



# Redstone Report

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## Wet fun...

These children enjoy some wet fun at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreational Area while their parents visit with friends during the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Organizational Day, May 24. Clockwise from left are Ashley

Smith, Stephanie DeVeo, Destinee Bartow, Laura Thomas, Patty Thomas, Madeline Fingerser, Emily Smith, Andrew Johnson and Justin Fingerser. SSgt. Dwain Smith is shown keeping the pool filled.

## Army Emergency Relief drive exceeds 1996 goal on time

By Kathy Harkleroad

The whirlwind of activities is over and the money has been counted. The annual Army Emergency Relief (AER) fund-raisers are over; and according to Maj. Mark Davidson, campaign co-chairman, the campaign was a huge success.

"Without having to extend the campaign, we were able to collect over \$46,000," Davidson said. "It was because of the tremendous support of the community that we were able to raise that amount." The goal for the 1996 campaign was \$40,000.

Juanita Adams, AER officer at Army Community Service, echoed that statement and said, "I am very appreciative of the support of the civilian community. They really came through this year and helped us exceed our goal." The funds were also raised from activities sponsored by the military community, as well as allotments.

In the past the fund-raising campaign has been extended up to 30 days in order to achieve the set goal, but according to Davidson, this was the first year in several it was not extended. "The community united and showed what teamwork could do, and we are very appreciative of that," Davidson said.

"This was the first time in two years we have not had to extend the deadline," Adams said. "We had already exceeded the goal by the scheduled end of the campaign."

Activities that were held by various organizations to raise money included white elephant sales, car washes, block parties, cookouts, golf tournaments, raffles, ice cream sales, T-shirt sales, as well as other activities.

Some of the organizations that contributed included Intelligence and Security Directorate, DENTAC, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, Corporate Information Center, MEDDAC, 59th Ordnance Brigade, the Secretary of the General's Staff, Logistics Support Activity, The Retired Officers Association, the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club, the VFW, Corps of Engineers, Research Development and Engineering Center, Lead AMC Integrated Support Office, DOL (Directorate of Logistics) Equipment, Provost Marshal's Office, Smart Weapons, the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, the Acquisition Center, Integrated Materiel Management Center, HHC MICOM, Weapon Systems Management Directorate, Patriot Project Office, Directorate of Public Works, Space and Strategic Defense Command, PEO Tactical Missiles, Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, Command Analysis Directorate, Stinger, Javelin Project Office, Redstone Airfield, the Thrift Shop, the Officers Wives Club, the Readiness Group, the American Legion, MLRS Project Office, the Chaplains Fund, and Unmanned Ground Vehicle/Joint Project Office.

SFC Frederick Baker also served as co-chairman for the campaign.

## MICOM's new protocol officer arrives from St. Louis

By Skip Vaughn

MICOM's new protocol officer says she's happy she made the move from St. Louis, even though she did have season tickets for the baseball Cardinals and the hockey Blues.

Judy Durbin formerly served as the protocol officer for the Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis. When the St. Louis native learned ATCOM was on the base realignment and closure list, and merging at Redstone with the Missile Command, she faced a decision.

"I had never been here before and when we were notified we were on the

BRAC and we had our community days, the Huntsville people came up and they were warm and friendly," Durbin said, adding that she likes the warm weather here. "I lived in St. Louis my whole life, I've traveled, but I thought this was a very nice place to settle."

Durbin became MICOM's protocol officer May 28, succeeding Lynda Mobley who retired in January. Dorothy Hosea had served as the acting chief since Mobley's retirement. The protocol office includes six civilians and one soldier.

"I was very flattered to be selected (for this job), I'm excited. It's wonderful to be a part of Team Red-



DURBIN

stone and I hope to be an added asset to their protocol office. MICOM has a good reputation in AMC (Army Materiel Command) and I like that. And I've always heard good things regarding their protocol office," Durbin said.

Comparing Huntsville to St. Louis, she finds this city "smaller, friendlier, (with) less crime." The only thing she misses, she said, is the professional sports but she does plan to attend the Huntsville Channel Cats hockey games. She sold some of the tickets she had for the pro sports in St. Louis but kept others for her family members who still reside there. "Everything I

have seen and everyone I've talked to just reinforces that I made the right decision to come here," she said.

Durbin, 48, has worked for the Army 25 and a half years. Her new job brought a promotion, from GS-11 to GS-12. She was in the ATCOM protocol office from 1981-96, and served as its protocol officer since 1988. "In that position I traveled a lot, did a lot of TDY, and I was deployed to Haiti," she said.

She volunteered to go to Haiti for the U.S. peace-keeping mission, and was there from October 1994 to February 1995. Durbin felt

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# New general purpose tent on horizon for Army

By Gerda Sherrill

The Space and Strategic Defense Command has come up with unique spaceframe structures which will greatly improve current general purpose or maintenance tents by providing for rapid deployment.

This new tent structure is designed with triangular facets like those of a truss and its components are interchangeable and modular. It can be infinitely extended in both vertical and horizontal directions. Multi-story structures are feasible as well as zig-zag horizontal structures having internal "corridors."

The cover for the spaceframe can be ei-

ther a fabric or a rigid panel. In either case, only two panel shapes—square and equilateral triangle—are required. A universal node joins the universal struts. This node permits the rigid attachment of the repeating struts to be configured in several orientations, thus making several different shapes possible. It is manufactured from aluminum and stainless steel inserts for test purposes, but could be produced from molded composites and plastics for weight and cost reduction.

Anyone who had to erect a general purpose tent with wooden support poles in the jungles of Vietnam or the Kuwait desert

will really appreciate this easy setup. Lightweight materials can be used for the framework because the load bearing properties are achieved by the geometry and not by the material strength. Now wood support poles can be replaced by aluminum tubing or fiberglass. The tarpaulin can be pre-cut, tailored to the specific shape, dragged over the top of the snag-proof erected framework, and secured by Velcro and/or quick connect-disconnect fasteners and fittings.

If the structure needs to be relocated after assembly, it can easily be helo-lifted intact from four lifting points on the upper

corners. The structure is intrinsically a low radar cross section design, because the sides slope at a 45 degree angle.

SSDC has completed the design of a prototype spaceframe and is presently constructing it at a metal fabrication shop in Huntsville. Later this summer, the complete frame will be shipped to the Army's Natick, Mass., Research, Development and Engineering Center to be evaluated for tactical utility. Natick will be responsible for fabric selection and tailoring for general purpose applications. The Army intends to make the design of the spaceframe structures available for commercial purposes.

## Letter from the Pentagon:

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Our soldiers are making intelligent, sophisticated decisions under pressure—not easy, black-or-white decisions, but choosing among infinite shades of gray. The men and women in today's Army are the best quality ever. These high-quality people, our NCO leaders, and our tough, realistic training are the reasons we can send our soldiers anywhere—with confidence—to do almost anything.

As we approach the next century, America's Army has one foot in the industrial age and one foot in the information age. No one can predict our next battles, but we are certain of one thing: While the circumstances around us may change, the heart of our Army remains the same—men and women of character, selflessly serving our nation.

**Togo West,**  
Secretary of the Army; and  
**Gen. Dennis Reimer,**  
Army chief of staff

## Clarifications

Wayne Nevels, manager of the Self-Help Store, makes the following points to clarify last week's article about his facility: Equipment loans are for on post only; and the equipment should not be taken off Redstone Arsenal. People who borrow equipment from Self-Help have 96 hours to use it; if they see the job will take longer, they should call for an extension. In order to use the Self-Help program for industrial facilities, people must have a DD form 577 signature card on file with the store.

The Self-Help Store, building 3500, can be reached at 842-8259.

In connection with another article in last week's paper, the addition of the Electronic Repair Shelter to the Army's family of test equipment, Randy Caldwell of TecMasters Inc. said he would like to add the name of someone who was heavily involved in the ERS effort: Harold Elkins, of J.B. Management and Engineering Group, was responsible for configuration and drawings.

## Letters to the editor

### Sparkman parking

I am just a little curious about the special reserved parking spaces at the Sparkman Center. There are handicapped, carpool, management and customer spaces. I would like to know the requirements for utilizing each of these spaces starting with the handicapped on through the customer.

I have been watching people parking in those reserved spaces for quite some time and it is obvious to me there is abuse of these privileges with apparently nothing being done to curtail such abuse. I work with some of the people utilizing handicapped, carpool and management spaces and they certainly are not handicapped, a carpooler or management person.

The reason I know this is because I watch the "handicapped" people and they have no trouble walking all over the Sparkman complex or anywhere else they choose. A similar situation is true with the carpool and the management spaces and of course customer. Perhaps someone from the Sparkman Traffic Management Office would like to respond to this letter.

#### Name withheld by request

*(Editor's note: The Sparkman Management Office provided the following response: "Parking at the Sparkman Center is addressed in the Sparkman Center Standard Operating Procedure and is managed in accordance with MICOM Regulation 210-2b, Americans with Disabilities Act, and MICOM's agreement with the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 1858. Qualifications for reserved parking privileges are defined in these guidelines.*

*"Parking on Redstone Arsenal is managed in accordance with these guidelines by the Installation Traffic Engineer, Installation Management Office, Directorate of Public Works, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity. There is no Sparkman Traffic Management Office. The Sparkman Management Office coordinates parking related issues with the appropriate authorities.*

*"Vehicles parking in spaces marked 'handicapped' should display a decal on the tag or a place card on the dashboard of the vehicle. Individuals do not have to be visibly incapacitated to qualify for this privilege; therefore, you will not be able to judge the person's qualifications to park in a handicapped space by looking at the person. The Military Police periodically patrol the parking lots on the installation and issue tickets to unauthorized vehicles parked in handicapped spaces.*

*"The marking of other reserved spaces is in accordance with MICOM policy and MICOM's agreement with the*

*AFGE Local 1858; not public law. It is the supervisors' responsibility to ensure adherence with MICOM policies and procedures within their organization. Employees who witness abuse of parking privileges should notify their immediate supervisor.*

*"Management official spaces are reserved for supervisors in grades GS-13 and above and lieutenant colonel and above. Qualified individuals should display a permit on the dashboard of their vehicle.*

*"Carpool/vanpool spaces are reserved for vehicles which transport three or more individuals. Permits for carpool/vanpool parking should be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle.*

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### Ripley racers

As a concerned parent and resident of Ripley Drive, I would like to remind drivers who use our street that there is a speed limit on Ripley—20 mph! I have noticed over the past several months that this residential speed limit is observed by few. Many of the offenders (and we do know who you are) do not even live on our street; they use it as a shortcut to or from Goss, where the speed limit is enforced.

