

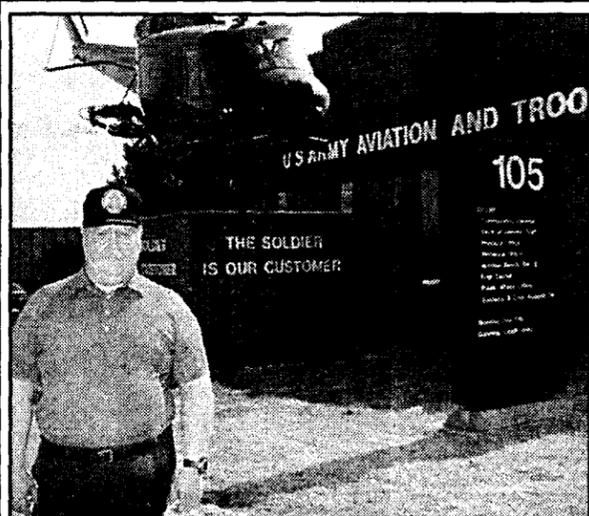


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Surplus helicopters assisting agencies in drug enforcement

By Scott Distler

Local drug enforcement agencies have adopted a fleet of surplus Army helicopters.

The helicopters will be used to search for marijuana farms, and on routine drug trafficking and surveillance missions in the Tennessee Valley.

Bruce Johnson, a logistics management specialist at the Aviation and Troop Support Command (ATCOM), helped Cullman, Limestone, and Marshall counties obtain surplus OH-58 helicopters.

The OH-58 helicopter is being phased out of service; it is used primarily to train soldiers at the Forces Command, and Training and Doctrine Command. Section 1208 of the Department of Defense Authorization Act allows drug enforcement agencies to adopt surplus aircraft. Requests for aircraft are processed regionally at State Surplus Offices, then forwarded to the Pentagon for final approval.

Agencies must meet a minimum population requirement in their jurisdiction, have available resources, a sufficient number of trained pilots and sworn officers, and a plan showing future operational capabilities.

Last year, Johnson transferred 359 helicopters to 139 drug enforcement agencies, 14 total to agencies in Alabama.

"Each will receive a new coat of paint, commercial avionics, special infrared radar, night-sight lights, and high skids," Johnson said. "All at the cost of its new owner."

"The annual cost of operating an OH-58 helicopter is estimated at \$30,000 a year, or roughly \$200 per flight hour," he said.

Madison County did not request a helicopter. "Cost may have been a factor," Johnson said.

Johnson will move to Redstone when ATCOM and the Missile Command merge in October 1997; and he plans to retire in the Huntsville area.

"It's nice to know my job is making a difference in Alabama," he said.

Johnson started work at ATCOM in 1984 after four years of military service in the Navy.

Missile Command tightening belt to cope with decreased funding

Budget constraint impact felt Armywide and throughout federal government

By Skip Vaughn

Peacetime operations, such as Bosnia, and efforts to balance the federal budget are combining to further stretch the already-tight Army resources.

As a result the Missile Command and other subordinate commands are getting smaller slices of the funding pie. Using fiscal 1995 as a baseline, the operations and maintenance funding has experienced a 32 percent decrease Armywide, according to Col. Kent Miller, MICOM's director of resource management.

"Generally speaking, our funding levels are decreasing and our manpower will decrease along with the

funding levels' decline. In contingency operations—operations other than war—that the military has been committed to, like Bosnia and others, the Army is having to pay those bills without additional resources," Miller said. "So our funding has been reduced somewhat to pay for these operations other than war."

The Missile Command is negotiating with its higher headquarters, Army Materiel Command, on the possibility of additional resources for this fiscal year. "Our funding at MICOM has come down from '95 levels," Miller said.

If the numbers don't change, MICOM will have to cope with an even larger



MANAGING RESOURCES— Processing the acceptance of customer orders are Patsy Gilliam, left, and Wanda Nelson. Both work at the customer order control point in Resource Management Directorate.

cut in manpower authorization than last year. Resource managers here estimate a fiscal 1997 reduction could be as high as 400 to 500. The approximately

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt ...

Preparing for the traditional Easter Egg Hunt to be held March 30 at 10 a.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel are, from left, Ben Stennett, Bethany Stennett, Jason Bodkin and Raphael Cherry. Ben, 9, and Bethany, 7, are the children of Maj. Rick and Kristen

Stennett. Jason, 8, is the son of Eddie and Lauri Bodkin; his grandparents are retired Col. Jim and Atty Allred. Raphael, 6, is the son of SSgt. William and Rosie Cherry. See the story on page 10.

Montgomery succeeds Black as PEO Missile Defense

By Skip Vaughn

About 400 people watched as Col. Dan Montgomery, who has been selected for promotion to brigadier general, became the program executive officer for missile defense March 13.

"I look forward to serving with all of you as we work to develop the missile systems that will indeed defend our forces and defend our nation," Montgomery said at the change of PEO ceremony held in the Sparkman Auditorium.

Montgomery succeeded Brig. Gen. Richard Black, who had served as the missile defense PEO since January 1994. Black is leaving to become commandant of the Defense Systems Management College at Fort Belvoir, Va.

"To my PEO family and to my personal family, thank you for a wonderful 26 months," Black said.

Montgomery previously served as the project manager for Air Defense Command and Control Systems. His successor at ADCCS is Col. Thomas Haller.

Black was born in Wematchee, Wash. Upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy, he was commissioned a second



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lieutenant and awarded a bachelor of science degree. He holds a master's degree in physics from the University of California at Davis, and a master's in business administration from Boston University. His military education includes completion of the basic and advanced courses at the Air Defense Artillery School, the Army Command and General Staff College, Defense Systems Management College, Program Management Course, and Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Black's recent assignments include program executive officer for missile defense, project manager for Corps Surface-to-Air Missile, project manager for Follow-On to Lance, and



BLACK

product manager for Patriot Anti-Tactical Missile. He has also served as commander, 4th Training Battalion, Army Training Center, and commander of Battery C, 4th Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Training Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas. He has also held a number of Joint and Overseas assignments in Vietnam and Germany.

Awards and decorations received by Black include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Ranger Tab, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

He and his wife, Mary, have three children: Heather, Katherine and Daniel.

Montgomery was born in Greenville, S.C., on Oct. 2, 1945. He is a graduate of Presbyterian College with a bachelor's degree in mathematics; and he is a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso with a master's degree in electrical engineering. He entered the Army in September 1967, serving primarily in air defense assignments. His professional training and development include attendance at the Command and General Staff College, Defense Systems Management College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Montgomery has had a wide variety of command and staff assignments. Key among them are TRADOC system manager for Forward Area Air Defense (FAAD), Fort Bliss; executive to the deputy chief of staff for operations and plans, force deployment, Headquarters DA; air defense staff officer in the office of the deputy chief of staff for operations and plans, force deployment; military assistant to the assistant secretary of the Army for research, development and acquisition; and

Department of the Army system coordinator for the Sgt. York program. His most recent troop assignment was battalion commander of the 6th Battalion, 56th Air Defense Artillery, U.S. Army Europe. He has also commanded Hawk batteries in Korea and Homestead, Fla., and a Duster battery at Fort Bliss. He served with the XXIV Corps in Vietnam. In his most recent assignment as project manager, Air Defense Command and Control Systems, he was responsible for the development and fielding of

the FAAD Command and Control System and the Tactical Operation Centers for air defense organizations.

Awards and decorations received by Montgomery include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

Montgomery and his wife, Phyllis, have two daughters: Amanda and Christa.



BEST WISHES— Montgomery accepts congratulations in the receiving line after the ceremony.

Letters to the editor

Joggers beware

I have only been working here at Redstone Arsenal a couple of months so cold weather has been the norm. Occasionally when the temperature gets reasonably warm, the runners and the joggers hit the roads. I admire them for trying to keep fit but running in the road does not seem like a healthy or intelligent thing to do. Twice in the same week now, I have had to make a decision to swerve into oncoming traffic or risk hitting a person running toward me who will not get out of the road. Do these people have a death wish?

Are there not any paths, trails or tracks these people can use or at least stay a few feet out to the side of the road. Someone in authority needs to put the fear of God in these people before my bumper does. I am NOT going to risk my life for someone who does not care about theirs. Joggers if you hear a horn blow, you had better move out of the way.

H. M. Sanford

Grocery baggers

The Commissary baggers work only for the tips that the customer gives them. On March 10 I was in the Commissary and when I was ready to check out, there was a bagger who I wanted to bag my groceries. I asked the bagger to come to the checkout counter to bag my groceries. The bagger came to the checkout counter, and the baggers that were all ready at the counter didn't move to let the bagger of my choice bag my groceries. I told the other baggers at the checkout counter that I didn't want them to bag my groceries. I talked to the checkout counter supervisor and told her I wanted a certain bagger, and I got the bagger I wanted. As a shopper in the Commissary, I have the right to choose who I want to bag my groceries.

Lawrence Welcome
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Kuwait Liberation Medal receives DoD approval

The Department of Defense has recently approved the Kuwait Liberation Medal offered by the Government of Kuwait. To be eligible, a servicemember must have served in the Southwest Asia Theater between Aug. 2, 1990 and Aug. 31, 1993.

To obtain the medal, veterans should submit a request including full name used during service, Social Security number, dates of service, and their current address along with a copy of their separation papers (DD 214) to: National Personnel Records Center; ATTN:

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The medal bears the Coat of Arms of the state of Kuwait with the inscription "1991 Liberation Medal" written at the top in Arabic letters. The reverse side is the map of Kuwait on a rayed background. The ribbon is patterned from the flag of Kuwait and consists of red, white and green stripes with a black trapezium centered on the top of the three stripes. (Release from Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, Madison County veterans service officer.)

Correction

The final two lines of an article in last week's issue on the

Ordnance Corps Association were inadvertently omitted.

The complete paragraph should read as follows: The address for the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Ordnance Corps Association is P.O. Box 8310, Redstone Arsenal

35808. Membership cost is \$16 per year for E-6 and above, and all civilians. The cost for E-5 and below is \$10 yearly. Maj. Lynda Lamitie can be reached at 876-2754.

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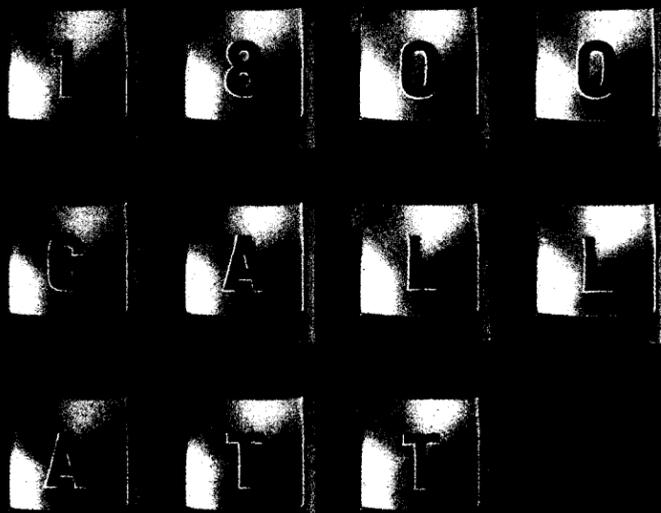
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Early-out retirement announced for JTUAV

A limited early-out has been announced for Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle project office.

