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Final Guardsmen 'Hawkers' completing missile school

By Skip Vaughn

The two young soldiers who are the Army's final National Guard "Hawkers" both believe they will benefit from their training on the Hawk missile system.

Pvt. Brian Bohan and PFC Kenneth Hartley are the last of the line of Army National Guardsmen who have received Hawk training. The Army, which previously ended Hawk training for active duty soldiers, is now discontinuing Hawk training for the National Guard. The training will continue for allied service-members from other countries; and the Marines will continue their own Hawk training.

Bohan, a member of the Florida National Guard, arrived Feb. 9 to study Hawk radar repair and will finish the 36-week class Oct. 22. Hartley, of the Ohio National Guard, arrived in July 1995 to study Hawk firing mechanisms and field maintenance



LAST OF THE LINE— Bohan, left, and Hartley are the last of the National Guard Hawk trainees.

and will finish July 24. Each is the only student in his class.

"I think it's an honor that I actually can finish through here considering my unit is already getting rid of the Hawk equipment," Bohan

said. "Anybody that can get this training definitely has a future in electronics."

Hawk is being eliminated in National Guard units "except for New Mexico," Bohan said. "They're the only state keeping it."

Bohan, 18, from Edgewater, Fla., plans to seek a job with the Federal Aviation Administration when he returns home. Asked how the Hawk training will help him, he said, "It gives me a good electronics background. I guess electronics is pretty much everything now; it'll help me get a job."

Hartley, 21, from McArthur, Ohio, joined the National Guard in October 1994 and plans to enter the regular Army upon finishing Hawk training. "I feel basically lucky that I could get this training," he said. "It's given me a jump start for future jobs that I'll choose in the military.... I plan on eventually going Airborne and becoming a Ranger."

Both National Guardsmen have had military and civilian instructors for their classes which are conducted Monday through Friday. "From what I've been told it's the toughest training down here," Bohan said.

"It's pretty tough," Hartley said, "but as long as you work hard and do your best, you can do it."

Bohan joined the National Guard last Sept. 5, his birthday. "I guess you could say it was a birthday present from my dad—he's the one that swore me in," Bohan said. He is one of three children of Pat and Mike Bohan, a retired major.

Hartley, one of eight children of Lois and Kenneth Sr., said, "I'm planning on going regular Army as soon as I get out of here."

The Hawk missile team has four civilian and five military instructors, according to SFC William Crisp, the team's noncommissioned officer in charge. It is part of the air defense division under missile systems training department at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. In 1959 the Army began training soldiers on the Hawk anti-aircraft missile.

Soldier Show highlights events Aug. 5-11

The 1996 Soldier Show, now touring the United States and Europe, will come to the Von Braun Civic Center Aug. 7 during the local community's Armed Forces Week celebration Aug. 7-11.

Some 25 soldier performers and seven technicians make up the cast and crew. They were selected after this year from auditions videotaped they submitted in December 1995.

Soldier Show performances are scheduled. See WEEK on page 18



Proficiency training...

Firefighters handle hose lines spraying water and foam mixture on a pit fire at the Arsenal's Fire Department Training Area. The staged fire simulates a major fuel fire or aircraft accident and is used as one of the department's training aids. See story on pages 12 and 13.

Nance succeeds Williams as PEO tactical missiles

By Skip Vaughn

The funniest moment during Thursday's change of management ceremony for PEO Tactical Missiles occurred when George Williams approached the podium and told the capacity crowd, "If elected—"

"Somebody's gotta run," Williams, the outgoing program executive officer, added to the delight of the nearly 700 attendees. Retiring with 35 years of government service, Williams passed his position to Brig. Gen. Willie Nance. Nance, a former project manager under the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles, returns after serving the past eight months as



OFFICIAL PARTY— From left are Decker, Williams, Nance, and Col. Charles Greer, deputy program executive officer for tactical missiles.

deputy commander of the Space and Strategic Defense Command.

Williams traced how he

became the program executive officer six years ago, a

See PEO on page 14

Commentary: Time away from work can help outlook

By Karl Weisel

HANAU, Germany—They say that recovering from a major illness or injury can give one a different perspective on life. Getting away from work for any amount of time can have the same effect.

Although not in the same league as an incapacitating illness, a vacation gives one the chance to step back from the daily grind and reflect on one's position in the grand scheme of things.

For this writer a two-week vacation was a chance to decipher the social smile code of his seven-month-old daughter (known previously only by her mom and sibling), to beachcombing with her older sister and actually have several full-length conversations with his wife.

There's nothing quite like waking up in the morning to the sound of the surf, a chorus of bird songs and knowing the most demanding task ahead is deciding whether to get dressed or to just jump straight into the old swimsuit. Although the first few days of any vacation can be rough—it's hard to make the transition from frenzied activity to relaxed inactivity—in no time at all one discovers a real knack for passing the time while doing hardly anything at all.

Deadlines? Suspenses? Stress? Hah! That's why they have vacations and R&R Programs—to give individuals a chance to recharge the old batteries, take a break from the routine and hopefully return with a fresh outlook.

For anyone involved with the military in recent years, the uncertainty of

future deployments, cutbacks, family separation and never knowing how long one can count on gainful employment has become a way of life. That, plus the stress of consistently having to figure out how to do more with less due to budget restraints and personnel shortages has taken its toll on the mental well-being of many people.

Programs, such as Army Family Team Building, Family Advocacy and Army Community Service have focused on relieving stress, improving communication and other related topics in an effort to ensure people have the tools to cope with these new demands.

For soldiers and family members separated by lengthy deployments, time spent together has become even more precious.

While people deal with stress and anxiety in their own unique ways, nearly everyone needs a break from time to time to step back and take a look at what really matters. For some people that may mean deciding to make major or minor changes in one's daily life or career, while for others it is simply a stress-buster—a chance to forget about the usual demands of the day-to-day and to enjoy something new.

There's no denying the vital importance of Operation Joint Endeavor and other recent peace-keeping missions to ensuring a higher quality of life for citizens around the globe, but don't forget to take time out to take care of your own quality of life from time to time.

(Editor's note: Weisel is the editor of the Hessen Herald in Hanau, Ger-

Letters to the editor

Ongoing journey

In a recent letter to the editor which appeared in the July 10 issue of the Rocket, a member of Team Redstone expressed his disappointment with the Team Redstone Leadership's decision not to apply for the 1997 President's Quality Award and Army Performance Improvement Criteria (APIC—formerly known as ACOE). That letter reflects how leadership actions and decisions can sometimes be misunderstood.

The Executive Steering Committee reached this decision only after serious study and consideration of the command's overall posture. The decision criteria included feedback from previous PQA/APIC applications, self-assessments, perspectives from each member of the ESC, and a critical review conducted by an outside consulting firm which is recognized as a leader in the Total Quality Management field. It was readily apparent to the leadership after considering all of this information, that Team Redstone could not win the PQA unless critical management fixes were made before making another application for the award, which we plan to do.

Regarding the APIC, a recent decision last week by Army Materiel Command has allowed us to submit an application for APIC again this year and Team Redstone will aggressively compete with other installations in this Armywide competition.

Future editions of the Rocket will include articles dedicated to the ongoing quality journey and how we will work to make the necessary improvements to win the PQA in the future.

Col. Kent Miller,
Director of Resource Management



Commissary marks spot with savings promotion

By Heather Douglas

What is that cute little smiling face about at the Commissary these days? That is the "Spot," the logo for the "Shop, Save and Share" promotion.

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911 emergency callers need help in relaying message

By Skip Vaughn

Recipients of 911 emergency calls should try to get as much information from the caller as possible, according to an official from the downtown 911 center.

"I'd rather have too much information than not enough," Jo Tranter, training manager for the Huntsville-Madison County 911 Center, said. She conducted two, four-hour training sessions here which were sponsored by the Provost Marshal Office.

Security and hospital workers were encouraged to ask callers basic questions such as when did the incident occur and who's doing the fighting. "Domestic situations are the most volatile that law enforcement will ever respond to," Tranter said.

The callers depend on the 911 operator to get their message to law enforcement, fire or hospital personnel. "We are their link for safety," Tranter said. "You're the



DISCUSSING 911 CALLS— Tranter, left, talks with SFC Veronica Edmiston during a break in the 911 training session held July 15. Edmiston is senior operations sergeant for the Provost Marshal Office.

link between who's calling and the law enforcement officer in the field."

Expect to encounter all kinds of callers, Tranter advised. They may be angry, might use profanity, may just want somebody to talk to, or may be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

"Experience does make a difference when you're

taking those phone calls," Tranter said.

The students included police officers, civilian security, NASA security, and hospital emergency room personnel. Separate sessions were conducted 7-11 a.m. July 9 and noon-4 p.m. July 15, according to Charles Payne, training officer for the Provost Mar-

shal Office. Twenty-six people attended the July 9 session and 14 others took part July 15 at the RASA Development Center, building 3447.

An expanded 911 system for Redstone began April 15. Anyone who dials 911 from any telephone on post can report a fire, crime or medical emergency.

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New deputy post commander arrives for second tour

By Kathy Harkleroad

Col. Duane Brandt, the new commander of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity and deputy post commander, has an eye to the future and a door that never closes.

Brandt's focus is on people and "doing the best you can"; and he is spreading that philosophy throughout RASA.

"I have always believed that it is very important to retain your focus on the people, and especially in this job," Brandt said, "and I am glad to see others here at Redstone Arsenal feel the way I do. There is already a great line of communication in place and a sincere concern for those living and working on the Arsenal.

"My main goal is to ensure those assigned and those who live here have a safe, healthy and fun place to work and live," he con-

tinued. "In order to do that, you have to have a people focus and an excellent customer service base."

Brandt said in order to maintain the customer service base that is already in place at Redstone Arsenal, he would encourage everyone to do their best. "The philosophy is simple, but is one I live by," he added. "If you try your best and seek personal challenges, you do you best. That is what it takes to do well in your life."

Brandt said many things within RASA will continue, such as the Town Hall meeting; and he encourages soldiers and employees to express their concerns and ideas. "I have an open door policy and am always ready to hear concerns and suggestions. If there is a problem and it can't be solved through the normal rank and file, everyone should feel comfortable coming and laying it down on my table,"

he said. "I do expect that all resources should be exercised before that happens though."

