and the time we have together. We go everywhere together, even if it is to get gas or groceries."

With both of the Pates in the military, they have special concerns that the average military family does not. "We have to remember there is always the possibility of both of us being deployed at the same time, and we have to have arrangements made for our eight-month-old son, Chris," Christopher said.

Deployments aren't the only concerns they have when it comes to their son, and Kristine said having both of them in the military



SHARED CAREER— 1st. Lt Kristine Pate, seated, and Capt. Christopher Pate, are married and are both assigned to the Medical Command at Redstone Arsenal. They enjoy joint assignments and have their jobs in common as well as being a couple.

brings their family closer together. "There is definitely a lot of sharing going on in our house when it comes to baby.

"Christopher has done more than his share of changing diapers, feeding and just taking care of our son," she continued. "I definitely think that both of us being in the military and having to deal with early morning hours, late nights and TDY trips, as well as managing the care of our child, has brought us closer together as a family."

"It definitely takes more coordination on our parts, as well as the ability to operate as a single parent," Christopher said. "There have been times where Kristine has had to go TDY and I have the responsibility

of Chris. The same holds true for her, she is left alone when I am gone TDY. We have to really communicate our plans and schedules so we know who is doing what, when, and who will be taking care of Chris."

The Pates aren't the only married couple within MEDDAC and other couples share similar lifestyles. Capt. Glenn and Capt. Paula Ramos, Spec. Robert and Spec. Kim Panitzke, Spec. Richard and Sgt. Rachel Marchbank, SFC Steven and MSgt. Kathalene Roberts, Spec. John and Sgt. Wendy Holiday, and SSgt. Randall and SSgt. Patricia Richards are all assigned to MEDDAC and share not only the same specialty but a life after work.

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GRAND OPENING— The official grand opening of the new Shoppette, Class Six and gas lanes was held Nov. 21 with dignitaries cutting the ribbon. From left are Liz Broom, Roger Overcast, Ken Kline, George Hicks, Gen. Link, and SMG Thomas Johnson.

By Kathy Harkleroad

The new combination Shoppette, Class Six and gas lanes has officially opened and was the site of a ribbon cutting Nov. 21. The new store consists of 10,200 square feet of shopping space and 10 gas lanes. "This new complex is a great reminder of how our dollars spent at AAFES come back to the Arsenal," Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone, said. "This is a modern, high speed facility and one that will get a lot of use for years to come."

The new facility offers

additional freezer space, magazines, and additional food items. It also features more checkout lanes and a larger video library available for two-day checkout.

The Class Six is also located within the store and offers a vast variety of beer, wine and assorted liquors. On the shelf is a wide array of imported beers, which are a popular item.

During the grand opening several specials were offered and drawings were conducted for a variety of prizes.

The \$1.2 million facility was built by George Hicks Construction and was open to the patrons Nov. 7.

Try Crazy Ed's Chili beer, among others at Class Six

By Kathy Harkleroad

If you a beer drinker and are looking for a new taste, the new Class Six has something for you. Included in the newly expanded store is a variety of beer products that will surely offer something for everyone.

At first glance down the aisle, one might be a little confused at reading some of the labels; many are in foreign languages. But at a closer look to the colorful containers, a wide variety can be found. Beer products from Germany, Mexico, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Italy, New Amsterdam, Scotland as well as American brands are offered.

One of the more unusual and somewhat popular beers is Crazy Ed's Cave Creek Chili beer. Within each bottle is a small chili pepper, and according to one self proclaimed beer expert, this makes for a unique tasting beer. "It's kind of spicy and definitely different," he said.

Lagers, ales, and good old plain beer can be found on the shelves and famous names like Bass and Cos Pale



SOMETHING DIFFERENT— Patrons at the new Shoppette can take the time to select a different type of

liquid refreshment. There are several types of imported beer products which vary in price.

Ale, Dortmund Union, and Dixie Blackened Voodoo Lager are featured. Prices range from \$3.95 a six pack to \$8.15 a six pack for imported beers.

So if you are in the mood for some-

thing different, or would like to experience the taste of beer products from around the world, be sure and check out the new beer aisle at the Class Six. You won't be disappointed

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my interest and my justification for wanting to go, which was based on what I do here at LOGSA, the commandant of the school was willing to welcome a civilian in the military course. And also of course you have to receive funding support and I was able to receive that through my justification for professional development for the benefit of both myself professionally and the organization that I work for," Sherwood said. Funding was provided by the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics for supply pronency.

"There was a prerequisite they wanted me to fulfill prior to arriving at CLOAC. That was to complete a correspondence course called Support Operations Phase I," Sherwood said. "It was all Army organization, battlefield related type substance but it was good because it set the foundation of what CLOAC focuses on."

The Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course included three phases: first, a seven-week soldiering phase to prepare the officers for managing the people in their unit; second, a five-week phase focusing on branch affiliation; and finally, an eight-week phase on combat service support. The students were in class from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Sherwood was in a class of 91 students including three first lieutenants and the rest captains. Her classmates had been in the military from four to six years. She was among eight females.

"They broke you up into small groups of from 12 to 14 students because that facilitates your learning process. And it was just like being in a college class. We had lecture, we took notes, and we had tests every week—sometimes two tests in a week. The majority of the officers (already) had an Officer Basic Course, so it wasn't totally new

for them. For me, it was brand spanking new," she said, "so I had a learning curve and it was challenging."

Her final grade was 85, putting her in the middle of her class which happened to have the highest average of any previous CLOAC class. Sherwood voluntarily took physical training every morning with her classmates. Her first PT score, upon entering the school, was 275 out of 300. After working on her pushups, she improved to a 294 which included 56 pushups in two minutes, 74 situps, and 16 minutes for the two-mile run.

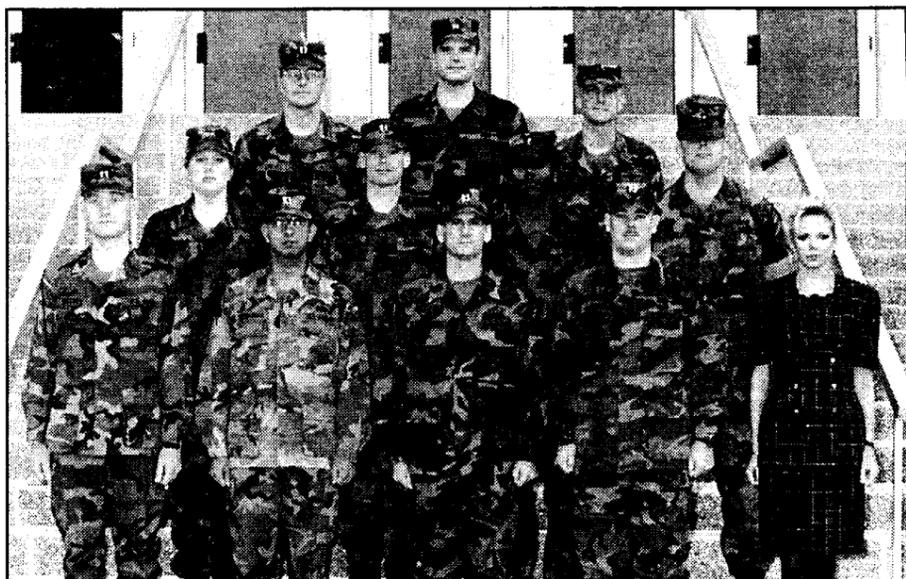
"I learned to say 'Huah!' to everything. That's the answer to everything—good, bad or indifferent, you say 'Huah!,'" Sherwood said.

By wearing civilian attire and not a uniform, she believes she helped remind her classmates that they will be working alongside civilians in logistics support. She made lasting friendships and shared logistics information.

"There's a tremendous benefit to the Army as a whole in supporting this type training where we're building a relationship between the military and civilian workforce," Sherwood said. "It's very important as a Department of Army civilian to understand the Army you support—organizational structure and all. I want to emphasize that this school, as the CLOAC director described, is very arduous, very demanding. You must be prepared to dedicate probably 15 hours a day of total academic focus."

