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## Redstone Arsenal salutes its community volunteers



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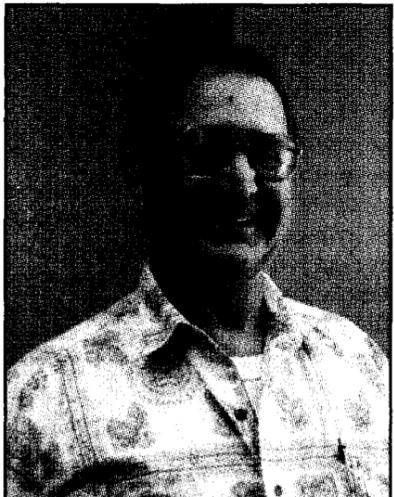


**STEWART**

By Peggy Hays

A volunteer is one who commits to a purposeful, considered, and natural action. Certainly, the five winners of the Redstone Arsenal Volunteer of the Year Awards have made a deep and binding commitment to selected projects. In so doing, their enjoyment is on display, naturally involving others with their energy, and exuding a positive regard for people. In effect, volunteering is a natural outgrowth of their personal philosophies.

The five overall category winners as well as all the Redstone Arsenal volunteers who energize others through their efforts will be feted at a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon April 30 at the Officers Club. The luncheon will be 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Speakers are to include Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of MICOM and Redstone Arsenal; Col. Stephen



**WEINBERG**



**REESE**

Moeller, deputy post commander; and a representative from the Huntsville City Council. April 21-27 is National Volunteer Week.

The five category winners are:

Ralph Fleischman, Military Community Sustained Service Award; Betty Haars, Community Service

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### Volunteers provide many services at Redstone

By Peggy Hays

In addition to the five Volunteer of the Year Award winners, the following will be recognized April 30 for their Redstone community service.

• **Geraldine King** — Serving as president for the past four years of the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club and overseeing all business activities, including the donations raised by the club for those in need, scholarships for students, and community volunteer projects; for chairing the club's annual gift wrap fund raiser and for remaining committed despite serious health problems in the last year. For several years of assisting the Salvation Army in their holiday angel program, visiting a nursing home monthly to help with bingo and to make items for the residents, and undertaking special projects for the Red Cross.

• **Marjorie Ogles** — For over 21 years of active military community service, including 17 years at Redstone Arsenal, most notably with the Thrift Shop, tagging consigned and donated merchandise, filing data, keeping volunteer records and time sheets, serving as parliamentarian, and participating in a review of job descriptions and the Volunteer Recognition Program. Serving on church board and upgrading day care and youth programs and the acquiring of certified teachers. Using experience as a nurse to work at Red Cross Bloodmobile and hospital clinic and to provide home care to mother and mother-in-law.

• **Dorothy Patrick** — Using organizational skills as secretary for the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club for the past four years to reduce meeting times while increasing productivity. Representing the ARNCOOSC in activities for the Soldier of the Month, Quarter and Year. Holding 200-hour ACS professional functions for husband's military unit and a program for 24-hour a

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## Facilities Influence



REDSTONE ARSENAL, AL

## Postwide utility bill rises 10 percent

By Skip Vaughn

Redstone's rising utility bill has alarmed officials here who point out that salaries are paid from the same funds.

The Operations and Maintenance, Army (OMA) cost for Redstone averages from \$18 million to \$20 million a year. This is up from the \$17.3 million cost in 1993. "It's increased 10 percent since 1993," Frank Osborne, the Missile Command's energy coordinator, said.

Electricity represents about half of the utility bill which also includes natural gas, water, steam, and sewage. The Army pays the bill; and it gets some reimbursement from users such as Marshall Space Flight Center and other direct-funded customers.

While the overall bill is increasing, Redstone has improved its cost per square foot— thanks to new energy-efficient facilities. "We were on target for our 30 percent glide path for reduction as mandated by Executive Order 12901 in '92," Osborne said. "However, the recent cold (weather) is certainly going to impact that."

Facilities such as the Sparkman Center have helped reduce the cost per square foot by replacing "old buildings which I call energy hogs," he said.

Osborne attributes the higher utility bill to the increase in buildings, additional computers and more people.

Energy conservation is "mandated by

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## Commander's letter: Volunteer support

This year the week of April 21-27 is proclaimed as National Volunteer Week. It is during this week we take time to recognize the many services provided by our volunteers who are the backbone of support for community welfare and service to the military family.

This year's national theme is "Volunteer, We Belong Together." It represents the partnering we share with the volunteers in the Redstone Arsenal community.

In this time of dwindling government and other resources, volunteer community service in health care, human services, and education is critical. Fortunately, we don't have to approach these challenges alone.

Together with our volunteers, together with the people whose lives we touch, we can help our communities and our nation solve problems. Together, we can truly make lives better, including our own.

On behalf of the entire Redstone Arsenal community, I am proud to recognize our volunteers as an essential element of this community, and call on all personnel to take this opportunity to thank volunteers for their vital support.

**Maj. Gen. James Link,  
Commander,  
MICOM and Redstone**

## View from the Pentagon: National Volunteer Week

"Volunteer, We Belong Together" is the theme chosen by the Points of Light Foundation for National Volunteer Week, April 21-27. Please join us in celebrating this important week as we recognize volunteers who are making a difference in their communities.

Army volunteers demonstrate the spirit of "Volunteer, We Belong Together" by bringing individuals of diverse backgrounds, interests, and ages together for the betterment of military and civilian communities. Soldiers, civilians, retirees, spouses and youth share their talents by making positive changes that impact our lives. Military units and organizations participate in partnerships in education through tutoring and mentoring programs in many elementary and high schools. Multi-lingual volunteers aid foreign born spouses in learning new languages and customs. Youth bring hope to former soldiers at veterans' hospitals and assist younger children in school and religious programs. Single soldiers bring enthusiasm and energy to youth sports programs. Retirees support active duty installations by contributing their wisdom and experience. By investing their time, talents and energy in reaching out to others, our volunteers demonstrate that we can build a brighter future for all.

We encourage National Volunteer Week programs that honor our dedicated volunteers and express our gratitude to those who have made volunteerism a part of their lives. Others are encouraged to experience the rewards of volunteer community service. Members of our work force, military and civilian, and members of the community are urged to take advantage of opportunities that recognize volunteers and their achievements.

On behalf of the Army, we thank all volunteers and recognize their commitment to making our communities better places to live.

**Secretary of Army Togo West  
Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis Reimer**

## Letters to the editor

### Irritating drivers

I found this article in the MILEPOST Magazine, Spring 1996 issue. This magazine is published by the State of Alabama Safety Coordinating Committee.

Market Opinion Research of Farmington Hills, Mich., polled drivers to find "the sure-fire recipe" for irritating fellow motorists.

The following is what they found:

- Driver who cut you off (20 percent).
- Drivers who do not use turn signals (16 percent).
- Drivers who tailgate (15 percent).
- Driving too slow/driving too slow in the fast lane (13 percent).
- Driving too fast (5 percent).
- Using cellular phone (3 percent).
- Discourteous drivers (3 percent).
- Running red lights (3 percent).
- Changing lanes too often (2 percent).
- Reckless driving (1 percent).
- Drivers who do not dim their bright headlights (1 percent).
- Drivers who stop for no reason (1 percent).
- Drivers who blow their horn (1 percent).
- Drivers who drink (1 percent).
- Drivers who fail to merge (1 percent).
- Drivers who ride their brakes (1 percent).
- Gawkers (1 percent).
- Drivers who pass on the right (1 percent).
- Drivers who won't let you pass (1 percent).

**Bobby Noles**  
Installation traffic manager

### Bridge work

When the bridge project started on Patton Road, it was reported in the Rocket that the speed limit reduction would not be in effect during "peak traffic hours." What is the definition of peak traffic hours?

According to sources with the Alabama State Troopers and local police departments, the signs being used to indicate 45mph-35mph-25mph in the construction area are considered precautionary signs in the Alabama uniform traffic regulations. The signs are yellow with black numbers, and are to be treated by motorists as precautionary, and to be obeyed when circumstances warrant. A more fitting example would be a crosswalk sign... you utilize caution when approaching a crosswalk; however, you don't stop when pedestrians are absent. Further explanation concerning enforceability of the speed limits on this color sign allows the police officer to write a citation if the vehicle operator did not proceed in a reasonable and prudent manner (depending on the circumstances at the time), in a construction zone for instance. All of this explanation leads up to the question of, "Why are the MPs writing tickets for speeding in this area when construction workers are not on Patton Road, but on the new bridge being constructed?" Could this be a "speed trap"?

Also, I believe there is a MICOM reg concerning jogging and bicycle riding on certain roadways during peak traffic hours. Why is this not being enforced? I pass joggers and bicycle operators every afternoon, and watch MPs pass these same people. Does someone have to be injured before enforcement takes place?

**Name withheld by request**

*(Editor's note: The Directorate of Public Works provided the following response. "When the bridge project began on Patton Road, standard construction zone signs were installed to notify the public that bridge work was being performed and to provide some level of safety for workers and drivers. This is a requirement for roadway construction projects on any city, county, state and federal roadway.*

"MICOM Reg 210-2 F-4-h says, '(1) Marching, running and jogging are not authorized on Patton, Vincent, Goss, Martin, Rideout, Toftoy, Marshall, Buxton, Hansen, Dodd, Redstone, Neal, Fowler, and Mills Roads during peak traffic hours (6:30-8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3-5 p.m.), except weekends and holidays.

"(2) Marching, running and jogging are not authorized on any roadway with a speed limit of 35 mph or greater."

"According to State of Alabama Motor Vehicle Laws (ss 32-1-1.1.), a bicycle is classified as a vehicle. A bicycle is subject to all applicable portions of the state motor vehicle code; therefore, cannot be prohibited from roadways that other vehicles are allowed to travel."

### Historical office

My thanks to Kathy Harkleroad and the Redstone Rocket for the article about the MICOM Historical Office's home page on the Internet (<http://www.redstone.army.mil/history/home.html>).

I would also like to add a note of sincere appreciation to a group whose efforts were omitted in the article. We initially found the web folks (Team Redstone On-Line) through Ralph Garrison, a history buff who has a legitimate claim to Redstone's history: His mother worked on the munitions lines here at Redstone during World War II. Ralph introduced us to Robert Brown, chief webmaster and one super guy to work with. We've also been working with Bob Raymond (an equally exceptional Team Redstone web guru who's at it 20 hours a day), contractors Margaret Abernathy, Charles Aulds, Bill Zachery, and many others whose names slip my memory. Without these people—people who truly epitomize "Team Redstone"—we wouldn't be on the web. Thanks!