Another challenge Brandt faces is focusing on the environment. "I have only been in command a week and have already had to deal with a few issues. My main concern is keeping the community safe and meeting the national laws as well," he said. "What you do today can be felt years down the road, long after you and I are gone."

Brandt said he looks forward to the arrival of St. Louis workers moving here under the base realignment and closure process. "We want them to be excited about moving to the Arsenal and want them to come with an great sense of anticipation. We have a great bunch of people here and a great community and are working hard to make sure everything goes smoothly on their

arrival," he said.

This is Brandt's second assignment to Redstone, and he is glad to be back. He was assigned here from January 1987 through June 1991 at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. "To be honest with you, I was glad to hear I was returning to Redstone. There is a special sense of community here and an unique interaction with Huntsville and the other surrounding communities," he said. "I am just glad to be part of it again and help it grow."

Brandt and his wife, Juanita, have three children: Duey, 20, Colette and Janina, 18-year-old twins. Duey resides in Burlington, Iowa; and the twins will be headed to Iowa State College in August. Outside the office, Brandt can be found at the bowling alley or working on one of his many woodworking projects.



BRANDT

Civil Air Patrol crews find downed airplane in search

The Redstone Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, along with four other northern Alabama squadrons, recently participated in a search and rescue mission for a downed aircraft in the Sylacauga area.

The missing plane, a Cessna 152, with a pilot and one passenger aboard was en route from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Destin, Fla. The pilot reported that the plane

was low on fuel and would attempt to land at the Montgomery airport, but soon afterward the plane disappeared from radar.

Air Force authorities notified CAP Alabama Wing authorities who immediately set up a search operations base at the Sylacauga airport. The burned plane and two bodies were located by members of the Dothan Squadron. The find

was confirmed by an Alabama Highway Patrol helicopter crew and later by a ground search team on a ridge near Sylacauga.

Ten members of the Redstone Squadron who participated in the air search

include Lt. Col. James McGrath, squadron commander; Lt. Col. Bob Brandau, squadron mission coordinator; Maj. Daniel Riley, Capt. Charlie Burgess, Capt. James Harris, 1st Lt. Stan Pengelly, 1st Lt. Telton

Tolbert, 2nd Lt. Paul Adams, 2nd Lt. Les Barnard and 2nd Lt. B. J. Bjorkman.

The Redstone Squadron meets for training and business the second and fourth Tuesday evenings from 6-8 in building 4828-G1 on the

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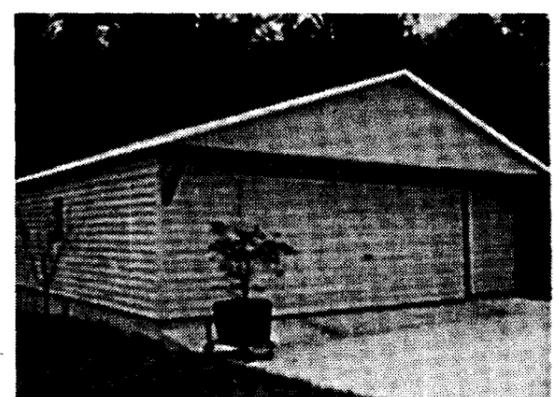
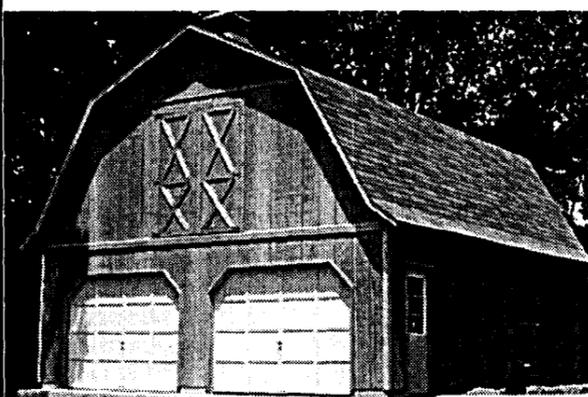
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Air defense sensor product goes under new leadership

By Skip Vaughn

Lt. Col. Tim McKaig has taken the reins of a product office responsible for fielding a world-class tactical air defense sensor.

McKaig succeeded Lt. Col. James Wells as the product manager for Forward Area Air Defense sensors in a ceremony held July 17 at the Sparkman Auditorium. Wells, the FAAD sensors product manager since July 1993, will attend the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., for a year before going to his next assignment. Wells will become a colonel and project manager for mobile electric power at Fort Belvoir, Va.

The mission of FAAD Sensors Product Office is to acquire, field and sustain a world-class tactical air defense sensor. That mission is currently being achieved through the acquisition of the Ground Based Sensor. The 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery assigned to the 4th Infantry Division, at Fort Hood, Texas, will be the first unit equipped with the production Ground Based Sensor in fiscal 1997.

"We certainly have a number of challenges ahead of us," McKaig said, referring to full-rate production



RECEIVING LINE— McKaig and his wife, Theresa, are congratulated by attendees after the change of product manager ceremony.

and fielding: "We've got a great team to meet those challenges; and I'm ready to go, and looking forward to working with all of you."

About 100 people attended the change of product manager ceremony including workers from the office, family members of Wells and McKaig, and others. The product office, located on University Square, is under the Program Executive Office for Intelligence and Electronic Warfare based at Fort Monmouth, N.J. McKaig joins

the product office from the Patriot Project Office.

Brig. Gen. David Gust, the program executive officer for intelligence and electronic warfare, praised Wells for his work the past three years. McKaig likewise has "great credentials," he added.

McKaig was commissioned as an air defense artillery officer and graduated from West Point in 1978. He received a master's degree in physics from the

Naval Postgraduate School in 1987. His military education includes the Air Defense Artillery Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Defense Program Management Course.

His initial assignment was to Fort Bliss, Texas, where he served as a platoon leader and battery executive officer in the 2nd Battalion, 55th Air Defense Artillery (Hawk). He next

served as a brigade training Command and General officer and VII Corps Air Defense operations liaison team leader for the 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade (Hawk) in Wuerzburg, Germany. He then served as battery commander of B Battery, 3rd Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery (Hawk) in Scheinfurt, Germany.

After completing graduate school in 1987, McKaig was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition in the Pentagon as a system coordinator for the Hawk and Patriot air defense systems. Upon graduation from the Army

Command and General Staff College in 1992, he served with the Space and Strategic Defense Command as a research and development project officer in the Systems Directorate and as the test branch chief in the Ground Based Radar Project Office. His most recent assignment was as an assistant project manager in the Patriot Project Office.

McKaig and his wife, Theresa, have two daughters: Kelley and Katherine, who attend Holy Spirit Regional School. McKaig's military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Staff Badge.

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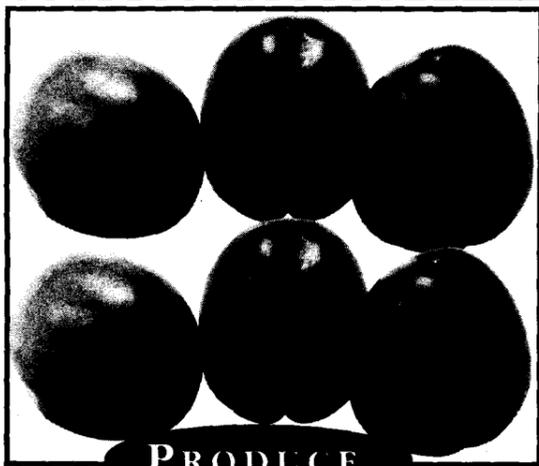
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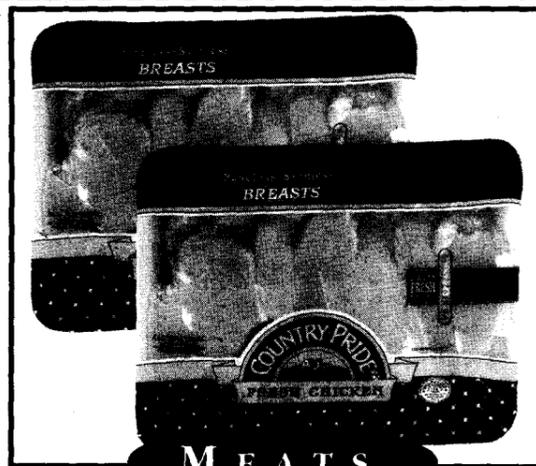


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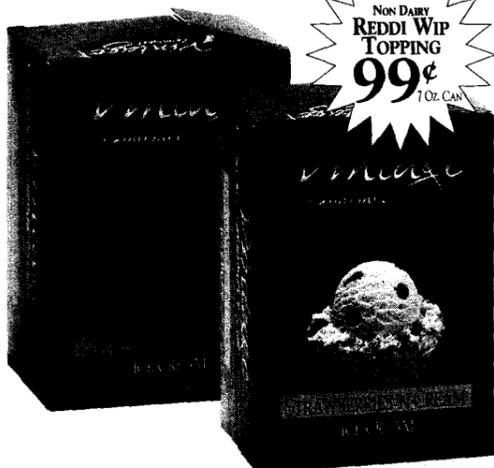


