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Company commander tapped for Army leadership honor

By Skip Vaughn

A Missile Command soldier has been nominated by higher headquarters for the annual General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award.

Capt. W. Collier Slade, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company MICOM, was selected by Army Materiel Command as its nominee for the 1995 award. His nomination packet will be forwarded to Department of the Army for the Armywide competition.

"It certainly is an honor and I want to thank Colonel Moeller and General Link for the support that they gave. And certainly here we have a lot of examples, mentors, of good leaders. So I'd say it's a great place to excel because of the support of the leadership," Slade said.

Slade also thanked his wife and the

soldiers of HHC MICOM. "It requires a lot of sacrifices on everybody's part and she's been very supportive, and I appreciate her support too," he said.

"Without quality soldiers, a leader can't make a difference," Slade said. "You've got to have good soldiers for the leaders. I feel fortunate to have quality soldiers here at Redstone."

Slade, 31, from Atlanta, has commanded the 485 soldiers of HHC MICOM since May 1994. He arrived at Redstone in September 1992 from Germany where he served with 1st Brigade, 3rd Armored Division.

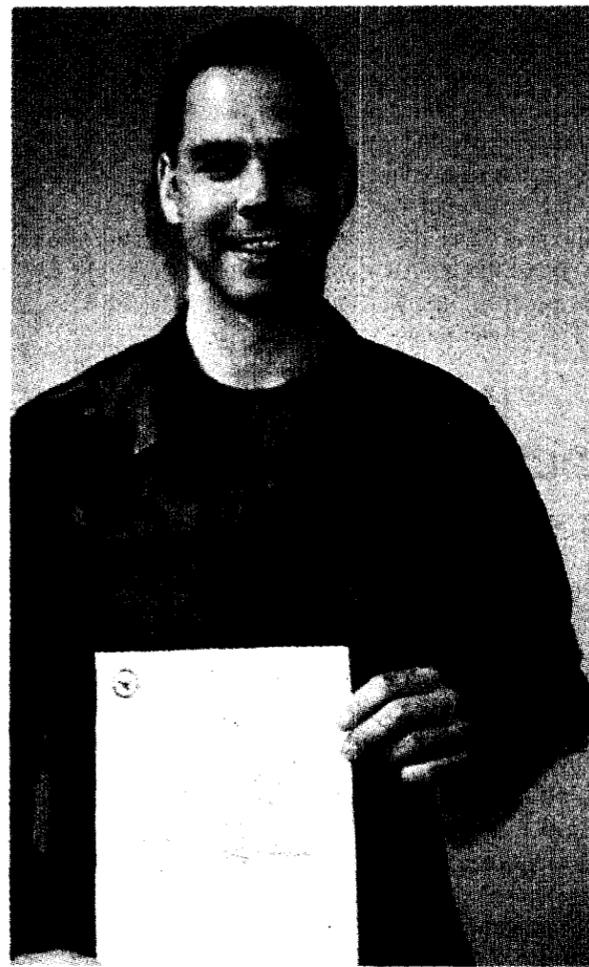
In 1987 he graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C., with bachelor's degrees in government and German. While at Wofford in 1985, he received the President's International Scholarship which allowed for one year of fully-funded global travel and study.

Slade is taking calculus classes at night at Calhoun College in preparation for the Naval Post Graduate School which he hopes to attend in May.

Col. Stephen Moeller, the deputy post commander, recommended Slade for the MacArthur Award. Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone, recognized Slade for his AMC nomination at the weekly staff meeting.

"Colonel Moeller's been a great mentor," Slade said. "I call him my 'haupt' mentor. That means, in German, main mentor; and he really has been. I mean he's a great boss."

Slade and his wife, Teka, have a 16-month-old daughter, Rebecca. He enjoys jogging and spending time with his family.



SLADE

Flying Activity returns to skies with new management

By Peggy Hays

The Redstone Arsenal's Flying Activity club is alive and well. On board as head of the newly reorganized RAFA is business manager Jack Ferguson, a retired sergeant major.

Ferguson's managerial role will be just that—business. You won't be searching for him in the wild blue yonder for he's not a pilot. "I've never flown an aircraft," Ferguson said. "But what the Activity needed, and what I feel I can provide, is a business manager."

In support of that statement, Ferguson described the steps: computerizing operations, increasing the membership, acquiring additional aircraft for cross country flying, beginning ground school instruction, and possibly adding sheltered areas as an option to the current tie-down spaces.



FERGUSON

Ferguson's main goal is to pursue the direction specified by the membership.

"We've purchased new hardware and software that's developed strictly for flying activities," he said. "It runs the business for you. It flags people to keep them current at all times. For example, it flags the

number of night hours or instrument hours you need and when such as 'you need to fly two hours at night prior to a certain date.'

"It keeps up with the maintenance aspect of the aircraft," Ferguson continued, "on both club-owned and club-leased aircraft, such as 'due oil change in

three operating hours.' It allows us to perform maintenance and organize our time better."

Ferguson asserted that the Flying Activity framework is strong and intact: active members number 140, and inactive members number 53. Administrative and maintenance personnel

are in place. Flight instructors are on the ready.

"We have a chief flight instructor paid by the number of hours he teaches," he said, "and 10 additional instructors who work according to the hours they are needed."

"We have aircraft available for flights," Ferguson said. "We are starting slowly, but we do have three aircraft available, two Cessna 150s and one Cessna 152. Next week, I will be leasing back another C172 (Cessna) that is fully instrumented."

"We are negotiating for a C182 (Cessna). With these aircraft on the ground, we can teach from ground school to a commercial pilot's license."

He's aware that once there is an urge to fly, time is precious. "Flying is an infectious sport," Ferguson said. "Once people are bitten by that bug, they don't

want to quit," adding that the RAFA club was initiated and built by the membership. "Some people have been members for 25 years."

Progress from a brand, spanking-new log book with zero flight hours to the possession of a private pilot's license can be rapid. "If a person came here and started ground school," Ferguson said, "that person can be a private pilot by the end of the summer for probably \$2200."

A flight instructor is available and ready to teach the ground school. "We're looking to start a ground school right now," he said. "We only need 10 students."

Chief Flight Instructor Sonny Morea is the person in charge of actual flight time. Morea has logged more than 6,000 hours in single and twin-engine air-

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Letters to the editor

Helpful custodians

I am writing this letter in defense of our custodians, who worked for Coast industries during the February subzero ice storm. On Feb. 6, when Redstone Arsenal personnel were to report at noon I received a call at 6 a.m. informing me that in my building a sprinkler pipe had burst in the female latrine. The hallway now resembled a canal and a pair of waders would have been helpful in the offices. Half of the ceiling in the latrine was now on the floor along with a number of ceiling panels in the other offices.

My first plan of attack was to call one of the custodians who lives 38 miles from Redstone Arsenal. He said that he would come in. I then made the trip to RSA. At 8 that morning, I-65 was extremely hazardous. It took one hour and 50 minutes. When I pulled into the parking lot, the custodian was there waiting for me. He immediately started cleaning up. He attacked the advancing water furiously with a shop vacuum. When the other custodian arrived, they both started mopping the floors and picked up all the downed ceiling panels. When this was accomplished, they relieved the soldiers on the sidewalks shoveling up 2-3 inches of ice.

I want to thank the Coastal employees and praise God that no one was injured trying to make it in that morning. The custodians for my building (building 3328) are Patricia Lanford and Danny McConnell.

SFC James A. Matthews
Bradley Team NCOIC

Snow removal

The winter storms of January and February will be talked about for many years to come. They made life and work for all of us in the Tennessee Valley trying. Especially difficult was transportation. Just getting from one place to the other turned out to be an adventure for most of us. This was true just getting to and from our cars and our buildings. The Directorate of Public Works is well aware of these difficulties as we experienced them firsthand ourselves. The job of snow and ice removal on the sidewalks and entrance ways of buildings falls upon us. This task is accomplished through a contract with Coast Industries Inc., our base-wide custodial contractor.

We have the same concerns about this subject as the population of the Arsenal. Questions have arisen as to why the entrances and sidewalks to the buildings are not cleared before we are to arrive to work. Also as to why not 100 percent of all buildings are done in this time frame. We can agree that this would be an ideal situation. Unfortunately, our limited resources keep this from becoming a reality.

Currently there are approximately 500 buildings serviced by Coast on this installation. This is accomplished by approximately 139 individuals. It is easy to see that emptying trash, cleaning floors, etc. on an every-other-day schedule can be accomplished by 139 people. Snow and ice removal is another matter. The amount of "salt" needed to cover 500 buildings' sidewalks and entrances is tremendous, to put it mildly. It is not feasible to store this "salt" in one location and have Coast attempt to transport it to all 500 buildings in the hours before we report to work. The time it would take to transport this "salt" would not leave enough time to spread it. We have opted to store the "salt" in individual buildings throughout post. This way the salt can be readily available for use, and attempt to clear the snow and ice before Arsenal employees come to work. That is if the building is not locked. In order to unlock the building, the building custodian, for instance, would have to come to work as early as Coast and

unlock the door to the buildings.

The media told us many times that the road conditions were slippery. I am sure that many chose not to tempt fate and stayed at home. Many of the Arsenal employees live in rural areas and are scattered through the Tennessee Valley and for their own personal reasons were not able to or chose not to come to work. Individual reasons vary but the end result is some of us came to work and some did not. This is also true of the Coast work force. This means that not all of the 139 came to work. This should not be a surprise, many of the facilities on Redstone were scarcely occupied. Liberal leave was an option that many took advantage of.

All during our work day we are faced with many opportunities for success, and when it comes to snow and ice removal, the ideal condition of having it removed before employees come to work is one to strive for. But with the other conditions associated with the accumulation of snow and ice this does not appear to be a reality we can materialize. During these occurrences, we are faced with a limited work force and the inaccessibility to the "salt" and equipment needed to do the job. We appreciate those able-bodied folks that helped themselves by clearing the ice and snow at their buildings during our past bout with ice. We also extend an invitation and a heartfelt thank you to anyone who would choose to assist in the future. This is an unpleasant situation, and one that is getting its due attention here at DPW.

Challenging opportunities are very prevalent in the era of downsizing and budget limitations. Mastering those challenges is a reality we all face in our day-to-day jobs.

Paul Hernandez
Base Operations Branch
Directorate of Public Works

Weathered storm

Though much of north Alabama was paralyzed by the recent winter storm, the vast majority of Bell-South customers had uninterrupted telephone service to help them through the crisis.

In face, well over 99 percent of our network continued to function under the inches of ice and snow, despite the loss of commercial power. Time and again, phone service was there to allow family members to check on others, businesses to stay open and emergency services to operate.

Still, we say "thank you" to customers who were patient while we completed repairs. Please know we did all we could to bring your service back as soon as possible.

And, if I may, our Bell South employees deserve a pat on the back. Under frigid, hazardous conditions they've worked hard to make sure telephone service worked when you needed it most, and to complete repairs as needed.

Together we can weather even the worst of storms.