Several months ago I brought this problem to the attention of the MPs. They responded quickly and spent two days patrolling our street with radar, but apparently that was all they could do. I realize the MPs cannot spend day after day patrolling residential areas, so I am offering a few options that would cost little, and might even be more effective. 1) Have the MPs patrol once in a while during peak traffic hours. Those who travel our street will become aware that speed limits are being enforced in the housing areas. 2) How about a "No Thru Traffic" rule. There are other ways to get to and from Goss, and this would help keep traffic and speeding to a minimum. 3) Post a few signs at both ends of the street warning drivers that there are children playing!

School is out of session and our children are once again outside enjoying their summer vacations. Keep in mind when you travel on Ripley Drive that we have no sidewalks; our children do use the street to come and go. And please, slow down!

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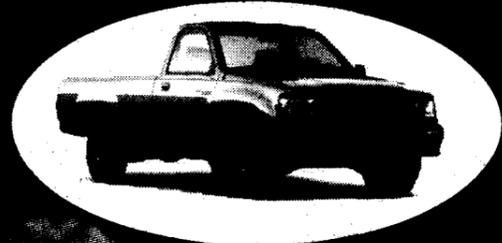
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# Redstone site for initial environmental cleanup efforts

By Skip Vaughn

Work should begin here this year under a major environmental cleanup contract which includes Redstone Arsenal and other federal installations in the southeast.

The first delivery order for the Total Environmental Restoration Contract (TERC) calls for an estimated \$2.6 million in cleanup work at Redstone. "They'll be out here in June to do an organizational meeting prior to the start of the work," said Craig Northridge, an environmental engineer in the installation restoration division at the Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning. The South Atlantic Division, Corps of Engineers, awarded the \$325 million TERC contract May 17 to International Technology Corporation, Knoxville.

The contract will span 10 years if all renewal options are exercised. By having one prime contractor to do site investigation and remediation, this should save time rather than using multiple companies. "Hopefully it will allow us to do our jobs better and quicker," Northridge said.

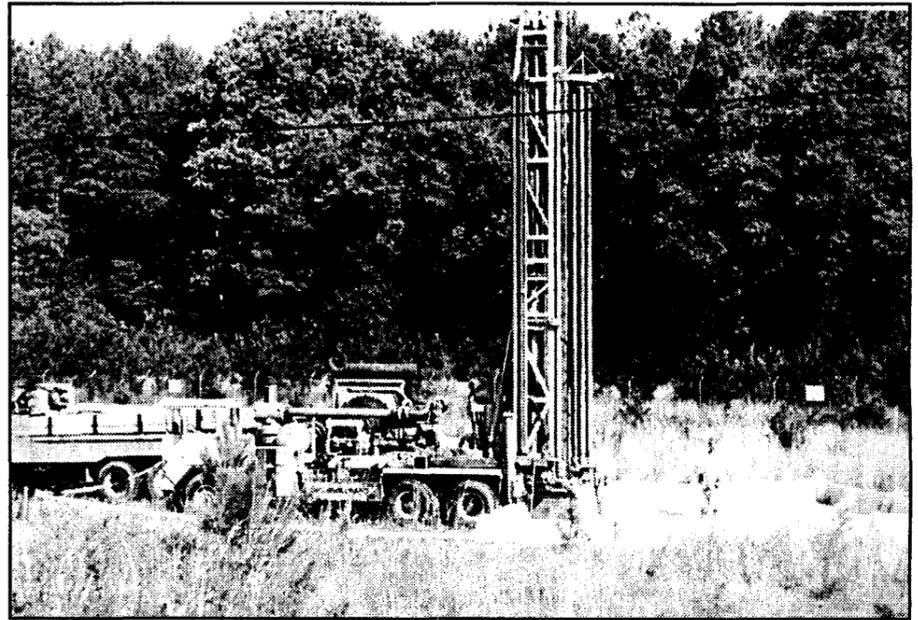
Under the first delivery order, Redstone will have remedial investigations culminating in a design plan for cleaning up six sites; installation of monitoring wells to determine the effectiveness of a cap on an arsenic pond; a pilot study to determine the effectiveness of a soil vapor extraction system used to decontaminate soil at a burn trench; and installation of perimeter wells. "It should start this year," said Northridge, who expects this initial project to take about a year and a half.

These six sites include a chemical training facility at so-called Skunk Hollow; a farm plot off Buxton Road; three former lewisite manufacturing and production areas; and a test range.

Eighty-seven sites at Redstone have been identified for investigation and possible cleanup under the installation restoration program. Both conventional and chemical munitions were built and some later disposed of at various sites on post following World War II. The chemical munitions consisted mainly of blister agents, mustard gas, and lewisite. In June 1994 the cleanup effort was given a boost when the Arsenal was placed on the National Priorities List, a list of the most hazardous sites as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency.

"There are no sites on Redstone currently identified that pose an immediate threat to human health or welfare," Whitt Walker, acting chief of the installation restoration division, said. "However, there are contaminated sites on the Arsenal and therefore we continue to investigate and clean up if necessary these sites."

In the late 1970s Redstone began its environmental cleanup investigations in accordance with Army policy. The Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation Liability Act of 1980 required even more investigations. The TERC contract will enable these cleanup efforts to continue. "It's the transitioning of a lot of our work to the contractor," Northridge said. "Almost all of our restoration is funneled through the Corps of Engineers. So, we're looking to funnel



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most of it under this contract. That isn't to say we won't use other methods."

The geographical region covered by the contract includes Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. After Redstone's work order, the second delivery order calls for installation of a groundwater treatment system at Dobbins Air Force Base in Atlanta.

Some subcontracting jobs at Redstone may become available as a result of the TERC. The contract stipulates that at least 40 percent of the dollars to be subcontracted go to small businesses, and of that a min-

imum of 8 percent to small, disadvantaged businesses.

Long-term monitoring of Redstone's identified sites is expected to extend through 2030.

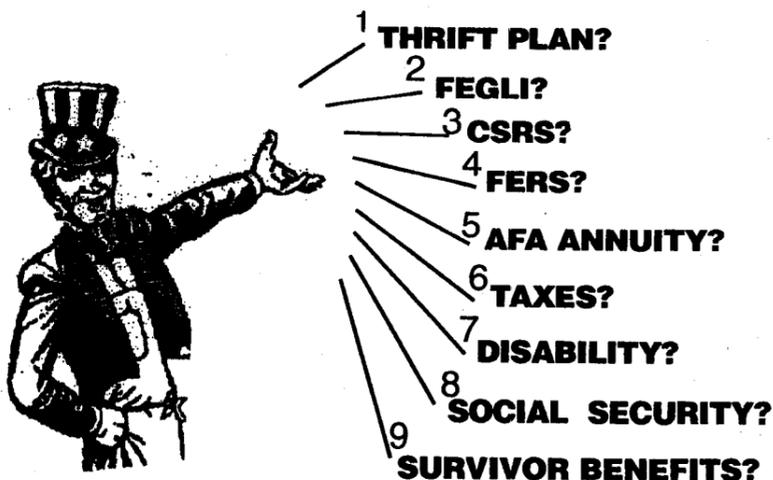
Volumes of repositories detailing Redstone's restoration efforts can be found at various locations both on and off post. These include the installation restoration division on the first floor of building 112, the Redstone Scientific Information Center, the Missile Command's Historical Office, the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library, and Triana youth center.

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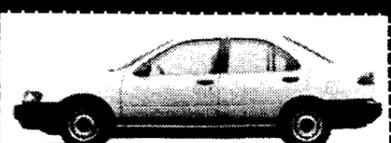
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The accelerated decision comes as a result of a "paper in-process review," a relatively new streamlining concept, that eliminates the requirement for extensive pre-briefings and a large formal decision review. Documentation supporting the decision was prepared in the form of a modified integrated program summary and submitted to the milestone decision authority, George Williams, the program executive officer for tactical missiles.

ER-MLRS is an improvement of the existing MLRS system which increases the range to beyond 45 kilometers. Inclusive in the development is an improved submunition which uses a self-destruct fuze, thus making it safer for friendly troops to enter areas attacked by MLRS. Due to the accelerated production decision, work on the self-destruct fuze will continue concurrently with the rocket production.

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68	14.3	18.4	28.7%
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# Post tax program saves money, helps military families

By Peggy Hays

A Tax Awards ceremony was held May 29 at Army Community Service to celebrate the success of the 1996 Arsenal Tax Program. The program, headed by Capt. Cheryl Boone, post tax officer in the Staff Judge Advocate's Office, processed 2,072 federal and state income tax returns, thus saving the military and retiree community \$143,121.31.

Boone expressed her appreciation for the participation of the tax advisers and support personnel. "We moved past last year's figures by 13 percent," she said. "We'd like to increase that again next year. We'd also like to set up a satellite office at the Sparkman Center."

Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, presented the awards. "The numbers were very impressive," Link said, citing the increase in tax returns and monetary benefits to the Redstone community. In addition, 957 of the federal income tax returns were electronically filed.

The post program, Link said, accounted for approximately 18 percent of all the electronic returns filed in Alabama's Volunteer Income Tax Advisers program. He complimented the tax personnel on helping "soldiers and retirees pay their taxes."

Link recognized Army Community Service, the volunteer income tax advisers (VITAs), unit tax advisers (UTAs), and Huntsville's

IRS representative as instrumental to the success of the post Tax Program.

Sue Paddock, ACS chief, accepted the Army Community Service award.

VITAs receiving certificates included Boone, Capt. David Estes, Capt. David Goetz, MSgt. Charles Baurele, Sgt. Tor'rea Spears, and Spec. Phillip Slocum of HHC MICOM; Capt. Larry Lehrman of MSIC; MSgt. Bruce Cameron of HQ&A 832nd; SFC Oksana Mandybur of D Company 832nd; and retired Cols. John R. Phillip and Jim Allred.

UTAs receiving certificates included SFC William Hathaway, Cpl. Stephen McCarty, and SSgt. Darren Crook of HQ&A 832nd; SSgt. Marie Woitd of B Company, 832nd; SSgt. Tony Williams of C Company, 832nd; SSgt. Edna Cross and SSgt. Marshall Grice Jr. of D Company, 832nd; MSgt. Ralph Vickery, SFC Premas Liverpool and SFC Robert Adams Jr. of HHC 59th; Spec. Rhonda Patterson of HHC MICOM; 2nd Lt. Amanda Istre and SFC Verge Matthews of 95th Maintenance; SSgt. Charles Purcell of the Marine Detachment; SSgt. William Slade of the NCO Academy; MSgt. Arie DeJong and SFC Janet Snow

of Readiness Group; and MSgt. Glen Wright of MEDDAC.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to IRS agent Cynthia Stafford for her outstanding job in instructing the participants in the Arsenal Tax Program.

Following the awards ceremony, Boone and Col. Greg Smith, staff judge advocate, described the roles of the individuals in the successful completion of the Tax Program.

"The VITAs and the UTAs assisted the soldiers with their taxes," Boone said. "The VITAs were full time and the UTAs were part time. Each of the UTAs assisted their own unit."

The IRS representative provided instruction in compiling and filing the income tax returns. "I taught two days of classes," said Stafford. "Capt. Boone provided the other day. And I tried to do some assisting, too."