**Michael E. Baker**  
Command Historian,

### Block party

On behalf of the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the 1996 Month of the Military Child Block Party sponsors. This annual event focuses on honoring Redstone Arsenal's youth by providing a day filled with family enrichment activities. The support and contributions from sponsors helped make this event a huge success.

Sponsors were the Redstone Arsenal Post Exchange; AUSA (Association of the United States Army); Sergeants Major Association; WAHR Radio 99; Officers Wives Club; Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club; Redstone Arsenal Thrift Shop; Geico & Affiliates Insurance Company; Colonial Baking Company; Blue Bell Creameries; Buffalo Rock-Pepsi Company; PYA Monarch, Atlanta; Sunday Dinner, Montgomery; Wal-Mart; Olan Mills; and Kroger Food Stores. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the Huntsville City Orchestra for their outstanding performance at the event.

**J. P. Mullen**  
Director, Directorate of  
Community & Family  
Activities

### Correction

A caption for a photo that appeared on page 20 last week misspelled a soldier's name. SSgt. David Dopp is one of the soldiers standing in front of an MLRS display at the block party held for the Month of the Military Child.

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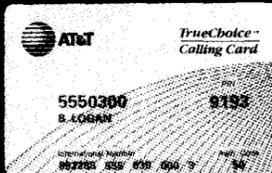
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# Building renovated for new occupants from St. Louis

By Skip Vaughn

Building 5681 will undergo a major renovation in preparation for its new occupants from St. Louis.

The facility, former home for the Integrated Materiel Management Center, will house the Program Executive Office-Aviation and parts of the Aviation Research, Development and Engineering Center. The approximately 630 workers are among those moving from St. Louis as part of the base realignment and closure (BRAC) process.

"We're excited to have the folks from St. Louis come and hope they're pleased with the facility. We think it'll be a successful (renovation) project," Valerie Shippers, an engineer in the master planning division of Environmental Management and Planning, said.

Constructed in 1943, the

one-story building south of Martin Road has 117,000 square feet. It is over 700 feet long—more than two football fields. The facility has been vacant for more than a year, since the IMMC workers moved into the new Sparkman Center.

The Mobile District, Corps of Engineers has done a design for the project which was advertised April 8. A bid opening is expected June 8, a contract will probably be awarded in July, and renovation should be completed about October 1997. Cost, using BRAC money, is expected in the \$5-10 million range.

"We are basically gutting the building," Shippers said. "It should be a beautiful building when we get done."

The building will be divided into open-bay modules with fire walls; the seven bays vary from 12,000 to 25,000 square

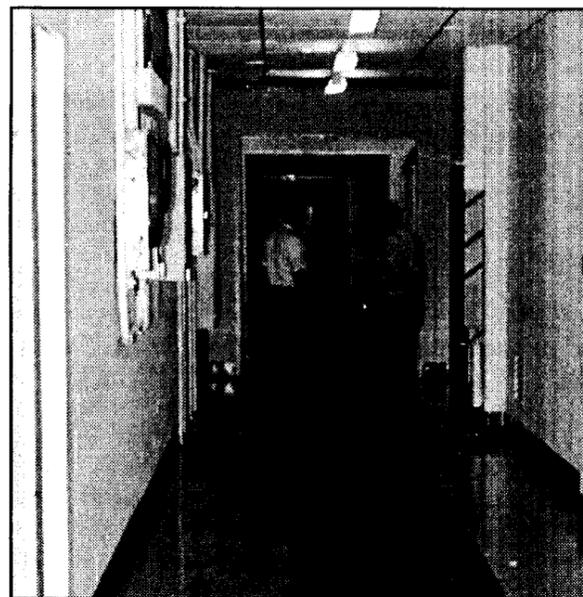
feet. Raised computer flooring and carpet will be added throughout. The facility will get floor, wall and ceiling finishes; the electrical system will be redone and the chillers replaced; and stucco will replace the metal finish on the exterior. A covered porch will be added to each of the two main entrances.

Addressing questions she has heard from the future occupants, Shippers said there is no need for any safety concerns. Asbestos has been removed under previous abatement projects; and any remaining asbestos, such as in caulking around windows, is contained as opposed to friable or loose. The contractor will be required to remove any asbestos disturbed during the renovation. From 1949-62 the building was used in DDT production, but that company has long since been kicked out. A

cleanup project was conducted in the basement in 1991-92; and the basement will be sealed off from the building under the upcoming renovation.

"The bottom line is it should be safe for any occupant. It meets all current air quality standards," Shippers said.

Design review meetings have included representatives from master planning, the Mobile District, the Corporate Information Center, Directorate of Public Works, security, and the future occupants. Some of the participants have included Joe Davis, chief of master planning division; Mike Hubbard, director of Environmental Manage-



**PAST HALLWAY**— The upcoming renovation will bring raised flooring, carpet, vinyl covering on the corridor walls, new drop ceiling, and new light fixtures.

ment and Planning; near William Avila. Shippers and fellow engi-



## Special visitor...

Army Community Service had a special visitor Friday morning when Helen Wilson, wife of AMC Commander Gen. Johnnie Wilson, spent the day touring various offices on post. From left are Judy Link, wife of the post com-

mander; Wilson; Bobby Presley, chief of Family Services; and Sue Paddock, ACS director. Wilson was briefed by ACS staff members and by representatives from various other Family Services departments.



**FORMER ENTRANCE**— The building, formerly occupied by IMMC, will sport a new main entrance with a covered porch.

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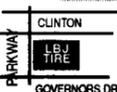
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# Environmental training needs determined by survey

By Bob DiMichele

A new tool for assessing environmental training requirements called the Environmental Compliance and Awareness Training Survey (ECATS) has just been introduced by the Corps of Engineers' Environmental Training Support Center in conjunction with the Army Environmental Center.

"ECATS is a user-friendly, computerized survey program that will give commanders and supervisors a means to determine the environmental training needs of their personnel," said Rick Montgomery, an environmental protection specialist at the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville. Montgomery used his experiences as an environmental coordinator at Fort Irwin, Calif., and as chief of the Environmental Training

Center at Fort Sill, Okla., to help develop the new training identification program.

ECATS can identify the environmental training needs of soldiers and Army civilians by posing a series of questions concerning the tasks an individual performs on the job and questions concerning the work environment. "The questions are geared to what soldiers and civilians really do," Montgomery said, "and therefore include 'other duties as assigned.'"

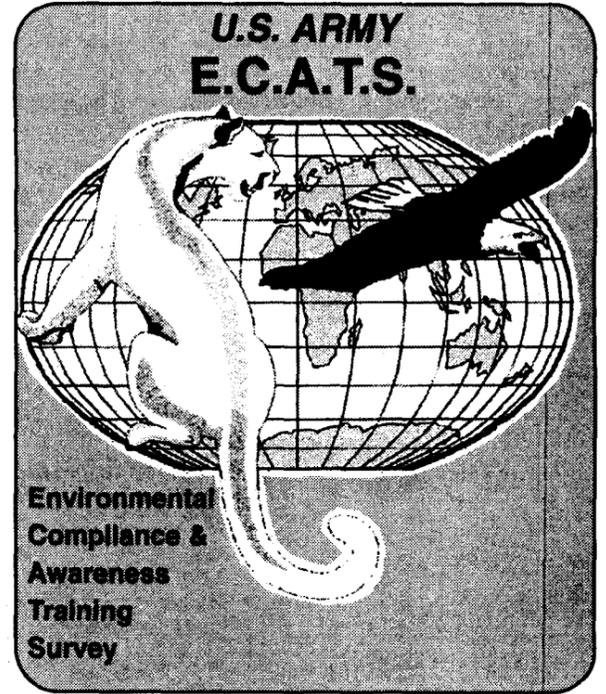
After participants respond to the questions, the computer program generates an individualized listing of the training they are required to have in accordance with the Codes of Federal Regulations. It also gives the participants an opportunity to read the federal law or regulation that mandates the training. The program will provide supervisors with a printout that shows all the

training required of each individual, where to obtain the training and whom to call for assistance. "Therefore," Montgomery explained, "the survey results can be used to prepare a training needs document, and the data can be passed on to commanders to assist in their decision-making processes about resource allocations."

ECATS will be fielded in three phases. The first phase will establish Category I training requirements, that is training required for compliance with federal law. Phase I ECATS computer disks and accompanying instructions

begin to be distributed to Army installations and activities starting April 1 for testing and evaluation. "The Environmental Training Support Center invites those working in environmental compliance missions to participate in the evaluation of ECATS," Montgomery said.

Later ECATS phases will establish Category II training, training consistent with "good or best management practices" that enhance environmental compliance, and Category III training, desired training that would benefit the installation or activity.



## Earth Day celebration set Thursday at nature path

Earth Day will be observed Thursday with activities at the Path to Nature, adjacent to the Col. Hudson Recreation Area. Everyone is welcome to attend.

"We're celebrating the 26th anniversary of Earth Day which was started by Sen. Gaylord Nelson in 1970," Susan Weber, environmental specialist in Environmental Management and Planning, said. "We're celebrating at the Path to Nature because we feel it's a true asset to the Arsenal. And we would love for civilians as well as military people and their families to come out and celebrate with us that day."

The Path to Nature, having its first anniversary Thursday, was created for use by school systems and is open to anyone who has access to the post. The self-guided path features a 3,000-foot trail and two boardwalks which are another 500 feet. A teacher curriculum guide provides information in the classroom. About 25 signs along the trail tell about the ecology of the area.

"It's really an outstanding opportunity. There's no other (trail) in north Alabama that's like ours," Weber said.

Here is the planned agenda for Thursday:

- 10 a.m.— Recognition of representatives from environmental agencies, school systems, city and

county governments. Introduction of Col. Stephen Moeller, deputy post commander, by Mike Hubbard, director of Environmental Management and Planning.

- 10:05— Remarks by Moeller and introduction of Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.

- 10:10— Remarks by Link.

- 10:20— Activity with Child Development Center children.

- 10:30— Children play with Earth Ball.

- 11:00— "Backyard Wildlife Habitat" by Keith Hudson, wildlife biologist.

- Noon— A tour of Path to Nature. Brown-bag lunch (bring your own) at Col. Hudson Recreation Area.

- 1 p.m.— Presentation of snakes by Mark Roberts, Alabama Forestry Commission.