Gary L. Pledger
District manager,
BellSouth

Quality service

I appreciate the efforts of the personnel involved in processing the VERA/VSIP retirement applications. This was quality service provided in a timely manner by RDEC, CPO, DFAS, and OPM. My last day at the office was Jan. 3. I received my lump sum payment for my accrued annual leave and my incentive award with my last paycheck on Jan. 18. I received my interim annuity payment on Feb. 1.

You are all to be congratulated for a job well done!

Robert R. Radke, Retired,
Propulsion Directorate,
Rsch, Dev & Engr Ctr.

Smoking at store

Department of Defense Instruction 1010.15, Smoke-Free Workplace, dated March 7, 1994, MICOM Regulation 1-36, and MICOM Policy 1-15, Policy on Controlled Smoking, dated Dec. 6, 1994 emphasize that smoke free breaks shall be outdoors, at least 50 feet from common points of ingress/egress, and not be located in areas commonly used by non-smokers.

Time and time again I have witnessed violations of these guidelines around the Arsenal but it is usually in areas where the smoking is inoffensive to non-smokers. What gets to me is the smoking by the Commissary employees right in front of the store. I don't think that I and my two daughters should have to inhale the second-hand carcinogens spewed forth from their lungs just because it's convenient for them to stand in front of the exit and smoke. I visit the store at least once a week and I have yet to see any of the baggers smoking at a distance of greater than 50 feet from an entrance or exit.

Who is responsible for addressing this issue and further, if the baggers are doing it in front of the store, then who is doing it in the back where they cut my meat and slice my cheese? I feel that this problem should be looked into and corrected as soon as possible due to the possible health risks involved.

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: Lee Wainwright, commissary officer, provided the following response. "This issue has been referred to Maj. Constance E. Perkins, Community Health Nurse, FACH, for review and action.")

Pillar to post

It occurred to me all too vividly during the Great Ice Age this past month that there has been carefully emplaced on a well-traveled section of the Arsenal's roads a safety hazard par excellence. I refer to the turnoff heading north on Patton Road onto the eastbound lanes of Martin Road.

Last year there was emplaced a set of massive gates at the start of the turnoff, intended to discourage persons trying to get onto Martin Road during hours when it was closed to eastbound traffic. I have no doubt it has been a total success in this office: Its pillars are such that they should defeat even a tank.

Unfortunately, they can also defeat any motorist turning onto this stretch from Patton at a goodly pace (for anything slower in traffic invites rear-ending, believe me) and in "inclement" conditions—e.g., slick as glass as I found out this past month—stands a very real chance of ramming these pillars due to the combination of slowing down (if not braking) and poor traction. The results could vary from just a total loss of the vehicle due to having the entire front end shoved back to a total loss of the passengers as well.

This strikes me as a very bad accident waiting to happen. How's about moving those pillars into the turn another 10 yards or so? The cost would surely be less than that of the resulting damage suit for negligently interposing safety hazards on the public highways.

D. J. Sherk

Leave policy

I am confused as to the MICOM policy concerning use of leave on days when Redstone Arsenal has a delayed opening. On Feb. 6, Redstone Arsenal opened at noon. I called in and requested annual leave under the liberal leave policy. It has now come to my attention that IMMC, or at least certain sections of it, were dismissed at

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Former manager at SSDC receives top Army award

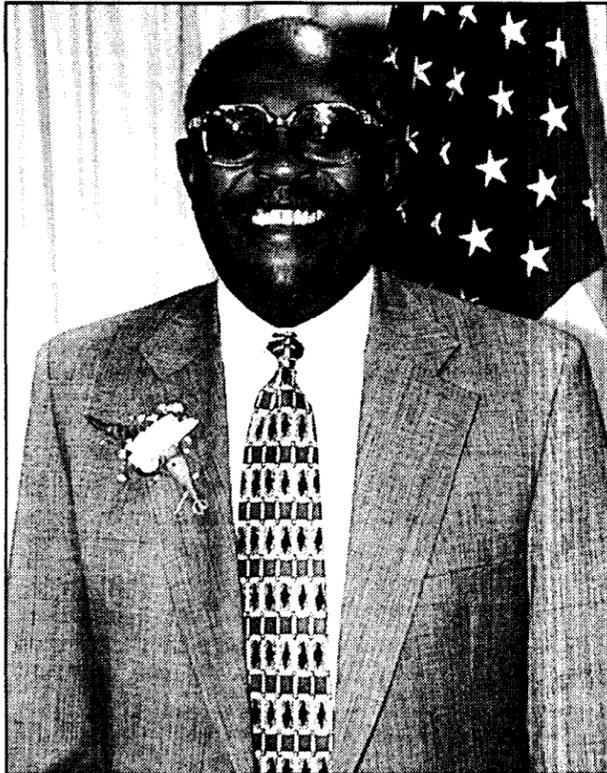
By Gerda Sherrill

A former SSDC program manager has received the highest award given by the Army to a civilian employee.

Joseph Butler, former SSDC program manager for the Extended Range Interceptor (Erint) program, received the Decoration of Exceptional Civilian Service at a Secretary of the Army awards ceremony Dec. 13 in the Pentagon.

Butler was recognized for leading a significant advancement of new technology into the theater missile defense architecture. "His technical direction and consummate tenacity were directly instrumental in proving the extraordinarily difficult concept of kinetic energy hit-to-kill defense against advanced tactical missile threats," the commendation states.

Currently, Butler is acting project manager for the Arrow program, a cooperative U.S./Government of Israel effort to perform research and development necessary to build an interceptor and launcher for the Israeli missile defense sys-



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tem.

Butler had previously been awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service Award for his contributions to tactical missile defense during his tenure in SSDC's Kinetic Energy Weapons Directorate. Under his leadership, the Erint was selected for integration into the Patriot Air Defense sys-

tem to provide enhanced lethality and firepower against a variety of tactical targets.

The Columbia, S.C., native has a bachelor's degree from Lincoln University, Pa., and a master's in aerospace engineering from the University of Virginia. He and his wife, Sharon, have three children.

Goss and Rideout intersection getting needed construction

For all those who have complained about the Goss-Rideout Road intersection, relief is on its way.

Drivers who are southbound on Rideout will be able turn left directly onto Goss Road, thanks to upcoming construction. Col. Stephen Moeller, the deputy post commander, says the work should begin in April and be completed in late summer.

"We got money this year to pave Rideout Road; and as part of that process, we're going to put a traffic

light down there and let people turn off on Goss," Moeller said. "This way they'll be able to turn right up Goss Road. We're going to start work in April in repaving Rideout Road.

"We're actually using last year, end-of-year dollars to repave Rideout Road. And Rideout really needs it; it's got a lot of problems as far as splits in the pavement and what have you," he added.

Gate 9 was formerly located at the intersection. The problem for drivers

began several years ago when the guardshack at gate 9 was moved south due to construction of I-565. As a result, drivers who were southbound on Rideout could no longer turn onto Goss. They have to go eight-tenths of a mile and make a U-turn to come back to Goss.

Complaints from drivers were heard frequently at town hall meetings. The traffic light will be moved up eight-tenths of a mile and a turning lane will be installed, Moeller said.

Fox Army Hospital celebrates 55th anniversary April 12

Fox Army Community Hospital's 55th anniversary ball will be held April 12 at 6 p.m. at the Officers Club.

Retired Col. Robert McLean is the scheduled speaker. McLean was hospital commander during the construction of the current building and made the move from the previous location in building 116 in

1978.

Tickets, \$12 each, will go on sale March 15. Due to limited seating capacity, all interested persons are encouraged to purchase their tickets early. Dress for military personnel is Class A's with white shirt and bow tie or Dress Blues. Civilians may wear equivalent attire.

"If you have a current or past association with the hospital and would like to attend, please purchase your tickets early and join us for an evening of nostalgia, a look at the future, dinner and dancing," a hospital release said. For more information, call Melba Moody 876-6890.

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New waiting system at pharmacy should eliminate lines

Hospital initiates automated system, patient workgroup

By Kathy Harkleroad

An automated system and a new committee are among the ways that officials at Fox Army Community Hospital are trying to improve their services.

Several modules of the new Composite Health Care System (CHCS) have gone on-line and a new Patient Center Workgroup has been formed to educate hospital staff and patrons about concerns, changes and policies.

The Patient Center Workgroup is a committee that meets once a month to discuss concerns which have been submitted by patients. Each month one or two areas will be targeted and issues will be addressed. "We are very excited about this new group and have already addressed several issues," Capt. Christopher Pate, coordinated care chief, said. "We will be looking at every concern and will close them out as we complete the process. Many times patients will submit questions, inquiries or concerns about areas in the hospital and we want to make sure they are addressed."

Pate and patient representative Kathy Collins will be focusing on each of the clinics both within the hospital and those located elsewhere on the post. "We will be addressing issues that involve the clinics as well as the ancillary support services such as the lab, radiology and the pharmacy," Pate said. "This will be done on an continuing basis and will continue year-round."

Another change that has taken place within Fox Hospital is the new CHCS system. All of the clinics, as well as radiology are now on-line and physicians can order laboratory work, X-rays and prescriptions without filling out paperwork.

"Initially implementing the system has slowed things down a little bit, but in the long run it will be much better for the patients," Pate said. "Their physicians are now able to order tests and medicines from their desks via a computer, and the information is transmitted directly to the proper location."

Pate said there have been some concerns expressed, especially in the radiology department, when it came to the appointment system; but he asked patients to bear with them. "As with any new way of doing things, delays will occur and we have had some problems. They are being worked out and we are asking all the patients to be a little understanding and bear with us. In the long run this new system will benefit them tremendously," he said.

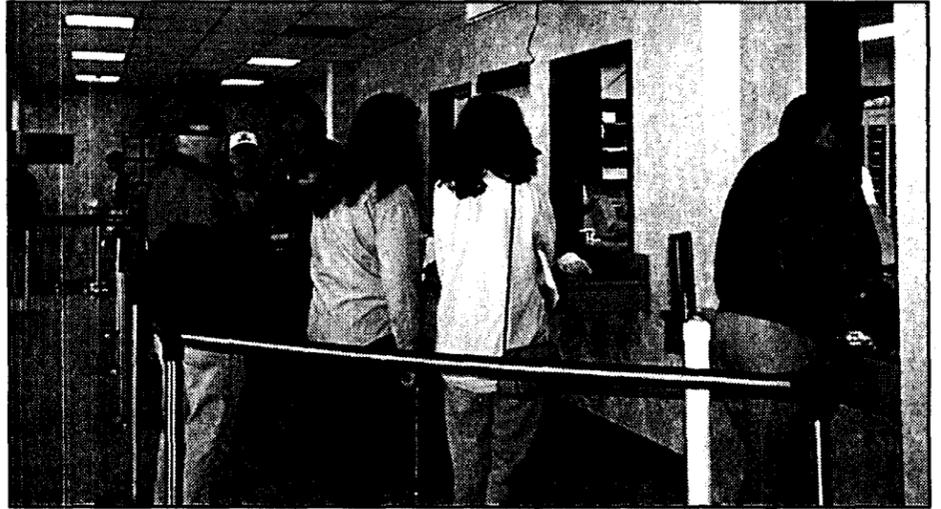
By Kathy Harkleroad

Standing in line while waiting for a prescription to be filled at Fox Army Community Hospital will be a distant memory in the near future. According to Capt. Christopher Pate, coordinated care division chief, additional chairs will soon be in place and patients will be able to sit comfortably before getting their prescriptions filled.