"It's JTUAV; and expanded coverage is for MICOM and PEO Tactical Missiles," Brenda Lovejoy, a personnel staffing specialist in the Missile Command's Civilian Personnel Office, said.

The request for Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay is awaiting approval at the Office of Personnel Management. "And we do anticipate approval by 1 April," Lovejoy added.

Eleven spaces in JTUAV were identified as surplus. This limited early-out covers seven job series.

The project office has about 100 people, including matrixed workers collocated from other organizations. The 11 spaces were identified in the 31-member core.

The early retirement window for eligible workers is open April 1 through May 15. If interested call Lovejoy 876-3031.

Communities of Excellence team visit deemed a success

Redstone officials expect to be notified by April 5 of this year's ACOE competition results.

The Army Communities of Excellence evaluation team visited here March 1-8. Redstone is a finalist competing in the best medium-size installation category with Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

"The Department of Army (DA) ACOE Evaluation Team has come and gone. The success of the visit was a direct result of the total team effort of all the people who make up the Redstone Arsenal community," Col. Stephen Moeller, deputy post commander, said in an open message to the Redstone community. "Individually and organizationally, each of you did exactly what you do best—let your people shine, and shine you did! Our commitment and dedication to

achieving the goals of continuous process improvement, customer satisfaction, and quality of life came through loud and clear. The ACOE program is alive and well at Redstone as we clearly demonstrated our dedication to making our already excellent products and services better tomorrow than they are today.

"The DA guidance to the ACOE examiners did not allow them to share their review results with our people. However, consensus among Team Redstone staff elements indicated that overall the review went extremely well," Moeller added. "As with any process, there is always room for improvement. I request feedback from organizations and individuals who were interviewed on situations that not only went well, but those that could have gone better. This feedback will not only benefit Team Redstone in future



EVALUATORS— Members of the ACOE team which visited Redstone include, from left, Col. Ruckweid, Julia Downer, Tom Kozlowski, Alex Shum, Maj. Rob Carmichael, and Tom Channell. Pete Johnson, Capt. Elizabeth

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Fox Hospital having ball celebrating its 55th year

By Peggy Hays

It began as a dispensary and clinic. Today, Fox Army Community Hospital is a multi-faceted, multiorganizational facility with programs reaching out to far-flung areas within the state. On April 12, the hospital celebrates its 55 years of history with an Anniversary Ball at the Officers Club.

"We really want to celebrate what it is now as compared to 1941," MSgt. Kathalene Roberts, chairman of FACH's 55th Anniversary Ball Committee, said. "In 1941, it was actually two separate posts. Along the way, there have been three hospitals on Redstone."

"We have a video presentation of where we started in 1941 at the first hospital, then when it was moved to building 112," Roberts said, "and then in 1978 when the present FACH was built."

"We'll actually have a narrative with a history of the hospital up to the present," she said. "The other day, we also took pictures of buildings and candid shots of people."

Roberts explained that video would feature the latest technology. "We'll have music and give it a grand finale with something like the poem, 'When Freedom Rings,' ending with a narrative of the poem on the screen while scrolling through fireworks and the flag."

Other activities planned for the anniversary evening include a color guard in uniforms from the different wars, the 50 state flags, the playing of music from the past 50 years, and a video documentary of the evening.

Roberts added that post graphics would be available to do interviews with former employees of the hospital and "make that a

part of archives."

In preparation for one of the ball's featured highlights, the pictorial static display, the Anniversary Committee last week immersed themselves in searching through the myriad of old photos of all shapes and sizes.

Surprisingly, the task of selecting the pictures turned out to be the most difficult. "The hardest part of the committee work was collecting up all the old photographs," Melba Moody said. "In the organization, there's been a tendency not to have historical photographs. But, once the word got out, people started bringing in old photographs."

Tickets are available in the pharmacy lobby or can be obtained per credit card at 876-4147/6890. Tickets are \$12 each and include a sit-down meal and the dance. Dress is Class A uniform with white shirt and bowtie or dress blues. The dress for civilians is equivalent attire.

Everyone is welcome to attend, Moody said, but seating is limited. Moody offered an invitation to "anyone who has ever had a past or present association with the hospital or real interest in the hospital." However, she noted that "seating is only available for 336 and tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis."

Moody elaborated on a few of the changes in the hospital's practices that have had, and will continue to have, far-ranging effects. "We've done so much construction to increase the physical access to buildings," she said. "We're added more doctors. We've added satellite clinics so that the elderly don't have to travel."

Moody explained that partnership agreements have been reached with various hos-



ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE—Members of Fox Army Community Hospital's Anniversary Ball Committee select photos depicting 55 years of history. Sitting, from left, are MSgt. Roberts, chairman; Toni Lisle, entertainment; Donna Ragucci, decorations, and Norma Wilson, fund-raising. Standing, from left, are: Melba Moody, media; SFC James Coffey, protocol; Kim Troy, deco-

pitals and medical schools in order to improve health care services. Additionally, preceptorship programs have been established with state colleges and universities.

The hospital's advancement in services and quality care can be summarized by the following statement expressed by Moody:

"Care is more accessible to the retiree." According to Moody, FACH's future will include the added use of technology, especially tele-radiology, with the expanded use of the hospital for patient services that in the past have "traditionally gone downtown but now will go here."

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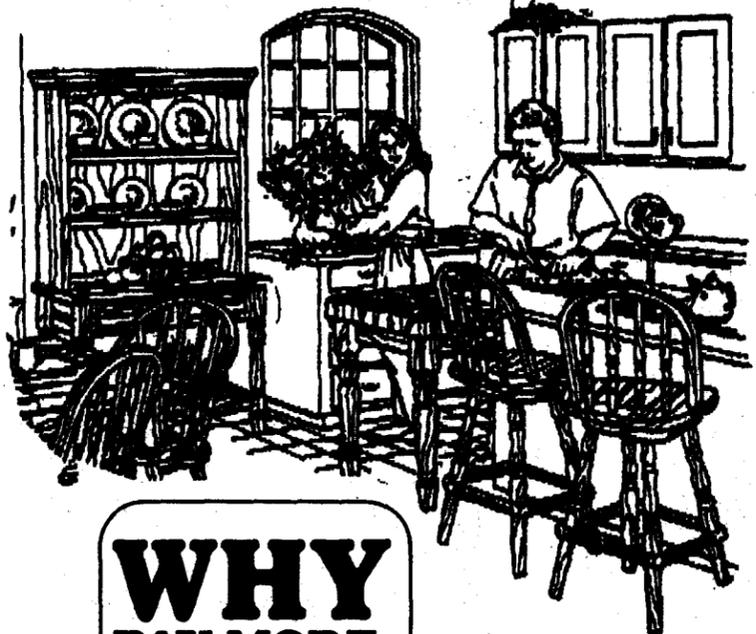
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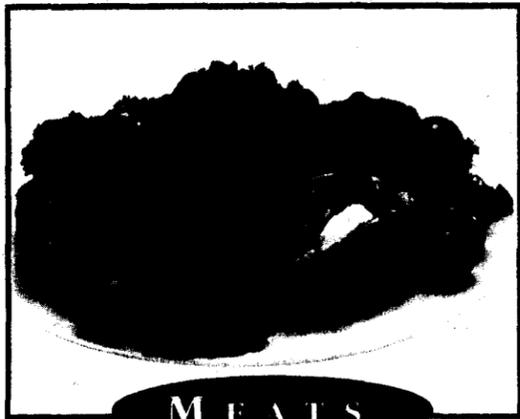
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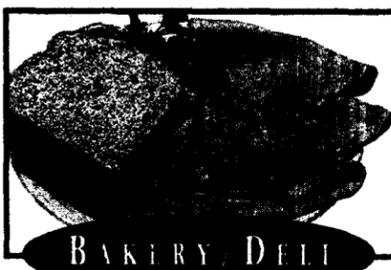
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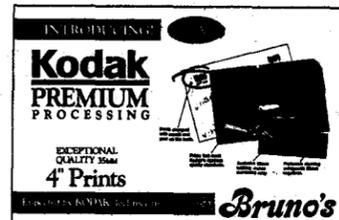
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Redstone funeral team provides final show of respect

By Kathy Harkderoad

One of the benefits a member of the armed services can expect, whether active duty or retired, is one last show of honor when they die. The men and women of the Redstone Arsenal Post Funeral Team carry out that honor with dignity, respect and professionalism, every day of the year and in all types of weather.

"The duty is not a volunteer one, at least not at first," SFC Maurice Harlee, NCO-in-charge of the team, said. "We have found that after the soldier has fulfilled their one year obligation to the team, they want to stay, and most do."

Soldiers are selected for the duty and represent all the companies on the Arsenal and carry on normal service obligations during the day. "At first when I found out I had the duty I really didn't want it until I sat back and watched one, that is," Spec. Derick Braggs said. "Now I really enjoy going out and doing the duty. It is very well executed, it looks sharp, and commands a lot of respect."

According to Harlee, the team is responsible for providing pallbearers, gun-salute squads, and possibly a

bugler for funerals of past and active duty service-members. The pallbearers are also responsible for folding the flag and giving it to the family member.

"We receive the call from Casualty Assistance over at MILPO. Once that call has been received, we sometimes have less than 24 hours to prepare for the service," Harlee said. "And we aren't involved with just funerals in Madison County and Huntsville. We have quite an area to cover."

The team is responsible for conducting the requested services in Lauderdale, Limestone, Colbert, Franklin, Lawrence, Morgan, Cullman, Marshall, Dekalb, and Jackson counties as well as Madison County. "The real trick to covering this large of an area is when we have more than one funeral scheduled in a day. That does happen, quite often as a matter of fact," SSgt. Kevin Harrell, team leader, said. "It gets fun when one is at 10 a.m. in Cullman and the next one is at 1 p.m. in New Hope. That is when we really have to hustle." Depending on the distance, the team can handle up to four funerals in one day.

Once the call has been received, the team goes into action. They have already

been practicing twice a week in the bay area of C Company and have tried to prepare for any mistake and any situation. "Since most often we are in the middle of nowhere, we have to make sure we can cover situations like a missing hat or a tape breaking for the bugle call," SSgt. Johnnie Cannon said. "Believe it or not, we even practice mistakes. We want everything to be as precise as possible, and the only way that is going to happen is if we practice."

There are no commands given to the team during the services and each team member must watch the other in order to keep in tune. "I know that once the flag is lifted off the casket, a slow salute is given, followed by the gun salute. I have to watch carefully as well as keep in tune to what I am doing in order to give the right signal to the firing (gun-salute) squad. They are most of the time in a position where they cannot see what is going on," SFC Don Hall said.

Having this duty requires quite a bit of support from the community and from the workplace. Not all funerals are held on the weekends and after duty hours. "We are on 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is up to us to make sure we have the prop-



FINAL RESPECT— Members of the post funeral team practice their routines twice a week and are prepared to perform at a funeral of a fallen soldier at a moment's notice. SFC Don Hall is shown practicing the final salute the soldier will receive before burial.

er number of soldiers available, and sometimes that gets tricky," Harlee said. "We have seen increasing support but still have some resistance when it comes to support."

