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TMDE soldiers involved in Bosnia peacekeeping effort

By Skip Vaughn

TMDE Activity, an element of the Missile Command, is deploying two teams of soldiers in support of the Bosnia peacekeeping mission.

The first seven-member team left Germany Jan. 7 for Bosnia. The second team is to leave Germany later in January for the support base in Hungary.

"They will be providing the calibration support for all Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment for elements in support of the peacekeeping effort," Col. Larry Whittington, deputy director of TMDE Activity, said. Both seven-member teams, nor-

mally stationed in Germany, are led by CWO 2 Warren Hughes.

They are among the 23 teams worldwide that belong to the Redstone-based 95th Maintenance Company (TMDE). These include detachments in Italy, Saudi Arabia, Germany and the United States. The European Region of TMDE Activity is based in Pirmasens, Germany.

The first team is normally based in Baumholder, Germany; and the second team is from Giebelstadt. Each team is equipped with a 286 calibration and repair set which includes a five-ton expandable van, a high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle,

and a 30-kilowatt generator. The first team will be attached to the 123rd Main Support Battalion, the support element for 1st Armored Division. The second team will be attached to the 70th Transportation Battalion, a U.S. Army Europe unit.

"We're planning on the deployment being a year," Whittington said.

"This is a great opportunity and challenge for our soldiers to be able to put their combat training into direct use," he said.

Army calibrators ensure the accuracy of weapon systems in the field. "The accuracy and combat readiness

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EXPANDABLE VAN— This five-ton expandable van is similar to equipment that deployed TMDE teams are taking on the Bosnia peacekeeping mission.



In for a visit...

After the Jan. 6-7 snow, this little snowman was spotted at 422 Hughes Drive at the home of Maj. and Mrs. Troy Mills. He is decked out in his straw hat in hopes the warmer weather will

arrive soon. Although his face is covered, the snowman was complete with a button eye and a corn cob pipe and greeted passing motorists. See more snow-related photos on page 13.

Redstone support organization expects another good year

By Kathy Harkleroad

The past year "couldn't have been any better" for the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, according to the RASA commander and deputy post commander.

"We had a wonderful year," Col. Stephen Moeller said. "Everyone worked hard to continue the excellent level of support to the community, and we expect 1996 to be the same."

Last year started out with a bang as the announcement came the Army Communities of Excellence team was once again going to visit Redstone Arsenal. "We were very excited about it and started the year with a positive trend," Moeller said. "Of course it ended up that we were recognized for the fourth time in four years, and in 1995 we won the Best Medium Sized Installation award."

The announcement has already been made the ACOE team will once again visit the Arsenal this year, and new judging guidelines have been implemented. "There is new criteria that will be evaluated and we are ready," Moeller said. "These new criteria fit into the new way the Army is evaluating performance overall and will measure the organization for their customer service needs and focus." The ACOE team is expected to arrive on the Arsenal the first of March.

Moeller said the next big announcement that affected RASA was the base realignment and closure decision to bring elements from St. Louis to the Arsenal. "That was a great feeling for the community," he said. "We are continuing to prosper and many new challenges are on the horizon."

Moeller said those challenges include the movement and housing of the new command as well as the various construction and remodeling projects that will be undertaken this year. "We will be adding two new buildings to the Sparkman complex for the new command, as well as remodeling building 4488 and refurbishing building 5681. We will also be dealing with the moving and transportation of not only the personnel at St. Louis, but the equipment and furniture as well. It is going to be a challenging but great year," he said.

Last year was also a big year for construction on the Arsenal and within RASA and, according to Moeller, this year promises to be the same. "Last year we opened the new shoppette/gas station/Class Six, opened the new golf course, broke ground on the new gym, opened the batting cages near Youth Services, opened the Sparkman Fitness Center, completed 120 new family housing units, constructed the Path to Nature, and completed the new commissary (remodeling) and saw an expansion in the Post Exchange. We definitely had a busy year," Moeller said.

"We also moved two organizations from leased spaces downtown onto the Arsenal," he added.

While the construction projects are not as many this year, there are several that will affect the residents and personnel on the Arsenal. "Of course the two new buildings for the new command are at the top the list, but we also plan on replacing the bridge on Patton Road over the Huntsville Spring Branch. The new gym will also be com-

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Letters to the editor

Dave Harris

By now much has been written and said relative to Dave Harris' retirement. He requested that his departure not be marked by the customary trappings, and he seemed comfortable with the ceremony he was persuaded to accept. He deserved a much larger sendoff. True, he has been the adviser and confidant to a long list of Arsenal commanders. He garnered their respect the old fashioned way. He earned it. He earned my respect too, but in a manner which hasn't been expressed.

I first met Dave when I began working at Redstone 24 years ago. From the very beginning, he has impressed me with his keen interest and total involvement in issues or projects, no matter what the topic of the day may be. Observing him in meetings and conversations, I always got the feeling that he considered the installation as his personal property and, he felt that those families living near the boundaries were his very own neighbors.

Once when 7 million blackbirds set up a nightly roost in what later became the Child Care Center area, Dave didn't seem to have a problem with any of the methods we were considering to disperse the birds. (Some of our options would have drawn a lot of media attention.) Instead he wanted us to avoid, if possible, the stigma of becoming a "bad neighbor" by forcing the birds to relocate in one of the off-post communities. As things turned out, we couldn't determine where the birds went after they dispersed.

From day one, I always found him to be accessible, whether to chop off on a coordination line for a letter or to serve as a sounding board for a new idea. He took time to listen and share his thoughts, and I always felt good about anything he supported. Luckily, I learned early that I had best not approach him with any half-baked ideas.

Knowing Dave's accessibility, I wasn't surprised to find his new office in the Sparkman Center consisted of a work station located in one corner of a large room occupied by most of his staff. I'm sure that he could have had his own private office if he had asked for it, but this would not have been consistent with his style and the closeness he developed between himself and his staff. He was one of them. Dave had no double standard.

Joe DiMaggio once told reporters that he'd retire from

baseball when things reach the point where the game is no longer fun. I can't speculate on whether or not "The Game" was no longer fun to Dave Harris but I expect that after serving 34 years as Redstone's chief spokesman, he'd had about all the "fun" he could stand. Even so, I get the feeling that he would do it all over again if he could.

Now I'm sure that the sun will come up tomorrow and that someone will eventually occupy Dave's position. Replace him—not likely. He's truly one of a kind—the consummate PAO—the best there was at what he did.

Dave Bryant
Environmental Management

Offensive drivers

Normally I do not leave the Arsenal at 8 a.m. but on Friday, Jan. 12 the situation arose when I had to drive home. The Military Police opened the gate on Martin Road east at Patton Road and waved me on. They had just completed the removal of all the markers on Martin Road directing one-way traffic and repositioned them for two-way traffic. The next two miles were the most dangerous miles that I have ever driven. Approximately 20 drivers placed their lives and the lives of other drivers in grave danger by driving on the wrong side of the road and cutting people off to get back into their westbound lane just before hitting me head on.

At the beginning of this drive, people were flashing their lights and honking their horns at me like I was at fault. After passing the Martin Road gate, I started flashing my lights for my own protection but people were still coming right at me. One car nearly ran me all the way off the road like he was playing chicken or something.

There are a few things of concern that I would like to share: 1) Martin Road (east) is open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6-8 a.m. one way traffic inbound only (westbound) and 3:15-6 p.m. one way traffic outbound only (eastbound) except holidays and 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. 2) If people are knowingly driving on the wrong side of the road on Martin Road to get to work on time then they need to reconsider their actions and leave earlier. 3) We need to all watch for the markers and be defensive drivers not offensive (negatively speaking) drivers. 4) Another point is driving the speed limit. On a recent news program a person was reportedly clocked doing 92 mph on I-565 and I am sure there are people driving

close to that as they pass me on Martin Road to and from work. Please drive carefully because life is too short and my new baby daughter would like to keep me around for a little while.

Name withheld by request

Winter weather

I would like to express my concern about the way the command handled the recent winter weather. I watched the television both Sunday night and Monday morning so I would be aware of all closings and delays around the area. I found it unbelievable that while the Huntsville Police Department, and the Alabama State Trooper Department had determined that road conditions warranted the closing of many area roads, the command decided only to postpone the start of the business day by two hours. State highways 72, 231, 431, 20 and 53 were all closed, as were interstate highways I-565 and I-65. Also, in the city of Huntsville, Memorial Parkway was closed to all traffic and most roads were not safe to drive on. It was made perfectly clear on all news reports that if you chose to disregard the aforementioned road closings, you could be issued a ticket. It was also stressed that, should you have an accident while traveling on one of these closed roads, your insurance company would not be liable for any injury or damage you might incur.

Basically what that boiled down to was that you either chose to (1) ignore the police department warnings and try to come to work, or (2) stay at home and use your personal leave to cover the absence. What complicated matters even more was the fact that all area school systems were closed down on Monday as well. So, families with children at home had even more to deal with. I feel it was unreasonable for the command to expect employees to either report to work or use their personal leave to cover the absence, given the aforementioned conditions....

Sarah Baker
MICOM Protocol Division

(Editor's note: In accordance with post policy during severe weather, a determination was made to delay opening for business until 10 a.m. Workers who felt they were unable to come to work could take leave, liberally permitted because of the conditions. About 40 percent of the work force came to work.)

Medical service corps officer gets orders to Bosnia

By Kathy Harkleroad

Fox Army Community Hospital is beginning to feel the effects of Operation Joint Endeavor that is taking place in Bosnia. Currently one physician has been stationed in Germany to backfill a position there, as well as an Army nurse. Capt. Christopher Pate has just joined the ranks of deployable personnel and will leave for Bosnia Jan. 21.

Pate received word of his impending deployment Jan. 5 and began preparing to leave. He will be assigned to Operation Joint Endeavor for the next six to 12 months. "I've been pretty busy getting everything ready to go," he said. "So far I have taken care of all

my shots, gotten my legal matters in order, and am trying to learn as much about joint operations as I can. I am also making sure I have all my cold weather gear ready to go."

Pate will be assigned to the Headquarters, European Command, and will work in his specialty field as a medical operations and planning officer.

"I am trying to acquire as much knowledge before I go about low intensity military operations in a joint effort. I have been asking my peers and my superiors for all the information they have. I don't really know yet what my duties will be, but want to be as prepared as I can be for anything," he said.

Pate is leaving behind his

wife, 1st Lt. Kristine Pate, who is the commander for MEDDAC, and his 10-month-old son, Christopher. "That is going to be the hardest thing to do," Pate said. "Leaving the baby and my wife."

Pate said he has been too busy the last few weeks to really think about saying goodbye. "It really hasn't hit me yet, but it will when I leave for Fort Benning (Ga.) on the 21st."

