



Redstone Rocket

No widespread extremist activity found in Army

Task force does report a small number with extremist views

WASHINGTON— Secretary of the Army Togo West announced March 21 that his "Task Force on Extremist Activity: Defending American Values" found no widespread or organized extremist activity in the Army.

The task force, formed Dec. 12, 1995, did find that individuals or small, informal groups of individuals hold extremist views. Allegations or suspicions of widespread, concerted recruitment of soldiers for extremist causes, and participation by soldiers in organized extremist activities, were not substantiated.

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— Togo West
Secretary of Army

"This tells us that the Army is composed of soldiers who reflect the American belief that extremism is unacceptable in our society and in the Army. It also recognizes the continuing challenge posed by even a minimal number of individuals who hold extremist views which are contrary to good order and discipline," West said.

The task force report addresses the assessment of extremism in the Army and human relations climate. It includes a review of current policies and the circumstances surrounding the Fayetteville, N.C., homicides. Additionally, it contains conclusions, recommendations, background and methodology.

Based on the overall findings, West directed the Army to take immediate steps to improve its approach to extremist activities and its efforts to provide a human relations environment that fosters teamwork, respect for human dignity, and pride in oneself and the Army.

He directed that the Army:

- Revise, strengthen and clarify the current regulation governing involvement in extremist organizations;
- Write and implement comprehensive regulations governing policies and procedures for quality of life initiatives;
- Make substantial changes to the current Army Equal Opportunity Program. This program will be expanded to embrace all human relations issues, to include, but not be

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Defense Secretary Perry directs action on report

WASHINGTON— The following is the text of a statement by Defense Secretary William Perry regarding the Army's Task Force on Extremist Activities report:

"Defending American Values, the report of the Secretary of the Army's Task Force on Extremist Activities, concludes that 'there is minimal evidence of extremist activity in the Army.'

"Reviews by the other services reach the same conclusion. However, Department of Defense policy leaves no room for racist and extremist activities in the military. We must— and we will —make every effort to erase bigotry, racism and extremism from the military. Extremist activity compromises fairness, good order and discipline, and, potentially, combat effectiveness. The armed forces, which defend the nation and its values, must exemplify those values beyond question.

"Secretary West has directed the Army to take actions to root out extremist activity. I have asked the Defense Equal Opportunity Council, which is chaired by Deputy Secretary White and includes the service secretaries, to review the report and its recommendations to determine if changes are necessary in Department of Defense policies and regulations. I will act quickly on the Council's recommendations." (Defense Department release)



Feeding the birds...

Cub Scouts from Pack 8, Den 7 led by Cubmaster Steve Pierce met on Redstone Road March 23 and put up bird feeders they had made. The Scouts put up six feeders and plan on putting up 10 more soon. Pictured are SFC Chris Ory and his son Brian as they mount one of the feeders.

911 emergency phone system took team effort

April 15 scheduled start date for new system at Redstone

By Skip Vaughn

Redstone's new 911 emergency phone system should eliminate any confusion about what number to call for a fire, crime or ambulance.

A house fire last September helped spur the efforts toward this system which will begin April 15. "There was some confusion from that tenant as far as how they contacted 911," Jeff Lynn, a safety specialist in the Missile Command's Safety Office, recalled.

Lynn and Fire Chief Thomas Stephens decided to see what they could do about establishing a 911 system for all phones on post. The result is this: Starting April 15 anyone who dials 911 from any telephone on post can report a fire, crime or medical emergency. The new system also means that users of government phones who

dial "9" to access off post numbers will have to dial "4" instead.

Residents in on-post housing already had 911, but the calls should be relayed quicker from downtown under the new system. A software change implements 911 for those calling from government phones.

Emergency calls from the housing area go to the Huntsville 911 center, where the address is provided automatically. The call is then relayed within seconds to the Redstone fire department. Other 911 calls will be routed directly to the fire department on post. The fire department will be able to tell immediately who's making the call and the caller's phone number. "And in the near future they'll have the capability of being able to know which building the individual's calling from," Lynn said.

The in-house software



LYNN

change, coordinated by the Corporate Information Center, will only cost Redstone a one-time charge of \$55.

"When we look back on it, it all looks simple but it's been a team effort for everybody to get to where we did," Lynn said. Organizations involved have included the Fire and Emergency Services, the Safety

Office, Corporate Information Center, Provost Marshal, Directorate of Public Works, and the Medical Department Activity.

Leroy Dennis, team leader of the telecommunications branch at CIC, was involved in implementing the system. "There were a

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Post commander's letter: 911 emergency system

On April 15, Team Redstone will make a significant leap forward in our ability to request help during an emergency. On that date, we will implement a system whereby all calls reporting fire, medical, hazardous materials or rescue emergencies, as well as requests for emergency law enforcement assistance can be accomplished using a single phone number, 911.

Historically, Redstone employees and residents have been forced to use various phone numbers to report emergencies and request help, depending upon the type incident and the origin of call. While in school, our children learn to dial 911 in case of emergency.

In order for us to utilize the 911 system and to ensure it functions properly, 9, the current off-post access code will have to be changed to 4. This will be accomplished April 15. I understand that this will cause some temporary inconvenience, but Team Redstone has always risen to the occasion and I am confident that we will again. If 9 is used to get an off-post line after that date, the caller will get a rapid busy signal. Programmed numbers in speed dialers, fax machines, etc., will need to be changed on that date to prevent incomplete calls.

The 911 system will utilize existing equipment in the Fire and Emergency Services Division. The caller's phone number and name (and soon building number as well) will instantly be displayed on a computer screen when the 911 call is answered.

Using 911 has been proven to save lives and limit property damage and I am confident that it will at Redstone as well. As always, our goal is continuous improvement and world class customer service.

Maj. Gen. James Link
Commander,
MICOM and Redstone

Letters to the editor

Deer hunting

I am a civilian employee working on Redstone Arsenal and enjoy being able to deer hunt from mid-October (bow) through the end of January (gun and bow). The main concern that I have is that of the management techniques of the herd located on the Arsenal. One does not have to have a doctorate in physics to realize the deer herd is rapidly declining each year. This can be confirmed by reviewing the total deer harvested per year over the last three years versus the number allocated by the state. Also visible is the ratio of bucks to doe kill. The higher percent of bucks killed is indicative of the decline in the doe population. If action is not taken to reduce the number of doe harvested and the slaughter of the 30/35 pound (babies) deer, the herd will continue to decline to perhaps only a few deer in the bow and restricted areas.

I would really like to hear the local biologist's comments and/or assessment on this issue. I can recall a statement made when I attended the hunters' safety orientation at the beginning of the hunting season: "Have a good hunting season, for there is a good deer herd on the Arsenal!" Compared to what? Perhaps they need to reduce the doe harvest for the next two/three years.

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: The following response was provided by the installation wildlife biologist and RASA management: "Management techniques currently being employed follow all established guidelines and criteria employed in the southeastern United States. Those techniques include prescribed burning, planting of summer and fall food plots, creation of habitat diversity and setting the harvest rates. The decline in the total deer population can be attributed to poor habitat quality and an imbalance in buck/doe sex ratios. In my professional opinion and based on past harvest records, the trends indicate an over harvest of males, not females, especially in the 1.5 year old class.

"The number of deer allocated for the harvest is not

solely based on population trends and is not set by the state. The numbers have historically been set high due to a high deer/vehicle strike ratio.

"The number of 30/35 pound deer killed has been reduced considerably during the past hunting season and will continue to be given a high priority. However, corrections to this problem and the sex ratio problem can only be accomplished with a commitment to quality hunting by the hunting population.

"Plans are being prepared to recommend next season's allocation be reduced to 125 total animals.

"With the support and adherence to sound management decisions combined with a better educated and concerned 'hunting team,' we anticipate great deer hunting for years to come. Thank you for your interest."

Checkout line

This is in response to the letter in the March 20 *Redstone Rocket* regarding grocery baggers at the commissary. To ensure the most efficient service is provided to all shoppers, the next available cashier and bagger are provided for customers waiting in the checkout line. As a bagger could be working another order or assigned to an express line, selecting a specific bagger would tend to disrupt service to other patrons as well as delay checkout for the individual concerned. Before assisting a customer with their groceries, each bagger must work their way through the system helping the baggers ahead of them. This could take 15 to 30 minutes. As baggers do work only for tips, it is not appropriate to ask one bagger to step aside and let another take his turn in line. We do not honor requests for specific baggers to keep the system fair for all employees and to expedite service to all commissary patrons. Shoppers who feel they have received unsatisfactory service of any kind should contact the bagger supervisor to have their problem resolved.

Fletcher DeLoach
Bagger supervisor

Wilson takes reins of Army Materiel Command

ALEXANDRIA, Va.— Gen. Johnnie E. Wilson assumed leadership of the Army Materiel Command on March 27 during ceremonies at Ft. Myer, Va. He succeeds Gen. Leon Salomon, who is retiring after an Army career of more than 37 years.

Wilson, who received his fourth star March 26, had been the Army's deputy chief of staff for logistics since February 1994. He went to that Pentagon post from a tour as the chief of staff at AMC Headquarters in Alexandria.

AMC is comprised of thousands of civilian and military personnel at 11 major subordinate commands in depots, laboratories, arsenals, manufacturing facilities, maintenance shops, proving grounds, test ranges, engineering centers and procurement offices throughout the world. The Missile Command at Red-

stone Arsenal is among these subordinate commands.

Wilson's new duties include overseeing the research, development and acquisition of modern equipment and logistics used throughout the Army, as well as the delivery systems used to get equipment and supplies to the troops. He will also manage the command in developing, testing, and applying new technology to weapons systems used in the Army as well as other branches of the military.

Among his numerous command assignments in the Army, Wilson has served as commanding general of the Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; deputy commanding general of the 21st Theater Army Area Command; and other major commands in the United States and overseas.

He also served in Vietnam as a company commander with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. Wilson has received many decorations, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star (with two oak leaf clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Prior to being commissioned, he served for six years as an enlisted soldier.

Born on Feb. 4, 1944, Wilson is a native of Louisiana, but was reared in Lorain, Ohio. He is married to the former Helen McGhee of Elyria, Ohio. They have three children.

Salomon, who commanded AMC since February 1994, directed a restructuring and realignment of AMC to make it more efficient and focused on supporting its primary cus-

tomers, the soldier. For example, the Soldier Systems Command (SSCOM), established in November 1994, is achieving significant breakthroughs in improving individual soldiers' equipment.

From organizational restructuring to developing new equipment, improvements made during Salomon's tenure personify his commitment to helping soldiers keep the technological edge over potential enemies in future confrontations. He is an advocate for integrating new technologies into old, as well as new weapon systems to give soldiers the best equipment anywhere in the world as quickly as possible.

Salomon has not made any official announcement about his retirement plans, but the avid baseball fan is moving to St. Petersburg, Fla., just in time for spring training. (AMC release)

Correction

Part of the final line of an article on page 9 in last week's *Rocket*, on women's advancement, was inadvertently left out.

Bonnie Kilgore, manager of the Federal Women's Program at MICOM, provided advice to women workers seeking to advance in their careers. The complete final paragraph should have read as follows: "And they're going to have to take risks," she said. "They're going to have to take responsibility for decisions that they make. And some of those decisions might be against the status quo, but in the long run that decision might be the right one for the task that they're trying to achieve."

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Retired Marine starts Internet locator project

On March 22, Timothy Blake announced the release of an Internet based database/locator of Marines who served as Hawk Missile System technicians or operators.

Hawk, or "Homing All the Way Killer," was developed by the Raytheon Company in the 1950s. Blake intends to find as many Marines as possible, dating back to the introduction of the missile system in the Marine Corps.

Everyone is invited to view this project at <http://www.lookup.com/homepages/72882/hawk.htm>, where clickable Internet links are available for E-Mail and homepage addresses, allowing one-click access to friends and long lost acquaintances. Database input is accepted by filling out a form found at this Internet address.

"The technical specialties within this relatively small and elite group helped us establish a bond which continued throughout the life span of the missile system," said Blake, a retired Marine and former Hawk Missile System technician since 1969. "It's time to find everyone again."

All active duty, retired, and former Marines with Hawk Missile System experience are encouraged to participate by submitting data. This project is still in its infancy but continues to grow. Each Marine is asked for an E-Mail address, home page address, status, rank, MOS (military occupational specialty), and mailing address. In addition, each submission gives the option to withhold publishing of mailing address and rank. Most data fields may be left blank.

Blake markets and supports communications software, computers, and computer upgrades. He also performs contract services for the Hawk Missile System. He can be reached by phone at 650-0107. Database submissions via the Internet are preferred, but are accepted by fax at 205-650-0107; E-Mail to Tblake@ix.net-com.com; or on the web at <http://www.lookup.com/homepages/72882/hawk.htm>. Surface mail submissions should be sent to 13087 Hermosa Dr, Huntsville, 35803.

(Editor's note: Blake provided this release.)

Post soldier of month made escape from New York

By Skip Vaughn

The Post Soldier of the Month for March originally joined the Army to get out of her native Brooklyn; and she got her wish.

Spec. Towanda Cordon has moved five times within four years. "Thank God I'm not married, because they send me everywhere," she said, laughing.

Cordon, a member of D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, feels good about being selected Redstone's soldier of the month. "By going to that board, it made me think a lot about what it means to be a soldier here on Redstone; so it made me feel pretty good," she said.

She works as an operations clerk in the storage and logistics division, Munitions Training Department, at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. That's her day job. At night and on weekends, Cordon is a waitress at the Raddison Suite Hotel in Huntsville. She also takes classes Monday nights and Wednesday nights at the Huntsville campus for Calhoun Community College.

"My short-term goals are to complete my assignment here and return to Fort Bragg, complete airborne school," Cordon said. "My

long-term goals are to complete my degree in education and teach U.S. history."

Cordon, 22, expects to complete her associate degree in education around June 1997.

The Brooklyn native graduated from George Wingate High School in 1991 and joined the Army that July. She enlisted "to get away from Brooklyn; it was just changing a lot: the crime rate and so on."

Her mother and stepfather, Ernestine and Lawrence Jenkins, reside in Brooklyn. Her mother is a nurse while her stepfather is a nurse's aide. She has five brothers, including three stepbrothers. Twins Corneal and Cornell Cordon, 27, are also in the military—in the Navy.

Cordon took basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. She had advanced individual training from September-October 1991 at Redstone as an ammunition specialist. This was followed by assignments at Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Johnston Island, a small island about 822 miles southwest of Honolulu; Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Ga.; and Redstone Arsenal. She re-enlisted in February 1995 to come to Redstone that



CORDON

November.

"My plans are to stay here for at least two years, try to get promoted to E-5 (sergeant), and try to complete BNCOC (Basic NCO Course)," she said.

Cordon has served on the funeral detail ever since November 1995. That team is led by SFC Maurice Harlee who also serves as NCO-in-charge of Corkern Range. "I think that he's a great NCO, I really do," Cordon said. "And he's the type of person that makes you want to stay in the military, a model NCO."

Her hobbies include

sewing, reading, shopping and singing. Her singing these days is confined to the shower, but she earned honors as a singer in high school. She won \$500 and the title of best alto soloist at a tri-state competition her senior year. From 1989-91 she sang in clubs throughout New York as a member of a four-female, R&B/jazz group called Ebonazier.