When it comes to receiving support from the community, the team members said that is not a problem. "We have families invite us in for dinner, ask to pose with them for pictures, and offer us all kinds of rewards. We turn them all down, this is part of our job, and we do it with pride," Hall said.

"To some of those families we are burying their kin in Arlington Cemetery. All they know is what they have seen on television and we are carrying out that honor with the same precision as they have watched before. To them it means the world. To us it is a feeling of deep accomplishment knowing we have made someone very happy," Harrell said.

The team includes Sgt. Keith McConnell, Spec. James Bevenour, Spec. Derick Collins, Spec. Travis Ikehara, Spec. Glenn Skid-

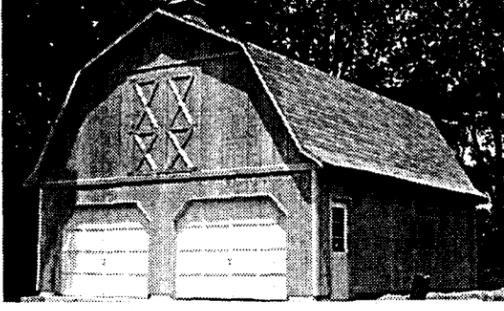
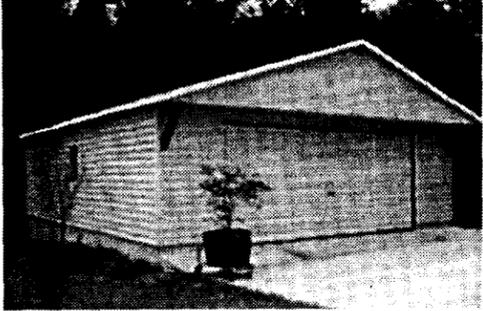
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Departing general will share acquisition lessons learned

By Skip Vaughn

Brig. Gen. Richard Black has mixed emotions about leaving Huntsville which has been his home the past eight years.

Two of his three children grew up here and will stay with their jobs. His wife teaches in the Huntsville city schools and will rejoin him this summer at Fort Belvoir, Va. Understandably, neither Black nor his wife was eager to depart for a new assignment. But the former program executive officer for missile defense says he does look forward to the challenges he will face as commandant of the Defense Systems Management College at Fort Belvoir.

"I'm a soldier, I do what the Army tells me to do, but it's certainly with mixed emotions that I leave Huntsville," Black said. "I look forward to new opportunities and challenges at Fort Belvoir as the commandant of the Defense Systems Management College."

Black, who relinquished the PEO position to Col. Dan Montgomery on March 13, expects to arrive at Fort Belvoir March 25 and assume his new duties three days later. He will succeed Air Force Brig. Gen. Claude Bolton whose new assignment is director of requirements at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

The Defense Systems Management College and its 193-member faculty, and 194 support staffers, provide 30 courses to more than 8,500 students each year. One of its four regional centers is located at Redstone.

Black has attended a number of courses at DSMC at Fort Belvoir including the Project Managers course in 1985 and the Executive Refresher Course in 1992. "And in both of those class-

es, I never expected to be back there as commandant of the school. But now, anticipating going back there, I'm very excited about it and looking forward to going back there.

"Like at Program Executive Office- Missile Defense, acquisition reform or acquisition streamlining is a very dynamic topic throughout the defense acquisition community and the administration and Congress," he said. "And the challenge of training new project managers and incorporating into the curriculum all the new acquisition procedures, acquisition policies and streamlining techniques will be very challenging. But I'm looking forward to trying to use all the experience I have gained since coming into the acquisition arena in 1981, and particularly those things I have learned in acquisition streamlining in the last two or three years. Because in those last two or three years, I have learned so much from the chain of command."

People in the chain of command who have helped to teach him about the new acquisition system include Colleen Preston, deputy undersecretary of defense for acquisition reform; and Dr. Ken Oscar, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for procurement. "Those two people have been on the cutting edge in acquisition reform and they have taught so much to all of us about acquisition reform. And I know as I start trying to pass on what I have learned to the students at DSMC, my challenge will be to institutionalize in the students' curriculum all these acquisition streamlining changes," he said.

Black arrived in Huntsville as a lieutenant colonel, serving as product manager for the Patriot Anti-



MOVING ON— Black sits at a desk in his temporary office at Patriot Project.

Tactical Missile (PAC-2) from 1988 to '89. In 1989, as a colonel, he was selected to serve as project manager for Follow-On-to-Lance. He transitioned to the newly-formed Corps Sam Project Office where he served as project manager from 1990-93. In October 1993, Black was selected for

promotion to brigadier general; and he became the PEO for missile defense in January 1994.

"The very talented and highly technical and very professional infrastructure that exists here in the Huntsville and Madison community is a project manager's dream. There's so

much good technical talent here in the community when you go across the board: the Missile Command and its research and development and supported activities; the Space and Strategic Defense Command and its supported activities; the Program Executive Offices; and other dependent agencies to include the Redstone Technical Test Center," he said. "And then also the Marshall Space Flight Center. The combination of all of those and all their support contractors make this community one of the most high-tech communities in the world. And on top of that, the strong congressional support that is provided by Senators Heflin and Shelby and Congressmen Cramer and Beville and other members of the Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi congressional delegations make this community a joy to be a project manager in."

Black, 50, and his wife,

Mary, have two daughters and a son. His wife teaches art at both Williams Elementary and Chaffee Elementary. Their oldest daughter, Heather Charette, works for Teledyne Brown Engineering along with her husband, Darren. Katherine, a registered nurse and graduate of the University of Alabama, works at Huntsville Hospital. Daniel, a junior at Auburn University, is a co-op student working at the Software Engineering Directorate of the Missile Command's Research Development and Engineering Center.

"I'll miss all the wonderful people; and I've had an opportunity to work at PEO Tactical Missiles, PEO Missile Defense obviously, the Missile Command and SSDC," Black said. "I feel like I've been a part of all four of those major commands here in the community, so I'm going to miss the interaction I've had with all of those people."

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Annual Easter Egg hunt promises to bring family fun

By Peggy Hays

A tradition continues at the Bicentennial Chapel on Saturday, March 30 at 10 a.m. It's the annual Easter Egg Hunt, a custom that has continued for over 20 years, according to Patty Wilson, director of religious education. The annual event is for youngsters' age 3 through grade three, for moms and dads, and for grandmothers and grandfathers.

"It's a special time," Wilson said. "And, it's so much fun for everyone."

"When they come, we ask them to bring a basket or bag to hunt the eggs," she explained. "They gather in the Assembly Room first and we tell them the story of Easter on their level."

"We ask them the ques-

tion: What does an Easter Egg Hunt have to do with Jesus? The answer is that the eggs represent the tomb and the baby chicks or the baby ducks, whatever is in the eggs, represent new life.

"Then we divide them into two groups, age 3 to kindergarten at the front of the chapel, and the older children in the back."

The reason for separating the groups is simple. "We try to be more innovative with hiding the eggs for the older children," she said, explaining that the eggs for the younger children are usually just laid on the grass.

But, don't they get stepped on, smashed, and crushed, for after all, these are real eggs? "Yes," she said, smiling, "and sometimes in the summer, the

lawnmowers even turn up some eggs that didn't get found."

Wilson cautioned that the timing of one's arrival at the hunt is crucial. "Don't be late," she said, "because the eggs get hunted very quickly."

"And, the Easter Bunny also will be here," Wilson said, noting that the Easter Bunny also represents new life. "We'll also have a clown."

"Parents can bring their cameras as it's a great photo opportunity with the eggs, the bunny, and the clown. Some of the younger children, especially, are so shy."

Wilson reminded that even the Easter baskets used to collect the eggs have historical significance. "In the early years of the church, after people had fasted for

40 days, they piled the baskets high with food on Easter morning to bring them to the church to be blessed."

And, who supplies the eggs for the hunt? Why, volunteers, of course. "They're all colored and dyed by volunteers from the chapel," Wilson explained. "Then, they are colorfully hidden in the yard."

"The Catholic Confirmation classes hide the eggs. It's one of their projects."

Following the hunt, there'll be refreshments and fellowship. "There will be cookies, lots of Easter candy, and something cool to drink," Wilson said.

The hunt, coordinated by Wilson, involves the support of the MICOM chaplain staff, headed by Col.

William McAllister. "All the chaplains are very supportive of all of our religious education activities," Wilson said.

Hunt participants can be family members of the military, active duty and retired, and civilian dependents of parents who work on the Arsenal. The only stipulation is that "we do ask that a parent or guardian comes with the 3, 4, or 5 year olds," said Wilson. "At last year's hunt, we had 250 adults and children. We'd like more. It's such a fun event."

Planning starts early, and that planning involves

ordering eggs and lots of them. "I order the eggs from the Commissary; I ask for volunteers to cook and dye the eggs," Wilson said. "Last year, I probably ordered 45 dozen eggs; this year, 50 dozen. But, I have to call in advance because that would clean out the shelves."

Unfortunately, if the weather interferes, there will not be a return engagement. "We do not have a rain date," Wilson said. "It will be canceled in case of rain and the eggs given to one of the rescue missions in Huntsville."

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By Joe Moody

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(Editor's note: Moody is publicity chairman for the Civilian Welfare Fund.)



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Easter sunrise service scheduled April 7

The annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held 7-8 a.m. April 7 on the field behind building 3714 (old post chapel) off Patton Road.

Gate 10 will be open that morning from 6:30 to 8:30. In case of inclement weather, the service would be held in the Bicentennial Chapel on Goss Road.

The chaplain's office provided the following Holy Week service schedule:

- **Catholic**— Mass, Bread and Soup Supper at 6 p.m. April 3; Holy Thursday Service at 6 p.m. April 4; Good Friday Service at 6 p.m. April 5; Holy Saturday Mass at 7 p.m. April 6; and Easter Sunday at 9:30 a.m. April 7.
- **Protestant**— Holy Thursday, "Living Last Supper," dramatic representation of the Leonardo da Vinci painting at 8 p.m. April 4; Good Friday Service at noon April 5; and Easter Sunday worship service at 11 a.m. April 7 with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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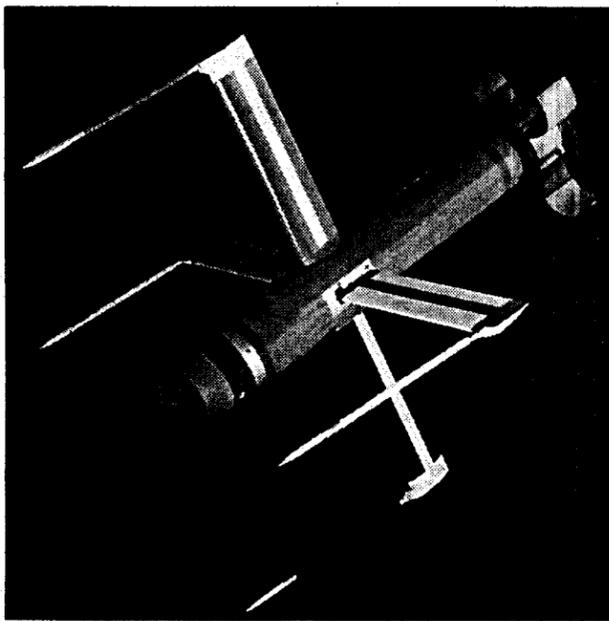
Brilliant submunition hits target in test at White Sands

By Sanda Trousdale

The Army's Brilliant Anti-Armor Submunition (BAT) was successfully tested against a target array of armored vehicles at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., March 5.