As with any soldier facing the unknown, Pate has mixed feelings about going. "I'm looking forward to the experience at that level, and on the other hand I don't want to leave my family and friends here at Redstone," he said.

When Pate returns from

his assignment with Operation Joint Endeavor, he will probably return with orders in hand for another duty station. "This isn't like a TDY trip," he said. "Since I will be gone for a long length of time, the hospital can't be expected to keep my position open. When I return I will probably have orders in hand and will out-process from here."

Filling Pate's position as chief, clinical support, will be 1st Lt. Shannon McAdams.

According to the Redstone Arsenal Mobilization Office, there are currently three other MICOM active duty soldiers, excluding the medical personnel, in Bosnia from the Arsenal.



PATE

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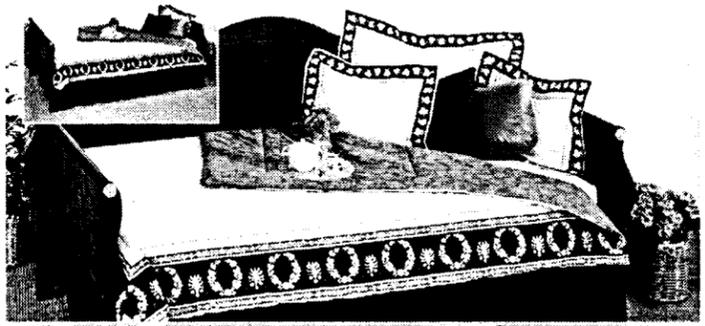
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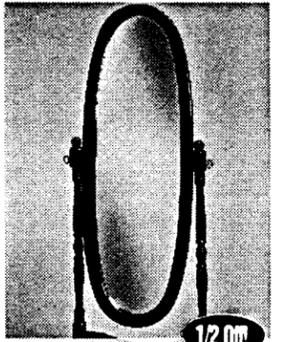
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Army TACMS/BAT team gets new project manager

By Skip Vaughn

Col. John Holly has taken the reins of the Army TACMS/BAT Project Office.

Holly became the project manager in a ceremony Jan. 9 at the Sparkman Auditorium. He succeeded Col. Willie Nance, the deputy commander of Space and Strategic Defense Command, who has been approved for promotion to brigadier general.

Holly came to Redstone from the Office of the Secretary of Defense where he served as the executive officer to the deputy under-secretary of defense for acquisition reform and the director of acquisition program integration. In this position he served as the personal representative of these two senior Defense executives.

"You will have the opportunity to complete the development and fielding of probably the most sophisticated weapon system that we have in the entire Army," George Williams, the program executive officer for tactical missiles, said during the ceremony.

Williams presented the project manager charter to

Holly. Donald Barker serves as deputy project manager for Army Tactical Missile System/BAT.

"It's an honor that I truly relish," Holly said. "And I accept the responsibilities that go along, both happily and readily."

Upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy, Holly was commissioned as a second lieutenant in Armor. During his initial troop assignment, he spent five years in the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in command and staff positions. His other troop assignments include tours serving as the operations officer for the 2nd Battalion 77th Armor, executive officer in the 2nd Battalion, 77th Armor, and as the assistant G-3 (training) for I Corps.

His acquisition assignments include a tour in the Department of Engineering at the U.S. Military Academy as an instructor and subsequently as an assistant professor, and assignment to the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization where he was the program manager for NATO missile defense architectures, program manager for missile interceptors, deputy direc-



WELCOME— Holly, center, and his wife, right, greet guests in the receiving line after the project manager ceremony.

tor for theater missile defense, and legislative liaison officer. As a product manager for training devices, he was responsible for 33 separate training systems ranging from the instrumentation systems for the Army's combat training centers, to live-fire range sensing and control systems, to institutional trainers for the field artillery, engineer, chemical and military intelligence schools.

In the Office of the Secretary of Defense, he served as the assistant to the director of acquisition education, training and career development, where he was responsible for developing the policy to implement a coherent career development program for the 120,000-member defense acquisition work force.

In addition to a bachelor of science degree from the U.S. Military Academy, Holly has earned a master of science in mechanical engineering from Georgia Tech. He is a graduate of the Field Artillery Advanced Course, the USMC Amphibious Warfare School, the Army Command and General Staff College, the

Industrial College of the Armed Forces, the Program Management Course, and the Executive Program Manager's Course. He is a licensed professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Holly and his wife, Theresa, have three daughters: Kimberly, Tarrah and Alyssa.

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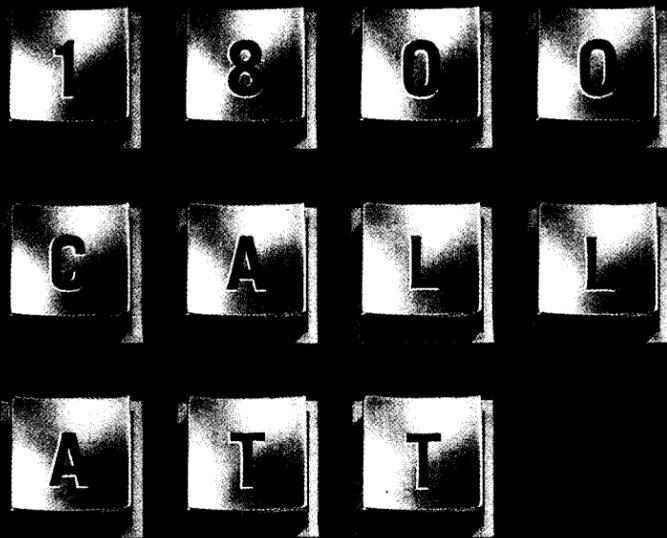
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RASA's 25th anniversary event a day of nostalgia

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Redstone Arsenal Support Activity celebrated a birthday of sorts Thursday. A celebration was held at the Officers Club commemorating 25 years of service to the Arsenal since the redesignation of RASA.

"While support operations on the Arsenal have been around for a number of years prior to Jan. 4, 1971, that was the date that RASA received the name it has today. We are here more to celebrate the accomplishments of the last 25 years, rather than the birth of the support operations," RASA commander Col. Stephen Moeller said.

Approximately 250 people— including former RASA commanders and employees, as well as current employees and the public — attended the open house reception and enjoyed visiting with old friends and viewing historical displays located throughout the room. Boards were set up with old photographs and newspaper clippings of events sponsored by RASA as well as special occurrences on the Arsenal.

Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, welcomed the group and said he was

delighted to see all the old faces. "Older faces speak volumes about the commitment of those employees here on the Arsenal. Those who are here are a part of the legacy," he said.

Link also congratulated RASA and its employees, along with all the contractors and tenants on the Arsenal for doing a good job. "Redstone Arsenal has a bright future," he said.

Moeller gave some historical background on the support activity and spoke of some of the services the activity provides. "In 1971 we had 13 divisions and offices, today we have 11 directorates and offices. RASA provides services that include utilities, grounds, buildings and structures, roads, the airfield, morale and welfare activities, chapel support, environmental and master planning, the provost marshal's office and military police activities, logistics, and contracts management. The Arsenal couldn't be run without us," Moeller said.

Moeller also gave some of the highlights of past years that the activity has dealt with and told about the flood of 1973, the massive tornado that tore through the Arsenal in 1974, and how the activity has changed through the years.

Also attending the celebration were several former



FORMER COMMANDERS— Seven former RASA commanders attended the 25th anniversary celebration of the support activity and were recognized for their contributions. From left are Col. Stephen Moeller,

retired Lt. Col. Thomas Downes, retired Col. Jack Fessenden, retired Col. Robert Parsons, retired Col. Dahl Cento, retired Lt. Col. William Katholi, retired Col. James Hall and retired Col. Ross Sanders.

RASA commanders and Steve Carter, RASA executive assistant, introduced each of them to the group. Attending the celebration were retired Lt. Col. Thomas Downes, retired Col. Jack Fessenden, retired Col. Robert Parsons, retired Col. Dahl Cento, retired Lt. Col. William Katholi, retired Col. James Hall and retired Col. Ross Sanders. Each of the former commanders received a commander's coin from Moeller.

Mike Hubbard, director of the Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning, intro-

duced employees who had served with RASA for 20 years or more. Introduced were Helen Cole, Howard Reed, and Willie Caraway, 25 years; James Dowdy, 26 1/2 years; Willie Pope and Mary Garner, 27 1/2 years; Pete Hammonds, 28 years; Terry Ragland, 28 1/2 years; Ray Landman, 29 years; Sadie Morris and Ron

Dismuke, 30 years; Lee Miller, 31 years and Tom Slinkard, 36 years.

Darrell Brewer, Directorate of Community and Family Activities, introduced Charlie Stebbins who began his career on the Arsenal Aug. 18, 1958, 38-years service. Stebbins recently retired as the chief, automation branch, Logis-

tics and was given a plaque commemorating his tenure on the Arsenal.

The winner of the logo contest was also named and Sgt. Maj. Steve Crawford was awarded a \$100 savings bond and certificate for his efforts. Crawford was not at the celebration but said he would donate his prize to the Special Olympics.

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National prayer breakfast celebrated at Redstone

By Peggy Hays

On Feb. 2, representatives from the Redstone community will participate in the National Prayer Breakfast, a tradition that had its beginnings in World War II. The Rev. Dr. George B. Wood, a local retired Episcopal priest and a paratrooper during the war, will be the guest speaker at the event celebrated locally at the Officers Club.

"It's an ecumenical breakfast and includes all faiths," Col. William McAllister, the MICOM staff chaplain said, explaining that both civilians and military are invited. "There will be representatives from Muslin, Jewish, Protestant, and Catholic groups. Soldiers and retirees will participate in leading the prayers." McAllister added, "It's a litany for the nation."

"We'll sing the Star Spangled Banner, the first and last verses," he said. "We'll have special music, including a brass ensemble and a soloist. (Chaplain Maj.) Timothy Boschen is my deputy in charge of the project. It'll be a full breakfast with eggs, hash-brown potatoes, toast, coffee, orange juice, grits, gravy and biscuits."

McAllister, who served with the 82nd Airborne Division, described the event as "a religious experience." "It's a good time to build camaraderie among the military and civilians," he said, noting that the primary goal was to "express ourselves using the 'lift up your voice in prayer and praise' theme. It gives us a common ground in which to encourage each other in our particular faith as it relates to our nation and especially as it relates to the tremendous challenge of Bosnia."