"I learned how to be a more disciplined person. I'm a neat freak," she said, describing how the Army has affected her. "And I learned how to deal with different people."

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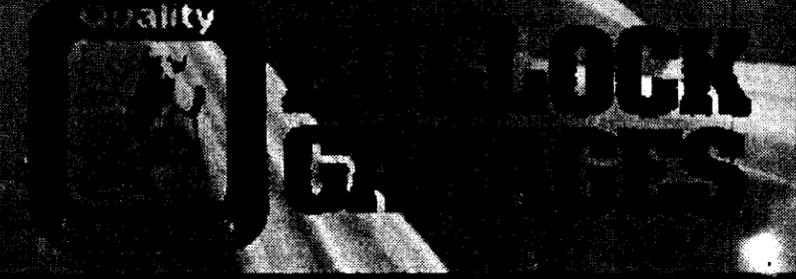
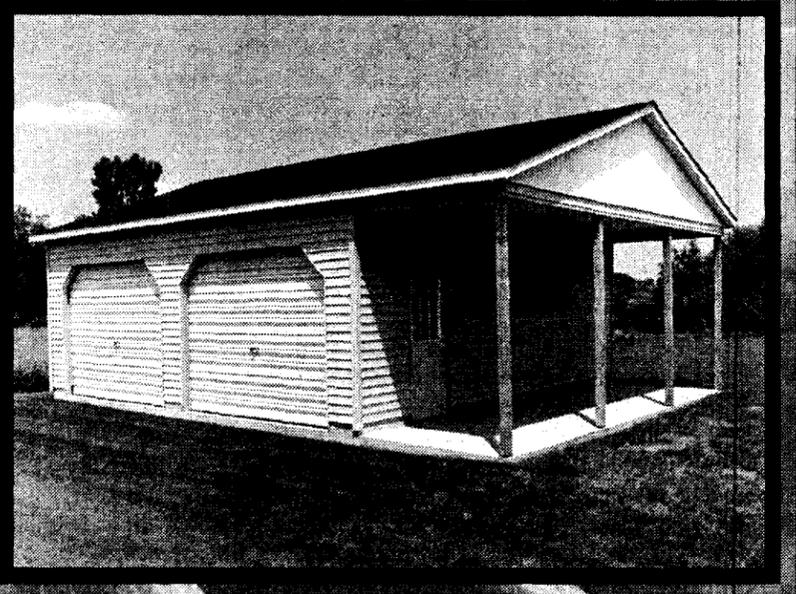
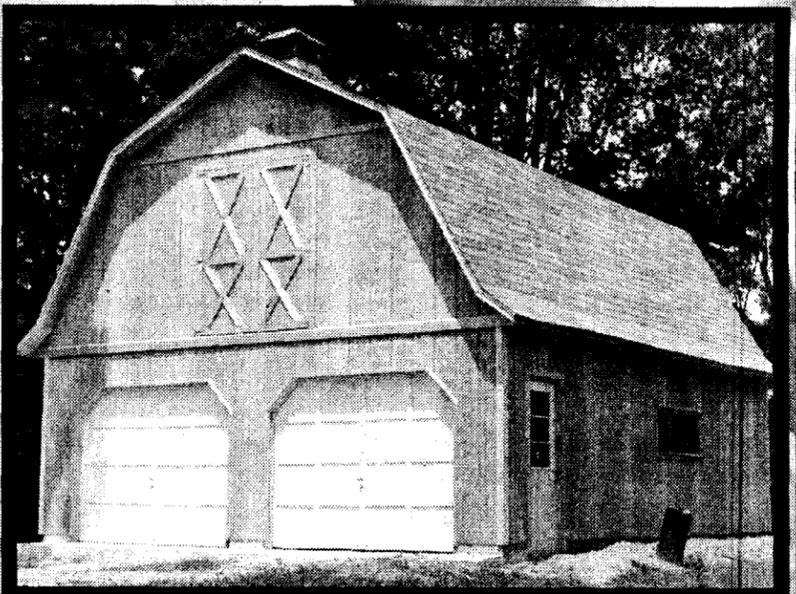
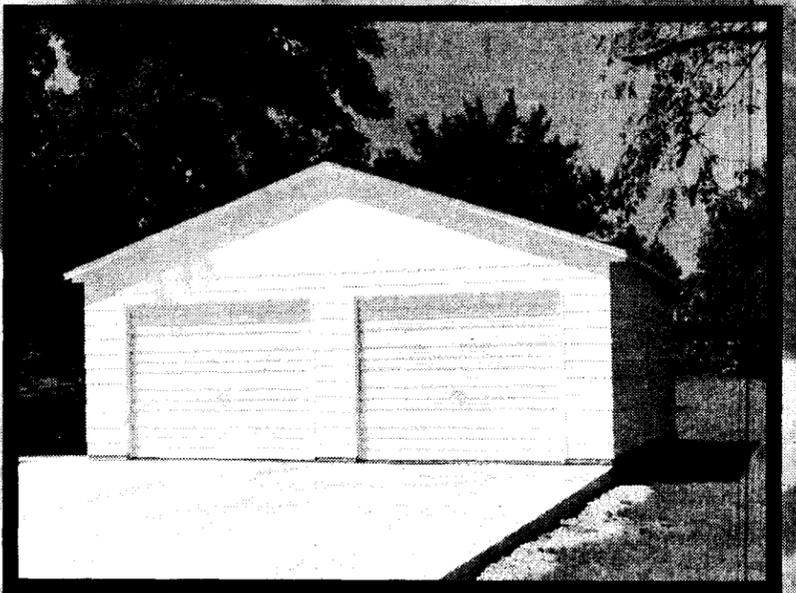
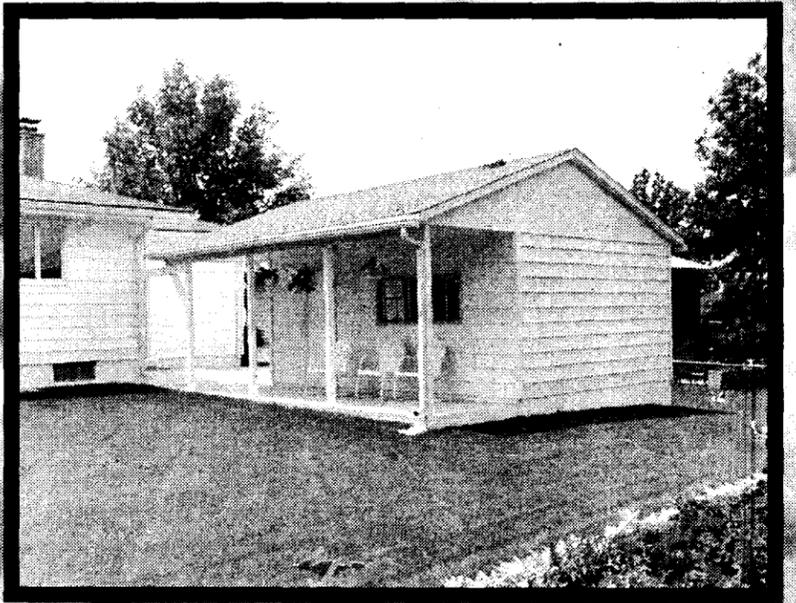
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Resource managers receive self-development tips



SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS— Rifkenbary, center of back row, poses with participants in the mini-PDI.

By Pamela Hunt

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers held its annual mini-PDI (Professional Development Institute) on Feb. 28 and 29 at the Sparkman Auditorium. The theme for this year's event was "No Excuse!," offered by professional seminar conductor Jay Rifkenbary of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Rifkenbary provided some basic principles, designed to inspire greater achievements, which should be incorporated into our daily lives. These include principles such as Forgiveness, Self-Esteem and Attitude.

Also included in the mini-PDI was a luncheon speech by retired Lt. Gen. James McCall, ASMC

executive director and former comptroller of the Army.

ASMC would like to thank Kay Ward and her committee for providing this successful event.

(Editor's note: Hunt, an accountant at Resource Management Directorate, serves as photo/publicity chairman for the local chapter of ASMC.)

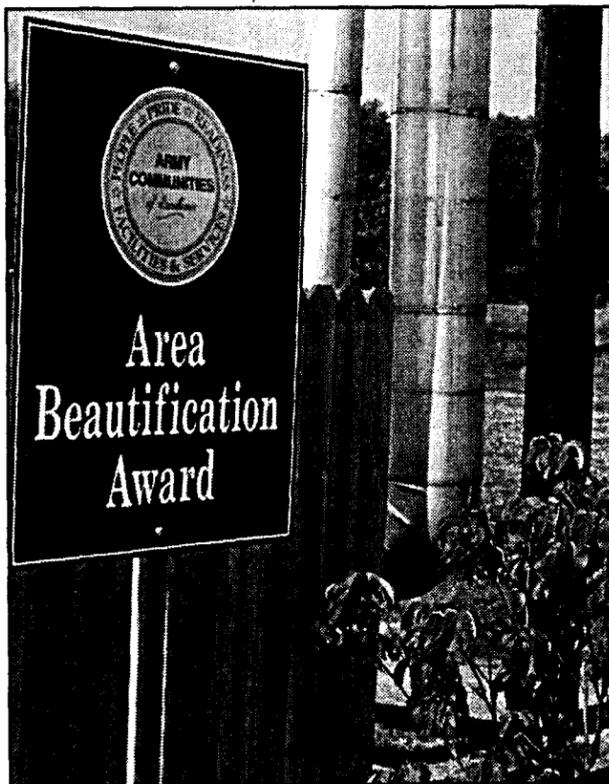
Beautification awards encourage tidy surroundings

Spring is just around the corner and it's time to get outside, enjoy the beautiful weather and spruce up our work surroundings. Now is the time to get a good look at what might be accomplished through the Self-Help Program and get your areas ready to participate in the Area Beautification Program.

The Area Beautification Program was established in 1993 and runs from May through August each year. Anyone may nominate an area they consider commendable of the beautification award. Nominations must be received by the 15th of the month and may be submitted via three means: 1) through regular mail to AMSMI-RA-DPW-OP, Building 111, ATTN.: Giannina Brown; 2) faxed to 876-2182; or 3) through email: gianni@DPW.redstone.army.mil>.

Judges are selected from volunteers of the Redstone community and included organizations such as the Officers Wives club, Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club and the Army Community Service volunteers, along with the post forester. Judging will be held at the end of the nominating month and award ceremonies will be the first or second week of each month following selection. Winners will receive a certificate of appreciation, an Area Beautification Award sign exhibited in the winning area, published announcement in the Redstone Rocket, and presentation of an 8X10 color photograph by the deputy post commander or his representative.

For more information, call Giannina Brown 876-0886.



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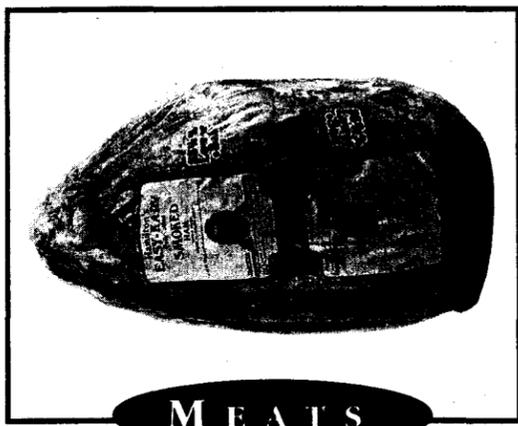
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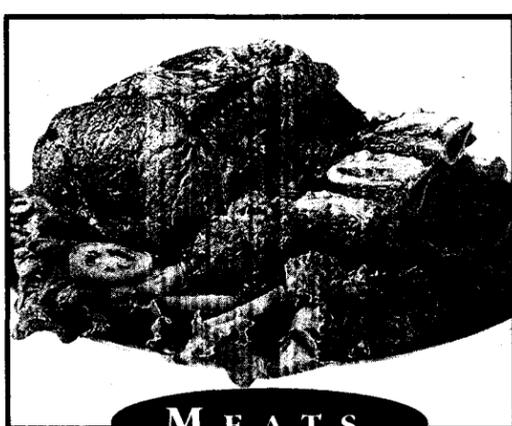
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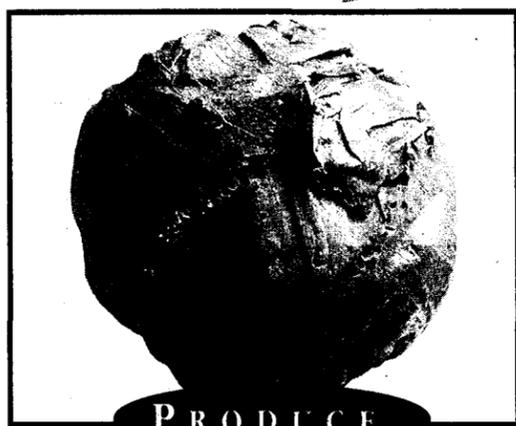
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Training a big part of life for B Company soldiers

By Kathy Harkleroad

Bravo Company is one of two student companies on the Arsenal and is home to approximately 160 students in 11 missile specialties. What makes B Company different from C Company is the length of time the students stay.

"Our AIT students attend classes much longer than the students in Charlie Company," Capt. Linda Arthur, company commander, said. "Since we have so many different MOS's, the length of their classes vary from 6-12 months, depending on what missile system they are involved in."

According to 1st Sgt. Edward Fox, having the students for a longer period of

time has its advantages and disadvantages. "Since we have them longer, we are able to work with them longer during the soldierization process and we do get to know them better," Fox said. "The disadvantage is we have to think harder and be more creative when it comes to planning training, and sometimes it is difficult to keep the soldier motivated during their stay here."

Arthur, Fox and the five drill sergeants who command the troops work hard when it comes to finding new ways to teach the Common Task Training (CTT) skills to the soldiers. "We develop the training as a cadre and everyone is involved," Arthur said. "The students get involved

with the training as well as offer input, and work close with us."

"We try to make the training as close to real life as possible, and as situational as possible," Fox said. "We want the soldier to experience situations as they would in a field situation now and learn how to react and handle the problem. They seem to like that type of training and take it seriously."

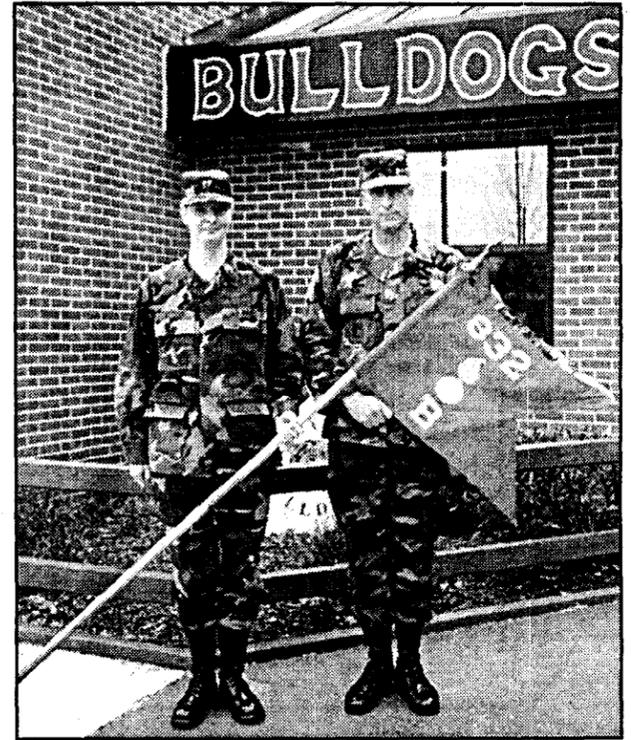
Training is a big part of life for the members of B Company. They do physical training every morning at 5 a.m. and then attend classes during the day. They practice CTT skills every Wednesday evening and at least one Saturday a month. "They don't have a lot of

free time, that's for sure," Fox said. "Once you factor in seven hours of sleep and chow, they have about 3 1/2 hours of free time each day, less on training days."