- 2 p.m.— Conservation of rare and endangered species—a young tiger and screech owl will be present from the Limestone Zoological Park & Exotic Wildlife Refuge.

- 3 p.m.— Celebration concludes.

For more information, call 876-0218 or 955-6970.

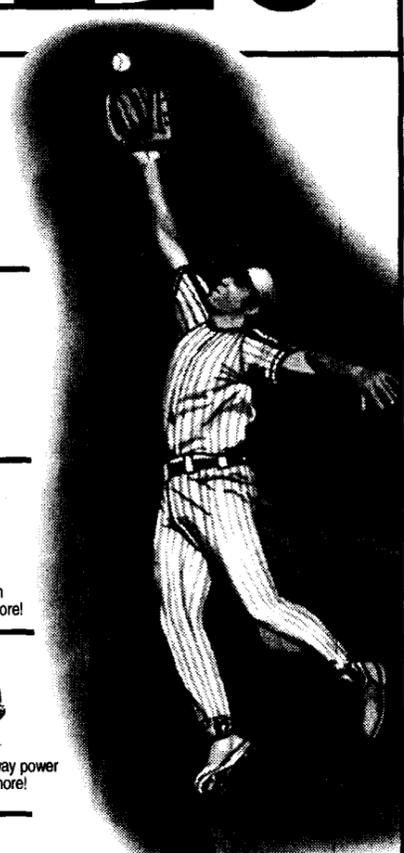
The Path to Nature is north of the Col. Hudson Recreation Area off of Raiford.

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## Dan Wachtel

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# Chief of Ordnance praises missile school, soldiers

By Kathy Harkleroad

The commander of the Ordnance Corps, Brig. Gen. Robert Shadley, visited Redstone Arsenal April 19-22 and took part in several events held that weekend. Shadley also took a few moments out of his busy schedule to visit with the troops and classrooms.

Shadley became chief of Ordnance on Aug. 11, 1995 and is in command of two schools, the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School (OMMCS), and the Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., as well as 10 active duty posts and 19 regional training sites.

"There are approximately 129,000 Ordnance soldiers in the Ordnance Corps," Shadley said. "And they are stationed all over the world and in almost every unit in the Army. Believe it or not, we have more active duty and reserve Ordnance soldiers than the infantry."

Shadley said he had three major challenges as commander of the Ordnance Corps: getting out to meet and see the soldiers, leading the Corps into the 21st century and maintaining the visibility of the Ordnance Corps.

"Since I took command I have been to nine divisions, three Corps, and four foreign countries. The majority of our soldiers are not necessarily assigned to Ordnance units, but are assigned directly to the units they support. Everywhere I go I make sure I have the time to get out and meet the soldiers who are doing the work representing the Corps and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

"I also make sure I thank the families of those soldiers; they are the ones balancing

careers, holding down the fort and making sure their spouses have what they need to do a good job," he continued. "Sometimes I wonder how they do it all."

The Ordnance Corps must be able to adapt to future changes, according to Shadley. "I see an Ordnance Corps that is effective and efficient at providing support to the Army. In order to do that, we need to stay on top of the changes in technology and equipment," he said.

One example of the changes is the new telemaintenance program. "We fix broken tanks instead of broken bodies," Shadley said, referring to the similarity of the telemaintenance program and telemedicine program.

"I just visited with a class here at Redstone that was also being conducted with soldiers at Fort Bliss, Texas. As a result of using the teleconferencing capabilities we saved \$4,000 for the Army," Shadley said.

"Redstone Arsenal is a special place and is producing quality soldiers. Some say these soldiers are tomorrow's Army, I disagree. They are today's Army and are being placed in units with little or no additional training once they leave here. And they are doing an excellent job," he said. "That speaks highly of the instructors and staff here at OMMCS."

Shadley said he is proud of all the soldiers assigned to the Ordnance Corps and proud of the many joint ventures in which they have participated. "I am very proud of those soldiers who participated in the joint venture with the engineers at Fort Leonard Wood (Mo.) and the countermine training that took place preparing other soldiers for deployment to Bosnia," he added.

In mentioning the recent change of com-



**HELPING HAND—** Shadley— is shown paying a visit to Bravo Company students, 852nd Ordnance Battalion, as they practice their land navigation skills. Shadley spoke to them about the importance of their Common

Task Training, and asked a few personal questions of the soldiers. Shadley also viewed the troops assigned to Charlie Company as they practiced their Drill and Ceremony exercises.

mand at OMMCS, Shadley said "Col. Tom Hooper has done a great job with the school and the community. His wife, Diana, and his family have also contributed highly to both the Huntsville community and the Arsenal. Col. (Gerald) Luttrell will also do just as good a job as Col. Hooper has done."

Shadley joined the Army in 1967 and served as an instructor at OMMCS as his first duty assignment. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in industrial engineering from Purdue University, and a master of

military arts and science degree from the Army Command and Staff College.

Previous duties include assignments in Japan, Vietnam and Germany as well as several stateside commands. Before becoming commander of the Ordnance Corps, Shadley was the executive officer to the commanding general of the Army Materiel Command.

He and his wife, Ellie, reside at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

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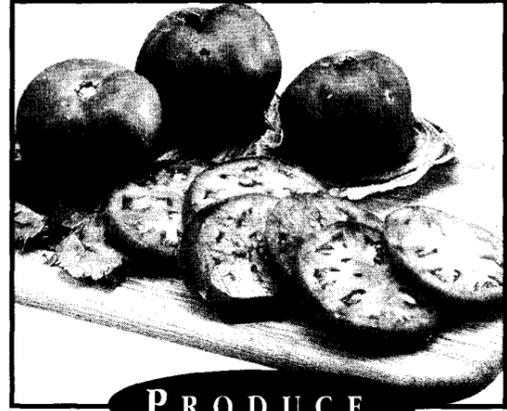
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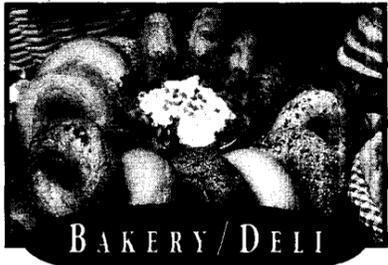
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# Air Force squadron veterans reunite in Huntsville

By James Brewer

A small group of Air Force "survivors" will return to the La Quinta Inn, 4870 University Drive, for their annual reunion April 26-28. Although following widely divergent paths for most of their lives, they have been close friends for more than 40 years.

It is a fact that shared, prolonged adversity tends to cement such lasting friendships. One easily-understood form of adversity is to be shot at from all sides with no place to hide. A less-known form, but more familiar to them, is to be airborne at night with a crew of eight, nursing a disabled and deteriorating airplane, in a blinding snowstorm and with no acceptable place to land.

And "prolonged" can mean being subjected frequently to such hairy intervals for more than four years, sometimes in weather where you must bend over to find the ground, even if lucky enough to stand on it. Especially burdensome, too, is the knowledge that if the "Red Button" is pushed, you will quickly become a fat airborne duck over no-man's-land, filled with many tons of both jet fuel and high-octane aviation

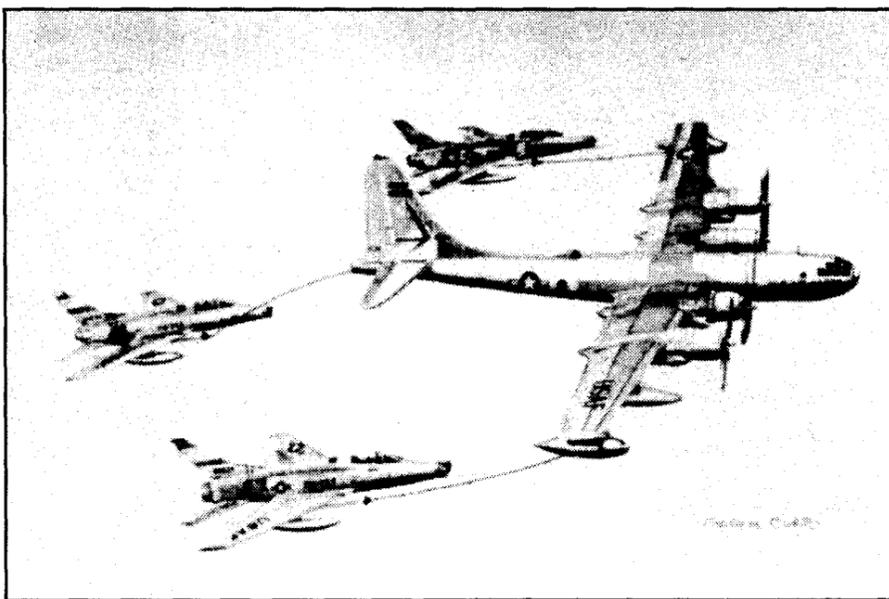
gasoline, with lots of dangerous people nearby who bitterly resent your presence.

One small consolation is that you have a parachute. But the bad news here is the row of great four-blade steel props, spinning at 2,000 rpm, each driven by up to 3,500 horsepower, which are perilously close to your hopeful path of exit.

It is no exaggeration to label those people at La Quinta as survivors. One of them began his military career in the horse cavalry and was an Air Force first sergeant well into the supersonic age. One of them was in a midair collision and explosion over France but was blown free—and fell in blissful unconsciousness. One of them landed a crippled KB-29 one night during a blinding snowstorm, in a totally invisible world, in an airplane and an era when such was "impossible."

Each of them devoted his full physical and mental ability to meeting the demands, discomforts and unusual hazards of his career, and has endless hairy stories of his own.

Their divergent military careers first came together in 1954 at Alexandria, La., when they were selected to



**AERIAL REFUELING**— This drawing depicts a KB-50 refueling three Super Sabre fighters.

form the 420th Air Refueling Squadron, the first to have a specific mission to midair refuel jet fighters. Although this subject might elicit yawns from the uninitiated, it was very hazardous considering the state of aviation at the time and the worn-out, underpowered KB-29s used for aerial tankers. Yet no less an authority than Chuck Yeager is on record as stating that aerial refueling is as important to the military capability as the jet engine. The experienced mind

searches to find anything that exceeds either (maybe the atomic bomb?), and indeed each multiplies the other.