Sherwood, 29, of Athens, is the daughter of a retired Army colonel. Her father, retired Col. Melvin McLemore, works for contractor Allied Signal as program manager for government programs at Fort Rucker. Her mother, Wanda McLemore, is a realtor for Century 21. Her older sister, CWO 2 Stormy Ripley, 33, is a Blackhawk pilot at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Sherwood graduated from Northeast



ONLY CIVILIAN— Sherwood, standing with fellow members of her small group at the course, was the only civilian in the 20-week course for active Army officers.

High in St. Petersburg, Fla., in 1985 and earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn., in 1990. She is working on a master's degree in business from Florida Institute of Technology here. Her government career began in November 1991 when she was accepted into the Army Materiel Command (AMC) Supply Intern Program. She arrived at the Missile Command in August 1992 to complete the last phase of that program, and was already slotted for placement in the newly-formed LOGSA. A GS-11, Sherwood served from September 1994 to May 1995 as executive officer to Col. Norman Myers, chief of the Readiness and Sustainment Center. Since graduating from the logistics officer course Nov. 3, she is working on the team that will move the Major Item Information Center from Let-

terkenny, Pa., to Redstone.

She has been involved in the Society of Logistics Engineers ever since arriving at Redstone. She served as the Tennessee Valley Chapter's vice chairman, membership, for two years; and she now serves as district director.

"In high school, believe it or not, it was my dream to support our military somehow, working for the government," Sherwood said. "I didn't know how I was going to accomplish that or even get started. A combination of my upbringing and a general intrigue with the military keeps the fascination going in supporting it. It's something I take to heart; it's near and dear to me. So my goal is to continue to support our military, our Army, to the best of my ability as long as I am able. I plan on making it a long-term career."

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Learn about AIDS during World AIDS Day, Dec. 1

By Susan Goodman

Dec. 1 is World AIDS Day. It is a day to stop and think about the 270,870 Americans who have died of AIDS and the 54,704 new cases during 1995. Take time also to review the changes that have happened in the past year.

The AIDS epidemic nationally continues to grow each year, but the rate of increase has slowed to about 3 percent per year. Yet for the Southern region, the face of AIDS is changing. Nine out of the 10 states with the highest rates of AIDS from heterosexual transmission are in the South. The number of women infected is growing, especially in the rural South. A 1991 study by the Centers for Disease Control and the Georgia Department of Human Resources was conducted in a 16-county rural area in south Georgia. During the study, one out of 200 people tested positive for HIV, with a ratio of one male to one female. Nationwide, AIDS is now the fourth leading cause of death among American women ages 25 to 44. AIDS is not limited to this age group. As of June 1994, 10 percent of all women diagnosed with AIDS were over 50 years old.

Changes in the guidelines for health care professionals caring for pregnant women were made by the National Institutes of Health. Recommended was voluntary HIV counseling and testing in all settings that care for pregnant women. This change is based on the clinical trial that demonstrated that the drug zidovudine (AZT) reduced the transmission of HIV during pregnancy. Besides testing for HIV, it was recommended that all pregnant women with HIV should be given information on the benefits and risks of AZT.

Another segment of our society at risk for HIV is the deaf population. The deaf population's AIDS-rates are higher than the general population's. This is attributed to the difficulties of communicating with the deaf community. Communication aids and services are needed to ensure effective communication to this group.

For those allergic to latex, polyurethane (plastic) condoms have been available in the United States since last fall. The non-latex condoms were marketed as thinner, which allows for great sensitivity. Studies during 1995 demonstrated that the non-latex condom broke at an overall rate more than four times greater than latex condoms. Food and Drug Administration officials now acknowledge that allowing the innovative condom on the market without more rigorous clinical testing was a mistake.

Research into home HIV testing showed that this is a "reasonably accurate" method of HIV testing. Testing was done with one of the three home HIV test kits awaiting approval from the Food and Drug Administration.

To end this summary on a positive note, the nation's blood supply is noted as safer than ever. A two-year study of 19 American Red Cross blood service regions across the country was completed. From this study, it was determined that the risk is half of what it was in previous studies. The risk of infected blood is now from 1 in 440,000 to 1 in 640,000. The reasons for this change include a decrease in HIV infected donors due to education and HIV tests which detect the HIV antibodies in about half the time of older tests.

(Editor's note: Goodman is a nurse educator at Fox Army Community Hospital.)



NEW HOME—The volunteers at and out of Outdoor Rec. The Outdoor Rec have a new home building was constructed this and will enjoy the cover and comfort when processing hunters in summer and is located next to the equipment rental building.

HUNTING

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Arsenal are to be used and enjoyed and should in no way be abused."

According to Wynn, violators who are caught face the possibility of having their hunting and/or driving privileges revoked. "We have seen an increase in that type of behavior this year and want it to stop. There isn't any reason for driving through a field planted with crops, or

through a row of crops, except that they are too lazy to walk. Their hunting and/or driving license can be and will be taken away if they are caught," Wynn said.

Hunting on the Arsenal can be done Monday, Thursday, Friday and on weekends.

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If caught hunting without a license, a substantial fine will be imposed.

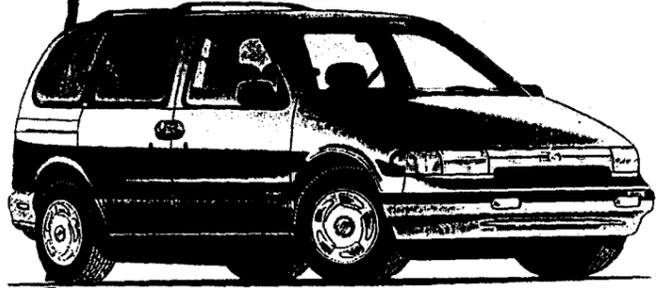
In closing Moreland said he would like to mention and thank the 20 Outdoor Rec volunteers who spend time during the hunting season checking in and out hunters, assist in the weighing and measuring the deer and basic all-around help. "They are very instrumental in our program and are essentially the backbone of Outdoor Rec," Moreland said.



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Book review: Powell's 'Journey' gives full, fair account of military

By S.H. Kelly

WASHINGTON— Six-hundred-seventeen pages of text can seem foreboding from the front end, but in the case of "My American Journey," retired Gen. Colin Powell's autobiography, written in collusion with Joseph E. Persico, the end arrives too soon.

Being the story of an American who, as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, reached the pinnacle of military service, it offers considerable insight to the inner workings of the services at the higher levels and how the senior military leadership has interfaced with the civilian leadership over the past two decades.

But everyone has to start somewhere, and Powell gives a few hundred pages of what life was like for a youngster growing up in "the inner city" in the 1940s and '50s and later as a junior-level career service member.

Although it's a book about a soldier "who happens to be black," the events are chronicled in a way that makes them easy for a career soldier of any race to identify with. But the story is told in easy-to-understand, non-military language.

When the book was released, Powell told Barbara Walters in an interview, that in writing it he wanted to be truthful, but not hurtful. Was this to be a license to conceal his human foibles? Not hardly. Throughout, Powell exposes his warts and gives both sides of controversies he has been in.

The son of Jamaica-born immigrants, Powell was born in Harlem, N.Y., and raised in South Bronx. He says he was a mediocre student in a family of scholars, and something less than a sterling athlete. His world revolved around his family, religion and his friends — of all races, unaware of racism, with everyone a minority in the ethnically mixed Kelly Street neighborhood, "Banana Kelly."

Growing up during World War II and later the Korean War, influenced him favorably toward the military. Years later in ROTC when he found that he could excel in things military — which he says was the first thing he excelled in — his military career was sealed.

Through commissioning, infantry-officer, airborne and Ranger training, and early assignments, the story is prone to evoke the silent acknowledgments of, "Hey, I was there," or "I knew him," "I remember

that," from those of Powell's generation. For those who came along later, it's a good lesson about how it was "back then."

From two tours in Vietnam Powell gained the impression he recounts in his autobiography that the war being fought wasn't the same war that policy makers thought was being fought. He found that reports were being filed to make it appear that the war was going better than it actually was. By his second tour, attrition of the professional soldiers was so great that there was a large number of barely trained officers and NCOs leading soldiers who wouldn't have normally qualified for military service — some because of behavioral problems, and some who barely met educational minimums.

Yet he credits many of those officers and NCOs with overcoming their youth and inexperience to make effective leaders.