Arthur and Fox, as well as the rest of the cadre, incorporate adventure training to the training program and have taken the students white water rafting and have a rappelling exercise planned. "The white water rafting trip was a good one, and helped build confidence in the students, including ones who couldn't swim," Arthur said. "We had one non-swimmer who learned his life vest would work, and once the trip was over, wanted to go again."

Soldiers assigned to B Company are also very involved in team sports while assigned to Redstone Arsenal; and according to Arthur they take active roles on basketball, football and softball teams, as well taking part in various road runs held on post.

While the company is soldier-focused, there are some soldiers who are married and have their families with them as they attend school. While there isn't



UNIT LEADERS— Arthur and Fox lead B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

much time to interact with the families, the company does have an active family support group. "We meet once a month and these spouses are very eager to learn. They are new to the Army way of life and are anxious to learn everything they can," Arthur said.

Bravo Company was the

least impacted with the battalion re-organization that took place the end of last year; and according to Arthur, the unit has maintained its vision and focus. "We want to produce quality motivated soldiers who are dedicated to their job," she said.



LEADING THE WAY— Members of the B Company Bulldogs, in white T-shirts and black shorts, are led by their guidon bearer during the Redstone 10-mile road race held March 23.



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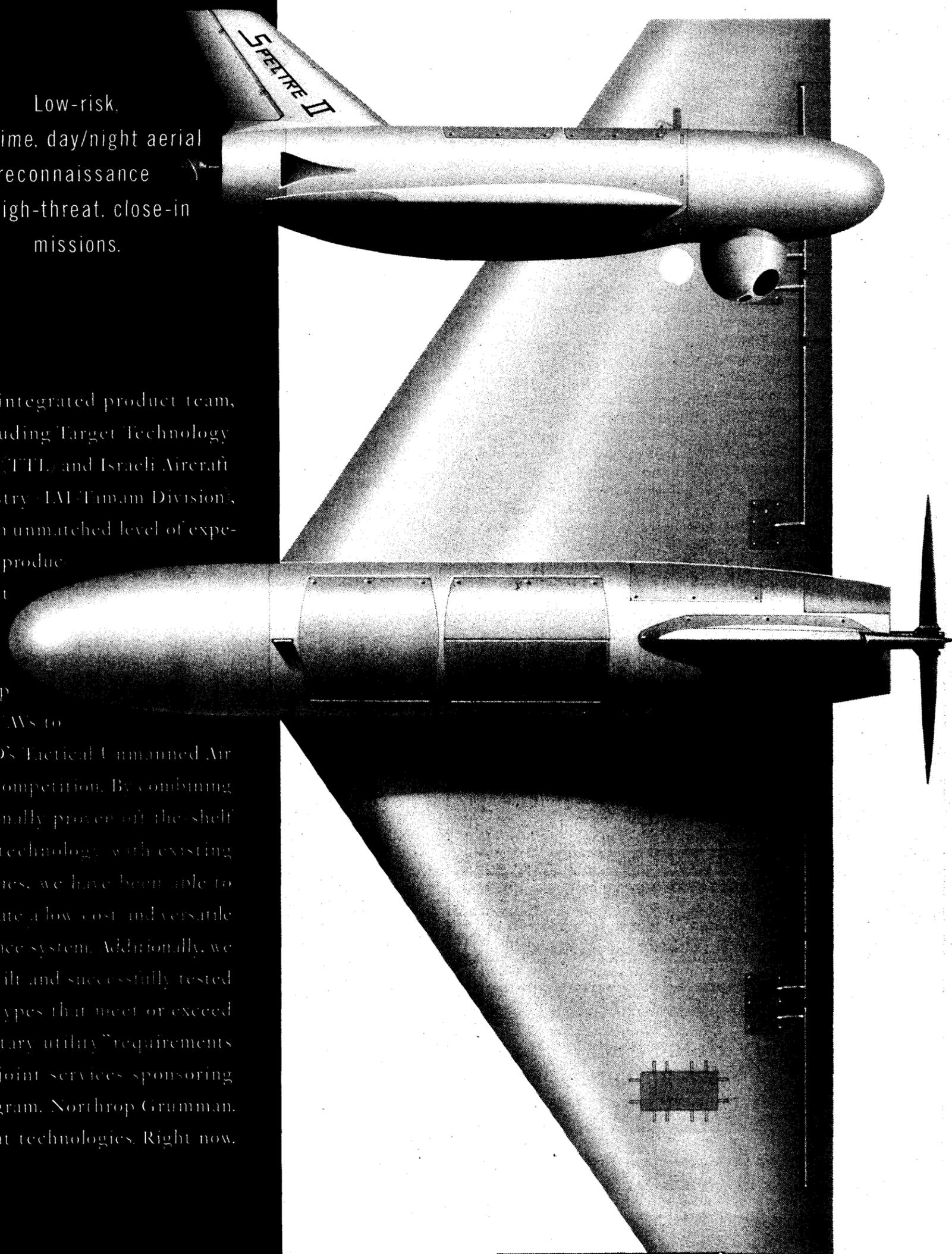
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New lieutenants gain experience as platoon leaders at Redstone

By Kathy Harkleroad

Every now and then a former program is brought back to life in the military. That is what happened with the Platoon Leader Program at the Officers Basic Course (OBC) held here.

"Capt. Mike Grojean started the wheels moving when it came to breathing life back into the program," said Capt. Lance Newbold, senior trainer at OBC. "Once it was approved by the battalion level and by OMMCS, we got to work."

The program involves new lieutenants experiencing actual command situations at an early stage in their careers by being assigned to one of the four companies on the Arsenal. "We have two lieutenants assigned to each company on a 30-day rotation. While they are there, they work closely with the commander and drill sergeants and learn the ropes," Newbold said.

The program is not a new one, and had been in place on the Arsenal before. The reason it was abandoned at one time has escaped the memory of those asked, but each is glad it is back. "It is hard for a lieutenant to go to their first command, mainly because they don't know what to expect, they have nothing to compare it to," Maj. James Jones, 832nd Ordnance Battalion executive officer, said. "They need to learn how to work with their platoon sergeants and what is expected of them. This program gives them a small taste of what is expected of them as an officer in charge of troops, and gives them a working experience with a platoon sergeant, as well as working with non-commissioned officers."

Newbold said there were three main advantages to the program. These include learning how to plan and execute inspections, ranges and counseling; how to work with a platoon sergeant for the first time;

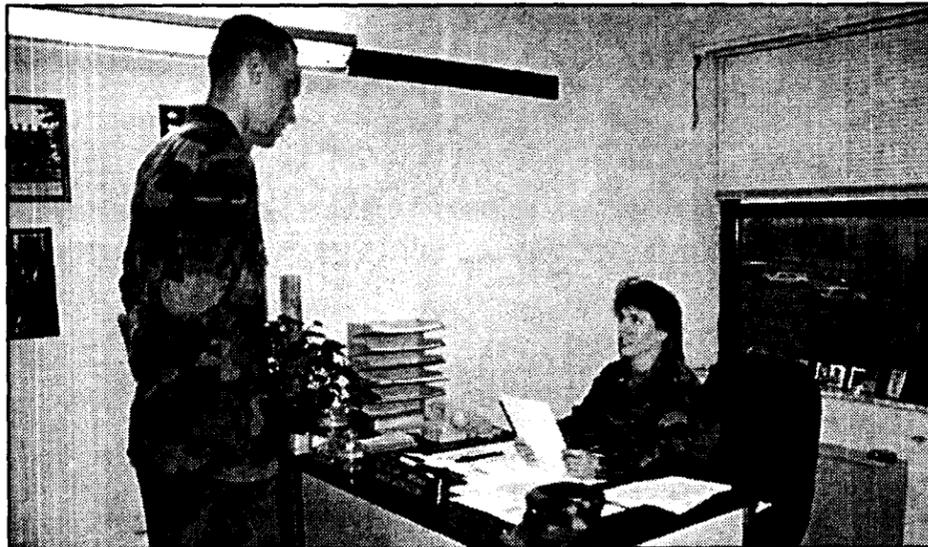
and how to work closely with a commander. "For most of the lieutenants this is the first time they have been around or worked with platoon sergeants or even commanders, for that matter. They also get a chance to see how the Army really works with the NCOs," he added.

2nd Lts. Santiago Soto, Lisa Pierce and Kirk Dennis are three officers who have just completed their rotation in a company environment. All said they enjoyed the experience. "This program should be made mandatory," Dennis said. "The experience I gained is unmeasurable."

Dennis was assigned to B Company and worked with the students who are assigned there and worked closely with Capt. Linda Arthur and the drill sergeants. "The drill sergeants were very helpful and would make sure I was going in the right direction. If I had a class to teach, I would teach it to them first and they would tell me if it was right or wrong. Quite a few times it was wrong and they would send me back to correct and do it again until I got it right," Dennis said.

Dennis said he learned how to feel more confident about himself and his leadership skills by participating in the program and was amazed at the students. "They were just as scared as I was. They had never seen a lieutenant before and I had never been in this position before," he laughingly said. "The whole 30 days was a real experience. I learned I had to be careful what I said because they hung on every word, and I learned how to perform some of the duties of a platoon leader."

Lisa Pierce was also assigned to a student company, but worked under the direction of Capt. Roxanne Fox at C Company. "I had the same experiences as Kirk did when it came to dealing with the students, except mine turned around faster. Their



COUNSELING EXPERIENCE— 2nd Lt. Lisa Pierce gets some extra practice in dealing with enlisted soldiers. She is shown counseling Pvt. Jason Ramsey

recently at C Company. Pierce took part in the revitalized Platoon Leaders Program which is part of the Officers Basic Course at Redstone Arsenal.

school is only 10 weeks and they come and go pretty fast," Pierce said.

Pierce also echoed Dennis' statement about the program being a great learning experience and said she would recommend it to anyone. "In the beginning I was really nervous and somewhat unsure. But this experience has taken the unknown and dismantled it somewhat," she added.

Pierce said one of her greatest learning experiences was learning how to counsel a soldier and how to perform inspections and give physical training tests. "I did a little bit of everything and worked closely with Capt. Fox and the drill sergeants at the com-

pany and learned a great deal."

Santiago Soto went through the same program as Pierce and Dennis, but had a completely different experience. He was assigned to Headquarters and Alpha Company which is comprised of permanent party soldiers, with the majority of them being senior NCOs and not students.

"It was an experience to say the least," Soto said. "All of them have been in the Army longer than myself and knew more than I did in several areas. It was a great learning experience for me, mainly because they taught me things."

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Community celebrates Easter with annual sunrise service

By Kathy Harkleroad

The entire community is invited to the annual Easter Sunrise Service scheduled for Sunday behind the old Post Chapel off Patton Road.

According to Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy Boschen, the service is one that has gone on for years and is always well attended. "We had approximately 100 people standing last year, and have planned ahead this year. There will be enough seats for everyone," Boschen said. "As a rough estimate we had approximately 500 people last year attend the service, and that included DoD civilians, active duty and retired military and their dependents and even the Huntsville community as a whole. The services are very well supported."

The services will commemorate the initial visitation of the disciples and the women to the tomb; and according to Boschen, this is the most definite worship of the Christian faith. "We hold the service at almost the exact moment as they found the tomb," Boschen said.

All of the chaplains at the Bicentennial Chapel will take part in the service; and according to Chaplain (Col.) William McAllister, this will make it a true celebration. "All of the chaplains have worked very hard preparing the service and it is truly going to be a wonderful experience. There is nothing more soulful than to be outdoors at sunrise, where you can smell the new grass, see the sunrise and worship," McAllister said.

The sermon for the service will be "The Memory of Easter" and will be given by a special guest speaker. "We had originally planned on the TRADOC chaplain attending and giving the sermon, but due to budget cuts and his personal schedule, he was unable to at the last moment," Boschen said. "Chaplain McAllister has graciously agreed to give the sermon, which I think is very appropriate since this will be his last Easter sermon here at Redstone. It is only fitting he be the guest speaker." McAllister will be retiring in November.

"I am looking forward to giving the sermon," McAllister said, "since Easter is very special to me. I have many memories of past Easter services in Germany, Vietnam, and other places around the world. Since this will be my last Easter service here on the Arsenal and Easter is a very special day, I agreed."

Worshippers who would like to attend the service are encouraged to arrive early and can do so through Gate 10. The gate will be open at 6:30 a.m. for easy access. The service itself will take

about an hour; and according to McAllister, this will allow enough time for worshippers to attend Easter Sunday Services in their own church as well.

In case of inclement weather, the service would be held at the Bicentennial Chapel.

Other services for Holy Week include the following:

- **Catholic**— Mass, Bread and Soup Supper, 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.