Wood was the "first chaplain to jump in combat



PLANNING PRAYER BREAKFAST— McAllister, seated, discusses the 'lift up your voice in prayer and praise' theme, selected for the National Prayer Breakfast at the Officers Club. Standing, from left, are chaplains Capt. Michael Frazier, Capt. David Acuff, Maj. Timothy Teahan, and Maj. Timothy Boschen.

and the only chaplain to make four combat jumps in WWII in Sicily, Salerno, Normandy, and Holland," McAllister said. Wood participated in the Battle of the Bulge and the occupation of Berlin. He served in the 82nd Airborne and left service with the rank of major. Wood still serves part-time at the Church of Nativity (Episcopal) in Huntsville.

McAllister, who selected the theme for the local breakfast event, provided an outline of the history of the National Prayer Breakfast, that began informally in 1942 with some Christian members of the Senate meeting together to talk and pray. In 1953, President Dwight Eisenhower attended the first combined Prayer Breakfast of the House of Representatives and Senate. Presidents of our nation have been attending ever

since. The national breakfast, hosted by the House members and senators, is attended by members of the diplomatic corps, leaders from all branches of our government, and other national and international figures.

Small prayer and discussion groups meet now in almost every state at all levels of society. "The National Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for either the first or the

31st," said McAllister, stating that groups attempt to schedule as closely as possible to that date.

Tickets for the event are free to specialists and below and may be obtained from unit first sergeants or sergeants major, or the chapel 876-5707. The suggested donation is \$5 for the Friday breakfast to be held from 6:30 to 8. Attendees are expected to number 300-350.

Take shortest route for emergency cases

By Kathy Harkleroad

It has come to the attention of officials at Fox Army Community Hospital that some patients, especially those in outlying areas, are bypassing other hospital emergency rooms in order to receive treatment at FACH. In some cases the results have been devastating.

"The entire medical staff would like to strongly recommend that in the cases of a true extreme emergency, the patient should be taken to the nearest emergency room at a local hospital and not brought to Fox," Lt. Col. Michael Schwab, Family Practice physician, said.

Schwab said there have been a few instances in the recent past where patients who live in outlying areas, including as far away as

Tennessee, have driven to FACH in order to seek necessary emergency medical treatment.

"Family members and patients should use common sense when it comes to seeking emergency medical treatment. It would be a wiser decision to go to a closer hospital than travel a long distance to Fox, especially in the case of an extreme emergency," he said.

While the emergency room at FACH is fully equipped and staffed, there are also some instances where patients are transported to other hospitals to receive further care.

"We just want everyone to think before they jump into a car and travel a long distance to receive medical care. If it is a true emergency, seek care at a hospital that is close, or call 911," Schwab said.

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PEOPLES

Army recognizes SSSC manager for training efforts

By Gerda Sherrill

For her work in the development and presentation of the revised Army EEO Counselor training course, Mary Peoples of the Space and Strategic Defense Command has received the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.

Peoples, who works in the command's Equal Employment Opportunity Office, received the award from Sara Lister, assistant secretary of the Army for manpower and reserve affairs.

In one year Peoples completed the revision of the training course, staffed the package with the field, provided oversight in the preparation of materials, printing, and helped conduct the pilot course the week of July 24 at Huntsville's Tom Beville Center. Course evaluations confirmed the success of the training and the materials.

"Over the years, Mary has unselfishly given of her time and expertise as SSSC's Federal Women's Program and Black Employment Program manager to the Department of the Army," Luther Santiful, deputy for equal employment opportunity policy at the Pentagon, said. "She definitely personifies the Army's 'can do' spirit."

Peoples has been with SSSC since 1985. She became the command's first full-time Federal Women's Program manager.

She received a bachelor's degree in history and secondary education from Alabama A&M University. Peoples has two sons; and her hobbies include reading, gardening, racquetball, and being an enthusiastic football fan.

Security reminder: Personnel clearance

The Electronic Personnel Security Questionnaire (EPSQ) DD Form 398 and DD Form 398-2 and the paper version of DD Form 398 (Personnel Security Questionnaire) and DD Form 398-2 (National Agency Questionnaire) were superseded Jan. 1 by the EPSQ SF 86 (Questionnaire for National Security Positions).

The EPSQ SF 86 requires information covering the last seven years of an individual's background. Defense Investigative Service (DIS) will now conduct a seven year SSBI for Top Secret and SCI access or for employment in a Critical Sensitive position.

The Periodic Review (PR) program is no longer

command-initiated but has been altered by DoD to a risk-management program. Defense Intelligence Agency employees and Special Access Programs are exempt from this new PR program. PRs will be conducted by DIS on these employees every five years.

As in the past, the Intelligence & Security

Directorate will continue to notify employees who are required to complete the EPSQ SF 86 by memorandum through their administrative office. Instructions for obtaining the EPSQ program will be provided in the notification memorandum. (Release from Intelligence & Security Directorate)

Auto insurer offers discounts to deployed soldiers

WASHINGTON — Government Employees Insurance Company (GEICO) has announced discounts in 43 states for its auto insurance policyholders who are deployed in support of Peace Banner, the U.S. Bosnian mission.

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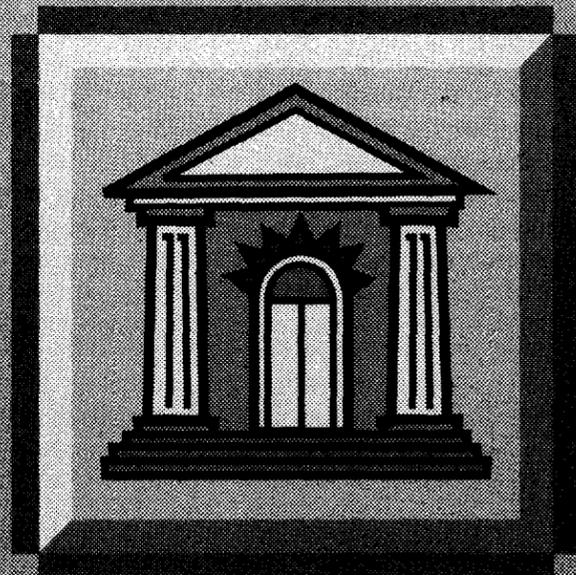
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Policyholders needing more information about the

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Soldiers learn about Egypt during Bright Star '95

(Editor's note: WO 1 Ricky Romine, a member of 95th Maintenance Company (TMDE), wrote the following account of the unit's involvement in the Bright Star '95 training exercise in Egypt.

By Ricky Romine

Nine soldiers of the 95th Maintenance Company (TMDE) recently participated in the largest deployment since Desert Shield/Storm. The soldiers deployed to the Republic of Egypt for Bright Star '95.

They were part of the Army Materiel Command's Logistic Support Element (LSE), a force power projection of the Army Materiel Command's peacetime mission. The LSE was comprised of all slices of the Army community—including active duty soldiers, Army reservists, National Guard, DoD civilians, and Army contractors. The LSE's mission was to provide total logistical support to the Army units participating in Bright Star '95.

Seven of the nine soldiers and the equipment that deployed came from the 95th Maintenance Company (TMDE) Detachment at Fort Stewart, Ga. The soldiers who filled the other two slots were from the 95th's company headquarters located on Redstone Arsenal. The team contribution to the mission was providing Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment support to all the deployed units.

The detachment commander for the TMDE team was WO 1 Ricky Romine

from Redstone Arsenal. SFC Isidoro Morin Jr., the team chief/NCO-in-charge, was also the Fort Stewart detachment NCOIC at the time of the deployment. SSgt. Aaron Parker, of Redstone, filled the senior TMDE sergeant slot. SSgt. Melvin Kenworthy was the team motor sergeant, a position he also holds at the Fort Stewart detachment. Sgt. James Squier, Fort Stewart, performed the duties of production control sergeant and was also the team's computer expert. Sgt. Jacqueline Ewings, the Fort Stewart detachment supply sergeant, was the team's supply sergeant. Sgt. Kurt Taylor performed as the alternate radiological protection officer and had only been at Fort Stewart a few months before deploying. Spec. David Gerber was the primary operator for one of the team's M820A2, five-ton expansible vans. Spec. Paul Filibeck was the primary operator for the other M820A2. Both specialists were from Fort Stewart.

While in the Republic of Egypt, the team participated in a rigorous physical training program that resulted in a 274 average on the Army Physical Fitness Test.

The team also had the privilege to meet and interact with members of the Egyptian Army. Morin gave a tour of the five-ton expansible vans to a Egyptian major and lieutenant. The truck's capabilities interested them because their army is thinking of purchasing something similar.

All team members went

on tours to see the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx. Everyone also learned about the Egyptian culture; and some of the personnel even took Egyptian language classes given by the Army translators. The Egyptian people were friendly and welcomed the American soldiers.

The environment posed challenges for the TMDE team. This was the first time any of the 95th personnel participated in an exercise of this nature. The desert of Egypt is not sand, but a fine powder some thought resembled flour. The slightest breeze would have the dust flying in the air. This dust caused daily maintenance of filters on generators, vehicles, and air conditioners. Most TMDE used by the team is sensitive and maintenance had to be done on an accelerated schedule.

When the team deployed in late September, the daytime temperature was in the 100s. To prevent heat injuries, personnel had to drink much more water than usual. This presented some unique challenges during long convoys with no rest breaks. By the time mid-November rolled around it was cold enough in the morning to need sweats when doing PT, but the temperature still reached the high 70s in the afternoons. Even after hearing that the winter is the rainy season in Egypt, it was still a surprise to the team members when it rained hard enough to make puddles appear in the desert dirt.

Another trial not usually faced by soldiers on training



DEPLOYED TEAM— Members Kenworthy, WO 1 Ricky Romine, Spec. David Gerber, Spec. Paul Filibeck, Sgt. James Squier, and SFC Isidoro Morin Jr. Not pictured are Sgt. Kurt Taylor, Sgt. Jacqueline Ewings, SSgt. Melvin

exercises was the agricultural inspection that had to be passed before all the vehicles and equipment could be shipped back to the United States. This inspection ensures that insects and dirt that may contain harmful micro-organisms are not brought back. The vehicles and equipment must be free of all dirt to pass this inspection. The 95th vehicles passed the inspection with no re-inspection necessary.

The biggest and best surprise of all, however, was the fact that the TMDE team was able to redeploy home in time for Thanksgiving. All team members were happy to be home, but they were also glad they had a chance to participate in Bright Star '95. It provided an opportunity to see another country and learn a great deal on what it takes to

make a deployment a success. Lt. Col. Eric Simonson, the AMC-LSE commander, stated the TMDE team did a great job provid-

ing support. Bright Star '95 gave nine soldiers of the 95th Maintenance Company the opportunity to "be all you can be."

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Civilian personnel officer predicts another exciting year

By Peggy Hays

In March 1995 the civilian personnel officer, LeRoy Daniels, made what he calls "interesting" predictions. "We talked about early outs and RIFs and in the 1995 calendar year not only did we have early outs in March, but we had another one in October. I didn't think we would have one, but we did.