"We are going to change the whole way a patient gets their prescription filled," Pate said. "In the near future patients will take a ticket with a number on it and have a seat in the new waiting area. The best part of this system is the patient will know how long it will take to have their prescription filled and will have a choice of sitting and waiting or taking care of other business in the hospital."

Pate said the new system will also help the hospital as well and everyone will benefit. "The new ticket system will be able to keep track of the peak times and will produce other beneficial data. The patients will also benefit by not having to stand in a line, which was a major concern for some of our older patients," he said.

Once the patients number has been called, they will be able to turn in their prescription and receive their medication at the same time. "We will have the same complete one-stop service as in the past, with the only difference of sitting while they are waiting vs. standing," Pate said.



FASTER SERVICE— Standing in line at the Fox Army Community Hospital pharmacy will become a thing of the past, thanks to a new system which will be in place soon. Patients will be able to sit while awaiting their turn.

The change in the system came about by concerns that have been expressed by patients at the hospital. "We encourage comments, good or bad, from patients and act upon each and every one of them," Pate said. "This was a major concern for the older patients and after looking at other pharmacies who had this system in place, we decided to implement it here. This is one more effort to increase customer satisfaction and one that I think will be

received well."

To further cut down on the waiting time, pharmacy officials are asking that patients utilize the new call-in refill system that is in place. "We have found that almost 50 percent of the patients who use the pharmacy are having prescriptions refilled. If they would use the new call-in service, the wait time would further decrease," Pate said.

The new refill call-in service is available 24 hours a day and if the refill is

called in before noon, will be ready for pickup the following day. The new system is completely computerized and a recorded message will guide callers through the procedure. Patients are asked to have the last four digits of the sponsor's Social Security number and the prescription numbers for all prescriptions that are being refilled ready before calling.

The call-in refill service's number is 842-7337 or 1-800-223-9351.

MWR highlights

The following are upcoming Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities:

MARCH 5: Fish fry—The Team Redstone Community Fish Fry will be held 6-9 p.m. March 5 at the Rustic Lodge. Cost is \$10 per person. Tickets are available at the Recreation Center, building 3711. The Redstone community is invited to this event which has a country and western theme. For more information, call 876-5232/4931.

COUPON CLUB: Saving money—The newly-formed ACS Coupon Clippers Club meets the first and third Monday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3491. "Save money on your groceries by joining the coupon clippers. Bring your extra coupons to swap with other members." All members of the Redstone community are invited to participate. For more information, call Mary Breeden 876-5397.

ISSUES OF AGING: Legal services—A class on "Legal Issues for Seniors" will be held today from 11 until noon at building 3447. Connie Glass, of Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments (TARCOG), is the scheduled speaker. For information call Jennifer Clark of Army

Community Service 876-5397.

FLYING ACTIVITY: Learn to fly—The Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity is taking applications for ground school students. Classes will begin as soon as a sufficient number of students register. For more information, call 880-9495.

ARTS & CRAFTS: Classes—The Arts & Crafts Shop offers classes in matting and framing, ceramics, woodworking, oil painting, jewelry making, basket weaving and more. For information call 876-7951.

ART AUCTION: OWC fund-raiser—The 24th annual Art Exhibition and Auction, sponsored by Officers Wives Club, will be held March 2-3 at the Officers Club. The exhibition will begin at 6 p.m. March 2, and the auction at 7. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served with a cash bar. Dining room will be open with regular menu, but reservations are suggested. Standup sale will be held March 3 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the cashier's cage for \$5 per person. For more information, call Mary Black 461-0288.

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Town meeting brings good news on child-care rates

By Kathy Harkleroad

The quarterly town hall meeting was held Feb. 20 at the Bicentennial Chapel and several topics were discussed. The featured topics included child care fees, Tricare, the new dental plan, housing updates, and updates on upcoming events.

One of the big issues of the evening was the discussion of the rates at the Child Development Center (CDC) for both full and part time care at the center and the school-age services program. The new proposed Summer Camp that will be implemented this summer was also discussed and Helen Roadarmel introduced the parents to some of the programs that will be available.

Roadarmel, the Child Development Services coordinator, said rates have not increased at CDC since November 1994 and patrons still see a substantial savings in child care fees over centers in the area. "There will be a new rate for our school-age care program which will be a tremendous decrease over last year's rates," she said. The decrease is due to the allocation of appropriated funds for a pilot DoD program.

Rates for the school-age program will range from \$22-\$56 beginning the next school year, compared to \$75-\$188 this year.

Rates for the day care center are based on the income of the parents and are set by the Department of Defense. According to Roadarmel, most parents using the facility fall into the income category of \$23,001- \$34,000 per year with a child care fee of \$209 a month.

"There is also a special category for parents with income of less than \$18,500 per year, and their rates for child care is \$140 per month," she said. "We also offer a discount for the second child enrolled in any program and a parent participation discount."

Also discussed was the new summer camp program that will be part of the new school-age services. "We have many activities planned for the children and all will involve life experiences as well as educational and fun activities," Roadarmel said. "We will have field trips, weekly swimming, classes on different areas such as fishing, picnics, computer labs, and other cultural activities."

Roadarmel said that Youth Services also planned on increasing their teen program and "were going to do

whatever it takes" to reach the teens on the Arsenal. "If we need to we will go into the housing areas themselves and find the teens and get them involved with different activities. This is an area that needs to be worked on, and we have many ideas and plans for them," she said.

Don Olsen, transportation office, gave an update on school bus transportation and reminded parents of the behavior guidelines that were passed out during registration. "We are responsible for the safe transportation of 669 students from the Arsenal to their respective schools. While the behavior problems are on a decline, we do still have some problem areas," Olsen said.

Bobby Noles, post traffic specialist, gave an update on the new jogging and bike trail extension and said work should be completed within the next couple of weeks. "The new trail will be behind the housing quarters north of Goss Road and will lead to Rideout Road. The trail will be a total of 7.3 miles in length by the time it is completed," Noles said.

"When the trail is completed we will allow bikes on the path as well as joggers, with some precautions," he said. "There will be speed limits posted and bicyclists must ride single file and give an audible warning when passing a jogger."

Noles mentioned that the trails will also be open to pets in order to make an enjoyable family experience. "We have many families who like to get out on the weekends and ride bikes with the kids, or jog along with them. The jogging/bike trail will be an ideal safe place for that to happen," he added.

Jim Mullen, Directorate of Family and Community Activities, gave an update on the Oktoberfest and summer Army concert and said plans are all ready in the works for both events. "The scheduled dates for Oktoberfest are Sept. 13-15 and will be in the same location as last year. We are hoping for an adult carnival and will see some additional entertainment as well," Mullen said.

Due to scheduling difficulties at headquarters, Mullen said further information on the Army concert was not yet available. "We have two dates to choose from, June 28 or Aug. 9, and as of yet we don't know who the performer will be. We do know it will be coun-

try and western and we will have a better chance of a more popular entertainer with the August date," Mullen said. Further information will be released to the public as it becomes available.

Faye Yates, from the

Army Communities of Excellence office, explained the new judging criteria for the new Army Performance Improvement Criteria (APIC) award and told of the upcoming site visit. She explained how the judging would take place and said

Redstone Arsenal was in the running with Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., and Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Georgina Melon, housing chief, gave an update on the current projects in the housing area. "Currently

roofs are being replaced in areas seven, nine and 10 and lateral sewer replacements are being done in areas eight and nine. Also scheduled for this year are gas

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SSDC provides mapping support in Balkans peace negotiations

By Gerda Sherrill and Curtis Miller

In addition to working on technologies to defend against incoming enemy theater and strategic missiles, the Space and Strategic Defense Command recently became an active partner in international peace negotiations at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, near Dayton, Ohio.

The Battle Integration Center's Spatial Weapons System Analysis (SWSA) Center was called upon by the U.S. Topographic Engineering Center, one of the major organizations involved in the Balkan peace negotiations, to support the process with its well established Geographic Information System (GIS) and mapping capabilities. The SWSA Center had a contract in place for technical assistance with Camber Corporation of Huntsville and immediately dispatched three GIS specialists from Camber to Ohio to join and strengthen the original mapping team already on the scene.

Once in place, the SWSA Center team, building on experience gained from past SSDC projects, set out to identify short cuts and eliminate all inefficiencies. The specialists implemented changes in the storing

process for the map files and actually digitized the geographic lines that would define the territorial splits in the Balkans, a new process which cut mapping time in half and "made some generals very happy," according to one of the team members.

At the negotiations, the SWSA team was tasked to calculate the territorial percentages of Bosnia, Croatia, and Serbia based on the proposed demarcation lines, generate buffer zones around the cease fire lines and the territorial split, and digitize the proposed trade-offs (i.e. roads, rivers, etc.). Maj. Gen. Nuber, director of the U.S. Army Defense Mapping Agency, recognized the SWSA Center team for its collective knowledge and experience and stated that the team should have been on the mapping support team from the beginning.

The Balkan peace negotiations ended successfully with an agreement initiated by Franjo Tudjam of Croatia, Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, and Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia on Nov. 1. The formal agreement was signed at a December ceremony held in Paris, France, marking the end of 43 months of civil war in the former Yugoslavia.



ACOE kickoff...

Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, addresses the Army Communities of Excellence kickoff meeting held Feb. 21. An ACOE site visit will be conducted at Redstone

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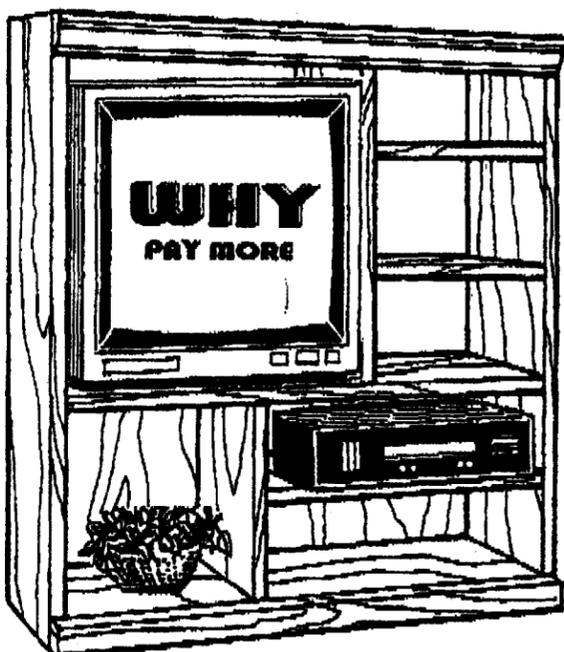
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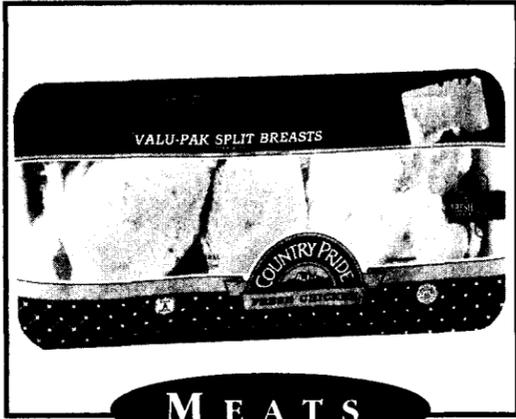


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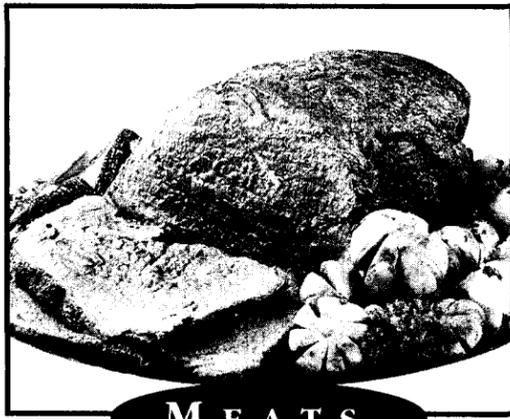
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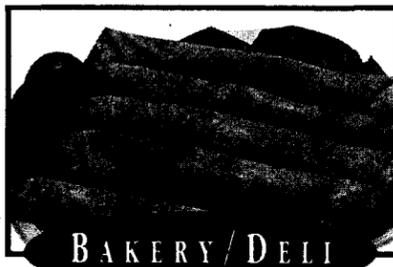
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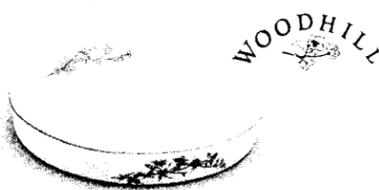


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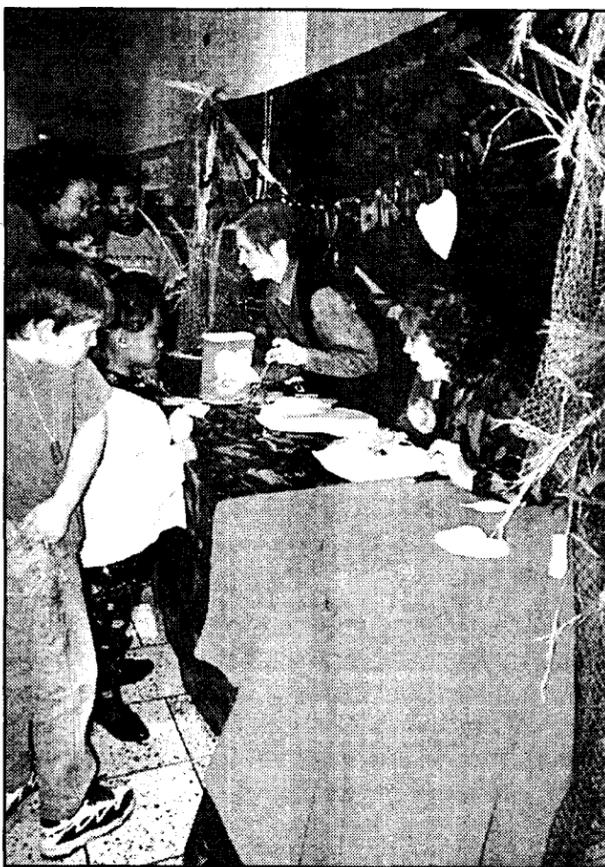
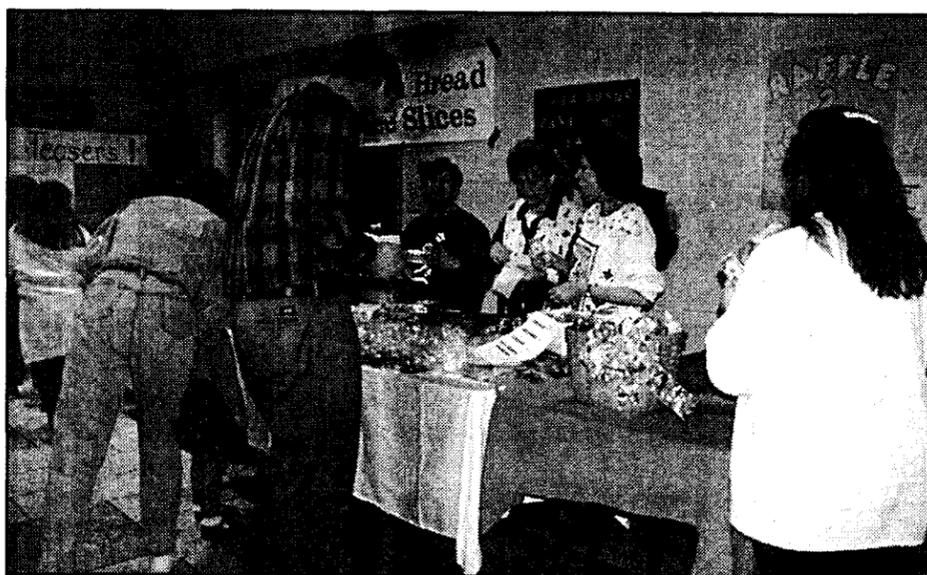
Plenty of fun served up at Williams Elementary carnival



TOSSING THAT TISSUE— Attendees at the carnival took a second look as they passed the toilet toss booth and many decided to see if they could toss a roll of paper into the bowl. Homeroom mothers dressed the part and helped the children with their aim. They each had three tries before winning a prize.

DOG TAGS AND BRACELETS— Since over 600 children from the Arsenal attend Williams Elementary, it is only natural they would want dog tags like their mom and dad. The booth was one of the more popular ones at the Carnival as children paid two tickets for a tag or bracelet with their name engraved on it.

SNACK TIME— Col. Stephen Moeller, the deputy post commander, took a break from all the fun and decided to check out the PTA Board booth that was chock full of homemade goodies. Diana Hooper helps him choose between brownies and cookies.



CARNIVAL FUN— Carnival goes at Williams Elementary School enjoyed a wide variety of games and activities Feb. 19 during the school's annual fund-raiser. The plinko game was a big hit as children of all ages lined up to try their chance at hitting the jackpot.



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Black History Month luncheon tradition continues

Speaker advises African-Americans to overcome nation's inequities

By Skip Vaughn

African-American women can overcome the inequities they continue to face in this country, according to the guest speaker at the 10th annual Black History Month luncheon.

Patricia Coats Jessamy, the state's attorney for Baltimore City, Md., addressed the event held Feb. 21 at the Von Braun Civic Center north hall. The annual luncheon is presented by the Army Community of Excellence.

"African-American women excel and prevail despite the racial and gender inequities we face," Jessamy said.

She listed the names of black women who have excelled in various professions. "Now I can go on and on for days but I'm not. This list of African-American women who have excelled and prevailed despite the odds is long," she said.

Much remains to be done because inequities continue today, Jessamy cautioned. "Too many things remain the same. Too many inequities continue to exist."

She mentioned prevailing disparities in the education system, the elimination of affirmative action programs, and the widening economic gap between whites and blacks.

"Too many of our mothers are burying their sons, and too many of our children are destined for prisons instead of colleges," Jessamy said.

She added that she is not

pessimistic about the future for African-American women. "We have the ability to persevere and overcome and beat the odds of any obstacles we face," she said.

Jessamy urged the attendees to teach positive values to their children; these include having faith in their own ideas and believing in their self-worth. "We must teach them, ladies and gentlemen, to prevail despite the odds, despite the inequities."

She drew an analogy to the wagon driver— who told someone to either help or get out of the way — and to the bumblebee who flew despite scientific odds. "Won't you sign on as a wagon driver and as a bumblebee?" she asked.

"Racial and gender inequities still exist and challenges continue but, like the strong women that came before us, we have the ability to be today's Sojourner Truths and Harriet Tubmans," Jessamy said.

Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, delivered welcoming remarks at the 10th annual event. "This (luncheon) has become a tradition, a tradition of excellence, and one that I hope we can continue for many years to come," Link said.

About 800 people attended the luncheon, according to Charles Ray, the equal opportunity officer for the Missile Command.



JESSAMY

Test your knowledge of black American history

Black History Month trivia questions have appeared in the Rocket weekly during February.

The questions were submitted by the Redstone Arsenal Equal Employment Opportunity Office and the OMMCS Equal Opportunity staff. Contributors to this awareness effort include Maj. James Jones, Capt. Roosevelt Pitts and CSM James George, according to Sgt. Clifford Surret, training NCO.

Pitts wrote the following entry which appeared last week and is answered this week:

• "Araminta Ross was my name at birth,
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In my life I carried a heavy load,
I helped slaves escape via a railroad.
I was a conductor but my train didn't run on a track,
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Slave owners hated me and wanted me dead,
\$40,000 was offered for my head.
But I was blessed with good friends and quick wit,
My people must be free and I would not quit.
Things once got a little bit hot,
I escaped to Canada, a safer spot.
I returned to America but I was low key,
There were more slaves to set free.
I established a home for the aged and the poor,
At 93, I left this world to return no more.
In the Civil War, I served as a Union spy,
I'm an African-American woman but who am I?"
ANSWER: Harriet Tubman

LETTERS

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Bob Mulkey

(Editor's note: Jim Flinn, director of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, provided the following response. "On Tuesday, Feb. 6, road conditions were so hazardous that only about one-fourth of our people made it in. Like you, the majority couldn't make it at all. Our No. 1 goal in the IMMC is "Taking Care of People" and with so many main roads closed, parking lots icy and the trip home for so many likely to be more treacherous than the trip in, the right decision was to allow those who were here to leave in time to get home safely.

"I fully believe that I was 'playing by the rules' and had the authority to make that decision. I'm sure you would agree that it's the people at Team Redstone who take care of our business, and my job is to take care of our people.")

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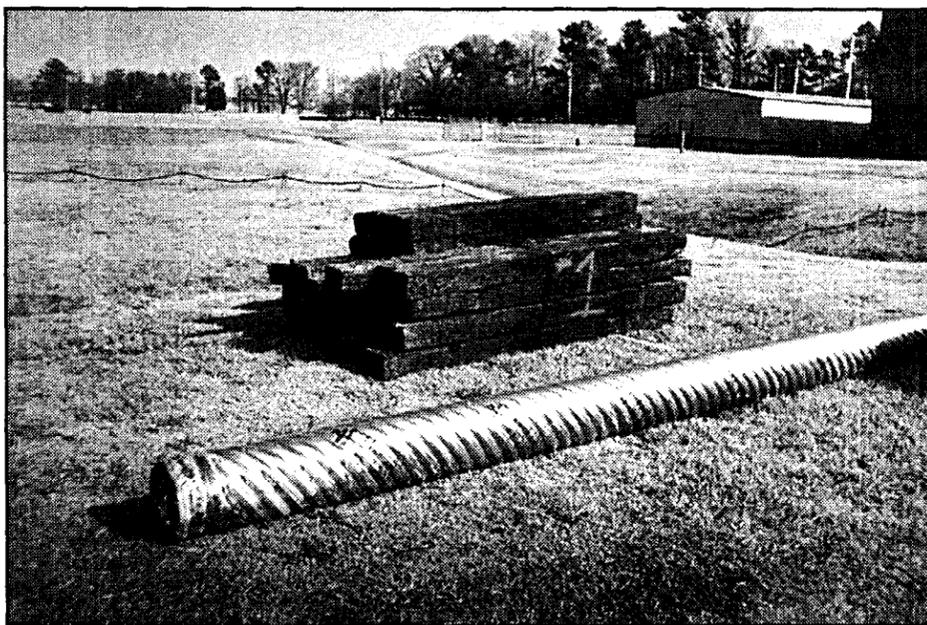
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After...