- **Protestants**— Holy Thursday, "Living Last Supper," dramatic presentation of the

Leonardo da Vinci painting at 8 p.m. April 4 at Bicentennial Chapel; Good Friday Service at noon April 5; and Easter Sunday worship ser-

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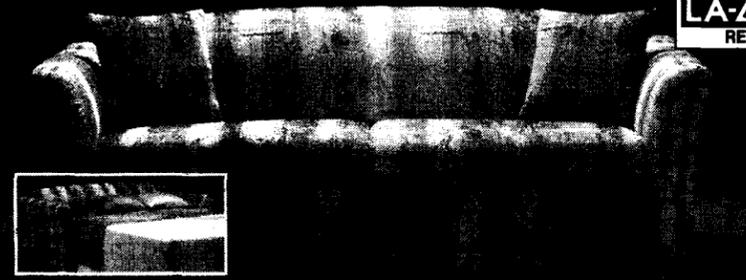


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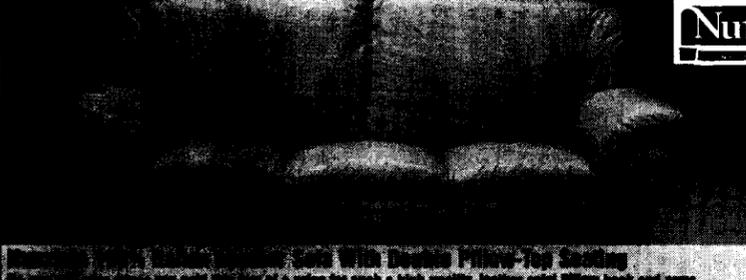
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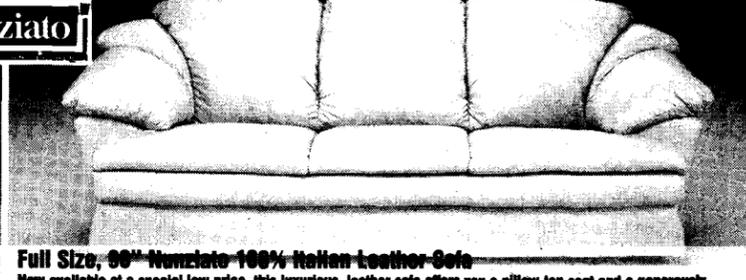
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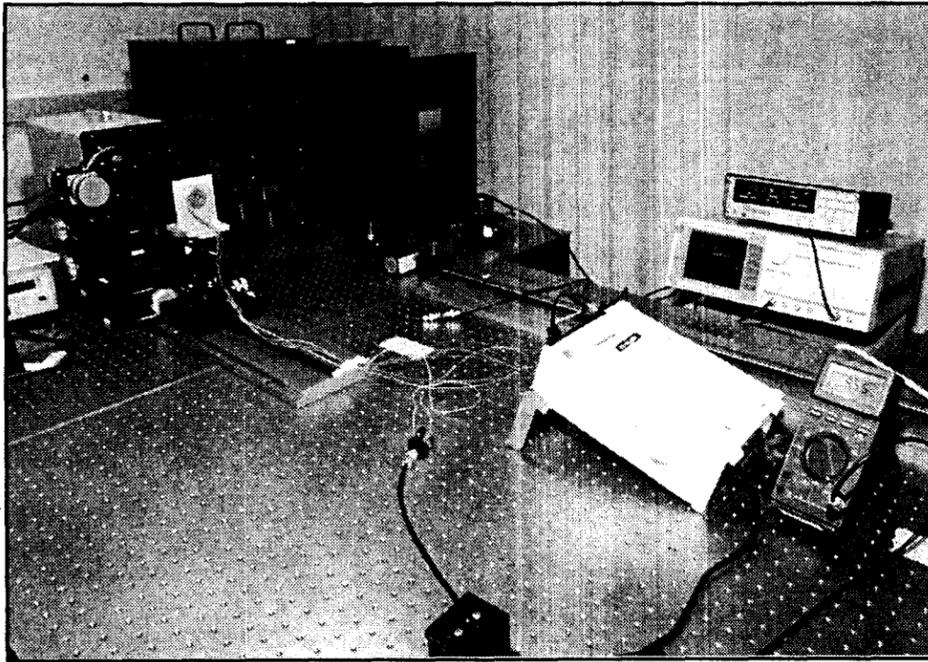
Army laboratory helps with space shuttle experiment

The Army Primary Standards Laboratory provided calibration support for NASA's Optical Property Monitor (OPM) Experiment during March 11-15. The OPM is being built by AZ Technology Inc. of Huntsville.

The OPM experiment is designed to study the effects of the space environment on different materials. The experiment will have samples of 100 different materials mounted on a carousel. The samples will be exposed to space, and then periodically rotated under a sensor to measure their optical properties. The OPM is scheduled to be transferred to the Russia's Mir space station during a December space shuttle mission.

The calibration support for OPM was provided by the Radiation Standards and Dosimetry Laboratory (RSDL) with assistance from the Physical Standards Laboratory (PSL), both components of the Army Primary Standards Lab.

Personnel involved in the calibration effort included Donnie Smith, Jeff Mathis, John Cassidy and Tom Flournoy from the



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RSDL, and both Dean Alexander and David Hargett from the PSL. The calibration effort involved the calibration of two solar and two infrared radiometers. The radiometers are designed to measure irradiance from solar, earth emitted infrared radiation, as well as earth albedo. Measurements from these radiometers record what

type of environment the different samples were exposed to during different portions of the mission. The data provided by the radiometers allows scientists to evaluate the results in order to determine the different failure mechanisms. The solar radiometers were calibrated against a lamp standard, while a blackbody was used to cali-

brate the solar radiometers. In addition, the effect of different viewing angles was also measured to compensate for attitude changes of the space station. The radiometers will also be re-evaluated by the Army Physical Standards Lab when they are returned to Huntsville in late 1997.

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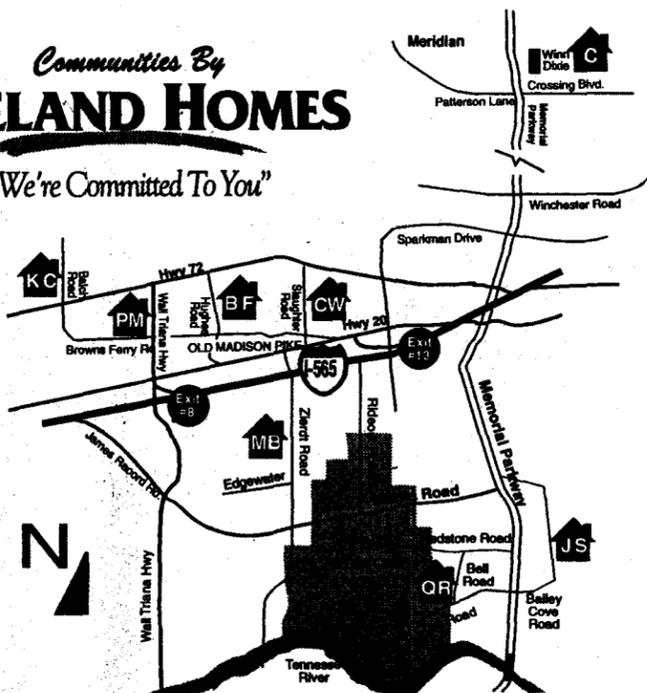
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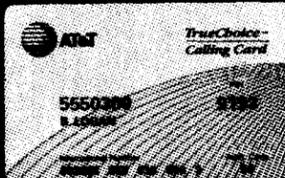
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Plenty of activities in store for RSA Military Child's Month

By Kathy Harkleroad

April is traditionally the Month of the Military Child and is celebrated on bases, ports and posts worldwide. Personnel at the Redstone Arsenal Child Development Services and Youth Services are no exception and have a full month of activities planned.

"We have something for everyone," Jan McVey, director Supplemental Services and Programs, said. "The calendar is full."

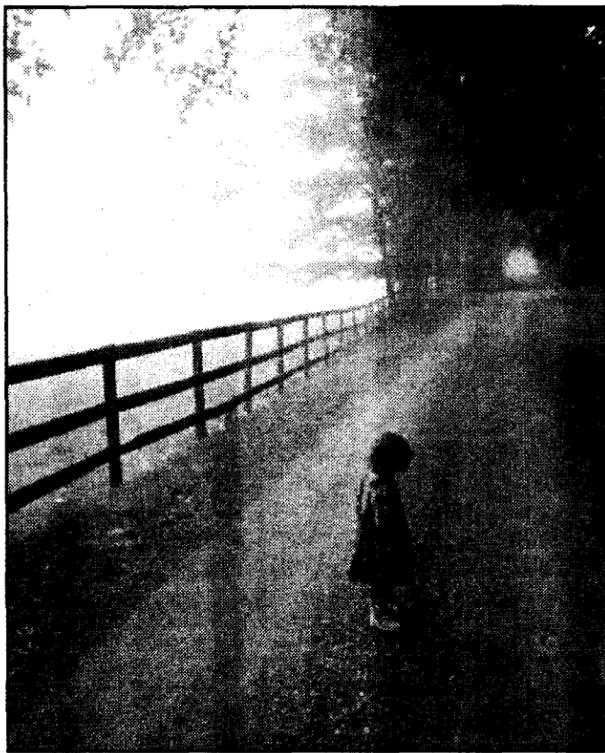
When McVey says the calendar is full, she is not kidding in the least. Every day during April, something special has been planned that includes the children and their parents.

The fun began with the kickoff parade April 1 at Child Development Center, where the children paraded over to the Youth Services building. A small reception was held for the children, parents and special guests. "We have so many activities in store that in some cases it will be hard to choose which one to attend," McVey said. "This is a special time to honor and spotlight our children and their importance in military life."

One of the highlights of the month is a parent/child fair. According to McVey, development services is trying something new this year with the fair and will also offer a wide variety of activities. "The Civilian Wellness Center is working close with us this year and will be coming over and showing the parents and child several different aerobic activities," McVey said. "We will also have a story time, art and crafts, music, fun with food and lots of other activities. It is really going to be fun and we encourage everyone to come." The parent/child fair will take place April 23 at the Youth Services building from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Other activities for the month include the following:

- April 4— School Age Services (SAS) Cooking festival,



- building 3400 at 3:30 p.m.
- April 5— SAS and WEUP Carnival, building 3400, 3:30 p.m.; Spin Art T-shirt, Arts and Crafts Shop, 9-11:15 a.m. and 3-4:30 p.m., call the Arts and Crafts Shop for fees and more information; Youth Services Teen Bowling, RSA Bowling Center, 7-9 p.m.
- April 6— Youth Services Easter Egg Hunt, ages 5 and under at 10 a.m., ages 6-9 at 11 a.m. and ages 10 and older

at noon; Marbleized Easter Eggs, Arts and Crafts Shop, 9:30-11:15 a.m. and 2 p.m. call for fee and more information.

- April 8-12— children will decorate grocery bags to be used at the commissary; Staff Child Abuse Training, Bicentennial Chapel, 6-8 p.m.
- April 12— FCC Art in the Park, SAS Fashion Show, Youth Basket Weaving, Arts and Craft Shop, 4 p.m. Call for fees and information.
- April 13— Annual Block Party, Youth Center, 1-4 p.m.
- April 15— SAS Science Fair, building 3400 at 3:30 p.m.
- April 17— Story Time, Post Library, 10 a.m.
- April 18— SAS Cooking Festival, building 3400 at 3:30 p.m.
- April 19— Earth Day, CDC preschool field trip, CDC, 10 a.m.; SAS picture day, building 3400, 3:30 p.m.; Youth Services Teen Putt-Putt, Youth Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Youth Services Preteen Dance, Youth Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- April 22— ribbons provided to parents to wear.
- April 23— FCC and CDC Parent/Child Fair, 50 percent discount on all kids meals at Burger King.
- April 24— Secretaries Day.
- April 25— SAS Fun and Games, building 3400, 3:30 p.m.
- April 26— Youth Face Painting, Arts and Crafts Shop, 9-11:15 a.m. and 3-5 p.m.; CDC Toddler Parent/Child Picnic, CDC, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Youth Services Preteen skating, Youth Center, 6-9 p.m.
- April 27— Youth Services Teen Dance, Youth Center, 6-9 p.m.
- April 30— Parent Advisory Council Officer Recognition, Bicentennial Chapel, 3 p.m.

Senate confirms Kramer for assistant secretary appointment March 28

WASHINGTON— The U.S. Senate on March 28 confirmed the appointment of Franklin Kramer to be the next Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

Kramer has been serving as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for European and NATO Affairs since Jan. 31. President Clinton nominated him for the position of assistant secretary on Feb. 6.

Prior to assuming his European and NATO Affairs post, Kramer was a partner with the Washington, D.C.,

law firm of Shea and Gardner. He has also served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs from 1979 to 1981, and as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs from 1977 to 1979.

Kramer received a B.A. cum laude from Yale University in 1967 and a J.D. magna cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1971. He has served as president of the World Affairs Council of Washington, D.C.,

and has also served on the advisory board for the Center for National Policy, as well as the Technical Advisory Committee for the Center for Naval Analyses' Strategic Policy Analysis

Group. He is currently a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies and a principal of the Council for Excellence in Government.

Kramer and his wife

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technical contributions as a woman engineer in the federal service. She began her career with the federal government over 30 years ago and served as a member of the Dr. Wernher von Braun space team. Now, as the Army's NMD program manager, she directs the system definition, development, and comprehensive test program associated

with the ground-based elements of the NMD system. Prior to that assignment, Proffitt was director of the Space and Strategic Defense Command's Sensors Directorate and of the command's Advanced Technology Directorate. In 1990, she became SSDC's first female member of the Senior Executive Service.

Proffitt is nationally and internationally recognized as an expert in leading edge strategic and tactical defense technologies. During her government career, she has been an active leader in hiring, mentoring and sponsoring young women and minorities. She has published more than 25 technical papers, holds two patents and has received many awards, including a Meritorious

Executive Presidential Rank award. She is a native of Whitesburg, Ky., and holds a master's degree from the University of Alabama-Huntsville and a doctorate in R&D management from the Southeastern Institute of Technology, Huntsville. Proffitt is a licensed private pilot and enjoys water and snow skiing, deep-sea fishing, and bird hunting.

By Gerda Sherrill

The female engineer in charge of the country's national missile defense (NMD) program just added another shining trophy to her already impressive collection. Dr. Shelba Proffitt, of the Program Executive Office

for Missile Defense, received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the national Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) organization at a luncheon March 25 in Rosslyn, Va. Proffitt was honored for her sustained scientific and

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Those moving overseas need to become familiar with the pet import regulations which differ from country to country. Most nations require animals to be current on their immunizations which must have been given at least 30 days prior to arrival, but less than one year. Almost all require a health certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian not more than 10 days prior; some require the certificate to be stamped by a U.S. De-

partment of Agriculture official also. Some countries require import permits or reservations be obtained prior to arrival. Animals may be quarantined coming into certain nations. Quarantines may vary from 10 days in Korea, to four months for Hawaii and Guam, up to six months in the case of Great Britain.

Vaccinations, health certificates, quarantines, permits, airline tickets, expenses and other requirements all must be considered when making plans to take your family pet on an overseas move. Seeking information needed to ship your pet should begin as soon as possible after receiving a levy notice. Waiting until the last minute may not allow enough time to complete all the required steps and may result in a pet being denied entry into a country or having additional quarantine time tacked on.

The Veterinary Treatment Facility has a list of import requirements for the most commonly traveled to countries and those where military personnel are stationed. Contact the Veteri-

nary clinic early in your planning process to determine your pet's immunization status, to schedule appointments for any required vaccinations and a health certificate examination, and to obtain import permit or quarantine information. Contacting your sponsor is another way to receive the latest import information and they can help with making the arrangement and inform you of the procedures to follow once you arrive in-country.

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(Editor's note: This release was provided by the Veterinary Treatment Facility.)



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Bone marrow testing program slated for Thursday

By Herb Hayes

Yes, "it" can happen to you and your family. Each year, 1600 Americans are diagnosed as in need of a bone marrow transplant. It seemed impossible that anything like that could involve me— but it happened! It was like a lightning bolt that struck the late morning when my kid sister called to say that she was asking for me to have my bone marrow typed. She had a form of cancer that was going to require a bone marrow transplant and she was personally searching for a donor— hopefully one of her brothers or sisters (there are five of us to look to) would be a match.

It was fate (God's foresight guiding me) that I had taken advantage of the bone marrow testing at Redstone Arsenal the year before. I called the DoD Bone Marrow Donor Center in Bethesda, Md., on their (800) number and had the results of my tests faxed to my sister's doctor within two hours of the time of the call from my sister. I was a perfect match— the only one of us siblings to be so honored. The bone marrow transfusion was scheduled.

The DoD Marrow Testing Program is being conducted again this year. On Thursday, April 4 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Sparkman Center, building 5304, room 4247/49, the American Red Cross will take necessary blood samples from all volunteers who sign in. The Bethesda Naval Medical Research Institute does the testing and typing. This testing can save you valu-

able time and money by taking advantage of this free service now.

Some of the questions that people have asked me include:

- Did any of the procedures hurt? The answer is no— except for pulling off a bandaid that had stuck like advertised on TV. No big needles were stuck into my hip or any other part of me to draw marrow out. There was no pain or much discomfort. The evening that the transfusion was complete, I drove myself to my hotel, packed my car for the trip home, and drove back from Miami the next morning. It was not much different than a blood transfusion— but it took a full business day (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) for the procedure.