Dropped from an aircraft, the BAT successfully deployed all flight surfaces, including tail fins, wings and the acoustic probes.

The submunition utilized the acoustic seeker to autonomously locate and acquire the target array. BAT then performed a direct attack maneuver and positioned itself above a target array of threat armored vehicles, located and acquired a target (T-72 tank), guided to the target, correctly selected a vulnerable aim point and successfully impacted the tank on the center of the rear engine deck.



BAT PROTOTYPE— This is a production prototype of BAT, the autonomous "brilliant" submunition which is under full-scale development by Northrop Grumman Corp. for the Army. BAT uses passive acoustic and infrared sensors to find, attack and destroy moving tanks and other armored vehicles deep into enemy territory. BATs would be carried into hostile territory by the Army Tactical Missile Systems (Army TACMS).

An on-board flight data recorder was used in lieu of the warhead for data collection purposes. Another flight test scheduled next month will repeat the just completed test profile with a BAT submunition equipped with a live warhead.

BAT is currently in the engineering and manufacturing development phase, which was extended to align BAT with the Army TACMS Block II carrier program. The next BAT design verification test, scheduled for next month, will conclude the first portion of EMD tests prior to a second round of 10 tests slated to begin in May.

BAT is a self-guided submunition that uses acoustic and infrared sensors to autonomously locate, attack and destroy moving tanks and other armored vehicles. These sensors provide the

autonomous capability that makes this submunition "brilliant."

BAT submunitions can be carried deep into enemy territory by a delivery vehicle, then dispersed over a target to selectively attack and destroy it to provide an autonomous anti-armor capability for the Army TACMS missile.

BAT weighs 44 pounds, is 36 inches long and 5.5 in

diameter.

The Army TACMS-BAT program reports to George Williams, program executive officer for tactical missiles. Col. John Holly is the project manager. Northrop Corporation, Electronic Systems Division, Hawthorne, Calif., is the prime contractor. The Raytheon Company, Manchester, N.H., is the principal subcontractor.

Ranger body armor deploys to Bosnia

NATICK, Mass.— Along with the 20,000 U.S. peacekeepers being sent to the former Yugoslavia are 350 sets of Ranger Body Armor. RBA was designed by the Natick Research, Development and Engineering Center to meet the operational needs of the 75th Ranger Regiment. Initially used during missions in Somalia, RBA is credited with saving lives and reducing injuries to Rangers involved in hostile actions there.

RBA is a two part sys-

tem; a flexible vest and a rigid plate, both which provide ballistic protection to the upper torso. The flexible vest consists of an Arimid (Kevlar KM2) filler encased in a nylon woodland camouflage printed carrier. The vest protects the front and back torso from most 9mm and 44 magnum threats, as well as fragmentation protection similar to that of the Personnel Armor System for Ground Troops vest. The RBA vest weighs approximately 8 pounds

(size Medium).

The heart of RBA is the 8-pound ceramic upgrade plate. With the plate inserted into the front pocket of the vest, it protects the approximate 10" X 12" area of vital organs in the front torso from both 5.56 mm and 7.62 mm ball projectiles. The plate is made of 2" X 2" aluminum oxide ceramic tiles. The vest and plate meet the National Institute of Justice Standards, Ballistic Resistance of Police Body Armor. With the ceramic plate

inserted in the vest, the system weighs 16 pounds.

RBA was Type Classified Limited Procurement Urgent in November 1994. It is available in three sizes—medium, large and extra large — and is available for purchase through General Services Administration contract GS-07F-6041A. Protective Materials Inc. (Arnews)

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Workers should start planning for worry-free retirement

By Sal Riccardi

Everyone looks forward to those days of hard-earned leisure, the "golden years" of retirement. The changing fiscal landscape, however, has resulted in a shift in responsibility in this critical area of the life cycle.

There were times when the company or organization you worked for was responsible for your retirement. Along with this, the existence of the Social Security system gave many people a feeling that the future was taken care of. This was before downsizing became the order of the day. Staying at the same organization for your entire career is now more the exception than the rule. The concept of Social Security being enough to sustain you in your retirement has always been a myth. The average person uses up their entire life's contribution to the Social Security system within two years of claiming benefits. If worry-free retirement is a personal goal of yours, you need to start planning for it now.

For those who are active duty military or have tenure within the Civil Service

system, there is the temptation to think "Well, I intend to make a career of..., and their retirement system is solid." Remember, no one is immune to the current epidemic of layoffs. Never put all your eggs in one basket. If, by chance, you did find yourself facing separation from the system currently employing you, what would you do?

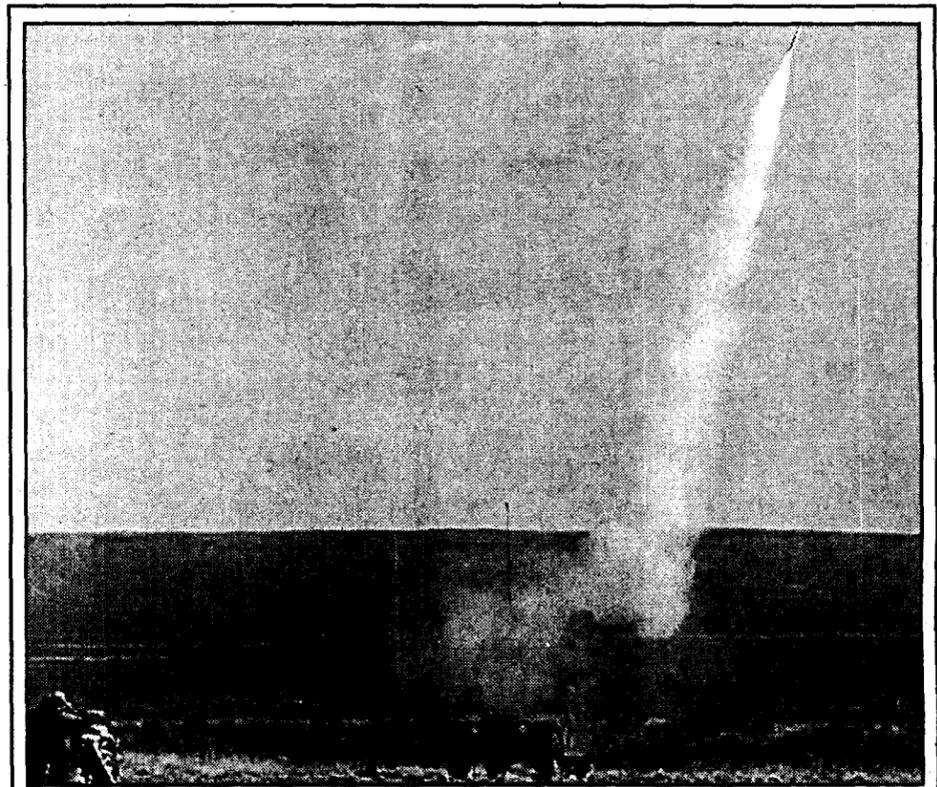
Just as any road trip is futile without a map, so is the dream of retirement for those who do not develop a plan and then implement it as soon as possible. As the rate of inflation continues to rise at 5-7 percent per year, it's not hard to figure that whatever money you manage to save, if it's not drawing interest equal to the inflation rate, will slowly be eaten up by increasing costs. Savings accounts are only drawing 2-3 percent interest a year. No solution there. How can you maximize your return? What kind of investment vehicle should I use? How much risk should I take?

The Civilian Wellness Center and the Army Community Service (ACS) Consumer Affairs/Financial Assistance Program are

offering a seminar March 26 from 11 a.m. until noon to discuss the answers to these kinds of questions. Shari Lovell, a certified financial planner for the Financial Network Investment Corporation, will present information on investment options, asset classes, asset allocation, and more. The seminar, which will take place in building 5302, room 2139, is a good starting point for expanding your knowledge in this important area.

Retirement plans vary from person to person. Each person/family is different. There are no universal solutions. One thing is certain. You can rely on luck, and take your chances. Just remember the old adage: "Chance favors the prepared mind." Come to the seminar, and begin preparing your financial road map today. To sign up, call ACS at 876-5397 or the Civilian Wellness Center 955-6845.

(Editor's note: Riccardi is consumer affairs and financial assistance program manager for Army Community Service.)



Avenger firing...

Members of the Mississippi National Guard conduct their annual service practice for firing proficiency on the Avenger weapon system March 2 at McGregor (SHORAD) Range in New Mexico.

Changes in tax policy affect military retirees

The 104th Congress passed a ban on tax bills from states where veterans do not permanently reside. The ban will give relief to perhaps tens of thousands of military and federal retirees who got tax bills from states where they once worked, or served in uniform, even though they no

longer lived there.

The tax, called the Source Tax, was only in effect in six states. However, 15 other states had the authority to use it and many feared the use would spread. Without this legislation, retirees would be forced to pay taxes out of state even though they do

not use state services and are not allowed to vote in state elections.

The bill passed both houses Dec. 22, and was signed into law by the president. (Release from the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, Madison County veterans service officer.)

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Changes in store for incoming high school students

By Kathy Harkleroad

Eighth graders graduating from middle school this year will see a few requirement changes when it comes to obtaining their high school diploma. According to Edith Pickens, senior counselor at Butler High School, parents should be involved with their child's academic schedule as it is being formulated in middle school.

"With the upcoming changes going into effect next school year, it is very important for parents to take an active part in planning their child's schedules. The biggest change is going to affect the math area and parents need to be informed as to the new regulations and laws," Pickens said. "Graduation requirements have also increased from 22 credit hours to 24 hours, and will affect each incoming eighth grader."

Tom Drake, Butler High School principal, said one of the changes beginning next year is that any student in the state of Alabama must have an algebra and a geometry course completed as part of their math requirements. "In the past, all the student had to do was have four credit hours of math; it didn't matter what order or what the math classes were in. Now with the new law that will go into effect in April, students are still required to have four years of math, but they are also required to have two of the credits in the algebra and geometry area," Drake said.

Parents should look at the big picture when it comes to helping their child decide when to take the algebra class; and according to Pickens, several things should be taken into consid-

eration. "Parents know their child the best and know what kind of students they are. If a child takes algebra in ninth grade and geometry in 10th, they are looking at having to take very advanced math classes, just for a high school diploma," Pickens said. "Most students aren't ready for that and their academic skills should be taken into consideration before schedules become final."

Drake echoed that statement, and said there are several alternatives parents have when it comes to making sure their child has enough of the right courses for graduation. "One option a student does have is to take foundations to algebra in their ninth grade year and then go from there in the planned course. There is no set rule as to how these courses must be taken, just that they have to be successfully completed by the time they graduate," Drake said. "Even though the student had algebra as an eighth grader, this doesn't necessarily mean they are ready for high school algebra."

