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## Holiday magic...

SSgt. Barbara Waddell spent some extra time in building 3303 over a weekend recently and created a little holiday magic. Waddell put up the Christmas tree in the lobby and decorated it with stockings representing the different types of missile sys-

tems. She also made sure there was a chair for Santa Claus to rest in and had toys and stuffed animals under the tree for all to enjoy. The whole scene takes place in front of a window she created and looks like it belongs in someone's home.

## Some parting thoughts from Redstone's longtime PAO chief

*Editor's note: The MICOM Public Affairs Office will have a party 1-4:30 p.m. Dec. 21 to say goodbye to its retiring chief. Everyone is invited to stop by the office at building 5300 to share cookies, hot cider and a memory or two.*

By Dave Harris

You suspect your time has come when former colleagues lurk in the aisles of supermarkets or the church door and ask: When are you

going to retire?

The answer is Now. Well actually on Jan. 3.

It's difficult to leave the party while you're still having fun, but I'm adjusting.

We have a get together planned in the Public Affairs Office the afternoon of Dec. 21. If you have time, stop by and tell stories with us. In case you can't, here are some I'll be telling:

**Doers**

Those here in the begin-

ning told wonderful stories about making up the Army missile program as they went along. They said, for example, that when it came time to buy the Corporal, our first ballistic missile, bidders were taken to a Redstone warehouse and shown a Corporal. Someone from their government asked: Can you make that and how much will it cost? The low bidder

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## LOGSA members enlightened by Bright Star '95 in Egypt

By Skip Vaughn

Two members of the Logistics Support Activity are back at Redstone after participating in Bright Star '95 in Egypt.

Ellis Mayton and Capt. Joe MacNeil took part in the largest coalition exercise since Desert Storm. The United States and Egypt have held Bright Star every other year since 1980, but since the Gulf War, the mission has been expanded. Formerly a training exercise, it has become a demonstration of firepower aimed at Iraq.

Mayton, a logistics support element action officer in LOGSA's logistics support division, returned home Dec. 6 after serving in Egypt since Sept. 23. MacNeil, an operations officer in LOGSA's emergency operations center, got back Nov. 30.

During the exercise Mayton served as the civilian deputy to the commander of the Army Materiel Command's Logistics Support Element. MacNeil served as the plans and operations officer for the logistics support element.

Others from Redstone who participated in the exercise included WO 1 Ricky Romine and SSgt. Aaron Parker, both of the 95th Maintenance Company within the Missile Command's Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity.

"The Logistics Support Element is AMC's forward support to the logistics and maneuver commander on the battlefield,"

MacNeil said. "I was impressed with the way that the LSE came together to support Bright Star '95."

"I would say that the logistics support element is very effective in providing support to the soldier on the battlefield as well as it does in peacetime," Mayton said.

The 103 members of the logistics support element in Egypt for the exercise included active duty military, Army National Guard, Army civilians, and contractors. They were led by Lt. Col. Eric Simonsen of Fort Polk, La.

"The opportunity to serve with Department of Army civilians, civilian contractors, active duty military and Reserve was a learning experience," MacNeil said. "They came together as a team to support the mission. And that mission was to support the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 24th Infantry Division throughout the exercise."

Their more than two months in Egypt was a learning experience for Mayton and MacNeil. "There was a lot to learn about the living conditions of our allies, both customs and in particular the way they drive," Mayton said.

Bright Star '95 also served as a learning experience for the United States and its allies, particularly the Egyptians. The U.S. and Egyptian forces explored how they can

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## HoHoHo...

The Christmas season officially began Dec. 1 with the annual tree lighting ceremony at the Bicentennial Chapel and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus on

a fire truck. More than 100 children were on hand to see Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive and flocked to them as soon as they dismounted the fire truck.

## Letters to the editor

### Respecting others

I found much to agree with in the letter titled "Positive Event" in the Dec. 6 Rocket. The writer observed: "We see and hear too much publicity of the negative results of our mutualy lost respect for each other as men and women: the 50 percent divorce rate, one parent families, intergenerational and inter-ethnic miscommunication, violence in the home, in the workplace, in the city streets." While it has become popular in our society in recent years to see most if not all societal problems as a result of an alleged epidemic of "low self-esteem," the true cause of such problems has not been that we think too lowly of ourselves. Rather, we have esteemed ourselves too highly in comparison to one another. Many bullies think very highly of themselves—it is their lack of esteem and respect for others that causes them to pursue their own gratification at others' expense. I think the writer is correct in diagnosing the cause of many of these problems as a lack of respect for others.

However, the letter continued, "Maybe what we need is not a return to old-fashioned values, but a rebirth of respect for the inherent goodness of men and women who are quietly living their lives as guided by spiritual, moral, ethical and family values..." While being "old-fashioned" doesn't necessarily make a value good or bad, I think the most basic value to which people need to return is that of acknowledging God in all our ways, and keeping in mind that each of us will one day have to stand before our Creator and give an account of what we have done with the lives He has given us. A morality that is solidly based on

trust in and obedience to our Creator will not be driven by the winds of societal change or by the shifting attitudes of public opinion. The Bible does not point us to any perceived "inherent goodness of men and women" as the basis for our respect for human life, but rather to the fact that, fallen though we are, we are still created in the image of God. While the writer closes with "our strength is our respect for one another and the sanctity of relationships and life," the very concept of sanctity is relative at best and meaningless at worst unless there exists something or Someone who is absolute and sacred. Morality that does not begin with God is relative and subject to human opinion. One tragic practical result of relativistic morality is our society's shift toward viewing only those with a certain quality of life as being worthy to have that life protected....

The Bible ought to have a prominent place in public discourse as to the future direction of this nation. But mere assent by the public to the Bible's authority without an understanding of its content can make it easy for politicians to twist it to win support for their agendas by quoting a verse here or there out of context. How many readers of the Rocket noticed how Secretary of Defense Perry, at the end of the Dec. 6 issue's lead article, conveniently modified Isaiah 6:8 to make it "the people of Israel" who ask the questions, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" so he could liken this to the American people asking about Bosnia, "Who will go for us?" In Isaiah, it is not "the people of Israel" who ask these questions, but the Lord Himself.

Joe E. Schoenfield  
SSDC

### Family support

Company C, 926th En Bn Cmbt (Heavy) and families enjoyed their annual Holiday Party on Dec. 2 at the Reserve Center, 2720 Patton Road. The party was hosted by the Family Support Group (FSG). The colors were presented by Lee High School ROTC under the command of Maj. Chafin. The ROTC also participated in the meal and aided in the games for the children. Festivities enjoyed by the children consisted of a visit by McGruff the Dog from the Redstone Arsenal Military Police Station, a Christmas story by Chaplain Thomas, face painting, fish pond, bingo, door prizes and a special visit by Santa Claus. Adult activities included a meal enjoyed by all, holiday songs, door prize drawings, the promotion of Scott Morris to first lieutenant, and briefings on the upcoming deployment of Charley Company to Honduras, where they will build and upgrade existing schools.

The FSG will be collecting school supplies, toys and clothing to be distributed by the unit to Honduran civilians during their deployment. If you have any donations for this worthwhile effort, please contact Spec. Roberson, FSG Liaison, at 535-6229. Donations are requested by mid-February. Recently, the Post Thrift Shop presented the FSG a monetary donation. Many thanks to the Thrift Shop for their donation.

Peggy Binning  
Publicity chairman,  
Family Support Group

## Offices collecting Christmas toys for needy youngsters

By Kathy Harkleroad

By now you have seen the commercials and read the stories for the annual Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" program which is under way. What you may not know is the many organizations throughout the Arsenal are taking an active part in collecting toys for the first time and have collection boxes in their offices.

"I worked with the Toys for Tots program last year and was amazed to find out the support from the Arsenal was minimum at best," Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Department (EODTD) Sgt. Maj. Gary Sampson said. "After the experience last year, I vowed I would play a bigger part and would get more support from the Arsenal this year."

Sampson took that vow to heart and has spearheaded the box placement program here on the Arsenal. He has placed boxes throughout OMMCS and MICOM and is taking requests from offices who would like a collection box.

"I feel it is real important that we support the Marines and their effort. We have 83 military children whose names are on the list and will receive toys from the program. I feel the post needs to generate enough toys to take care of our own," Sampson said.

"When you consider each child signed up for the Toys for Tots program receives five to six gifts each, approximately 500 new toys must be collected on the Arsenal to take of the 83 military children," he added.

All of the toys donated on the Arsenal

will be picked up and taken to the Marine Corps Reserve Unit on South Memorial Parkway and added to the stack. As bags are packed and lists are checked, the toys will be distributed to each child according to age.

"We have a real problem this year in the collection of toys overall," Sampson said. "This time last year the bay at the Reserve Center was getting full; this year it is empty. There are quite a few children out there who need our help and at the rate we are going, quite a few children will be disappointed Christmas morning."

Marine Corps 1st Sgt. Michael Black echoed that statement and said he too was concerned and needed the help of the public to make this Christmas a happy one for area children. "These toys help all the needy children in the Tennessee Valley and this year we are really behind in the collection of toys. I am starting to get very concerned and we need to pick things up," Black said.

"We are running out of time quickly," Sampson said, "and we need everyone's help. The toys don't have to be expensive, just new. We especially need toys or items for teen-agers, both female and male, and any donation will be greatly appreciated."

If you don't have time to go out and buy a toy there is another way to help the program. Monetary donations are accepted and can be mailed to Toys for Tots, 3506 South Memorial Parkway, Huntsville, 35801.

Collection boxes are in the following locations: the golf course, the Officers Club,



**HOLIDAY GIVING— Organizations throughout the Arsenal are collecting toys for the Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" program and have collection boxes in several locations. Cecil**

**Doub of OMMCS, standing next to a collection box, challenges other offices to collect toys for the needy children of the Tennessee Valley.**

the Challenger Club, the Post Exchange, the Trail Blazer, the bowling alley, HHC MICOM, 95th TMDE, building 3499, the Recreation Center, Toftoy Hall, and the Sparkman Center. Boxes are also located in

buildings 112, 3300, 3301, 3303, 3305, 3307, 3329, 3421, 3459 and 5250.

Further information on obtaining a box can be obtained by calling 876-8963.

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# NCO Academy accredited by team from Fort Bliss

By Kathy Harkleroad

Once again the professionalism and quality of training received by soldiers at Redstone Arsenal has been proven. The NCO Academy just completed an accreditation review and passed with flying colors.

"I am so proud of all the personnel here at the Academy," CSM Tom Johnson said. "They are the ones that made it happen. Preparing for an accreditation review isn't something that happens in a short time, you have to stay on top of everything all year round."

All of the courses taught at the Academy are subject to review by the accreditation team and include all records, subjects taught, all lesson plans, all field training exercises, individual drop packets, and everything that is involved with both the students and instructors.