"I also predicted that maybe we would wind up having a RIF. But we avoided the RIF twice," Daniels said, "and I think we were able to do that mainly because of the 'can do' attitude of the entire community. Each time we were able to reduce our numbers to meet the work year and the budget topics and I believe the projected move of positions to Huntsville supported that thought."

Daniels was particularly pleased about the avoidance of RIFs. "Team Redstone avoided these reductions because of the prevailing attitude that when one organization is affected the whole team at Redstone is affected," he said. "It's always a matter of one customer or one organization helping another organization.

"1995 was also a big year for planning, that is, planning the moves associated with base realignment and closure and we are continuing that planning with St. Louis," Daniels added. "It was also a year of adding to the missile strength. TMDE (Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment) is now a part of the Missile Command."

Another activity engaged in by Daniels' office involved LOGSA (Logistic Support Activity) which included a reorganization of positions and an exception to the priority placement program. "These two activities enhanced our ability to structure LOGSA for greater efficiency," Daniels said. "Now when you consider the number of personnel with LOGSA and the exceptions to PPP, that was over 500 personnel actions. That's a big undertaking."

One decision in process is the possibility of a regional CPO site. "Redstone Arsenal was surveyed as a site for the regional civilian personnel operations center," Daniels said. "We are in the running along with five other sites for the South Central region. A decision on where the CPOC will be located will be made by March '96.

It could mean 200-250 jobs.

"The operations center would serve nearly 40,000 employees beginning in 1997 or '98 or '99. We don't know the schedule; right now it is scheduled for 1997. But, I'll make a prediction that it will not occur till 1998 if then." He added, "That's just Daniels' prediction."

This past year also marked an anniversary. "We made that big move in November 1994 to the Sparkman Center and restructured our office at the same time," Daniels said. "So November 1995 marked one year in operation.

"We've had our ups and downs— more ups than downs — from the standpoint that we learned and grew as persons in terms of our ability to serve our customers," he said. "The attitude of customer service has been heightened. There is a greater recognition of customer needs and expectations and that has raised our customers' expectations of what we can do. The customer expects us to do more."

Some hard issues, however, remain. "We are going to face a real tough time this year," Daniels admitted. "We've lost some important positions and reduced the number of supervisors, and still have a ways to go in our operations as teams. But we are getting there, and I believe we made it because of the dedication within the office to train each other both on the job and with classroom training. In that regard, we've very fortunate to have trained adjunct faculty members. We have also been allowed to developed local courses using the Army training centers' materials.

"The training was completed because of the initiative involved," said Daniels, explaining that the employees and supervisors saw what was needed and did it. "They saw the need for training, designed the training, secured the materials, scheduled the training, and received the feedback on their own."

Another prediction involved automation. The result has been "some growing pains, but it's one of the reasons we've been able to accomplish what we have with our continued loss of people."

One of the automated complexes involves the Candidate Automated Referral and Evaluation System, a merit promotion system. "That system has the poten-

tial to be the Department of the Army's candidate evaluation system," Daniels said. "We still need people but we are able to process more with less people.

"CARES allows the person to apply electronically for promotions," he said. "We are providing the training to employees and supervisors and my concern is that our customers will not pay attention and ask for exceptions to the systems. What we want is for them to use the system and to help us do better.

"Not all our customers understand it yet," Daniels added. "But, we can minimize the turbulence to the new system if we all pay attention to the new training and for the manager to not say, for example, that the employee did not get it in on time."

Daniels, in his 12th year as director, stated that he'd been saying each year that



DANIELS

"next year will be easier. If we can just get by this year, next year will be better. Well, each year has been exciting and 1996 will be exciting. But, what I expect to look for in 1996 is the unexpected. Nothing is for sure.

"I've learned it takes a special kind of person to work in personnel because we deal with people's lives. We can process 100,000 pieces of paper and make an error in one and it could be big. It could be big enough to forget those thousands of

actions done correctly." Daniels made no specific predictions for the coming months but instead reiterated his own personal resolution. "I'm going to try to remember in 1996 that all the CPO people are my customers."



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Depot redesigns antenna, saves customer dollars

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The AN/TMQ-31 antenna is a meteorological data-collection, processing and communications system used to receive and process atmospheric data into formatted meteorological messages. It enables a VRC (vehicle radio communications) antenna to pick up navigational-aid radio signals.

The signals received by the antenna are processed by a low-noise amplifier (LNA) to allow soldiers in the field to determine their location with reference to various stations located worldwide.

The location data is then used with weather data collected within the AN/TMQ-31 from weather balloons to determine exact conditions, such as wind velocity, barometric pressure, etc., relative to that location.

Nelson Navarro, a resident of Dalton and an electronics engineer in the

depot's Research Development Laboratory explained that the original LNA design consisted of sealed circuitry, making it very difficult to repair.

"CECOM had to buy a whole new assembly for one failed part within the LNA," Navarro said. "I completely redesigned the LNA, which improved its performance, making it more durable, more reliable and easily repairable."

Navarro explained that the new modular design of the LNA consists of three circular circuit cards, each with separate functions, that can be removed, repaired or replaced.

CECOM requires 50 of these units to be completed by first quarter FY '96. Tom Musso, a Moscow resident and chief of the SATCOM Engineering Design and Development Division, explained that prior to making the necessary quantity, they manufactured and tested two prototypes.

"We had a very similar assembly in stock, the VRC-12 radio, which we stripped down and modified. The prototypes were subjected to environmental stress screening (ESS) and were proven to be environmentally stable," Musso said.

"We also added built-in lightning and transient protection to prevent electrical interference," Navarro added. "The electrical characteristics of the new LNA are far

superior to the original design. Plus, the LNA is much simpler to fix."

Navarro said that field testing was then conducted at Camp Evans, Fort Monmouth, N.J.

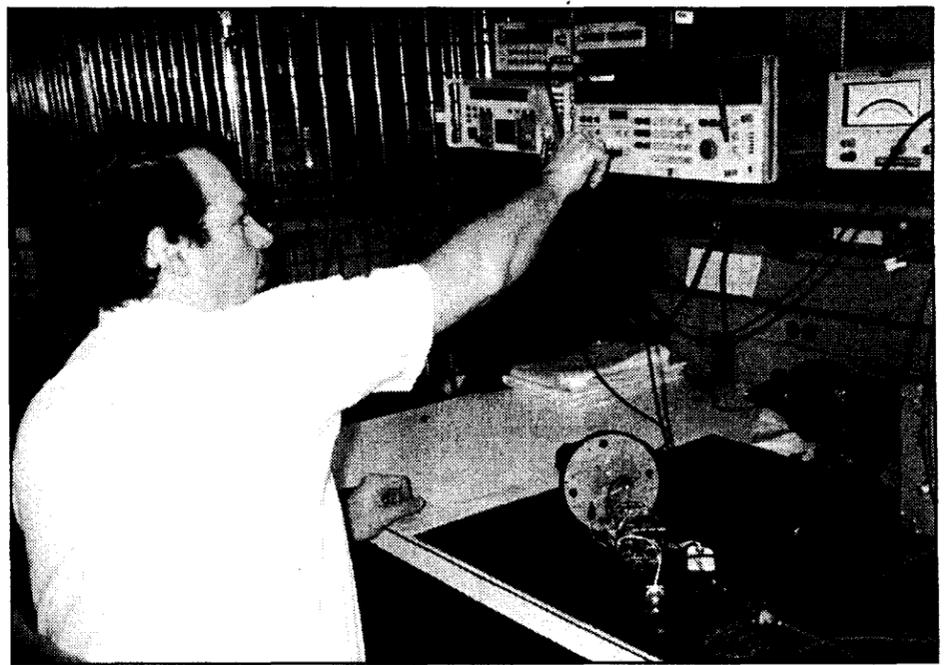
According to Frank Estock, Flexible Computer Integrated Manufacturing (FCIM) Division and a resident of Wilkes-Barre, the entire project went through the FCIM process to complete it quickly.

"Once the engineers and technicians created the schematics and finalized the design of the circuit boards, we used a special manufacturing system software to complete design layout and automatic assembly," Estock said.

"Completion of this project was a team effort," Musso said. "Bob Camasse (of Pittston), Bruce Imel (of Scranton) and Bruce Bevilacqua (of Jermyn), all employees in the FCIM Division, provided schematic, computer-aided engineering and final production support.

"Navarro, along with Mario Galetto (of Old Forge) and Carl Enslin (of Lake Ariel), both employees of the Maintenance Engineering and Support Division, provided the basic design, parts sourcing and production methods for cost-effective manufacturing.

"Bill Conlon (a resident of Inkerman) and Don Strauss (who resides in



SENSITIVITY TESTING— Navarro demonstrates how sensitivity tests of the circuitry are performed on the AS-3559 TMQ-31 antenna. Using a selective level meter gives an indication of the noise floor of the navigational aid circuitry.

Lakeville) did the complete assembly of the prototype, resolving any design problems encountered. They are now in the process of assembling the units," Musso continued.

Additionally, the ESS was developed and conducted in the Test Development Lab by Becky Cimino, Jessup, and Tom Conserette, Archbald, Musso said. Chuck Bartleson, of Nanticoke, was involved in the original prototype testing and subsequent field testing, he added.

The Engineering Lab is now in the process of building 25 antenna assemblies to meet CECOM's immedi-

ate requirement. They also assembling 25 kits that consist of just the new LNA assembly, that will be on-hand for future upgrades to the older design.

"As the antennas come in from the field for repair, they will be modified using these kits," Conlon explained. Eventually, the new design will be incorporated into all existing antenna assemblies.

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QUIET MORNING— As residents went outside to get their morning papers Jan. 8, they discovered a whole new world. This scene on Nike Street was familiar after the snow blanketed the housing area, as well as the whole city. Streets, yards and buildings alike were sprinkled with two inches of snow.

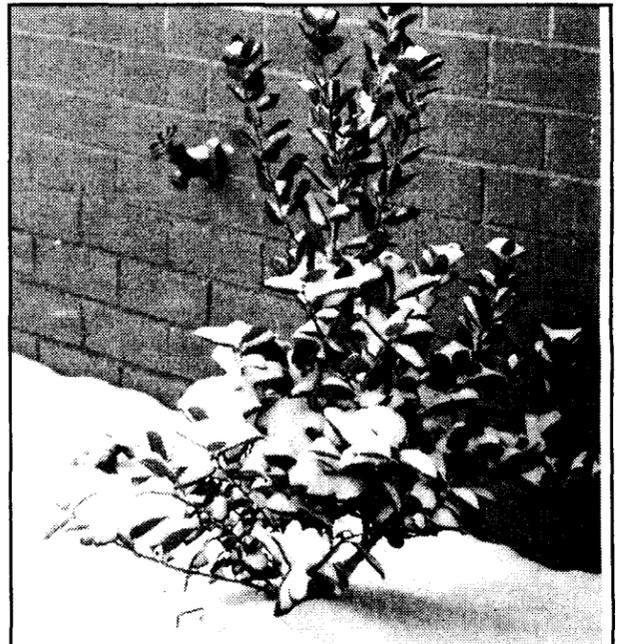


MAKING DO— When the Jan. 6-7 snow stopped falling, the kids came out on the Arsenal and were prepared to have fun. Everywhere you looked, children were enjoying the snow and making do with what they had in order to have fun. Tyrone Herrera, son of Sgt. and Mrs. Manuel Herrera, enjoyed a push on a sled from Chaz Doherty, son of SSgt. and Mrs. Charles Doherty, early one morning. The two boys said they tried sledding on every slope available in the new housing area, but were a little disappointed when the grass slowed them down.