- How did they do it? It's my understanding that there are different methods. In my case, they gave me a series of shots that increased my stem cell (the seed cells for marrow production) output which enriched my blood with an unusually high concentration of stem cells. Then they used a procedure similar to apheresis (taking the blood, separating the components to extract the parts they need, and give me back the rest of the blood). They put a bandaid (the one that hurt a bit when removed) on the place where the needle was used to extract the blood. The patient receives the marrow just like a blood transfusion with an IV.

- What does it cost the donor? The initial test at the Sparkman Center is free; I've heard that it can cost up to \$4,000 just for the initial tests. I've been told that most

donors have all expenses paid; in my case, all the medical costs were paid for by my sister's insurance company and I paid my own transportation and living expenses. That was a small price to have my sister smiling today!

Please note that even when the patient's insurance may be paying for the donor's expenses, most insurance will not pay to find the donor or the aforementioned initial tests. (The average cost to find a donor is reportedly from \$10,000 to \$30,000.) Most patients have a cost share for their medical expenses. The patients' cost for one person, I was told cost \$350,000 for the surgery alone; the patient's 5 percent share amounted to \$17,500. There are additional costs for the patient. Their immune system is destroyed by the chemo and they must remain in isolation or monitored environments with special diets, etc., for us to months afterward. They also require blood platelet infusions every other day or so for weeks afterward until the new marrow grows enough to produce its own platelets. Everything you can do to reduce those costs directly passes through to the patient.

I don't have enough sick leave to be out for a week or two; how can I get time off to do a donor transfer if I'm called? There is provision for donors to receive up to seven days of non-chargeable leave for organ or bone marrow transplants. If you are called upon to provide platelets, the blood leave is very generous in allowing time to do so. If that is not enough, the leave transfer pro-

gram may be a source of added leave. Talk to your supervisor and Civilian Personnel Office.

Can I get some kind of illness from all the blood work being done? NO! If you are chosen as a donor, you can be assured that you are free of any communicable disease that is transferred by needles. The patient is at extremely high risk of infection and the donor is screened strictly to ensure that nothing is passed to the patient. As the donor, you can feel comfortable that every blood test has been done on you and you are clean.

Aren't donors readily available like getting blood from blood banks? No! There are a whole series of factors that must match. The many combinations do not have "universal donors" and "universal recipients" like with blood. It takes a very strict match that may be available in one out of a million people. The Korean Army had a trooper who needed a transplant and the Korean Army rallied to help its own. They marched in formation down to be tested until his match was found.

The posters around Redstone are crying out for donors for our troops— who is marching down to be tested for them? Does the Army take care of its own? Please say yes and come to the Sparkman Center, room 4247/49 on Thursday from 9-noon to help find donors for those who need you.

(Editor's note: Hayes works in the CORPS SAM National Product Office.)

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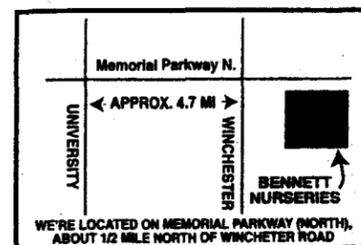
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Sports & Recreation

Redstone Marine enjoys hang gliding on weekends

By Peggy Hays

He seemed like such a mild-mannered sort. A Marine, strong and wiry, sure, but quiet, reserved, slight of build. Certainly not the sort that would begin each weekend by leaping off a cliff.

For, during the week, Marine PFC Dale Egnoski is a student at the Hawk missile technician school. On Saturdays and Sundays, he's a hang glider pilot.

Only 18 months ago, Egnoski's only experience with heights was as a rock climber. "I started flying in October '94," Egnoski said. "The reason I got into hang gliding is that I'd been rock climbing for about five

years.

"That's just something, the adrenalin rush, that's in climbing. Sometimes when I'd get done, I'd get the feeling I'd like to jump off the edge of the cliff."

The next step was a natural, he explained, "I'd seen hang gliding on TV and in commercials. It just seemed that's the next thing I should do."

That was it. He called a New York tourism 800 number. "They gave me the name of a school and dates for lessons... and it went from there. I didn't know anything about hang gliding."

He began by driving three hours each way to the 1000-1500 foot Ellenville

Mountains in New York. And, he went to school. "I went every Saturday or Sunday or both for about two months," he said. "I did that before I was able to fly off the mountain by myself. The first two months, I went down a 50-100 foot training hill. I'd fly down and walk back.

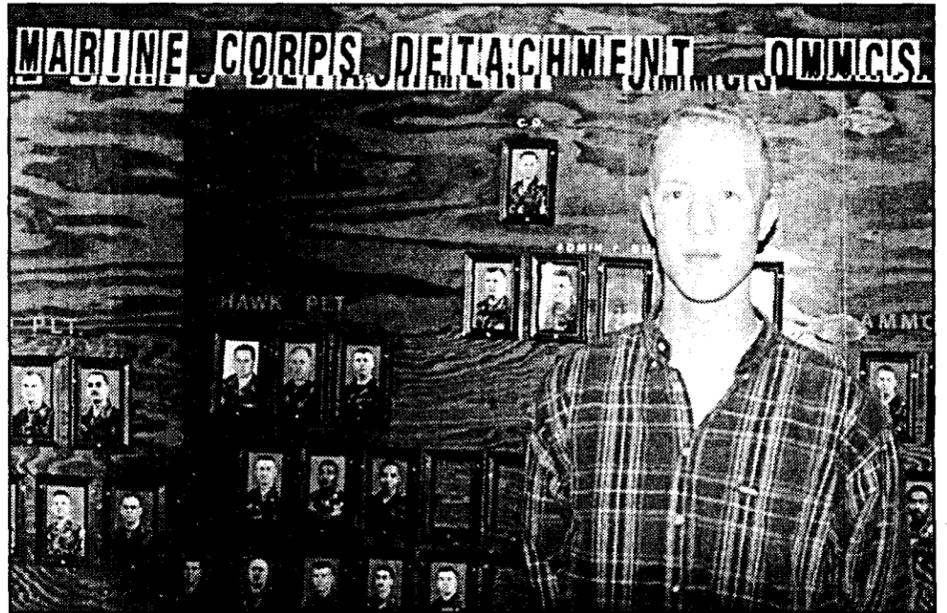
"Then, the instructor would tell me what was wrong. I gradually worked my way up the hill."

Now, with an intermediate glider rating, he does his flying at Keel Mountain in Gurley. "I'm still restricted to where I can fly and what type of glider I can fly," he said, noting that the ratings of hang glider pilots are closely monitored. "It's very restricted. The dealer will ask you for your rating when you go to rent or buy equipment.

"The more expert gliders," he explained, "are a lot more unstable. Basically, it's kind of like a race car. They turn a lot faster with less input."

Even though Keel Mountain has less elevation, 920 feet, Egnoski is pleased with its challenges, especially in the spring. "It's especially unstable then with the northwest wind," he said. "The northwest wind is pretty common after a cold front or storm comes in.

"Because there are a lot



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of storms here, the air is unstable," explaining that "good air" for him now is different than when he was a beginner. "For me to have good air, I want it to be unstable for when I try to soar for hours.

"It's not so much the size of the mountain but the air you're in," he concluded.

Recklessness and a daredevil attitude, however, are not characteristics of a hang glider pilot. "Most hang glider pilots are kind of conservative," he said. "Believe it or not, most frown on sky diving as kind of reckless. It's not like it used to be, 20 years ago, when hang gliding first started— kind of crazy then."

According to Egnoski, the typical hang glider pilots are in their 40s with a good job and "knowledgeable on weather and physics. They have a lot of stress in life and this is one way to relieve it."

What about sky diving? Is that next? "Since I've started hang gliding," he said, "I've had no desire to

sky dive. I've talked to people who've done both. They think sky diving is more rewarding, but," Egnoski continued, "hang gliding might not get that quick rush like flying out of plane, but they (the sky divers) don't stay up long."

His longest flight— two

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HANG GLIDING— Egnoski displays his flying skills as a hang glider pilot. During the week, he is a student at the Hawk missile technician school.

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Sports & Recreation

Clint Jones wins Brotherhood 5K

The annual Brotherhood Run 5K at Pagano Gym drew 240 runners Saturday.

Clint Jones, 42, was first across the finish line in 17:28. Susan Caldwell was the top female finisher in 21:11.

The Marines took the team title with an average of 19:48 followed by C Company in 21:17 and Headquarters & A Company in 22:13.

Here are the overall and age group results:

Male: Overall— Clint Jones (17:28).

19-under— John Suckow (19:11), Joel Deslover (19:34), Paul Chavez (20:23). 20-29— Douglas Washington (18:00), Gerald Spencer (18:36), Daniel Copple (18:38). 30-39— Premas Liverpool (17:54), Thomas Prohaska (18:10), Greg

Killough (18:16). 40-49— Clint Jones (17:28), Carl Nicholson (19:20), Jon Moneyhun (19:53). 50-over— Dwight McPherson (19:04), Gresh Downs (21:40), Roger Chassay (23:29).

Female: Overall— Susan Caldwell (21:11).

19-under— Yvonne Castillo (30:23), Carla Haight (30:56), Marena Hiltz (31:33). 20-29— Susan Caldwell (21:11), Christie Reif (22:31), Marcella Reynolds (23:29). 30-39— Veronica Edmiston (24:53), Mertie Taylor (26:11), Brenda Mewborn (26:50). 40-49— Cheryl Ibarra (22:35), Gayle Ricks (24:52), Kathleen Meehan (25:51). 50-over— Barbara Meyer (25:25), Jackie Clark (26:40).



RASA golfers...

Attending a social after the quarterly RASA Scramble Golf Tournament are, from left, Quinton Smith, Debra Eubanks, Roy Ponders; and Col. Stephen Moeller, commander of Redstone Arsenal Support

Activity. Winners of the third tournament, held March 22, were Red Robinson, Ponders, Eubanks and Smith, with a score of three under par, 69. The next tournament is scheduled April 17.

MWR highlights...

The following are upcoming Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities:

MONTH OF MILITARY CHILD— Every day in April, receive a Kid's Meal for half price when you purchase a Combo Meal at the Redstone Burger King. For more information, call 876-7888.

THURSDAYS: German cuisine— The Soldatenstube serves authentic German cuisine every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$5. It also serves dinner Thursdays through Saturdays from 6-9 p.m., with reservations required. The bar is open 4-9 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays. For more information or to make reservations, call 881-5181 or 830-CLUB.

BEGINNER OIL PAINTING— April 3, 10, 17 and 24 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Arts & Crafts shop. Fee is \$24, \$32 and \$40 for this one day a week for four weeks' class. For more details, call 876-7951.

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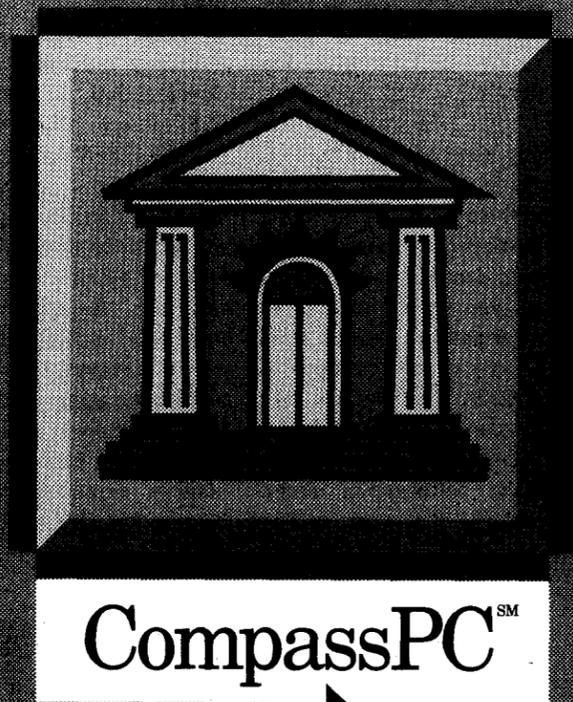
REDSTONE GOLF COURSE— Open to the entire Redstone, including Arsenal contractors, for membership or usage. For additional usage or membership information, call 883-7977.

EASTER EGG HUNT— The Youth Services Easter Egg Hunt begins Saturday at 10 a.m. for children 5 and under; 11 a.m. for ages 6-9; and ages 10 and older, noon. The hunt will be at the Youth Center. For more information, call 876-KIDS.

EASTER BRUNCH— Attend at the Officers Club, Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 830-CLUB for reservations.

BLOCK PARTY— Youth Services invites you to the Block Party on April 13 outside the Youth Center, building 3148, from 1-4 p.m. There will be fun for the entire family with food, music, rides, moonbounce, games, displays, demonstrations and more. For more information, call 876-KIDS.

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Active-duty family dental plan changes contractors

Benefits, procedures remain the same under UCCI administration

The Tricare Active-Duty Family Member Dental Plan changed contract administrators Feb. 1. But there aren't any changes in the program's benefits, or in how it works.

The Tricare Active-Duty Family Member Dental Plan is a dental benefit plan that's only available for family members of active-duty servicemembers. When a military sponsor enrolls family members in the dental plan, a monthly premium is paid through payroll deduction. The dental plan shouldn't be confused with the Tricare managed-care program, which is a triple-option medical benefit program that's available to active-duty family members, retirees and their families, and other Champus/Tricare-eligible persons. Under the Tricare Prime option, retirees pay an annual premium for medical benefits. Dental benefits are not available to retirees under the Tricare program.

The new dental contract was awarded to United Concordia Companies Inc. (UCCI) early in 1995. The contractor at the time, Delta Dental Plan of California, filed a protest with the U.S. General Accounting Office in mid-February 1995. The protest was denied by GAO in June, and UCCI was told to proceed with transition activities that would enable it to begin administering the contract on Feb. 1, 1996.

Here are some questions being asked by military sponsors and families about the dental plan and its change in contractors:

Will I have to re-enroll in the plan with the change in contractors?

No. The files of all currently enrolled sponsors and

family members are being provided to the new contractor. If you're enrolled, you won't have to take any action.

Will I have to change dentists?

Every dentist who participates in the Delta network has been invited to participate in the UCCI network. Since participation is voluntary, each dentist has to decide whether or not to participate with the new contractor.

If your dentist decides to participate in the UCCI network, you won't have to change dentists to keep the same billing and payment arrangements you now have?

If your dentist decides not to participate, you can still be treated by him or her—but you may pay more for the care, since non-participating dentists can bill you for the difference between their regular charges and what the contractor pays them. If you want to avoid the higher out-of-pocket expenses, consider switching to a participating dentist.

Will UCCI contact my dentist?

UCCI has invited virtually every dentist in the U.S. (more than 143,000) to participate in the network. However, it's possible that your dentist was missed. If so, you should receive an information packet from UCCI which contains a postcard that you can take to your dentist. The dentist may use the postcard to request information about joining the network, or may call UCCI at 1-800-866-8499.

How many dentists are in the UCCI network?

There's no way to be sure how many dentists will

ultimately be part of the network with the UCCI takeover. Dentists may decide to join the network to increase the size of their practices, or to continue their relationship with enrolled patients. Other incentives for dentists to join the network include:

- Payment is made directly to participating dentists by the contractor;
- Payments to participating dentists for a particular service may be greater than payments to non-participating dentists;
- Participating dentists have access to quicker electronic claims processing and payment;
- Participating dentists have on-line access to enrollment information, claims status, benefit and procedure code information, etc.;
- A directory of participating providers has been published and made available to uniformed service installations, and to enrolled family members. This directory may be a source for new patient referrals.