The 420th proceeded quickly to achieve a string of firsts: First to refuel jet fighters during a coast-to-coast speed run, allowing them to set a new record; first such unit to deploy permanently to England, to support all fighter operations in Europe; first such unit to support, midway in their deployment, a large non-stop overseas move-

ment of fighters (with tankers staging out of Iceland); first USAF unit to accept and operate then-new KB-50s, which allowed refueling three fighters at a time; and first USAF unit to accept and operate KB-50Js, with the 14,000 horsepower of four piston engines boosted by two jet engines to help lift the heavy loads and to meet the speed and altitude requirements of newer fighters being supported.

Along with their companions this small group at

La Quinta lived and flew out of England for three years, operating at the limits of human and their airplanes' ability. They flew day and night in all weather and with maximum loads, while still on perpetual alert to execute their pre-assigned warplan. Three of their airplanes and 20 of their companions were lost to weather and malfunction, and a fourth airplane exploded and burned on the ground from a malfunction which would more likely have occurred in the air with the loss of all aboard. But their efforts were an anchor in Europe during the Cold War, proved the great benefit of aerial refueling for fighters, and paved the way for its extensive use ever since.

And what about that man we left unconscious and falling from the midair explosion? He regained his senses as he fell blindly through a thick overcast. Although battered, bruised and dazed, he had the presence of mind to find and pull his ripcord—and the parachute worked as advertised. Survivors indeed!

*(Editor's note: Brewer, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, resides in Grant.)*

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# Fleet of replacement vehicles on way to new owners

By Kathy Harkleroad

Several government offices on the Arsenal will be receiving new vehicles starting this week; and the GSA Field Office has become a very popular place to call and visit.

"We have been receiving calls right and left since the new cars started arriving," Robert Smith, equipment manager, said. "People are wanting to know if they are theirs and when they can come by and sign for them."

The cars and trucks started arriving the first of March; and there are 38 Ford Rangers sitting in the parking lot ready for delivery. "We still have quite a few vehicles on order and will be receiving them in the near future," Smith said. "As soon as we get the orders in and get the vehicles prepped, we will call the appropriate office and deliver the vehicle." The

vehicles will be delivered through June.

Arriving on the Arsenal are Dodge Neons and Stratus', Chevy Corsicas, Ford Rangers and F150 pickups and Dodge Rams, and Chevy Astro minivans. A new fuel tanker, two new ambulances, a bus and other special purpose vehicles are also set to arrive. "We have a little bit of everything coming," Smith said.

The new vehicles were ordered to replace vehicles already in service and have met the replacement criteria. Sedans are replaced every three years and 30,000 miles or at four years and any mileage. Trucks and minivans are replaced every six years or 60,000 miles, whichever comes first.

"The person who is in charge of the vehicle should really keep a close eye on the mileage and when it gets close to the cutoff, should

order a new one," Smith said. "We will begin taking orders for vehicles that need to be replaced next year, in July."

Once the vehicles are turned in and new ones received, they are sold at auction and some of the purchase price is recouped by GSA. "Last year was the first year we shipped the vehicles out of state," Smith said. "In the past we held the auctions here on the Arsenal; but due to cost-cutting measures, the location has changed and we move them to Nashville where they are sold."

Smith said in order to get a good price for the vehicles at the auction, several steps should be taken by the various offices that possess them. "It is very important that if something goes wrong with the car, it gets fixed. Many of the cars and trucks are under factory warranty and the repairs are



**SPECIAL DELIVERY—** These new Ford Rangers, parked at the GSA Field Office, will be delivered to offices beginning this week. The replacement vehicles were ordered last year.

free to GSA," he said.

"It is also very important to not use any tobacco products while in the vehicles as this reduces the selling cost. The more we can get for the vehicle at the auction, means the less prices will go up for us on the other

end," he added.

According to Smith, it costs each office approximately \$136 per month to use a sedan, \$155 for a compact truck, \$165 a month for a full size truck or minivan. "Those prices are going to increase in the near future,

and the more we can get at the auctions for these vehicles the less the price will increase throughout the year," he said.

Total cost of the vehicles purchased by GSA for the Arsenal will exceed \$1.5 million for this year.

## Arbor Day events scheduled Friday

Redstone and surrounding communities will celebrate Arbor Day at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Huntsville-Madison County Botanical Garden, 4747 Bob Wallace Ave.

Officials and representatives of the commanding general of Redstone Arsenal, mayors of Huntsville and Madison, and the Madison County Commission will speak and sign a joint proclamation declaring this day as Arbor Day to signify their rededication to helping the environment by protecting and planting trees, shrubs and other plants.

This Arbor Day celebration will serve as a reminder of our installation's goal to protect and care for our trees, shrubs and other vegetation in the community. This year Redstone's installation forester, Jesse Horton, has secured special federal funding to reforest many of the 400 acres of pine forests devastated by the southern pine beetle. Horton and Dave Nixon, the installation's wildlife biologist, have worked together in planting 20,000 pine trees and 21,000 sawtooth oak, autumn olive and persimmon trees and bicol-

or plants to provide food and habitat for game and non-game animals and establish vegetative buffer screens for Army mission purposes.

This year the Arsenal will recognize the importance of Arbor Day on the installation with a tree planting ceremony at 2:45 p.m. Friday beside the Wetlands Educational Center, building 8930, located near the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area. MICOM command staff, Smokey the Bear, children from the Child Development Center, and others will be present.

Take time out from your busy schedule Friday and join in celebrating Arbor Day at the Botanical Garden and follow up with the tree planting ceremony at building 8930. If your work schedule won't permit your departure then make plans to plant and maintain a tree this planting season. "After all, planted trees, wherever planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal for you and future generations," Horton said.

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**Earth Day event...**

CWO 4 Steve Caudill from the OMMCS Safety and Environmental Office took the message of Earth Day to West Madison Elementary School April 9. Caudill talked about recycling programs, how to protect the environment and various ongoing efforts. From left are Caudill, Mary Hodgens of Corps of Engineers, Caudill's daughter Ashley, Tonia Barlett, and Beverly Atkins, assistant principal of the school.

**AMC commander puts people first**

The new commander of the Army Materiel Command told an overflow crowd Friday at the Sparkman Center that people are his top priority.

"People have always been my priority and always will," Gen. Johnnie Wilson, the AMC commander since March 27, said.

He showed viewgraphs of his organizational plans, discussed his leadership philosophy, and answered questions from the audience.

While discussing manpower plans, he pointed out that the Army Materiel Command had 67,931 people by Sept. 30, 1995 and has been asked to reduce to 51,291 by Sept. 30, 2001.

AMC's strategic intent remains, "To be the Army's Materiel Command... Relevant, Responsive and Ready," Wilson said.

He asked the Missile



WILSON

Command workers to welcome their new co-workers arriving from St. Louis as part of the base realignment

and closure process. "I would ask each of you, as a favor to me, to reach out and touch them," he said.

**AWARDS**

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Involvement Award; Danny Reese, Youth Volunteer Award; Carol Stewart, Redstone Arsenal Military Community Sustained Service Award; and Ray Weinberg, Service to Youth Award.

Other volunteers to be honored include Geraldine King, Marjorie Ogles, Dorothy Patrick, Thelma Way, and Ben Wilson.

**Ralph Fleischman**

For the past 22 months, Ralph Fleischman, the winner of the Military Community Sustained Service Award, has consistently volunteered 68 hours per month for the Army Community Service. Fleischman operates the reception station for ACS and provides administrative assistance to program managers.

He often is the first source of information for clients seeking knowledge about ACS operations. He evaluates all possible needs of the clients to ensure referral to every appropriate program, instructs them on the necessary documentation required to receive services, and maintains statistical data. He reproduces and assembles educational material for class distribution, prepares welcome packets for new incoming personnel, and issues and receives household items from the ACS Lending Closet.

Fleischman also serves as the American Red Cross case worker assistant for Redstone Arsenal. He receives incoming requests for service, assesses the client situation to ensure soldiers are networked

through all resources, following up with commanders and other agencies to ensure that all clients receive satisfactory service. He maintains case files for each individual, including the case outcome. "For any messages we receive for soldiers," Fleischman said, "we verify everything."

Fleischman's nomination form states that "as the ACS receptionist, he greets customers, via phone and in person, in an open, positive, and welcoming manner." After meeting Fleischman, it's easy to see his flair for making people welcome; he has a booming, infectious laugh and a grand smile. He makes you feel he's glad to see you.

"Our objective is to help the soldier," he said.

Fleischman, who retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel with 25 years, belongs to The Retired Officers Association. He also works with the Bicentennial Chapel in selecting and printing songs appropriate for the season or special occasions.

In addition, he serves as a member of the Alabama State Defense Force, using community resources to locate speakers and resources appropriate for assisting families coping with separation. Fleischman was instrumental in activating a new service, the Coupon Clippers Club, a program designed to help Commissary shoppers save money on their grocery bills.

"My greatest satisfaction," he said, "is to be with other people and help them if I can. I need to give back. It's my time in life to give back. People have been awful good to me in my

life."

**Betty Haars**

The Community Service Involvement Award is especially suited for Betty Haars. For Haars not only serves as a volunteer herself but her most outstanding contribution may be her ability to actively involve others in service.

"If I could help people

till I die, that would be the ultimate," she said.

Haars not only chairs the Arsenal Bloodmobile Program for volunteers but recruits and schedules volunteers for all Redstone drives for all military and civilian employees. As the blood drives provide more than 40 percent of the total community need in Huntsville and Madison County,

Haars' recruitment efforts are significant. Haars has been associated with the Red Cross as a volunteer for 17 years, the past six and a half with the Arsenal community.

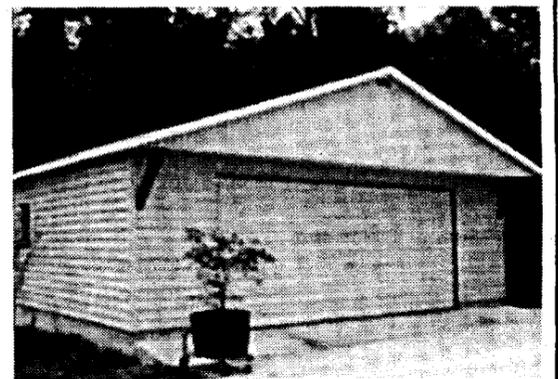
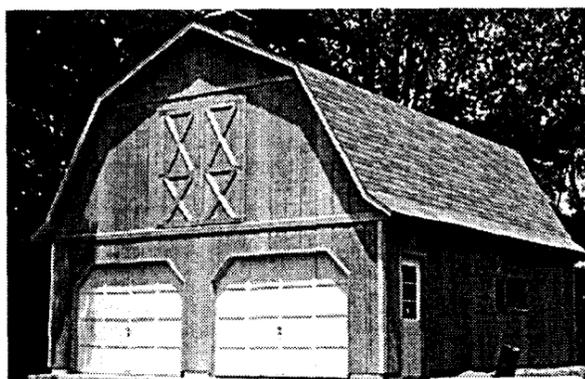
Haars also is the chairman of the blood drives at her church. "When I started about 10 years ago," she said, "we had about seven people. Three or four times

now we've had over 50 people." She admits that one of her enticements involves a "hot item—homemade raspberry walnut brownies. I've had people say they'd never come again if they didn't have brownies." Once, Haars even gave the recipe to a friend so that the brownies

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# Center's AEF fund-raisers include picnic, T-shirts



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Al Mitchell, of Management Engineering Activity, presents an appreciation plaque from the Lakewood Recreation Association to Col. Kent Miller, president of the American Society of Military Comptrollers. ASMC sponsored Lakewood's basketball team for ages 10 and under. The association provided funding for uniforms and a banquet for the team.