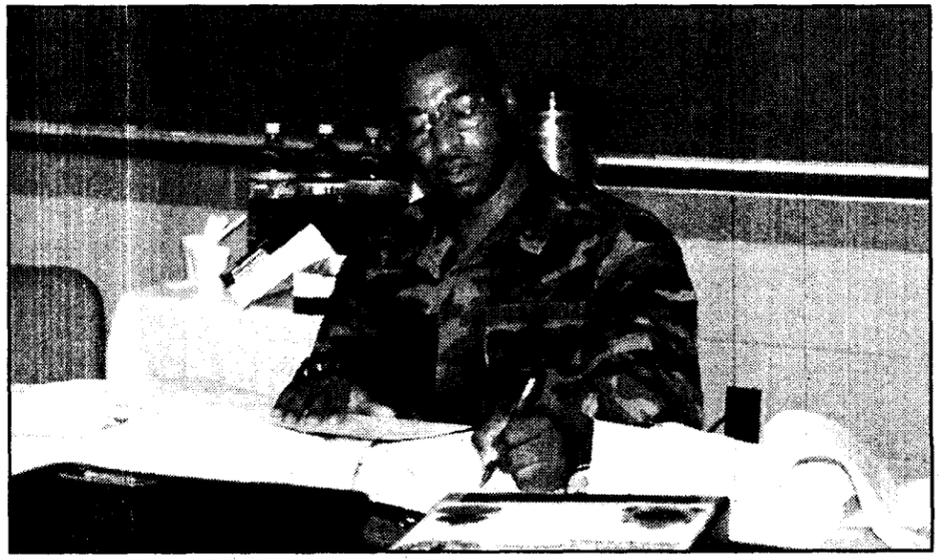
The Academy was formed at Redstone Arsenal in February 1987 and is subject to a review every two or three years. Members of the accreditation team include representatives from Sergeants Major Academy in Fort Bliss, Texas and the Training and Doctrine Command.

The NCO Academy on the Arsenal is responsible for the common leader training and technical instruction of soldiers in military career fields of TMDE, Munitions, Explosive Ordnance Disposal and all missile system technicians.

As the accreditation team made its way through the Academy during the review, Johnson said he felt confident the Academy would pass and was pleased when he heard the final report.

"We didn't have one single discrepancy," Johnson said. "The section where discrepancies are listed had in huge bold letters, 'NONE.' I couldn't have been more proud."

Johnson said the final outcome was a result of the teamwork that goes on at the Academy throughout the year and praised each and everyone of the soldiers and personnel who made this review a success. "This was possible because of the people who work here. SFC Tom Lettis is the finest operations sergeant I have ever seen and Sgt. Maj. Gary Suckow, my deputy commandant, is fantastic. I have no fear leaving him in charge when I have to leave on TDY trips," he said. "All of the instruc-



**REVIEWING RECORDS— SFC William Boone, Sergeants Major Academy representative from Fort Bliss, was a member of the accreditation team that reviewed the records of the NCO Academy the week of Dec. 4.**

tor/writers also made this happen with their hard work and dedication, as well as the rest of the personnel here. They have all made me very proud.

"Although people look at this as being

an NCO Academy accreditation, it takes a consolidated effort from all the training departments to include military and Department of the Army civilians to make it happen."

# Enjoy Christmas in the park at Opryland in Nashville

By Heather Haring

The Recreation Center has discount tickets to Christmas in the Park at Opryland. You just have to see the magical transformation of Opryland Themepark into a winter wonderland full of Christmas activities for the entire family. The park is covered in lights which sparkle like diamonds under the amber glow of the moon.

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scene, you will marvel at this depiction of the Bethlehem story at Opryland. You can also glide over to the frozen ice rink in the Chevrolet Geo Theater to take a spin around the ice.

Diane Campbell, manager of the Recreation Center, believes a trip to Opryland might just be what we all need. "It is a wonderful way to lift the gloom and get into the spirit of the season," she said. So, if you are falling behind this year in

Christmas cheer, stop by the Recreation Center to get enough tickets for your entire family.

Adult tickets are available at the Recreation Center for \$9.50 (savings of \$2.40); and tickets for children age 4-11 are \$6.50 (savings of \$2.40). You can start a new family holiday tradition this year.

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

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# MICOM worker returns home from Haiti deployment



DULANEY

By Skip Vaughn

A MICOM civilian has returned to Redstone after voluntarily serving six months in Haiti in support of Operation Uphold Democracy.

Kathlyn Dulaney, an item manager in the Tactical Missiles Directorate, Integrated Materiel Management Center, served in Haiti from April 30 until Nov. 5. During her deployment she ordered spare and repair parts for vehicles and aircraft belonging to the United States and other United Nations countries. She was assigned to U.S. Forces Haiti, logistics section, as an Army Materiel Command representative.

"I think it's a good thing what the U.S. is doing" in Haiti, Dulaney said. "I think it's like they're our neighbors so we have to

help our neighbors."

As the only civilian inventory management specialist on the USFOR Haiti Logistic staff, Dulaney learned a lot about the servicemembers she supports. She wore a uniform during her deployment.

"I volunteered thinking I was going to get a summer (Caribbean) vacation and found much of the beauty of Haiti had been destroyed by violence," Dulaney said. "There is much pain and suffering within Haiti; of

course the innocent children suffer the most."

She hopes that the presence of the U.S. and United Nations will "instill hope in the poor and compassion in the rich as well as bring about peaceful elections this

month."

While in Haiti, she visited the St. Joseph Orphanage with the U.S. Forces chaplain and other soldiers. There she met 13-year-old Lucardo Pierre, a Hospice orphan. Since returning

home she has received a letter from Pierre which, she said, makes the trip worthwhile.

Dulaney, a native of Camden, Ala., was a co-op student in 1983. She began her full-time government

career as a paratrainee in 1986 after receiving a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Alabama. Dulaney celebrated her 32nd birthday Aug. 6 in Haiti.



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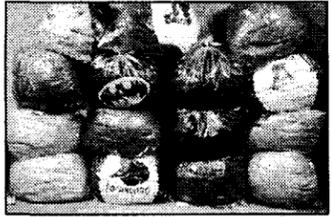
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# Santa tours Redstone family housing areas Dec. 21

By Kathy Harkleroad

For the third straight year, the Redstone Arsenal Sergeant Major Association, assisted by the BOSS Committee, will host the arrival of Santa Claus and his helper elves.

"Santa Claus and his elves will ride through the housing area Dec. 21," MICOM CSM Ben Sundry said. Santa will arrive at the Vincent Road Fire Station at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 21, and will be paraded through the post,

handing out gifts and candy until 4 p.m.

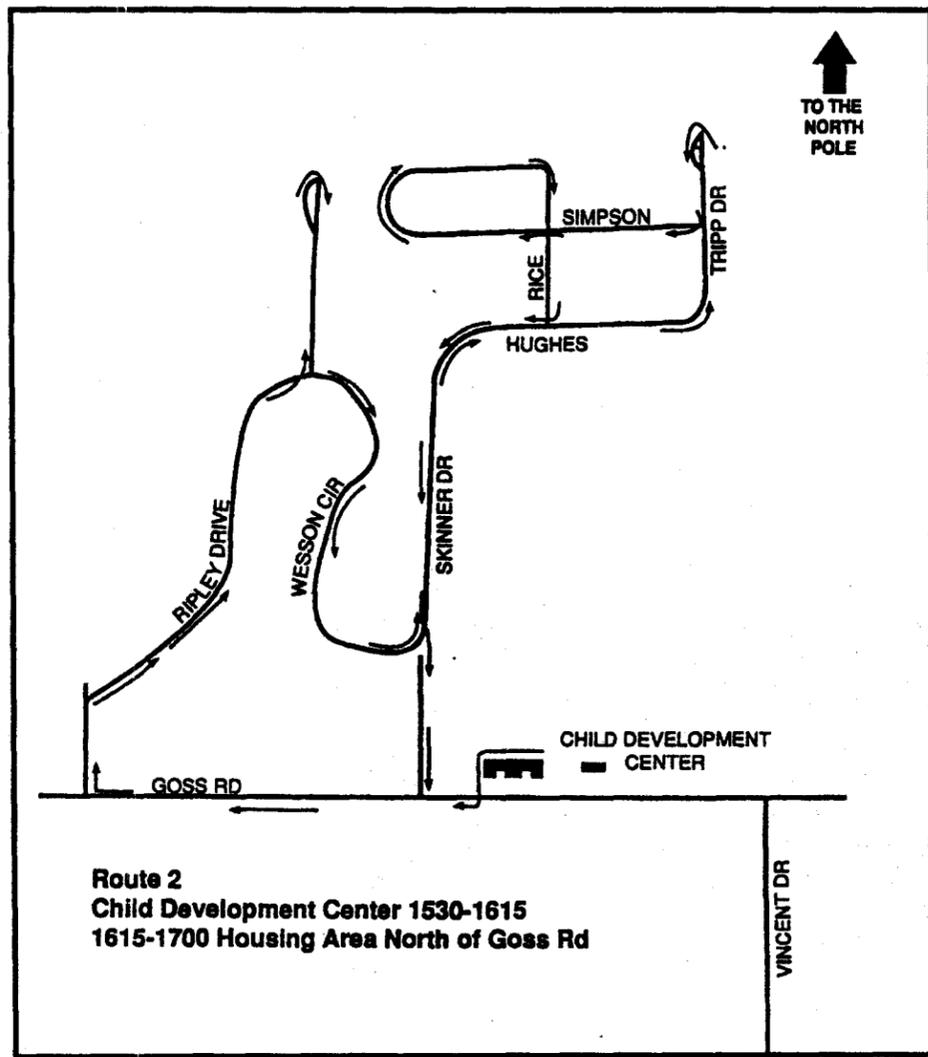
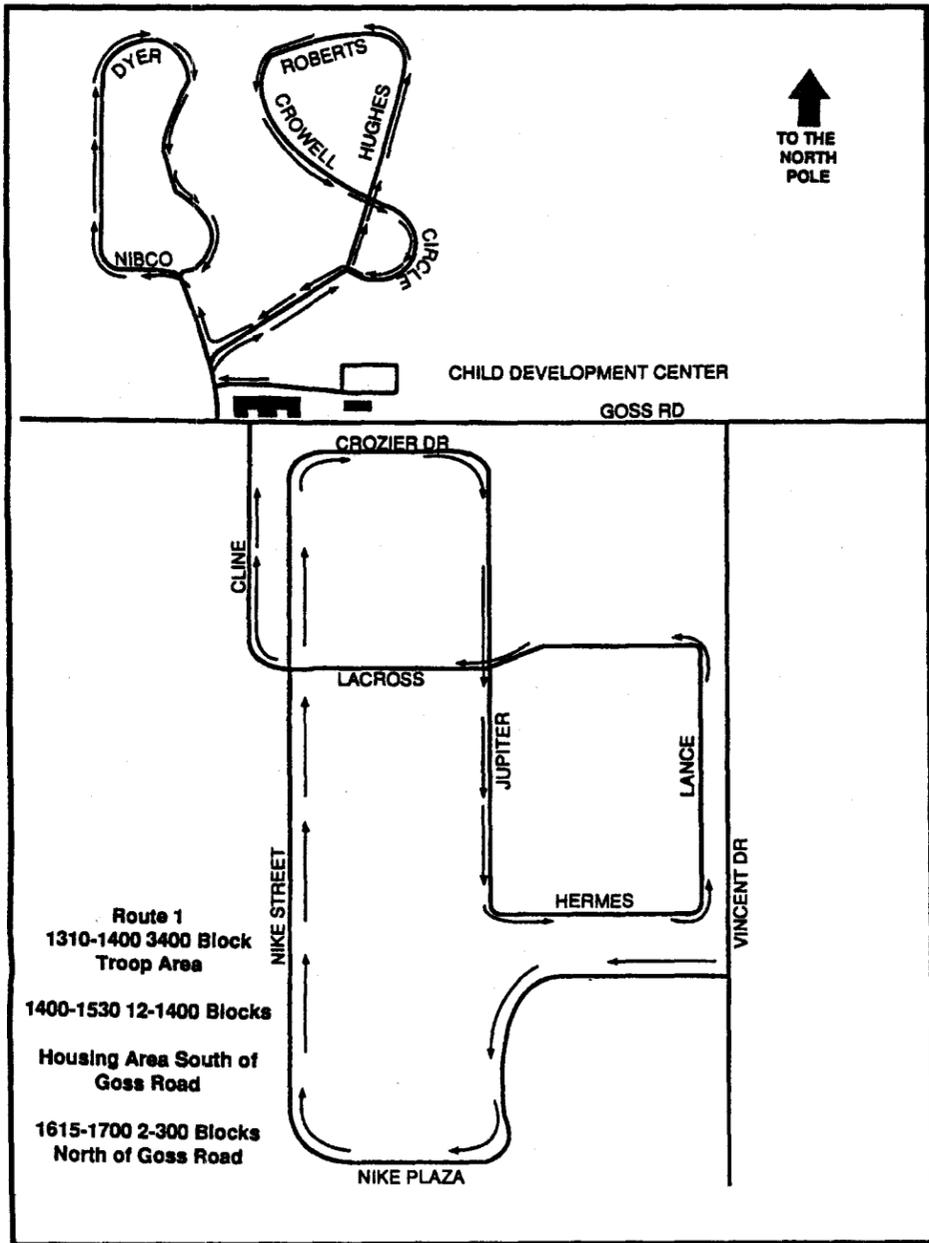
"Santa told me that he was concerned last year he may have missed some of his good little boys and girls, and requested we publish the map this year so