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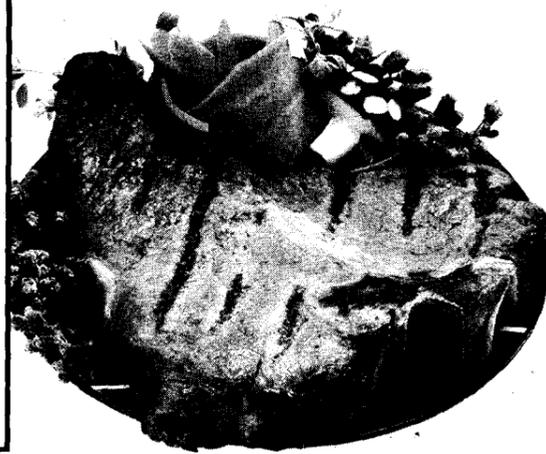
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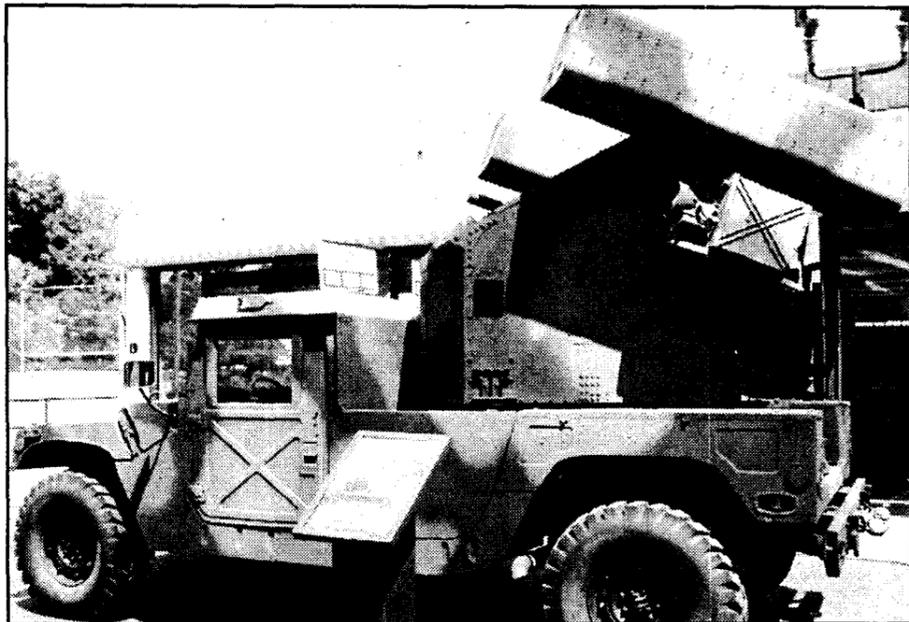
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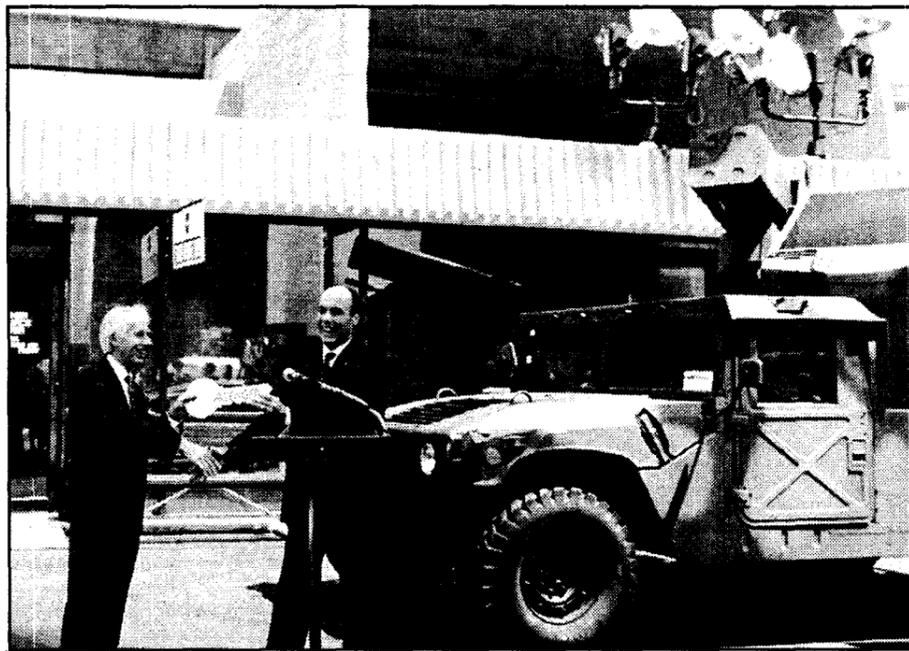
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CONTRIBUTION— Thad Mauldin, U.S. Space & Rocket Center executive director, left, accepts an Avenger system from Pete Parsons, program manager, for display at the center. Boeing volunteers added the final touches to the Avenger donated by the Army. The Humvee was provided by MICOM.

Avenger display donated to Space & Rocket Center

By Peggy Hays

As part of the celebration of Boeing Week at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, a Thursday ceremony recognized the efforts of 13 Boeing employees who added the finishing touches to an Avenger fire unit prior to its full-time display at the space center.

"The Army actually donated the Avenger two years ago," Diane Gonzalez, Avenger/Bradley Linebacker public relations manager, said, "but it came without the turrets on it. The 13 volunteers made the turrets so it is now in its full battle glory. This is absolutely the real thing."

In presenting the completed weapon system, Pete Parsons, Avenger program manager, said the final transfer of the Avenger to the Space & Rocket Center is a symbol of the long and successful partnership of Boeing subcontractors,

Boeing, and MICOM.

"Boeing has been associated with this tourist center for 30 years," Parsons said, "and has supported many other exhibits in the center including the habitat at Space Camp."

"The completion of the Avenger unit by these Boeing volunteers is a testimony to that association," he said, adding that the primary carrier, the Humvee was donated by MICOM.

"In 1986, over 840 units were delivered to the U.S. Army, National Guard and Marine Corps," Parsons continued. "Most importantly, the Avenger has generated jobs; over 100 jobs in northern Alabama since 1986." Additional jobs, Parsons said, were created for subcontractors throughout the country.

"It's been a success story all the way," he concluded.

Thad Mauldin, executive director of the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, said Boeing

was one of the major partners and sponsors for the center's programs and exhibits. "We are enjoying the partnership very much," Mauldin said. "It is always good to say you fly with Boeing."

Members of the Boeing team commended for their contribution in preparing the Avenger fire unit for display include team leader

Craig Headrick and team members: Harry Chandler, Bob David, Mary Ann Davis, Ron Fulmer, Kevin Kaiser, John Light, John Lose, Mike Rash, Charles Richardson, Dave Sayre, Cindy Womack and Gary Zeiher.

The Boeing-built Avenger is a transportable, shoot-on-the-move air missile/gun weapon system integrating

eight Stinger missiles, .50-caliber machine gun, gyro-stabilized turret, forward-looking infrared (FLIR) sensor, laser rangefinder, optical sight, and fire control computer. The system is mounted on a Humvee and designed for stand-alone operation. It is operated by a two-person crew, defending against helicopters, cruise missiles,

and fixed-wing aircraft at low altitudes day or night and in clear or adverse weather.

The Avenger was deployed in the Middle East to support NATO troops during the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait where it provided air and ground surveillance. Due to the lack of targets, the Avenger was not fired in combat.

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THAAD team gets new launcher product manager

By Sandra Trousdale

Lt. Col. Mike Johnson has returned to the Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) Project Office to head the THAAD Launcher Product Office. He replaces Lt. Col. Cecil Webster, who has departed to attend the Army War College in Pennsylvania.

Webster's new post follows an assignment on the Army staff as the THAAD system coordinator. Prior to that he was with Space and Strategic Defense Command as test chief for THAAD.

Under the direction of Col. Lou Deeter, THAAD project manager, the Launcher Product Office is responsible for the design, development, integration, testing and production of an autonomous launch platform for no less than eight THAAD missiles.

The launcher vehicle transports, elevates and launches THAAD missiles in accordance with launch commands from the THAAD Battle Management/Command, Control, Communication and Intelligence elements.

The launcher consists of a modified M1075 Palletized Load System (PLS) truck with an internal load handling system, a missile round pallet and launcher electronics consisting of the launch computer, fiber optic and RF communication equipment, a battery and generator power distribution system, a missile interface unit, a precision light-weight global positioning system receiver and a dynamics reference unit.

The system can be emplaced by two soldiers in 30 minutes. After emplacement, it has the capability to perform continuous, unmanned, automated launch operations for up to two weeks.

The July 16 ceremony was held outdoors at the THAAD office complex at 4930 Corporate Park Drive.

Deeter, who provided

opening remarks, called the ceremony an important event to the officers and the project office.

Webster, who had served as product manager since August 1994, thanked all the people who supported him during his tenure. He was presented the Meritorious Service Medal by Deeter.

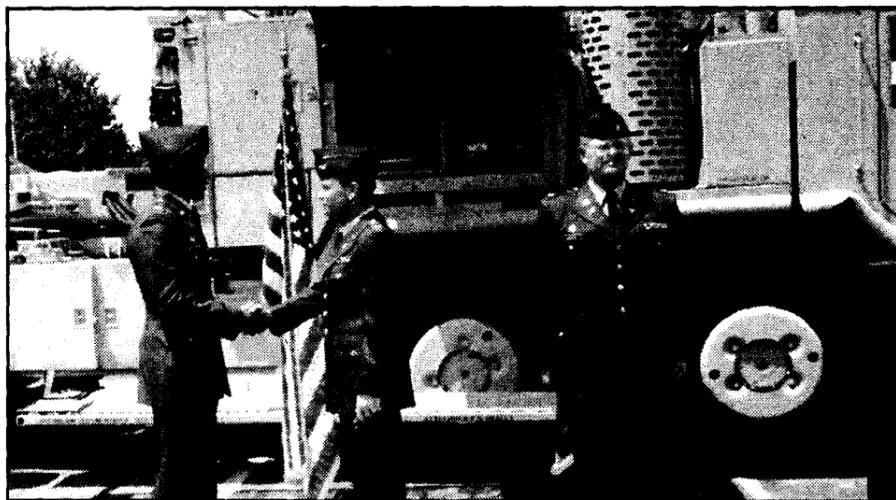
Johnson said he was proud to be part of the team putting this vital defensive system in the hands of soldiers.

THAAD is undergoing a series of demonstration/validation tests at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. It is the first weapon system designed specifically to defeat

theater ballistic missiles. It is a ground based system that constitutes the upper tier of a two-tiered defense.

The system is composed of four segments — missile, launcher, radar, and battle management/command, control, communications and intelligence.

The Army activated the first THAAD battery June 6 at Fort Bliss, Texas. The troops are training and participating in the demonstration/validation testing of the system at White Sands and will eventually take over the system for the final series of dem/val test engagements in mid fiscal 1997.