The general tells of injustices black soldiers, including officers, had to endure when stationed at southern installations during the late 1950s and early '60s, but dwells more on how he, and other soldiers, dealt with the problems of the day and persevered at their craft.

For example, there is an instance in which he prepared to send his family to live with the in-laws, rather than move them into the shabby housing available to them in the areas around the installation. He was rescued by a fellow officer who made space for them in his on-post quarters.

"Things always look better in the morning," Powell says frequently. As a brigadier general, he and his division commander had a difference of opinion that led to an average efficiency rating. Accepting

the unfavorable assessment, Powell wrote that he went on performing his job as best he could. The rating proved not to be the career ender he thought it would be, when superiors weighed his career performance against the single rating and selected him for his second star.

Powell takes readers through his primarily Pentagon and White House assignments over the next decade. Positions of national security adviser and later chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff allowed him to bring to his book the intricacies of the decision-making process in such events as Operation Just Cause in Panama, or Operations Desert Shield/Storm in the Persian Gulf.

Lessons he took from Vietnam show through in his accounts of the preparations for battle, as he fought to ensure that there are definable objectives and that the one-the-ground commander be given what he needs in manpower, equipment, time — and the right to make decisions.

"My American Journey" is entertaining and informative from start to finish, all without being hurtful. From observations on the role of the media during the conduct of war to assessments of problems in contemporary America, the 600-plus pages, when completed, leave this reviewer wishing there was more there, including, for example, greater details from his five overseas tours.

The overriding theme throughout the book was duty to family — to include personal, neighborhood, Army and American family — and that you can achieve anything you want, if you want to badly enough and stick to your goals. (Arnews)

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Sports

Redstone Arsenal youngster makes district soccer team

Jason Johns of Redstone Arsenal is a typical 13-year-old who has kept himself busy this past year—in his favorite sport, soccer.

Johns has been playing soccer for seven years and recently turned his attention to coaching this past season. He served as an assistant coach on his brother's under-10 team at Redstone.

He played soccer for the Arsenal for two years; and this past spring, he was asked to join the Eagles Club team in Huntsville. The Eagles team, which includes two other military family members, has just completed a winning season. The Eagles won the Alabama Youth Soccer Association Governors Cup, the highest-level competi-

tion tournament in the state; the Kicks tournament sponsored by another club team in Huntsville; and also won the North Alabama Soccer League tournament Nov. 20.

The highlight of Johns' season came Nov. 19 when, after three days of tryouts, he was selected for the District Olympic Development Team for northern Alabama. In December he will go to the State Team tryouts.

"I didn't think I would make it (the district team) but I figured it was worth it just for the experience. So I went out and just played like I always do. Then the coach said congratulations and handed me a piece of paper with the practice schedule on it. My mouth just fell open," Johns said.



TOP PLAYER— Johns, right, poses with Marty Clark, Eagles coach, at the Governors Cup in Montgomery.

Exercise a little caution when winter exercising

By Stephen Barrett

"Why don't you go and run - we'll send a dog sled team to find you in an hour!"

There are a thousand quips about running in the winter and a like number of excuses for not running at all. Service members will see the snow, feel the cold winds and immediately head for a warmer environment. The bed, a fireplace or a kitchen with plenty of hot coffee are a few places that come to mind.

However, starting and maintaining a safe winter running program will keep joggers in shape. Officials with the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports said runners using common sense should have no problems.

Preparation begins with clothing. The council advises runners wear layered clothing because layers trap heat. Also, runners may remove layers if they get too warm or add layers again if cold begins seeping through. Layers should be water resistant and windproof.

The council strongly advises wearing a wool watch cap or ski cap while running. Officials said runners lose body heat through their heads. Runners wearing hats keep that body heat in, as well as protect their ears from frostbite.

Runners should also wear gloves or mittens to protect fingers and hands. In addition, people exercising outside

should wear scarfs over their mouths. This will help prevent respiratory problems. An alternative is to breathe only through the nose.

These cold weather concerns are important, as unprepared runners risk hypothermia, frostbite, wind chill and dehydration.

Hypothermia can result simply from sweating. When clothes become wet, they lose about 90 percent of their insulating value. The wind hits the clothes, driving cold air straight through to the body. The clothes freeze, providing no protection from the wind and cold.

Frostbite affects exposed or wet skin, especially the ears, nose, cheeks, fingers and toes. It can damage or even freeze the skin and what's below it. Frostbite can cause sensory loss, scars, arthritis and increased sensitivity to cold. In worst cases, frostbite can lead to infection and tissue death, resulting in the loss of the limb through amputation.

Most people associate dehydration with exercising in warm or hot weather. However, it can occur just as easily in cold. Cold air is often dry, and people lose water by breathing and perspiring. To avoid dehydration, the presi-

dent's council recommends drinking plenty of water or other fluids while exercising.

Wind chill can cause both hypothermia and frostbite. An outdoor thermometer might register 40 degrees Fahrenheit, but the apparent temperature could be sub-freezing to a person standing in a breeze.

Officials caution runners to start running wearing lighter clothing than temperatures may seem to warrant. This is because the body generates a lot of heat and a person can become too warm.

Finally, know your limits and use common sense. Council members say plan your cold weather routes around sheltered areas. If it's too cold or icy, develop an alternate program that will allow you to continue cardiovascular workouts with endangering your health. (American Forces Information Service)

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Sports

Army Cadets given edge over Navy Midshipmen, Florida Gators favored over Arkansas Razorbacks

By Skip Vaughn

The Cadets of Army and the Midshipmen of Navy will meet on the football field Saturday for the 96th time.

In this series between the two oldest service academies, Army leads 45-43; and there have been seven ties. Last year the score was Army 22, Navy 20.

My pick for the annual classic in Philadelphia is... Army.

And now for a little history lesson. The Army-Navy series began in 1890 after a challenge issued by the Naval Academy was accepted by the Cadets. A cadet named Dennis Michie served as the coach, playing captain, trainer and business manager for the first Army football squad. According to The Illustrated History of Sports at the

U.S. Military Academy, the team's uniforms consisted of canvas jackets, black socks, white breeches and a black woolen cap. Team members purchased the uniforms.

A more experienced Navy team won the first game 24-0 but, just one year later, Army defeated the Midshipmen 32-16. Michie, the Army's star, and Worth Bagley, Navy's great quarterback, shook hands and vowed to meet again as a mark of friendship. Both men were killed in action during the war against Spain in 1898.

Through the years, Army's "Black Knights of the Hudson" have been led by such athletes as running backs Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis in the 1940s. The Navy Midshipmen had quarterback Roger Staubach in the

1960s and tailback Napoleon McCallum in the early 1980s.

Elsewhere this weekend, Florida faces Arkansas in the Southeastern Conference championship game. My pick for this matchup in Atlanta is... Florida.

Skip's Picks last week went 18-2-1, bringing the season totals to 327-107-7 for 75 percent. Here are my picks for the final weekend of the regular season in major college football:

- Army vs. Navy— Army
- Florida vs. Arkansas— Fla.
- Ferris State, Mich. at North Alabama— UNA
- Oklahoma State at Hawaii— Okla. St.
- Houston at Rice— Rice
- Texas at Texas A&M— A&M

FOOTBALL

1995

Skip's Picks



Army boxing coach Ravelo earns 1995 amateur coach of the year

The soldier who trained nine Army boxers to armed forces titles in 1995 now has an award of his own.

Army SFC Jesse Ravelo of Fort Huachuca, Ariz., earned 1995 amateur coach of the year honors from United States Amateur Boxing, Inc. The boxing

group is a U.S. Olympic Committee member.

Ravelo, 43, is a 22-year Army veteran who took over Army boxing in 1993. He's coached Army boxers to three consecutive armed forces championships, including a sweep of all 12 weight classes at the 1994

championships.

Last spring, the U.S. Olympic Committee selected Ravelo as assistant boxing coach for the 1996 Games in Atlanta. According to Army sports officials, he's the first active duty soldier to earn a spot.

Ravelo's experience includes coaching

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Force integrators help document unit needs to enhance readiness

WASHINGTON— Changing requirements for equipment and personnel in a right-sized Army can wreak havoc on a unit's readiness.