everyone gets a chance to see him," Sundry said.

"He also wanted me to remind everyone to be care-

ful when they come out and see him, and not to run out into traffic as the truck approaches," Sundry added.

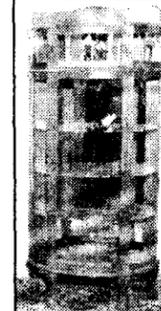
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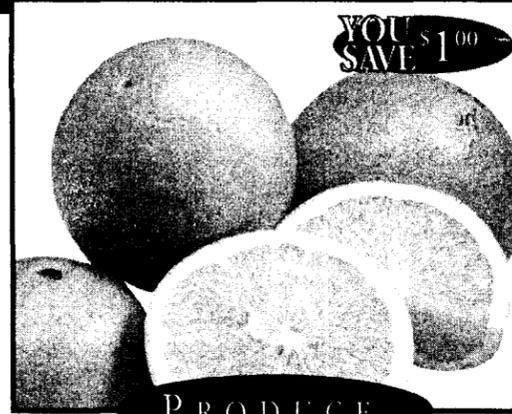
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# Pharmacy adds automated prescription refill system

By Kathy Harkleroad

If you use the pharmacy at Fox Army Community Hospital, you may have experienced the frustration of waiting in line to have a refill filled only to find out there is a problem. Or you may have utilized the old telephone answering machine to call in a refill and come in three days later to find they couldn't fill it for some reason.

Those days are over, thanks to the new Automated Telephone Refill System that has been implemented at the pharmacy. The new system will not only benefit patients who are receiving the refills, but patients with new prescriptions will also notice the difference by the shorter lines.

"Half of our business is refills, and we have been trying to find a way we would handle that portion of our business more efficiently," pharmacist Suzette Baker said. "In the past patients could call and leave the information on a answering machine and pick it up three days later. That was somewhat cumbersome, because it took all afternoon to take the information off the machine. With the new system all of that has changed. It (the new system) has solved quite a few problems and all of us will benefit from it," Baker said.

Using the new automated system is easy, and surprisingly quick. Patients must have their sponsor's social security number handy, as well as the prescription number that is found on the medicine bottle. Once those numbers are punched in, the computer does the rest and gives a confirmation number or message to the caller.

"It only takes a few seconds with the new system to refill a prescription," Baker said. "The computer accesses the patient's profile and has all the information it needs right there. The computer can tell if there are

refills available and it can tell if enough time has passed to have another refill done. It is really quite amazing."

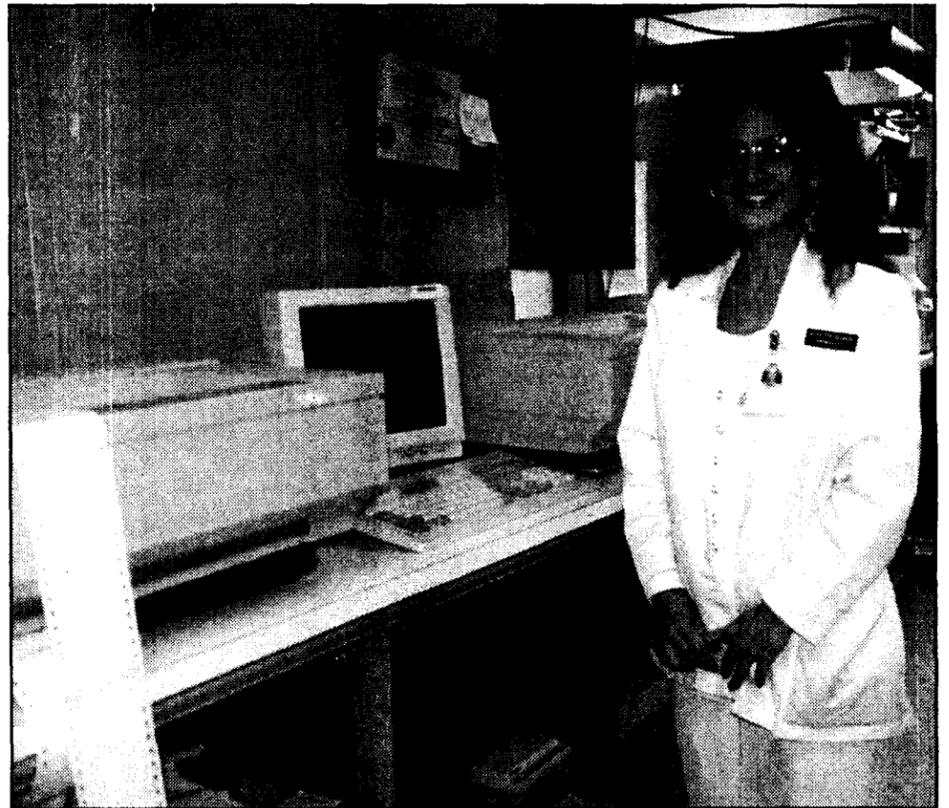
After the computer accepts or rejects a refill request, a report is generated early each afternoon and the medicines are pulled for pickup the following day. "A patient must call in before noon to have the prescription ready the following day. Patients calling after 12 p.m. will have to wait two days before it will be ready," Baker said.

Baker said patients are encouraged to use the system for many reasons, and most of all to help relieve the wait time, both for refills and for new prescriptions. "As more and more refills are being taken by the automated system, the lines out front will start to decrease, cutting the wait time down for new prescriptions. It will also reduce the wait time for patients with refills, because their medicine is already waiting for them," she said.

Another plus of using the automated refill system is fewer patients will be turned away that are requesting refills. "This will save a drive into the hospital since the computer will let the patient know if there is refill available or if there are any problems, like it is a few days too early to refill the medicine," Baker added.

There are a few minimum requirements to use the automated refill system. A touch tone phone must be used to access the computer, and the prescription must have been originally filled at Fox Army Community Hospital. The patient must have less than a 10 day supply of medication left in the previously filled bottle, and there must be at least one refill on the current prescription. The original prescription must also be less than a year old.

"I am very excited about this and can't wait to see the benefits," Baker said. "In the few



**NEW SYSTEM—** Fox Army Community Hospital has something new in store for customers who utilize the pharmacy services. Refills for prescriptions can now be called in by using the new Automated Refill System

that went on-line Thursday. Pharmacist Suzette Baker stands next to the new computer system that will dramatically cut down the waiting time for all pharmacy patrons.

short days the system has been up and running, we have already seen quite a few refills being called in. This will really be a plus for our customers and that's what it is all about, serving

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# MICOM logistics center sweeps Armywide awards



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to Lisha Adams, systems support division chief at the Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office. She is collocated to the project office and matrixed from the Integrated Materiel Management Center.

Accomplishments by the honorees have resulted in improved acquisition logistics processes and products, improved supportability and readiness of new and fielded systems, and most importantly, reliable and sustainable equipment for the soldiers in the field.

"It's the first time that any command has ever received all three awards in the same year," Mary Haga, chief of the ILS/Manprint Office, Logistics Support Directorate, said.

"I think it's good for the command," Jim Stephens, director of Logistics Support Directorate, said. "And specifically, it's good for the IMMC as the logistics center for the command. It's good for the organization, and it probably has an impact on morale for the organization."

The logistics engineering and laboratory management team was recognized for



**ILS/MANPRINT TEAM**— Members of the ILS/Manprint Management Office include: front row, from left, Tom Hargrave, Mike West; Mary Haga, chief; Georgia Stewart. Middle row, from left, Bud Allen, Nancy Martin, Cheryl

Canup, Bob Harriger, Luther Waites, Cindy Johnson. And back row, from left, Sonny Carter, Phil Bare, Roy Williamson, Dwight Bass, Carol Batte, Thad Odom and Sharon Pitts.

By Skip Vaughn

The Army's three annual Integrated Logistics Support awards have gone to members of the Missile Command.

Each year the Army's deputy chief of staff for logistics recognizes individuals providing exceptional contributions to the ILS community. MICOM swept all three award categories this time. These included the following:

- The winner of the "logis-

tic support improvement for materiel/information systems" award was the Logistics Engineering/Laboratory Management Team, Logistics Support Directorate, Integrated Materiel Management Center.

- The "ILS execution/process improvement" award went to the ILS/Manprint Management Office, Logistics Support Directorate, Integrated Materiel Management Center.

- And the "ILS management" award was presented

exceptional performance in the research and development of initiatives such as the Video Assisted Repair program. The VAR system links any weapon system unit maintainer with the subject-matter experts via a global video conferencing network that allows on demand, remote expert

over-the-shoulder assistance.

Members of that team include John V. Smith, team leader; Kelvin Nunn, general engineer; Philip Dussault, general engineer; Charles Wyman, operations research analyst; Laura E. Smith, equipment specialist; and logistics management spe-

cialists John Warren, Don Klitzke and Dwayne Whetsel. "We've been working hard to get this initiative supported by the Department of the Army," Wyman said. "It just goes to show when you go in the right direction,

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# President wins protection for vets in budget agreement

WASHINGTON— President Clinton has secured an agreement from the Congress that veterans and their families will not be neglected in the effort to reduce the federal deficit.

As part of the agreement which brought the government shutdown to a halt, the president and Congress agreed to achieve a balanced budget in seven years as long as adequate funding is provided for a number

of the president's priority domestic programs, prominent among them, veterans' benefits.

"In negotiating an end to the budget impasse, the president kept his promise to veterans that he will not allow their programs to be decimated in the course of balancing the budget. Veterans' programs are not responsible for the deficit and, as the agreement reflects, should not be penal-

ized," Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown said.