Boone noted that Stafford's input was invaluable. "She advised us on difficult



**TAX PROGRAM—** Boone, left, agent, discuss the 13 percent Judge Advocate's Office, and increase in tax returns filed this Stafford, Internal Revenue Service year through the post tax program.

returns. We called her on several occasions. Cynthia did it all," Boone said.

Col. Smith said, "The major improvements this year were the separate building, the brand-new computers, and a good printer.

"People always make the difference," Smith explained. "Our experienced

people trained the other people.

"We also want to thank the unit commanders for their support," he said, "as this program improves the

soldiers' welfare."

Boone stated that the increase in filed returns was aided by the availability of

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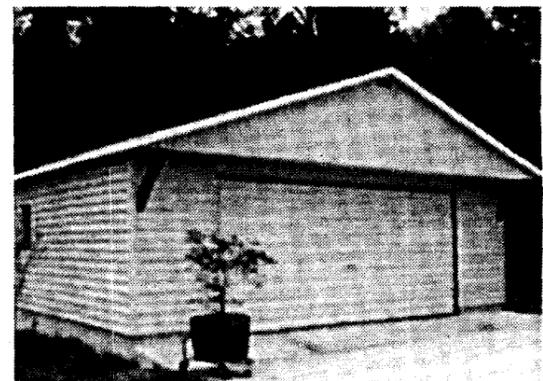
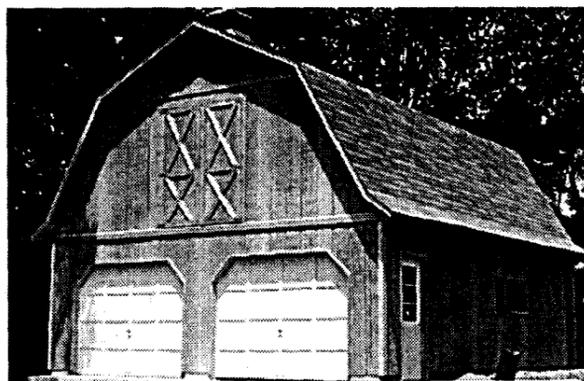
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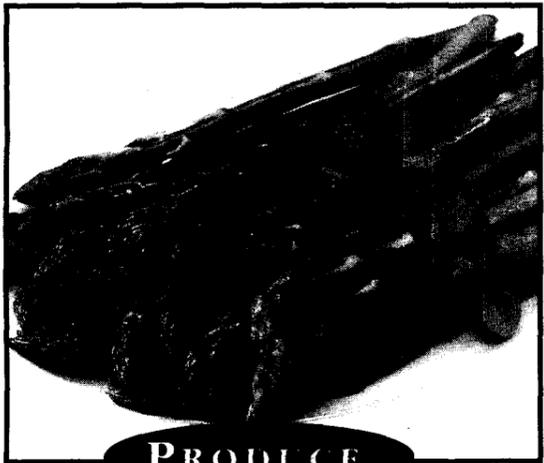
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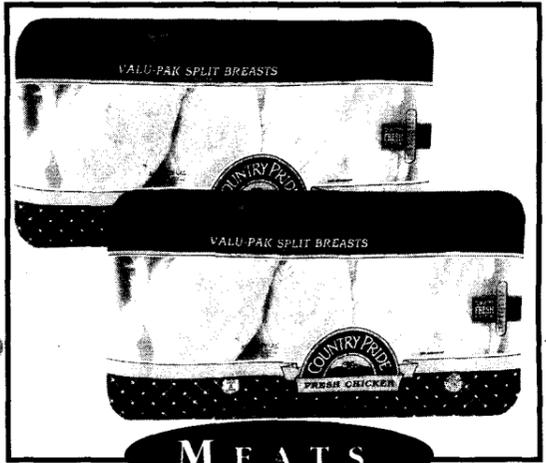
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# 832nd soldiers focus on training, help in local community

By Kathy Harkleroad

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion has a soldier-oriented mission and is heavily involved with training today's soldiers.

Within the battalion are four companies: two student companies, one permanent party company, and one company comprised of several different soldiers.

"Our mission is to be the best training battalion, satisfying the needs of our customers (soldiers, OMMCS/BDE, field units and community) by continually improving the training, administration and logistic support process with a trained, proactive, professional and cohesive cadre," Lt. Col. Kathleen Meehan, battalion commander, said.

On a more personal level, Meehan said the mission statement was what she tells all incoming Advanced Individualized Training students. "Our mission is to send soldiers to the field ready and trained, so platoon sergeants, with a little orientation, can put them to work and count on having the job done," she said. "Those platoon sergeants are glad to get those soldiers who are not only physically fit, but have the basic technical skills down cold, as well as their common task skills."

Meehan said while she directs that statement to incoming students, permanent party soldiers are also in the forefront when it comes to training. "Those soldiers will also be returning to the field, and while they are here as instructors, it is just as important for them to keep their CTT skills and PT skills up to par," she said.

The battalion is made up of very diverse companies and Meehan said each commander is responsible for maintaining a training schedule for their unit. "We have a very mixed bag and when it comes to looking at the mission statement, each commander has the leeway in planning the training schedule."

HQ/Alpha Company is a diverse company with a student/permanent party population. "Soldiers assigned to HQ/Alpha Company come from the international student program, as well as officers attending school on the Arsenal and Explosive Ordnance Disposal students who are here for three weeks. The company is also home to enlisted personnel assigned to the Arsenal, either as battalion staff or EOD," Meehan said.

"The main challenge as far as training goes with HQ/Alpha Company is keeping focused. This is the first time a company has been comprised of so many diverse soldiers," she continued.

Bravo Company is highly geared toward training, as the company is comprised of students in 11 different missile specialties. Their stay at Redstone varies in length and is anywhere from six to 12 months. "The challenge with Bravo Company is to keep focused on MOS qualifications while making sure CTT, PT and soldiering skills are reinforced while they are here," Meehan said.

Bravo Company commander Capt. Linda Arthur said the training is a big part of the soldiers' lives while at Redstone and finding new ways to present CTT skills is



**BATTALION EVENTS—** Soldiers assigned to the 832nd Ordnance Battalion take part in many battalion-sponsored events through-

out the year, as well as company events. These soldiers were participating in the Orienteering Meet held last fall.

somewhat of a challenge. "We get the students involved in the planning as well as the cadre and try to make it as interesting as possible," Arthur said.

Charlie Company is another student company, but students assigned there stay for a much shorter time. "Our students are only here for 10 weeks then they move on to their units," said Capt. Roxanne Fox, company commander. "We have a short amount of time to get them in shape, train them and send them on their way." The company is comprised of students in the ammunition specialties and possible candidates for EOD.

"Training is first and foremost at Charlie Company and with such little time, it has to be intense," Meehan said.

Delta Company is the workhorse of the battalion, according to Meehan, as it is the largest company on the Arsenal. "Delta Company does carry the majority of the load," she said. "The biggest challenge with Delta Company is making sure the word gets out to all the soldiers assigned to the company. There are approximately 300 permanent party soldiers assigned to the company, and many MOS's are represent-

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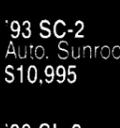
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# International students learn American customs here

By Kathy Harkleroad

The international student program is alive and well at Redstone Arsenal and offers soldiers from other countries a chance to learn not only how to repair and operate certain pieces of equipment, but how Americans live as well.

The number of international students varies from year to year and according to Capt. Michael Grojean, this year 68 students will have visited the Arsenal from different countries. "The number fluctuates from year to year and depends on how many training packets are sold and how many countries choose to send students. Last year we had 119 students here and for next year, we already have 50 scheduled to attend a variety of courses."

The major Foreign Military Sales Training Programs represented at Redstone include training on the Hawk missile system, the MLRS, the Patriot, the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, as well as the Officers Basic Course, and Ammunition Courses. Students of all ranks attend the various courses and are here from four weeks to one year, depending on the course they take,

and in some cases, the number of courses they take.

One of the main obstacles the students must overcome is the language barrier. Each international student must be proficient in English and is given an English test when they arrive at Redstone. But according to Capt. Khaled Ghanem from Egypt, it is not so much the language that gives him problems, but the many different accents used.

"I learned British English and it is very different than what is spoken here," Ghanem said. "But that is my problem and one that I have to work with. If I don't understand something that is said, I just have to ask and make sure I know what is being said."

1st Lt. Saktawee Ruenthong from Thailand echoed that statement and said the language spoken here is quite different from what he learned also. "It takes a lot of practice to understand what is being said. There are so many different accents here and sometimes it is difficult to understand what is being said," Ruenthong said. "But the teachers are very good and take extra time to make sure I have understood what



**DISTANCE LEARNING**— Students from around world visit Redstone Arsenal on a regular basis as part of the International Program. From left are 1st Lt. Saktawee Ruenthong from Thailand, Larry Bland, Waldon Tarpley, and Capt. Khaled Ghanem from Egypt.

they have said."

Both men have been here for the last 17 weeks and were enrolled in the Basic Officers Course. They will graduate June 7 and return to their countries. "I have really enjoyed my time here in America and have been able to see many things," Ghanem said. "I will take back the information to

my country and will teach it to my soldiers. I would also like to see some things change in the way we do things in our army."

While at Redstone the international students not only learn how to lead troops, repair and operate the different weapon systems, but also learn how democracy works

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## Composting classes slated for Redstone

Backyard composting classes will be offered to the Redstone community from 5-6 p.m. June 19 and from 9-10 a.m. June 22 at the Bicentennial Chapel, activity room, through a grant from the Alabama Department of Economics and Community Affairs.

"This popular one-hour class is interesting and fast-paced with slides, handouts and discussion," Ivy Downs, quality of life program manager in RASA Business Management, said.

The instructor, Al Privette, is the director of horticulture at the Huntsville-Madison County Botanical Gardens and member of the Huntsville-Madison County Clean Community Board. Those completing the class receive a certificate for a wire compost bin from a local hardware store.

The class focuses on backyard recycling of yard waste, grass clippings, and other materials, and the proper way to build a compost pile for best results. The natural breakdown of organic material results in a soil-like substance ideal for landscaping. Often bagged and sold in garden shops, compost is the most important soil amendment you can add to improve flower and vegetable gardens.

Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. All Team Redstone members—including military, civilian and contractor—may attend. To register call Self-Help, building 3500, at 842-8259; or for more information, call Downs 876-3376.

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# Health care professionals see benefits in Tricare

By Kathy Harkleroad

Tricare. It's a word that has been heard often lately by those involved with military healthcare, both on the receiving and giving ends. July 1 will see the implementation of Tricare to the medical facilities on Redstone Arsenal, and with the changes have come lots of questions.

John Mason, Managed Care coordinator, and Barbara Reed, Tri-Care Service Center manager, are conducting briefings to active duty family members and retirees who will be directly affected by the new health care system.