Counselors at both Westlawn Middle School and Butler High School are reviewing student schedules for the upcoming year. "The counselors at Westlawn are terrific and have really gone over the material with the students," Pickens said. "But we want to make sure the parents un-

derstand what is happening with the changes and how it will affect their child. If parents have not seen a copy of their child's proposed schedule, they can obtain one from the school."

Students have been given a copy of the course descriptions; but parents should be aware of a few minor flaws, according to Pickens. "The books went to the printers before these changes were made, therefore some of the information is incorrect," she said. "We have inserted inserts into the booklets and are asking parents to be on the watch for them."

Another tool parents can use when it comes to planning their child's classes is the Future Quest program offered by Butler High School. "All of the students are familiar with Future Quest and it is just an easy way to help them determine what kind of career field they may want to pursue, as well as list courses we offer at Butler that will enhance their decision," Drake said.

Pickens offered another tip for parents of prospective high schoolers. "Make sure the child is rigorously challenged when it comes to academic studies, but also make sure they have enough time left to explore a sport or a club within the school," she said. "It is very important they feel they belong."



LOOKING TOWARD FUTURE— Pickens, left, Drake and Capt. Estes discuss upcoming changes in high school graduation requirements. Incoming ninth graders will be the most affected; and parents are encouraged to help children plan their schedules.

Students already enrolled at Butler High School are also reviewing and arranging schedules for the next school year; and parents of these students are encouraged to become involved and know their child's schedule. "Our counselors sit down with each student on a one-on-one basis, and review the classes they have had and what they need to meet graduation requirements," Drake said. "This may take time, but in the long run it really pays off."

Pickens said she would

like to see more parents become involved in their child's scheduling. "All he counselors here send home newsletters to keep both the parents and the students aware of any changes that have occurred and of upcoming events. If a parent would like a copy of one, all they have to do is call our office. The same holds true for obtaining a copy of their child's schedule; all they have to do is notify us," she added.

Capt. David Estes, president of the Redstone Arsenal Education Committee, said parents should stay in-

involved as much as they can during their child's school years. "I realize it gets harder as they (the students) get older, but parents know their child better than anyone. They will know when there might be a potential problem and can help the child correct it," Estes said. "One way is reviewing the schedules and making sure the student isn't taking a class or classes that are too advanced for them."

For more information, Pickens and Drake can be reached at Butler High School 532-4920.

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Sports & Recreation

Rocket Lanes busy during bowling championship

By Joyce Walker

The Huntsville Women's Bowling Association's 38th championship tournament concluded Feb. 24 after two weekends of competition at Redstone's Rocket Lanes.

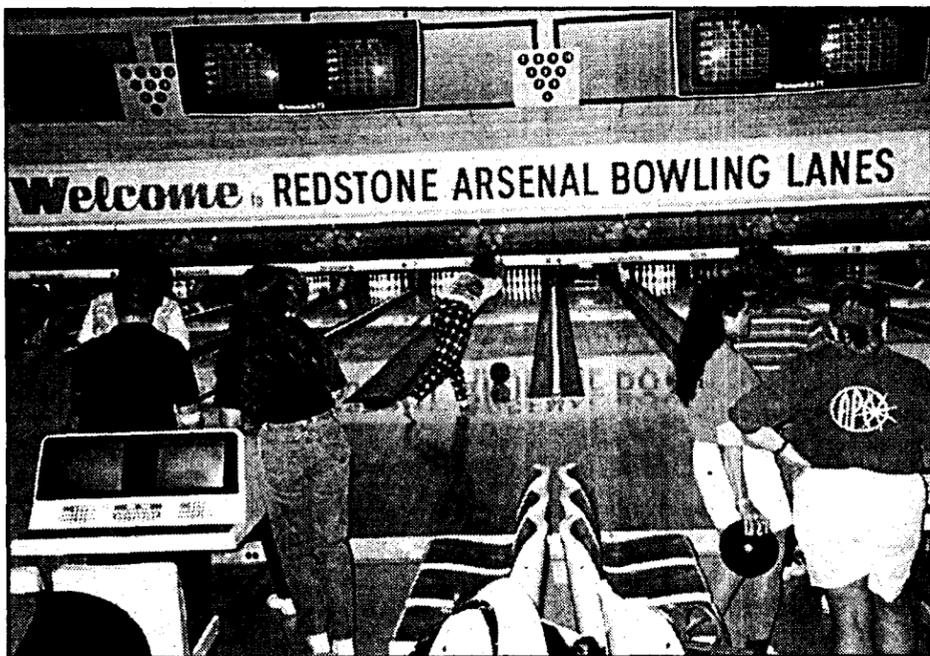
This is the first year for the prestigious tournament to be held at Rocket Lanes. Competing for city championship titles were 41 teams (four bowlers on each team), 58 doubles and 116 singles.

"It was a first for Rocket Lanes; it was a good one and we are looking forward to hosting the tournament again in the future," John Howard, Rocket Lanes manager, said.

The Whatevers team captured the high handicap score of 2501. Members included Ethelene Purnell, Idella Owens, Betty Emanuel and Stephana Lewis.

The scratch team champions were the Sassy Broads with a high scratch score of 2211. Members included Linda Stafford, Patti Lin, Kimberly Buchholz and Aimee Wiley.

Bonnie Treadway and Betsy Webster rolled the top doubles handicap 1362. Scratch went to Janice Spray and Trina McKleroy



COMPETITION— Redstone was the site of the Huntsville women's championship tournament.

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Ebony Cromartie was the singles handicap high scorer with a 713. Robin Son took singles scratch with a 608. Effie Millsap won all events handicap with a 1969; and Buchholz took all events scratch 1831.

The bowlers also participated in a side tournament called "Nassau" to raise funds for the local Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Veterans Home.

The \$379 in proceeds will be presented to the home to buy needed supplies and articles.

In other bowling news: Timi McCorvey and Billie Gilbert each bowled a 300 game in the Wednesday Night Mixed Nuts League at Pin Palace. McCorvey rolled games of 195, 300 and 203 for a 698 series. Gilbert bowled games of 300, 220 and 143 for a 663 series. McCorvey's 300 is a

first ever bowled by a woman bowler in Huntsville. She also bowled the first 800 series in Huntsville this season.

(Editor's note: Walker is publicity director for the Huntsville Women's Bowling Association.)

MWR highlights

The following are upcoming Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities:

- **MARCH 23 & 26: Crafts shop**— The Arts and Crafts Shop will hold a class on weaving Easter baskets March 23 and again March 26. The fee is \$30, and supplies are furnished. Registration is under way. The times are 10:30 a.m. March 23 and 5:30 p.m. March 26. For more information on this class— or a class on Easter design paper cutting — call 876-7951.
- **THROUGH APRIL 1: Youth sports**— Softball and baseball registration continues until April 1 at the Youth Center. Evaluation and practice will begin the second week of April. Regular season play will begin the first week of May; and the season ends in July. Children of Defense Department civilians are now allowed to participate in the sports programs on a space available basis. For more information, call 876-BALL.
- **APRIL OBSERVANCE: Month of military child**— Several activities are planned for April's observance of the Month of the Military Child. For more information call Jan McVey, Supplemental Services director, 876-7888; or Heather Haring, publicity specialist, 876-3030.
- **GOLF COURSE: Membership**— Usage and membership at Redstone Golf Course is open to active duty military, retired military, current and retired civilian employees, and Redstone contractors; plus, family member of all authorized users are eligible. Accompanied guests are welcome. For more information on membership eligibility or tee times, call 883-7977.

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Sports

Redstone Arsenal ballfields prepared for softball season

By Peggy Hays

With the arrival of bright blue sunny skies and a relatively dry field, Johnny Smith and Bobby Hovis rush to prepare the

Arsenal's ballfields for play. "We're getting ready to sod," explained Smith, owner of Smith Construction Co, as he and Hovis raked the third-base sideline together, mounding and edging the dirt.

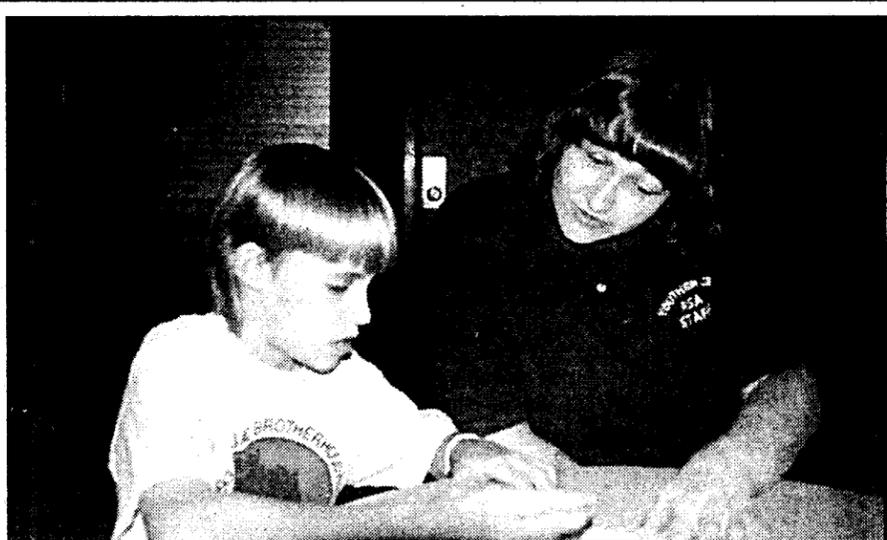
"We've already started laying sod over on Goss Road," Smith said. "We laid 500 yards up there yesterday, sodding the infield and the sidelines on the big field."

The new sod on the Patton Road ball-

fields, according to Smith, will extend from the edge of the infield to the outfield fence and along the sidelines from home plate to the outfield.



PREPARING FIELD— Bobby Hovis, left, and owner Johnny Smith of Smith Construction Co. take advantage of the spring-like weather to ready Field 14 for new sod.

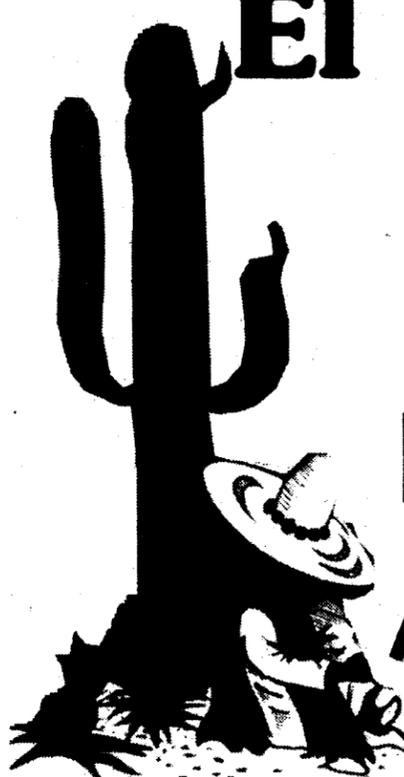


Youth baseball...