The budget agreement, in part, reads as follows: "The president and the Congress shall enact legislation in the first session of the 104th Congress to achieve a balanced budget not later than fiscal year 2002 as estimated by the Congressional Budget Office, and the president and the Congress agree that the balanced budget must protect

future generations, ensure Medicare solvency, reform welfare, and provide adequate funding for Medicaid, education, agriculture, national defense, veterans and the environment."

"This approach will allow the American people to continue to express their thanks to our veterans and their families," Brown said.

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you're going to get recognition."

The ILS/Manprint Office was recognized for proactive approaches taken to implement Defense Department guidance reducing reliance on military specifications and standards. The office had the logistics lead for the effort toward reducing the number of military specs and standards.

Members of the ILS/Manprint team include Haga, chief; and Bud Allen, Phil Bare, Dwight Bass, Carol Batte, Cheryl Canup, Sonny Carter, Tom Hargrave, Bob Harriger, Cindy Johnson, Nancy Martin, Thad Odom, Sharon Pitts, Georgia Stewart, Luther Waites, Mike West and Roy Williamson.

"Each individual contributed an integral, unique and substantial part to the overall effort," Haga said. "The professionalism and dedication to detail was instrumental in the resulting success of the efforts to date for this command and will reflect on the future success of the U.S. Army Missile Command.

"I'm very proud and honored for our team to have won this award. And the recognition is just indicative of the teamwork and effort that is normal for this particular team," she said.

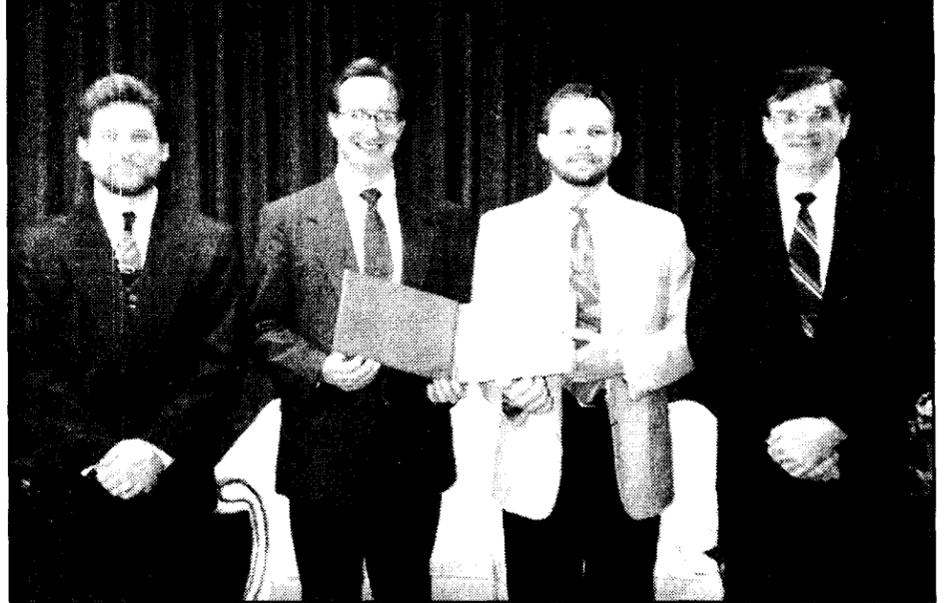
Adams was recognized for effectively guiding joint logistics programs in the establishment of logistically supportable Unmanned Aerial Vehicle systems.

"I was very honored and surprised," Adams said about her award. "I had no

idea I was nominated. I'm just very honored to receive the award."

Adams has worked for the government 13 years. She began her career as an Army Materiel Command intern in the maintenance management program. She and her husband, Tony, logistics division chief in the MLRS Project Office, are expecting their first child in February.

Referring to her award, Adams said, "I appreciate the opportunity that the IMMC and Col. (Paul) Tanguay and Col. (Michael) Howell have provided to me." Howell succeeded Tanguay in August as the JTUAV project manager.



**LOGISTICS ENGINEERING TEAM** — Members of the Logistics Engineering/Laboratory Management Team include, from left, Dwayne Whetsel, Philip Dussault, Don Klitzke and Charles Wyman. Not pictured are John V. Smith, team leader; Kelvin Nunn, Laura E. Smith and John Warren.

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# Missile school joins computer age with Internet homepage

By Daniel Foster

On Oct. 1 the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School joined the technology age with the posting of an Internet homepage.

The Internet offers an excellent medium for the dissemination of information to Ordnance soldiers stationed throughout the world and should prove especially beneficial to personnel coming to Redstone Arsenal for school or permanent stationing.

The homepage, the result of efforts by the Logistics Automation Branch of the 59th Ordnance Brigade S-3, originated from the command element of OMMCS. The design work and programming were done by Sgt. Jason Milks, utilizing the HotMetal software program. Col. Tom Hooper, Lt. Col. Mark Hilborn, and Kenneth Carroll were all supportive of this project and allocated the necessary assets to accomplish the mission.

The OMMCS homepage is located on the Internet at <http://www.logs.a.army.mil/ommcs> and can be accessed by anyone worldwide through a variety of software packages, including Prodigy,

America on-line, CompuServe and any Internet browser. The Logistics Support Activity allocated room on its server for OMMCS to post the homepage and was helpful in the creation of it.

The homepage contains information on current events for the school and the community, as well as ongoing projects, proponentcy issues and information for students arriving for courses at the NCO Academy.

It also contains links to a variety of other homepages of interest to include: the Combined Arms Support Command, the Army homepage, and even the Army Community Service homepage which allows soldiers to request welcome packages prior to arriving at Redstone Arsenal.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone out there to visit the homepage; and of course we welcome any suggestions or improvements to it.

*(Editor's note: SFC Foster is the chief, Logistic Automation Branch, LOGSA.)*



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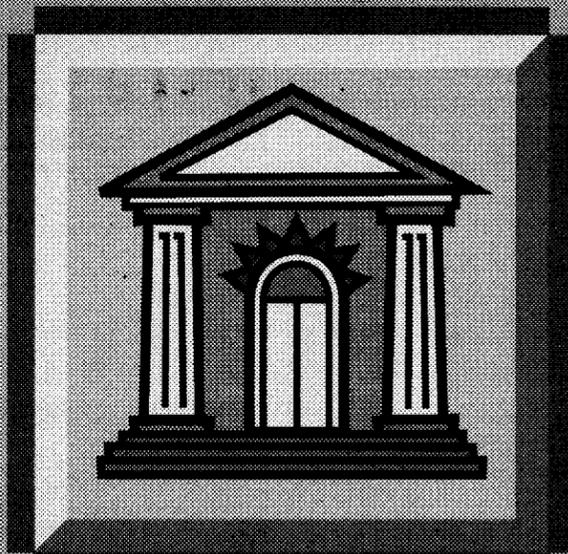
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# State defense force draws retired military members

Many military retirees are continuing their service in uniform as voluntary members of a statewide patriotic organization.

The Alabama State Defense Force has probably 5,000 or more members, according to Linda Young, a military retiree and captain with the group. If the National Guard goes on active duty, the ASDF is activated by the governor to perform the National Guard's mission in the community.

"All of this is volunteer unless we're activated. When we're activated, we're paid by the state of Alabama as to what rank we are," Young said.

The 103rd Infantry Battalion, ASDF meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the 1169th National Guard Armory on Buxton Road (just west of Highway 231 South and slightly north of

the Whitesburg Bridge). The battalion invites anyone age 17-77 in Madison, Marshall, Jackson, Morgan and DeKalb counties.

This area battalion has about 1,500 members, according to Young.

"The primary mission of the ASDF is to assume the National Guard duties if and when the Guard is called out of state. Additionally, the 103rd Battalion serves our communities in whatever other capacity it is assigned by the state attorney general under orders from the governor," she said.

For more information call John Polatty, battalion commander, 837-0460; Mack McCullough, executive officer, 881-3330; Verdery Roberson, supply officer, 830-0584; David Hobbs, training officer, 859-0726; or William E. Johnson, air officer, 830-0601.

## MWR highlights . . . . .

The following are upcoming Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities:

- **THIS WEEK: Arts and Crafts**— Dec. 13, Beginner Oil Painting on Canvas, 6 p.m.; Dec. 14, Crochet Afghan part two, 6 p.m.; Mandatory Wood Safety Class, 5:30 p.m.; Dec. 15, Paper Napkin Art, 5 p.m. For more information, call 876-7951/7974 or stop by building 3615 at the corner of Gray and Vincent roads.
- **PHYSICAL FITNESS: Civilian Wellness**

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• **DEC. 20: Challenger Bingo**— Santa's special free bingo will be held Dec. 20 at the Challenger. Everyone in the Redstone com-



**STILL SERVING**— Military retirees who continue to serve as members of the 103rd Infantry Battalion, ASDF include: seated, from left, Lt. Col. John Biggs, former commander; Lt. Col. Frank Chargualaf, former commander; Lt. Col. John Polatty, commander. Standing, from left, are Capt. Judy Burden, Maj. David Hobbs,

Maj. Mack McCullough, Maj. Verdery Roberson, Maj. William E. Johnson, 1st Lt. Ronald Balabon Jr., Capt. Linda Young and WO 1 Doshia Wilson. Officers not pictured include Maj. Andrew Wilson, Capt. Charles Mitchell, 1st Lt. Claire Dimler and Maj. Lionel Pinn Jr.

munity is invited to this annual special. Each player will be given one free packet to play 10 free games. There will also be special games at \$2 per card. Mrs. Claus will be the bingo caller for the evening and her helpers will be selling cards. The doors open at 4 p.m. and cards go on sale at 5. Early bird games start at 6:15 (\$3 per packet); and the four early bird games have \$50 prizes each game.

• **NEW YEAR'S EVE: Officers Club**— Tickets are on sale for the Officers Club New Year's Eve Ball. Seating is limited, so

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The contract incorporates the new uniform health maintenance organization (HMO) benefit approved by the secretary of defense in December 1994.

The contract also covers

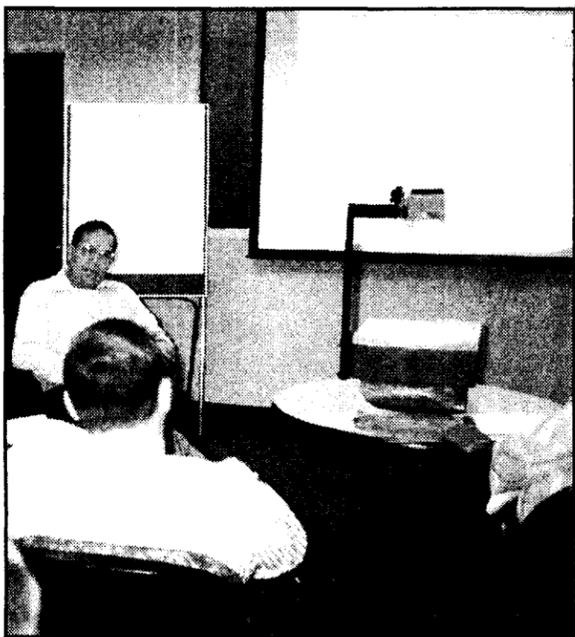
the processing of Champus claims from Puerto Rico, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East; the Pacific area; and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, Bermuda and the West Indies.