"We will be conducting briefings at various locations on the Arsenal during the month, where we will not only have the necessary paperwork to sign up for Tricare, but will provide as many answers as we can to the questions the community may have," Reed said.

What does the implementation of Tricare at Fox Army Community Hospital mean to the medical beneficiaries at Redstone Arsenal? According to Mason, it means better access to the health care provider, more appointments, and better service.

To Reed it means health care beneficiaries have a budgetable medical expense, a local service center who can help in obtaining appointments, and a better quality of service overall.

"We have been assessing the way we do business now," Mason said, "and like all business, are trying to find the most cost-effective method. With the implementation of Tricare several things will change, including how patients are seen at Fox." Mason said more appointments will be available, and persons who need to see a physician the same day will be able to do

so.

"In the past we had a system where the appointment books were open for one day to book appointments for the following month. That caused several problems, and with the Tricare, we are going to change that procedure.

"Appointments will be spread out and will be given throughout the month, not just on one day," Mason said. "If for some reason, the patient can't get in to see their regular assigned physician or clinic, they will be referred to another clinic, or to a physician on the economy. They will be seen the same day."

Reed said the reason this change can occur is all the clinics and physicians will fall under Tricare and will work as a team. Each clinic will have primary health care providers and if one is busy or booked, another can see the patient. "We will try to get the patient in to see their regular physician, but if that is not possible we have more avenues to follow than in the past," Reed said.

Other changes will also be implemented at the hospital, but basically the services will remain the same. "Most of the other changes will be administrative changes," Mason said, "and the patient will not notice them. They (the patients) will be receiving all kinds of literature on Tricare, including the do's and don'ts, how much some services will cost, and how to obtain assistance."

There are two choices the medical beneficiary can make when it comes to signing up for Tricare: Tricare Prime or Tricare Standard. There is no enrollment fee for active duty or their family members for Tricare Prime, while retirees will have a sign-up fee of \$230 for individual coverage



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or \$460 for family coverage. There is no enrollment fee for Tricare Standard, which is the same coverage as the current Champus offers.

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"When you think about this, it is really a good thing," Reed said. "Gone are the questions and uncertainty of what Champus will pay and how much of your deductible has been met. Now you will know how much each visit will cost and can budget for it."

Each eligible beneficiary will be assigned a primary health care provider when they enroll in Tricare, and according to Mason, that is a plus. "The patient will be able to see the same provider each time and they will be the manager of that patient's care," Mason said. "The primary provider will manage all referrals and will

be able to monitor that patient's care with greater ease.

"This is also a benefit because Preventive Medicine can be practiced with much greater ease. With the patient seeing the same physician all the time, problems that might crop up will be noticed quicker and the patient's health can be monitored."

Patients who enroll in Tricare Prime will have the option of deciding where they would like to receive their care, and according to Reed, will be able to choose between FACH and physicians on the economy who participate in Tricare. Patients can choose physicians on the economy only if all the available slots are filled at FACH, according to Reed.

Anyone with questions or who would like further information on Tricare, or how to enroll, can call 1-800-444-5445.

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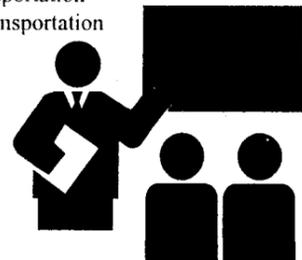
  
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# Firefighters cope with little sleep, high stress routine

By Peggy Hays

Uninterrupted sleep, deep sleep, and a non-stressed work life are not part of a firefighter's 24-hour day at the Rideout Fire Station. The consensus of two of the firefighters, though, is that the job satisfaction clearly overrides the lack of quality sleep and the high stress level.

"You have to really love the job to do it," said Capt. Fred Elliott, a member of the department for 12 years. "Once you get used to shift work— I can't speak for others — but I know I personally can't go back to an eight-hour day.

"It's part of the job satisfaction," he said, in explaining why 24-hour assignments are fulfilling. "A lot of times, you directly see the results. You've saved the environment, saved buildings, saved hazardous materials from causing contamination, and saved people's limbs.

"You go to a car wreck and you get someone out of a car without further injury; you know you're doing a good job.

"It's similar to how it is with athletes," he said. "We slap each other on the back. We're good cheerleaders for each other."

Both Elliott and Arnold Schrimsher, a department firefighter for 10 months, agreed that the job certainly fostered stress, distractions and obstacles to sleep, and sometimes carried into their home life. They felt those negatives, however, were overcome by their learned coping abilities and by the support and closeness among the station firefighters.

A continual change of routines is normal for the firefighters; their work schedule is one of 24-hours on and 24-hours off. Added to that, most firefighters accrue overtime.

"We have to have a minimum of 17 people at the four fire stations," Elliott

said. "Anything below that, we have to make up if someone calls in sick or has a family emergency or is in training."

He added, "I have worked five straight days."

To counteract this inconsistent routine, station personnel maintain a daily work schedule. "There's pretty much standard assignments during the day from 8 to 11," Schrimsher said. "We do our own facility cleanup; we check out all of our equipment and all of our trucks; we see that everything is operating properly. We respond to emergencies. We start all our records for the day.

"We do our building inspections in the p.m.," he said. "At 4:30 or 5, we try to get everybody to break for supper. We fix our own supper. We try to relax but if there's work to be done, we do it. I usually don't get in bed until 11 or 11:30."

Schrimsher continued, "In addition, we have 911 dispatch responsibilities. We man it 24 hours a day. We divide it up on a rotating basis; one person is on it."

An example would be an assignment to the 911 watch line from midnight to 2 a.m. "The first watch and last watch is not bad," Schrimsher said. "Theoretically, you can go to bed at 8 or 8:30 but it usually doesn't happen here. We get interested in TV, get into a conversation; we're problem solving, brainstorming. You get ready to go to bed, the bell goes off, it's time to go. Some of it you can plan for, some..."

"If I go to bed early, it usually takes me an hour to go to sleep," Schrimsher said, "whereas if I go to bed at the usual time, I can go to sleep."

Firehouse life, added Elliott, goes on regardless of sleep schedules. "There's the background noises," he said, "the smells, the odors, radio traffic. People are not trying to be noisy, but these things wake you up.

"But, we do have physical fitness which helps. We play basketball and volleyball and do weightlifting. Some use the actual stairs for stair climbing."

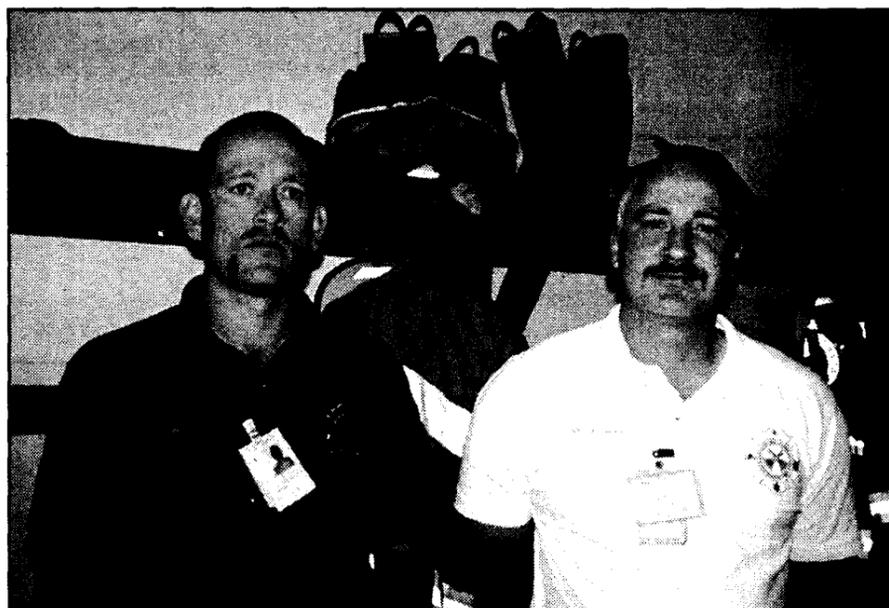
Elliott concluded, "With emergency responses, it makes it difficult to have any set sleep schedules.

"Deep sleep," said Elliott, "is an obstacle. You worry about the performance of the job. First, we have one minute to get out of the building. You have to be out of bed and have your equipment on and be out of the building in one minute.

"Then, if we have a real emergency, everybody doesn't want to go to sleep when we get back. We just sit around and talk."

"We critique what we did," said Schrimsher.

An added factor to restful sleep is that "a lot of personnel are in anticipation of something happening," Elliott said.



**A TRUE 24-HOUR DAY—** Schrimsher, left, and Elliott discuss the readiness of emergency equipment in preparing for a 24-hour day at the Rideout Fire Station.

One way of coping is with the family-type atmosphere created within each fire station. "We all eat together," said Elliott. "We buy our food for our nightly

meals. We do everything together. It's like a big family.

"You seldom see one person," Elliott continued. "If you see one, you see the

crew.

"Even after hours, if you have the option of being

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For one and a half years, the program executive office for Missile Defense has been implementing a wide range of acquisition reform initiatives. Significant changes have been made both internally within DoD and with industry in the procurement of equipment

and services.

While there's been significant progress, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology) has sensed that due to the pressures of daily work, reform initiatives have not been communicated throughout the work force.

In a memorandum dated April 11, he designed May 31 as "Acquisition Reform Acceleration Stand-Down Day," and directed the entire DoD community to cease normal business operations and dedicate time to increasing awareness in the work force of the acquisi-

tion reform initiatives.

In an April 19 memorandum, the Army Acquisition Executive endorsed this initiative and directed all Army acquisition organizations to

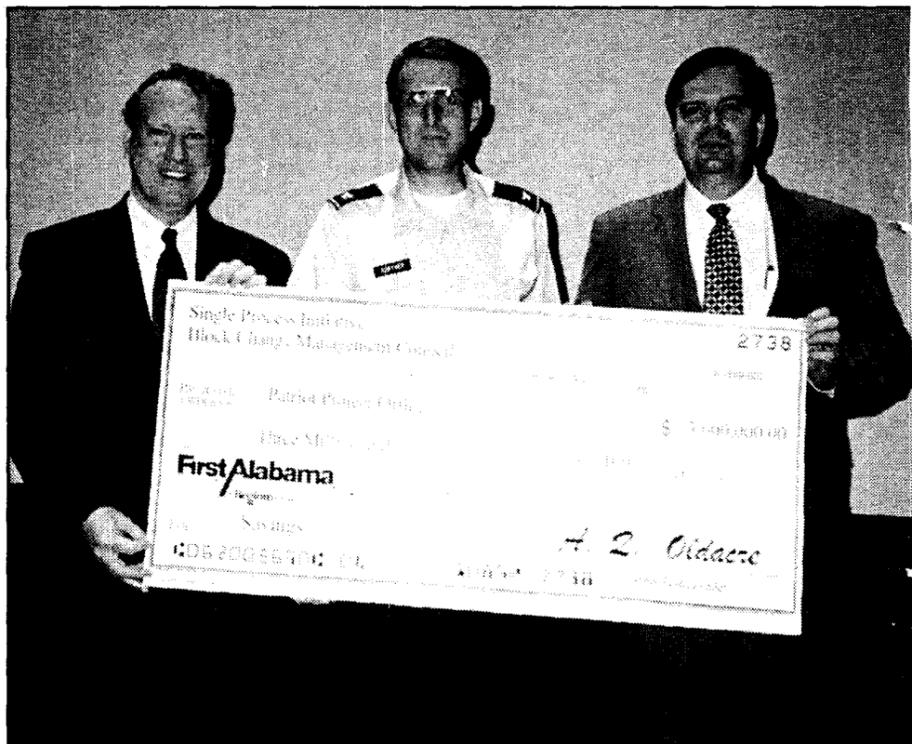
provide a forum for reaching the work force to elevate awareness of and discussion of the importance of acquisition reform.