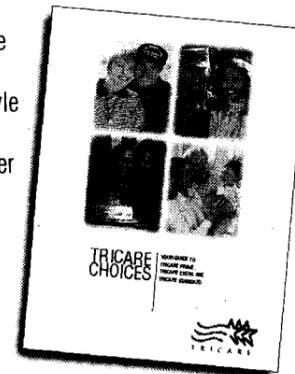


NEW PRODUCT MANAGER— Deeter, THAAD project manager. **Outgoing launcher product manager Lt. Col. Cecil Webster, left, is thanked for his service to the THAAD project office by Co. Lou** **At right is incoming launcher product manager, Lt. Col. Mike Johnson. The THAAD launcher is in the background.**

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Defense laser technology adapted to eye surgery

By Gerda Sherrill

It's a dream come true: Technology developed at her father's work site corrected Sandra Farmer's myopia and astigmatism through surgery done in Colombia, South America.

Her dad, Dr. Henry Hollman, is an engineer at the Space and Strategic Defense Command where a dual optical/LADAR technology was developed for ballistic missile defense object detection and ranging. "This technology was adapted in 1993 by Autonomous Technologies of Orlando, Fla., to track and compensate for involuntary eye movement with a low power CO2 laser, thus changing the focusing properties of the eye," Hollman said.

This new laser procedure, called LASIK, improves the curvature of the cornea by reshaping the inner layers of corneal tissue with the excimer laser (rather than recontouring the corneal surface, as is done in other procedures). The surgery lasts about 20 minutes—most of the time is preparation and positioning—the actual laser component only lasts about 30 seconds per eye. The new concept was financially backed by a group of international investors and initial field testing began in Greece in late 1994. U.S. surgeons are in the infancy stage of this "new to America" surgery.

The surgery corrected Farmer's myopia and astigmatism within 48 hours. "For the first time in my adult life, I could function normally without glasses or contacts. My surgeon, Dr. Galvis, told me that using excimer/LASIK, 96 percent of patients have 20/20 vision after eyesight stabilization," she said.

Dr. Galvis is a clinical professor at the University of Santander, chair of the Colombian Academy of Ophthalmology, and also a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He has more than 17 years refractive operative experience with more than 4,000 LASIK procedures performed. The surgical fee for both eyes is \$2,700-\$3,000 at his South American hospital. The cost for travel would have to be added to that.

Since excimer laser surgery in the U.S. is still experimental, it would be performed by surgeons relatively inexperienced in this procedure; therefore, people flock to Colombia after they learn about Dr. Galvis and his extraordinary successful career.

Dr. Galvis' facility was built and backed by billionaire philanthropist Carlos Ardilla Lulle, owner of Pepsi-Cola and Leona Bewery, and is "state of the art."

New chaplain arrives from assignment in Germany

By Kathy Harkleroad

A newcomer is delivering sermons from behind the pulpit at the Bicentennial Chapel. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tom Cook has joined the rank and file at the Chapel and delivered his first sermon July 21. Cook is filling the slot that became vacant with the retirement of Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy Boschen.

Cook, who arrived here from Heidelberg, Germany earlier this month, said he is looking forward to his assignment at Redstone Arsenal. "We are facing many challenges and I am looking forward to each and every one of them," he said. "We, like everyone, are doing more with less and I expect many challenges in the future trying to maintain the degree of services that are already provided."

Cook is not only the RASA chaplain, but will also become the MICOM chaplain upon the retirement of Chaplain (Col.) William McAllister in November. "As you can see we will be stretched a little thin with the retirement of Chaplain McAllister, but I pledge to make sure we maintain those services even if it means working day and night," he said.

Cook said his biggest challenge was going to be finding the time to provide quality staff visits to the soldiers on the Arsenal in their

place of work. "I really enjoy that, getting out to meet the soldiers, and am going to work hard on meeting that commitment," he said. "It is something that is very important to me and one that I do not take lightly."

When asked if he foresaw any major changes within the chapel, Cook said some activities may have to be trimmed. "Since I have just arrived, it would be unfair to say any particular service or activity will be trimmed as of yet," he continued. "We are in the process now of reviewing the different programs and services, but it is important that we concentrate on what is essential and be sure those things get done. I do foresee some of the outside civilian activities being trimmed and what they are right now I can't say. We will have a full plate of our own."

Cook began preaching as a freshman in college and by the time he was a senior, was preaching full time. He then spent three years in the seminary before joining the Army. He has served two tours at Fort Hood, Texas, with a tour to Germany in-between, as well as assignments to Korea, Staff and



COOK

Faculty, FORSCOM, another tour in Germany and then to the Arsenal. "I have spent a great deal of time with the 2nd Armored Division and have been with just about every unit," Cook said.

When it comes to caring and being there, Cook said that is a statement he lives by. "I want the people to know that the staff here does care about them. I will try to get to them where they are. We have the utmost care and concern for

all the soldiers and they should not feel there is any reason to hesitate when it comes to seeking out help," he added.

When not preparing his sermons or planning activities, Cook enjoys running and logs approximately 40 miles per week. "To me running is a great stress reliever and is a great way to relax," he said with a smile. Cook also likes being outdoors and enjoying the beauty of nature.

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Remembering this month in ABMA history: July 1956

In July 1956 the renovated airfield was officially opened, and construction began on the post chapel which eventually closed.

These were among the events compiled by the Missile Command's Historical Office in a recap of "this month in ABMA history." The Army Ballistic Missile Agency was a predecessor organization here.

On July 26, 1956 Redstone Depot, a subelement of the Redstone Arsenal Field Services Division, became responsible for operating a guided missile ammunition evaluation and procedures shop for ABMA missile systems. It also served as a stock management and accounting system for all Army ballistic missile materiel, providing availability and condition data on a worldwide basis.

In addition, the depot furnished a single source of worldwide supply by receiving, storing, maintaining in storage, and issuing all Army ballistic missile materiel. The organizational roots of the depot can be traced to August 1951, when Redstone Arsenal assumed the national procurement and field service missions for all Army Ordnance rockets and guided missiles. At that time the progenitors of today's Acquisition Center, the RDEC System Engineering

and Production Directorate, and the IMMC Maintenance Engineering and Materiel Management Directorates were formed.

Other notable events included:

• **July-December 1956**— Environmental tests of the "Small Fry," the world's smallest rocket, were completed during this period.

• **July-December 1956**— Casper Koeper, an arsenal employee, received a patent for a "Multiple Rocket Launcher." Developed jointly with Stanley Swipp, Arnold Kester and Edwin Olson, the launcher was mounted on a two-wheel carriage for towing at relatively high speeds and could be placed easily into firing position by two men. It was equipped with 24 tubes and could be fired singly or in

ripples at half-second intervals by electrical contract.

• **July 2, 1956**— Maj. Gen. John Medaris, the ABMA commander, officially opened the renovated Redstone Army Airfield as a passenger in the first plane to land at the improved field. As it landed, the plane's propeller cut a ribbon stretched across the airstrip. The ribbon cutting for the airfield's control tower was accomplished with a conventional pair of scissors.

• **July 19, 1956**— The first Redstone missile to be fabricated and assembled by Chrysler was flight tested.

• **July 22, 1956**— Redstone Arsenal officially presented a Hermes missile to the citizens of Huntsville and Madison County. The missile and historical mark-



GROUND BREAKING— Brig. Gen. J. G. Shinkle turns the first spadeful of earth for Redstone's Post Chapel in a ceremony held July 26, 1956.

er were set up on the corner of Memorial Parkway and Airport Road, where they

are still on display today. • **July 26, 1956**— The ground breaking ceremony

for the Post Chapel was held; this structure is no longer in use as a chapel.



RIBBON CUTTING— On July 2, 1956 an airplane lands to officially open the renovated airfield. The plane's propeller cut a ribbon stretched across the airstrip.

Hera target flies again

By Gerda Sherrill

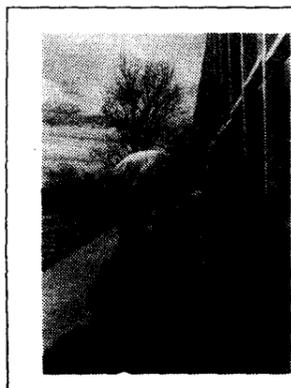
The Hera target system, developed by the Space and Strategic Defense Command, is now the proud owner of five straight successes. A Hera flew at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., on July 15 as target for the Theater High Altitude Area Defense missile.

The Hera target flown for this test was modified to present a signature that is more like a medium-range threat. This modification was necessary because target flights at White Sands are severely limited by the size of the range.

Hera consists of modified second and third stages from the Minuteman II missile, a modified Pershing II guidance and control section, various interstage hardware, and an

instrumented ballistic re-entry vehicle. Coleman Research Corporation of Orlando, Fla., is the Hera prime contractor, supported by principal subcontractors Space Vector Corporation of Fountain Valley, Calif., and Aerotherm Corporation of Mountain View, Calif. Rocket motor assembly is supported by the Space and Missile Systems Center of the Air Force.

The Hera program is managed for the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization by Dennis Werth of SSDC's Targets Product Office headed by Product Manager Lt. Col. Ned Libby. The office provides ballistic missile targets for the armed services. It also offers customers ranges coordination and launch support services.