The \$3.78 billion contract is scheduled to run for five and a half years, including a six-month startup period and five one-year options for the delivery of health care services. The contract puts Humana financially at risk for the cost of services provided to Champus beneficiaries in the civilian community. It

contains incentives for good performance, including financial incentives for speed and accuracy in handling claims.

Under the Tricare managed-care support program, military families have more health care choices than under the regular Champus program (also known as Tricare Standard). They can save money while reducing their paperwork through participation in ei-

ther of two new special programs— Tricare Prime (the HMO-type option, with an annual enrollment fee, enhanced benefits and low "user" fees), or Tricare Extra (in which you don't need to enroll; you use a special network of providers on a case-by-case basis, and get discounts on cost-sharing, and limits on the cost of inpatient care). (Champus/Tricare news)



**MICOM OVERVIEW**— Stan Reid, chief of the air defense branch in the logistics assistance division at MICOM, gives an overview of his division which is part of the Integrated Materiel Management Center.

## Logistic assistance managers convene here for course

Logistic assistance managers from throughout the Army Materiel Command discussed lessons learned at a course here last week.

The Logistics Assistance Program (LAP) Senior Managers Course was held Dec. 4-8 at the Sparkman Center. The Missile Command served as host of this class which is held twice a year at various locations.

The 14 attendees included representatives from Hawaii, Korea and throughout the continental United States. The course is conducted by the Army Logistics Management College, Fort Lee, Va.

Attendees were either from the Logistics Support Activity or one of AMC's five commodity commands— including MICOM.

"It's to teach Logistics Assistance Program logistic assistance officers who are assigned to all divisions, separate brigades, and armored cavalry regiments worldwide; and they all belong to AMC," co-facilitator Gordon Philippovic said, describing the purpose of the course. He works in the LOGSA support office at Headquarters, Army Materiel Command in Alexandria, Va.

Fritz Eley, of the Army Logistics Management College, also served as facilitator. The next course will be held in July 1996 at Rock Island, Ill.

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was an outfit that made vending machines. No, they didn't get the contract. Today there are so many rules, regs and laws and wickets and hoops to jump through that those who get things done are often under suspicion if not investigation. Long before government set out to reinvent itself, there were always men and women in MICOM who could get things done. There still are. They are out there every day making things happen. Go guys, we know who you are.

### Contractors

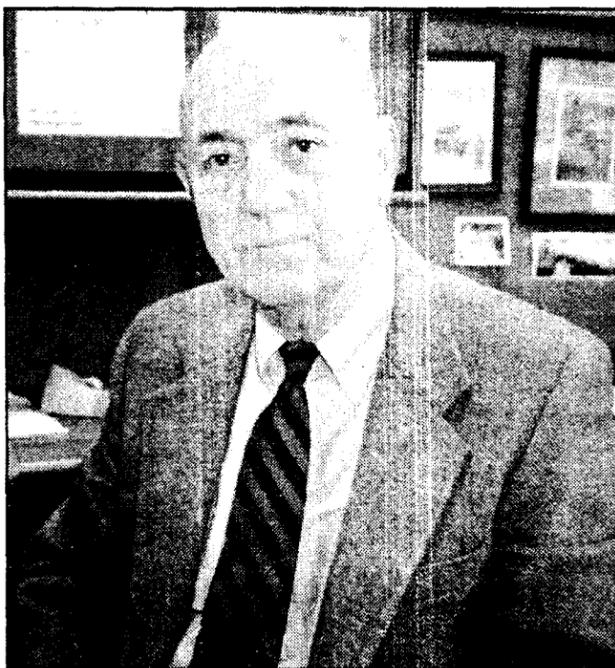
Contrary to what you sometimes read, the government contractors of my memory did not wear masks and carry guns. They worked as hard, cared as much and wanted to do things right just as we did. In the old pictures we all look alike. Crew cuts and skinny ties, white short-sleeve shirts. When we got in line to board the Viscount at Washington National, you could tell the guys going to Huntsville. We all wore white socks. I got a letter from a contractor's mother once. She wanted to know why I said all those dumb things to reporters after her son's missile blew up. She made several good suggestions. I followed them. She was about 80 in 1983. I talked with her son the other day. She's still going strong.

### Project managers

Project managers and their guys raid the tribes along the Potomac and bring back horses, money and food for the rest of us. They are true believers. They believe in their programs. They believe in themselves. They believe they can deliver the miracles the Army expects. Sometimes, if they are lucky, they pull it off. The reward is too much time away from their families in motels hosting high school cheerleading competitions. A few of them get promoted... too few. Some of them get to make the decisions that mean the end of their projects and probably their careers. I held their coats and watched them do their thing for three decades. I don't know where the Army finds such people or whether it deserves them. Do something nice for a project manager today.

### Government workers

Our hometown newspaper and a TV station encourage The Folks to call and trash us. So The Folks say govern-



HARRIS

ment workers are overpaid and underworked and get too many vacations. The Folks have short memories. I remember talking with mothers and fathers and wives from all parts of the country during and right after Desert Storm. They talked to me because the rest of you were busy helping win a war. What they wanted to say was: Thank You or God Bless You All. Many of them said: Thank God for Patriot. Many of them cried. I cried too, put the phone down and sobbed.

I wanted Bill Gudaitis to hear those people; Bill and the other guys from the Patriot Project Office who took Southern 242 to Atlanta on April 4, 1977. The DC-9 lost both engines in a thunderstorm. The pilot tried to land on a highway near Rome, Ga. Other pilots tell me he almost made it. There were 24 survivors. Bill Gudaitis was one of the 67 passengers who did not survive: My friend Bill Gudaitis was a government worker.

### Soldiers

It's too bad that most of us in MICOM never get to see soldiers being soldiers. Soldiers in the office are not soldiers being themselves. They are universally polite, say "Yes sir" and keep a watchful eye on civilians. Soldiers

with other soldiers are different. Watch them do what they are trained to do and you feel so proud you want to explode. That's why generals choke up when they talk about soldiers. Having been there and done that, they know things about soldiers that civilians do not.

The Life reporter and his photographer and I are crammed against the wall in a missile assembly building on Cape Canaveral. It's about 200 degrees. Right in front of us, an arm's length away, a MAN tractor is running full blast to power a hoist. Seven sergeants from Delta Battery, 3rd Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment from Fort Sill are putting together a live, eight ton Pershing II missile on its erector launcher. They do it with hand signals because they can talk but they can't hear in the bedlam of the MAN

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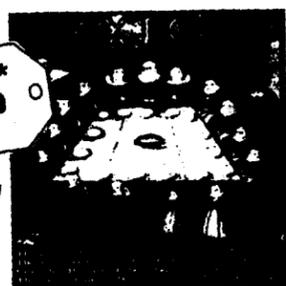


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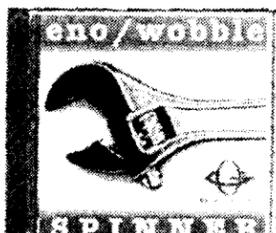
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# Interactive Army exhibit unveiled at space center

By Sanda Trousdale

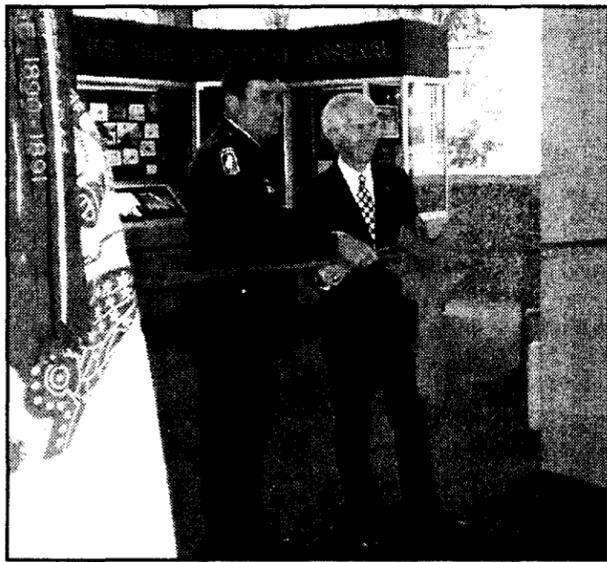
An exhibit highlighting past and present work the Army does at Redstone Arsenal was unveiled Friday at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of MICOM and Redstone, and Thad Mauldin, executive director of the Space and Rocket Center, cut the ribbon at the 10 a.m. ceremony to officially open the exhibit, located just inside the lobby front door.

In his welcoming remarks, Mauldin said the center was proud to add this unique display to the Space and Rocket Center, and acknowledged the Army's contribution of the land that made construction of the center possible 25 years ago. Link called the exhibit opening a continuation of a tradition of excellence in the Army and the opportunity to show tens of thousands of Space and Rocket Center visitors what the Army is all about.

The interactive exhibit showcases the technology of today and the future, and traces the history of the Arsenal from its beginnings in the early 1940s as a munitions manufacturing facility to the high-tech center for research and development that it is today.

A continuously-running video gives the visitor insight into today's Army and



**OPENING CEREMONY—** Link, left, and Mauldin cut the ribbon for the new exhibit at the Space and Rocket Center.

the Army of the future.

An integral part of the exhibit is a TIPS 800, an information center within itself which at the touch of the finger provides information on Redstone Arsenal, information about missiles, history, Army organizations in Huntsville and maps. Any of the information on the screen may be printed out.

Link thanked Jim Bowne,

who heads the Redstone Technology Promotion Office, for putting the project together, along with the Corporate Information Center for their part in constructing the exhibit.

Link called the presence of the display in the Space and Rocket Center "just the beginning of a new era of cooperation between Team Redstone and the Center."

# Civil Affairs soldiers bring light to Haitian darkness

By Ginny Greening

CAP HAITIEN, Haiti — In 1991 the lights went out on the streets of Cap Haitien. For the next four years, the lights seldom — if ever — came on, leaving some half-million Haitians in the northern coastal city literally in the dark. Given the embargo that had gripped the country, Haiti's electric department was left with basically one way to operate a generator — run it until it seized up, quit and then let it sit.

Sgt. 1st Class Scott Berndt, 407th Civil Affairs Battalion, Fort Snelling, Minn., arrived in Cap Haitien in June and saw the woeful state of the town's power. He went to work, got his hands dirty in the bowels of the generators and began sending juice pulsing through the long-dormant power lines. "On August 11th we got the main generator up and running," Berndt said.

While rebuilding the reluctant generator, Berndt, a professional machinist when not on active duty, took the time to teach the Haitian attendants how to fix things themselves.

"We showed them how to use delicate instruments like micrometers and vernier calipers, checking for bearing space and bearing wear," Berndt added.

To make sure the generators don't wear out as quickly in the future, the electric

department now has standard operating procedures for their equipment.

"No generator will run 24 hours (straight)," Berndt said. "They will be shut down for two hours minimum and checked." The city has three separate power grids that operate on an alternating schedule. Everyone receiving power gets electricity for part of the day as well as most of the evening.

"(Power is available in) the evening everywhere to make it easier on the generators," said Berndt.

Besides the obvious advantages of having power again, the city found another major benefit — the crime rate went down. "There's been not a single murder since the power came back on," Berndt said. "There's also been no vigilante crime."

Berndt said the power is a quality of life issue and one of safety. "With the kids going back to school now, they need the street lights to study by," said Berndt. "If ...they live in a poor section of town, they don't have lights to read their notes."