Research Development and Engineering Center is selling T-shirts to raise money for Army Emergency Relief. Also planned is the center's AER picnic.

"The AER T-shirt is really selling great. In fact, the orders doubled the second week and tripled the third week," Betty DiLullo, a budget analyst in RDEC's Center Support Office, said. She is in charge of the T-shirt sales.

The T-shirts cost \$10 for size small through "xxx large." If interested call DiLullo 876-3096.

RDEC will have its fund-raising picnic at 11 a.m. May 1 in the parking lot of building 5400. Buses will provide transportation. "Please come and join us for a wonderful time. We will have bingo, cake walk, Kiss the Pig contest, money



**SHIRTS FOR SALE—** RDEC AER T-shirts are selling fast. From left are Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal; Dr. William McCorkle, RDEC director; and DiLullo.

tree, T-shirts, basketball DiLullo said. Lisa White 955-6808 or contest, and a yard sale," For picnic tickets, call Tammy Moore 876-3033.

## People ...

The following members of Close Combat Anti-Armor Weapon Systems (CCAWS) Project Office have received an award recently:

- Suzanne Daniels, Performance Award
- Shirley Davis, Performance Award
- Elizabeth Petty, Performance Award
- Jessie Petty, Performance Award
- Kathy Powell, Performance Award
- Bertie Thompson, Performance Award
- Lawrence Thongs, Performance Award

- John Bier, Special Act
- Barbara Blackburn, Special Act
- James Bragg, Special Act
- William Cook, Special Act
- Phil Hooper, Special Act
- Jessie Petty, Special Act
- J. Mark Sweeney, Special Act
- Sheila Thompson, Special Act
- Karen Lambert, Sick Leave Conservation
- Virginia Stevenson, Sick Leave Certificate
- Richard Wootten, Sick Leave Conservation

## VOLUNTEERS

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week job.

- **Thelma Way**— Taking the lead and responsibility for developing money-making ideas as the Ways and Means Chairperson for the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club for the past two years, and in particular, for chairing the annual Christmas Gift Wrap. Fund-raising benefits AER, Red Cross, Total Tots and other civic groups. Serving as a youth bowling coach, and a band parent at Bob Jones High School.
- **Ben Wilson**— For over 15 years of service to the chapel community while enhancing and expanding the religious education programs for Protestant and Catholic soldiers and families. Most notably, in the absence of a paid staff member due to the recent government shutdown, single-handedly successfully managed and led the program during the normal religious education hours.



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### LOGSA building...

Cutting the ribbon Friday to mark the opening of the new building for Logistics Support Activity are, from left, Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal; Gen. Johnnie Wilson, commander of Army Materiel Command; and Billie Turmenne, LOGSA director. The three-story building, 5307, is part of the Sparkman Center complex. Also Friday at the complex, a ground-breaking ceremony was held for two additional buildings which will be used by workers moving to Huntsville from St. Louis as a result of the merger of MICOM and aviation portions of the Aviation and Troop Command.



**INTERFACE GROUP**— Attending Pat Padgett; and standing, from an April 17 meeting of the IMMC left, Fitcherd, Turner, Flinn, interface group are, seated from Roosevelt Readus, Ronnie Davis, left, Debra Wester, Vicki Fuller, Mark Hudgins, and Brothers.

### Labor/management panel fosters open communication at IMMC

By Skip Vaughn

Members of the IMMC family are meeting monthly to discuss any areas of concern within their organization.

The Integrated Materiel Management Center began the IMMC Labor/Management Interface Group last year to enhance a partnership between its workers, management and the employee union. The group is similar to the postwide partnership council which includes representatives of most Redstone organizations.

"It's to foster communication between IMMC and labor and management folks," Rick Turner, co-chairman, said. He and Earl Fitcherd take turns chairing the monthly meetings.

In July 1995 some workers suggested such a group in an informal meeting with Jim Flinn, the IMMC direc-

tor. Flinn subsequently met with Jim Brothers, president of Local 1858 for the American Federation of Government Employees, and others from the union. A meeting last October of IMMC leaders and union representatives set the stage for the interface group.

"It includes shop folks, union, management.... We have issues raised from any level, both employees and management. Problems are stopped before they occur," Turner said.

Brothers, the union president, is among the members. He also serves as co-chairman of both the Redstone partnership council and the Space and

Strategic Defense Command's partnership council.

"This is essentially an outgrowth of Executive Order 12871 signed by President Clinton on Oct. 1, 1993," Brothers said. Organizations government-wide were told to partner more with federal employee work groups.

Members of the IMMC Labor/Management Interface Group include Turner, Fitcherd, Brothers, Debbie Smith, Mark Hudgins, Pat Padgett, Roosevelt Readus, Sonny Hyde, Debra Wester, Norb Lutz, Raymond Washington, Ronnie Davis, Sam Collier and Vicki Fuller.

### Sparkman buildings evacuate due to unidentified package

Two buildings in the Sparkman Complex were evacuated Friday after a package delivered to building 5300 was deemed suspicious.

An X-ray later revealed the contents to be videotapes and papers of a non-threatening nature and the case was expected to be closed out Monday, Bobby Blackwell, chief of Investigations Section of the Provost Marshal Office, said.

Workers in the public affairs office sought the advice of military police after the package was delivered in a Federal Express box but not delivered by a Fed Express deliveryman.

There was no return address and the name of the recipient was handwritten in red.

Military police arrived at the Sparkman Complex shortly after 2 p.m. After determining the box fit the profile of a threatening package, MPs called in a bomb-sniffing dog. The evacuation of 5300 and 5301 came after the dog alerted to the package.

The Huntsville Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit and the FBI were called in to assist in the operation, Blackwell said.

Friday's events unfolded in an atmosphere of increased security awareness on the first anniversary

of the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Okla., that killed 168 people.

"Things went extremely well with the cooperation of all the people who had to leave their workplace," Blackwell said.

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# Sports

## Camaraderie golf tourney (from a novice's perspective)...

By Ivy Downs

I'm relating this from the perspective of a golf convert. I have to confess, I owe this entire learning experience to the brotherhood at the Golf Course, particularly Jay Foster and Mary Russell, for whom I have the highest regard— mere employees are hardly so patient — because nobody can ask more questions than me.

The Redstone Camaraderie Team Golf Tournament was held April 2 at the Redstone Golf Course. The Camaraderie Team is a group formed in 1993 of individuals from organizations throughout Redstone whose sole purpose is to promote harmony, understanding and cooperation throughout the Redstone community in an informal, personal atmosphere. Early published efforts, you may recall, have focused on informing people about some of the differences in pay, leave, and living arrangements between military and civilian types. The Meet-the-Military Day, sponsored by HHC MICOM, opened the military world of the soldier for civilians to see (barracks, physical training, chemical gear, weapons). Another popular Camaraderie Team contest is the Pistol Shoot competition.

This event, the Camaraderie Golf Tournament, was intended to mix military with civilian golfers and see if they still knew how, and could still have fun playing golf. Teams were formed the day of the tournament from the mix of those who registered. (With all the military in "normal" clothes, you couldn't tell them from civilians, anyway.) It was the first beautiful spring day after a long dreary winter, and the golfers were anxious to get started. You could feel the energy and excitement all around them.

All the golfers knew the sequence of events but me, so it was somewhat like being caught in a whirlwind to see so many people sign in, find their teams, greet their friends, snag a cart and vanish. At one point

I remember there were 20 people waiting to check in; and within minutes, they were gone. I looked across the course to the south and wondered where did they go? All those people and carts had metamorphosed into the greens. When I finally asked, I learned everyone had gone to the north side of the road by way of the path under the road. Very clever.

At noon, nine teams tackled the course in a modified shotgun start (that means each team starts at the same time on a different hole, following the group ahead of them until the entire 18 holes are played). For once, I wished I could play.

The contest was a "four-man Scramble," which evens up the competition. Everyone shoots, and the best shot becomes the starting point for the next shot. A real team event. The best score for the team is the one recorded. For an 18-hole, 72 par course, the winning score was 66. I love it when the rules allow anyone to play!

The four-man team tournament winners were John Austin, Harold Hudgins, Jerry White and Ron Navratil. Longest drive was achieved by Paul Pittman; and Jeff Quinn had closest to the pin.

Trophies were presented by Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, and Col. Stephen Moeller, deputy post commander, in an informal ceremony while tournament participants relaxed on the patio. (The Command Group team, by the way, finished a respectable third.)

If you've never been to the Redstone Golf Course Clubhouse: It is a warm and wonderful place. Something like the den or game room you always thought you should have when you'd finally arrived. It's sunny, spacious and friendly; a positive place. The snack bar offers a good variety of salads and sandwiches, drinks and desserts. The Pro Shop offers a nice selection of golf attire and weapons of choice, videotapes, posters, gadgets, and information about up-



**ON THE COURSE—** Participating in the Camaraderie Team Golf Tournament are, from left, Sgt. Jonathan Woodruff of HHC MICOM; Capt. W. Collier Slade, commander of HHC MICOM; Jackie Shaw of MICOM Resource Management; and Ernest Hazzard of Integrated Materiel Management Center.

coming tournaments. Whatever you need to get started, it's there. And the staff... some of the most accommodating people you'll ever want to meet. Ask them to help you with something, anything, and be amazed. They love what they do.

Thanks to Larry Fahlund, who transformed the idea from talk to reality, ordered trophies, and coordinated details; and for ticket reservations and sales, Larry, Paul Hernandez, Kathy French, Jackie Shaw, Capt. DeBarto, Sgt. Woodruff, and Donna Croley.