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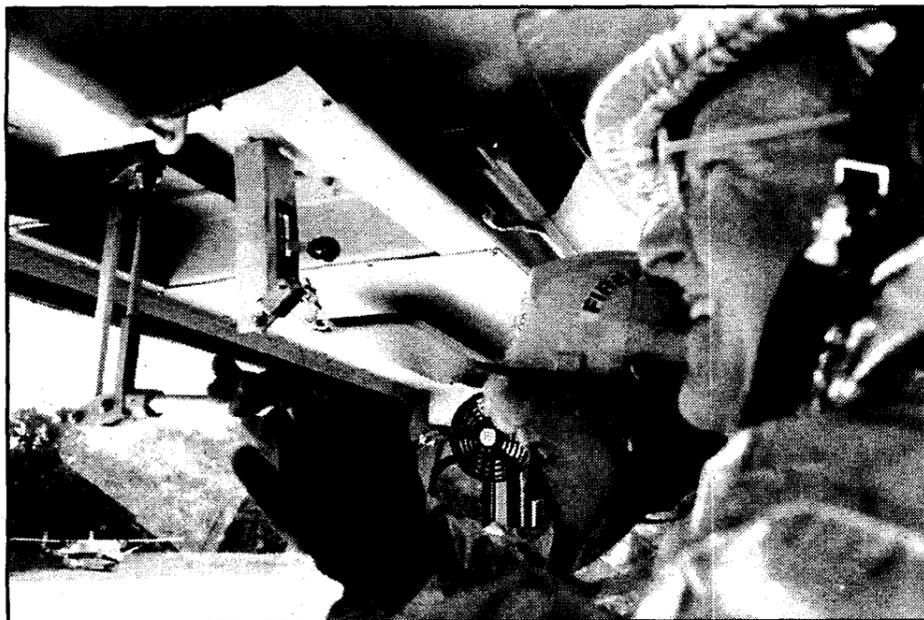
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HOT ZONE— The crash truck, less than 50 feet from the edge of the pit, sprays water and foam at 1,000 gallons a minute through two outside turrets at the fire. All firefighters within the 50-foot hot zone wear full protective gear. Firefighters operating hand lines outside the truck also have a self-contained breathing apparatus.



PROTECTIVE GEAR— Ken Randles, driver, and Toni Mialki, turret operator, wearing full protective gear, direct the water and foam spray at the pit fire.

Firefighters sharpen

By Peggy Hays

The sun bore down its hot rays and scorched the dry and dusty ground at the Fire Department's Training Area at the Redstone Army Airfield.

Colorful red and yellow fire trucks stood ready at one edge of the field. Firefighters, fulfilling various duties and roles, meticulously attended to their tasks.

The task that afternoon was to ignite a fire in an environmentally contained pit, and then to extinguish it quickly and safely. The fire, or pit burn, would simulate a major fuel fire or aircraft accident and was part of the required proficiency and certification exercises for the Arsenal's fire department.

For today's burn, I was to ride as the observer in the crash truck. Handling the operation of the truck would be firefighters Kenneth Randles, driver and bumper turret operator, and Toni Mialki, roof turret operator.

We stood outside in the hot sun to slowly don our shiny protective clothing. First came the trousers and suspenders, then heavy boots, and a long coat. Zippers and clasps were closed. The gear was heavy, bulky, and warm. It required some thinking before moving.

We climbed up into the crash truck—and it was a climb—taking giant steps with the aid of footholds and handholds to pull ourselves into the cab. Seating was four abreast. I, the observer, was on the left, then Randles and Mialki, and an empty outside seat. The two outside seats would normally be occupied by rescue persons.

A helmet and visor were placed on the head; wraparound covers were snapped around the neck. Windows were rolled up;

then blessedly, the air conditioning came on.

Slowly, straight ahead of us, two firefighters in full protective gear, using self-contained breathing apparatus, rolled a propane gas tank toward the pit, now containing not only its usual water but JP8 and diesel fuel oil. The propane would ignite the fuel mixture. Slowly and with care, the firefighters began the igniting process, keeping the wind direction foremost in mind.

Little by little, a semicircle of tiny flames began licking at the edge of the pit. Then, with a rush, the flames stretched skyward enveloping the pit and black oily smoke began rolling and churning upward. The radio crackled, coordinating all the teams.

It was time for us to go. With Randles at the controls, the crash truck edged forward, then seemingly hurtled toward the now towering flames and smoke. Soon, we were in the hot zone, less than 50 feet from the edge of the pit. The fire and smoke stretched higher than could be seen through the cab's windshield. Randles and Mialki, working hard, directed the streams of water and foam from the bumper and roof turrets at the fire. The spray, at 1,000 gallons a minute, gushed ahead of the truck, now between 25 and 50 feet from the pit's edge. The heat of the fire could be felt through the windshield.

In less than a minute, it was over; the fire was extinguished. Two firefighters outside the truck in the hot zone used hand lines to mop up the fire as part of the planned exercise. The crash truck slowly backed away keeping the outside firefighters and hoses in full view. The fire was out.

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their skills at Redstone burn pit

the protective clothing, we got out of the crash truck. Congratulations were exchanged. Though the preparation for the event had been long, detailed and meticulous, the event itself—the pit burn—lasted less than a minute.

The preparation had begun and ended with safety. Prior to the pit fire, Troy Vest, fire captain and incident commander for the exercise, had explained the entire process. Safety zones would be in place and a portable weather station was on site.

"The way we work everything here," Vest said, "is to treat everything like a haz-

ardous spill.

"Cones are set up at 50 feet from the pit, that's the hot zone, then at 100 feet, the warm zone. Everyone in the hot zone must wear full protective equipment.

"We do a safety briefing with the current weather conditions. The weather sometimes prevents us from doing the training."

The pit fire, Vest explained, was accomplished by flowing fuel from an underground tank into the environmentally contained pit containing water. "The fuel that we burn is being recycled. It's clean fuel but it's not able to be reused.

"The pit has a layer of earth under it and then a liner," said Vest. "We put 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel in there and practice how to fight and put out a large fuel fire or aircraft fire.

"It takes everybody to do it," he said, noting the requirements. "We have four people in the truck to fight the fire, two people in the ignition crew, an incident commander, a safety officer, and a rescue crew of four.

"Nashville, Birmingham, and Huntsville also use this for their airport firefighting certification," Vest said, adding that the training was part of fulfilling national fire department and Department of Defense standards.

The process also included a pre-burn briefing. In the briefing, Vest announced the temperature in the mid-80s, mostly cloudy, with a west wind at 10-15 mph. He reviewed the objectives, the burn process, assignments, and the safety issues. "Nobody is to turn their back on the pit," he reminded, "until they get past the hot zone. If anything happens where we get a call to go somewhere else, we'll turn on the sirens and horns, and stop the process.

"Drink plenty of water," he reminded, "especially before getting into your gear."

After the briefing, Randles and Mialki reviewed their procedures and Randles then described the ride for this observer. "The crash truck holds 1,000 gallons of water. We'll discharge the water from inside through turrets, a bumper and a roof turret.

"We can use a solid stream or fog and



WEATHER STATION— This portable station provides on-site temperature and wind direction at the Arsenal's Fire Department Training Area during proficiency and certification exercises.

mist," he said, noting that the turrets are often hard to move due to the pressure of the spray. "We also have little nozzles under the truck that we can use to spray as we go down the runway.

"We use a water and foam mixture. We also have one rescue line."

In addition, "We also can use a windshield deluge to mist over the windshield as

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DETAILS, DETAILS— From left, firefighters Ken Andrews, Randles, and Curtis Chereek discuss their roles in preparing for the pit fire burn. This training exercise is held at least quarterly for the Arsenal Fire Department. Other surrounding communities also use the pit for their airport certification training.

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Sports

Local softball team travels to Kansas

A Missile Command worker is coaching a fastpitch softball team competing in a national competition this week in Kansas.

The Tennessee Valley Tornados, comprised of young ladies ages 15-18, are coached by George Montgomery. He is a logistics manager at the Security Assistance Management Directorate.

The Tornados will travel to

Hutchinson, Kan., July 25-28 to compete in the Youth World USSSA Tournament. Members of the team hail from Pulaski, Elkton, Cash Point, Tenn., and Toney, Athens, and East Limestone communities in Alabama.

They recently competed in the Alabama USSSA Fastpitch Tournament held at the East Limestone athletic complex and were runners-up.

"This team was formed to offer a

dedicated and committed group of ballplayers the opportunity to participate in fastpitch softball at the next level," Montgomery said. He knows quite a bit about national level softball. Montgomery is a former player whose pitching talents earned him a place on the All-Army squad which competed in the Class 1A National Tournament in 1979 at Stockton, Calif.



GYM SUPPORT— From left are Colon, Newman, and Paul Greene, recreation assistant at Pagano Gym. The gym has helped the Army 10-miler team by providing training facilities and assisting with the tryouts.

PEO

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position usually reserved for a general officer. He was the Army's second civilian PEO. He attributed his selection to not so much his accomplishments, but in the regard for Team Redstone.

"I have been given a series of bosses that no one could ask for better," Williams said. "They always gave me enough rope to hang myself many times."

He also thanked the Pentagon leadership, Team Redstone, the contractors, his project managers, and others. Among those in the audience were 30 current or former project managers who served under Williams' supervision. Four of the Army's last five project managers of the year have worked for Williams.

"This is a very happy oc-

casation for me," Williams said, referring to his departure. "And we've certainly got the right person coming in to do the job."

Nance, a former project manager for Army Tactical Missile System-Bat, was among the four past project managers of the year. The Jackson, Miss., native entered the Army in 1968.

Nance praised the "legacy of success" enjoyed by tactical missile systems managed by the PEO. "Your accomplishment has been the product of a tremendous team effort," he said, including government, industry and the support from the local community.

Williams has been "more than a boss," Nance said. "He has been a mentor, he's been a teacher. He is, in my opinion, the best that we have in our business."

Officiating at the ceremony was Gilbert Decker, assistant secretary of the

Army for research, development and acquisition. Decker reflected on Williams' "great job" as PEO and expressed his confidence in Nance as the successor.

"I believe that one per-

son can make a difference. George Williams as the PEO tactical missiles has made a difference and is making a difference to the soldier and the Army in the field," Decker said.

Troop softball standings

Here are the unit-level softball standings as of July 19:

Eastern Conference

	W	L
Marines	10	0
B Company 832nd	6	3
MEDDAC	3	6
Readiness Group	2	6

Western Conference

	W	L
D Company 832nd	6	4
HHC MICOM	5	5
Hdqt & A Company	4	6
NCO Academy	2	8

Army 10-miler team plans August tryouts

Seventeen people, including soldiers and civilians, attended a planning meeting July 15 for Redstone's Army 10-miler team.

A 10-member team will be selected to represent Redstone at the annual Army Ten-Miler road race in October in Washington, D.C. Plans are to have a four-member female team plus a co-ed team of five males and one female.

Tryouts will be held 5 a.m. Aug. 23 and 5 a.m.