Col. (promotable) Daniel

Montgomery, the program executive officer for missile defense, made the decision to take this guidance at face value and directed the entire PEO Missile Defen-



**ACQUISITION ADVOCATES**— Bill Smart, left, and Debbie Christian, PEO, Missile Defense, receive certificates from A.Q. Oldacre for their efforts in facilitating acquisition reform initiatives during the past two years in the PEO and project offices.



**ACQUISITION SAVINGS**— A.Q. Oldacre, deputy program executive officer, Missile Defense, presents a \$3 million "check" representing savings in the Patriot program realized from acquisition reforms at the Raytheon contractor plant, to Col. Stephen Kuffner, Patriot project manager, and Si Gaddy, his deputy.

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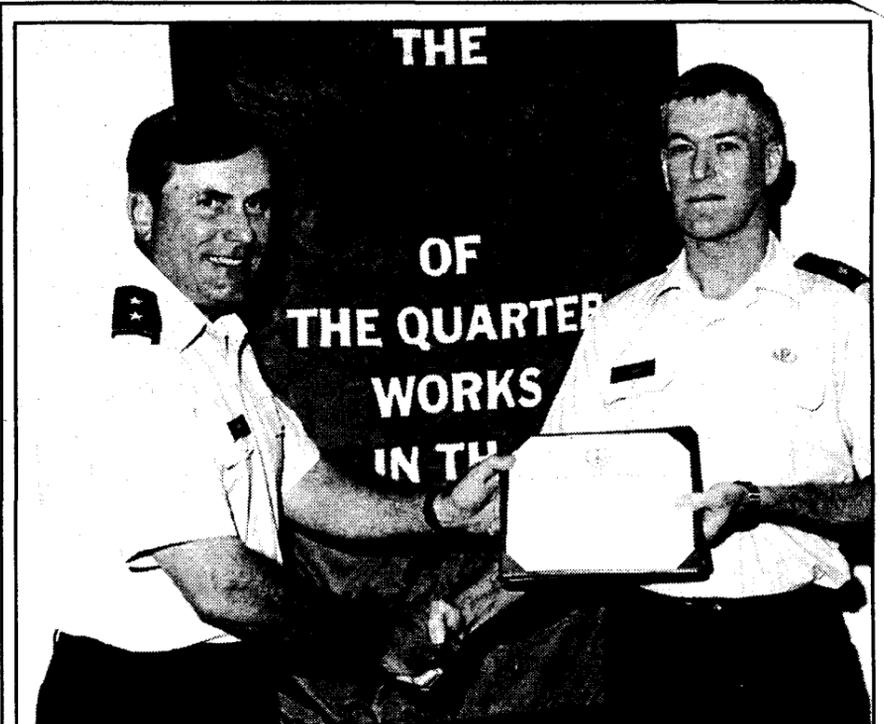
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**EXCELLENCE AWARD**— Col. (promotable) Dan Montgomery, program executive officer, Missile Defense, presents the David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award, a high-level DoD award, to principals who finalized details of international acquisition in the Corps Sam/MEADS agreement. Receiving the award are A.Q. Oldacre, deputy PEO, Missile Defense; Chester Domaracki, acting project manager, CORPS SAM; and Byron Lawing, Lt. Col. Steve Pierce, and Glenn Smith, CORPS SAM Project Office.



## Contract professional honoree...

Maj. Charles Sharp, right, receives the Contract Professional of the Quarter Award for the second quarter of fiscal 1996. Making the presentation is Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal. Sharp was recognized for his many achievements in reducing procurement and production lead-times.

work force to come together May 29 at the Sparkman Auditorium. All Missile Defense program/project/product and PEO staff offices suspended all but absolutely mission critical operations to facilitate participation.

In his opening remarks, Montgomery said in part, "I challenge every member of our PEO work force to seek more efficient ways of doing your job... be innovative... bring new ideas of doing business to the forefront. You should realize the success of these initiatives is the highest priority of the DoD and Army leadership. I am proud to see that in our first efforts we have realized cost savings in our programs of \$101.7 million and cost avoidances of \$168.5 million. Keep up the good work."

An audience of 475 core and matrix employees from

the PEO spent the day becoming more familiar with the full spectrum of acquisition reform initiatives. There were presentations on the full range of acquisition reform topics, to include selected presenters from several program offices who shared best practices, lessons learned, and highlighted the successes of PEO Missile Defense implementation of the acquisition reform initiatives.

At the conclusion of the Stand-down Day workshop, A.Q. Oldacre, deputy PEO and the PEO Standards Improvement Executive (SIE) said, "We are proud of the fact that all the material prepared for our workshop and the subject matter experts used as presenters were from within our organization. That says a great deal about the PEO's progress in understanding and implementing the acquisition re-

form initiatives."

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# What everyone should know about skin cancer...

By James Reid

The skin is the largest organ of the body, yet many of us still take skin health for granted. Each year more than 500,000 North Americans are affected by skin cancer. Skin cancer can, however, be treated and cured if detected early.

The three major types of skin cancer are basil cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and melanoma. Basil cell carcinoma is the most common type of skin cancer and is commonly marked by either a growth or sore on the skin that does not heal. It may also resemble a solid, red lump or a patch of dry skin that peels. Squamous cell carcinoma may also be a raised lump or dry, peeling patch of skin. In addition, it can also be recognized as any

growth or sore that changes in color or overall appearance. Melanoma, the third and most dangerous type of skin cancer, has four basic characteristics. These are: asymmetry (half of the mole is different from the other half), border irregularity, color variety, and the diameter of the mole is about the size of a pencil eraser. Melanoma can grow around normal, non-cancerous moles and go undetected. Therefore, it is important that you examine your skin closely for moles that have abnormal shapes, sizes, or colors.

Non-cancerous moles may be raised or flat and are usually one color. Do not delay in telling your doctor if you notice any of the signs of skin cancer. Remember, the key to treating this deadly disease is to de-



tect it early in its development. Your family physician or dermatologist will examine your mole, growth, or sore and give you a proper diagnosis.

You can help prevent the development of skin cancer by using certain precau-

tions. Try to avoid long, repeated exposure to the sun between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. While there is no sunscreen on the market yet that blocks all of the sun's harmful rays, use a sunscreen which filters both UVB and UVA rays. Also, the SPF

(sun protection factor) should be at least 15, and preferably 25. Apply sunscreen about 30 minutes before exposure to the sun to allow it to become absorbed. It should be reapplied every two hours. Remember that you get harmful rays on a cloudy day just as you do on a sunny day. So if you are going to be outdoors a lot this summer wear a hat and other protective clothing. The best defense against the sun is to cover the skin.

If you are a person who has had a serious sunburn sometime in your life, or if you are a person with fair skin and light-colored hair and eyes, you are more at risk for developing skin cancer. Also, exposure to certain chemicals or to X-rays and radium can increase your risk of skin can-

cer. Thus, try to avoid getting any unnecessary X-rays.

June is Cancer Awareness Month and the Civilian Wellness Center would like to give you an opportunity to learn more about cancer. On June 13, we will be offering a class titled, "The Diet-Cancer Connection." You will learn what type of diet may help protect your body from a variety of cancers. In addition, on June 20, we will offer a Cancer Prevention class. Come find out what you can be doing right now to prevent certain types of cancer. Both classes will be held in building 5302. Call the Civilian Wellness Center at 955-6844 for more information or to register for these classes.

(Editor's note: Reid is an exercise physiologist at the Civilian Wellness Center.)

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ed. It is a definite command and control challenge."

While there are many diverse companies within the battalion, training is always a top priority. "While each commander has their own way of doing training, they must still report each quarter as to what training has been accomplished and have to address PT, CTT and technical training dur-

ing that time frame," Meehan said.

The soldiers in the battalion also gather several times during the year and participate in several different activities as a battalion. "We have the Orienteering Meet and Mil Stakes where they compete," Meehan said. "They are also involved in the Brotherhood Run and this year each company was responsible for some part of the Ordnance Ball."

On a community level,

the battalion is also very active and sends soldiers into Huntsville and the surrounding area for special events. "We sent soldiers to help build Kids Space, as well as being active participants in the Special Olympics that is held each year," Meehan said. "The battalion does many things

to give back to the community who has always strongly supported us."

As far as any changes on the horizon for the battalion, Meehan said she really didn't anticipate any. "Changes are always happening, everywhere. If you looked at the Army five years ago and compared it

with the Army today, you would see many changes. But I think the reorganization we just under went last year will be the last we will see in the near future," she

said.

The battalion has approximately 1,067 soldiers at Redstone Arsenal and 400 soldiers assigned at other locations.

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Sports

# Redstone frisbee golf course serves as tournament site

By Peggy Hays

The Rocket City Chain Gang, under the direction of Bill Wagon, sponsored the Rocket City Super Tournament on May 25-26 for disc golfers. One of the sites for the event was the Arsenal's Vincent Park Frisbee Golf Course. Wagon, a technical editor for Motorola, described the tourney as "one of the major stops on the professional tour for professional disc golfers."

This is the fifth year that the RCCG has sponsored this major tourney. This year, 136 entrants competed at four sites in Huntsville: Vincent Park on the Arsenal, the University of Alabama-Huntsville's permanent course as well as a temporary on-campus course, and Brahan Springs. Each entrant played all four courses. "All contestants played four rounds, each round on a different course," Wagon said. "We played Saturday and Sunday, two rounds a day."

"We had professionals come from as far as Texas and California, some who flew in from Canada, and one gentleman from the Netherlands," Wagon said. "He is here in the U.S. to tour and play tournaments and this is one of his stops."

Wagon, who has chaired this event since 1990, said the Huntsville tournament regularly drew professional disc golfers from all over the country, and in 1993, was the host for the World Championships. "We've had some record-breaking turnouts," he said. "The 136 this year is not

a record but it did include six-time World Champion Ken Climo from Clearwater, Fla.