UCCI's network of participating dentists is being developed throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The contractor is required to have a participating dentist within 35 miles of each enrolled family member's residence. An appointment must be available within 21 days of a request for one. If no participating dentist is located within 35 miles, enrolled family members may visit a non-participating dentist, and UCCI will pay

that dentist his or her total bill for allowed services, less any required patient cost-share.

Will I be able to find a participating dentist at my new duty station?

Health benefits advisers (HBAs) at military medical facilities have directories of network dentists. If there's no HBA at your duty station, call UCCI's customer service department at 1-800-866-8499 for more information.

A listing of local UCCI participating dentists was mailed to all military sponsors and eligible families in January. At that time, a complete list of all participating dentists was sent to all HBAs and other points of contact at military facilities. The list furnished to HBAs and other contacts will be updated and distributed quarterly.

Will I have to file claim forms and pay more if there are no participating dentists where I live?

If there's no participating dentist within 35 miles of your residence, you may have to file the claim form and be billed directly by the dentist. But, there won't be any increase in your out-of-pocket costs. UCCI will pay the non-participating dentist the billed charges for covered services, less any required patient cost-share.

Will the benefit change in any way?

No, the dental benefit structure hasn't changed.

Will I have to pay more out-of-pocket?

The cost-share levels and maximums haven't

changed. There should be no increase in your out-of-pocket expenses. In fact, based on the reduced price of the new contract, your expenses may decrease.

Will my premiums go up?

No. The premium decrease that was effective with the June 1995 payroll deduction was the result of UCCI's contract award. There may be periodic premium increases, as there have been since the dental plan began.

What happens if my child is undergoing orthodontic treatment?

For ongoing orthodontic treatment that began under the former contractor, Delta, the amount owed for the care by UCCI will be reduced by the amount already paid by Delta. UCCI will reimburse those services at the rate established by Delta, until the lifetime maximum benefit of \$1,200 is reached, until treatment is completed, or until the patient is no longer eligible—whichever occurs first.

Each dental plan enrollee who's currently receiving orthodontic treatment will be contacted by UCCI and asked to provide facts about his or her treatment plan, such as its duration, amount paid, and the name of the orthodontist who's providing the service. This information will be used to build an orthodontic history file, which will be used to ensure a consistent payment plan for the duration of the treatment. The dentist or patient must notify UCCI if there are any changes in the treat-

ment such as completion or discontinuation.

In order to ensure that there's no delay in payment, family members who receive orthodontic services who have not already been contacted by UCCI must call the contractor at 1-800-866-8499 to furnish necessary claims processing information.

When will I receive information about the new contractor?

A mailing has been sent to every enrolled military sponsor. Another mailing, with information such as a benefit brochure, UCCI addresses and toll-free telephone numbers, was sent out in December. A third mailing (the list of participating dentists in your immediate area) was sent out in January. Additionally, an updated provider directory was mailed to all health benefits advisers at military medical facilities during the week of Jan. 22.

Where will dental claims be sent?

Here are the addresses for the former dental contractor, Delta Dental, for services received on or before Jan. 31:

West of the Mississippi River: Send claims and written inquiries to DDP-Delta, P.O. Box 269023, Sacramento, Calif., 95826-9023.

East of the Mississippi River: Send claims and written inquiries to DDP-Delta, P.O. Box 9086, Farmington Hills, Mich., 48333-9086.

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Australia shows interest in LOGSA software program

By Kathy Harkleroad

Three representatives from the Australian Department of Defence met with engineers from the Logistics Support Activity in March to begin development of an Australian version of the Logistics Planning and Requirement System (LOGPARS).

LOGPARS is a software program that will assist program management personnel in developing comprehensive acquisition planning documents. "We are very excited about the program," said Rob Hawketts, a consultant with Kinhill Engineers, Canberra, Australia. "It (the program) will bring validation to what we are already doing and will allow us to expand and change some of the procedures we currently have."

Currently LOGPARS can be used to prepare the acquisition strategy, state-

ments of work, provisioning plans, materiel fielding plans and other reports. There are also utilities for generating a contract data requirement list, and other needed reports and lists.

"Basically what we did was take the large 6-inch paper manuals, insert them into a data base, or knowledge base as we call it, and created steps for the program management personnel to use when ordering missile systems," Gary McPherson, LOGPARS project manager, said. "There lots of things that need to be taken with missile systems when they are deployed and this system will reduce forgotten or overlooked items."

The Australian Department of Defence expressed an interest in LOGPARS approximately five years ago, and approached Foreign Military Sales. "We can see a very bright future for this

program," said Peter Holliday, Kinhill Engineers. "This is a two-year project with the first year being the initialization process and then the final phase will include follow-on improvements."

Holliday and Hawketts were joined by Australian Navy Commander Steve Montgomery at Redstone Arsenal during the first week of training. Holliday and Hawketts remained a week for further training on the software program and are already looking forward to a return visit to the area.

"We have learned quite a bit during the short time we have been here," Hawketts said. "It was a bit overwhelming at first, to be honest. But we have already enjoyed quite a bit of knowledge sharing with the engineers here and I expect that will continue once we return home and the project gets under way."



SPECIAL VISITORS— Representatives from the Australian Department of Defence visited Redstone Arsenal to begin the development of a Australian version of a software package developed by LOGSA. From left are Rob Hawketts; Gary McPherson, LOGSA; and Peter Holliday.

SERVICE

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vice at noon April 5; and Easter Sunday worship service at 11 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Boschen and McAllister also encouraged the entire community, Catholic and Protestant, to attend the "Living Last Supper" presentation at Bicentennial Chapel. "Everyone involved has really gotten into their parts and it is proving to be a wonderful production," McAllister said. "It is not just for Protestants."

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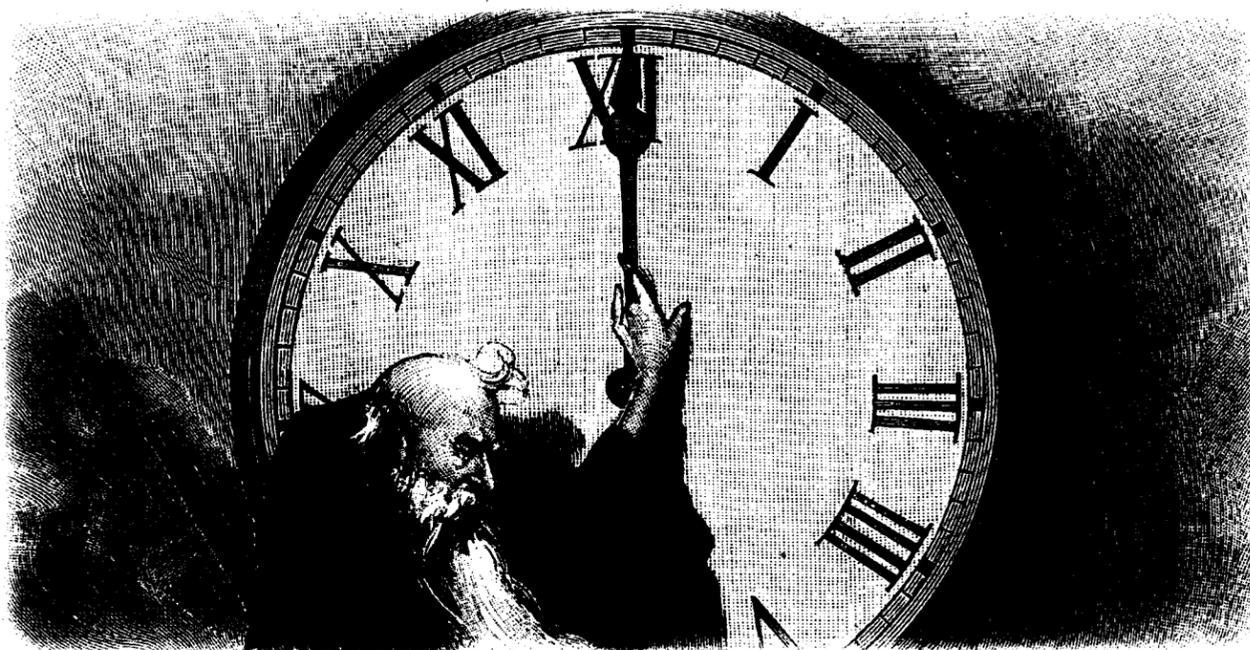
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Extended range Army TACMS successfully tested

An extended range variant of the currently fielded Army TACMS Block I missile was successfully fired at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., on March 28.

The Block IA Army TACMS provides near all-weather, day and night, precision strike capability at ranges beyond existing cannons, rockets and missiles. Also, its payload weight has been reduced to extend its range to approximately twice that of the Block I missile.

Its design is similar to the Block I, except the Block IA features a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver and antenna that has been integrated with the missile guidance unit to enable inflight guid-

ance updates, thereby increasing its accuracy, independent of range.

The firing was the third of three scheduled production prove-out test flights conducted during February and March. Prior tests included a mid-range flight (175 km) on Feb. 8, and a long-range flight (250 km) on March 7.

This third prove-out test was a short range flight (93 km) but featured the most stressful flight environment of all tests conducted to date. In addition to the stress imposed by the short flight trajectory, the missile also underwent vibration and drop shock testing and was preconditioned to a temperature of 140 degrees Fahrenheit prior

to firing. These tests are designed to demonstrate the missile's reliability and robustness to operate effectively in an all-weather environment after enduring the rigors of long-term handling and storage at extreme temperatures.

These production prove-out tests demonstrate the missile can meet its range, accuracy and reliability requirements. Pending analysis of the test results, a low-rate initial production decision is planned for May.

The Army TACMS Block IA missile is scheduled to be fielded and operational in February 1998, along with one battalion of modified M270 launchers equipped with

the Improved Position Determining System (IPDS), which will be needed to fire the Block IA.

Army TACMS is a ground-launched missile system that provides long-range, surface-to-surface fire support. It saw combat action in Southwest Asia during Desert Storm.

Col. John Holly is the Army TACMS-BAT project manager. He reports to George Williams, program executive officer for tactical missiles.

Loral Vought Systems, Dallas, Texas, is the prime contractor.

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of days that we called and e-mailed suggestions back and forth to each other," Lynn said.

The system will simplify emergency calling on post. Under current procedures, callers dial 117 from on-post government phones to reach the fire department; or they call 876-2117 from contractor phones and family housing. They call 876-2222 to get the military police, and 876-6110 for the hospital.

"So we'll just have a universal 911 number for emergencies," Lynn said. "It lets one number provide all the necessary services for any emergency situation."

And since the fire de-

partment will receive the 911 calls, all the responding agencies should receive quicker notification of emergencies. Under current procedures, the fire department would not immediately know about a call to the hospital for an ambulance, for example. The new system will enable more EMT (emergency medical trained)-people to become immediately involved. "When the fire department responds since they're all first-responder trained—and over 50 percent are EMTs — there'll be more people there to assist in the emergency," Lynn said.

Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, was briefed about the new system and signed an authorization letter to

implement it on post. The April 15 date—which also happens to be taxpayers' deadline—was "one that everybody would remember," Lynn said, laughing.

Officials also want the work force to remember to start dialing 4 instead of 9 to access off-post lines beginning April 15. "We know it's going to be a short-term inconvenience for everybody to change their off-post dialing to 4," Lynn said.

He believes benefits of a universal 911 system are well worth the change in routine. "Anybody that calls from a cell phone, a government phone, a contractor phone or a housing phone: 911 will now put you in contact with any emergency services that are needed," Lynn said.



Contract professionals ...

The Acquisition Center's "Contract Professional of the Quarter" award has been presented to a team of workers for implementing the Alpha contracting concept in procuring 24 laser range finders for \$6 million. From left are Debra

Scruggs, Debby Rosenbloom, Alan Isham, Ken Hill; Maj. Gen. James Link, who presented the award; Janet Guyette, John Mellgren, Rick Hubert, Dan Maul, Cynthia Ivey, Eddie Mayes and Wanda Baker.

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Major restructuring eyed for acquisition procedures

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense William Perry has announced his March 15 approval of an historic restructuring of defense acquisition policy and procedures.

The new policy and procedures, which are contained in DoD Directive 5000.1 and DoD Regulation 5000.2-R, represent dramatic change in almost every major aspect of the way the Pentagon has traditionally done business: commercial practices and products are given special emphasis; cost is treated as an independent variable, rather than a byproduct of performance; program managers and other acquisition personnel are empowered to use their professional judgment; over 30 separate policy memos and report formats are canceled; and — in a move designed to implement the President's executive order to cut federal regulations — the new policy documents themselves are almost 90 percent shorter than the previous documents.

The new documents were jointly forwarded to Perry by Paul Kaminski, under secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), Philip Coyle, director of Operational Test and Evaluation, and Emmett Paige, Jr., assistant secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence). In their transmittal letter, they said that the new policies and procedures are the "key to institutionalizing fundamental change in the defense acquisition process. The issuance of the new DoD Directive 5000.1 and DoD 5000.2-R will be a visible symbol of the Department's acquisition reform efforts, which, rather than shackling employees with rigid rules and regulations, establishes a minimal set of mandatory policies and procedures and encourages members of the acquisition workforce to use their professional judgment to manage risk and tailor acquisition strategies."

Major accomplishments of the new policy and procedures documents include:

- Implementing Landmark Legislation. The new documents fully implement the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994, the landmark legislation passed by Congress in October 1994.
- Implementing the Roles and Missions Commission. The new policies also implement the recommendations of the 1995 Commission on Roles and Missions. For example, the new documents now state a clear preference for contractor-provided logistics support and direct the collocation and consolidation of joint programs at the location of the lead Component's program office.
- Minimizing Mandatory Direction. The new policies explicitly recognize that since each acquisition program is different, tailored management approaches are a key element in successful program execution. To facilitate this approach, the new documents set forth only a minimal set of mandatory direction and encourage program managers to tailor acquisition strategies. Useful information that professionals should know and may incorporate into their strategies - but that is not mandatory - will be contained in the soon-to-be-released Defense Acquisition Deskbook, a computerized reference set for acquisition professionals.
- Policy Integration. The new policies consolidate and integrate acquisition policy and procedures for both weapon systems and automated information systems, rather than maintaining two separate sets of rules and regulations as the Department has historically done. This integration allows DoD to cancel several AIS policy documents.
- Decentralizing Policy Execution. While the new documents articulate a few

guiding principles for all acquisition across the Department, mandatory procedures are set forth only for major programs. In this way, the Acquisition Executives of the Military Departments and Defense Agencies are empowered to manage the programs under their purview as they see fit, without a lot of second-guessing from higher headquarters.

- Institutionalization of New Ways of Doing Business. The new policies institutionalize Integrated Product Teams as a means of bringing representatives of all functional disciplines together as a team to build successful programs, identify and resolve issues, and make sound and timely recommendations to facilitate

decision-making.