Berndt's projects aren't stopping just because the electricity is flowing again. "They are also observing which street lights are working and which ones aren't," Berndt said, "that's the next area of concern." (Arnews)

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# Just doing their job at Redstone: dining facility staff

*Editors' note: This is the 12th in a series of articles on everyday people who work on the Arsenal and perform jobs that are sometimes overlooked.*

By Kathy Harkleroad

Every cook can tell you they think they have the most overlooked job in the world and one that is taken for granted many times over. It happens in restaurants, it happens in private homes, and it happens in dining facilities.

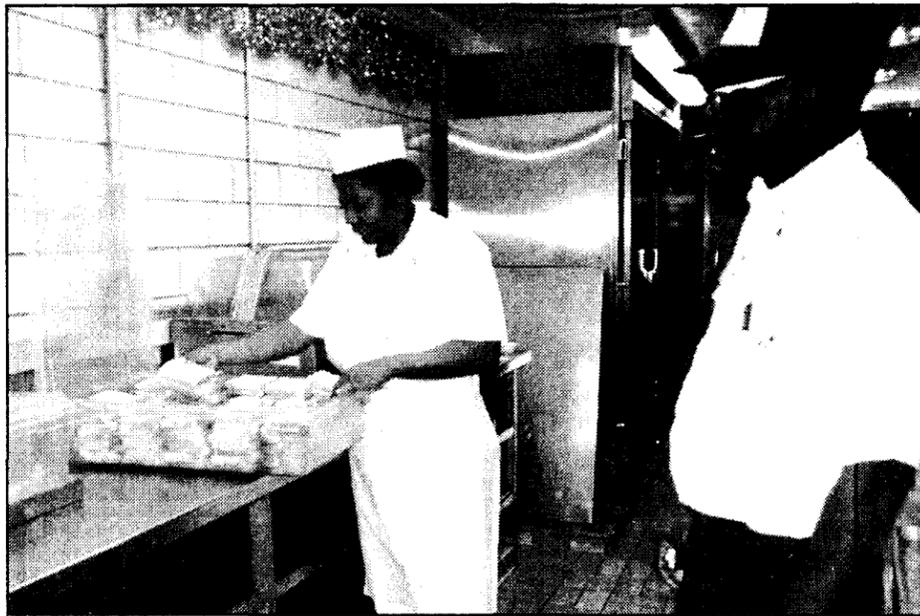
It's easy to overlook the job of a cook, especially when you are hungry and are

looking for something to eat. You don't normally think about what went into planning and preparing that meal, you just eat it.

The managers, cooks, prep technicians and everyone else at the dining facility on the Arsenal are no exception. They fix an enormous amount of food each day to feed active duty, National Guard and Reservists who are assigned to the Arsenal.

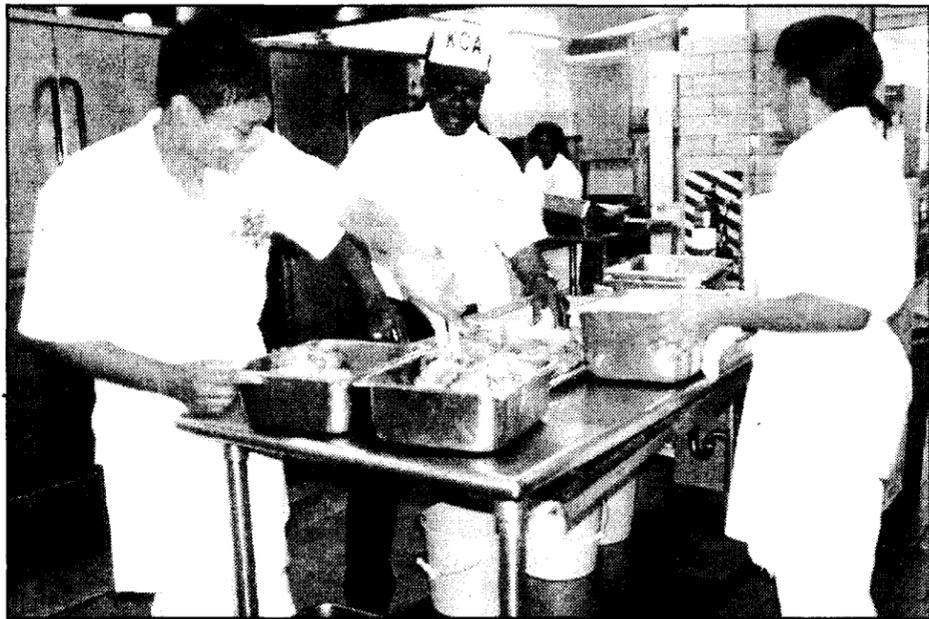
"We really work hard here and it is definitely a team effort," CWO 4 Paul Simmons said, "and most importantly it shows."

The dining facility is a very popular place starting at 5:30 a.m. every morning when the soldiers show up for breakfast.



**QUICK LUNCH**— Soldiers also have the option of choosing a sandwich and trimmings for lunch instead of a complete meal.

Joann Evans and James Brunner look over a tray of roast beef sandwiches before the soldiers arrive.



**NUTRITIOUS MEALS**— Sara Hardin, James Brunner and Betty Jones fill the pans at the dining facility with baked chicken that will be served to the soldiers for lunch.

The cooks and food prep personnel arrive at work at 4 a.m. to begin preparing and cooking the meals that will be served that day.

"We have a master menu that we can go by and do quite a bit of substituting. We go by what the menu advisory board has suggested as well as what the soldiers them-

selves have requested," dining facility manager James Brunner said.

Cooks in the facility work in three shifts and serve five meals per day. A total of 61 dining facility personnel serves on the aver-

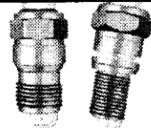
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diesel running in this concrete tomb. The Life photographer leans close, shouts in my ear: "This is awfully real isn't it."

Up there straddling the missile they are guiding a 7,000 pound rocket motor into position. If the soldier operating the lift even coughs, he'll cost his buddies a couple of fingers, maybe a hand. One end of the MAB is open. Should the young men on the missile make a mistake and this mother ignites, our last memory will be intense orange/white light and all of us and the missile too will be blown out the open end in small, charred fragments.

After the missile is assembled, we're sitting with the soldiers outside in a sliver of shade. The Life reporter has been asking the usual where are you from, why did you join the Army stuff. Finally comes the real question: If there is a war and the order comes to fire, would they launch a nuclear missile? The soldiers look at one another and nod. One, who said he became a soldier to escape shoveling rice eight hours a day back in Arkansas, says: "If the order comes to launch, and there's only one of us left alive, count on it, he'll fire"

The Life guy had no more questions.

**Missiles**

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merger of Army missile and aircraft management in the new command which will succeed MICOM. Missiles and aircraft are different. Airplanes inspire affection. Shoot a good airplane to shreds and it still brings its crew home. People get lumps in their throats remembering great airplanes. They don't react that way to missiles. Missiles are soulless brutes built to fly once, built to kill: tanks, airplanes, other missiles, people. Missiles are like bad kids. Give a party and they throw tantrums, sulk, or spill food or worse on the boss and his wife. Early on, when they are learning to fly, missiles drive their keepers and others close to them to distraction. If not, then why am I on my knees in St. David's Church in Cocoa Beach, Fla., this Sunday morning in January 1983, praying for a good test flight tomorrow for a missile intended to put a nuclear warhead on a target 1,200 miles away. Just in time I realize that God might find this a strange request. So I stop, apologize and ask Him instead to take care of my friends. Their first two missiles have not performed well. This one has got to work. Their stress level is off the scale.

**Magic**

Missile guys don't believe in luck. They once trusted their slide rules and now they trust their computers, numbers, charts and graphs. I took comfort in magic. The engineers can

tell you whatever they want to but my lucky and now ratty and faded blue necktie went to 71 missile flights. Every one of those missiles made it out of sight in one piece. I think I'll cut the tie up and hand out chunks before I leave. My wife will vote for that.

**MICOM**

I always wanted to be on the varsity but my mom and dad had seen too many torn up knees. So my friends played football and got to date the cheerleaders. I came to Redstone to work for the Army in 1959 convinced I finally had my chance. I was right. The first team at last. We were gearing up to go to the moon, convinced we could find a way to shoot down intercontinental ballistic missiles, give our soldiers missiles that would make them invincible in battle. I worked with men and women who helped land Americans on the moon and others who designed and built or managed the weapons that won the Cold War without firing a shot and helped destroy the fourth largest Army in the world in less than 100 hours. Somewhere along the way, the guard changed. Most of the guys I played with on Old Team Redstone are gone. Today I work with their kids. Most of them are as good as Mom and Dad. Some are better. I try to avoid Old Guy stories, but if you ask I can tell you. Yes, there was a time when fe-

male workers wore dresses and only dresses, when there were MPs on the gates who sometimes pulled you over and searched the car, when secretaries and clerks used typewriters and lots of carbon paper, when the phones had dials, the desks were gray metal and the floors linoleum tile. Yes, we could sit at our desks and smoke our brains sodden if we wanted to, the boss handed us our paychecks and also told us how much we were going to give to UGF and any other charity drive. Yes, there was a time before TQM and reinvention and empowerment, when the boss made the decisions and the rest of us did what he wanted done.

**Questions**

If you look hard enough in MICOM, you can find someone who can answer whatever question you ask. Since Public Affairs people are in business to get answers to hard questions, I met a lot of you over the years. I danced into your lives asking hard questions, often questions that no one wanted to answer, letting you decide on the spot can I trust this guy's judgment or am I about to kiss my career goodbye? Most of you opted to trust me. Most of

you answered my questions, told me what I had to know. Thank you.

**Old**

Once in a while I write something for this newspaper causing people to say: I didn't know you could write. Lately people have been asking if I'm going to retire and write a book. That's like asking a farmer if he's going to retire and get in a crop. I've been writing for a long time. My father ran a semi-weekly newspaper. He started me as a delivery boy

while I was in grade school. The first story I wrote was about a garage fire. It wasn't much of a fire, the kind you send a 15-year-old kid to cover with two paragraphs. I wrote that the man who owned the garage was "old." My editor/father explained that you never call people "old," you simply insert their age after their name. So he changed my story to read "John Smith, 65." Guess who turned 65 the other day and by his own definition qualifies as "old"?

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# Redstone troops disperse for Christmas vacation season

By Kathy Harkleroad

The streets of Redstone Arsenal will soon seem a little empty and military students at OMMCS will be more difficult to find. The annual Holiday Exodus is set to begin Saturday and students and instructors will be heading home for the holidays.

This year approximately 400 students will be leaving the school, according to 1st Sgt. Edward Fox of B Company. "That number includes the students assigned to both Bravo and Charlie Company and the Marine Detachment as well," he said.

The students will gather at B Company at 6 a.m. Saturday, turn in keys, sign out with the company and head to all parts of the country. "We have students going to Florida, California, New York, Puerto Rico, Chicago, just all over," B Company commander Capt. Linda Arthur said.