"He unfortunately did not win, actually suffering some penalty points, and I think tied for fourth. The winner of the open division was Brad Hammock from Atlanta, Ga."

The tournament's open division is for professionals although anyone can enter. A women's division and also a master's division, age 40 and over, is available. Entrants this year were evenly split, Wagon said, 68 professionals and 68 amateurs.

Wagon noted several local players competed in the tourney. "There are several professional players here in town including one of the top master players in the world, Lavone Wolfe," Wagon said. "He placed third in the tournament."

"Lavone works at Intergraph and is very active in the sport. He's played longer than I have and holds several titles."

"Kendall Steele from Oklahoma was going to school on the Arsenal," Wagon said. "He's in the Army and was already packed and left immediately for home after the tournament."

"Kevin Woodsinger from the MICOM Safety Office competed," he said, noting that Woodsinger also assists in maintaining the Vincent Park course.

Wagon spoke highly of the Arsenal's course. "All of the touring professionals, year after year," he said, "cite the Redstone Arsenal course as their favorite course be-



**DISC THROWER—** Kevin Woodsinger demonstrates his form at the Arsenal disc golf course at Vincent Park. Woodsinger, a safety engineer at MICOM's Safe-

ty Office, tied for fifth in the master's professional division in the Rocket City Super Tournament on May 25-26.

cause it has such variety and because it more closely resembles a 'ball golf course.' It's so pastoral.

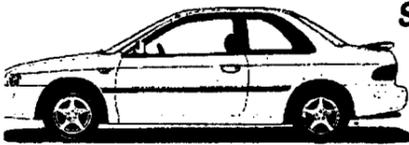
"It's a most beautiful course out there. It's a very serene setting. Most courses are found on college campuses or parks so they

generally are competing with other things." Purse money is available for the top professionals. This year's winner, "pocketed about \$780 for his efforts," Wagon said.

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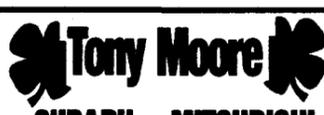
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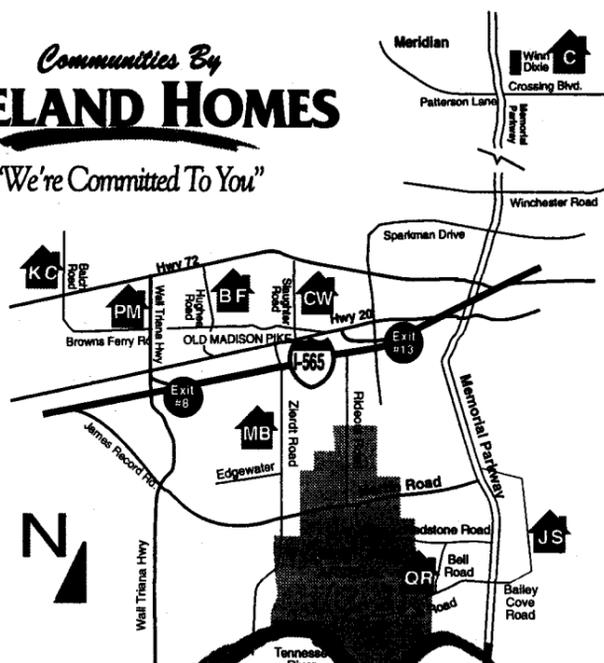


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### Best display...

Capt. Byron Echols, left, HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade, accepts the first-place safety display award for the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School from Col. Gerald Luttrell, OMMCS commandant, May 16. HHC 59th's theme was Safe Boating. Each year during OMMCS' "Safety Stand-Down Day," held during MICOM's Safety Awareness Week, awards are presented to the or-

ganizational elements that present the most creative, motivational and summer safety theme oriented displays. Also receiving awards were the Missile Systems Training Department, second place for its display of general summer safety; and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Department placed third for its display on explosive fireworks safety.

## GOLF

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entry fees and money from sponsorships. Pizza Hut of Huntsville was our major sponsor. They contributed \$2000."

The RCCG has no immediate future tourneys scheduled but an upcoming major in Florence is the Alabama State Flying Disc Championships. "Our club is a major supporter of that event," Wagnon said.

Wagnon, who's been a disc golfer for 15 years, said he became an instant lover of the sport while attending the University of Florida. "I was just throwing the frisbee with friends," he said. "They showed me how to throw from a line and hit a tree. That was before we knew about the baskets we now have.

"Disc golf is a terrific sport because it has no limitations as to age, gender, or

physical condition," he continued. "It's a year-round sport that you can play during the winter. In fact, we schedule a tournament during January and we play regardless of the weather, whether it's snow or ice. In fact, it was snow and ice this year."

## TAX

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the building next to ACS and by the ACS personnel. "This year, we had a handicapped accessible building which increased our clients," she said. "We had elderly here and the disabled.

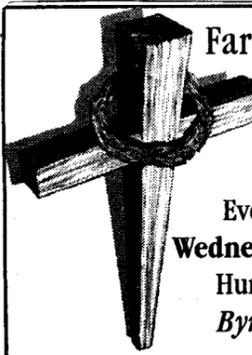
"Mary Breeden from ACS and Richard Russell of MSIC (Missile and Space Intelligence Center) were very instrumental," Boone said.

The tax program's electronic filing service was definitely aided by the contribu-

tions of ACS and Russell, Boone added. ACS not only provided the Tax Center Building but purchased the Tax Wise software, furnished three 486 computers with three color monitors, three telephone lines, a laser printer, a 9600 modem, and funded the Volunteer Child Care Program and Tax Awards Ceremony.

MSIC supplied and set up the partition for three private cubicles, four office desks, three computer desks, 15 office chairs, six file cabinets, a color television and VCR, and logistical support.

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# ABMA celebrated Hawk missile success 40 years ago

The Missile Command's Historical Office provided the following information on the activities 40 years ago of a predecessor organization here, the Army Ballistic Missile Agency (ABMA).

During the startup activities of establishing the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Redstone Arsenal during 1956, Maj. Gen. John Medaris and his staff took the initiative in many areas. From the support side, Col. C. G. Patterson, commander of the Army Ordnance Corps at Redstone, sent a request through

the Commanding General, ABMA, to the Chief of Ordnance, HQ DA, to establish mission responsibilities at Redstone for the operation of a stock management and accounting system for all ABMA systems materiel, providing availability and condition data on a worldwide basis. This system would also need to provide receipt, storage, maintenance and issue of all ABMA missile materiel from a single source of worldwide supply. Equipment, supplies and spare parts would be included. Approving the request, Maj.

Gen. J. H. Hinrich, acting chief of Ordnance, HQ DA, would state "... it is recommended that plans and realignment of Redstone Arsenal mission assignments proceed posthaste."

• **June '56:** The first guided Hawk missile hit the nose of an F-80 drone flying at 11,000 feet and demolished it in a shower of flaming fragments. During the period January-June 1956, routine testing of the Hawk missile system had continued. After a combination of successes and setbacks, on June 22 at White Sands Proving Ground, N.M., the

Hawk missile R5017 was flight tested. This was the first Hawk I guidance flight; the target, an F80 drone flying a head-on course. The Hawk I scored a direct hit, destroying the drone at a range of approximately six nautical miles.

Also during June 1956, Hawk air-to-air tests were conducted at Sanders Associates. During these sequences, seeker lock-on ranges of 10-13 nautical miles were demonstrated consistently. Airborne acquisition, as well as ground acquisition, was demonstrated and discrimination of targets flying at the same speed (to be within speed gate) was demonstrated with a range separation of about 300 yards. Hawk is an acronym which stands for Homing All the Way, Killer.

• **June '56:** The first Lacrosse I production prototype missile was delivered. Evaluation firings at White Sands involved several versions of the missile, with the finalized stages of the Lacrosse program being considered to be the ultimate tactical configuration. The Lacrosse guided missile had been developed as a surface-to-surface weapon designed for close tactical

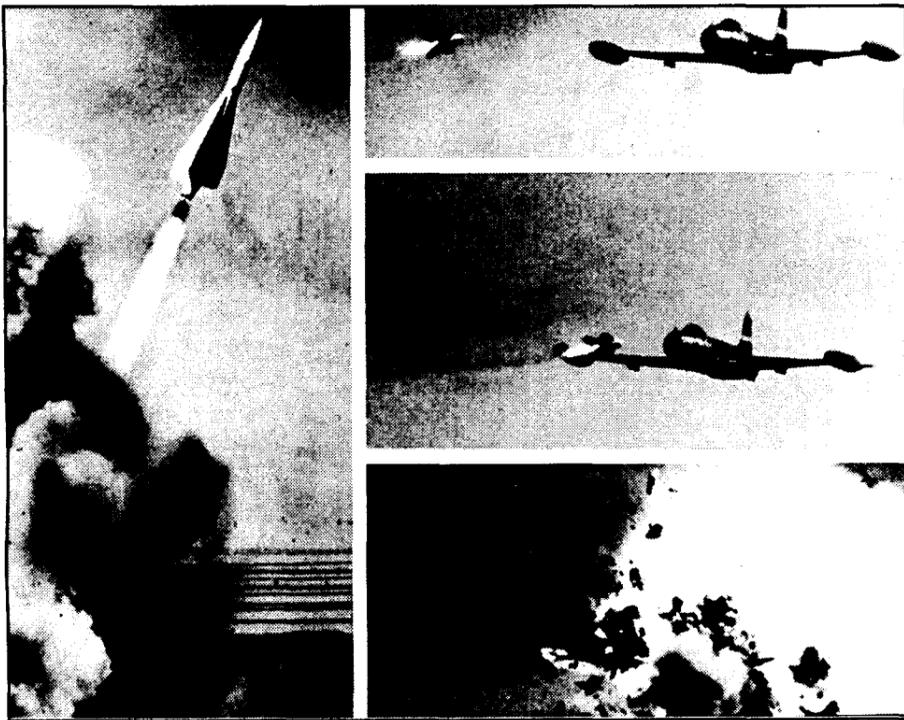


**LACROSSE FIRING**— The Lacrosse guided missile had been developed as a surface-to-surface weapon designed for close tactical support of ground troops.

support of ground troops. It was an all-weather system, capable of carrying nuclear and high-explosive warheads which could destroy hard point targets. First deployed in 1959, the Lacrosse missile program experienced numerous im-

provements and changes. • **June 14, 1956:** The Redstone missile went on public display in the Huntsville area for the first time during the celebration of the Army's 181st anniversary.

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**HAWK HIT**— The Hawk missile demonstrates its intercept capabilities, hitting an F-80 drone in this sequence.

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**Casual fun...**

Soldiers from the NCO Academy participated in Organizational Day activities May 24 at the Easter Posey Recreational Area. The soldiers and family members participated in games, had good food and took part in an awards ceremony. Pictured is SFC Tracy Grindrod, left, receiving his Liberation of Kuwait medal from CSM Thomas Johnson.