Josh Cody, left, assisted by Recreation Aide Lynn Higbee, registers for the Youth Center baseball season. Josh, 9, is the son of SFC David and Gale Cody. Josh attends the Academy of Science and Foreign Languages. With regis-

tration ending April 1, Youth Services emphasizes that DoD civilian dependents are invited to participate in all sports programs beginning with this year's baseball and softball seasons.

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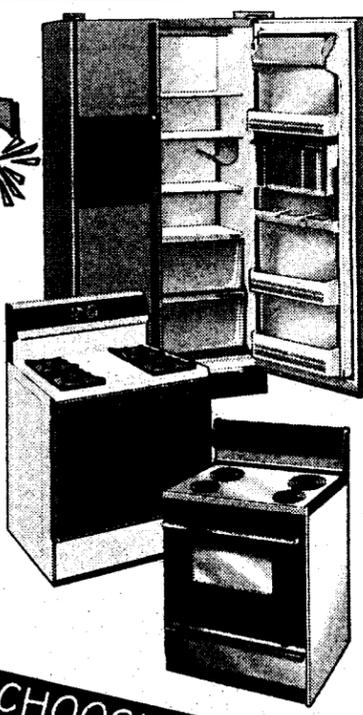
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SSDC engineer pursues MAGLEV express train project at Redstone

By Gerda Sherrill

There is no telling where SSDC's superconducting and technology transfer activities might take us some day. They might even lead to the first magnetic levitation (MAGLEV) express train in the nation, capable of speeds in excess of 300 mph.

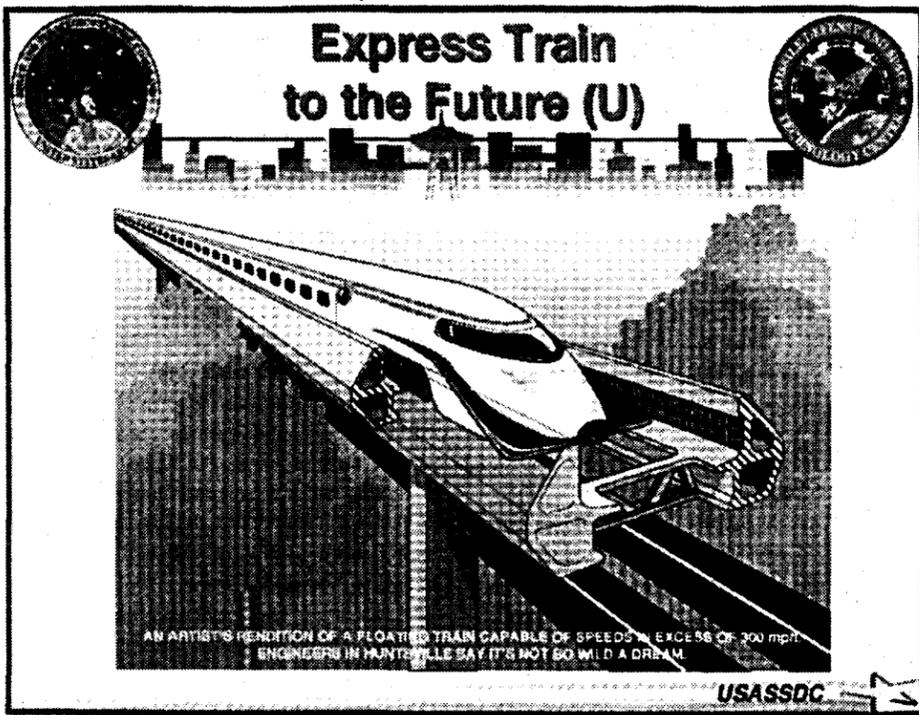
While trying to develop high-power lasers, SSDC's former Directed Energy Directorate used superconducting magnets which generated magnetic fields to

create magnetic levitation. In 1993, the command initiated a technology transfer program with the Engineering School at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Together, they began a project to build a prototype MAGLEV train between the Huntsville Airport and the Space and Rocket Center, with a loop through the Arsenal. "Early efforts looked promising," Ben Davis, a general engineer in SSDC's Cost Analysis Division, said, "but Congress

never funded them."

Davis is not giving up hope, though. With UAH, the Redstone Technical Test Center, and the Marshall Space Flight Center, he continues to actively participate in the development of a MAGLEV test sled and track at Redstone Arsenal. He also tried to sell his ideas with a presentation, "MAGLEV Transportation System," at the 29th annual DoD Cost Analysis Symposium in Leesburg, Va.



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250 reduction in fiscal 1996 was handled through voluntary early-outs with no forced layoffs.

"We've initiated initial planning for VERA/VSIP (Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Pay) for the first quarter of fiscal '97 with employees off the rolls by 3 Jan. '97," Jim Gillespie, chief of force management business planning division, said. "The command's going to do everything possible to make the FY '97 reductions through VERA/VSIP retirements and avoid involuntary separations."

After 1997 the outlook stabilizes, according to Jim White, the command's budget officer and chief of the program budget

division. "We're having a significant decline up to about FY '97 then things seem to level out for us," White said.

The two funding areas experiencing the deepest cuts are logistics operations, and servicewide support which is basically money to run the installation. "From FY '95 to FY '97, we've dropped about 25 percent in logistics operation (funding at MICOM). In the servicewide support area, over that same period of time we've dropped almost 10 percent," White said. "But this is after the installation funding has already dropped significantly over the past several years."

Pending ongoing negotiations, the dollar amounts are: \$97.2 million for logistics operations in fiscal 1997, compared to \$126 million in fiscal '95; and \$86.4 million for servicewide support in fiscal '97, compared to \$93.4 million in fiscal '95.

"Armywide dollar resources are declin-

ing over the next several years, particularly on the operating appropriations— monies that we use to operate installations," White said. "I would say since 1989 it's come down in the order of 25 or 30 percent, as a rough estimate."

Funding reductions throughout the Defense Department are largely due to efforts to balance the federal budget and downsize the government. Many government agencies are experiencing similar pressures. The Defense Department represents 16 percent of the federal budget.

Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, signed a memo March 11 which implemented several steps aimed at reducing expenses. The memo ordered a reduction of 25 percent for travel, supplies and training; and placed a 100 percent moratorium on new equipment purchases with OMA (operations and maintenance Army) dollars

and DBOF (defense business operations) dollars.

"Also we are in a near 100 percent hiring freeze situation right now at MICOM. Very few critical hiring actions are being taken," Miller said. "And the other thing we're doing is we're asking our activities to look at the contracts— they're either in process of awarding or scheduled to award this year — that may be down scoped, canceled or modified so they come in at a lower cost."

The leaner-and-meaner message is not just aimed at organizations, but also the workers themselves. Resource managers here encourage everyone to work as efficiently as possible and to try to conserve resources— such as reducing travel or avoiding other costs.

"It seems to me, everyone who works for the Missile Command needs to look and see if there's value added for every expense that they incur," White said.

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Patton Road Bridge: 'Like a bridge over troubled waters'

By Denny Gray

Many of us read the letter about the Patton Road Bridge (in the Rocket dated Feb. 7). While I read the letter, I understood how 'Doc Elliott' felt. I use to feel the same way when I worked at a building on south Redstone Arsenal. I would take I-65 to then Highway 20, zig across the Arsenal to Patton to Buxton and zag to my building. And Dodd Road would have saved me some time and wear and tear, too. What I found out though were some of the concerns that kept Dodd Road closed. I will address those briefly later but Dodd Road was open for a little while in the 1988-89 time frame.

In the same issue of the Rocket, back on page 21 under announcements is an article by Howard Berryhill about the Patton Road Bridge. And the same article appeared in the prior issue of the Rocket dated Jan. 31.

That old adage of "there's two sides to every story" seems very appropriate here. Someone once said, "the side of the story that we don't readily know is more involved than we see from where we are"; or "Things are not always as they appear." Many times we see a situation, have

questions or concerns and maybe, have not asked the right questions of the right people.

Project synopsis

The synopsis of the project is this: construct a temporary two-lane bridge to the west meeting all the regulatory and safety concerns and route traffic there. Remove the old bridge. Elevate and build the new bridge and return traffic to the present course.

The Patton Road Bridge currently is in need of some repair and the funding has been secured for the replacement. As identified in a previous response to this issue, the bridge is quite old and this replacement comes at a good time to make a major improvement and alleviate some other problems in the process.

This installation covers 38,000-plus acres and has nearly 2,100 buildings and structures with 300 miles of roadway. It doesn't take long to realize the magnitude of responsibility of the dedicated team of workers here. And this issue addresses just roads— just one road and one bridge on that one road. However, this project was contracted at approximately \$1.1 million (bridges aren't inexpensive anymore). And the background work that goes into deciding when these

massive projects get on the priority list, approved, advertised, bid, negotiated/awarded and then actually started sometimes goes unseen.

What really goes unnoticed are the many, many hours that are necessary in a project of this size, importance, complication, safety and impact. Sometimes on large projects such as this, to give the names of all the people involved would be to give a major portion of the roster of this Directorate. Most times, at best, the point people are identified, while even for them it is one project among many that has the highlight for the day, and that doesn't lend itself to all the details involved with that one job.

Theresa Shelton is the DPW contracting officer's representative (COR) for this project. She provided some of the following information about this bridge work.

Several of the disciplines housed at DPW are necessary for the total package to be completed. Included are our traffic management and road maintenance sections, engineers— (architectural, civil, and general), safety personnel, operations division — construction, inspection, the people that take care of the grounds and natural resources and many



REPLACEMENT NEEDED— Flooding causes a debris problem at the Patton Road Bridge. Construction of a clear-span bridge should eliminate this problem.

others that have valued input to bring this project together. Then there are the numerous support functions and personnel necessary to make these kind of projects "happen." All of this for the purpose of improving the road conditions, safety, traffic flow to minimize congestion, and enhance the beauty along our roadways.

Sequence of construction
The intent of the phased construction is to provide two lanes of traffic during construction. It may be necessary at times to reduce traffic to one lane, but this is permissible only during the hours 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday through Friday or on Saturday and Sunday. Flagmen are to be provided at all times when traffic must be reduced to one lane.

Traffic will be shifted onto this temporary pavement prior to beginning any work on the proposed roadway. A foundation for this temporary roadway must be in place for two months to allow for settling. This is done not only to meet state

and federal highway construction regulations but it is mostly a safety concern for the travelers. Following the two months waiting period, the specified section of roadway will be built up to raise the new bridge. Removal of the existing structure and construct the permanent bridge where the existing Patton Road Bridge is now.

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Editor's note: The following article was provided by the Preventive Medicine Service, Fox Army Community Hospital.

"I was lifting a heavy box, I felt a 'pop' in my back".... "I was walking in the parking lot, slipped and fell".... "My hands go numb when I type too much."

These and many other complaints are the beginning of injuries or illnesses reported through Preventive Medicine Service, Occupational Health, and to the CPO coordinator for the Office of Workers Compensation. Whenever a government employee assigned to Redstone is injured on the job, they are required to first report through Occupational Health, building 116.