Thanks again to Jay Foster and Mary

Russell for outstanding support at the Golf Course, establishing teams, issuing cards and carts, humoring the uninitiated, and keeping the tournament going.

It was an excellent event, great turnout, and everyone seemed to have fun. I am, by the way, now taking lessons there at the golf course. They do that, too! Call 883-7977 and ask. You can be ready next time!

*(Editor's note: Downs is the quality of life program coordinator at the business management office, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.)*

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Sports

# Soldiers help make Special Olympics a special day

By Heather Haring

More than 210 of Redstone's soldier volunteers were on hand for the 10th annual Special Olympics track and field competition April 16 at Milton Frank Stadium.

Wearing gray Army sweatsuits, big hearts on their sleeves and even bigger smiles, these volunteers helped the Special Olympians warm up, shared track and field tips, and served as coaches and cheerleaders.

The day's events began with a three-mile Torch Run. This year the Torch Run was dedicated to the Willis Moore family, in memory of the late State Trooper and in celebration of his sister, Carol, who was competing. The Torch Run is held to raise awareness of



**LONG JUMP—** A Special Olympian competes in the long jump event.

the Special Olympics movement and the needs of special athletes. Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, gave opening remarks of inspira-

tion and encouragement. Redstone participants in the three-mile run included post CSM Ben Sunday and Capt. W. Collier Slade, commander of HHC MICOM. Other noteworthy participants included McGruff, the crime-stopping pooch, and Donnie, the Domino's Pizza mascot.

As the torch and runners made their way onto the track, spectators stood and cheered for the games were set to begin. Judy Link, wife of the commanding general, and Col. Stephen Moeller, deputy post commander, were among those present when the stationary torch was ignited on the field. Volunteers from local law enforcement agencies and area businesses joined the host of Army volunteers in assisting athletes with the competitions. Each athlete

was vying for a chance to represent Madison County in the state Special Olympics track and field events May 17-18 in Montgomery.

Proceeds from the Torch Run entry fees, T-shirt sales, donations and sponsorship will help send the local athletes to the state competition. Some \$10,000 was raised by Huntsville area law enforcement agencies and all was contributed directly to Special Olympics, according to Ben Jennings, community relations officer for Huntsville Police Department. The corporate sponsor, Domino's Pizza, also presented a check for \$1,507.50, in addition to providing pizzas and soft drinks to all the runners and volunteers. Other supporters are listed on the back of the Torch Run T-shirts

which can still be purchased by calling Jennings 883-3627.

"You know, although many first, second and third place ribbons were won, every athlete was truly a winner because they had the courage to try. We all truly enjoy being part of this positive and worthy cause,"

Jennings said.

The Madison County District Attorney's Office will be the host agency for next year's Special Olympics track and field competition.

*(Editor's note: Haring is a publicity specialist at Directorate of Community and Family Activities.)*



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# Youth summer camp here offers many fun activities

By Kathy Harkleroad

Summer is coming quickly and with only a month left in the school, parents might be wondering what to do with their school-age children. Helen Roadarmel and her staff at Directorate of Community and Family Activities has an answer.

For the first time ever, the School Age Services and Youth Services have joined together to develop a new summer program. "This year we have a SAS/YS Summer Camp program going on, and it will be lots of fun," Roadarmel said. "The staff has been brainstorming and planning the activities for the past few months and have come up with several innovative and fun things to do."

The three months of summer will feature different activities and will involve all age groups. June will be focus on life-long recreational hobbies and will include fishing and gardening. "Each of the children attending will have several opportunities to go fishing, and if they don't know how to fish, we will teach them. We also have a fish bake planned at the end of the month which will be lots of fun," Roadarmel added. "We will also be doing several gardening projects and the children will be planting flower and herb gardens and will learn how to tend and harvest them."

July will sure to be a hit with the kids, as the theme will be the Summer Olympics. Each child will have an opportunity to pick the country and event they wish to represent and participate in, and will com-

pete in an Olympic event at the end of the month. "We already have several volunteers who represent the many nations around the world coming in and will be mentors during the month for certain countries," Roadarmel said.

The children will be in training part of the time for the event they have chosen and will receive help from the Civilian Wellness Center and other guest speakers. Special guests for the month also include visits from the Huntsville Stars baseball team and the Huntsville Channel Cats hockey team. The children will also be re-creating an Olympic Village during that month.

August will see a change of pace for the kids and each age group will participate in producing and helping with a one-act play, as well as discovering the great outdoors. "In the mornings the kids will be involved with outdoor activities and will participate in exploring, hiking, skateboarding, rollerblading and biking," Roadarmel said. "In the afternoons we will also be producing a one-act play with the kids doing all the production work, as well as the acting."

All of these activities are in addition to the regular scheduled activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, exploring the Internet, participating in intramural sports, golfing events, and field trips to various locations and the Chattanooga Aquarium.

"As you can see we have lots and lots of fun and creative things lined up for the kids," Roadarmel added. "We wanted to give them more than just a place to come during the summer

and hang out. We wanted them to experience all kinds of things and involve them in as many things as we can. There are lots of talented kids out there and we want to give them time to explore their interests."

The camp will be held Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Children going into first grade through third grade will attend the camp at the School Age Services, building 3400, while the children in grades four through eight will attend the camp at the Youth Center. Roadarmel said before and after camp child-care will be available at a small fee for those parents who need it.

Fees for the camp are based on the combined family income and start at \$70 a month for persons earning up to \$18,500 per month. Rates go up to \$150 per month for those earning \$55,001 and above. The monthly fee includes all admission fees to various attractions, and all snacks and meals.

Registration for the camp will be held May 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the Youth Center where parents can meet the camp counselors and pick up the required forms. Children attending the registration can also participate in some mini-camp events as well.

Daily reservations will also be available during the course of the camp and will be on a first come, first served basis.

For more information on the camp, call Bobbie Davidson 876-6595 or Barbara Dumas 876-KIDS; and for registration information call Chris Carter 876-3704.



## AER fund-raiser...

Mary Breeden from Army Community Service came up with the idea of selling Blue Bell ice cream to raise money for Army Emergency Relief. The ice cream was donated by the local distributor and sold for \$1 each. Over 200 containers of

ice cream were purchased by diners at the Sparkman Cafeteria April 18. From left is Judy Link, purchasing a container of ice cream from SFC Fred Baker, Breeden, and Juanita Adams, AER volunteers.

## MWR highlights...

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# New observer vehicle ready for training exercises

An experimental observer vehicle, developed by the Missile Command, will be fielded in May to elements of the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas.

Striker was displayed Thursday in a field near the Sparkman Center. Six of these experimental vehicles will be fielded May 6-10 to the 4th Infantry Division to temporarily replace the M981 Fire Support Team Vehicle (FISTV) for use during Task Force XXI training and exercises.

"It replaces six M981 FISTV tracks; that's an M113 tracked vehicle which has been in the field for 15 years," Allen Handyside, the system manager for laser and armor systems at Weapon Systems Management Directorate, said.



**STRIKER**— The experimental Humvee-based observer vehicle will be fielded to elements of the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood.

Striker was developed since November 1995 by Weapon Systems Management Directorate and the Research Development and Engineering Center. They did this in conjunction with the Directorate of Combat Developments, Fort Sill,

Okla.

"This (observer vehicle) is the eyes of the artillery. These are the guys that put the mission together then send it to the guns so they can hit the target," Handyside said.

The vehicle uses a

ground/vehicular laser locator designator equipped with a newly-developed linear drive cooler. As demonstrated Thursday, the linear drive cooler is quieter than the current version.

# Missile school honors its top instructors

The Army's chief of Ordnance congratulated the missile school's instructors of the quarter Friday at a luncheon in their honor.

"Every individual in our Army today must be excellently trained," Brig. Gen. Robert Shadley said. "And you-all are the ones that do that."

The honorees for the second quarter included Leland Hinkle, civilian instructor of the quarter; Gunnery Sgt. Michael Denman, NCO instructor of the quarter; and master instructors Dr. Harvey Hamilton, SFC Joseph McCormick, SFC James Ward and SSgt. Dean Parpart.

Also recognized was Drill Sgt. Timothy Clark, the "Drill Sergeant of the Year" for the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. He will represent OMMCS at the Training and Doctrine Command competition May 13-17.



**TOP INSTRUCTORS**— From left are SSgt. Adrian Thibodeaux, accepting the award on Denman's behalf; Hamilton, Clark, Hinkle, Parpart, Ward and McCormick.

The OMMCS staff and faculty division holds a luncheon each quarter to recognize top instructors. An estimated 150 people attended Friday's event at the Officers Club.

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# AWARDS

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would be provided in her absence.

After raising her family, Haars has immersed herself year-round in volunteer programs within a local nursing home, recruiting volunteers as well as personally involving herself in Adopt-a-Grandparent and Christmas events. "I've been there for the past four years," she said. "I work as much there as with the blood drives.

"I originally developed a program for armchair aerobic training for the residents. I did that for three years, two times a week," said Haars. "Now, I make homemade goodies so first we eat, then exercise. I tailor it to the diabetics, too; I called the diabetic association for recipes.

"There's such a need for touching the elderly," she said, explaining that many residents at the home were without outside support from families or friends.

In the nursing home, her friends have led discussions on past and current events, raised money for dental care and a needed wheelchair, and made lap robes while friends of her husband, an Air Force retiree, sang carols at Christmas.

Her reflection on the nature of volunteering is that "it is as important for the person who does it" as it is for the people who benefit.

Haars said, "older people who are retiring really need to educate the younger people to do so. There is a challenge for the younger person to give, not take. For us as volunteers, it's to help them understand that."

## Danny Reese

In the middle of his first year at Auburn University, Danny Reese has already made the Dean's List and has been selected to join Phi Eta Sigma, a freshman honor society. "Once you're in it, you're in it for life," he said. "It's a non-social fraternity and we do service projects. Our next project is going to a retirement home and meeting the residents."

Reese, a graduate of Grissom High School, and a member of the Mu Alpha Beta Math Club and Latin Club, selected civil engineering as his major.

Named the Youth Volunteer Award winner, Reese agreed that the three years serving as a volunteer at the Arsenal's Thrift Shop influenced his career choice and assisted in his rapid adjustment to college life. "I learned a lot of basic skills," he said, "like learning to get along with people. I learned about working at my own speed."