CHILLY MORNING— Residents awoke the morning of Jan. 8 to cars covered with snow which made going out a little difficult. Two inches of the white powder along with ice made driving almost impossible. These cars were spotted in a rear residential parking area.

SNOW EVERYWHERE — This little bush couldn't hide from the snow and seemed to graciously accept the white gift Mother Nature gave Jan. 8. The bush stands about two feet high and, with the snow on its branches, looks like it is trying to pass for a Christmas tree.



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Las Vegas: a dream vacation in city that never sleeps

By Doris Posey

The excitement and entertainment of Las Vegas draws fun seekers from around the world. Over the years, the city of lights has from a gaming-oriented resort to a complete vacation destination for the entire family. The glamorous Las Vegas Strip, lined with magnificent hotels and resorts, is still the main attraction, with its neon lights and round the clock entertainment, but now even downtown has a new look. With so many choices, deciding where to stay can be a major factor in planning the perfect vacation.

Aft the south end of the Strip is the luxurious and impressive Luxor mega resort. The Luxor is an architectural splendor with a 315,000-watt beam of light atop a 30 story bronze pyramid, with an Egyptian theme, and the world's largest atrium. An entire afternoon can be enjoyed by the whole family exploring King Tut's Tomb and Museum, and taking a Nile River journey, conducted by archeologists, filled with Egyptian history.

The Excalibur Hotel has enjoyment for all ages, resembling a picturesque fairy tale castle, with over 4,000

rooms in four 28-story towers, and over 500,000 square feet of entertainment. Enter through a cobblestone foyer into a magnificent rock-walled atrium with a medieval fantasy fountain more than three stories high. At the Excalibur you can experience the excitement of medieval jousting in "King Arthur's Tournament" with two dinner shows nightly featuring Merlin the Magician and the mounted Knights of the Round Table. A Majic Motion Machine and carnival games can be enjoyed at the Wizard's Arcade, and the Medieval Village has strolling entertainers in colorful costumes right out of the Middle Ages.

There's more to see on this corner of Tropicana and Las Vegas Boulevard. The new pedestrian overpasses now make it easy to access any of the resorts at all four corners without fighting automobile traffic. Taking the overhead walkway from the Excalibur, the Tropicana Hotel beckons you to discover their Island of Paradise. Home of the world famous glittering, nighttime revue Folies Bergere, the Island boasts a five-acre water park with sparkling lagoons, lush tropical foliage, and exotic birds.

Theme park

A new experience awaits at the world's largest hotel, casino, and theme park—the MGM Grand. The adventure begins at the main entrance of the casino where you find yourself on the yellow brick road to the land of Oz. The seven-story crystal spires of the Emerald City house the spectacular effects and magic show "The Wizard's Secret." The MGM offers unlimited recreation with thrills and excitement for all ages. The Youth Center has supervised activities for children ages 3 through 12, as well as planned trips and excursions for ages 6 through 16. The biggest and best attraction of all is the 33-acre MGM Grand Adventures Theme Park, including 12 major attractions of rides and shows. Visitors can even "Get in for Nothing" just to stroll the themed streets throughout the park and enjoy the shops and restaurants.

A new air conditioned monorail now conveniently transports visitors between the MGM Grand and Bally's (center strip) in just a few minutes. Here you're within easy access to the Flamingo Hilton, Harrah's, Imperial Palace, and best of all the luxuriously grand

Caesar's Palace. From the moving walkways to the elegant imported marble statuary and luxurious fountains, this lavish complex offers superior class entertainment, accommodations and service. The Omnimax movie theater at Caesar's is a must see family attraction, where a giant dome-shaped screen and sophisticated sound system create a "you are there" feeling. The ambience of the luxurious surroundings of The Forum shops at Caesar's is a worthwhile experience for the whole family. This Shopping Wonder of the World, housed in lavish splendor beneath a picturesque Mediterranean sky, features robotic statues that come alive during the Festival Fountain Show. Visit Planet Hollywood or any other choice of restaurants and cafes, as well as specialty shops such as Disney and Looney Tunes (live characters included).

Famous circus

Located in the heart of the Strip is the Mirage Resort, home of the world renowned illusionists Seigfried and Roy and the White Tiger exhibit. Watch the sky light up with fire from an erupting volcano, then board the shuttle to the

Treasure Island to experience the spectacular sights and sounds of a raging pirate sea battle in Pirate Village Cove. The Treasure Island is also the home of one of Las Vegas' most famous attractions: the highly entertaining French Canadian circus, Cirque du Soleil's-Mystere.

Circus Circus has been attracting families for years, but has now added another five acres of thrills. From toddlers to strollers, from preschoolers to teens, carrying their prizes won in games of chance, tripping on teddy bears—they came at me from every direction. If not for the sounds of coins dropping, bells ringing, cocktail waitresses and keno girls, this comes close to being a family place. In addition to the midway attractions, carnival games and circus shows, is the new Grand Slam Canyon Theme Park. Open 365 days a year, the completely enclosed, climate controlled dome houses the largest indoor roller coaster in the world, a flume ride, laser tag adventure, bumper cards and

more. The Circus Circus is also within easy walking distance to the Riviera and the Stardust if you prefer the traditional Las Vegas without tripping over the short crowd.

For those who don't care to be in the middle of it all, just 15 minutes from the Strip on Boulder Highway is Sam's Town Hotel Gambling Hall and Bowling Center. Preferred by Las Vegas residents and tourists alike, Sam's Town has grown to be the second largest casino in Las Vegas. With a western atmosphere, old fashioned hospitality and value, the Victorian or Western guest rooms offer exterior mountain views or interior views of their dramatic 25,000-square-foot indoor park. The Park, with trees, a rushing waterfall, meandering footpaths, a creek and an indoor mountain hosts an exhilarating "Sunset Stampede"—a state of the art laser light, water and sound show.

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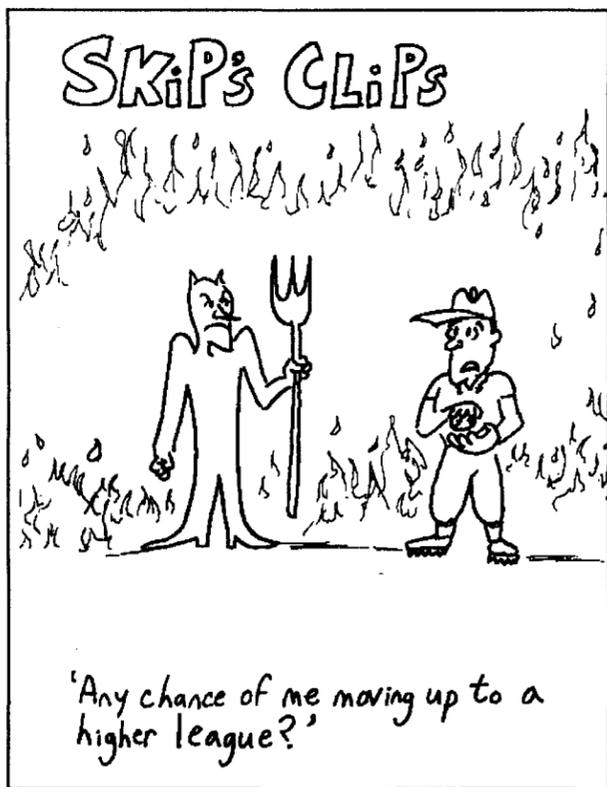
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Sports



SAME Engineer Run slated Feb. 24 at Redstone Arsenal's Rocket Auditorium

The 13th annual SAME Engineer Run, presented by the Huntsville Post of the Society of American Military Engineers, will be held Feb. 24 on Redstone Arsenal.

This event consists of 5K and 10K road races and a One-Mile Fun Run. The 10K race also features a wheelchair division. All races start at the Rocket Auditorium on Redstone Road, just inside Gate 3 of Redstone Arsenal. The 5K and 10K courses are flat and fast, and are certified by the U.S. Athletic Congress.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the first race (5K) will start at 9. Pre-registration fees are \$12 through Feb. 16, and \$15 thereafter through the day of the race. The Fun Run is free.

Trophies will be given to the overall winners of the 5K and 10K races and to the first three finishers in each of the 11 different age groups and the 10K wheelchair division. Also commemorative Engineer Run T-shirts, featuring this year's original design, will be given to each preregis-

tered runner in the 5K and 10K. T-shirts will be given on a first-come, first-served basis to runners who register on race day.

The age groups for the 5K and 10K races include 4 and under, 5-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, and 60-over. There is also a 10K wheelchair division.

The Engineer Run is presented by the Huntsville Post of the Society of American Military Engineers and is made possible through the joint effort of the Huntsville Engineering

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MWR highlights

The following are upcoming Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities:

JAN. 19: Sock hop— Music from the '50s and '60s in the Officers Club's Big Spring Lounge from 6-10 p.m., with the DJ "Dynatel." Open to the entire Redstone community.

JAN. 26: Band show— The Four on the

Floor band performing in the Big Spring Lounge, Officers Club. For more information, call 830-CLUB.

FEB. 2: Wild game cookout— From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rustic Lodge. The entire Redstone community is invited. Redstone fishing/hunting permit holders will be asked to donate \$2 for the lunch; and

a \$5 donation is asked from everyone else. The menu includes fish, venison, turkey, raccoon, rabbit, squirrel, ham and more— plus a variety of desserts and side dishes. For more information, call 876-4868.

CLASSES: Civilian Wellness Center— Classes for better physical, mental and financial fitness are conducted by the

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DoD emphasizes policy on supremacist groups

By Stephen Barrett

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, 1995—In the wake of two recent murders in Fayetteville, N.C., defense officials are again emphasizing DoD's policy concerning military personnel participation in supremacist organizations.