Fortunately, the U.S. Army Force Integration Support Agency is working to enhance unit readiness in uncertain times. They are doing it through timely and accurate force documentation for both personnel and equipment. And they are doing it through assistance-visits by swift action teams.

The SWAT goal is to resolve challenges in personnel and equipment documentation well in advance of implementation of a new Modified Table of Organization and Equipment. They seek to improve a unit's overall understanding of the force management process and its impact on readiness.

SWAT's have adjusted inaccurate authorizations, deleted obsolete equipment and corrected improper readiness codes.

The documents that SWAT's review are important because they give a unit authority to request personnel, parts and equipment, said Col. Stephen K. Cook, USAFISA chief of staff.

"There are thousands of TOEs in the Army," Cook said. "There have been 14-17 different types of TOEs from which units can model their individual TOEs. USAFISA provides a centralized document capability that works with every major command and installation to ensure TOE standardization and discipline in the force management system."

SWAT's look at current and future MTOE docu-

ments, errors, TOEs, unit proposed MTOE changes and force modernization fielding realities. They design an immediate plan to update the MTOE including approval of exceptions. Doctrine and policy changes are coordinated at either Army- or major command-level or through the Training and Doctrine Command proponent. Units arranging SWAT visits can see them at their home station or at Fort Belvoir, Va., home of USAFISA.

The SWAT's have previously visited 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 10th Mountain Division (Light). The 24th Infantry Division, 82nd Airborne Division and V Corps will have been visited by the end of fiscal 1996. (Arnews)

Pillow Talk: Gulf dialect challenges cavalry interrogator in Kuwait

By Dee Constant

CAMP DOHA, Kuwait— Pillow talk's taken on a whole new meaning in the desert.

Spec. Lee Pillow, the only Arabic language interrogator in the 1st Cavalry Division, translates for Task Force 1-5 "Black Knights."

"There are more than a dozen different Arabic dialects. The base language, Fusha, they taught us at DLI (Defense Language Institute, Presidio, Calif.) is vastly different from the Gulf dialect which the Kuwaiti's speak," said Pillow.

"Imagine that the only English you know is Shakespearean, and you're trying to communicate with youths from New York City. That's how different the dialects are," Pillow said.

"For instance, there is no G sound in the base language yet there is in the Gulf dialect. It took a while to understand the Kuwaiti's often use a G sound in place of the C sound," Pillow said.

There were some translation problems at the beginning of the deployment.

"I told a Kuwaiti to face his weapon to the right — at least I thought I did. Something got lost in the translation and he ended up putting his right hand over his face," Pillow said.

One of the more interesting translations came during a Kuwaiti formation.

"Kuwaiti's form up in a crescent shape. So here I was standing in the middle of them, when all of a sudden a Kuwaiti taps me on the shoulder and says 'thub thub.' Thub thub loosely translated means to beat or vibrate," Pillow explained.

"I looked down at my feet and discovered a new Kuwaiti word— rattlesnake. Evidently thub thub means rattlesnake in the Gulf dialect.

"It's truly an immersion process. You either survive or die," Pillow said. "By that I mean that you either learn by constantly interacting with them or you just give up and lose the Arabic that you already possess.

"By speaking with one Kuwaiti for a few minutes I'm usually able to learn five or ten new phrases unique to the gulf dialect."

Being fluent in Arabic has allowed Pillow an opportunity to build friendships with the Kuwaiti's.

"I've befriended one man, or more accurately he befriended me, and I'm sure that even after we redeploy to Fort Hood we'll stay in touch," Pillow said. "It's definitely going to be a challenge though, because his English writing skills are not very good and my Arabic writing skills are marginal."

There are some words that defy translation. Hooah, a motivational grunt that has been a part of our Army since its inception, has no Arabic translation.

Pillow says that it's amazing how many Kuwaiti's have added Hooah to their vocabulary.

Enlisted troops from both countries have many opportunities to get together.

"Men are the same all over the world I guess," Pillow said. "The bulk of the conversations that I translate are about women. They talk a lot about girls — what American women and Kuwaiti are like."

This is Pillow's first time in Southwest Asia and he is enjoying every minute of it.

"It's truly an eye-opening experience. I'm surprised at how Westernized the country is. There's a McDonalds right next door to a place that sells Abyias, the traditional Muslim women attire," Pillow explained.

"Men still kiss and hold hands here. The first time a Kuwaiti man kissed me hello I was flabbergasted. Although I knew about their custom before we arrived here; nothing could prepare me for such a culture shock. I'm used to a nice soft female kiss on the lips not a rough scratchy one on the cheek," Pillow said. (Arnews)

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U.S. service members assigned to Bosnian duty would get imminent danger pay for mission

If they go, U.S. service members will receive additional pay while in Bosnia-Herzegovina supporting the NATO peace implementation mission.

Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials in Washington said service members tapped for Bosnian duty will receive imminent danger pay, currently \$150 per month.

Service members with

family members will also receive a family separation allowance of \$75 a month, provided the separation is more than 30 days.

Besides imminent danger and family separation pay, enlisted members also receive a "certain places pay," ranging from \$8 to \$22.50 per month. This allowance is based on pay grade. Enlisted members E-4 and above and warrant officers may also re-

ceive sea duty pay. Commissioned officers must have three years aboard ship to receive sea pay.

Finance officials said if members are placed on field duty, upon deployment, they will temporarily lose their basic allowance for subsistence. However, if the situation in Bosnia is stable enough that the task force commander places members on regular TDY, they will

reinstate subsistence payments.

During Desert Storm, most deployed service members received tax exemptions on their income after much of Southwest Asia was declared a combat zone. Finance officials said Bosnia is not considered a combat zone designation and all pay will remain taxable. (American Forces Information Service)

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Compassion, science puts patients on road to recovery

By Jerry Merideth

WASHINGTON — It's a field of medicine most people never think about until they are immobilized by disease, injury, or the loss of a limb. But the work by the staff of Walter Reed Army Medical Center's Orthotic and Prosthetic Laboratory melds science and experience with compassion by putting patients on the road to recovery.

Last year, 116 patients came to Walter Reed's Orthotic and Prosthetic Laboratory to be fitted with artificial limbs, according to director Ralph Urgolites. Thousands more soldiers, retirees, and military family members were fitted with braces that allowed their bones and muscles to heal.

Orthotists and prosthetists are part of a team of medical professionals that includes orthopedic or neurosurgeons, physical medicine physicians, and occupational therapists. Together, they create a rehabilitation plan, then shape it to fit the individual.

"Every patient has a different personality, and they heal differently," Urgolites says, explaining that rehabilitation and recovery are psychological as well as physical.

"The nature of the injury or congenital condition, the patient's general physical health, height/weight ratio, and psychological factors such as acceptance of the condition and drive to recover function all affect the patient's progress," he says.

Also considered is the

person's lifestyle. "How active they are? How much time they spend sitting in front of a TV? Or, do they want to return to jumping out of airplanes?"

Rehabilitation takes a prosthetic patient four to six months. After healing from the operation, the patient learns to maneuver using a series of increasingly complex limbs constructed by the prosthetist.

"Orthotists, too, may follow patients for long periods of time," Urgolites explains, "...especially children who outgrow their corrective braces and return for larger ones."

Creating artificial limbs

Among last year's prosthetic patients was Master Sgt. Dana Bowman, an Army Golden Knight paratrooper who lost both his legs after a skydiving accident.

"Dana was real young and strong — one of the strongest willed guys I've ever met," Urgolites says. "He recovered remarkably fast. Maybe he pushed his body faster than he should have but that's his personality." Bowman has since reenlisted and rejoined the Golden Knights.

Prosthetic technology has outgrown the heavy wood and steelknee joints developed before the Vietnam War. Today's artificial limbs are a combination of titanium joints, energy releasing feet, and light-weight plastics that form the socket linking human and appliance.

Holding a rubber foot

manufactured almost 20 years ago at a cost of \$50 to \$75, presses the toes against a tabletop. They bend stiffly.

Many older patients still want prosthetists to use the older technology when repairing their worn artificial limbs. But the younger patients, especially those from the Desert Storm era, want newer technology. They are fitted with energy-releasing artificial feet which absorb and release the force of impact during walking, much like the bouncing movement of a normal gait.