Aug. 31 on a course which begins and ends at Pagano Gym. All military, Army civilians, National Guard, reservists, and family members are invited to try for a slot on the team.

Team captains include MSgt. Ruben Flores and SFC Eduardo Colon, both members of Readiness Group; and Sgt. Kelly Newman of HHC MICOM.

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Sports

Channel Cats hockey players entertain Redstone children

By Heather Douglas and Francine Stone

The anticipation and excitement of the Olympics can be felt at School Age Services. SAS has dedicated the month of July to the Olympics.

As part of the Olympic motif, three members of the Huntsville Channel Cats hockey team came to Redstone Arsenal to sign autographs, share refreshments with the children, and give them some professional skating pointers. The team members who took time out of their busy schedules to visit with the children were Jack Greig, Jonathan Dubois, and Igor Bondarev.

Although we are in the midst of the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, who can forget the 1980 Winter

Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y., when the United States beat the Russians for the gold medal? Not since 1980 has the U.S. won a gold medal in hockey in the Olympics but the excitement and momentum of that win has lasted over a decade. During their visit, the three Channel Cats shared stories like this with the children as well as their memories of the team's amazing inaugural season.

While chomping cookies, signing autographs, and posing for pictures, the team members could have been mistaken for stars of a softer sport. But, they are definitely tough enough to be the 1996 Southern League Hockey champions. The title of "champion" fits them personally as well as professionally; they really

enjoy giving something back to the community.

They also know that the children helped the team set league attendance records. With all of the playoff games, their season extended longer than most, but it didn't stop them from their off-season commitments. "We like to interact with the community as much as we can during the off-season," Condredge Holloway, the team's public relations director, said.

The children were thrilled to see the players. "I know most of them by heart. I went to all of their games except out of town. I like hockey and am so excited about meeting them," said Brittany Bjorkman, 9.

After the autograph session, the players joined the children outside for some



HOCKEY VISITORS— From left, Dubois, Greig, and Bondarev exchange thoughts of their first season as Huntsville Channel Cats with children at School Age Services.

skating fun. The children brought their skates and the Channel Cats gave them a little professional advice.

Marion Caudle, training and curriculum specialist for School Age Services, coordinated the visit and is

proud of the support she received from the Channel Cats. "It is so important to provide positive role models for our children and when they are able to interact on a personal level, it really makes a lasting impres-

sion on a child," she said. (Editor's note: Stone is a computer specialist in Directorate of Community and Family Activities; and Douglas is a publicity specialist at DCFA.)

MWR highlights . . .

The following are among the Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities:

- **Bowling Center**— Summer Special now through August at \$1 per game any time lanes are available. Look for a money saving coupon in the Redstone Rocket. Call John Howard for more information 876-6634.

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the Catering Office 830-9227.

- **Arts and Crafts**— Call 876-7951 for information on upcoming classes at the June M. Hughes Arts and Crafts Center, building 3615.

- **Turkey shoot**— The next Outdoor Recreation turkey shoot is Aug. 10 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.. The location is between the trap and skeet ranges. Only \$3 a shot. The entire Redstone community is invited to attend.

- **Post Library**— "Win with Reading" program continues Thursdays through Aug. 31. Your children can do required summer reading and receive extra credit. For information call Norma Harkness 876-4741.

- **Oktoberfest '96**— The second annual Oktoberfest is scheduled Sept 13-15. Make your plans now to attend this fun event which is open to the public. For more information, call Heather Douglas 876-3030.



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Army calibration standards, techniques shared by 95th Maintenance Company

An officer stationed in Saudi Arabia visited Redstone July 10-12 to learn more about Army calibration from the 95th Maintenance Company.

Lt. Col. Phillip Owens' visit was a followup to a visit to Redstone made in April by several Saudi Arabian generals. He works directly with the Foreign Military Sales for the Saudi Arabian Land Forces. Owens makes recommendations to their commanders concerning the possible methods and equipment with which they could establish their military's operations. On this particular

visit, the Foreign Military Sales tasked Owens to learn about the Army Oil Analysis Program, the Integrated Family of Test Equipment program, and the Army calibration standards in both the Primary Standards Lab and the Secondary Reference Lab.

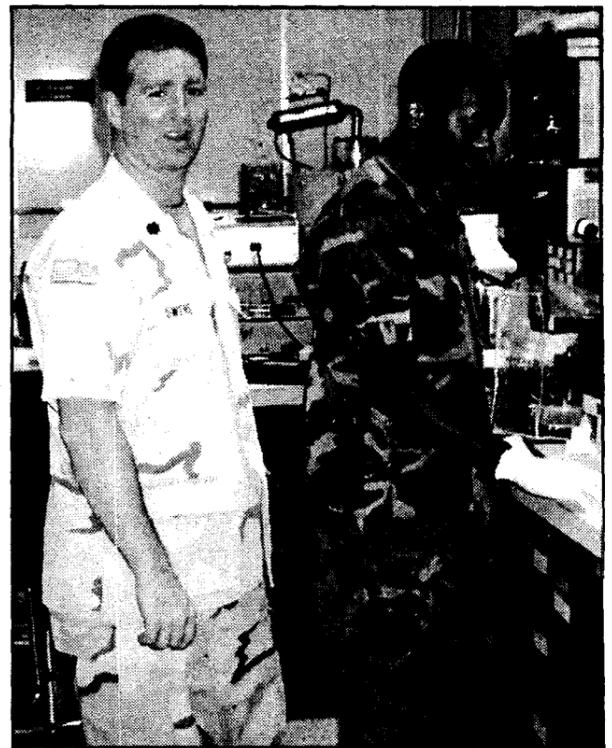
"Lt. Col. Owens' visit to the 95th Maintenance Company, specifically the Secondary Reference Lab, was successful in that he learned about the chain of calibration from the most lenient level of calibration, all the way to the most precise level of calibration, as defined by the National Insti-

tute of Standards and Technology." 2nd Lt. James Craig, platoon leader with the 95th, said. "While in the 95th's lab, Lt. Col. Owens gained a good understanding of calibration, and why it is necessary in today's world. SFC (Michael) Malone escorted him through the lab, and explained how the calibration of equipment was accomplished."

From the information Owens gained, he will be able to make a series of recommendations concerning the calibration process, which will be utilized by the Saudi's Secondary Refer-

ence Lab in Taif, Saudi Arabia. In Taif, the Saudi Land Forces use seven 287 transfer sets to calibrate their equipment. These 287 sets are similar to those used by the 95th's detachments throughout the world.

"Lt. Col. Owens said that he learned a great deal while he was here at Redstone, and we in the 95th were glad to be able to contribute to the success of his visit," Craig said. "It is exciting to know that the standards and methodology used here at Redstone are emulated by other armies worldwide."



LAB TOUR— Owens, left, and Malone discuss Army calibration methods in the 95th Maintenance Company's physical lab.

Team Redstone organization day promises fun for community

The Redstone Arsenal Family Picnic has many changes this year. For instance, the name has changed to the "1996 Team Redstone Organization Day" and the day has changed from a Saturday to a Thursday. The Organization Day will be held on Aug. 22 with a rain date of Aug. 23 at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreational Complex (formerly Civilian Recreation), from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The fun-packed day will include sporting activities (two softball fields, two volleyball courts, and a basketball hoop). Children's activities will consist of a petting zoo, face painting, sea of balls, magician and clown entertainment. Entertainment will include the Latin Rhythms, Lee High School Dance Team, Academic Cheerleaders, Tony Mason (local celebrity and singer), and Straight Up

(country and classic rock music band). Additional acts are being scouted. Displays will be on-hand for viewing.

In addition to the aforementioned, there will be the traditional Bingo in the Rustic Lodge. Cost to play is 50 cents per card with the grand prize game costing \$1 per card.

The menu will be a barbecue sandwich, hot dog for children (and those who don't like pork barbecue), slaw, potato chips, snack cake and soft drink. Based on headcounts turned in by Team Redstone organizations, there will be 5,000 barbecue sandwiches and 2,000 hot dogs. Sno cones and popcorn will be available in children's area; and ice cream will be sold by a vendor.

Due to limited parking, shuttle bus service will be provided to the recreational area from a 15 acre field on

Buxton Road (east of Patton Road). Security will route traffic from Patton Road to Redstone Road then to Warehouse Road to Line Road on to Buxton Road to park (parking is 1 1/2 miles away). Personnel working at the picnic and VIPs will be provided passes to park at the recreation area. Also, handicapped-access vehicles will also be allowed to park at the recreational area. For Vehicle Passes for VIPs (extremely limited number), call Trish Golden 876-1093, or e-mail Golden-AC-MO. Boats may be tied up at the dock but will not be launched or recovered at the recreational area (cannot

drive through recreational area to launch boat).

Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs, etc., to sit on.

If you would like to volunteer to work the day of the event, participate in a competitive sporting event, display your military hardware, or want more information, call one of the following individuals who serve as your Team Redstone Organization Day committee:

- Chairman— Maj. Les Webb 842-6111;
- Publicity/Vehicle Passes— Trish Golden 876-1093 and Becky Moore 842-7224;

- Welcome Booth— Sharon Armstrong 842-7590;
- Bingo— Gloria Reiswig 842-7581;
- Children's Activities— Kellie Craig 842-7685;
- Entertainment— Jeanne Sharp 876-6216 and Paula Rooks 842-6047;
- Sports/Displays— Willie Littlepage 876-5918, Johnny Kilpatrick 876-2523 and John Barnes 842-7137;
- Food/Refreshments— Gwen Warren 842-6107 and Carolyn Wallenfang 876-3765;
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The entire Team Redstone (including civilian, military, Army tenant organizations and family members) are invited to attend. MICOM organizations are invited by the commanding general to attend as part of their normal duty day. Admission, food, and refreshments are free.