There is no place for racial hatred or extremism in the U.S. military, Defense Secretary William Perry said in a press release. He said every service member takes an oath to support and defend the U.S. Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

"The men and women in the military understand the gravity of this oath," said Perry. "Department of Defense policies state that military personnel may not actively participate in organizations that espouse supremacist causes."

Perry's statement came after Fayetteville police found Nazi flags and supremacist material in the mobile home where they arrested two murder suspects—Army Pfc. James A. Burmeister, 20, and Malcolm Wright, 22. Both were charged with two counts of first

degree murder in the Dec. 7 deaths of Michael James, 36, and Jackie Burden, 27, both of Fayetteville.

A third soldier, Spc. Randy Meadows, 21, is charged with two counts of conspiracy to commit murder. Meadows allegedly drove the vehicle that transported Burmeister and Wright.

All three serve with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. Both Fayetteville police and the Army Criminal Investigation Division at Fort Bragg continue their investigations.

The incident prompted Army Secretary Togo West to form a review board to investigate extremist and supremacist activities within the Army. West appointed Maj. Gen. Larry Jordan, the Army's deputy inspector general, to head the board. Jordan is to report findings to West by March 1, 1996.

After passing condolences to the victims' families during a Pentagon press conference Dec. 12, West echoed Perry's remarks. "Involvement in extremist organizations, whether active or passive, will not be tolerated," said West, who added it is inconsis-

tent with military service.

"First, it is at war with the basic principles of fairness and dignity that we require to perform as effective units," said West. "Secondly, a unit that is in any way polarized by extremist views or activities is a unit that is not ready. And thirdly, as a slice of America, every unit ... is expected to conform and in many ways reflect the values of American citizens."

West added while mere membership in an organization is not prohibited, membership would have an adverse impact on an individual's promotion potential and career advancement. He also alerted Army leaders to their responsibility toward this issue, saying all officers and NCOs are responsible for counseling soldiers and ensuring they are aware of the policy.

Although service regulations differ in wording, most guidelines on participation in extremist organizations are the same. Service members must reject participation in organizations that:

★ Espouse supremacist causes;

★ Attempt to create illegal discrimination based on race, creed, color, gender, religion or national origin;

★ Advocate the use of force or violence or otherwise engage in efforts to deprive individuals of their civil rights.

Additionally, defense instructions prohibit service members from:

★ Participating in supremacist or extremist rallies or demonstrations;

★ Knowingly attending meetings or activities while on active duty, when in uniform, when in a foreign country or in violation of offlimits restrictions or orders;

★ Conducting fund-raising activities;

★ Recruiting or training members (including encouraging others to join);

★ Organizing or leading a supremacist or extremist group;

★ Distributing extremist or supremacist literature on or off military installations.

Perry said the policies of the Department of Defense clearly prohibit racial intolerance and discrimination in any form. (American Forces Information Service)

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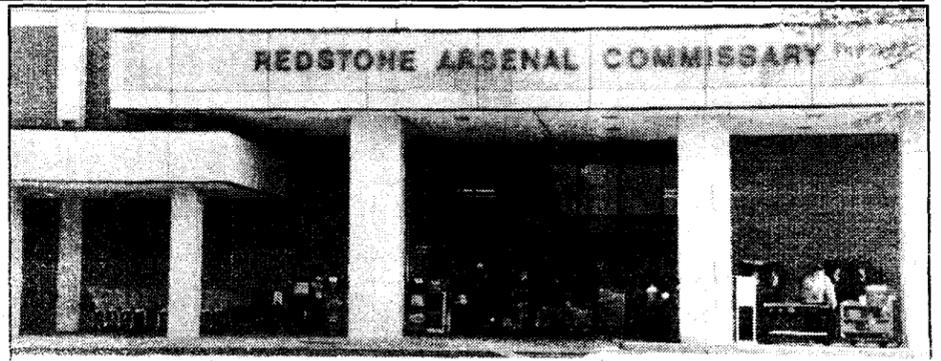
pleted this year, and we have several housing projects that will be going on, such as roofing projects and lateral sewer replacements," Moeller said.

With all the hard work comes some recreational activities and RASA definitely had their hand in that field. "We sponsored the Dog Days of Summer concert with Sammy Kershaw and Peebo Bryson, and held the first ever Oktoberfest. Both were a huge success and will be continued this year," Moeller said. "We already have Oktoberfest on the calendar for this year and the concert will be a one-day event vs.

the two days last year."

On the downside, Moeller said there were two events that happened last year that weren't so good. "We had to close the Post Chapel which was a loss to everyone. There are quite a few memories there and it was a tough decision to make. We also received word that Thiokol, one our major tenants, would be relocating and that was a blow to the Arsenal," he added.

Moeller sees a positive outlook for 1996. "Looking at the upcoming year I see it every bit as rewarding as 1995. We still have members of the team who continue to work hard to get the necessary resources we need in order to better serve our customers. It will be a very good year."



EXCITING YEAR— Construction projects was a big part of the year for RASA and several buildings were either remodeled or new ones built. The Commissary and Post Exchange were no exceptions as the renovations were

completed on the commissary and the new Shoppette/Class Six/Gas Station was opened. The Post Exchange also expanded its store with the vacancy created by the old Shoppette.

VEGAS

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different kind of excitement awaits you in "Glitter Gulch," which has changed its name to "The Fremont Street Experience" with the recent opening of the extravagant \$70 million downtown revitalization project. The four-block attraction features 2.1 million lights and a 540,000 watt sound system. The light and sound show is staged on a huge 1,400-foot-long canopy, towering 90 feet above Fremont Street transforming the heart of Historic Las Vegas into a landscaped pedestrian mall, serving as a "grand foyer" for hotels and casinos lining the famous thoroughfare. With the coming of the new "Fremont Street Experience," an effort to bring tourism back to the downtown area has prompted many "glitter gulch" hotels such as the Golden Nugget, Fitzgerald's and the Plaza, to get busy renovating and expanding, now offering exceptional value as well as great food.

In addition to the theme-park casino resorts and the downtown area, visitors can enjoy many other Las Vegas non-gaming attractions. A

variety of museums such as the Liberace Museum, Debbie Reynolds Movie Museum, The Imperial Palace Auto Museum and many others await your discovery. Wet 'n Wild Water Park is located on the strip, and a variety of attractions await visitors in and around the city. Lake Mead and Hoover Dam, Red Rock Canyon, Mt. Charleston, The Valley of Fire, Laughlin, Boulder City, and Henderson—home of Kidd's Marshmallow Factory and Ethel M Chocolates Factory are all easily accessible by car. Stateline, Nev., has also undergone a dramatic transformation over the years and is no longer just a fuel stop for travelers from Las Vegas to Los Angeles. This border town is now transformed into a fun-packed resort destination of its own—complete with a Ferris wheel and roller coaster.

Fine dining

Even the inexperienced gambler can have fun in Las Vegas with the recent return of nickel slot machines. A \$5 bill can have you experiencing the excitement of chance, with dirty fingers and the jingle of 10 or 20 nickels falling into the coin

tray, and bells ringing announcing you're a winner. But eventually the one-armed bandit ceases to return your nickels. Just one more try—as you feed your lucky dollar bill into Big Bertha and eagerly pull the giant handle—nothing. Perhaps it's time to go on to better things—food.

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Good tax records key to correct, easier tax filling

Financial records kept up to date, accurate and easy-to-find can make filing your federal tax forms much less of a headache, said Internal Revenue Service officials.

Instead of waiting until the last minute to try to compile the information, IRS officials recommend you keep

a running tab throughout the year. This may include checkbook stubs and a calendar or diary of possible deductible items. Or you might decide to use one of the computer financial packages currently available to help you keep track.

In addition, if you are

missing a Form W-2 or interest forms, or need special forms or publications to complete the tax return, you will have enough time to find the information.

You will have to submit a copy of your W-2 form. You will also have to furnish information provided

on all Form 1099s, showing interest income, dividends and other types of income such as unemployment compensation and Social Security benefits.

Other information you may have to provide includes:

Child care expenses, including the name, address and Social Security number of the child care provider;

Children's birth certificates and Social Security numbers; house payments; moving expenses; charitable contributions; business expenses; medical and dental expenses; and alimony and child support payments.

How long should tax records and support documents be kept? IRS officials said at least three years. Some financial advisers recommend holding onto the materials for at least six years.

In addition, IRS officials recommend keeping all financial records you have, no matter how old, on any asset you continue to own. This may include paperwork on stocks, an automo-



bile or house.

Even though you may have received your tax refund or paid the monies owed, it doesn't mean IRS is finished with your federal tax return for that year.

In general, IRS has three years to check the returns. For example, IRS is checking some federal tax returns filed in 1993 for the 1992 tax year. But under certain circumstances, you may find your entire tax history being audited.

If you have any questions on your federal tax return and what financial information you need, call

the local IRS office or call toll-free (800) 829-1040.

When calling IRS, be sure to write down the name and telephone number of the individual you talked to, along with the date. IRS officials said this may help you if questions come up at a later date on your tax return.

For copies of the free forms and publications you need to complete your federal tax package, call IRS toll-free at (800) 829-3676.

Or write to: Internal Revenue Service Forms Distribution Center PO Box 85627 Richmond, VA 23285-5627.

New Army Learning Center Courses

New Army Learning Center courses are added to the automated Training Information Program (TIP) on a continuing basis and are readily accessible to the Redstone Arsenal community. Army Learning Center personnel are available to assist individuals desiring access to TIP. Courses are offered to all personnel and their family members and are *no cost*.

Course topics include: Health, Communication Skills, Computer skills, Customer Service, Ethics, Leadership, Military Standards, Personal Development, Quality, Safety, Stress Management, Team Building, Trainer Resources, College Credit Courses and the latest in Microsoft Office Suite Software. Stayed tuned to upcoming Rocket "Announcements" for additional new courses.

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Provost marshal office has award winning year

By Kathy Harkleroad

1995 was a good year for law enforcement at Redstone Arsenal, according to the provost marshal. Crime was down, awards were won and most importantly federal employees and residents tried a little harder to avoid traffic accidents.

"We are really pleased with the way 1995 ended and will continue to work hard at providing the much needed services we have in the past through 1996," Maj. Harry Smith said. "We have quite a few things to be proud of. We won several different awards throughout the department, and sponsored several very successful seminars and projects."

Smith is proud of all the awards the Provost Marshal's Office has won and credits the hard work of all the military police officers in winning. "We were really pleased with winning the military award for the National Night Out Against Crime we hosted last summer. We were competing with several other medium sized installations and were quite pleased with the participation of both the residents and the organizations," Smith said.

Also in the awards department was the title of NCO of the Year. SSgt. Edward Bowen brought the title back to the Provost Marshal's office and Smith couldn't be more proud. "We plan to do the same thing this year and were very proud of SSgt. Bowen," Smith said.