The Missile Command has a "Clinic First" policy. This means that any and all work related, non-emergency, injuries/illnesses should first be reported to Occupational Health from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. After hours, employees should report to Fox Army Community Hospital emergency room for treatment of work-related injuries or illnesses. Employees should not go to Fox Hospital for first aid treatment when Occupational Health is open.

The Occupational Health physician will evaluate, treat or refer the employee to a specialist. Employees are required to provide Occupational Health with a DD 689 "Individual Sick Slip," filled out by their supervisor, indicating exactly how the injury/illness occurred. Employees will be issued either a CA-1 or CA-

2 with written instructions from Occupational Health on how to file these forms. They need to be filed with the Redstone Workers Compensation coordinator within 72 hours from the time the injury or illness occurred.

Minor medical treatments, X-rays, immunizations and other medical information can be provided through the Occupational Health physician at the OH clinic. The employee will be given a followup appointment with the physician to monitor or evaluate progress. If the employee's injury cannot be treated at the OH clinic and needs to be referred to a specialist, a CA-16 is prepared and the employee is provided an appointment. When the employee has completed the recommended treatment, he or she must follow up with OH to close out the incident. It is important that the employee file necessary paperwork with Office of Workers Compensation within the time frame mandated by the Federal Employees Compensation Act. Many of the injury claims are not filed properly and this results in misunderstandings and delay in appropriate medical care.

The employee must follow up with both Occupational Health and any local medical doctor they may have been referred to. If an employee feels they are not getting the proper medical care for their injury, or that their condition is worsening, they need to return to the Occupational Health physician. He can assist them and answer questions related to their medical care.

When an employee has an injury/illness, they should schedule a followup appointment prior to leaving the clinic if necessary. It is important to keep or reschedule the appointment. Failure to followup as requested leads to problems with tracking of injury/illness statistics. Even if the employee feels better after the first visit, if the doctor has requested they return for a followup it is imperative they do so.

Employees should report to their private family doctor for non-work related illnesses. Questions concerning on-the-job injury/illness can be directed to Occupational Health 876-8831 or CPO at 842-9287.



Thrift Shop volunteer...

Frances Clowdus, the Thrift Shop's "Volunteer of the Month" for January, checks a tag at the shop. She has been with the shop for more than five years. Clowdus can be found either in the tag room, tagging

the many pieces of merchandise that come in, or on the floor putting these items in their proper places. Martha Green, with the shop for more than two years, was the February honoree.

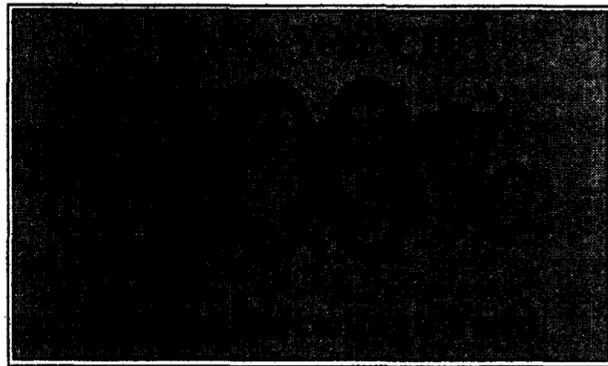
Soldiers radio program sends messages from home to Bosnia troops

WASHINGTON— Soldiers Radio and Television is now producing a weekly radio program for broadcast to soldiers in Bosnia via American Forces Network.

The program, "Tracks from Home," is hosted by Sgt. Janice Guthrie and consists of taped telephone dedications and messages from friends and family, incorporated into a one-hour music program. Messages can be called in to DSN 221-5600 or (703) 325-5600.

"During Desert Shield/Storm, SRTV produced this same program, and it was very successful - a great way for families to say 'happy birthday,' 'happy anniversary,' or 'just thinking of you and wanted to request your favorite song,'" said Clark Taylor, SRTV director. For additional information, call Sgt. Janice Guthrie at DSN 221-5537 or (703) 325-5537. (Arnews)

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Announcements

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.

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. Registration is \$65. For families with more than one child, the cost is \$45 for each additional child. Mail registrations to Youth Development Association

(YDA), 4192 Sullivan St., Madison 35758. For more information, call the YDA office 464-9906.

Medical support groups—Breathe Easy, a support group for people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and respiratory lung disease, meets the fourth Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Therapy and Fitness

Center, Huntsville Hospital Medical Mall. For more information, call 517-7102.... Care and Share—for patients, family and friends who are dealing with cancer—meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Comprehensive Cancer Institute at Huntsville Hospital. For information call 551-6591.

Post softball teams—Tryouts are planned for

BRIDGE

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Another concern that this project addresses is the intermittent flooding of that area and occasionally the bridge flooding. As seen in the photo accompanying this article, the flooding also causes a debris problem. The new bridge will be a clear span bridge to eliminate the collection of debris as it currently does. Completion of this project will elevate the new bridge about 4 feet so it is out of 'the 100-year flood-plain'.

Also to be taken care of in this work is the conduits for water, steam, electrical, and telecommunication lines and systems that cross the creek at this bridge. Utilities on the existing bridge must be protected at all times. This is so the people working on the South Arsenal can continue to have water, heat, power, lights, and telephones as well as a new and improved bridge to travel over.

Phase 1 of the construction will increase the total

roadway width to 26 feet which should improve travel conditions when complete. Coordination of this is done through our installation management office for the 'big picture' of the things we are doing and for the projections of what we will do in the future to improve Redstone.

Protect existing utility lines from damage prior to removal of any concrete. Construct new utility bridge piers and steel truss superstructure with pipe supports.

Upon completion of utility bridge, remove remaining portions of existing bridge. Protect all new work from damage during Phase II demolition.

Then there is the concern of how does all of this impact traffic flow. And then how does it impact our environment. So it is not, has not been, and probably will not be as simple and clear cut as 'use Dodd Road'.

Now to the Dodd Road issue... if we must!!! While it seems an easy solution just to use Dodd Road it has requirements of its

own. I assume that each person that would take that route would want — say... a reasonably good road to travel. \$1.1 million bridge versus 6 miles of Dodd Road that we have no idea of the required repair and maintenance costs to get it travelable.

The test Facility that uses that portion of the Arsenal is here to test, fire, verify range data, and validate the work Redstone does and all of the missile systems of the Army. They are integral to the mission of Redstone as I am sure your work is too. In fact Dodd Road goes across one range about in the middle. The test facility also competes with other test facilities to use some of the equipment they have at Redstone.

Keeping the range fully operational helps support the capabilities of the Test Organization. While it may appear inconsequential to

some of us, that segment of the population of Redstone community does mean jobs, additional revenue and an economic boost to Redstone and Huntsville.

Further the cost of continuous maintenance of those six miles of roadway must be calculated. Some of the testing requires tracked vehicles to travel in that area and it degrades the condition of the road.

From a security standpoint it would mean opening and closing Dodd Road in the morning and afternoon. It would also mean 'clearing the range area of any civilian vehicles' — which costs manhours from some other pool of money.

So Doc Elliot and others maybe it is not "just use Dodd Road."

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

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Explosives Safety Training • Explosives Safety Refresher - A seminar for government and contract employees that work with explosives and weapon systems will be presented on April 18 (8:00-4:00) in Room 4237, Bldg 5304, Sparkman Center. • Ammunition/Explosives Certification - An explosives certification course which meets AMC-R 350-4 requirements will be held on April 22-25 in Room 4223, Sparkman Center. • To register and/or to obtain information and a brochure, call Amtec Corp (205) 722-7200.

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Announcements

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Insurance briefing— Christopher Fisher, a Mailhandlers representative, will be at Redstone from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday in building 5304, room 4264. No appointment required; attendees will be seen on a first-come, first-serve basis. Fisher will have his computer, so if anyone has questions on claims he will be able to help.

Red Cross blood program— March 21, from 7-9:30 a.m., building 5435, Tenna McGee 842-8131; and from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Thiokol, Mary Cash 882-8219. March 22, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Linda Kneel 842-8424; from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SSDC, Al Longhi 955-4164; and from 7:30-11:30 a.m. at Corps of Engineers, Nancy Villasana 895-1233. March 28, from 7-noon, building 5250, Judy Hullett 876-0789. March 29, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Fox Army Community Hospital, Capt. Hickman 876-5893.

Federally Employed Women — The Federally Employed Women will meet at 11:15 a.m. March 21 at building 5250, the executive dining room. All members are urged to at-

tend. For more information, call Mae Hargrove 876-4678 or Rosie Douglas 842-7700.

Thrift Shop— March 29 is the deadline for April contribution requests from the Thrift Shop. The Thrift Shop makes welfare contributions three times a year— April, August and November. The deadlines for these periods are as follows: April time period, March 29; August time period, July 31; and November time period, Oct. 31. Requests can be addressed to the Thrift Shop, Gisela Mulek, welfare chairman, building 3657, Redstone Arsenal, 35898. Requests may be submitted at any time.

Buffalo Soldiers banquet— The Atlanta Buffalo Soldiers Cavalry Association will hold its fifth Buffalo Soldiers (black tie) Banquet and Ball, April 27 at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel in College Park, Ga. This event will pay honor to 2nd Lt. Henry O. Flipper, West Point's first black graduate (year 1877). Proceeds will go toward building a national statue in his honor. Scheduled speaker is Greg Allen Williams of the "Baywatch" television series. Cost of the banquet is \$35. For reservations call Maj. Don North (770) 487-4137 or Maj. Dave Survine (770) 968-0007 by March 20.

BOSS fashion show—

The **BOSS** (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) Committee is seeking models— male or female—and performers to participate in a fashion show at 7 p.m. May 4 at the Recreation Center. This is open to all military and civilian personnel. Those interested should attend a meeting at 3 this afternoon in the Rec Center. For more information, call Spec. Ubiles 842-9255 or Sgt. Coman 876-3900.

Parent advisory council — The Parent Advisory Council will meet at 3 p.m. March 26 at the Bicentennial Chapel, activity room. All parents who have children in the Child Development Center are welcome to attend and bring areas of concern or discussion. In addition to the regularly-scheduled topics, there is an open forum for concerns. For more information, call Renee McArdle 842-2682 or Sgt. Julie Muster 955-0307.

Chapel dramatization— Everyone is invited to "The Living Last Supper" dramatization 8 p.m. April 4 at the Bicentennial Chapel. This presentation, a live reenactment of Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper, will be directed by Jeannie Sharpe who has been active in theatre for 15 years. The cast includes active/retired military personnel. Pick up your free tick-

ets at Baptist Book Store, Joshua's Christian Store, Family Book Store, Seed of Life Christian Book Store, Bicentennial Chapel, or Army Community Service. Tickets can be reserved by calling Trudy Jester 837-6231 or Dorothy May 883-2389.

Vehicle registration section— The Vehicle Registration and Identification Section, building 3423, will be closed all day March 20. The office will reopen at 8:30 a.m. March 21 in the east end of building 3421. For more information, call Norma Dalton 842-2453.