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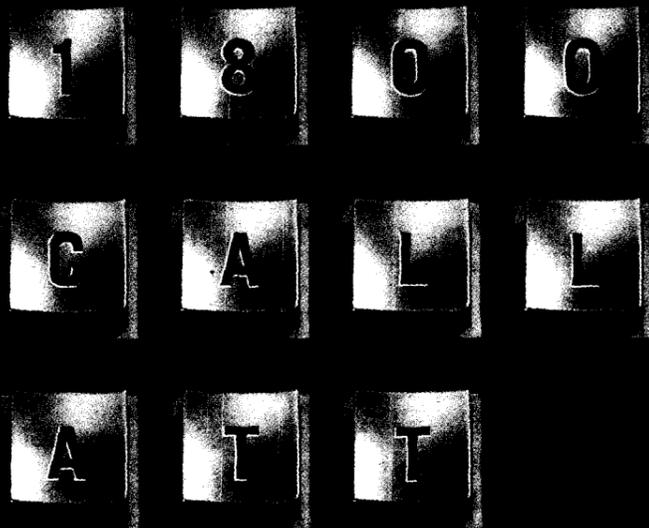
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AMC commander recognized for equal opportunity

WASHINGTON— Gen. Johnnie Wilson, commander of the Army Materiel Command, is the 1996 recipient of the NAACP's Meritorious Service Award epitomizing advancement in military equal opportunity in the United States armed services.

Wilson was recognized as "the senior minority officer in the Department of Defense (and) clearly an example of what anyone in this country — having the talent and a vision — can accomplish when given the chance to participate and compete freely."

Wilson is the 23rd recipient of the award which has also been presented to General Colin L. Powell and General Daniel "Chap-pie" James, among others.

He entered the Army in 1961 as an enlisted soldier, attaining the rank of staff sergeant before attending Officer Candidate School. As an officer, he has held a wide variety of important command and staff positions culminating in his current assignment as commander of the premier logistics organization in the United States Army.

Throughout his Army career, Wilson has

lived by a pledge he made while growing up in Lorain, Ohio — to always stand up for what is right and create an environment of sensitivity and fairness wherever his path led him. He continues to follow those principles today.

The citation accompanying the award notes that "Wilson is involved in communities across our nation. He speaks at a wide variety of schools and has had a major impact on students in the areas of leadership, moral values, courage and dedication to ones chosen profession. He takes an active role in supporting all the heritage celebrations of minorities in a variety of ways. His organizational stewardship and demonstrated moral courage to do what is right for all is an example of what's best in our nation."

"General Wilson is a distinguished African American national leader portrayed as a man who is neither defined nor confined by his race."

Myrlie Evers-Williams, chairwoman, NAACP National Board of Directors, presented the award to Wilson. (AMC release)



Personal milestone...

Members of the Patriot Project project manager; Col. Stephen Office inducted one of their Kuffner, project manager; own, Lt. Col. Pat O'Reilly, into O'Reilly, PAC-3 missile product the Order of Old Buzzards as he manager; and Larry Moore, celebrated his 40th birthday. technical director. From left are Sid Gaddy, deputy

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we approach the crash," Mialki said.

A crash truck, Randles said, had several differences from a regular fire truck. "On a crash truck, all the controls are right here. The driver can operate it all but it's really designed for a two-person operation."

"One big difference between this truck and all the other trucks in the fire department is that it has air conditioning."

The setup inside the crash truck, explained Randles, was for four-abreast seating. All inside would wear full protective equipment including helmets and gloves. The two firefighters in the outside seated position would also wear self-contained breathing apparatus. "On the left is a rescue person," said Randles, "then the driver, then the turret operator, and then another rescue person. The rescue persons can exit either side and put hose lines out or rescue people."

"We can pump 1,000 gal-

lons a minute," he said. "If we had an actual crash, a tanker truck would refill us. The tanker brings 1,200 gallons more; otherwise we'd have to go back to the hydrant."

"This truck is designed to be mobile while a fire engine lays hose and attaches to hydrant and stays there. This does have a 4-wheel drive and off-road tires."

"Our goal is to put out the fire the first time, the sooner the better. The big factor is how soon we get to the fire."

Mialki, a six-year Arsenal firefighter, noted, "Fire-fighting is a team effort. We train together and practice together."

Randles said, "If anything happens or if one of our people is in danger, the first goal is life safety. That includes our people."

"If anything happens, we first get them and forget the fire."

Later, in the post briefing also led by Vest, the positives were cited: The fire was extinguished as planned and nobody was hurt. Safety procedures were followed.

As for improvement, it was recommended that

adding a shoulder strap and a different handle to the propane gas cart would make easier handling. That information would be forwarded, Vest said, as an action item and the revisions most likely could be easily accomplished through their own self-help program.

Later, Randles, also a department instructor, and Mialki, were asked what was the most dangerous part of fighting a fire. "Probably the biggest thing is traffic not yielding to us," Randles said.

In closing, Mialki was asked what she had learned from today's exercise. "I learned today," she said, "that my captain has confidence in me. Otherwise, he would not have had me do the turret in front of you."

WEEK

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for 2 and 7 p.m. Aug. 7 at the VBCC. Free tickets are available at the local Chamber of Commerce or by calling Scott Distler, at the Missile Command Public Affairs Office, 876-4162.

Other activities for Armed Forces Week include:

- A "Concert in the Park," featuring the Rocket City Chorus and Huntsville Concert Band, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Aug. 8 at Big Spring Park.

• The Armed Forces Luncheon at noon Aug. 9 at the VBCC, North Hall Salon I. Scheduled speaker is Maj. Gen. Dennis Benchoff, who has been nominated by the president for appointment to lieutenant general and assignment as deputy commander of the Army Materiel Command.

• Huntsville Stars vs. Memphis Chicks baseball game, Comcast Cable buy-out night, at 6:05 p.m. Aug. 11 at Joe Davis Stadium. A static display in front of the stadium from 4:30-6:30 p.m. is to include hardware such as Avenger, TOW, Patriot launcher, and a helicopter.

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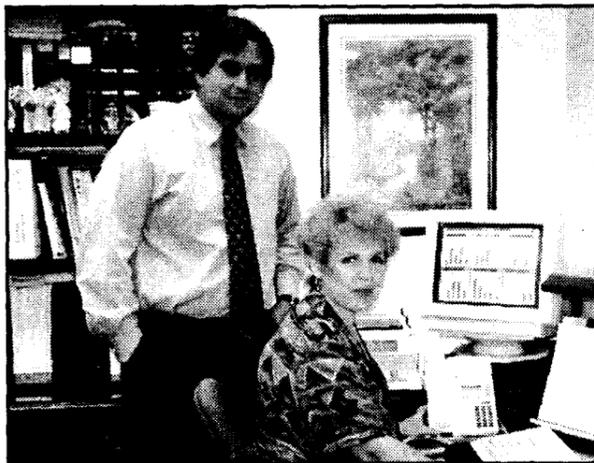
Hospital's new phone system should curb waiting time

By Kathy Harkleroad

If you are a regular caller to Fox Army Community Hospital, you might want to take a moment and really listen to the new recording on the other end. With the implementation of the new phone system, callers now have new buttons to push.

"We just installed the new phone system that allows patients to have better control and more choices when it comes to calling for appointments," Capt. David Janiskee, chief of Clinical Support Division, said. "We have also added the option of voice mail for the different clinics which also gives the patient better control of their wait time."

Janiskee said the phone system was a direct result of the feedback and concerns received from patients during committee and family advocacy meetings. "This addition was a direct result of our



NEW PHONE SYSTEM— Patients at Fox Army Community Hospital will be greeted with a new recording when they call the hospital. A new phone system was installed that gives the callers the option of leaving voice mail as well as better control over their wait time. Harry Lionse and Melba Moody are shown reviewing the graphs on the amount of callers to the hospital.

patient feedback and we are proud to offer it," he added.

Melba Moody, Automatic Call Distributor network administrator, said she was

pleased with the new system for several reasons. "This is definitely a step forward from previous phone systems," Moody

said. "Patients don't have to wait as long on the phone when making an appointment and have the option of leaving a voice mail for a return call. The beauty of this is once the patient is offered the choice to leave a message, they can decline to do so and then return to their place in the queue line."

The basic menu choices are the same, except for the first greeting, and the elimination of one clinic extension. "When the caller first reaches our system, they are asked to press one if calling from a touch-tone phone and then are instructed to proceed through the menu choices," Moody said. "If they aren't really listening and are used to the old system and just happen to be calling the Family Practice Clinic, they will end up in the Emergency Room. It is very important that callers listen to the new menu before proceeding."

Harry Lionse, vice president of InterConnect Systems, is responsible for the new system and said there are still some extra "goodies" on the horizon. "In the very near future, within the next month or so, we will be offering a feature that will tell the caller what number they are in the queue line, and the estimated wait time for that call," Lionse said.

Lionse also said the new system allows the administrators to pull up graphical information concerning the phone system and allows them to observe peak times, number of calls, and any problems that may be occurring.

The main telephone number is 955-8888 and all clinics can be reached through the menu choices.

NCO celebrates birthday with unit in Albania

By Arthur McQueen

BIZA, Albania— There aren't any fancy gift boutiques in the rugged mountains near Biza, Albania, so when SSgt. David Cameron of Fontana, Calif., had his 32nd birthday this month, his soldiers just decided to dog-pile him.

On this hot July day at 5,000 feet up, literally in a field, elements of B Company, 1-508th Airborne Bat-

alion Combat Team "Red Devils" were preparing to train with an elite Romanian unit. Nine nations, including Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Italy, Romania, the United States, Albania, Slovenia, and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia are training in the mountains above Rinas Air Base, Albania, as part of "Peaceful Eagle '96," an exercise in the spirit of the Partnership for Peace.

The soldiers of B Company had an all-too-brief break in the planning and training that day, and decided that it wouldn't be right to let Cameron's birthday pass unnoticed, so just before heading through a narrow pass to take positions as OPFOR, or "Opposing Forces" for the Romanian patrol, the Red Devils gleefully gave Cameron a tum-

ble down the grasshopper-filled hillside.

Their true feelings were shown when they presented him with a decorated T-ration cake afterward. Cameron said it was a rough way to celebrate a birthday, but as he swore that they would pay for it back in their home station, Vicenza, Italy, he had a big smile on his face. (Arnews)

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U.S. Coast Guard Academy candidates face keen competition for admission

By Peggy Hays

Edward King, a former Navy pilot and Boeing engineer, continues to be multi-faceted even in retirement.