The Provost Marshal's office also has other award winners and Smith proudly explained that his office is home to Spec. John Troiano who was named the Top Gun at the Sniper School at

Fort McClellan. "Spec. Troiano also recently graduated from the Huntsville Police Academy, a feat which we are also very proud of," Smith said.

Another six-member Special Reaction Team from the Provost Marshal's office was rated the best at a SRT school. The squad consisted of Christopher Hunt, Derik Plaisted, Heath Harrison, Jason Miller and Shane Brady.

The implementation of the Juvenile Review Board was another highlight of 1995 and one that Smith said was a huge success. "We have only had one juvenile appear before the board for a second time. I judge the success of the program on how many repeat offenders we have, and since it has only one repeat I would say it has been a success," he added. "I think the word has gotten out on the street that we mean business and it has helped decrease the juvenile crime quite a bit."

The Juvenile Review Board was formed to establish uniform policies and procedures for misconduct by juveniles. Any juvenile who is caught participating in any misconduct which affects the Arsenal, or who aids others in any destruction of government property or any other misconduct is required to appear before the board.

The board consists of five members: the Provost Marshal, the Family Advocacy Program Manager, the Installation Chaplain, the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate and the RASA Command Sergeant Major. Unit commanders also provide a representative and the juvenile's parents and sponsor must appear before the board as well.

The Provost Marshal's office also participated in or sponsored seminars and workshops on gang violence, rape prevention and several other topics.

The upcoming year promises to be as successful and full of changes as in 1995, according to Smith. "We will continue to offer the same workshops and sponsor the same programs as last year. In addition we will be revamping and changing some of our current programs and procedures," he said.

The Provost Marshal's office is currently working with the personnel at Physical Security to automate the lock and key systems on the installation. "We are really looking forward to implementing this program and have been working on it for quite a number of months," Smith said.

Another major change that will be seen on the Arsenal this year will be the transition of more Department of Defense police officers to the Provost Marshal's Office. "The DoD officers will be attending school in Georgia and then will be briefed and trained on how things are done here on the Arsenal. With the addition of those officers, we will be able to provide more security to the Arsenal in a number of ways," Smith explained.

With the addition of the new police officers walking patrols will be beefed up in the housing area, and the police patrols throughout the post will increase.



WATCHING THE SPEED— MPs on Redstone Arsenal keep a watchful eye out for speeders and will issue tickets to offenders. Motorists also took the ad-

vice of the Provost Marshal's Office when it came to backing accidents in parking lots, and helped reduce the number of accidents in 1995.

The Provost Marshal's office is also responsible for the vehicle and badge registration office, and according to Smith, major changes are also under way there. "We will be getting the new video imaging system in the next few months and that will make a big difference. We will have a photo data base to work with and each of the military police officers will have a computer in their vehicle with which they can compare photos," he explained.

One area that Smith is still concerned about and one that is an ongoing problem is the traffic area. "We still have quite a few traffic accidents and the majority of them are backing acci-

dents. We are asking motorists to be a little more careful when they are in parking lots and at intersections as well," he said.

Motorists are also reminded to watch out for the deer population on the post and drive with caution on Martin, Patton and Rideout

roads. "Motorists really have to be careful when they are driving, especially in those areas. We have deer signs on those roads, yet accidents are still occurring and motorists need to be a little more watchful," Smith said.

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Exhibits branch makes realistic models of ordnance

By Kathy Harkleroad

The CIC Exhibits Branch is tucked away in a corner on the Arsenal; and while they aren't in the spotlight very often, their work can be seen throughout not only the Arsenal, but the Space and Rocket Center and other posts worldwide.

"We do just about a little of everything here," Don Smith, acting chief of the branch, said. "We have a made training aids for the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School and just finished a project that is on display at the Space and Rocket Center."

The Exhibits Branch has also made history, and in the process has helped make soldiers deploying to Bosnia a little safer. They are responsible for the creation of the new model boards that display types of unexploded ordnance that can be found in Bosnia.

"We are very excited about this project and couldn't believe just how popular the boards became in such a short amount of time," Smith said. "We were approached with the idea of creating a board with the different types of ordnance on it, in December of 1994 and the first actual funded board was completed in December of 1995. As soon as they hit the units, we have been receiving calls right and left for a set."

The boards are made of molten plastic and are the creation of Ken Kirkpatrick, exhibit specialist. "Sgt. Maj. Sampson from the EOD Training Department came to us with a piece of ordnance that was mounted on a piece of cardboard and asked if we could do something like that. I told him sure, no problem immediately, and got to work," Kirkpatrick said.

Creating the prototype didn't take long;

and the new set of boards is much more cost efficient and faster to produce, than the old training aids. "In the past we made rubber replicas of the ordnance for the department, but they were bulky, cost quite a bit of money to produce, and didn't really show the true colors of the ordnance," Kirkpatrick said. "The newer seven board set can be produced in six hours, costs under \$150 to make and looks like the actual piece of ordnance. They are true to life, not only in the size and shape, but in the coloring as well. They are also much easier to transport and can be mounted anywhere." Creating the molds was easy, according to Kirkpatrick, and involves a process that has been around for years. "I basically made a mold from an actual device with a polyurethane plastic. During the actual production of the board, we take the mold, heat up a sheet of plastic, and vacuum shrink it around the mold. Once that has set and the mold removed, the board is complete, except for painting. It really only takes a few moments to make the board, the longest part is the painting process," he said.

Kirkpatrick and Smith feel they have taken an active part in the training of soldiers who are not only going to Bosnia and facing the dangers of a minefield, but to other soldiers as well. "You've heard the expression 'A picture is worth a thousand words'? Well these three-dimensional model boards are even better. They make a lasting impression on a soldier, they can not only see what they are being taught, but can touch it as well," Kirkpatrick said.

"We think of ourselves as taking an active part in the saving of soldiers lives as well," Smith said. "They see the boards we created and learn something important."

With the success of the first set of



MAKING AIDS— Kirkpatrick proudly shows off some of the newest training aids made by his department. The plastic model boards of various types of unexploded ordnance is the newest project of the department and have been shipped to military installations around the world.

boards, a new set is in the prototype stage. "With the concerns of soldiers in Bosnia, we decided, along with Sgt. Maj. Sampson, to create a four board set of mines that are actually found in Bosnia. Right now we are waiting on the funding to produce the new set of boards, and I know they will be an even greater hit than the original boards," Smith said.

The Exhibits Branch not only makes the model boards for EODTD, but had also been involved with various organizations on the Arsenal. They have a project on display at the Space and Rocket Center, which

also contains the miniature version of a MLRS. "We have also done quite a bit of work for the FBI school located here on the Arsenal, as well as several others," Smith said.

While Kirkpatrick is proud of all the work he and the others produce at the Exhibits Branch, he said he was most proud of the boards. "These boards have a real purpose, it was a simple process that will save lives. And that is what it is all about. Our mission is to support the soldier, and what a great way to do it," Kirkpatrick said.

TMDE

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of our weapon systems depend on Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment, and that the equipment meet standards of accuracy that are traceable back to the National Institute of Standards and Technology," Whittington said.

TMDE Activity has 350 soldiers worldwide, reduced through Army downsizing from as many as 987 in 1991. In June the authorized number will be 316.

Past deployments for TMDE teams have included Desert Shield/Storm, Haiti,

and a subsequent deployment to Kuwait. More recently they participated in the Operation Bright Star exercise in Egypt. "Anytime that you have a major element deploying, you can rest assured that a TMDE element is right there," Capt. Edwina Anthony, commander of 95th Maintenance Company, said.

Besides the two teams deploying, a member of the 95th from Redstone is in Bosnia in support of a separate Missile Command mission. SFC Albert Lockhart received notice Dec. 22, went to Fort Benning, Ga., and then went to Germany for deployment to Bosnia.

In addition to the usual preparations for overseas movement, Lockhart also had his wife, Sherry, and his 5-year-old daughter, Rita, to care for during the Christmas holidays. The 95th leaders expressed appreciation to all the members of Team Redstone who helped Lockhart in his preparation for deployment; and they extended their thanks to Sherry Lockhart and all military spouses who endure such hardships.

"These deployments once again point out the importance of our soldiers' training and that we must be ready to deploy on short notice to support operations,

be they peacekeeping or combat exercises," Whittington said.

"I think that it's always going to be necessary to have TMDE assets in the theater," SFC Douglas Wheeler, operations NCO for the 95th, said. "We fix the equipment that fixes the weapon systems, we fix the

equipment that fixes the vehicles."

Anyone wishing to write to the deployed Baumholder team can send their cards and letters to 123rd Main Support Battalion, Attn: Calibration Support Team, APO AE 09789. The ad-

dress for the Giebelstadt team is U.S. AMC, LSE, Attn: Calibration Support Team, APO AE 09793. Lockhart's address is Commander, AMC-E; Attn: SFC Albert Lockhart; Unit 29331, APO, AE 09266.

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SERVING DINNER— Directorate of Public Works employees serve a feast at their annual holiday event.

Holiday meal a thankful time for Redstone community

By Denny Gray

This was my first year of being involved with and participating in what I now believe to be "THE Dinner of Redstone Arsenal." I had always heard that firemen could cook but this was a sight to behold.

The occasion was the annual holiday meal conducted by Directorate of Public Works, Dec. 12 at the old post gym.

There was more turkey than I had ever seen. And what an oven! Everyone had plenty to eat and we all had a very enjoyable time. Our guests were so gracious, kind and very complimentary. If you have never seen dressing made in a 4 foot by 6 foot pan then you missed it— and there

were two pans of dressing like that. Eighteen turkeys weighing an average of 20 pounds each were prepared. Potatoes and corn were fixed and served and there was probably a field full of them. There was more cranberry sauce than Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer could have eaten in a lifetime. There were rolls, green beans, gravy and numerous kinds of desserts.

The message was sent out via E-mail and that had some glitches but all is not lost— Find YOUR CALENDAR, MARK IT FOR THE TUESDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING. DO IT RIGHT NOW. The price will be somewhere around \$5 or \$6 next year. I don't know where you could get a better meal than

this at any price. Any money received and not spent in the actual preparations, as this year, will be used to help someone in need. These families and/or individuals are identified through the agencies on Redstone that are chartered to do that kind of work.

I don't believe any one left there hungry: If you did, my only comment is you must not have made contact with the right person. We started at the set time of 11:30 a.m. and had served somewhere in the neighborhood of 260 people by noon. It truly was a meal fit for a king, even Henry VIII

as much as he ate.