- Regulatory Streamlining. The new documents represent a significant reduction in regulatory volume; the previous version of the policy documents was over 1,000 pages long whereas the new version is only 160 pages long. This reduction helps the Department to implement President Clinton's Executive Order 12861 to reduce the volume of internal management regulations.
- Streamlining Paperwork. The policy documents mandate standard formats for only a handful of reports and authorize cancellation of the DoD 5000.2-M, a 300-plus page manual that established mandatory formats for numerous acquisition reports and fostered a

"one-size-fits-all" approach to documentation.

- Simplifying the Acquisition Decision Process. Among other things, the new policy eliminates the former Milestone IV decision point and states a preference for the Defense Acquisition Board to hold only one formal production review (either at the low rate or full rate point). The other production review will be delegated to the lead Service or Agency.
- Encouraging Innovation. The new policy encourages acquisition professionals to innovate through a variety of practices and techniques, including such non-traditional approaches as Advanced Concept Technology Demonstrations and rapid prototyping.

Perry pointed out that the Department employed some of the basic tenets of acquisition reform to produce the new policy. The documents, for example, were produced by an Integrated Product Team - the 5000 Working Group, which was co-lead by the offices of Acquisition Reform and Acquisition Program Integration. Using the IPT approach, the working group was able to draft and coordinate the documents in only nine months, compared to the Department's historical two-year average. Moreover, the working group was able to resolve over 2,500 individual issues through the IPT process. (Defense Department release)

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Soldier shares husband's experiences

By John Barrett

FORT SILL, Okla.—The call came at 10:25 a.m. It was Thursday, Dec. 7, 1995. It had been a relatively normal morning for Cpl. Mary Worstell of Personnel and Support Battalion; just a quiet, routine work day in the AG.

Worstell is an administrative clerk, and this day seemed no different than most others in the nearly three years she has worked for the personnel services branch of the AG.

Then came the call from the Fort Sill military police station, where her husband, Sgt. Doug Worstell, works as a military policeman. A friend of the Worstells was calling to inform Mary that her husband was one of the seven MPs from Fort Sill's Law Enforcement Command selected by Department of the Army to be deployed to Bosnia as part of the peacekeeping force. Mary Worstell found out the news before her husband did — when the call came, Doug was walking into the MP station to see his first sergeant.

"When I first heard the news, I thought the guy was kidding," Mary said. "I was trying to just play it off as a joke, but I had this weird feeling in my stomach that he wasn't joking."

Doug then took the phone and talked to his wife about the news. "He said he didn't really know anything about it, but that he was there to see his first sergeant, and he would let me know more later," Mary said.

As it turned out, the information was correct; Doug was to leave within 10 days.

Then, as the Worstells began to come to grips with

what was actually happening to them, they sat down and talked about it. According to Mary Worstell, her husband was not dismayed by the news.

"Of course he wasn't too excited about leaving me for a long period of time, but he understood why he had to go and looked forward to the challenge," she said, adding her husband was handpicked, along with six other MPs from his unit, to go to Bosnia.

"He was in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm for eight months, and he used to be an infantryman before he was an MP. That may be why he was picked," she said.

Worstell says she didn't hear from her husband for the first two weeks that he was in Bosnia, and even now he only gets a chance to call every few days. He is assigned to 2nd Platoon, 501st MP Company, 1st Brigade. The couple communicates through letters. "I write him every day, and he writes whenever he can," she said. "It's almost like visitation, but of course it's not the same." Through Doug's letters and phone calls, Mary has an idea of how her husband is living, day to day.

"He and several other soldiers sleep in a tent. They just recently got wooden floors for the tents. Up until then, they were sleeping on a floor of hay and mud mixed together," she said. According to Worstell's letters from Bosnia, the tent leaks, so the soldiers put their sleeping bags into body bags to prevent the water from soaking them while they sleep. It was impossible to take a shower until just a couple of weeks ago, and until then, the MP simply had to do the

best he could.

"All he's had to eat in the month that he has been there is MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) and care packages. He works seven days a week, and only gets about three or four hours of sleep a night. Life is pretty rough over there," she said.

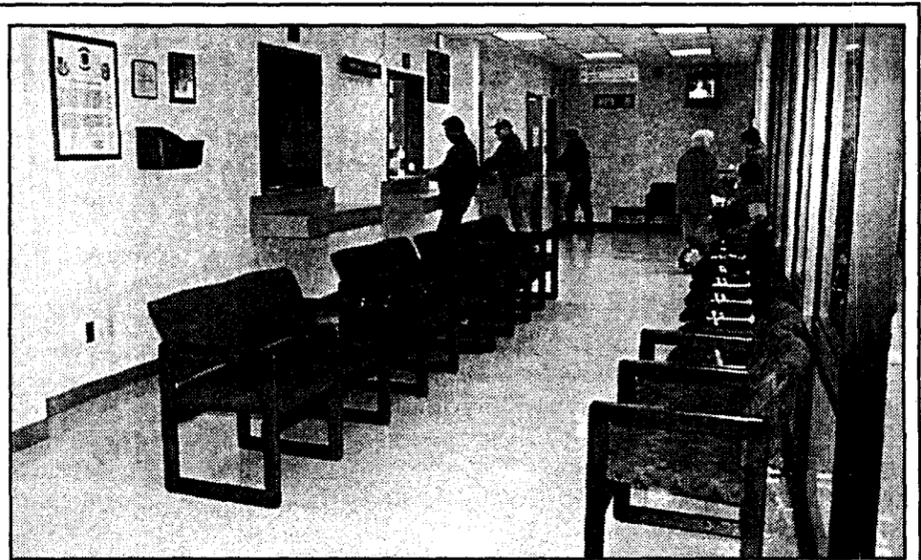
Sgt. Worstell's job in Bosnia is to serve as a perimeter guard and to man certain checkpoints throughout the region. According to his letters, he's already been shot at twice in his time there, and he has had to go as far as pulling his weapon on one occasion. Mary states that the soldier who recently drove over a land mine and received the Purple Heart was only a couple of Humvees in front of her husband when it happened.

Worstell shared her husband's outlook on the situation in Bosnia.

"He wrote me that even though a lot of people may be unclear as to why we're over there, to him the children over there are reason enough. He says that it would make Americans sick to see the way the kids live over there. No shelter, no food, and in constant fear. He told me stories of him and some of his fellow soldiers trying to throw candy from their MREs to the children from their Humvees as they passed by, but the children would just scatter in a hundred different directions from the candy, because they thought the soldiers were throwing grenades at them. It's really sad," she said.

Cpl. Worstell said she's trying to cope, but some-

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PLATOON

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Soto also said the attitude of the career soldier is very different than that of a student and said attitude was the main difference. "AIT students are eager to learn, whereas my permanent party soldiers have been in the Army for a number of years and already know what to expect and what is expected of them. They also knew what was expected of me, whereas I didn't necessarily," he added.

With the 30-day rotation over, the lieu-

tenants involved in the first rotation have gone back to the classroom and a new group is out in the companies. Each of the lieutenants spent approximately 15 hours per week at the company in addition to their regular classroom and study time.

"We had some lieutenants who forgot this was not a graded situation and their classroom work came first. They really got involved with the program and spent quite a bit more time out in the company than they should have maybe," Newbold said with a smile. "They really enjoyed it."

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Engineer School commandant testifies about Bosnia mines

By Jacqueline Guthrie

WASHINGTON— Thousands of American soldiers are putting their lives on the line to protect the citizens of Bosnia and U.S. leaders are working to protect these soldiers.

Maj. Gen. Clair Gill, commandant of the U.S. Engineer School and post commander, recently testified before a joint Congressional hearing on "Response to the Land Mine Threat in Bosnia." Members of the military procurement and research and development subcommittees held the hearing.

"We want to gain an understanding of the readiness of U.S. forces to deal with the land mine threat in Bosnia," said Rep. Curt Weldon at the hearing.

"Gen. Gill's purpose was to testify on the training of soldiers to do countermine operations," said Maj. Dave Brinkley, chief of the doctrine development division at the Engineer School. Brinkley accompanied Gill

to Washington.

"(Committee members) wanted a comfort level that all soldiers were prepared for the operation," Brinkley said.

Gill provided that information by explaining his role in Operation Joint Endeavor, which is to prepare soldiers to conduct countermine operations.

"The U.S. policy ... is that we will conduct only those countermine operations required to protect the U.S. and NATO forces," according to his testimony. Countermine operations are the tactics and techniques used to detect, avoid, reach and neutralize enemy mines.

"Developing soldier awareness is key. I cannot overemphasize the importance of a mine-aware soldier," he told the committee.

"Every soldier, sailor, airman, Marine and civilian deploying to Bosnia receives mine-awareness training," Gill stressed. Members of the Engineer School's mobile training

team travel around the country training all types of units on countermine operations.

"Our efforts are focused on developing a mine-aware and mine-alert soldier," he said. "The mine threat is of great concern to us. We cannot guard every footfall. We cannot prevent all innocent errors — such as taking a wrong road — in spite of our care. We do the best job we possibly can to prepare and equip our soldiers.

"Collectively, we know a great deal about the mine threats and about countermining. At the same time, we're continually looking for more ideas, anything we can obtain from any source to evaluate and possibly apply to the counter-mine problem.

"I am confident that we have done and are doing all that we can do to protect our soldiers," Gill concluded. (Arnews)

(From the Fort Leonard Wood "Essayons.")



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hours and 45 minutes — occurred as recently as a sunny weekend this March. He explained that there "could be really good flying on perfectly calm days. It usually needs to be sunny."

In fact, he added, "when you're first learning, you don't want to fly in the middle of the day when the sun is out."

Egnoski's hobby, if you can call it that, is not for a limited budget. However, you can at least start without a sizable investment. "Most people own their own glider," he said, at a cost of about \$3-4,000. "Then, you need a harness and a parachute and instruments."

"But, at my stage, you only need certain instruments. If you're really set up to fly, you need about \$5,000.

"You can start out renting gliders for

about \$30-40 a day. You can do it without spending a lot of money."

However, Egnoski smiled, adding that an eight-hour day of flying is "about \$50 a day in Alabama, but \$90-100 in New Jersey."

And, of course, you want to know about his most dangerous moment. It was when he was just starting. "It was my third flight off the mountain in New York State. I started to fly too slow, started to do a 360, lost control, and finally went to a 720 going toward the trees," he said, in describing his slow spiraling descent. He pulled it out "at about 200 feet."

Was it dangerous? "It all depends," he said. "Where I was at 200 feet, if I controlled the glider, it was OK."

So, the reasons you'd like hang gliding are: first, "it's a fair weather sport"; secondly, it's exhilarating; and lastly, you can converse to others at the same time. In his longest flight, Egnoski stayed within two miles of the landing zone while using his



TAKEOFF— Egnoski practices his takeoff for his weekend hang gliding hobby.

ham radio to "talk to pilots or people on the ground."

On the other hand, there might be one

reason you wouldn't like it. That would be if you don't like heights.

EXTREMIST

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limited to, the elimination of extremism in the Army.

Two of the actions will involve the Department of Defense. West directed his staff to coordinate with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Edwin Dorn, in a review of enlistment policies to see if there are ways to screen applicants who participate in extremist organizations. West also asked for Dorn's support in reviewing DoD's equal opportunity and race relations training.

West created the task force after the murders of Michael James and Jackie Burden on Dec. 7, 1995 in Fayetteville. Three soldiers assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg have been charged with the murders.

The task force charter was to assess the influence of extremist groups in the Army and examine the effect of those groups on the Army's human relations environment.

The task force conducted interviews at 28 installations in 16 states, Germany and Korea within a six-week period. More than 50 officers, noncommissioned officers, and Army civilian employees assisted the task force members in this effort. Less than one percent of the 7,638 interviewed reported that a soldier or civilian employee was an active participant in an extremist group. Less than one percent reported having any type of contact with extremist groups on or near Army installations.

The Army Research Institute analyzed 17,080 surveys completed by Army personnel. In the survey, 3.5 percent of the participants reported they have been approached to join extremist organizations since joining the Army. Also, 7.1 percent reported they knew another soldier whom they believed to be a member of an extremist organization.

The task force was led by Maj. Gen. Larry R. Jordan, deputy inspector general; and task force members included Karen Heath, principal deputy assistant secretary of the Navy for manpower and Reserve af-

fairs; John McLaurin III, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for military personnel management and equal opportunity policy; Brig. Gen. Daniel Doherty, commanding general, Army Criminal Investigation Command; and the Sergeant Major of the Army, Gene McKinney.

Although the task force found minimal evidence of extremist activity in the Army, it identified areas of concern.

- The Army regulation on participation in extremist organizations is misunderstood and confusing to soldiers and junior leaders.

- Existing Army training programs and assessment tools do not adequately address

extremism.

- Gang-related activities appear to be more pervasive than extremist activities on and near Army installations and are becoming a significant security concern for many soldiers.

- Existing open installations combined with less regulated barracks policies have degraded commanders' knowledge about soldiers' activities after duty hours.

The efforts of the Task Force have given the Army a good idea of where it can focus its efforts to improve the environment in which soldiers, civilians and families work and live. (Defense Department release)

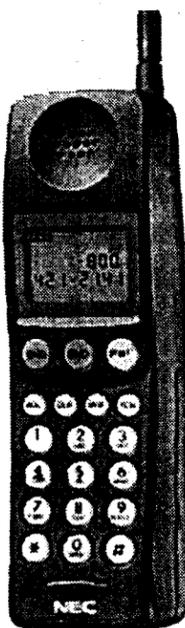
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Headquarters detachment activates at Tobyhanna Depot

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa.— Tobyhanna has, for the first time, formally activated a Headquarters Detachment.

In a traditional passing of the colors ceremony held at the depot recently, depot commander Col. Greg Virgil handed command of the Tobyhanna Army Depot Headquarters Detachment to CWO Joseph Logan. SFC Donald McRae Jr. is acting first sergeant.

The Headquarters Detachment was established in December 1995 under the direction of Virgil and through an Army Industrial Operations Command directive.

Capt. Stephen Copetas of the depot's Legal Office, opened the ceremony, saying the mission of the Headquarters Detachment is to provide unit identity, command and control over all military assigned or attached

to the depot, and to ensure the health, welfare, morale, training and proper utilization of all depot soldiers.

Virgil, in his remarks after the ceremony, said that this is the first time a designated detachment has been established at the depot to handle the significant increase in the soldier population at Tobyhanna.

The soldier population has been increasing as a result of Base Closure and Realignment decisions.

"By the end of the year, we will have the largest detachment in the (Army's) Industrial Operations commands," Virgil said. "Having soldiers here is extremely important to the overall health of the depot. They remind us why we are here and who we're supporting. They represent the teamwork necessary to carry out our mission. Soldiers provide a valuable asset and serve to strengthen our com-

munity."

Logan said afterwards that it is a great opportunity for him to command the detachment.

"That opportunity is not offered to chief warrant officers often," he noted. "We will serve as the focal point for assistance on soldier-related issues and problems."

Tobyhanna is the Department of Defense's (DoD) largest facility for the maintenance and fabrication of communications-electronics systems and components. Depot personnel are responsible for hundreds of these systems, ranging from tactical field radios to the ground terminals for the entire DoD satellite communications network. Approximately 3,600 people work at the installation, which is located in the Pocono Mountains of north-eastern Pennsylvania. (Tobyhanna Army Depot release)



ACTIVATING DETACHMENT— Virgil, right, commander of Tobyhanna Army depot, hands the Headquarters Detachment colors to Logan, officially activating the detachment and recognizing Logan as the detachment's commander. McRae stands at attention in the background.