Prosthesis

Two prosthetists split the work between them according to the type of prosthesis needed by a patient. Mark Feathers and James Cloud mold and shape metals, thermoplastics, carbon composite laminates, and wood into replacements for human limbs.

Cloud, himself a double amputee, creates artificial limbs that take the place of legs, ankles, and feet. He's the perfect role model, showing patients that they too can return to active lifestyles.

Feathers specializes in upper extremity prostheses including "myoelectric arms." Like life insurance, the loss of an arm or leg is something nobody likes to think about, he explains. From a rack he grabs a simple post-operative appliance which will cover the stump of an amputated leg.

"It helps shape the stub and desensitize the suture areas," Feathers says. "It

gives the patient some positive mental reinforcement and starts their overall prosthetic training." Such temporary devices help patients take their first steps toward rehabilitation.

"They need to learn certain things — maneuvering steps, obstacles, falls — overall gait training," he continues. "Generally, after one session, they get a feel for it."

Feathers' expertise will soon allow WRAMC to provide a patient with the microprocessor-driven, "Utah Arm" capable of fine-motor movements. "It's something you'd see in a high-tech show," he explains, "and represents the direction we are taking in prostheses at WRAMC."

Plastic braces

In the brace shop, Tim Keily helps Scott Shuford wrap a heated sheet of plastic around a cast of a human body, creating a back support. Most of Shuford's patients are recovering from car accidents or battling the bone-curving ravages of scoliosis.

Similar plastic braces would cost hundreds, sometimes thousands, of dollars at a civilian medical center. At Walter Reed the work is done for the cost of the orthotist's time and the raw material.

Shuford coordinates weekly scoliosis clinics held at the laboratory — the only such sessions in the entire Department of Defense.

"The Army has closed down a lot of the smaller orthotic facilities," Shuford

explains. "We're a regional center now. We pretty much handle everything east of the Mississippi and the overseas patient load."

Also working on the brace side of the lab are Calvin Plumley, Ted Rand, Tim Hamilton, Gary Rhett, and David Laufer. All but Keily were trained during military service. Orthotics has since been discontinued as a military specialty.

The seven orthotists often serve more than 65 patients a day, according to Urgolites.

Having spent 44 years in the field of orthotics, 20 in the military and 24 more doing the same work as a civilian, Plumley will retire at the end of this month. He models a custom crafted metal "wrist and finger extension splint," an orthopedic appliance that resembles a robot's hand. Such craftsmanship, he explains, is a thing of the past. Today, most braces are crafted from light-weight plastic.

Hamilton and Rhett specialize in thermoplastic ankle-foot braces for pediatric patients. Metal, however, is still used for certain specialty braces. Keily makes most metal braces for lower extremities in the lab.

Custom foot orthotics, formed according to digital images and manufactured in a computerized mill, are among the lab's most popu-

lar services, according to Urgolites. Laufer heads the operation, assisted by Rand. The two can produce a set of custom foot orthotics while a patient waits.

Technology continues to spur advancements in the orthotic and prosthetic fields, according to Urgolites. Last year, the laboratory was expanded and renovated to include the latest equipment for making prostheses. Work continues on a gait lab where hi-tech cameras will photograph patients using their prostheses. The resulting images will show range of motion, allowing orthotists to fine tune adjustments on the artificial limbs and specialized orthotics.

A former Army orthotist, Urgolites retired at Walter Reed following Desert Shield/Storm to do the same work as a civilian.

"You can call it the same work from year to year," he says. "But with all the changes in technology and the addition of computers to the orthopedic appliance field, sometimes it feels like I've got to keep running to keep up."

"But then, not so many years ago, amputee patients couldn't even dream of running...now they can." (Arnews)

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Fort Dix plugs into new telephone system

By Carolee Nesbit

FORT DIX, N.J.—Fort Dix plugged in to the next century last month with the activation of the biggest improvement in telephone service in more than 50 years.

"This is a real step forward for the future for Fort Dix," said Doug Long, Director of Information Management. "The system has the capability of handling the post's telecommunications needs for a lot of years to come."

The new switching system is being provided under the U.S. Army Information Systems Command MACOM Telephone Modernization program and is equipped to handle 4,200 lines. The system can be expanded to add another 1,300 lines.

Expanded services now available to Fort Dix personnel under their new system include:

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The three-year project replaced the last World War II era Automatic Electric Step-by-Step switching system still operated by the Army in the continental United States, Long said. The system is the biggest advance in telephone technology at Fort Dix since dial phones were installed in 1943.

Fort Dix is the 89th military installation to have its telephone system modernized since the ISC program began in 1982.

The switch officially went into service on Sept. 28 when Post Commander, Col. M. Jeffrey Petrucci and Col. Steven R. Sawdey, commander of the Information Systems Engineering Command, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., together ratcheted home a giant pair of cable cutters to disconnect the old cable. (Arnews)

DoD programs support, strengthen role of fathers

By Linda D. Kozaryn

Being a father in the military takes some special skills. Frequent and sometimes lengthy deployments mean the family has to adjust not only while dad's away, but when he comes home again.

The critical role fathers play in families is being officially recognized throughout the government. President Bill Clinton recently ordered all federal agencies to review every program, policy and initiative to ensure fathers' roles are strengthened and supported. He asked agencies to use paternal involvement as a benchmark for evaluating a program's success.

DoD has a long history of recognizing the importance of fathers and their critical role in the family unit, according to Meg Falk, deputy director of family policy at the Pentagon.

In the past, DoD initiated special efforts to reinforce the role of fathers, she said. Family support services, including family centers teaching parenting skills and family life education, recreation programs and child and youth programs emphasize and support fathers' role in the family. More than 300 family centers throughout the services encourage fathers to participate in various programs.

Journey into Manhood,

for example, is a two-day Army workshop for young men. Workshop groups discuss such family dynamics as what it takes to be a dad and "Can Anyone Be a Father?" The Navy's Dads and Discipline focuses on helping fathers deal with children of all ages. The Air Force offers Just for Dads, a support and educational program that includes both military and civilian fathers from the local community. The Marine Corps' SOS! Help for Parents program deals with common behavioral challenges all parents face and offers solutions.

A new initiative is aimed at helping expectant fathers many miles from home. DoD recognizes one of the most difficult times for military fathers is when a child is born while they're away. DoD officials are working to address fathers' and families' needs at such times. Fathers on the Frontline, an Air Force program at Osan Air Base, Korea, helps expectant fathers cope while on remote assignments.

The services also offer deployment support programs, according to Falk. Deployment and reunion briefings encourage military parents to stay emotionally connected with their families and to re-engage when they get home. Families are encouraged to keep the absent parent alive in the minds of those at

home. The Navy and Marine Corps sponsor programs that bring children on board ships to see what their parents do when at sea. Parents also make videotapes of themselves reading favorite stories to their children to be played while they're away. Before deployments, the Navy and Marine Corps promote such helpful hints as placing the parent's picture at children's eye level in several places in the house. Return and Reunion teams ride back to home port with ships at the end of a deployment to help service members re-establish intimacy with their spouses and children.

The Air Force sponsors long-distance parenting workshops geared to help deployed parents stay connected with their children while they're separated due to assignment or marital separations. Kids Write Program, sponsored by the Air Force, focuses on the need for parents to stay in close contact with their children while they're deployed.

DoD's Family Advocacy Program aims at preventing child abuse and neglect by

developing positive parenting skills. DoD's New Parent Support Program, for example, helps new fathers and mothers provide a nurturing environment for their children. Equal participation by fathers is a goal of the program, according to Falk. The Air Force also offers First Time Parents Program for new parents. Under the program, family advocacy nurses visit homes before and after babies are born to help parents.

The federal government and DoD continue to find ways to help parents meet the demands of the workplace and family life. New civilian personnel policies like alternative work schedules and telecommuting are allowing parents to schedule work hours to meet families' needs. The Family and Medical Leave Act allows employees of both genders to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave when they have a child. The Federal Employees Family-Friendly Leave Act allows employees to take sick leave to care for a child or family member. (American Forces Information Service)

New DoDEA Pacific area superintendent named

A teacher and administrator with 19 years' experience with the Department of Defense Education Activity has been named the system's Pacific area superintendent.