Software Engineering Center improves with self-help effort

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Self-Help Store isn't just for housing residents, and the Software Engineering Directorate, RD&E Center, has proved that. They recently built a much needed loading dock, and it was all done through the Self-Help Store.

"We really needed a loading dock that could handle tactical and commercialized vehicles," Carter Lewis, facilities manager, said. "In the past in order to receive a piece of equipment, we would have to drive to a location approximately eight miles away in order to download it. Now we can do it at our back door and that has already proved to be a big time saving factor."

"I was really shocked to learn they had to go that far in order to receive a vehicle," Wayne Nevels, Self-Help Store manager, said. "We wanted to do anything we could in order to help Carter, and everything just fell together."

The project took about six weeks, from conception

to completion, and Lewis is now an avid fan of the Self-Help Store. "They did everything that was necessary to get the materials we needed in a timely fashion and even provided the guidance and surveys. They were terrific," Lewis said. "Everyone, from Anita Harrison and Mike Hubbard at DPW, to the folks at the Self-Help Store really worked as a team and got this project off the ground. I can't thank them enough."

The new loading dock is located behind building 6260 and consists of railroad ties, rock, dirt and a culvert and will enable large trailers to back up over a drainage ditch and unload vehicles up to 25 tons.

"We dug out the drainage ditch, hauled in dirt, put in a culvert for drainage, and started building the loading dock," Nevels said. "It looks totally different than before and will make things much easier for them."

"I have never dealt with a project that went this smoothly," Lewis said. "We have utilized the store

before for landscaping needs and have even built shelving from materials we obtained there. But this was a much larger project and I was just amazed at how well everything went."

Nevels encourages other government facilities on the post to utilize the store; and with spring arriving, this is the perfect time to look at projects that need to be done. "We have it all, from landscaping needs to larger projects. All they have to do is call and let us know what they need, or stop by," Nevels said.

Housing residents are also encouraged to utilize the store and get ready for spring planting by picking up their landscaping needs. "We also have materials available for housing residents as well, and we would like to encourage them to come out also," Nevels said.

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Redstone housing chief focuses on customer service

By Kathy Harkleroad

Housing residents on post have a new face leading the way. Georgina Melon is the new housing chief and took over her position Jan. 4. She recently moved here from White Sands Missile Range, N.M., where she was the housing chief.

Melon has many plans for the Arsenal and is anxious to get started on them. "Even though I have only been here a short period of time, I have so many ideas and plans that I can hardly wait to get started," she said.

Melon said she is a firm believer in setting goals and being innovative when it comes to planning and building. "There are so many things you can do if you just let your imagination go. We did it at White Sands and we can do it here," she said.

One of the first areas Melon said she would like to work on is customer service; and she would like to see the amount of complaints decrease. "I'm not saying we have a lot of complaints, but there are definitely more here than at White Sands, and we are going to work on that. There are so many things that need taking care of, and as soon as I learn more of how things are done, then everything will fall into place," she added.

Melon says she sees her

Helicopters stopping to refuel at airfield

Redstone Army Airfield is supporting military units from Fort Campbell, Ky., during an exercise Feb. 27 and 28 and March 4. Residents in the Huntsville-Madison County area may hear helicopter noise during the day or at night as the aircraft approach or depart from the airfield. The purpose of the stops is for refueling.

Areas that may be affected include Hazel Green, areas due north of Redstone Arsenal, South Memorial Parkway in the vicinity of Weatherly Road, and south to the Tennessee River. Up to 11 helicopters may be flying over at one time.

goals as challenges and is going to look into implementing new programs in customer service, procedures and in the facilities that are on the Arsenal. "Initially it is going to be slow going, but I am looking forward to doing it and seeing things change. I really believe they can be done and will work hard to see that they are accomplished," she said.

One of the more specific goals Melon has in mind is to look at revising the maintenance agreement for the facilities under the housing directorate. "We have to improve the way the facilities are maintained, before we can do anything else or make any other changes," she added.

Communication is another



MELON

er area Melon would like to see improve and will be working closely with her staff and her customers to make sure there are no misunderstandings or miscom-

munications. "We have to remember that the customer is very important and it is because of them that we are here. I firmly believe that and practice it every day," she said.

The main goal Melon has is to make sure everyone has a comfortable place to live, whether it be permanent or temporary. "There is room for improvement in both the permanent quarters and the temporary quarters such as guest housing and VOQ. It is important that while our soldiers are here, they and their families are as comfortable as they can be. I firmly believe that everyone is entitled to a nice home, and it is my job to see that is what we have here at Redstone," Melon said. "Anything can happen

if you set your mind to it."

Melon would like to remind housing residents of several annual events that will be taking place soon. "We will have the annual plant distribution April 3 and 10 at Self Help and two flats and up to four individual potted plants will be allowed per family housing quarters. The plants will include impatiens, begonias, petunias, marigolds, geraniums and hostas," Melon said.

Garden plots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning March 15. Further information on the plots will be distributed at a later date.

The annual Spring Carport/Yard Sale is scheduled for May 4-5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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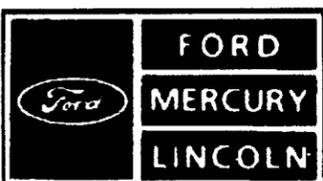
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Retired Col. Donald Jersey dies at local hospital

Retired Col. Donald H. Jersey died Feb. 21 at a local hospital. He was 69.

Jersey served 30 years in the Army. Service included World War II, Korea and three combat tours in Vietnam, where he served as one of General Craighton Abrams' aides. Decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, two Silver Stars, two Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Valor, Distinguished Flying Cross, nine Air Medals, Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Purple Heart.

Jersey had a distinguished career. He served as a combat infantryman, was a Master Army Aviator, and concluded his career in the field of procurement. He first came to Redstone in 1965 where he served in MICOM's Procurement Directorate. He would split his time between MICOM and what is now known as ATCOM for the next several years, sandwiching tours of duty in Vietnam and

Command and General Staff College in between.

After retiring from the Army, Jersey was the owner of the Shamrock Sports Bag Company. His community involvement included civic organizations such as the Huntsville Botanical Gardens, Huntsville Rotary, Easter Seals, and the Huntsville Rehabilitation Center. His involvement in military organizations included the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Claudia; daughters Donna Stall, Dreama Norwood, and Marine Corps Maj. Laura Ann Sampsel; brothers Robert B. Jersey and retired Marine Maj. David E. Jersey; and five grandchildren.

Jersey will be buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery March 1.

MEETING

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line replacements in areas three, five, six and seven, (mains only) and mains and service lines in area 10. We also plan to replace carpet in miscellaneous quarters located in area nine, and parquet tiles and or carpet in areas five and six before the end of the year," Melon said.

Maj. Harry Smith, the provost marshal, explained the juvenile review board and the steps the teens and parents must take when appearing before the board. "So far this year we have 14 cases of shoplifting, three cases of damage to government property, two cases of misconduct and one case of attempting to pass a worthless check," Smith said. "All of these instances involved youngsters between the ages

of 10 and 17."

Jason Mason, Tricare information specialist, gave an update on the new health care maintenance organization that will affect all patients at Fox Army Community Hospital. Signup for Tricare will begin in April, as Humana Military Health Care was awarded the contract in November. "Health delivery should begin the first of July and signup will precede that beginning in April. We don't anticipate much of a change at Fox, and patients should see a wider variety of services that will be available to them," Mason said.

A media blitz will begin in the near future to educate the public on Tricare; and according to Mason, this will involve television, print and radio.

Michelle Battee, United Concordia Companies, was present to explain the

new dental benefits available with the new family dental contract.

During the question and answer period, attendees asked why the fishing fees had been increased at Outdoor Recreation. Col. Stephen Moeller, the deputy post commander, said the fees were necessary to maintain the facilities, stock the ponds and make sure the animals were well fed.

At the conclusion of the meeting Northrup Grumman, the post maintenance contractor, was congratulated for their hard work during the recent ice storm. "Due to the foresight of Northrup Grumman, 65 workers were housed in the barracks and were available during the storm to handle emergencies," Moeller said. "They were on top of any problems that arose and prevented serious damage to many facilities, including homes."

FLYING

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craft. His expertise can be obtained by calling 881-3980 or 880-9495.

The RAFA aircraft are fixed-wing, single-engine. And, for those of you who might be worried, Morea communicates that these light aircraft can be "set down most anywhere. The 150s and 172s almost glide on down."

According to Ferguson, the cost of instruction is very comparable to other ground school and private pilot courses. In addition, aircraft rental includes fuel which may not always be

included in all rental rates.

Ferguson is seeking new members: 140 of them. A one-time administrative fee of \$25 per family is charged to new members. Monthly dues are \$20. For an additional \$9 per month, a spouse can belong to RAFA.

For those wishing to try

the skies, a social get-together is in progress. "We'll have a cookout. And, we'll have introductory rides for a small fee for people who want to fly," Ferguson said. "For those who decide they don't want to fly, it doesn't take a long

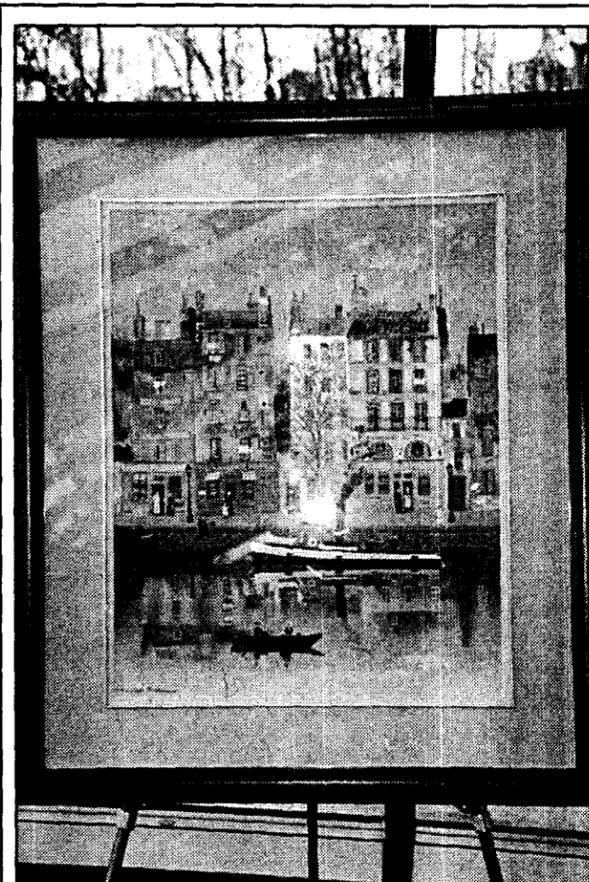
time to make a decision.