HUSBAND

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times it's difficult not to think about it. "I try to keep busy doing a lot of things," she said. "I go to school four nights a week, I crochet, needlepoint and write lots of letters. It's still hard, though." She said she has received a tremendous amount of support from her husband's unit.

"Sgt. Maj. Yarborough, the MP sergeant major, has been very, very helpful and supportive. Doug's unit has been very good about getting me his LESSs and any other information that they can. Different people in his unit also call the spouses of the guys over there and see how we're doing and if we need anything. They really take care of us."

Worstell says she also attends ACS spouse support meetings with other wives whose husbands are in Bosnia, and that has helped a little. WO 1 Mary Collins, Worstell's officer in charge at the Personnel

Services branch, said Worstell has handled the situation very well. "Cpl. Worstell has displayed a positive attitude from the very start of this. She keeps a good outlook on everything, and helps in keeping the other spouses informed as well. Through it all, she has maintained the utmost professionalism and confidence."

When Worstell deployed, he was a specialist, but, when the promotion cutoff scores became official on Jan. 25, he had enough points to make sergeant. Mary said it was a bitter-sweet experience for her husband.

"He was glad to hear that he had made it, but he wished that he would have made it back here, because he had always wanted me to help pin on his stripes."

Worstell said her husband is expected to be in Bosnia for about six months.

"Whenever he does come back, we have already decided to get with our friends Neal and Michelle

Fulks and renew our wedding vows. Neal is over there now, also," she said.

Worstell has some advice for other spouses in the same situation, as well as for all Americans. "We sit here and worry a lot, and complain about some things, but we have to remember that they have it worse over there. We wake up and walk outside to go to work in the morning; they wake up and might step on a land mine at anytime. All these soldiers have is the support we give them back here on the home front. Every word of encouragement means a lot."

For the time being, Cpl. Mary Worstell, soldier and spouse, is doing just that, and trying to simply make it through each day, one day at a time. (Arnews)

(From a Fort Sill Public Affairs news release.)

Secretary of the Army Togo West to address equal opportunity meeting

WASHINGTON— Secretary of the Army Togo West will deliver the keynote address at this year's Department of Defense Worldwide Equal Opportunity Conference, to be held April 15-17 near Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. Some of the Department's most senior military and civilian officials will participate in the conference, demonstrating Secretary of Defense William Perry's continuing strong emphasis on equal opportunity programs.

The conference, which will be attended by 1,500 equal opportunity specialists representing all Services and Defense agencies, is dedicated to three broad issues:

- The Department's continuing commitment to affirmative action following the Supreme Court's decision in Adarand Constructors vs. Pena.
- Understanding and combating the fringe element of extremism in American society and the military.

• Military and civilian men and women working together in new roles.

"The Department of Defense is a national leader in equal opportunity and the way to maintain that leadership is to understand and deal with the tough issues," said Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Edwin Dorn. "This conference fits that prescription and follows the direction of Secretary Perry to make sure that equal opportunity continues to be one of the Department's highest priorities."

"This conference brings together three elements of our successful equal opportunity program: strong leadership and commitment from the top down, effective training, and measurement of results," Dorn said.

The conference will also recognize the 25th anniversary of the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI). (Defense Department release)

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Announcements

Unmanned vehicles symposium— "Outlook 2000," the seventh annual symposium for unmanned vehicle systems requirements, 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.

Merit awards— The Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club will award one or more merit awards to graduating high school seniors. Applicants must be military family members whose sponsor is an active, retired or deceased E-4 or above. There will also be merit award(s) to a child or spouse of an active, retired or deceased E-4 or above; these candidates must be a freshman, sophomore or junior attending an accredited institution. The application deadline is April 19. For more information, call Trish Johnson 721-9479 or Stephana Williams 837-6857.

Master's degree— Florida Institute of Technology

is offering a master of business administration program on Redstone Arsenal. The summer semester begins May 6. Registration is ongoing in building 5304, room 4133. For information call 881-7878.

Commissary news— The Commissary will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 7. Normal hours will resume April 9 at 10 a.m.

ID cards— The Military Identification Card Section of the Military Personnel Office, building 3710, will be open Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

AER golf tourney— The annual Army Emergency Relief (AER) Golf Tournament will be held at 8:30 a.m. May 3 at Redstone Golf Course. Rain date is May 10. Cost is \$35 which includes greens fees, carts, meal and prizes. For information call Ron Walton 876-2449, Dean Anderson 842-7481, Nadine Mander-son 842-7890 or Margaret Ingram 876-5491.

Bedding plants— Spring bedding plants will be available April 3 and 10 at the Self-Help Center, building 3500, beginning at 8:30 a.m. for Redstone Arsenal family housing residents. Residents are asked to line up in their vehicles starting at the north gate. Two flats and up to four individual

potted plants will be allowed per family housing quarters. Plants on order include impatiens, begonias, petunias, marigolds, geraniums and hostas. Residents will be allowed to select the same type of plant or mix plants within the flat. Issue will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Now is a great time to start getting ready for the Yard of the Month program.

ASMC picnic— The American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) will hold its annual picnic May 16 at the Rustic Lodge picnic area beginning at 11 a.m. "We will be having the event on the river front if weather permits. However, we have reserved the Rustic Lodge in case of inclement weather." All ASMC members will eat free; non-members can eat for \$5. "There will be entertainment as well as a wonderful meal." The meal will include smoked barbecue chicken, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, and a beverage.

ASMC golf tournament— The American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) annual golf tournament will be held April 26 at 11:30 a.m. at the Redstone Golf Course. There will be no entry fee for ASMC mem-

bers; non-members will pay a \$5 entry fee. The green fees are \$13 per person, both military and civilian. The cart fee is \$7.50 per person. There will be prizes given away. To sign up for the tournament call Pepper Takayama 876-3327, Jackie Shaw 876-2156 or Vern Beer 876-1136.

Independence celebration— "Let Freedom Ring" will take place July 4 at 2 p.m. EDT nationwide. The Army chief of staff supports the incorporation of this event into all Army Independence Day celebrations. At 2 p.m. EDT all participants will ring bells simultaneously 13 times across the nation. Descendants of the signers of the Declaration of Independence will symbolically tap the Liberty Bell 13 times as the centennial bell in the tower of Independence Hall in Philadelphia rings out.

Union meeting— AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. April 8 in building 3202 (Union Office). Changes to the constitution and bylaws will be voted on. Also, delegates will be elected to attend the AFGE 5th district convention and caucus May 7-10 in South Myrtle Beach, S.C. For more information, call 876-

4880 or 881-7430.

Medical support groups— 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.... Adults With Diabetes meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month or 2-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Optimal Health, 910 Adams St. To register call 517-8650.... Pathways to Parenthood, an infertility support group, meets from 7-9 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at The Women's Center. For information call 517-6600.

Bicycle helmets— The Provost Marshal Office provided the following reminder: "Of all bicycle related injuries and deaths, over 75 percent are caused by accidents which involve the head. A helmet thus becomes an essential piece of safety equipment every bicyclist should wear. It cannot be understated: Every person from child through adult who cycles must wear a helmet. It is the cheapest form of concussion insur-

ance available.... FORSCOM Change Message 212037Z, June 1995 to AR-385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents: Directs the mandatory use of approved bicycle helmets by all personnel (including dependents) riding bicycles on DoD installations. An approved helmet is one that meets or exceeds the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or Snell Memorial Foundation Standards for Bicycle Helmets."

Tuition assistance— The Education Center advises soldiers: "The Department of Education has heard your cry for help. The Tuition Assistance policy has changed. Effective immediately, TA is up to 15 semester hours, 22.5 quarter hours for the remainder of fiscal 1996. This change is due to 'affordability and soldier satisfaction.'" For more information, call the Education Center 876-9761.

Marine Corps league— The Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment 820 of the Marine Corps League will meet at 7 p.m. April 9 at the American Legion on Drake Avenue. All Marines, present and past, are invited.

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PX news— Anthony's Pizza will be operating with extended hours on Sundays as follows: 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. "Check for our after-5 p.m. pizza specials for \$5.95 on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday." For phone-in orders, call 883-6100 ext. 144.

Easter Drama/cantata— Weatherly Road Assembly of God invites you to an Easter Drama/Cantata titled, "By the Way of the Cross." Performances are Thursday at 7 p.m. and Easter Sunday, April 7 at 6 p.m. For more information, call Pat Sims 883-9520.

Attic sale— Randolph School holds its annual "Attic Sale" April 13 at 7-11 a.m. Enter at the temporary entrance on 1005 Drake Ave.- Available items include antiques, appliances, clothing, computer equipment, toys, books, household items and more. The sale is sponsored by the Raiders Club with proceeds to benefit the school's athletic programs.

Fiber Optics work-

shop— MICOM Research Development and Engineering Center, in cooperation with the Space and Strategic Defense Command, Army Research Laboratory, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, and Air Force Wright Laboratories, will sponsor an unclassified workshop on "Fiber Optics for Missile Applications" May 7 & 8 at the Sparkman Center Auditorium. For more information call Angie Cornelius 895-6343 (ext. 279), fax 895-6581, or e-mail: gary@smapl.ri.uah.edu.

Vocal Lessons— Huntsville Heritage Chorus of Sweet Adelines International is offering free group vocal lessons for women beginning April 9 at the Madison Christian Church building, 1400 Hughes Road. Robyn Swaim, experienced vocal teacher, will teach the class. To register, call 881-2597; in Athens, call 232-4885. This is your chance to learn to sing four-part harmony.

Thrift shop— The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, April 6 at 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Fill a bag for \$1.

Huntsville Pilgrimage— Eight of Huntsville's most historic houses, including landmarks dating to 1815, will be featured April 13 and 14 during the Huntsville Pilgrimage Association's 11th annual tour.

Show houses include one of the oldest structures in the state, and range from a rare frame antebellum house to a Greek Revival masterpiece build by Alabama's second governor, and from Queen Anne cottages to a Colonial Revival house. The houses are within the Twickenham and Old Town historic districts. Four houses will be open each day. Pilgrimage tickets will also offer admission to Alabama Constitution Village and the Huntsville Depot Museum. Tickets are \$10 per day or \$18 for both tours. Proceeds will be used for the restoration, preservation and beautification of historic Maple Hill Cemetery. Show hours are 1-5 p.m. For a brochure, call Huntsville Convention & Visitors Bureau 533-5723. For more information, call Margaret Henson 534-8359.

Limestone Zoo festival— The Limestone Zoological Park and Exotic Wildlife Refuge is hosting its first Spring Fling festival April 6-7 at the Limestone Zoo, 30193 Nick Davis Road, Harvest. Jim Fowler of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom, and president of M of O's Wildlife Heritage Foundation will be present Saturday only 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The festival is a family oriented event for children with a stage area setup for musical/magical/educational entertainment throughout both days. Admission is \$4

for adults and children 4 years and older, \$3 for children 1-3, and free for children under 1. There will be an additional charge to participate in some activities. For information call 230-0330 or visit their home page on the World Wide Web: <http://garply.com/~wildside>.

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 is the schedule for April 9-11: "Idea Power" at the Sparkman ALC, building 5304, room 4319; and "The Miracle Man" at North ALC, building 3222.

Red Cross blood program— April 5, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., building 5400, Tammy Moore 876-3033. April 11, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., building 5304, Kaye Donovan 842-9909 or George Sumrall 876-0027; and from 8:30-11, building 8027, Rodger Pitzer 842-0731. April 12, from 7-noon, building 4488, Leslie Summers 842-6125. April 18, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., building 4752 (NASA), Edwina Bressette 544-8115. April 25, from 7-noon, building 5250, Judy Hullett 876-0789. April 26, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SSDC, Al Longhi 955-4164; and from 7:30-noon at Corps of Engineers, Nancy Villasana 895-1233.

Summer jobs— Turn your spare time into extra cash. Local businesses will have jobs available for youth (16 through college age) which they may apply for during a job fair 9 a.m. to noon April 13 at the Huntsville High School gym (Billie Watkins Drive off Bob Wallace Avenue). A pre-job fair workshop will be held 6-8 p.m. April 11 at the Youth Center, building 3148 for the Redstone community youth. This workshop will help prepare them for the job fair, provide tips on completing application forms, and give information on interviewing techniques. To register for the workshop, call Debra Jefferson of Army Community Service 876-5397.

Boating safety course

— The Coast Guard Auxiliary in Huntsville is offering a Boating Skills and Safety Class; a material fee will be collected the first night of class. A class will begin at 6:30 p.m. April 11 at Redstone Arsenal in Stillwell Hall, building 3305, room 115. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 890-2220 (days) or 830-6621 (evenings).

Tax deadline— April 15, the deadline for taxpayers, will arrive soon. The Tax Center— for all eligible military personnel to include active duty, retirees and family members — is in building 3475 on Honest John Road. Its hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7. For more information or an appointment, call 876-1235.



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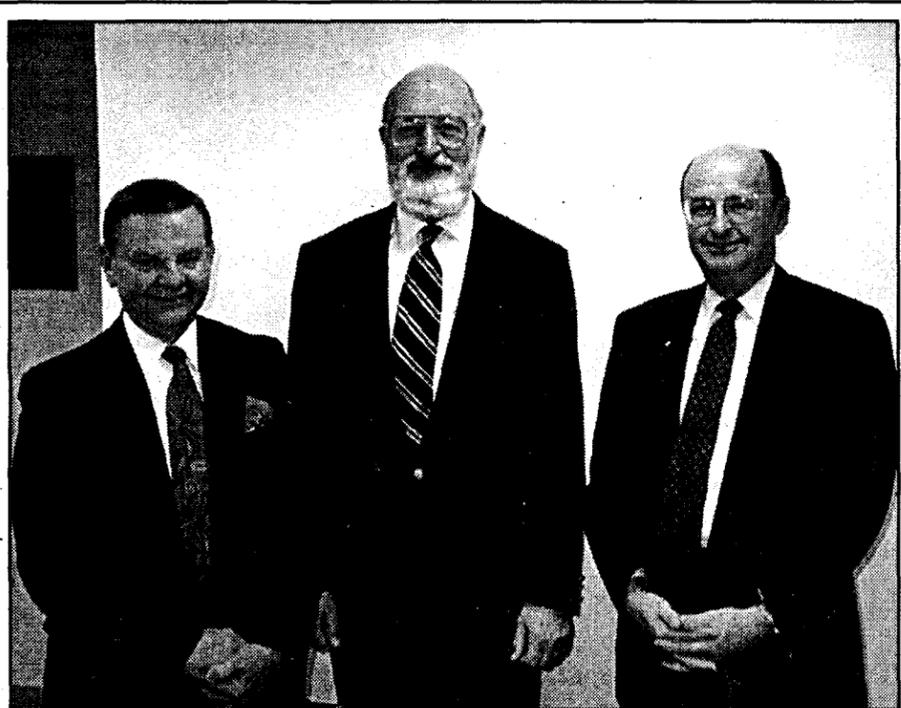
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• Miscellaneous •



Intelligence briefing...

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Military Intelligence Association presented a program on "The Roles and Capabilities of the U.S. Intelligence Community" Thursday at the Officers Club. From left are Wayne Simpson, president of the Tennessee Valley Chapter; Roy Jongers, executive director of NMIA and editor of the "American Intelligence Journal"; and George Lewis, chapter vice president.



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