Reese entered civil engineering because it encompassed the same positive impression and certainty he

found at the Thrift Shop. "Some of my friends said it was very interesting, good work, and you meet good people."

Reese, a Thrift Shop volunteer for 30 hours per week during the summer, utilized his computer experience developed from the cataloging of his own collectibles at home. He applied this software system to implementing and maintaining the Thrift Shop's automated records.

Reese said he spent his days at the computer. But, "whenever they needed help elsewhere, such as putting items on the shelf, I did that."

And, what separated him from all the other volunteers at the Thrift Shop? "My age," he said. "I think I was the first person to work there who was under 20; just the fact that someone my age would volunteer."

A second reason, he added, might be that "most people look for money jobs that they don't enjoy."

Reese became interested in the Thrift Shop because of his grandmother. "She was a volunteer there. She said it was fun and you meet nice people. I ended up really liking it."

Reese's nomination form for the volunteer award stated he used a "proactive approach to customer service." He wasn't just present as a figurehead. And, he willingly assisted others as well as the customers. That may be a primary reason for Reese's selection as the youth award winner.

## Carol Stewart

For Carol Stewart, the

winner of the Redstone Arsenal Military Community Sustained Service Award, volunteering has truly been a way of life. Stewart's volunteer efforts have spanned the ocean as well as Army posts in the United States.

Stewart, wife of a military retiree, has supported troops and their families beginning in 1951 in Kansas, reaching to Taiwan and Germany, and Indiana, Virginia, and Alabama. Her volunteer activities have stretched from Vietnam through Desert Storm.

For over 25 years, Stewart has offered her services to the Redstone Arsenal community and raised a family with her husband, a retired lieutenant colonel. Her activities have involved the Officers Wives Club, OWC Garden Club, Bicentennial and Post Chapel, Mrs. Santa Claus, Welfare Fund, Cahaba Shrine Temple, and The Retired Wives' Club. She serves the Huntsville community also, volunteering at the Botanical Garden's annual sale and the downtown Pilgrimage Tours.

Despite her widespread involvement, Stewart continues making crafts and doing her needlework, sewing, knitting, and crocheting. She raises others' spirits here, too. "I mostly do it for other people and give it away," Stewart said.

In response to why she volunteers, she cited the OWC Garden Club as an example. "The love of planting," she said, "and seeing others happy when they see it."

She elaborated. "When

we come in and see the corner on the post and see something we've planted, it makes you feel good.

"It's the same with any volunteering; it just makes you feel good to help."

Of all her activities, Stewart indicated two projects were most touching to her personally. "Working with the children in 'Desert Storm,'" she said, describing the program for women whose spouses were deployed. "So many of the women did not know what to do. They found it so hard.

"We took care of the kids while their mommies talked with (Chaplain) McAlister," Stewart said. "We talked about why their dad-dies were not there and what they had to do. We wished something like that was available for us when our husbands were away. I think from that viewpoint, we could relate to them more.

"The other thing I love to do," she said, her eyes sparkling as she described her four-year commitment to the Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration, "is to be Mrs. Claus. The kids are so full of wonderment. Last year, one asked if I was really real."

## Ray Weinberg

One of the criteria for judging volunteer of the year awards is the need for the nominee's service to the community. Ray Weinberg's community efforts are depicted as being a role model for youth, helping them to become better citizens and to contribute to the welfare of the community. Weinberg, the Service to

Youth Award winner, disregards that description, of course. "I don't think of myself as a role model; I never gave it much thought really.

"I just think of leading them down to a better place," he said. "There's a lot of good things in life. There's a lot they'd not have if they went the wrong way."

Weinberg assists youth bowlers; and he devotes at least 28 hours a month to this activity. Weinberg actually begin his own bowling by learning with youngsters while serving in the Army and stationed in Italy in the 1950s. "I started with kids," he said, "my family and others. There was nothing else to do there."

Since retiring as a major and moving to Huntsville in 1968, Weinberg has been coaching young bowlers. Some of his current activities include serving as the Alabama state representative for the National Young American Bowling Alliance, director of Special Olympics Bowling, commissioner of Bowling Alabama Sports Festival, and member of Team Redstone Community Mentor Program.

The mentor program is one of his latest activities. "I go one time a week to the school to work with one person," he said of his assignment to New Hope Elementary School. "We try to help with studies, try to be a friend, try to help with self-esteem.

"We don't talk about drugs," he continued. "We talk about school, sports. It's not a program to 'say no

to drugs.' Instead, we try to show them what's out there."

What Weinberg involves himself in almost year-round is YABA, an international organization for preschoolers through collegians, committed to the development of youth by their participation in the sport. In the bowling events, "the kids are organized into teams," Weinberg said. "They run their own teams. Each has their own captain. The coaches go up and down the lanes and help but aren't assigned to one team."

Perhaps his greatest impact is with the recruitment, training, and retention of their coaches. Once in the program, they remain. "Bowling is by far is one of the best organizations, particularly for the youth, from top to grass roots.

"There's not another sport like it. I don't care what shape or how old, these kids can participate."

Weinberg even returned to night school to first learn about computers and then teach computer classes in order to be in tune with the language of youngsters and "remain close to them. School is very important to me," he said. "I stress that; no matter what else comes."



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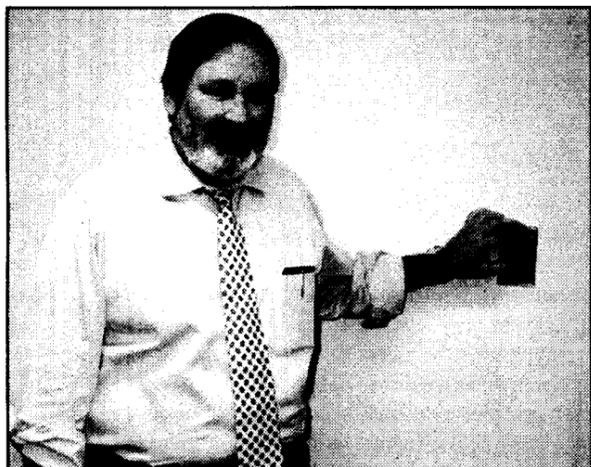
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**LIGHTS OUT— Osborne advises workers to turn off the lights when they leave the office.**

**UTILITY**

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executive order," he said. "Most importantly I think is the more energy you save, the more money you save, the more jobs you save because all that comes out of the same funding pot. Also, energy conservation is related to issues that improve the environment."

He recommends the following ways that each worker can help reduce utility costs and make a difference:

- Always turn off your lights/computers when leaving the office.
- Turn off lights in hallways where there is sufficient lighting through windows.
- Turn off coffee pots when no longer in use.
- Make sure your thermostat is set at 78 degrees during the cooling season.
- Turn off athletic field lights when you are done. Call the base support worker 876-2007 who controls the lights if there is not a switch on the field; or call

the energy hotline 876-0110.

- Report apparent steam leaks to the energy coordinator via the hotline.
- Report any water leaks, such as dripping faucets, running urinals or toilets to the building custodian or call minor repair 876-2801. A slow steady drip can waste about 350 gallons of water per month.

Energy-efficient facilities still depend on individuals to make a difference. At the Sparkman Center, for example, a quarterly survey found the following: 529 pieces of equipment left on; also 30 light switches left on in bathrooms, copy rooms, breakrooms and work areas.

"The importance of saving energy has never been more critical to all Redstone employees than now. Funding constraints have required all organizations to look for budget-cutting options," Osborne said. "By saving utility costs we have more dollars to apply to salaries, thereby conceivably saving jobs."

**Commentary: Former co-worker recalls cheerful friend at Acquisition Center**

(Editor's note: Patricia Latham, a contract specialist at the Acquisition Center for 16 years, died Thursday at her residence. She was 51. The following was written by Denny Gray, customer relations specialist at the Directorate of Public Works, who worked with her at the Acquisition Center from July 1994 to March 1995.)

By Denny Gray

"Laughter is the shortest distance between two people."— Victor Borge.

I guess the greatest thing to remember about Patricia Latham was that she really seemed to enjoy life. While she had some struggles in the life she lived, she seemed to be able to bolster a smile, a joke and a laugh.

So often many people did not understand the friendship between Pat and me. Many people thought we were at one another's throat all the time, but that was the facade. Many times we talked of our problems and appeared to be of the same cloth.



**LATHAM**

Many people would be abundantly blessed if they could find one friend, co-worker, person like Pat in their lifetime.

And all too often— and certainly including me — we pass through life without acknowledging we appreciate someone until we can only wish they could hear us. I promise to do better to pass out the flowers while the receiver can still enjoy them.

I feel fortunate indeed to have known Pat. Her loss to cancer and from life is definitely felt. Her laughter and

(between she and I) that darned wig she wore are some of the moments to remember. She either abhorred the look or thought she looked so right.

Regardless of the turmoil, toil, or trouble she seemed to experience, she made (and at times was) some wisecrack. "So Pat, you left your mark; if at no other place— on me."

I hope that I can gain the zest for life, the fortitude she showed, the tenacity she had when she was right or even when she just thought she was right.

Her character, through the trials of her latter days, is something many of us could definitely learn from; and I hope that I most of all, learn some of that.

It's as if she is still sitting behind me, I hear her burst out in laughter— that familiar cackle she had. And maybe only she can understand this comment from me: "That ear piercing cackle."

Very few people in our lives impact us, maybe not with the ethereal images and great wisdom of life but

with a trueness that you could count on from Pat.

Maybe we would not always agree but you knew where Pat stood. Maybe not always what she thought because she told me she didn't always know what that meant.

As I was putting these thoughts on paper (actually on the wordprocessor), I was chasing this French Proverb down the page/screen and when I saw and read it, it seems so apropos now as I look at it. "The most completely lost of all days is the one on which we have not laughed."— French Proverb. In that respect, I don't think Pat lost very many days.

Pat had lots of laughter and when I visited her in the hospital a time or two, somehow we both laughed. Her amidst her pain and I, when she would say something off the wall.

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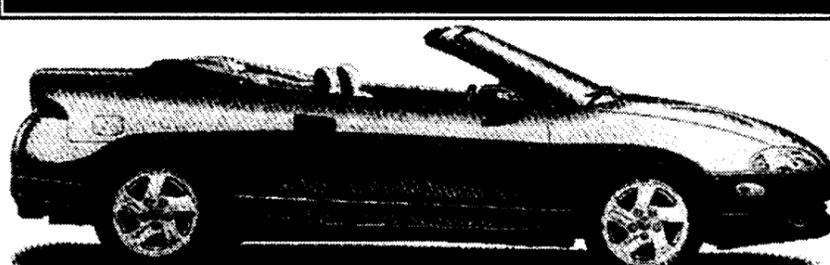
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**ASMC picnic**— The American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) will hold its annual picnic May 16 at the Rustic Lodge picnic area beginning at 11 a.m. "We will be having the event on the river front if weather permits. However, we have reserved 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 Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Redstone Golf Course. There will be no entry fee for ASMC members; 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.