Students who are leaving during the exodus will make use of assorted means of transportation to reach their destinations. Buses will arrive at B Company and take



**HOLIDAY EXODUS**— Command personnel at B Company are in charge of the holiday exodus this year and have been busy planning events for the students who will be staying at the school during the Christmas holiday. Posing by the company tree are, from left, SSgt. Douglas

McDonald, 1st Sgt. Edward Fox, Drill Sgt. Mertie Taylor, Drill Sgt. Marie Woitd, SFC Herbert Gately, SSgt. George Landreth, Capt. Linda Arthur and Sgt. Clifford Surret. Not pictured are Drill Sgt. Winston Saunders, Drill Sgt. Janice Garrett and Spec. John Rutherford.

students to the airport and bus terminal; and parents and friends will arrive with private cars to pick students up.

While the students can begin signing out at 6 a.m., many will have to wait until

later in the day to leave as transportation schedules differ. During that time the students will remain at B

Company and count the minutes until they can leave.

As in the past, refreshments will be available for the students as they await their departure, and a call has been put out for donations of food items to help students pass the time. "We are asking for donations of pastry items, cupcakes, soft drinks, cookies, chips, and anything that is easy to serve and eat," Fox said.

Anyone wishing to donate such items can do so by bringing the items by B Company on Friday. "We will welcome any and all donations," Arthur said, "and the earlier they arrive

on Friday the better." The company is located in building 3411 on Aerobee Road.

While 400 students are leaving, there will be some students who stay behind, and will be housed at B Company. Soldiers who do stay behind for one reason or another will have lots of things to do during their off time and will be able to participate in several bus tours and activities.

"We have a shopping trip to Boaz planned, a trip to Opryland, the Jack Daniel's Distillery, Browns Ferry, the train depot, and will even take in a Channel Cats hockey game," Arthur said.

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**HOLIDAY GIVING—** Personnel throughout Fox Army Community Hospital participated in the adoption of a Salvation Army Christmas Angel and bought gifts for needy children. The gifts were collected Friday and taken to the Salvation Army for distribution. Collecting gifts, from left, are Cpl. Thomas Kowalewicz, Connie Golden, SSgt. Dwight Whitstone and Spec. Eric Bradshaw.

## Hospital staff contributes toys to needy youngsters

By Kathy Harkleroad

The call to help needy children was heard and answered by personnel throughout Fox Army Community Hospital.

1st Lt. Kristine Pate, MEDDAC company commander, said 50 names of children registered with the Salvation Army were adopted by both the clinics in the hospital and by individuals during the first week of November.

"I couldn't believe the response we had, everyone wanted a name. We started out with 30 names and ran out within a short time and had to ask for more. The demand was just unbelievable," Pate said.

Each of the clinics or individuals who adopted a child was given an angel tag that contained the first name, age, and specific desires of each child. They were also given a net stocking in which to put the gifts when

they turned them in.

"You wouldn't believe some of the items we received," Pate said. "Each of the stockings were filled to the brim and some had presents that couldn't even fit in the stocking. Every corner in our office is filled with toys for the children. We even have a few bikes that are being given as gifts."

Pate said this is the first time MEDDAC has participated in the project and was pleased with the results. "Myra Mason coordinated the project and played a very important role. Once the word got out what we were doing, the names were taken as quickly as we could get them to the hospital," she added.

MEDDAC soldiers will also be donating their time to Salvation Army during the holiday season and will help distribute the toys to the children.

## DINING

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age 1,150 meals per day. "Lunch is definitely our busiest time," Brunner said, "and we serve approximately 500 soldiers."

Any of the meals at the dining facility aren't just quick meals either. They are all nutritious and each dish has a menu card that describes the calorie count and fat content on each item. "That is one way we try to educate the soldiers on how they can choose meals that are good for them, and ones that can meet all their daily requirements," Simmons said.

All of the items are made on the premises, and that includes all the desserts and breads, as well as the main dishes. Each meal offers a wide variety of food items for the soldiers and a salad bar is also available.

The salad bar can be a meal within itself, with the wide variety of vegetables and fresh fruits. Chili and a baked potato bar are also available for the soldiers during the lunch and dinner meal. Soldiers have the choice of going through the main line or the short order line, where sandwiches and hamburgers are available."

"We try to make things that the soldier wants to eat," Brunner said. "We look at the items they have requested and incorporate them into our menus."

Brunner said the more popular items include catfish, spaghetti and pork chops, while the less popular items include corned beef. "These guys are also very big vegetable and fresh fruit eaters. They just love them," Brunner said.

Getting the food onto the serving line isn't as easy as just opening a can and putting it in a pot. "As I mentioned before all of our items are prepared here and come from Army recipe cards," Brunner said.

At any given time cooks can be found in the kitchen chopping, cooking, sautéing, cleaning, mixing and doing generally anything it takes to get the meals served. "Everyone pitches in and helps and does a terrific job, from the head cooks down to the mess attendants who assist and help serve and clean up after the meals," Brunner said.

According to Simmons, the philosophy of the food service division is "to give soldiers quality items" and seeing how well the food is received by the soldiers, the food service team is living by that philosophy. "That is what it all about, the soldiers. We are here to make sure they have enough good quality and nutritious items to eat at any given meal," Simmons said. "They can go through the line again if they are still hungry and they won't be turned away. The only way they will leave here hungry, is by their own choice."

Cooking and serving the meals aren't the only concerns of the food service division. They also have to maintain many safety standards and are subject to several inspections at any given time.

"You have to have a big heart and you have to care about the soldier to be in this business. We want to make sure each and every one of them have the things they like to eat, enough of a variety to make a choice and make sure that item is good," Simmons said.

"It takes a real people person to take care of these soldiers, and we have a whole room full of them at the dining facility. They all care," he added.



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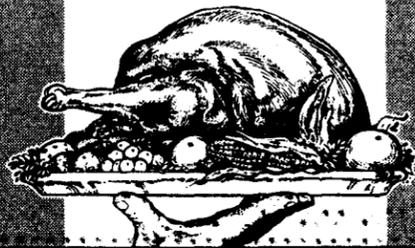
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# Golf course snack bar has plenty for the hearty appetite at lunchtime

By Heather Haring

The list of reasons to eat lunch at the Redstone Golf Course Snack Bar just got a little longer. They recently added several new items to their menu. In addition to the vast assortment of salads, sandwiches and hot dishes, they now have 20 new soups which they rotate with two soups-of-the-day, a "fish-tas-tic" new catfish meal, and more.

Chip Enlow, the golf

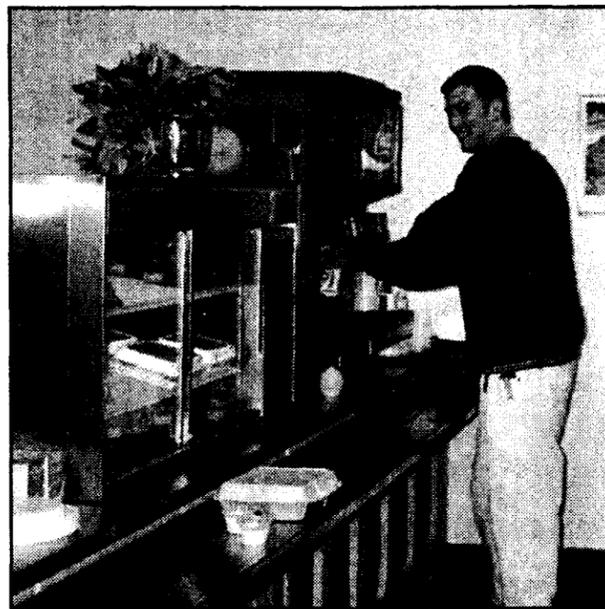
course pro/manager, boasts business is booming at lunch time. "It seems like our snack bar is the place to eat lunch these days," he said. Even some people who normally eat in for lunch have started picking up these lunch specials to go. They have a varied menu to accommodate both health-conscious and hearty appetites. They can also accommodate your schedule: They can expedite your

order and you can get back to the office or lounge around in the brand new dining room. You can even take advantage of these unusually pleasant afternoons by dining out on the patio. The atmosphere is difficult to top and the food prices are competitive both on and off post.

So, next time you make plans for lunch, visit the Redstone Golf Course Snack Bar. Don't forget to

make plans for this Friday to attend the Christmas Open House in the snack bar beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres, music, plus a four-hour sale in the Pro Shop. For more information, call the golf course at 883-7797.

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



**AT GOLF COURSE— Micha Payne gets refreshments at the golf course snack bar.**

## BRIGHT STAR

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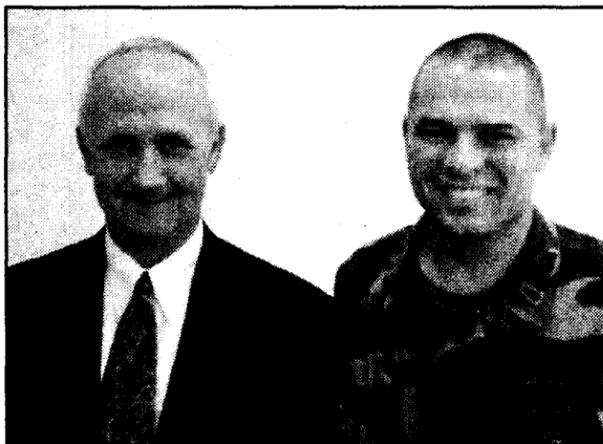
work together in logistics and tactics in support of a common mission.

All branches of the U.S. military participated in the exercise. The five participating countries included the United States, Egypt, Britain, France, and United Arab Emirates.

Mayton, 52, a native of Rockwood, Tenn., received a bachelor's degree in industrial technology from Tennessee Tech in 1965. He served in the Army for 11 years before getting out in

1977 as a captain. He worked at Anniston Army Depot 1977-85 before going to Lexington-Blue Grass Army Depot, Ky., from 1985-93. A GS-12, he came to Redstone when LOGSA was formed in 1993. Mayton and his wife, Netia, have two daughters: Erika Mayton, who teaches sixth grade in Montecello, Ky.; and Kristel Gibbons of Gadsden, who attends the Birmingham School of Law.

MacNeil, 33, from Stoughton, Mass., received a bachelor's degree in management as an ROTC graduate from Suffolk University in 1986.



**BACK HOME— Mayton, left, and MacNeil have returned to Redstone after participating in the massive coalition exercise in Egypt.**

He served with the 45th Ordnance Company, 71st

Maintenance Battalion, in Nurnberg, Germany, from 1986-89. This was followed by an assignment with the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. MacNeil arrived at LOGSA in 1994. During Operation Uphold Democracy, he served two months with the logistics support element in Haiti in October and November 1994. He and his wife, Nancy, have two sons: Steven, 7, and Mark, 5, both of whom attend Mountain Gap Elementary School.

Locations during Bright

Star '95 included the port of Dukhaylah, where the equipment arrived, and in the desert at El Hammam. The exercise was "an opportunity to see how the LSE can be tailored for different missions and how well the people from various AMC organizations come together as a team to support the mission," MacNeil said.

"After being away from soldiers in the field for about 18 years, it was kind of nice to relive that experience," Mayton said.

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# Kuwaiti Diary: Special Forces troops test Kuwaitis

By Dee Constant

BUBIYAN, Kuwait—Cramming for finals is every student's nightmare. Trying to pass a test, created and graded by U.S. soldiers adds a stressful twist to the examination experience.

For the past three months, troops from C Co, 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, Fort Campbell, Ky., have been here training Kuwait soldiers.

"Today is their final exam. We've spent the last three months instructing the Kuwaitis on many tactics and weapons systems. Now they have to put it all together," said SFC Jeff Robertson, Special Forces senior weapons sergeant.