"I want to work with those who don't know if they want to fly or not; those that don't know Redstone Arsenal has a Flying Activity. I want to introduce them to it.

"We are working to see

what kind of aircraft people want to put on the apron," he said. "We do know we need more cross country capabilities; four-seaters, for example, where people can take their family to lunch in Florida and come back."

RAFA has the use of the 7,200-foot runway at the Redstone Army Airfield. That's certainly enough runway for any plane that's bound for a quick lunch trip to Florida. Who's ready to go— and, what time shall we take off?



Art auction...

The Officers Wives Club's 24th annual Art Exhibition and Art Auction will be held March 2-3 and promises to offer something for everyone. Tickets are still available at the Officers Club for \$5 and all proceeds will be distributed throughout the community by the OWC. Bidding begins at 7 p.m. March 2. A standup auction for any remaining items will be held at 10 a.m. March 3. The public is invited.

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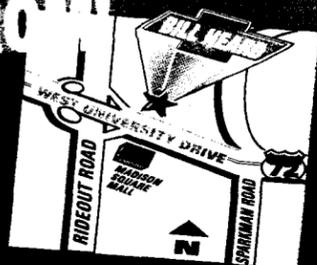
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Girl Scouts learning lessons of community involvement

By Peggy Hays

The theme for Girl Scout Troop 620 is community service, active participation, and leadership. For the sixteen girls, ages 9-12, the troop provides an early opportunity to actively develop leadership skills in a community setting under motivated and involved adult leaders. For two of their adult leaders, Troop Co-Leader Linda Hanson, and Cookie Co-Captain Deborah Hatton, it's an opportunity for mother and daughter learning and growing experiences and for a sharing of their own life experiences.

Although bound by their energy and commitment, Hanson and Hatton arrived on different pathways. Hanson's degrees are in chemistry and economics with an MBA in finance and international business. Hanson also leads a Daisy scout troop for kindergartners.

Hatton's degree is in library science. She's a children's librarian, actually, and taught for 14 years at West Point Elementary School in West Point, N.Y. Hatton was also a leader last year for another troop. Her husband is Lt. Col. Robert Hatton, deputy commander of the Corps of Engineers.

Despite their differing backgrounds, their personal motivation is similar. "I

was a Girl Scout when I was a child," Hanson said, who grew up in the suburban Detroit area. "The program I was exposed to back then was very different as to types of activities.

"We were very, very active though. We basically went camping once a month and usually for a week each summer," she said. "We had male leaders. They told us they were tougher on us than on their sons when they were leaders. They wanted us to learn how to be self-sufficient.

"I wanted to carry that love of the outdoors to my own daughters. I wanted to get involved," continued Hanson who has 10-year-old twins, a 6-year-old, and a 3-year-old. "I have four daughters, three involved in Girl Scouts."

For Hatton, a Scout experience as a youth was not available in her rural area. Instead, it was 4-H and Grange activities. "I'm in Girl Scouts because it's a well-rounded program," she said, "and my daughter enjoys mothers and daughters doing things together.

"It's an amazing thing with cookie booth sales," said Hatton who has both a son and daughter. Her daughter, Julie, is a fourth grader in the troop. "People come back and tell you that my daughter was in Girl



POSTRACE REFRESHMENTS— Hanson, troop leader, standing, and Hatton, cookie co-captain, display the Girl Scout cookies served by Troop 620 after the S.A.M.E. Engineer's Run last Saturday. Runners sampled chalet cremes (30 percent reduced fat this year) plus the well-known and loved thin mints, old-fashioned shortbreads, and peanut butter cremes.

Scouts and she's an active participant in the community now as an adult."

Hanson added that Scouting provides "a real leadership experience. With that experience, they can provide leadership back to the community— not because of the recognition but because of their nature."

For Troop 620, it's been one leadership opportunity after another. Sponsored by St. Thomas Episcopal Church, the troop was selected by the Girl Scouts of North Alabama as one of the

11 Honor Troops for 1994-95. This year, community and individual projects include cleanup and recycling activities, serving water and post race refreshments to the runners at last Saturday's S.A.M.E. Engineer Run on the Arsenal, Christmas projects, a visit to the Tom Bevell Center, and to the Corps of Engineers. A special event will be a sojourn to Savannah, Ga., on March 25-29 for a visit to the Juliette Gordon Low Girl Scout National Center.

For the S.A.M.E. run, for

example, the Scouts observed the long-range organizational skills needed in planning for such a race as well as the actual management on race day. Hanson and Hatton noted that it was unusual for those of such a young age to be a part of an activity that is open to the community.

In the troop's visit to the Corps of Engineers, Hatton stated several people were instrumental in the Scouts earning a Science in Action badge. "They did the whole program for us that day," she said. "We saw different types of communications, including the use of secure phones in the workplace. Different types of engineers showed us what they did."

One other thing was special. "What we saw was mostly women in engineering fields," added Hanson. "They were great role models."

The Savannah visit to the birthplace of Scouting includes two days at the center with activities planned just for Troop 620. "You choose what day and what programs," said Hanson. "The girls really enjoy arts and crafts and voted on the programs."

The Scouts not only will dress up in costumes and try out a girl's life in the 1880s

but will experiment with watercolors, printmaking, and sculpturing. "We're also planning a carriage tour of the city," said Hanson. "It'll be a historical tour."

During the tour, the Scouts may earn an Architecture badge by identifying the various styles of architecture. "They'll learn but it will be in a fun setting," Hanson said. "There will be seven different residences that are known for their architectural and historical significance."

Needless to say, with the expertise of the leaders, the architecture unit contains more than that required by the Scout handbook. Hanson added that the trip and the tour allows the "older girls to get some more leadership opportunities as they get to take the lead at various times and they get to role play."

Lest you think, Troop 620 is partial to only Scouting, Hatton and Hanson are quick to say, that's not so. The girls are involved in school, church, soccer, softball, swimming, gymnastics, dance, and music activities as growing youngsters. The plan and the direction is for them to be involved in service to their communities as adults.



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Sports

Engineer Run road racers enjoy springlike weather

By Skip Vaughn

Sunny skies and warm temperatures — despite periodic head winds — made Saturday a good day for running the 13th annual S.A.M.E. Engineer Run at Redstone Arsenal.

Mike LeMaster won the 5K in 16:31; and Heather Tanner was the top female finisher in 18:17. John Collins won the 10K in 33:21; and Sharon McFall was the female winner in 44:43.

Military runners included SFC Veronica Edmiston, 34, from Sacramento, Calif., who ran the 5K in 25:23 for third place in her 30-34 age group. Maj. Alexander Steel, 38, from Atlanta, finished the 10K in 38:54 for third place in his 35-39 age group.

About 150 runners finished the 5K; and about 175 completed the 10K. The road races, which start and finish near the Rocket Auditorium, are presented annually by the Huntsville Post of the Society of American Military En-

gineers. The S.A.M.E. president— Col. John Cunningham, commander of the Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Engineering and Support Center — presented trophies to the winners.

Here are the results from both events:

Male, 5K: Overall— Mike LeMaster (16:31).

14-under— Stephen Baker (19:39), John Carroll (20:17), Daniel Miner (22:05). 15-19— Matt LeGrand (18:05), Ed Tanner (19:47), Tom Dull (20:42). 20-24— Shane Walker (28:56). 25-29— Daniel Medina (19:06), Rick Doke (20:55), Brad Carwile (22:14). 30-34— Dale Miller (20:33), Derec Roby (20:43), Harold Donnelly (20:44). 35-39— Jackie Wolfe (20:24), Jimmy Guarin (20:41), Zane Smith (21:21). 40-44— Paul McConaughy (19:52), Lynn Bemby (20:06), Tab Barnett (20:21). 45-49— Steve Calvert (20:34), Louis Davis (21:44), John Collins (22:24). 50-54— Rolf Von Hellens (27:20), John Kirby

(31:51), Ray Sheppard (31:58). 55-59— Earl Jacoby (22:33), Arnold Vanderschalie (24:33), Patrick Espy (26:23). 60-over— Gresh Downs (21:59), Ray Moses (24:18), Bill Chubb (24:21).

Female, 5K: Overall— Heather Tanner (18:17).

14-under— Melissa Tanner (20:01), Amanda Bonne' (25:00), Elizabeth Steele (27:55). 15-19— Lori Davis (23:06), Carolyn Miller (25:43), Jennifer Self (36:10). 20-24— Cindy Longo (22:25). 25-29— Beth Marbury (21:31). 30-34— Rhonda Parris (21:08), Mary Thompson (24:19), Veronica Edmiston (25:23). 35-39— Julie Zingarelli (22:39), Polly Ricks (27:15), Pat Legg (29:20). 40-44— Neva Beasley (26:00), Gail Hill (27:13), Mary Compton (27:27). 45-49— Bobbi Murphy (25:44), Jeannine Hill (28:57), Gail Sibert (30:34). 50-54— Metta Jackson (30:37), Bonnie Hall (34:47). 60-over— Betty Dooley (30:43).

Male, 10K: Overall—

John Collins (33:21).

14-under— David Riddle (39:56). 15-19— Alec Bonne' (49:48). 20-24— Rob Esslinger (37:01), Rob McFarlane (42:46), Brian Syme (48:07). 25-29— Jim Clemens (36:53), Yokley Russell (38:01), Vijayan Parthasarthy (44:19). 30-34— Mark Kannapel (35:58), David Sutton (39:21:26), Shahin Hadian (39:21:50). 35-39— Terry Daniel (33:55), James Burnum (37:25), Alexander Steel (38:54). 40-44— Forrest Callicutt (38:31), Jon Moneyhun (42:25), Matt Thomas (42:36). 45-49— Steve Rice (36:36), Dick Franklin (38:31), Tommie Batts (43:12). 50-54— Ken Dreon (38:49), Wendell Sandlin (43:52), Richard Mayes (45:10). 55-59— Carl Senkbeil (49:19), Roger Chassay (49:50), James Denson (52:37). 60-over— Tim Hopper (43:09), Lyman Jackson (50:02), Hugh Manning (1:00:24).

Female, 10K: Overall— Sharon McFall (44:43).



MILITARY RUNNERS— Steel, left, and Edmiston won third place trophies in their age groups at the Engineer Run.

20-24— Erica Mark (47:28). 25-29— Susan Caldwell (44:43), Heidi Teague (49:35), Janie Oaks (51:47). 30-34— Linda Hypes (45:53), Sherri McCay (51:18), Becky Welborn (51:32). 35-39— Janet Haenisch (46:06), Cheri Laurent (46:59), Mimi Hughes (47:26). 40-44— Nancy Sheppard (47:59), Cheryl Ibarra (49:30), Diann Tolbert-Easley (50:25). 45-49— Gayle Ricks (53:28), Olga Steiner (1:23:25). 50-54— Sandy Berg (48:35). 55-59— Ann Park (51:49), Barbara Meyer (52:26).