**HAWK**

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It was exhibited in the OGMS (now OMMCS) area of the Arsenal, along with the Army's other large systems: Corporal, Nike, and Honest John.

- **June 27, 1956:** Bids were opened for the construction of 270 Capehart housing units to be located west of the Wherry Housing Project on Goss Road. Construction work on the initial phase of the Capehart program began in August 1956.
- **June 30, 1956:** Redstone Arsenal was relieved of its mission to produce chemical ammunition, except for the completion of current work schedules assigned by the Ordnance Ammunition Command (OAC). That same day, the Arsenal's oldest mission activity—Ammunition Division—was abolished after 14 years of operation. Responsibility for performing the division's remaining functions was transferred to the Redstone Depot.

**STRESS**

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alone, seldom see anyone alone. We're all together on the park benches in back or in the dining room."

The social atmosphere is solid but it's not left to chance. "I can answer personally," Elliott said. "You consciously work at it out here. The people that suffer for it are the people at home."

"You might say something to them when you're trying to sleep or rest. That's because we're loners. I don't have a bad day here. I have it at home."

Being responsive to each others' needs is another way the firefighters provide support.

Elliott interjected, "I can tell you after an emergency-filled day, it's sometimes really difficult to do everything you have to do."

Schrimsher responded, "That's where teamwork comes in. I look out for him; he looks out for me."

"We have to look out for each other. Everybody is responsible for each other."

The pressure, they concluded, has increased com-

pared to their early years of firefighting. "This job is full of stress," Elliott said. "The stress comes from knowing if you can do the job."

"It wasn't stressed before. When I first came out here, we fought fires. We put water on or chemicals on as needed."

"Now, we do emergency medicine; we do firefighting, confined space rescues, high angle rescues, and vehicle extractions."

In addition, most continue as volunteer firefighters in areas near their home. "Many nights the pager goes off at 10, I put the truck back in the station, take a shower, and come to work with one hour of sleep," Schrimsher said.

Elliott repeated, "You've got to love the job."

As for whether they have ever experienced the dulling effects from sleeping too long, Schrimsher said, "I've never gotten too much sleep."

"I've been too exhausted to sleep," said Elliott. "You work all day; you have a fire—you're even too tired to shower."

As for ways to get their best sleep or more sleep,

both said they haven't found it. "I've tried everything," Schrimsher said. "A lot of it is anticipation. I know I've got to go to sleep because I've got to get up at 12 or 2."

"Will I hear the bell? Will I be the last one to be on the truck and are they waiting on me?"

One thing that has proved beneficial is a short rest period; no afternoon naps, though, which would interfere with their circadian rhythm. "After we eat lunch, we have a short period time," Elliott said. "Everyone goes into the dining room. We put the (TV) news on. Everybody does shut their eyes for a few minutes. Everybody leans back in their chairs and rests for a while."

However, Schrimsher said any kind of naps didn't bother him. "I can take a nap at any time," he said, "and not bother me. I can go to bed at any time. I feel like I'm always a little bit deprived of sleep."

Elliott agreed, "Everybody is so keyed up here. The most stressful position is in the alarm room (911 dispatch center)." The stress there, both said, is

due to the critical process of getting the proper information and, oftentimes, of the need of talking people through emergency procedures.

Schrimsher said, "Many times we go on real emergencies and when we get back to the station, we find they look worse than we do."

Certainly, it seems that the firefighters' internal body clocks need resetting every day with their work and home turnaround schedules. In addition, their training is pressurized, diverse, and multidimensional. Their days and nights are filled with anticipation and high workloads requiring focused concentration and intense energy. Yet, job satisfaction reigns supreme.

Fine-tuning the edges just might, however, focus on further means of promoting quality sleep as well as varied ways of relaxing during the day. After all, we need them; firefighters will probably touch all our lives at some time or another.

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# PROTOCOL

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this was a way to repay the military for her late husband's 26 years of service as a soldier. Col. Harlin "Sandy" Durbin died in 1992.

"I had very strong feelings. If I had not volunteered, they would've selected a military person," she said. "And I felt if I could keep one military person home, that is what I wanted to do. My deceased husband was in the military 26 years. And I felt maybe it could repay a small portion of what the Army has done for me."

In Haiti she wore a battledress uniform, lived in a warehouse, slept on a cot, showered when she could, and ate Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MREs). "It just taught me so much more respect for the soldier. I had no idea what they go through when they're out in the field like that, and it was just a wonderful experience," Durbin said.

She has four grown children—two boys and two girls— from a previous marriage. They include Spec. Tim McCullough, 22, who is stationed at Fort Drum, N.Y. Her oldest son, Jim McCullough, 27, is a sergeant in the Missouri National Guard. She has five grandchildren, with the sixth due in August.

"I am a sports nut so I like to attend games, sporting events; I like to work out; and I like to lay out in the sun," Durbin said, describing her hobbies.

"I can't say enough about the Huntsville area, how beautiful it is. The people have just been wonderful," she said. She gives a special thanks to Pam Baird, a member of Redstone's BRAC team, who served as her sponsor here. She praises the sponsor program and said she hopes it will continue for others who arrive from St. Louis.

Durbin's goal as protocol officer is to maintain the office's high level of support. "I hope to keep the same high standards that are here, and be an added asset," she said. "I always say, 'perfect and improving.' Protocol office: keep it perfect and improving; and to be an active and productive member of Team Redstone."

# Project office goes outdoors for AER fund-raiser

By Gloria Barone

Hot dogs, hamburgers, potato chips, cold drinks, and ice cream on a hot day; what more could anyone want? Throw in a squeaky clean car wash while you eat, and you have all the ingredients of a fun-filled lunch break.

Military and civilian employees of the Army TACMS-Bat Project Office joined together to wash cars and grill hamburgers and hot dogs in an effort to raise money for a very worthy cause—the Army Emergency Relief fund. The cookout and car wash were held May 23 behind building 5250; and it turned out to be a very successful day. Army TACMS-Bat raised over \$1,600 at this year's AER fund-raiser, doubling the amount raised last year. When added to the donations received for AER, the amount totaled almost \$2,000.

One of the participants from Army TACMS-Bat, Maj. Kathleen Browning, expressed her appreciation to all the personnel who worked so hard and to the sponsors involved in making this event such a huge success.



**FIRING UP THE GRILL—** From left Diane Caldwell, Deborah Plunkett, Martha James and Renee McArdle get first choice of the hamburgers and hot dogs at the Army TACMS-Bat Project Office's fund-raiser for Army Emergency Relief.

assistance to young soldiers who face financial tragedy or hardships and, in this day of tight budgets, AER is one of the only ways a commander can provide this much needed assistance."

The coordinator of this year's fund-raiser for Army TACMS-Bat, Maj. Kathleen Browning, expressed her appreciation to all the personnel who worked so hard and to the sponsors involved in making this event such a huge success.

Browning said that she had a fantastic group of people on her planning committee. Also, thanks go to Deborah Sharpe, manager of the cafeteria in building 5250, for her assistance.

The entire Army TACMS-Bat team wishes to express their thanks to all the people who participated in supporting this worthy cause by purchasing food and having their cars washed.

Corporate sponsors who donated money and prod-

ucts for this event were Pepsi Cola, Mid-South Ice Company, Bruno's, Winn Dixie, Earth Grain Bread Company (Colonial), Purity Dairies, Blue Bell Ice Cream, and Golden Flake Snack Foods.

The project manager for Army TACMS-Bat is Col. John Holly. Donald Barker is the deputy project manager.

*(Editor's note: Barone is a program analyst in the Army TACMS-Bat Project Office.)*

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# RASA sergeant major keeps open door policy

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Redstone Arsenal Support Activity has a new sergeant major. Sgt. Maj. Dennis Smith took command May 15 and is looking forward to the challenges of working with the activity.

Smith is no stranger to Redstone Arsenal and just completed an assignment as the sergeant major for the 74th Maintenance Battalion where is participated in the inactivation of the battalion and then was transferred back to TMDE. He has been stationed on the Arsenal since July 1993.

"This command is definitely a change from my

time at TMDE," Smith said, "and it is one that I am definitely looking forward to. My main goal is to ensure each soldier and their families are taken care of, as well as the retirees and civilians. Customer service is a priority here at RASA and I plan to continue that tradition."

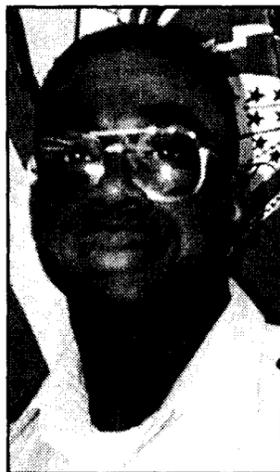
Some of RASA's 13 directorates include Community and Family Activities, Office of the Chaplain, Public Works, Environmental Management and Planning, Flight Operations, Provost Marshal's Office, and Support Operations, to name a few.

Smith said he operates under an open door policy and welcomes all sugges-

tions, concerns or comments. "I welcome all comments and concerns," he said. "RASA is a team and it takes teamwork to get things accomplished. That is what it is all about, teamwork."

Smith also said he was glad to have an opportunity to work in a position such as this one. "I am really looking forward to the challenges it will present. Within the RASA family we will be able to resolve if not all, most of the issues. And we can get answers for those we cannot resolve," he added.

During his free time, Smith said he enjoys running, working out with weights, racquetball, reading and playing softball for



SMITH

the company on post. He and his wife, Adria Dianne, and their three children, Anthony, DJ and Christa reside on the Arsenal.

## Announcements

**Military ID cards**— The Military Personnel Office has temporarily suspended reissuing the automated identification card for the following personnel due to a shortage of card stock: Retired personnel (unless the old ID card is mutilated); and all family members, except those that have expired cards or those in which the active duty sponsor separates under the Transition Assistance Management Program. The Army Project Office has notified Redstone Arsenal that a new supply of card stock should be shipped within 120 days. The new stock should arrive at Redstone by the end of August. When the new card stock arrives, MILPO will begin reissuing ID cards in accordance with regulatory guidance.

The amendment deletes the Jan 1, 1987 qualifying date and inserts Jan 1, 1966. This means that if you moved on or after Jan. 1, 1966 from a DoD NAF position to a DoD AF position without a break in service of more than three days, you will receive credit for NAF service in determining civil service retention. If you have creditable NAF service, please collect the necessary documents (i.e. form DA 3434, Personnel Action) and contact your CPO servicing team. Upon verification of your NAF service, your RIF service computation date will be adjusted and your official personnel folder updated. If you have any questions, you may contact your CPO representative.

**Babysitting class**— Supplemental Programs and Services will sponsor a Red Cross babysitting class on June 15 and 22. It is a 10-hour class which will be taught from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. each Saturday in building 113 on Hankins Road. To register, call 876-7888. Class size is limited to 10. Individuals must be 13 and older to register.