Activity director Lillian Gonzalez named Thomas Goodman, formerly the associate regional director in Europe, to the top DoD Education Activity Pacific position.

Gonzalez said Goodman has a strong background with experience at all levels

of education. As the senior activity official in the Pacific, Goodman will supervise instructional programs in all activity schools. He also will serve as liaison between the system and the American military commands in the Pacific.

The Pacific region consists of 35 schools in three districts—Japan, Okinawa and Korea. The area superintendent's office is in Okinawa.



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Troops practice peacekeeping at German training grounds

By Rudi Williams

More than 10,000 U.S. soldiers practiced the art of peacekeeping recently in the Bavarian training areas around Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels, Germany.

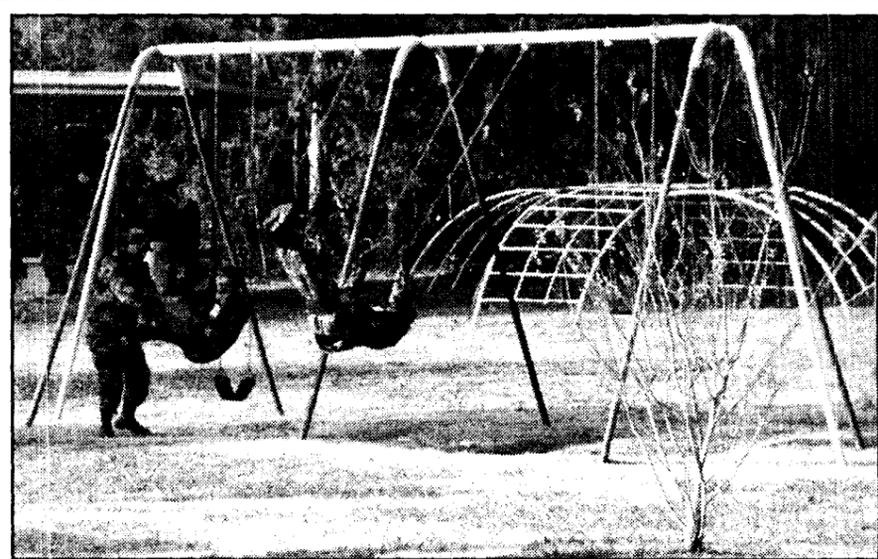
The training exercise, Mountain Eagle, began Oct. 12 and ran through Nov. 15. Soldiers from the 1st Armored Division and V Corps took part in accelerated training at 7th Army Training Command facilities.

The exercise provided actual and simulated environments that allowed troops to practice the planning, coordination and execution of operations as the nucleus of a U.S. joint task force, exercise officials said. Mountain Eagle also focused on developing, streamlining and improving interoperability techniques.

Army officials would not link Mountain

Eagle to the possible U.S. participation in a NATO peacekeeping mission to Bosnia. However, Balkan leaders have been meeting at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, since Nov. 1; if they negotiate a Bosnian peace settlement, President Clinton has promised to send up to 25,000 U.S. troops to be part of a 60,000-member NATO peace implementation force in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Mountain Eagle soldiers practiced working with rules of engagement, peace negotiations, minefield awareness, patrolling, perimeter security and dealing with checkpoints. They also spent time on tank gunnery, artillery, aviation, engineering skills and small arms live-fire exercises, an Army representative said. (American Forces Information Service)



Never too old...

These soldiers spotted at Vincent Park, only go to prove you are never too old to have fun. They were waiting for the Orienteering Meet to begin Nov. 19 and took a

few moments to enjoy the swings. From the sound of the laughter coming from their direction, one could say they were having a good time.

Army, Air Force team upgrades satellite station in New Hampshire

By Stephen Larsen

NEW BOSTON, N.H.—The text of the speech President John F. Kennedy never got to deliver at the Dallas Trade Mart on Nov. 22, 1963 ended with the acknowledgment that we in this country are "the watchmen on the walls of world freedom."

Kennedy meant these words metaphorically. But his words also applied in a literal sense, something only a handful of Americans would have realized until February of this year, when President Clinton signed an order declassifying the Corona surveillance satellite program.

Corona— which for public consumption was dubbed "Discoverer" and called a "scientific research program" — gave U.S. watchmen the eyes in the sky to monitor 750 million square miles of the earth's

surface. After 13 failed launch attempts, Discoverer was successfully launched and recovered in Aug. 1960. From then until 1972, Discoverer delivered photographic intelligence detailing the nuclear missiles, bombers, fighters, missile defense systems and submarines of the Soviet Union, China and Middle Eastern nations.

That intelligence gave U.S. leaders key facts that tipped the balance of power in the Cold War. For instance: At a time when some analysts estimated the number at 3,000, U.S. leaders knew the Soviet Union had in actuality only about

six long range missiles. Such intelligence helped keep defense spending in check and allowed our leaders to successfully negotiate nuclear arms limitations treaties with confidence they had the means to monitor weapons production.

Tracking the satellites

The link that made the Discoverer program work was the Air Force Satellite Control Network, a string of still-active satellite tracking stations located strategically around the world— at locations including Greenland, England, the Seychelle Islands near Africa, Guam, Hawaii and California, among others.

One such watchtower site dots the picturesque hills of New Boston, New Hampshire. One of four radomes there contains an AN/FSC-78 heavy satellite terminal, rising more than 100 feet above the countryside.

The Air Force unit at that location, the 23rd Space Operations Squadron, celebrated two occasions on

Sept. 16, 1995, one marking 35 years of excellence in space operations. Air Force Lt. Col. Louis E. Christensen, the New Boston commander, proudly maintains that the New Boston mission tracks the evolution of the U.S. space program.

"We supported the first successful Discoverer launch, requiring over 500 people, and from one satellite, now

we support over 90 DoD satellites with only 160 people," said Christensen. "A gross representation of that cost is \$20 billion. That includes the cost to launch, keep them (satellites) up there, track and the infrastructure."

A problem, though, is

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presented by the infrastructure of terminals and ancillary equipment that do the tracking. The inventory of AN/FSC-78 and AN/FSC-79 heavy terminals and AN/GSC-39(V) medium terminals, as a group, are 15 years old or more, which in the world of technology is creaking with antiquity.

A case in point: The terminal at New Boston Air Station had not been modified since its installation in 1976. The high-power amplifiers required cumbersome high-maintenance plumbing, pumps, filters and heat exchangers, as well as massive amounts of glycol, which often leaks, to cool them. Acquiring parts was a problem. Keeping such a terminal up and running requires "good troops doing great work with bubble gum, bailing wire and sheer audacity" said Christensen.

SATCOM flight chief Master Sgt. Donald Hepworth concurs. "We've had to scrounge stuff from Radio Shack," he said. "Guys would bring in stuff from their garages at home." He nods at airmen who've just arrived on the site. "They don't know what it's like to go out in zero degree weather in parkas and work gloves trying to do work on the heat exchanger."

Senior Airman David T. Hall, who's been at New Boston since 1993 does know. "The year I got here, from October to December we had to go out and replace four blowers for liquid cooling systems on transmitters."

Fortunately for New Boston, though, the second occasion marked on Sept. 16 was the dedication of the new, first-in-the Air Force, AN/FSC-78 modernized heavy terminal.

Terminal modernization program

The Heavy Terminal/Medium Terminal Modernization Program is a Joint Chiefs of Staff-validated, Department of defense-approved program which provides for the upgrade of 38 terminals deployed through-

out the worldwide Defense Satellite Communications System. It is managed by the Fort Monmouth, N.J.-based Project Manager, Satellite Communications (PM SATCOM) and implemented by the Fort Monmouth-based U.S. Army Information Systems Management Activity (ISMA) Project Manager for Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (PM DCATS).

According to Army Lt. Col. Wellsford V. Barlow, Jr., ISMA's product manager responsible for the upgrades, modifications include replacing parts with state-of-the-art electronic equipment including 2.0 kW air-cooled high-power amplifiers/transmitters; next-generation frequency converters and high-accuracy cesium standards; solid state low noise amplifiers; and personal computer-based control, monitoring and alarm subsystems.