An early morning raid was the final exercise for the Kuwaiti Commando Team. They rose before dawn, boarded helicopters and flew to Bubiyan, a large island used exclusively for military training.

Before the helicopters reached the island, two F-18 fighter jets provided close air support by dropping bombs over the intended objective. Then the Commandos landed behind the assault line and began to put into action all the blocks of instruction they'd received.

"They performed wonderfully — even better than we expected. They put in a security element, and then fired about a hundred 81mm mortar rounds on the objective before the element moved forward," Robertson said.

The 81mm mortar is new to the Kuwaiti arsenal, Robertson said. They bought the weapon a year ago from the British.

"While they received two weeks of initial operating instructions from the British, that is all the training they had up until we arrived," said Robertson. "They had the basics down. We just helped them to fine tune their skills and accuracy."

After the mortars were

unleashed, two gunboats — armed with M-60s and 50-caliber machine guns — fired on the objective. This suppressive fire offered the ground troops a diversion to move under.

Using the terrain and smoke grenades to camouflage themselves, the Commandos rushed the objective — an Iraqi bunker.

"The Commandos moved quickly and effectively on the assault line. The entire team was mission-focused. That's one of the most important factors needed to accomplish this type of mission," Robertson said.

The Kuwaiti Commando Team was not the only unit to benefit from the Special Forces instructors. Other SF teams worked with the 24th Defense Battalion, Artillery Brigade and the Engineer Battalion.

These units final examination was in the form of a competition. The events were: marksmanship, assembly and disassembly of the M-16A2 rifle, and reacting to nuclear, biological and chemical warfare. The 24th Defense Battalion was the overall winner.

Maj. Gen. James B. Taylor, commander of U.S. Army Central-Forward, presented certificates of achievement to the Kuwaiti soldiers during a graduation ceremony.

"This is the culmination of their training," Capt. Richard Rhyne, SF team leader, said at the graduation ceremony. "These units worked hard to get this point and everyone here is better for it."

"We've gone over the basics during the last three months. The Kuwaitis challenge now is to sustain what we've taught them," Rhyne said. "They have a strong foundation — the next SF team to come here will be able to build on what we've already instilled."

The SF teams also benefited from this experience. Although they were taught Arabic before they deployed here, the Kuwait soldiers helped them to speak and read it better, Robertson said.

In addition to the language training, the SF troops had an extended period of time to get to know the Kuwaiti soldiers.

"When we managed to

find some time to visit Kuwait city, the Kuwaitis really showed us the city. We felt more like an extended part of their family than tourists," Robertson said.

As the SF soldiers pre-

pare to return to Fort Campbell, there is a sense of sadness that they must say farewell to a group of people who they've come to know so intimately. While final exams are hard, final goodbyes are even harder.

"I'm really happy to be heading back to the States but I'm going to miss my Kuwaiti friends," Robertson said. (Arnews)

*Editor's note: Spec. Constant writes for the 4th Public Affairs Detachment.)*



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# Haitian Journal: Preventing casualties before they happen

By Brett McMillan

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — An ounce of prevention being worth a pound of cure is a concept members of the 61st Preventive Medicine Detachment live by in Haiti.

A team of four specialists landed at Cap Haitien one morning in late September, exited their helicopter before its blades stopped spinning, and while the United Nation's Canadian flight crew waited with their flight, the soldiers from Fort Campbell, Ky., went their separate ways through the camp in northern Haiti doing what each had to do — mainly inspecting it.

The 61st's commander, Capt. Michael Swalko, said his troops are responsible for checking sanitation and hygiene at every U.N. base camp in Haiti as well as other places U.N. troops are approved to eat at, such as a local Baptist Mission and Club Med's popular R&R site. The purpose, of course, is to keep troops healthy rather than nursing them back to their feet after they get sick.

Swalko and a Spec. Steed Stagnalia fussed around the dining facilities, kitchens, food storage and water supplies checking on cleanliness, techniques and temperatures and then collected water samples to take back to their lab to be tested.

Sgt. Les Bishop, a psychiatric technician, headed off to offer information about the counseling services available at the hospital for those who need some help dealing with the stress of the deployment. He said there are four counselors in the detachment who take turns going out every day to talk to commanders who may be worried about someone in their unit and give advice on what they should do.

And then there was Capt. Joseph Despins, the detachment's executive officer and entomologist, who walked over to a small swamp bordering the camp and the runway in search of the enemy — mosquitoes.

Despins dipped a scooping tool into the marsh and then held it up and quickly identified mosquitoes that transmit malaria and a few that transmit dengue fever. He placed them in a water bottle to take them back to the lab to identify the species.

Although it is known that malaria is prevalent in Haiti, Despins said in many locations of the Caribbean country there has been no research done on how serious it is. He said soldiers would like to know if the threat is greater in their area, and that's one of his responsibilities.

He said this disease which comes on "over night" and essentially renders a person a casualty for two or three weeks is the number one cause of admission to the 86th Combat Support Hospital from Fort Campbell, Ky. These mosquitoes are often found in old tires that have water trapped inside, the water trays under flower pots and cups in garbage.

"Anything that collects rain water and holds it for a while," Despins added.

As bad as the disease is, "dengue fever is almost a perfectly preventable disease if you wear repellent and treated uniforms," Despins said. Other measures for decreasing the chance of being infected with the disease is sleeping under a mosquito net, and by source reduction — eliminating the

mosquitoes by eliminating where they live.

After completing their work at Cap Haitien, the team flew to Port-de-Paix and inspected the Nepal contingent camp there, and then to Ouanaminthe, where they inspected the facilities of a Special Forces team and the Pakistani contingent.

Some problems were pointed out, but the team said that big improvements had been made at both sites since their previous visit. Having completed their inspections for the day, the team returned to Port-au-Prince's 86th CSH with their reports and samples knowing the duty they had performed as a health promoting, sickness and disease preventing team would go unnoticed by most soldiers.

But then again, so would the illnesses they might have experienced had the team not performed the inspections. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Spec. McMillan writes for the 22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment.)

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# Announcements

**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.

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

**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 more information, call Renee McArdle 842-2682.

**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 be cut by 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.

**Alcoholics anonymous**— The Redstone Arsenal Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of the Bicentennial Chapel.

**Quarterly post run**— The CG's Quarterly Post Run will be held 5:30 a.m. Jan. 19 at the parade field. In support of the run, the Child Development Center will open that morning at 4:15. For more information call SFC Walter Jones, of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity's support operations, 842-2500.

**Red Cross blood program**— Here is this month's schedule for the Red Cross Blood Program: Dec. 14, building 8027,

from 8:30-11 a.m., Rodger Pitzer 842-0731; and building 5304 (Sparkman Center) from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Opal Guthrie 876-0121 or Martha Dees (alternate) 876-6875. Dec. 15, building 4752 (NASA), from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Edwina Bressette 544-8115. Dec. 21, building 5250, from 7-noon, Judy Hullett 876-0789. Dec. 22, SSDC (Wynn Drive), from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Al Longhi 955-4164; and Corps of Engineers from 7:30-11:30 a.m., Nancy Villasana 895-1233.

**Parent advisory council**— The Parent Advisory Council will meet at 3 p.m. Dec. 19 in the activity room of the Bicentennial Chapel. All parents who have children in the Child Development Center are welcome to attend and bring areas of concern for discussion. In addition to the regularly scheduled topics, there is an open forum for concerns. For more information, call Renee McArdle 842-2682 or Sgt. Julie Muster 955-0307.

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**Post Theater movies**— Friday, "Devil in a Blue Dress," R, 102 minutes. Saturday, "Vampire in Brooklyn," R, 102 minutes. Sunday, "Vampire in Brooklyn," Dec. 22, "Pocahontas," G, 81 minutes. Showtime for all movies is 7 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 for children.

**NCO spouses**— The Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club will conduct its gift-wrapping booth in the PX mall hallway from Dec. 14-24. The times are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. Proceeds go toward scholarships and charity organiza-

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**Resource managers**— The American Society of Military Comptrollers will have its monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Holiday Inn, Research Park. This is the annual Christmas program with entertainment provided by the Church-street Band. For reservations call Cherry Hovik 876-3590.

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**Secretaries group**— Redstone Arsenal Chapter, Professional Secretaries International will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Dec. 19 at the Officers Club, room 3. Membership is open to all government-employed professional secretaries. Membership chairman is Janet Carter 876-1365.

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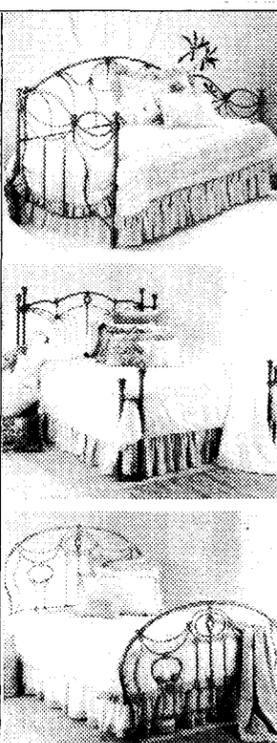
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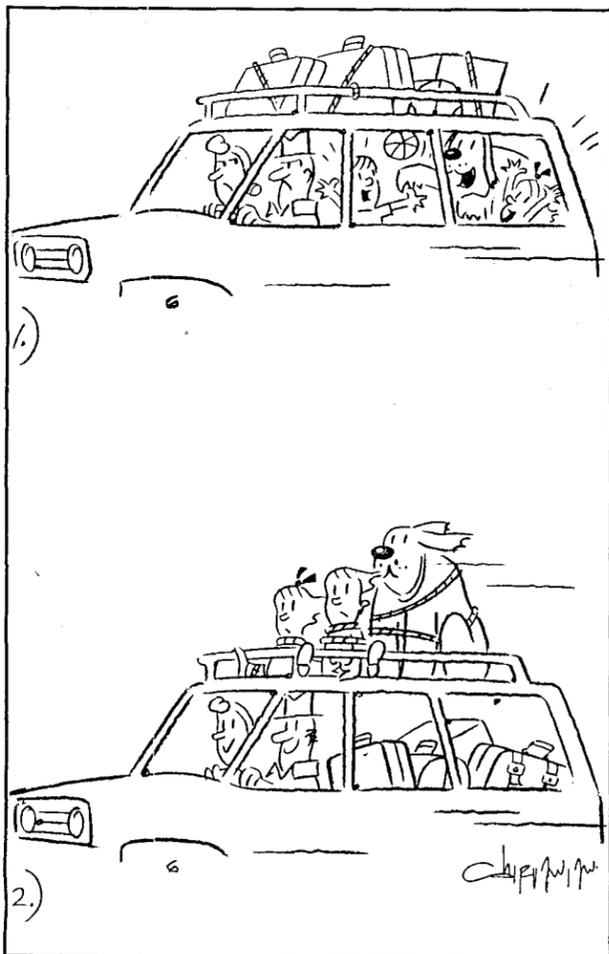
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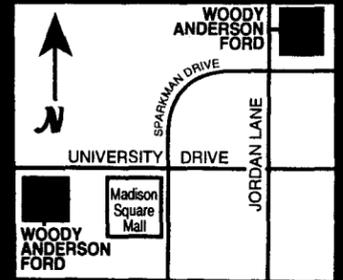
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