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Luncheon workshop focuses on positive self-concept at Redstone

By Heather Haring

Redstone Arsenal Supplemental Programs and Services sponsored a luncheon workshop for the Redstone community Feb. 13. On the menu was a workshop titled "Self Esteem—How You Got What You Got," presented by Julie Smith, outpatient therapist with Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center.

Smith, who has a master's degree in spiritual counseling, gave attendees information on the value of a positive self-concept, what early childhood influences helped to shape their self-concept, and tips to help others boost self-confidence.

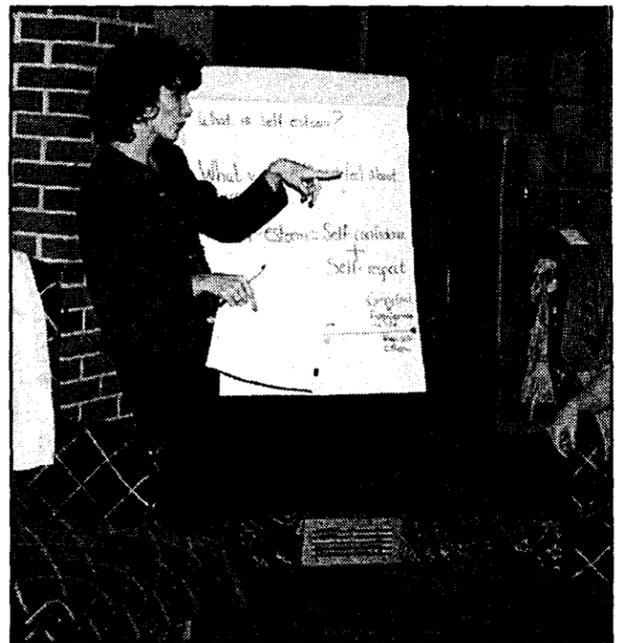
"I deal with a large number of soldiers in the 17-20 year age group who have personal problems that all stem from low self-esteem," 1st Sgt. William Porter, among the workshop attendees, said. He hopes to help young soldiers boost

their self-confidence.

Other attendees were curious to find out how their self-concepts were formed. Whatever their reasons for taking time out of their busy day to attend, they found the session worthwhile. Nobody seemed ready to leave after just one hour!

If you missed the workshop, don't worry; there are many programs planned for this year. Supplemental Programs and Services provides babysitter training and referrals, volunteer training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and child abuse, and parental education. SPS also serves as the primary office for the Month of the Military Child celebration in April. For more information on future programs call Jan McVey, director of supplemental services, 876-7888.

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



VISITING THERAPIST— Smith makes a point during the workshop on self-esteem.

Coupon clippers club starting for Redstone community

By Kathy Harkleroad

If you are searching for ways to save money on your grocery bill, Army Community Service has the answer. A new Coupon Clippers club has been formed and will begin meeting March 4 at ACS.

"I was born cheap," Mary Breeden, club organizer, said. "As one of five children I was raised on ways to save money and feel like I have hit the lottery when I save money at the grocery store. Other people feel the same way I do and we thought this would be an excellent way to introduce another way of saving money to the young families on the Arsenal. Everyone in the community is invited to attend."

Coupons will be swapped and traded during the meetings, and guest speakers have already been scheduled. "Lee Wainwright, the manager at the Commissary, will be our first guest speaker and will tell us about coupons and how many are used each day at the Commissary," Breeden said. "Coupons are a win-win situation for everyone. The

consumer saves money and the grocer is paid a handling fee by the manufacturer. You just can't lose by using them."

According to Breeden, Wainwright is also working closely with the group and will allow volunteers to enter the store early on Tuesdays to tape coupons to product items. "The coupons are sometimes laid next (to) items and sometimes they are picked up and used and other times they aren't," Breeden said. "We are going to tape them to the item and ensure they are used. As an incentive, the volunteers who help do this will be allowed to shop early on Tuesday mornings."

Excess coupons that are not swapped or traded at the meetings will be stored at ACS in baskets; and the community is welcome to look through them and take what they need. "We will store the coupons for about two weeks and everyone is welcome to look through them. They will be

clipped and sorted and all they have to do is find the ones they want," Breeden said.

She encourages those who don't use coupons, but receive them in newspapers, to drop them off at ACS. "If anyone has extra coupons or coupons they aren't going to use, they can drop them off here. We have volunteers who are going to clip and sort them for us and distribute them to the baskets," Breeden said.

Anyone interested in participating in the Coupon Clippers is welcome to attend the meeting from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at ACS, building 3491, Honest John Road. For more information, call Breeden 876-5397.



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Advice offered for lowering risk of heart disease

Editor's note: February is observed as National Heart Month. The author of this article is a nurse educator at Fox Army Community Hospital.

By Susan Goodman

Though the prevalence of heart disease is decreasing, it remains the No. 1 cause of death in the United States. The decrease is attributed to lower-fat diets and other lifestyle changes.

Most Americans have mastered the general principles about low-fat meat. They know that turkey, chicken and fish are leaner than beef, pork and lamb. Yet, some fail to realize that within any food category, there are high and low fat items. The cut of meat and how the meat is cooked makes a difference. A chicken dinner may be fattier than the beef or pork dinner.

When it comes to protecting yourself against heart disease, a good strategy is to look at the amount of fat in your diet. The

National Cholesterol Education Program's Adult Treatment Report recommends a daily fat intake to less than 30 percent of the calories. Let's look at how various choices of meat differ in fat content.

Poultry: For a serving size (three and a half ounces) of roasted chicken, 19 percent of the calories are from fat. Leave the skin on and 38 percent of the calories are from fat. The dark chicken meat on the leg (without skin) is 42 percent fat and with the skin has 51 percent of the calories from fat. Stick to the white meat chicken or turkey without the skin and you will end up with less fat.

Ground turkey is a great choice as long as it is from the breast meat and contains no skin. Brands that grind dark meat and skin have over half the calories from fat. Dark meat and skin is also used in processed poultry products like chicken hot dogs. Some are lower in fat than similar beef products, so read the label.

Cooking methods which use a large

amount of oil, butter or margarine, or do not allow the fat in food to drain away, can turn a healthy dish into an unhealthy one. A chicken thigh fried with the skin has over half the calories from fat. Avoid deep frying or pan frying any type of meat or fish. Instead, bake, roast, poach, stir-fry or broil. These cooking methods also apply to fish.

Red meat: Beef, veal and lamb cuts are "graded" on the amount of white fat running through the meat. "Prime" is the top grade and has the most fat. "Choice" has less fat and "select" the least of all. As a rule of thumb, buy meat that comes from the rear end of the animal. Select round, flank, sirloin tip, roast, sirloin steak, tenderloin and rump. The leanest cuts of beef, the eye of round and the top round, have only two grams of fat more than a chicken breast.

The fat content of meat can be lowered further at home. Trim any visible fat from the meat. Two-thirds of the fat in ground meat can be reduced by browning the meat

then rinsing the meat briefly under hot water. The meat can then be used in spaghetti sauces and casseroles. Soups and stews can be made ahead of time, refrigerated, and then the congealed fat may be removed from the top.

For pork lovers, look for lean cuts that are easy to trim such as tenderloin, loin chops and low-fat ham. For lamb, select the leg. All trimmed cuts of veal are lean except the breast.

The key to nutrition is moderation. While red meat is rich in protein, iron, and B vitamins (except folic acid), it is also high in calories, cholesterol, and saturated fats. Poultry is lower in saturated fats, calories and somewhat lower in cholesterol than meat. One does not need to become a vegetarian to eat healthy. Rather, eat only six ounces per day of the leanest cuts, whether it is meat, poultry or fish. Be a little choosier when shopping the meat counter and placing your order at restaurants.

Brass band program to feature music of Civil War period

The Olde Towne Brass will be featured in a program next month of music of the Civil War period sponsored by the 19th Alabama Infantry Regiment and Continuing Education Services of Athens State College.

The Olde Towne Brass plays period music using period arrangements, according to Bob Baccus, leader of the group. He assures listeners that what they hear the band perform sounds just like the music heard by troops and others 130 years ago.

"The Olde Towne Brass was started five years ago by a group of musicians who wanted to form a brass quintet just to play some enjoyable music. We play classical

music for weddings and popular music for receptions and social events. Several years ago I came across copies of the original music of the 26th North Carolina Band. We played it one night at a rehearsal and we have not looked back since," he said.

Since then Baccus has searched for additional original musical arrangements and original instruments on which to play them.

"The music we play comes directly from the music that was used by the various bands of that period. We have copies of over 500 selections of original music that we have obtained from the Library of Congress, museums and various collectors around the country," he said.

Included in the Athens State program will be the version of the Star Spangled Banner that was played when the Stars and Stripes were raised over Fort Sumter at the end of the Civil War, and songs that had three sets of lyrics: original, Confederate and Union.

"We will also have a sing-along," Baccus said.

The Olde Towne Brass plays for Civil War reenactments, living histories and other educational programs, wearing reproduction military band uniforms.

The 19th Alabama Infantry is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to the study and teaching of the history of the American Civil War through reenactments, living histories, school programs and other events.

The program, Music of the Civil War, will be presented Saturday, March 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. in McCandless Auditorium on the campus of Athens State College. The public is invited. Admission is \$5 and includes a song book. Refreshments will be served in Founders Hall following the program.



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Officers Club manager promises best service possible

By Heather Haring

If you are a member or have dined at the Officers Club lately, then you might have had a chance to meet the new manager, J.R. "Bob" Brown. You may also realize that Brown is no stranger to Redstone; he transferred to the Officers Club from the Sparkman Cafeteria. Brown is definitely no stranger to club management, either.

Brown's southern Illinois roots are deeply planted in club management, which was the family business. His experience spans nearly 50 years. Brown took his first job as an assistant club manager in Japan in 1947. His extensive background has taken him from club systems overseas, to the West Point Military Academy system.

Members may also have noticed a little extra room in their wallet: The new card system has done away with the three cards and combined their functions into one, Regions Bank Redstone Arsenal Officers Club card. This was an Army-wide change. It is a Department of the Army blanket contract system that was enacted to decrease the cost of processing accounts at each installation. This new system allows for one card that



FINE DINING— Brown, standing, talks to Tom Mankowski, left, and Lee Hicks, deputy director of the Directorate of Community and Family Activities. Mankowski was Hicks' guest at this meal at the Officers Club.

serves a dual purpose; it is used as a membership identification and a charge card. However, for those members who do not wish to make charges, it can be used as a membership card only, and there are no annual fees. Brown would be happy to speak individually with any member who needs more information about this card conversion.

The Officers Club has always been member-oriented, but with all of the com-

petition downtown, Brown has made a pledge to make the Officer's Club members happy.

"This club belongs to its members. We're making sure that each staff member in our club system recognizes their individual responsibility to serve our customer," Brown said.