"We're also refurbishing or replacing the antenna groups," said Barlow, "with motor and brake assemblies, data gear boxes and azimuth and elevation drive gear boxes." Icing on the cake, he added, is full logistics support including training, spare and repair parts, provisioning and manuals.

An important part of the process at New Boston, Barlow stressed, was getting the ultimate customers — the airmen who would operate and maintain the system — involved in the process as early as possible.

"For instance, the airmen who would be maintaining the terminal were involved in developing requirements for logistics support," he said.

Hepworth was tickled that he and his people were given the chance to put in their two cents. "An airman was allowed to look at the manuals and say, 'Hey, this procedure isn't right,' and then to help correct it," he said. Christensen added, "It's given us the opportunity to get it right the first time instead of later."

Christensen said he feels the Army team has given the Air Force first-rate customer support — and that the Air Force gave

extreme cooperation in return.

"I'm very pleased," he said. "I hope our partnership with Fort Monmouth will be viewed in the same regard. The cooperation between both organizations was great. The upgrade at New Boston has set the template for all follow-on upgrades."

Benefits to the customer

To the airmen who will be operating and maintaining the terminal, the upgrade means substantially fewer headaches in troubleshooting and maintaining the system.

"The new system will make my job too easy," said Hall. "The old system entailed a lot more maintenance, a lot more tender loving care. The new system can troubleshoot itself - versus 'guess and check' on the old one. The old one used glycol for the heat exchanger so you had to be a plumber. The downlink amplifier was cryogenically cooled so you had to learn about compressors. The new stuff runs like your your home stereo unit. You make your connections, plug it in and turn it on."

Hepworth added that the new system - with a mean time between failure of parts ranging from 3,000 to 5,000 hours— which means, with built-in redundancy, it will primarily be available 100 percent of the time. That means more "green" time when the redundant systems are up, as opposed to "amber" time when the redundant systems are down.

"Plus it will mean a reduction in throw-aways," said Hepworth. "Now we'll have to change the oil every two years. And we can use 10W30 motor oil, just like you use in your car - so we have commonality."

Putting the project in the perspective of the 30-plus year history of the U.S. space program is retired Air Force Lt. Col. Eugene A. Fucci, one of the Air Force's initial cadre of 20 space program officers. While others of the 20 were spread in industry working in propulsion, telemetry, communications and batteries at firms including Lockheed, Philco and Ford, Fucci was assigned to be the Air Force's authori-

ty on inertial guidance systems, working with Dr. Charles Stark Draper at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Fucci, who lives in nearby Hanover, New Hampshire, attended the dedication/ anniversary celebration at New Boston Sept. 16.

"I'm glad to see the money was spent on this," he said, adding that in the early days of the space program, that was not always the case. "We could have had a space launch in 1951 if that had been the objective — but the money wasn't there."

Then, in 1957, as Fucci puts it, "Sputnik rocked the nation. It saddened the tech world, because we could have done it if not for the money. I always felt bad about that."

He feels projects such as the heavy terminal upgrade are a step in the right direction—even more so when you add in downsizing and making smart use of shrinking defense dollars.

"What's plaguing the American people is a lack of knowledge," Fucci said. "Getting that knowledge saves us billions of dollars. We need it more than ever. Information is priceless today. The technology is priceless."

With the thawing of the Cold War and the break-up of the former Soviet Union, stories that before were classified now can be told. Fucci says that despite being involved with the successful launch, tracking and recovery of the first Discoverer satellite in 1960, even he never knew what its real mission was. "It was super, super, super secret. I never saw the contents. For us, the word 'Corona' did not exist."

Christensen, for one is glad that today the story of the work done at places like New Boston can be told.

"There are a lot of dedicated people at a lot of sites around the world doing good work, vital to the national defense," said Christensen. "I'm glad people will get to hear about it." (Arnews)



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Drawdown equipment from Europe improves readiness, saves \$\$\$

By Rudi Williams

Free lunches are not in the offing. But the Kentucky Army National Guard has thousands of tons of free equipment that need a new home.

Active and reserve component Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Army and Coast Guard units are invited to share in Kentucky's windfall. There are no strings attached. The guardsmen and their civilian counterparts will even pack and ship items to units across the United States at no cost.

It's all in the name of improving readiness and saving taxpayers' dollars. The equipment came from U.S. Army, Europe and 7th Army stocks. The end of the Cold War meant a huge drawdown in American forces in Europe. The troops have come home, and now so has the equipment.

"We have everything from forks to furnaces to chaplains' field kits, complete with communion wine," said Army National Guard Chief Warrant Officer Frank J. Willey, supply management officer for the Retrograde Europe Project at the Kentucky Guard's state-run Blue Grass Station near Lexington. Blue Grass Station has received more than \$363 million worth of material from Europe, and it's still coming in.

Just for the asking, units of any military service can select from 5,244 different Class II and Class VII nonrolling-stock items. Class II items are for individual use, such as uniforms, field packs, boots and field frames. Class VII includes generators, battery chargers, field light sets, immersion heaters, stoves, engineer tool kits, medical kits, empty drums, shovels, camouflage, individual tools and more.

Units can select stock from an electronic bulletin board called the RetroEur Information System, said Deward Brake, manager of information systems at Blue Grass. "Orders are filled first-come, first-served," he noted. "After 180 days, the equipment is turned over to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office and offered to other federal, state and local organizations. If

there are no takers, the material is scrapped."

In the tone of a fast-talking auctioneer, Willey rattled off a long list of additional items in stock:

"Need shipping cartons, wrapping paper, bond paper, floor wax—we've got it! Need some snow shovels? We have about 50 right now. New ones! We've got pens, pencils—no computers, though, except tactical computers.

"We got a call this morning from a unit in Wyoming," Willey said. "They're having flooding problems. They need sandbags, and we've got thousands and thousands of them."

Equipment from Europe is a godsend for hundreds of Army, Navy and Air Force units, particularly National Guard units, because their training may have been hampered by equipment shortages for years, said Army National Guard Col. Melvin L. Shelley.

"We joked about this being the first time Guard units went to annual training and didn't have to steal gas and water cans from each other," Shelley said with a hearty laugh. "Now we're raising readiness for Kentucky National Guard units all over the state and for Guard units across America. We're also helping Army active duty and reserve units and some Navy and Air Force units.

"A lot of high-priority units have gotten a lot of equipment they wouldn't have otherwise, and they didn't have to spend their appropriated funds for it," said Shelley, director of logistics at state Army Guard headquarters in Frankfort. "We've improved unit readiness in more than 400 outfits. Most of the equipment coming from Europe is in good shape. A lot of it is still in depot packs— never been opened."

"We've already shipped 3,424 different items to requesting units," Willey noted. The National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., for instance, received \$8 million worth of camouflaged netting. Navy Seal teams in Norfolk, Va., received thousands of dollars worth of camouflaged screen, clothing and fire extinguishers. Thousands

of dollars worth of clothing and equipment went to a joint service training center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

More than 9,000 sleeping bags and hundreds of suspenders, Kevlar helmets and backpack frames went to Fort Lewis, Wash. Hundreds of burner units went to Seneca Army Depot, N.Y., where employees are rebuilding field kitchen trailers.

Ironically, some equipment has been shipped back overseas, to Kuwait, Haiti, Korea, Guam, Cuba and Panama. When DoD officials needed tents and cooking equipment—field ranges, pots, pans, utensils and other items—to house Cuban boat people at Guantanamo Naval Base, Cuba, "We had it aboard ships within 72 hours," Shelley said. "This was the only place the Army had that much equipment in one place."

Guardsmen will deliver overseas-bound equipment to ports free of charge, but will not pay port-to-port transportation.

Army National Guard units have received more than \$40 million worth of equipment. Another \$40 million worth went to active duty Army Forces Command units. Army Reserve units received more than \$485,000 worth, Shelley said. More than \$1.8 million worth was turned over to the Navy, and more than \$2.5 million to the Air Force. Marine Corps and Coast Guard outfits haven't ordered anything yet.

"We normally ship orders in about two weeks," Shelley noted. "We're working two shifts at Blue Grass to fill orders quickly. Kentucky National Guard supply units are helping ship equipment because it's good training for them. By December, we expect to turn more than a quarter of a billion dollars worth of material back into the sys-

tem." "This is a great benefit to the taxpayers of America," Willey said. "For every dollar invested in this project, we've returned \$12 worth of equipment to units of American's defense force. In addition, the program is a tremendous benefit to the individual service members. We're getting equipment in the hands of service members for real world or training missions."