CFC applications— Applications for the 1996 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign will be accepted from April 3 through May 3. By federal regulations, only human health and welfare agencies recognized by the Internal Revenue Service under U.S. Code 501 (c) (3) and for which contributions are tax-deductible, are eligible for admission. The Tennessee Valley CFC is the annual charitable fund drive for federal employees. The campaign covers federal employees in Cullman, Limestone, Madison, Morgan and Marshall counties in Alabama and Lincoln County, Tenn. For more information or to obtain an application call Charles Scott, director of Tennessee Valley CFC, 536-0745.

Government accountants— North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will hold its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Officers Club. Scheduled speaker is Linda Garrison, assistant director for financial management, General Accounting Office. For reservations call Sandra Julian 876-2373.

Toastmasters— Do you want to improve your speech? Redstone Toastmasters meets at 6 p.m. every Tuesday at Morrison's at Madison Square Mall. For information call 837-2165 or 880-1528.

Fox Hospital news— Height-weight charts only provide averages based on a sedentary population. They do not take body composition into consideration. Bathroom scales do not reveal what makes up that weight— how much is fat and how much is lean body mass. Find out your body composition from 10 a.m. to noon March 28 at Pagano Gym. For more information, call the Community Health Nursing Section 876-8831.

Unmanned vehicles symposium— "Outlook 2000," the seventh annual symposium for unmanned vehicle systems require-

ments, technology and program opportunities, will be held April 9-10 in Huntsville. This symposium featuring top-level speakers is sponsored by the Pathfinder Chapter of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems Int'l. For more information call Tina Johnson, symposium coordinator, 880-8979.

Quarterly retirement ceremony— The quarterly retirement ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. April 18 at the post parade field. Rehearsal will be held at 7 a.m. April 17 at the parade field. If you wish to participate in the ceremony, call Sgt. Spears of Support Operations 842-2576 by April 5.

ACS Education Committee — The Army Community Service (ACS) Education Committee will meet at noon today at ACS, building 3491. It is helpful to call in advance concerning problem areas that need to be put on the agenda. Any parent interested in the educational needs of their child is invited to attend. This meeting is open to everyone. For more information, call Virginia Dempsey 876-5397.

PX news— Anyone interested in **See ANNOUNCEMENTS on page 22**

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

Post Theater movies— Friday, "From Dusk Till Dawn," rated R, 107 minutes. Saturday, "The Juror," R, 118 minutes. Sunday, "The Juror." March 29, "Bed of Roses," PG, 87 minutes. Showtime is 7 p.m. Admission is adults \$2.50, children \$1.25.

Logistics engineers— Society of Logistics Engineers will meet 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 26 at the Officers Club. Jerry Mungle, director of software engineering division at Nichols Research, is to speak on "Software Process Improvement and Software Engineering Institute Certification." Cost is \$8.50 for members, \$9.50 for non-members. For reservations, by 4 p.m. Friday, call Walt Lorcheim 895-8620, Louise Cooper 955-9694 or Jack Conway 890-3423.

Master's degree— Nova Southeastern University is offering a master of business administration program in Huntsville, with a new class beginning April 19-20. A registration meeting is set for 6 p.m. March 27 at McDonnell Douglas building 3, auditorium classroom, 655 Discovery Drive. For more information call Mike Hodges in

Woodville (205) 574-2050 or William Spade 1-800-672-7223, ext. 7647.

Golf tournament— The Camaraderie Golf Tournament, open to all, will be held April 2 at Redstone Golf Course. Cost is \$25 which includes green fees, and carts. Teams will be established the day of the tournament. Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. and tee off is at noon with a modified shotgun start. Rain date is April 10. For tickets contact one of the following: Capt. Debarito, building 3300, phone 876-2498; Larry Fahlund, building 3325, 955-0870; Kathy French, building 5302, 876-9666; Paul Hernandez, building 111, 955-8136; Jackie Shaw, building 5300, 876-2156; or Sgt. Woodruff, building 3474, 842-2631.

Learning centers— Videos on relevant topics are shown each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Army learning centers. Here's the schedule for March 26-28: "Charting a Career Course," at the Sparkman ALC, building 5304, room 4319. "How to Present a Professional Image, Volume I (For Women Only)," at the North

ALC, building 3222.

Butler High School— As an ongoing quest to bridge the gap between Parents-Teachers-Students, the PTSA of Butler High School encourages attendance at the March PTSA meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday. "The focus will be placed on the 'teen scene,' and the detrimental consequences of casually experimenting with alcohol and drugs. The administration at Butler has added an incentive for each student attending the entire program. An 'extra credit coupon' will be given to each student at the end of the program."

Military intelligence community— The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Military Intelligence Association will hold a presentation on "The Roles and Capabilities of the U.S. Intelligence Community" at noon March 28 at the Officers Club, regimental room. This briefing is based on the findings of the Aspen/Brown Commission. Included also will be the recommendations of the IC21 Study, chaired by Larry Combest, chairman of

the House permanent select committee on intelligence. Roy Jongers, executive director and past president of NMIA, is scheduled speaker. Jonkers, a retired Air Force colonel, is editor-in-chief of the "American Intelligence Journal." Seating will be limited because of the size of the room; admission will be on a first come basis. For more information call Wayne Simpson 955-3997, Bob Westerfeldt 971-6533, George Lewis 922-5337 or Lt. Col. K.C. Marass 876-8096.

Security reminder— The Intelligence and Security Directorate issued the following reminder: "What may be done when classified materials need to be removed? All supervisory personnel when reviewing classified materials, should take the responsibility for ensuring review and reduction of classified files throughout their organization on a monthly basis. Documents should be annotated with the initials and date reviewed on outer cover of the classified document."

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'95 Toyota Camry LE, stereo, PW, PL, 15K mi., \$17,500 firm. 851-7634.

'94 Ford F150 XLT, V8, 5 sp., ext. clean, 30K mi., bedliner,

towing, \$13,500. 828-4948.

'94 Ford Ranger XLT, blue, V6, 5 Sp., air, camper shell, \$9000. RSA loan value \$11,125. 539-6608.

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Overstock gridlock at Woody Anderson Ford means colossal savings

February's record cold, combined with abnormal snow, sleet and ice, has kept shoppers staying in and leaving retailers out in the cold. Car dealers have been hard hit. And new car dealers are especially hard hit.

Every unsold car on their lot costs them money in floor plan (interest, storage, property taxes, overhead and security). They order cars based on previous years' selling rates and follow economic trends in order to avoid big floor plan expenses.

Sometimes, however, ordering mistakes are made, the economy goes sour, or Mother Nature throws a temper tantrum.

Normally two out of three "ain't bad," but February was anything but normal for local car dealers generally, and dramatically abnormal for Woody Anderson specifically.

First, "the coming of the Ice Age Storm" closed down the dealership for a record five days. During that time zero cars and trucks were sold, plus normal inventory orders kept rolling in.

Then, two weeks later, Huntsville residents woke up to three inches of snow — making that weekend's sales event a non-event.

Finally, adding insult to injury, an ordering mistake was

made. The dealership placed an order for a two-month supply of new cars. The cars were scheduled to be delivered in small lots between February and May, 1996. Five days before delivery was due, the dealership discovered that, through no fault of their own, the factory was going to deliver the entire two-month allotment within the next ten days. The dealership had no choice. They had to accept the shipment.

"Calling this overwhelming gridlock of vehicles a 'problem' is the understatement of the century," said Randy Dye, general manager of Woody Anderson Ford.

"Due to a combination of factors, Ford overshipped, and we've been caught with limited space to park the new vehicles arriving daily."

"This could be a major dilemma for us, make no mistake about it," said Mike Long, general sales manager. "Ford talked us into stepping up our orders and then shipped all the vehicles ahead of schedule. As a consequence, we have millions of dollars in new-car inventory that must be sold immediately. We have a problem."

In response, **Ford stepped in to help out by offering 4.8 percent financing for 48 months.**

"The floor plan expense, the property tax and storage are



Extra shipments of new vehicles are creating gridlock at Woody Anderson Ford.

extraordinary. The fact is, we simply must sell these vehicles and sell them fast," Dye said. "We're already selling Rangers; I know we sold several Rangers today. We

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sold three Contours to a college this morning. We are selling a lot of vehicles under our cost because of this situation, and getting rid of them means we save on floor plan expenses.

"We have to do something," Dye continued. "If we don't do an out-of-the-ordinary promotion and move them (the cars, trucks) at some very low price, we are losing about

\$150 per unit every 30 days. With two months' supply of units sitting here, we can reduce prices and still be ahead."

"Another customer advantage is lower lease payments," Dye continued. "One customer commented, 'Yeah, the lease payment on Explorer was unexpectedly low and surprisingly easy to understand.' That's a true story. This is not just a promotional gimmick. That's the truth."

Now we come to the real problem. Here is a new car dealer in a vastly overstocked situation and forced to sell his inventory at even lower-than-normal prices. The predicament? How do you inform the public that now is the time to buy a new car because we are overstocked and must sell the cars regardless of price? Like the boy who cried 'wolf,' who would believe you?

"Who?" asked Long. "Anyone who took the time to drive to our new car location on Sparkman and Jordan and University Drive and tried to find a place to park, that's who. Plus the 4.8 percent financing and up to \$2,000 rebates are on top of the lower-than-normal low prices."

Woody Anderson sets standards for service



A factory-certified mechanic repairs a vehicle in one of the 40 service bays at Woody Anderson Ford.

"Although new cars require low maintenance and experience few if any breakdowns, when you need service, you need it now. At Woody Anderson Ford we understand that," said Johnny Davis, Woody Anderson service manager.

"Woody Anderson has one of the largest service departments with two

locations (corner of Sparkman and Jordan and University Drive West) in the Huntsville area, with 40 service bays and 22 technicians. That means you get quick and efficient one-stop car repair shopping."

Davis further stated that, "Because our prices are competitive

with fast lube facilities, people have discovered that they can get factory-trained mechanics working on their cars quickly and economically here. That means our customers get fast, competent service. Plus our courtesy shuttle and convenient hours Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., make getting a car serviced simple."

When asked about the huge shipment of cars coming in, Parts Manager Mike McCain's response was upbeat.

"We have one of the largest parts departments anywhere. Most people don't realize they can buy parts from a dealership. Anyone can buy parts from us. We have factory-approved parts on hand, and if we don't have it, we can get it in overnight and have it the next day. We are trying to build a long-term relationship with our customers. We want them coming back here to buy their parts."

New car overflow means huge selection of used vehicles

"Getting an influx of over 1,000 new cars at Woody Anderson could affect our used car operation adversely if we don't keep on top of it," said Tommy Smith, used car manager.

"With the new car division selling lots of new cars, we are going to get a load of trades for us to process," he

said. "And there is only one way to handle this influx of trades," Smith continued, "and that is to keep the prices very competitive and to move the cars out fast at a lower margin of profit."

"Our used lot here at the main facility is not large enough, and we just have to keep moving them out to keep ahead. We will keep the best value trades for our customers and the rest we will send to the auto auction. Because of the high quality of the cars we keep, most are covered by our in-house warranty."

"We also have a special in-house finance program for those good people who have had bad things happen to them. This program helps customers reestablish their credit and at the same time get reasonable transportation."

"These cars are too nice to wholesale or send to auction," continued Smith. "These cars may be



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a little older or have a few more miles on them, but they seem to be in good mechanical condition."

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