**Fiber Optics workshop**— 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@smaplabori.uah.edu.

**Red Cross blood program**— 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.

**Parents council**— The Parent Advisory Council will meet at 3 p.m. April 30 in the activity room of the Bicentennial Chapel. All parents who have children in the Child Development Center are welcome to attend and bring any concerns or discussion topics. In addition to the regularly scheduled topics, there is an open forum for additional concerns. For more information, call Renee McArdle 842-2682.

**Fun day for AER**— The Research Development & Engineering Center will hold a fund-raising AER Day, May 1 open to all military, DoD civilians, contractors and families. The event, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., will be held in the north parking lot of building 5400 just off Martin Road. Scheduled activities include a money tree, bingo, flea market, cake walk, T-shirt sales, and a basketball free-throw. "Also come and watch the winning RDEC director 'kiss a pig.'" There will be food served but the tickets for the lunch must be purchased in advance from either a directorate point-of-contact or Sherry Hilley 842-6715. For more information, call Maj. Bob Heathcock 876-1245.

**Team building**— Can your family function if you are TDY or separated for a week, month or longer? Army Family Team Building can help. A free personal skills workshop will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at building 3447, Zeus Drive. The first level of training will provide basic personal skills and knowledge that is vital to the military family. The second level of training will enhance leadership, management, and relationship building skills. Free on-site child care is available and lunch will be provided. To register call Army Community Service 876-5397.

**Anachronism group**— The Society for Creative Anachronism Inc. will hold its annual Medieval Fair from noon to 6 p.m. May 5 on the campus of University of Alabama-Huntsville. The festival will feature armored combat, renaissance dancing, and arts and crafts demonstrations. For more information, call Kevin Greer 852-5006.

**Theatre play**— "Driving Miss Daisy" will be performed through April 28 at Theatre 'Round the Corner, 214 Holmes Ave. For ticket information, call 539-PLAY.

**Medical support groups**— Care and Share, for patients, family and friends dealing with cancer, meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Comprehensive Cancer Institute at Huntsville Hospital. For information call 551-6591.... Adults With Diabetes meets 2-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month or 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Optimal Health, 910 Adams St. To register call 517-8650.... Asthma Support Group meets 7-8 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Huntsville Hospital East, Medical Office Building, Suite 200. For information call 881-0501.... Resolve Through Sharing: Parent Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at The Women's Center. For information call 517-6600/6607.

**AER bowling tournament**— An Army Emergency Relief bowl-a-thon, sponsored by the Automated Maintenance Directorate, will be held 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 2 at Redstone bowling alley. Cost is \$7 which includes three games, shoes, AER contribution and prize money. First, second and third cash prizes will be based on participation. This is no-tap bowling: Nine pins is a strike. Tickets are on sale through April 29. For tickets call Narda Johnson-Frost 842-6665, Ethel Morris 842-8966, Sharon Rembert 842-6610 or Faye Jordan 842-0369.

**Raffle fund-raiser**— Air Defense Directorate is sponsoring a raffle to raise money for Army Emergency Relief. A \$2 donation could win a trip for two to Atlantic City, N.J., June 20-22. Participants must be 21 years old. The drawing will be held at noon May 14 in Sparkman Center building 5300, main lobby. This prize, donated by Sington Casino Tours of Huntsville, includes round-trip airfare from Huntsville, hotel room (double occupancy), transportation to and from the hotel, and one meal a day. For more information call Sidney Buford 876-7182, Paula Walker 876-8764 or Jessie Lewis 876-6117.

**Bingo fund-raiser**— A

"Bingo Extravaganza," sponsored by Air Defense Directorate to raise money for Army Emergency Relief, will be held 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday in building 5302, basement conference room. For information call Paula Walker 876-8764 or Jessie Lewis 876-6117.

**Book sale for AER**— The Command Analysis Directorate is accepting book donations for the Army Emergency Relief book sale through May 3 in building 5300, room 5231 on the second floor. The book sale is held daily from 11 until 1. Round up all your unwanted books and donate them to a good cause. They will accept all book donations, excluding magazines and journals. They will take all your old paperback books. To arrange for pickup or dropoff of books call George Sumrall 876-0027, Kaye Donovan 842-9909, Marla Cobb 842-9904 or Corrine Campbell 876-9001.

**Basket raffle**— The Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning is having a Longaberger Basket Raffle to raise money for Army Emergency Relief. Tickets are \$1 and may be purchased at building 112 from Susan Gustafson or Patricia Brand. The drawing will be held May 13. For more informa-

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**ID cards**—The Military Identification Card Section of the Military Personnel Office, building 3710 will be open Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This will be the last Saturday opening of the military ID

card section until Sept. 7.

**PX news**—Due to installation of a new cash register system the Military Clothing Sales Store, building 3479, will close at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 29.

**Traffic accidents**—Although the total number of traffic accidents on Redstone Arsenal involving privately owned vehicles and government owned vehicles are decreasing, traffic accidents involving improper backing (failure to clear rear and failure to judge proper clearance) has increased this year by 31 percent. Backing accidents are preventable, however it takes a conscious effort by the driver. Safety must remain a top priority for all drivers on Redstone Arsenal, the Provost Marshal Office says. For driver safety education/training and information or assistance, you may call Capt. Ellis Andrew at the Provost Marshal Office 842-2441.

**Operations research group**—Redstone Arsenal-Huntsville Military Operations Research Section (RAHMORS) will meet 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday at the Weapons Science Building, 7804, on the corner of Buxton and Patton Roads. Scheduled speaker is Henry Merhoff, project manager for advanced range concepts at the Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division, Point Mugu, Calif.

For more information call Robert Nathan, president, 883-0660 or Dr. Jeff Cerney, vice president, 955-7537.

**Data management course**—The Huntsville CALS Interest Group, in association with the Atlanta Electronic Commerce Resource Center, will present a course for continuing education credit on "Legacy Data Management" from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 2. The course will be held at the BDM facility main auditorium at 950 Explorer Blvd. in Cummings Research Park West. Cost is \$20 per person; and anyone interested in attending should register by April 29 by calling Jim Neiers 650-4601 or Donna Mason 837-4482.

**Carport/yard sale**—The Family Housing Spring Carport/Yard Sale will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 4-5. The family housing area is located on the north and south sides of Goss Road. This is a good opportunity for family housing residents to dispose of things they no longer need while others can pick up a bargain.

**BOSS fashion show**—A Scenes of Summer Fashion Show, sponsored by the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Committee, will be held 7 p.m. May 4 at the Recreation Center, building 3711. There will be comedy, vocal performances, door prizes and refreshments. Admission is \$3. The show is open to the

entire Redstone community. For more information, call Sgt. Michael Coman 955-6144 or Spec. Jackeline Ubiles 842-9255.

**Surplus sale**—The General Services Administration will conduct an auction sale of surplus NASA property at 9 this morning in building 8025. Items to be sold include ADP equipment, gray metal furniture, test equipment, typewriters, calculators, copying machines, work platform, scrap wire and cable, air conditioners, wheelchair cart, power supplies, medical supplies, and oscilloscopes. Directions to building 8025 are as follows: south on Patton Road, right on Buxton Road, right on Shields Road; building 8025 is the first warehouse on left. For more information, call Johnny Shockley 544-4788/4799.

**Security reminder**—The Intelligence and Security Directorate provided the following: "Recent observations indicate that foreign representatives are being allowed to visit MICOM elements without proper visit authorization or identifica-

tion. Therefore, as a reminder: All foreign representatives not assigned to MICOM are to be escorted at all times while in government buildings."

**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 30-May 2: "AIDS—What Everyone Needs to Know" at Sparkman ALC, building 5304, room 4319; and "Success, Self-Programming" at North ALC, building 3222.

**Logistics conference**—Logistics Support Activity and the Society of Logistics Engineers (SOLE), Tennessee Valley Chapter, will co-host the ninth annual Government/Industry Integrated Logistic Support/Supportability Analysis Exchange Conference, June 4-6 at the Huntsville Hilton. The conference theme is "Innovative Logistics Solutions in Acquisition Reform." The conference provides an opportunity for government ILS/Logistic

Support Analysis offices and defense contractors to exchange ideas relating to the implementation of ILS/SA. For more information, call Jerry Muszik 955-8390 or Scott Abernathy 955-8370.

**Post Theater movies**—Friday, "Down Periscope," PG-13, 90 minutes. Saturday, "Homeward Bound II," G, 89 minutes. Sunday, "Homeward Bound II." May 3, "City Hall," R, 111 minutes. Show time is 7 p.m. Admission is adults \$2.50, children \$1.25.

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

**Investment seminar**—Redstone Federal Credit Union, Madison branch office and Financial Network Investment Corporation will sponsor a seminar Thursday for individuals wanting to begin saving money each month through a mutual

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sures as well as particulars of the weapons. Pictured from left are Capt. Byron Echols, SFC David Cody, Capt. Henry Booker, and CSM James George as they examine their weapons during the class.

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fund account. Session I is noon to 1 p.m., and session II from 5-6 p.m. Those interested should RSVP to Shari Lovell 772-0709 as to which session they would like to attend.

**German culture**— Each year the Friends of German Culture honors city high school students who have excelled in German language courses for that academic year. This year these students will be recognized at a special luncheon May 3 at the Soldatenstube on Redstone Arsenal. The outstanding student in the German language curriculum at University of

Alabama-Huntsville will also be recognized. Luncheon tickets are \$14; and reservations must be made by noon May 1. Send reservations to Walter Jacobi, 4119 Panorama Drive, Huntsville 35801; or call him 536-3634.

**Student loans**— The North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence will hold a free workshop on resolving student loan prob-

lems May 9 at 1515 Sparkman Drive, suite B. To register call the center 722-9632 by Thursday.

**Panoply**— Downtown Huntsville's Big Spring Park will be the setting April 25-28 for the 15th annual Panoply, the Arts Council's festival celebrating the arts.

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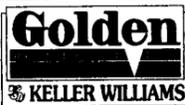
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