My compliments to the Chef, to the Decoration Personnel, the setup people, the coordinators, the ticket sellers, the guests, the people that purchased a ticket even though you may not have been able to come. Thank you to the Chief Cook and Bottle Washer (and his many helpers, too), they washed the pots and pans (some needed to be used more than twice). There were many cans to be opened, which was efficiently done by the people who also worked on the serving line. Thank you for the people that supply the

heat for the building (Oh, I guess indirectly that is us) and to the people that helped clean up. We are even grateful for the people that were not patient— you made us appreciate the ones that were even more.

This was truly a dinner given, prepared and hopefully accepted with the thankfulness for all that we have. Due to the efficiency, generosity, and giving hearts of all, there are numerous people that had a meal at two of the Rescue Missions in town. There are people at Redstone Arsenal that will

have a better Christmas and holidays because of what we (The MICOM Community) accomplished through this occasion. We at the Department of Public Works are simply the agents to bring it together.

Compliments and deep thanks to all of you who gave so generously in the holiday spirit.

(Editor's note: Gray is a customer relations specialist, Directorate of Public Works.)

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Announcements

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.

OWC merit awards— Applications for merit awards offered by the Officers Wives Club are now available in the following categories: high school senior, college level, or military spouse. The applicants must be family members of officers and hold a military ID card, with primary residence in the Huntsville area. Deadline to apply is March 9. Applications can be obtained by written request to Helen Hickman, 14374 Hunter Road, Harvest 35749.

Speechcraft— If you fear public speaking, Speechcraft can teach you how to construct and deliver a speech. The Tennessee Valley Toastmasters Club will conduct Speechcraft during eight consecutive Thursday evening sessions, beginning Jan. 18 at 6:30, at the Crestwood Hospital cafeteria meeting room, One Hospital Drive in southwest Huntsville. Total cost is \$15. For more information, call Nell Donlin 859-0034 or Mike Lindsey 551-0774.

Reenlistment NCOs— Redstone will host the

Army Recruiter and Retention School, Additional Duty Reenlistment NCO Training seminar, from Jan. 16-19. All reenlistment NCOs are encouraged to attend. Commanders and leaders are encouraged to attend the class titled "America Army Retention Program" from 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call your battalion career counselor or 59th Ordnance Brigade 876-1869/6813.

Retirement ceremony— The quarterly retirement ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Youth Center gymnasium. For more information, call Sgt. Spears of Support Operations 842-2576.

Space museum— All Marshall Space Flight Center and Army personnel, active duty and civil service, will be allowed complimentary admission into the U.S. Space and Rocket Center until Jan. 31. The employee must show a current ID badge as proof of employment. Family members are not eligible for complimentary admission— only the federal employee. Contract employees are not eligible for complimentary admission.

Babysitting course— An American Red Cross Babysitting Course will be taught by Supplemental Programs and Services of Child Development Services in building 113 on Hankins Road. The 10-hour course will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 20 and Jan. 27. Doughnuts will be fur-

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nished. Students may bring their lunch. Age requirement is 13. To register, stop by Child Development Services Central Enrollment Registry (CER) office in building 113. There must be at least six registered for the class to be held. For information call Jan McVey 876-7888.

Telephone book drive— Redstone is participating in the communitywide annual telephone book recycling program Jan. 2-26. By recycling old phone books, residents and businesses can help local schools win money for equipment and supplies. Prizes are awarded for the top five places: first, \$1,000; second, \$800; third, \$600; fourth, \$400; and fifth, \$200. Winnings will be presented to Williams Elementary School, Redstone's adopted partnership school. Books can be dropped off at Browning Ferris Industry (BFI), 4704 Commercial Drive in northwest Huntsville. A registration form must be completed which gives the school credit for the turn in. Redstone Arsenal Support Activity will designate building S3614 as a temporary storage facility for organizations with small quantities of books— 25 or less. Drop off times and dates will be published later. Families in the housing area can participate by rounding up as many books as possi-

ble and bringing them to one of the drop off locations.

Carpool permits— The 1995 Ridesharing Parking Permits will expire Jan. 31. Persons participating in the carpool program are asked to apply for a new 1996 Parking Permit. Three or more persons riding in a carpool are eligible for a parking permit provided: the three people are government employees, employed on Redstone or in a government owned or leased facility off post. Contractors with their duty station on Redstone are also eligible to participate in the carpool program. Government employees and contractors can team together to qualify. Persons desiring a parking permit should complete a SMI form 1231 (Carpool Record) and mail to AMSMI-RA-DPW-IM; the carpool leader will be issued a Ridesharing Parking Permit.

ACS Education Committee— The Army Community Service (ACS) Education Committee will meet at noon today at ACS, building 3491. It is helpful to call in advance concerning problem areas that need to be put on the agenda. Any parent interested in the educational needs of their child is invited to attend. This meeting is open to everyone. For more infor-

mation, call Virginia Dempsey 876-5397.

Career opportunities— Gil Lujan, a personnel recruiter for J.B. Hunt which is a major transportation carrier, will conduct a career seminar 8-11 a.m. Thursday at building 3433, room 145, on Aerobee Road. Lujan will discuss nationwide career opportunities. To register call John Bliven, Job Assistance Center manager, 955-6486.

Support groups— A "Making it Happen" self-help support group for women wishing to overcome a weight challenge will meet at 12-1:30 p.m. each Tuesday at the Community Counseling Center. For more information, call Rick Stock 842-9900.... A divorce management group, and subsequent divorce anonymous group, is being started by the clinical staff of the Community Counseling Center. For information call Stock 842-9900.

Red Cross blood program— The Red Cross Blood Program schedule for this month is as follows: Jan. 18, building 4752 (NASA), from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Edwina Bressette 544-8115; from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Thiokol, Mary Cash 882-8219; from 7-9:30 a.m. at 5435, Tenna McGee 842-8131. Jan. 25, from 7-noon, at building

5250, Judy Hullett 876-0789. Jan. 26, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SSDC (Wynn Drive), Al Longhi 955-4164; from 7:30-11:30 a.m. at Corps of Engineers, Nancy Villasana 895-1233; and from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 4505, Linda Keel 842-8424.

OWC art auction— The Officers Wives Club will hold its 24th annual Art Exhibition and Auction March 2 at the Officers Club. The artwork will be available for viewing at 6 p.m. with the auction beginning at 7. Perry Berns of the Perry Berns Gallery in Dallas will be the auctioneer for the event. He returns with original and limited edition prints, custom framed and guaranteed by written certificate. For those unable to attend the auction March 2, there will be a standup sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 3. Tickets will be available at the Officers Club cashiers cage in advance or at the door for \$5 per person. The event is open to the public. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served with a cash bar available. Proceeds from this event will benefit a variety of organizations in the Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville communities. For more information, call Mary Black 461-0288.

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Post Theater movies— Friday, "It Takes Two," PG, 98 minutes. Saturday, "Money Train," R, 103 minutes. Sunday, "Money Train." Showtime is 7 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 for children.

Medical support groups— Blepharo-Buddies Awareness Group, a support group for persons suffering from Blepharospasm—the sustained and forced involuntary closing of the eyelid—will meet from 1-4 p.m. Jan. 21 at Huntsville Hospital, Blackwell Medical Tower, Suite 30.... Breathe Easy Support Group, a monthly support group for people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and other respiratory lung diseases, meets the fourth Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Huntsville Hospital, Therapy and Fitness Center.... Care and Share, a support group for patients, family and friends who are dealing with cancer, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Huntsville Hospital, Comprehensive Cancer Institute, Blackwell Medical Tower, Suite 10.... Tourette Syndrome is the topic of a meeting Jan. 28 from 2-4 p.m. at the Huntsville Hospital, Medical Tower, Suite 30. Scheduled speaker is Charles Plotts, of Trinity Counseling Center. For information call 772-8242.

CFC meeting— The Local Federal Coordinating Committee for the Ten-

nessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) will accept applications for a Principle Combined Fund Organization to administer the 1996 CFC from Feb. 1-March 1. Only federations, charitable organizations or a combination thereof are eligible to apply for this position. All applications must be received by the Local Federal Coordinating Committee, AMSMI-CFC, Redstone Arsenal, 35898-5795, or hand delivered to building 3197, no later than 4 p.m. March 1. Applications received after 4 p.m. March 1 will not be accepted.

Commander of 95th— The 95th Maintenance Company (TMDE) will hold a change of command ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 26 at the parade field. Capt. Edwina Anthony will relinquish command to Capt. Sharlene Perry. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony would be held in the Recreation Center, building 3711.

Business seminar— The NorthEast Alabama Regional Small Business Development Center (NEAR SBDC) announces the semi-annual "Steps to Starting a Successful Small Business" seminar. The course will be held Jan. 23 and 25 in the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County Auditorium, 225 Church St. from 6-9 each night. Cost is \$30 per person. Seating is

limited and prepayment guarantees seating. To register call 535-2061. This event is sponsored by NEAR SBDC and the Chamber of Commerce.

Dance classes— The Huntsville Beledi Club conducts bellydance classes on Wednesday nights at the Powerhouse Gym on Highway 72 in Madison (next to Food World). Classes, taught by Beledi Club members, begin tonight from 7:15 to 8:30. Cost is free to Powerhouse members; others pay \$30 for six classes or \$6 per single class. For more information, call 722-2096 or 851-7922.

Butler High School— The next PTSA meeting will be Jan. 25 and will be an open house meeting. All parents and students are invited to attend.... Parents of students at Butler High School are requested to attend a special meeting concerning the new block schedule that is being proposed for the next school year. The block schedule involves four 90 minute classes a day, two 18 week semesters a year, as well as other major changes. The special meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 5 in the commons area inside the school.

Black History Month committee— A Black History Month planning

committee meeting will be held this afternoon at 1:30 in building 5304, room 4237. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should plan to attend. For more information, call Bernard Collier 876-9223.

Education week— Employees today face many challenges to remain competitive or even survive in the workplace. Many individuals are finding the need to return to or even begin school as a way of meeting career goals or needs. In an effort to help employees become aware of the many options available, Education and Development Division of Personnel & Training is sponsoring a week of academic emphasis, Jan. 22-25, in Sparkman building 5304, room 4331. Each session will last approximately an hour. All sessions will address special programs geared toward the adult learner/worker. The following universities and colleges will participate: Monday at 9 a.m., Calhoun, and at 2 p.m. Faulkner University; Tuesday at 9 a.m. Auburn, and at 2 p.m. Oakwood; Wednesday at 9 a.m. UAH, and 2 p.m. Athens; Thursday at 9 a.m. Central Alabama Community College, and at 2 p.m. Alabama A&M. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Marian Hopper 876-6913. These sessions cover everything from distance-based out-

reach engineering management, MBA, to beginning college.

Library lecture— Friends of the Library will present "Maple Hill Cemetery," a

panel lecture by John Rison Jones, Frances Roberts and Dorothy Johnson, at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Library Auditorium. The public is invited to this free event. Refreshments will follow.

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