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

PX hours— Post Exchange, Main Store, building 3220, is operating with the following holiday hours since Nov. 24: Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. until midnight; and Sunday 10 a.m. until 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.

Saint Barbara Day

The annual Saint Barbara Celebration will be held Jan. 12 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 email: rmcardl@redstone.army.mil. The last day to submit nominations for an award is Dec. 1.

ASMC social— The Special Events Committee, American Society of Military Comptrollers, will be sponsoring a Christmas Social Hour Dec. 7 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Officers Club, rooms 4 and 5. There will be hot and cold hors d'oeuvres provided, cash bar, entertainment and door prizes. For more information, call Betty Di Lullo 876-3096 or Dennis Summers 876-3880.

Christmas trees— All offices, day rooms, military personnel on active duty, and other activities requiring Christmas trees, are authorized to cut trees on a self-help basis in the area northeast of the Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) area which is located across the road from the Redstone Arsenal Saddle Activity. Trees shall not be cut for commercial or unauthorized use. This area has been marked with orange flagging for easy recognition. Travel will be limited and controlled by daily check-in

with ASP personnel at building 2592. Cutting operations will be limited to inside the Christmas tree cutting area only. Extreme caution should be exercised to prevent straying outside the area or off the access route and removing any objects other than a Christmas tree. Trees should not be cut earlier than Dec. 9 or later than Dec. 24 during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tree trimmings should not be left on grassed rights-of-way, railroad tracks or access roads. For further information and location map, contact personnel at Outdoor Recreation building 5132, 876-4868.

Exodus donations— The 832nd Ordnance Battalion will begin its annual Exodus Dec. 16. Anyone wishing to donate juice, soda, cookies, cakes, pies, etc., to support the morale of the student soldiers departing for Exodus, should call 1st Sgt. Fox, of B Company, 842-0608.

RSIC holiday hours— The Redstone Scientific Information Center, building 4484, has the following Christmas holiday schedule: Dec. 22, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Dec. 23, 25 and 26, closed; Dec. 27-29, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.; Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, closed. Regular hours, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., will resume Jan. 2.

Rape survivors— HELpline's Survivors of

Rape Support Group is a self-help group that meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For more information, call 539-6161. HELpline is a United Way agency.

Storyteller visit— The Friends of the Library will present Syd Lieberman, storyteller, at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Huntsville Library Auditorium. The public is invited free of charge and refreshments will be provided.

Handbell concert— The second annual Handbell Concert, "Joy to the World," featuring the handbell choirs of Covenant Presbyterian Church, will be presented at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 301 Drake Ave. on Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Child care will be provided. For more information, call 881-4501.

International mosaic— Learn new customs, design works of art and sample foreign foods at the International Mosaic. The Academy for Science and Foreign Language will hold the first international Mosaic Dec. 9 at the school located at 3221 Mastin Lake Road, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Admission is \$2 at the door with nominal charges for make and take crafts and concessions. There will be games, prizes, food, music, demonstrations and entertainment for

everyone. For more information, call the school 851-4100.

Military intelligence group— The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Military Intelligence Association will hold its November meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the Regimental Room at the Officers Club. Keith Herrington will make a presentation on Joint Deployable Intelligence Support System. For more information, call Wayne Simpson 955-3997 or Bob Westerfeldt 971-6533.

Ballroom dancers— The U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association has announced that a chapter for ballroom dancers is being organized in the

Huntsville/Decatur area. The local chapter will sponsor monthly social dances for members and the general public. The next monthly social dance will be hosted by That's Dancing in Decatur at 2 p.m. Dec. 17; your first visit will be free, thereafter a nominal fee will be assessed. For more information call Katherine Gordon 232-3255 (Athens), Gail Rogers 539-8044 or Carole Vicuna 881-8661 (Huntsville); and in Decatur call 340-1800.

Redstone holiday party— All members of the Redstone community are invited to the annual Redstone holiday party set for Dec. 8 at the Officers

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Club. A social (cash bar) will begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner being served at 7:15. Cost is \$16 per person. Invitations and reservation forms can be obtained from your administrative office or by calling the MICOM Protocol Office 955-6925. Reservations will be accepted until close of business Dec. 4.

Tree lighting— Redstone's annual tree lighting ceremony is set for 4 p.m. Friday in front of Bicentennial Chapel.

Red Cross blood program— The bloodmobile will be at building 4752 (NASA) from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday. For information call Edwina Bressette 544-8115.

Identification cards— The Military Identification Card Section of the Military Personnel Office, building 3710, will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

Holiday craft show— A Decatur Knights of Columbus fund-raiser, the Holiday Craft Show, will be held Dec. 2-3 at the Knights of Columbus hall, behind Burger King on 6th Avenue in Decatur. Exhibitors are

wanted. Call 355-3363.
Union meeting— AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 11 in building 3202 (Union Office). For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

NCO spouses— The Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club and the Challenger will present an annual Christmas tree lighting at 6 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Challenger. This is open to Challenger members, NCO Spouses Club members and guests. For more information, call 837-0751.

Post Theater movies— Friday, "How to Make an American Quilt," rated PG-13, 117 minutes. Saturday, "Dead Presidents," R, 120 minutes. Sunday, "Dead Presidents," Dec. 8, "To Die For," R, 106 minutes. Showtime for all movies is 7 p.m. Admission price is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 children.

Santa at PX— Santa will visit the Post Exchange from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, and Dec. 16 from 11-1.

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'95 Hyundai Sonata GL, V6, blue pearl with gold package. 13K miles, loan value \$17,000, asking \$14,500. 830-5906.

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'87 Buick Skylark, air, stereo, 2 dr., low miles, exc. cond. \$3750. 837-7739 after 5 pm.

'86 Nova, air, 4 channel stereo, runs good. 830-9248 after 5 pm.

'81 Dodge Aries, 2.2L auto, 4 dr., 130K miles, some work needed. \$300. 883-8439.

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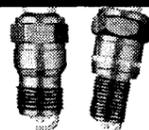
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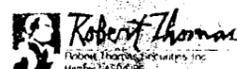
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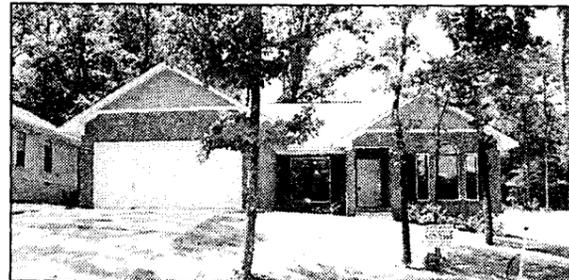
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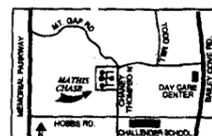
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By Stephen Barrett

The National Capital Planning Commission recently approved the location for the World War II Veterans Memorial by a 9 to 3 vote. The memorial will rest on a 5.5-acre site between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument on the National Mall.

President Bill Clinton dedicated the site Nov. 11, Veterans Day, culminating observances marking the 50th anniversary of World War II's end. The American Battle Monuments Commission hopes to dedicate the completed memorial in 2000.

Portions of the site currently serve as a helicopter landing pad for dignitaries visiting Washington. The site is also the staging area for Washington's annual Fourth of July fireworks display.

Steps toward the memorial began March 25, 1993, when Clinton signed Public Law 103-23 authorizing the project. The monuments commission selected an advisory board in September 1994. The board is responsible for proposing a site, se-

lecting a design and raising the money to construct the memorial.

Eileen Hughes, the World War II memorial's administrative officer, said there won't be a realistic estimate of construction costs until designers submit their proposals. Selecting and approving the design may take up to two years.

As designers draft their proposals, officials are beginning fund-raising. Under the Commemorative Works

Act of 1986, private and corporate contributions must pay for construction—there is no government funding.

For more information about the World War II Memorial, write to: American Battle Monuments Commission Attn: World War II Memorial Project 20 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Room 5127 Washington, DC 20314-0001 (USA American Forces Information Service)

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