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Missile destruct unit passes test

By Gerda Sherrill

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A miniature, all solid-state, highly reliable device, the DFU will initiate an Exploding Foil Initiator (EFI) after three separate discrete signals. The EFI, in turn executes the missile's flight termination destruct charge.

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tion from outside forces, it greatly increases safety of the total system. In addition, the DFU provides the very high energy pulse needed for flight termination initiation from a power source that is not duplicated by any other electronic equipment onboard the missile.

Although this system is initially planned for use in a missile destruct system, it can be adapted for wider use, such as in rocket motor ignition systems, for interceptor stage separation and for other ordnance applications.

Lockheed Martin Missiles and Space Company is the GBI prime contractor and Kaman Aerospace Corporation/Raymond Engineering Operations is responsible for final design and qualification testing of the DFU/EFI system. Stone Engineering Company of Huntsville provided support services to the GBI office.

Hawk system displayed at space museum

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Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, officially turned over a Hawk system during a ceremony Friday at the Space Center's Rocket Park. It was accepted by Thad Mauldin, executive director of the Space Center.

Link said the turnover was a continuation of "the outstanding association between

Team Redstone and this community which began in the late '50s and continues today.

"The Hawk missile display symbolizes this community bond and what better place to honor the Hawk than at the best and largest space museum in the world," he added.

The Hawk missile is designed to provide air defense at medium to low altitudes and can travel at supersonic speeds. The system has been upgraded over the past 25 years to keep pace with changing technology. It has been used as a defense weapon by more than 20 countries.

The completed Hawk system joins a collection of military rockets and hardware displayed at the Space Center, many of which are donated by the Missile Command.



Working in the clouds...

Some housing residents south of Goss Road are getting new roofs and in spite of the short inconveniences are welcoming the workers. The roofers are working in shifts and are taking

approximately two days to do a roof, from beginning to end. Bad weather has slowed their work somewhat, but they seem to be making up for lost time.

CLUB

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company function, each time you enter the Officers Club, you should receive the best service possible. Brown plans to back up that pledge by taking seriously every customer comment, good or bad.

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(JOC), or Soldatenstube for any special function. Members also receive a \$5 coupon each month with their statement to use on food purchases, and they get a 10-percent discount for lunch. Also, members receive \$2 haircuts from the barber located on the premises. If you are interested in becoming a member, call 830-CLUB.

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

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Announcements

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.

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.

CFC meeting— The Local Federal Coordinating Committee for the Tennessee 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.

SMA scholarships— The Redstone Arsenal Sergeants Major Association is providing the opportunity for a graduating high school senior to receive a scholarship for the upcoming school year. Recipient of the scholarship must meet all of the following requirements: The student must be the family member of a retired, active duty, or deceased NCO. Applicants will provide evidence of acceptance to an accredited institution and submit an official high school transcript. Transcript must show that the student maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average. All applicants will submit a 500-word essay on one of three chosen subjects listed in the application. All applications must be received on or before April 19. Applications can be obtained at the Challenger, the Recreation Center, and from unit sergeants major. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Gary Suckow 842-9671.

BOSS committee— The BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) Committee will hold its annual Black History Month Program, "The Evolution of the African-American," March 1 (note date change). The committee is seeking volunteers, performers, and persons knowledgeable on Black History to participate. For more information, call the Recreation Center 876-4531.

Grief recovery— The Huntsville Beginning Experience Team, a peer ministry for the separated, divorced

and widowed, will present a weekend program March 1-3 at St. Bernard Retreat Center in Cullman. For more information, call 837-8375.

Youth tennis clinic— Registration for the 1996 Spring Break Tennis Clinic is under way at the Huntsville Tennis Center or YMCA on Blue Springs Road, in Madison at the Senior Citizen's Center on Hughes Road or the Madison Recreation Services Office on Sullivan Street. The tennis clinic, set for March 25-29, is for ages 6 to 18. All registration fees are tax deductible. Early registration is \$55. After March 1, registration is \$65. For families with more than one child, the cost is \$45 for each additional child. Mail



Say 'hi' to soldiers via Bosnia radio

The Army invites friends and family members to send a radio broadcast message to soldiers in Bosnia.

Soldiers Radio and Television will produce a weekly radio program designed for broadcast via the American Forces Network (Europe's affiliate operations in Bosnia).

The program, "Tracks From Home," will be host-

ed by Sgt. Janice Guthrie. The program consists of taped telephone dedications and messages from friends and family, incorporated into a one-hour music program.

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registrations to Youth Development Association (YDA), 4192 Sullivan St., Madison 35758. For more information, call the YDA office 464-9906.

Configuration managers— The Huntsville CALS Interest Group will hold a workshop focusing on configuration management and integrated product development March 8 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Sparkman Auditorium. The featured speaker is to be Elaine Litman, director of the Office of the Secretary of Defense CALS office. A \$20 fee is being charged and reservations must be made by Feb. 29. For information call Dona Mason 837-4482 or Jim Neiers 650-4601.

Rules of road— The Provost Marshal Office provided the following reminder: "Motorists are required by Alabama State Law to yield the right of way to emergency vehicles, i.e., ambulance, fire, police and any other emergency vehicles responding to an emergency with lights. Once an emergency vehicle has been observed, a driver

should automatically and safely attempt to pull to the right side of the roadway to permit the emergency vehicle to pass safely. Failure to comply with these laws could cause loss of lives, delayed response by emergency personnel, and result in a fine."

Garden plots— Planting season will soon be here. There are two garden areas on post: Vincent Drive and Wesson Circle. A meeting for those interested in garden plots will be held at 4 p.m. March 15 in room 143, building 111. Applications and assignment will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis. All active military servicemembers residing on or off post and retired servicemembers are eligible to sign for a garden plot. For information call MSgt. Tolbert, housing NCO-in-charge, 842-6161.

NASA surplus sale— The General Services Administration will hold an auction sale of surplus NASA property this morning at 9 in building 8025.

Prospective buyers may inspect items to be sold or register to bid from 8-9. Items to be sold include used tires, ADP equipment, electric motors, metal, storage bins, vac-u-lift hoist 200 pound cap., gray metal furniture, electric pumps, test equipment, typewriters, calculators, bending and flaring machine, engraving machine, table shaker, hoists, industrial welding robot, and copying machines. For more information, call Johnny Shockley 544-4788/4799.

Survivors of rape— HELpline's Survivors of Rape, a self-help support group, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For more information, call 539-6161. HELpline is a United Way agency.

ID cards— The Military Personnel Office, ID Card Section will be open Saturday, March 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Found property— A ladies watch has been found in the Post Exchange park-

ing lot. To identify and claim it the owner should call the Provost Marshal Investigations Section, building 3649, phone 876-2090/3449.

Medical support groups— Adults With Diabetes, sponsored by the North Alabama Chapter of the American Diabetes Association, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. or the first Thursday of each month from 2-3 p.m. at Optimal Health, 910 Adams St.... Asthma Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month from 7-8 p.m. at Huntsville Hospital East, Medical Office Building, Suite 200.... Care and Share, for people who are dealing with cancer, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Comprehensive Cancer Institute at Huntsville Hospital; for information call 551-6591.... Caregivers of the Elderly meets the first Monday of each month from 12:30-2 p.m. at Huntsville Hospital's Medical Mall, Classroom 3.... Resolve Through

Sharing, for parents who have experienced loss due to miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death, meets the first Thursday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at The Women's Center; for information call 517-6600/6607.

Charities— March 31 is the deadline for health and human care agencies or federations to apply for participation in the fall Alabama State Employee Combined Charitable Campaign. Agencies or federations desiring to participate should call Mark Jefferson, ASECCC campaign manager, 536-0745.

Youth sports— The Youth Services Sports Committee will meet at 6 p.m. March 6 at the Youth Center. This meeting is open to the community. Any questions/concerns should be brought to the attention of Missy Richards of the Youth Center prior to the meeting. Richards can be reached at 876-2255.

Ladies golf— The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association will hold a

"Tee-off" coffee at the Redstone Golf Clubhouse at 10 a.m. March 6. Current members and any new lady golfers who fit the eligibility to play at the Redstone Golf Course are invited to join. For reservations call Ana Mahar 837-9590.

DRMO hours— The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office will be closed for business Thursday due to Employee Appreciation Day ceremonies.

Security reminder— Security is not just a word, but rather each MICOM employee doing their part to protect MICOM's assets, by challenging suspicious acts or persons and reporting anything out of the ordinary to the Intelligence and Security Directorate 842-7517.

Patriot 5K— The sixth annual Patriot 5K Run will be held March 9 at Bob Jones High School on Hughes
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Road in Madison. The 5K road race will start at 8 a.m. and will be followed by a one mile fun run at 8:45. The race is sponsored by the Bob Jones Athletic Booster Club with all proceeds going to the athletic programs at Bob Jones HS. Registration fee is \$10. For more information, call Forrest Strobel 772-8357 or Lou Davis 461-8477.

Smoking cessation—

Smoking is an expensive habit costing you time, money and above all, your health, says Fox Army Community Hospital. Join Fox Hospital's smoking cessation program to help kick the habit. The schedule is as follows: 9-10:30 a.m. March 12; 9-10 a.m. March 14, 19, 21 and 26; and 9-10:15 a.m. April 2. Group support sessions are from 11 a.m. until noon April 9, 15, 30 and May 14. These classes are free and open to all military beneficiaries and civil service workers. To register call Preventive Medicine Service 876-8831. For more information, call Susan Goodman at the same number.

Post Theater movies—

Friday, "12 Monkeys," R, 130 minutes. Saturday, "Waiting to Exhale," R, 124

minutes. Sunday, "Waiting to Exhale." March 8, "An Eye for an Eye," R, 101 minutes. Show time is 7 p.m. for all shows. Admission price is \$2.50 for adults, and \$1.25 for children.

Newcomers coffee—

The Greater Huntsville Newcomers Club will hold its monthly get-acquainted coffee at 10 a.m. March 5 at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library auditorium, 915 Monroe SW. Any new resident to the area within the past three years is invited to attend. There is no fee and reservations are not required. For more information, call 430-0535 or 880-1798. Mothers with young children who are new to the area meet at the same time in rooms A and B at the library.

Science education—

The second annual Science and Technology Education and Training (STEDTRAIN) conference will be held March 1-2 in the Alabama A&M University Dawson Building. The meetings will take place 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday and 9-4 Saturday. The purpose of

STEDTRAIN is to network all local volunteer efforts and resources aimed at K-12 science and technology education. The program includes forums, workshops, panel discussion and exhibits. A scientific hands-on activities program Saturday will be available for children at a cost of \$10 per child, which includes lunch of pizza and soft drink. Call 534-7772 for reservations. Admission to the rest of the program is free.

Learning centers—

The Army learning centers show videos on timely topics each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Here's the schedule for March 5-7: Sparkman ALC, building 5304, room 4319. "The Power of Vision, Discovering the Future" by Joel Arthur Barker. North ALC, building 3222, "Tapping Into Your Creativity."

Union meeting—

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. March 11 in building 3202 (union office). For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.



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