**Hispanic culture**—

**NAF service**— A memorandum was recently received from PERSCOM regarding former NAF service. Public law 104-106 amends section 3502 (a) (C) of Title 5, USC to expand the creditability of Non-appropriated Fund (NAF) service for appropriated fund (AF) reduction in force (RIF) purposes. The law was effective Feb. 10.

## STUDENTS

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in America and how our economy works. "The objective of the program is to provide the international student with an awareness and functional understanding of internationally recognized human rights and the democratic way of life," Grojean said. "Many of these students are from developing countries and are interested in the democratic way of life. We try to take them on trips and expose them to as much as we can."

Some of the trips include a visit to the state capital as well as other governmental institutions. Trips to several amusement parks and shopping centers are also included as well as other places. "We have taken students to several power plants and manufacturing plants as well, to give them an idea of how we do things here," Grojean said.

Discussions are also held on current events and other topics relating to the American way of life. "We hold discussions on the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, federal, state and local institutions and laws, civilian and military justice systems, and the American family and community life," Grojean said. "We also discuss ethnic and other minorities, industry, agriculture and environmental protection, the economy, labor and labor management, education and public and social welfare discussions."

When the students are not in the classroom or on field trips, they can found in the language lab or reading room in the barracks. "Many of our foreign students want to improve their English and take the extra time to use the language lab. We also have quite a few of their spouses come in and learn to speak English while the soldier is

here," Grojean said.

The program is a success due to the hard work and dedication of Larry Bland and Waldon Tarpley, according to Grojean. "It would collapse without them. They do so many behind-the-scenes things and are basically the ones who do all the work. They walk the international students through the in-processing system and are basically their support system the entire time they are here," Grojean said. "When a problem arises, they are the ones to solve it and help the student in finding ways to make their stay here more comfortable, as well as educational."

The cost of the international students' stay here is paid by their respective country, and the student as well. "Last year OMMCS' share was \$1.2 million in training dollars spent here by foreign countries," Grojean said. "That includes

the reimbursement of the instructors time, the electricity, and several other factors. As you can see that is quite a bit of impact on the school."

According to Bland, there are approximately 79 countries that have sent students to the school in the past and include Egypt, England, Germany, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Taiwan, the United Arab Emirates, Venezuela, Zaire, and Zimbabwe.

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# Announcements

Merengue music and dancing will be held June 15 from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the JOC (Just Our Club) annex, building 114. Admission is \$2 at the door. Free popcorn and chips. "Bring a friend and dance to the hot salsa and juicy merengue sounds spun by Everett Young." For more information, call Ricardo or Hazel Gelpi 842-8593 or 722-9387.

### Information technology

The Corporate Information Center, MICOM, is among the sponsors of the "Information Currents '96" conference scheduled July 15-17 at the Von Braun Civic Center. This event will look at "the currents of change making Information Technology a strategic resource for organizations of all types to operate competitively in today's world... Today's realities of Information Technology can be better understood and utilized by learning from others' successes and failures, and exploring the opportunities available to you and your organization through new IT applications and advancements." To register for the conference, call the University of Alabama-Huntsville business office 895-6010.

### Middle Eastern dance

The Beledi (bell-a-dee) Club of Huntsville invites

everyone to its 20th anniversary celebration of Middle Eastern dance June 7-9 at the Sheraton Inn-Huntsville Airport. The extravaganza will include shows Friday and Saturday nights, dance classes Saturday and Sunday, and a variety of bazaar vendors. For more information, call 837-8388 or 851-7922.

### Job assistance workshop

Three personnel representatives from Hard-ee's Food Systems Inc. and Quincy's Restaurants will speak at the Army Career and Alumni Program's Job Assistance Workshop on June 20 and conduct interviews June 21. The representatives are recruiting managers, assistant managers and other personnel who are interested in working in the food service industry. There are positions available in Huntsville and surrounding areas and throughout the South. These are excellent jobs with competitive salaries, great benefits, and complete training programs. Those individuals interested in attending this workshop and interview must register at the ACAP Transition Assistance Office at 955-6490. Individuals must have a well-written, up-to-date resume, and a practice interview beforehand and can receive assistance with these activities

by calling ACAP. The Hard-ee's and Quincy's representatives will speak at the workshop June 20 at 2:15 p.m. and the interviews will be conducted June 21 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the ACAP Office in room 145 in building 3433 on Aerobee Road. To register or for more information, call 955-6490.

### Retirement eligibles

Getting ready to retire? Deciding whether to take VERA/VSIP? Just not sure what to do with a lump sum or annuity? The Army Career and Alumni Program is sponsoring two seminars in June on just these subjects. ACAP will sponsor "Retirement and Your Taxes" on June 12 at 1:30 p.m. in building 3495 on Patton Road. ACAP will also sponsor a "Retirement Investments" seminar June 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the same location. If you are interested in attending one or both seminars, call 955-6490/6487.

### Appropriation law seminar

The Association of Government Accountants is offering a one-day training session, "Appropriation Law Update," June 28. Tom Cabik of Management Concepts Inc. will instruct in the NASA Training Facility,

building 4723. Cost is \$110. Class size will be limited so call Meg Lipsey 876-3703 to reserve a place.

### Union meeting

The American Federation of Government Employees Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting June 10 at 5:30 p.m. in building 3202 (Union Office). For more information, call 876-4880 or 881-7430.

### Soccer field

Field 16, the Patton Road soccer field, will be closed through Aug. 31 during a refurbishing project to enhance the field's playing condition, according to the Directorate of Public Works.

### Real estate seminars

After the last joint agency seminar was held on retirement planning, much interest was expressed in the area of real estate (both buying and selling). To address these concerns Army Community Service, in cooperation with the Civilian Wellness Center, is holding two seminars today at 11 at the Sparkman Center. Jim McWhorter, president of the Huntsville Board of Realtors, will present the seminar on house buying in building 5300, room 5140. At the same time, in building 5302, room 2139, Sher-

ry Dinges, president-elect of the Huntsville Board of Realtors, will present information on selling a house. Both seminars are open to military and civilians. To register call the Civilian Wellness Center 955-6844 or Army Community Service 876-5397.

Army "Recruit the Recruiter Team" from Fort Knox, Ky., will visit June 11 to give all qualified and interested NCOs the opportunity to become a volunteer recruiter. The team will be at the Post Theater from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30-

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**Post Theater movies**— Friday, "James and the Giant Peach," PG, 80 minutes. Saturday, "Primal Fear," R, 131 minutes. Sunday, "Primal Fear." June 14, "Fargo," R, 98 minutes. Showtime is 7 p.m. Admission is adults \$2.50, children \$1.25.

**Federal retirees**— The National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m.; and the program, featuring the activities of CASA, will start at 10. For more information, call 837-0382 or 881-3168.

**Best yards**— Yard of the Month winners for May include CWO 5 and Mrs. Donald Dull Jr., 489 Cooke Drive, officer; SFC and Mrs. Timothy Undelhofen, 355 Crowell Circle, senior NCO; Cpl. and Mrs. Harry Sardella Jr., 544-B Willow Circle, junior enlisted single/duplex; and SSgt. and Mrs. Douglas McDonald Jr., 1370-D LaCrosse Drive, junior enlisted multiplex. Unit winner was B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, building 3411. The next judging will be June 24.

**NCO spouses**— New officers of the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club

will be installed at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Soldatenstube. The slate of new officers includes Trish Johnson, president; Anna Schmidt, vice president; Karen Sunde, honorary president; Judy Link, honorary adviser; Beryl Cutts, treasurer; Kathy Harkle-road, recording secretary; Dorothy Patrick, corresponding secretary; and Diana Garcia, Elizabeth Marion and Blanche Moore, board members at large.

**Youth tennis clinic**— Youth Development Association is conducting registration for its Summer Junior Team Tennis Program. The registration fee is \$55 which includes a one year USTA membership, team T-shirt, local and out-of-town matches, and a one week tennis clinic. Registration for beginners is \$45. The tennis clinic, for ages 6-18, is scheduled for June 10-13. On June 14, the YDA All-Star Team will travel to Nashville to play its season opener. For more information, call 464-9906.

**Church program**— New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, 4640 Meridian St. (just past the Alabama A&M University campus), has the following events in June: Women's Day Program, June 9; fashion show, the first of what is to become an annual activity, June 22; and Vacation Bible School, June 24-28. For more information, call Anthony Payne 842-7935 or Eldolia Weir 534-1322.

**Marine Corps league**— The Marine Corps League, Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment 820, will meet at 7 p.m. June 11 at the American Legion on Drake Avenue, west. All interested persons are invited.

**Boating safety course**— The Coast Guard Auxiliary in Huntsville is offering a Boating Skills and Safety Class "ideal for the whole family to take to qualify for the new Alabama boating operator license and could lower insurance premiums for boaters who take it." A material fee will be collected on the first night of class. The class will begin at 6:30 p.m. June 13 in Stillwell Hall, building 3305, room 115. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 890-2220 (days) or 830-6621 (evenings).

**Tricare briefings**— Tricare enrollment information will be available during several briefings during June. For active-duty family members, briefings will be conducted June 5 at 2 p.m. in the dining room of Fox Army Community Hospital; June 8 at 8 a.m. at the Health Fair at FACH; June 18 at 7 p.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel; and June 19 at 2 p.m. in the FACH dining room. Retiree beneficiary

briefings will be held June 6, 12, 21 and 27 at 7 p.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel, and June 26 at 2 p.m. in the FACH dining room. (Note: Several corrections have been made from the schedule printed last week in a paid advertisement from Humana Military Healthcare Services Inc. The briefing scheduled for 4 p.m. June 6 is canceled; and there will be no briefings June 7.)

**Health fair**— Fox Army Community Hospital will hold its annual Beneficiary Health Fair from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Services available include Tricare enrollment information, blood pressure and cholesterol screening, pharmacy services, health-care displays and handouts, and tours of Fox Hospital. All beneficiaries are invited to attend.

**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 next week: Sparkman ALC, building 5304, room 4319, "Quality or Else, the Global Marketplace." North ALC, building 3222, "How to Set and Achieve Goals, Vol. II."

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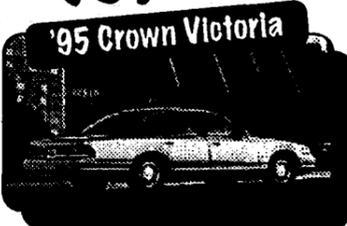
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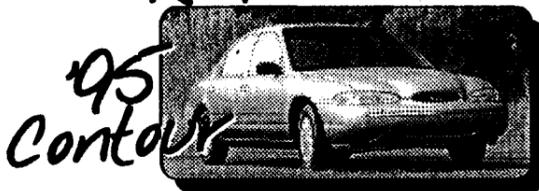


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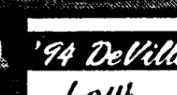
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