King, a division and Redstone Flotilla 24-06 career counselor for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, a voluntary civilian agency, is actively involved with the area's young men and women as they explore their career options.

"Our primary mission is to support the Coast Guard and promote boating safety," King said. "I also help instruct in boating safety classes."

But his other involvement, and it's a major involvement, concerns the selection of students for the Coast Guard Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) Week. "We have two people going this year," he said, citing Carla DeRamus from Huntsville High School and Jason Summer from Butler High School as having been selected by the north Alabama unit to attend the AIM Week at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., starting July 22.

King explained that each spring Coast Guard Auxiliaries select approximately 200 outstanding high school juniors throughout the United States to spend one week at the Academy. These young men and women have expressed an interest in the Academy and the AIM Week gives them an opportunity to try out the life of a cadet before making a decision on graduating from high school.

"Once they go up for AIM Week, then the Coast Guard Academy takes over," King said. "We work with them as juniors in high school in getting them ready. During their senior year, we work with the Coast Guard Academy admissions in getting them accepted."

King emphasized, "The Coast Guard Academy does the actual selection for the academy."

Further, King reported that all three AIM candidates from this area who attended AIM Week last year, applied for and have been accepted by the Coast Guard Academy. They report this July to begin their four-year course of study.

"Rudd Johnson of Huntsville is a Randolph graduate," said King, in describing the three cadets, "and Amanda Hardgrave of Madison graduated from Bob Jones. Robyn Woods

is from Ramer, Tenn. They have been accepted for the class of 2000."

In the past, King said, approximately 25 percent of those attending AIM Week have applied for and been accepted as students at the Academy. The class of first-year cadets is only 240 students while the total academy numbers but 850. The competition is keen.

"There are no geographical quotas," King said. "And, senators and congressmen don't select for the Coast Guard Academy."

"They have to be in the top 20 percent of their class," he said, "and have demonstrated academic, athletic, and leadership abilities through their high school studies and through community and church activities. Of course, they have to have good eyesight and pass a physical exam."

As part of the flotilla's efforts in selecting AIM candidates, King said his role as a career counselor begins at the high school level. "We primarily work through the high school counselors for the junior class," he said. "I send them a letter with a list of qualifications for the Academy. The counselors can usually tell you right off if somebody is particularly interested."

"Sometimes, we have somebody who takes the initiative," he said, "like Jason. He heard about AIM Week and he contacted the Coast Guard Academy and they contacted us."

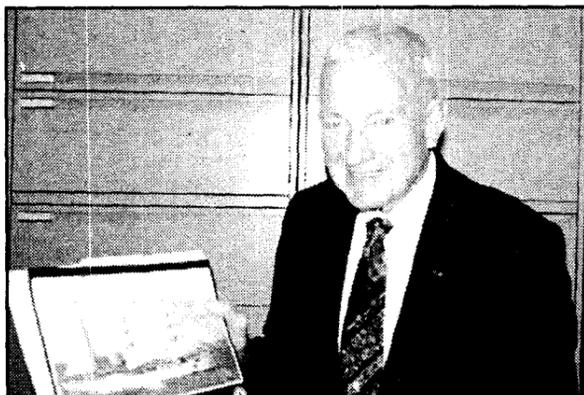
He added, "I was contacted initially by Robyn Woods." Woods followed through with Flotilla 24-06 because of its proximity to her Tennessee home.

King's next action is to personally contact the counselors. "I follow up with a telephone call. I don't go over to every school. I send out a dozen or 15 letters," he said, noting that there are two other flotillas in the area.

"I also set up the Review Boards for the people," he said. "After the Review Boards, we select the people to go to the AIM Week. We send our recommendation up through the chain of command. It goes through the district and they work with the Coast Guard Academy."

"Normally, we have one person per division," he added. "We have two this year and we had three last year."

He explained the review process. "Since I'm the di-



KING

vision career counselor, I get other people familiar with the program to serve on the Review Board.

"We interview each person. We use a grading system devised by the Coast Guard. The college entrance exam counts a third, academic grades a third, and their interview a third. We actually physically assign them a number that coincides with the criteria used by the Academy."

"We talk to them about their dedication and what their interest is in the Coast Guard. Some may have had an old college entrance exam and maybe they should do better. And, they express their abilities."

King noted that a range of activities is a definite asset. "For example, Amanda Hardgrave was an exchange student in Russia this spring," King said. "Johnson joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary about a year and a half ago and has gone through a number of the courses and advanced in the qualifications in the auxiliary."

He added, "In addition to the other activities with church and Scouting and community, the most important ability is teamwork."

As to why young men and women seek a possible career in the Coast Guard, King related an example from one current AIM Week student. "Jason is a top cadet at Butler High School and next year, he'll be the cadet commander at Butler High. Jason's dad is retired Air Force," he said. "In the back of his mind and his parents support him—he wants to go to the Coast Guard Academy as more of a mission. He wants to go where he can control the environment and control harbor safety and boating safety requirements."

"There's a lot more marine science in the Coast Guard," King said, "and you can control fuel spills and accidents with the Coast Guard taking responsibility for the debris and

the bodies at sea."

As for his own personal feelings, King said, "It's a great satisfaction to see these young people graduate from high school and get into an education and a career like a Coast Guard officer."

King, who flew B-47s and B-52s for Boeing, said his past experiences enabled him to analyze whether a young person would fit into the academy atmosphere. "They have the desire to excel," he said, "and they are devoted to their goals and they pursue their goals."

Finally, he said, "The young person needs to set their goals early so they have suitable grades in school. Really, it's the high school grades, ninth and up. We evaluate the ninth, tenth, and middle of the junior year for the AIM program."

"The first part of the senior year is evaluated by the Coast Guard plus their college entrance scores. They need to excel in that area."

"There are exceptions," he said. "If somebody gets dedicated, it's possible they would make a better officer than other people."

"In the interview, if that person is dedicated, that person can accomplish more than they think they can accomplish."

Announcements

Runway Run 5K— The Huntsville International Runway Run, a 5K race, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 10 at the Huntsville International Airport. The TAC-certified race will actually be held on the west runway at dusk with the runway lights blazing. Entry fees are \$8 before July 29. Late entry and race day fees are \$12. For more information, call the Airport Authority Marketing Department 772-9395, ext. 270.

Red Cross blood program— July 25, from 7-11 a.m., building 5250, Judy Hullett 876-0789. July 26, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., building 4505, Linda Keel 842-8424; from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., building 5304 (Sparkman), Pam Webb 876-6187 or Beverly Sanders, alternate, 876-6186; from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., SSDC (Wynn Drive), Al Longhi 955-4164; and from 7:30-noon at Corps of Engineers 895-1233.

Youth soccer league— Sign up for the fall youth soccer season after 1 p.m. weekdays or Saturday at the Youth Center; registration closes Aug. 3. Practice begins the first week of August. Opening day is Aug. 24, and the season runs till the end of October.

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

Dove hunting— All civilian employees of Redstone Arsenal who participate in hunting activities should be aware that dove hunting opportunities are now available on a limited basis. A special use permit will be available for the 1996 hunting season that will allow civilian employees of Redstone Arsenal the opportunity to hunt dove for the first two weekends of the season. The permit fee will be \$15 with all proceeds from this special use permit going back into wildlife management. Permits for dove hunting will be sold by Outdoor Recreation staff simultaneously with other required hunting permits and cannot be purchased

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The Post Theater closed effective July 15 because it was losing money due to lack of patrons. A determination will be made on the future use of the building.

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separately. All dove hunting will be restricted to hunting area 48 where sunflowers, brown top millet, milo, iron clay peas and corn have been planted. All questions concerning the special dove hunts should be directed to Outdoor Recreation 876-6854 or David Nixon, installation wildlife biologist, 842-6489.

NOVA university— You may now earn a master's in business administration from NOVA Southeastern University here in Huntsville. NOVA Southeastern University, a fully accredited university, offers you the opportunity to earn an MBA degree while continuing your employment. Classes meet on alternate weekends and are conducted by nationally recognized faculty. Course work can be completed in 18 months. If you are interested, go to the Redstone Army Education Center, building 3222, Snooper Road, for one of the two briefings at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. July 25. The briefings will be conducted by William Spade who is from the NOVA School of Business and Entrepreneur-

ship. Spade, marketing manager for corporate relations, will be available for individual consultations after the briefing. For more information, call 876-9761.

Surplus sale— A sealed local spot bid sale of government surplus property will be held at 8:30 a.m. July 31 at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, building 7427 on Warehouse Road. Items to be offered include chairs, desks, cabinets, drafting tables, hardware, test equipment, laboratory items, data processing equipment, food service equipment, televisions, office supplies, van trailer, and mobile office trailer. Pre bids will not be accepted after 3 p.m. July 30. Methods of bidding are by fax and in person. Catalogs are available by polling the fax number 876-9634. Inspection dates are July 26, 29 and 30. Hours of inspection are 8 a.m.-3 p.m. To view material for sale or further information, report to building 7406, or call Bill Nappel/Donna Davis 842-2570.

Night Out Against Crime— On Aug. 6 from 6-10 p.m., Redstone Arse-

nal will celebrate its eighth annual "National Night Out Against Crime." This year's activity will be at the Youth Services Center, Goss Road. National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and the Provost Marshal Office of Redstone Arsenal. Previous events have garnered Redstone community participants ranging from 300 to 1,000 attendees. The purpose of this event is to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community relations, and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime. This year's theme will be "Give Crime and Drugs A Going Away Party" and will consist of various police and community displays, games, prizes, food, and entertainment for Redstone Arsenal residents. Currently, there are over 31 police, civic, and Redstone agencies invited to participate in this year's event. For more information, call the Provost Marshal Office

955-9142.

Abandoned vehicles— The following abandoned vehicles were impounded by the Provost Marshal Office: a maroon 1980 Chevy Chevette, from the parking lot adjacent to building 4725; a brown 1985 Chevy Cavalier, from the parking lot adjacent to quarters 231 Dyer Circle; a gray 1978 two-door Honda, from the rear parking lot of building 3498; a blue 1986 Buick Electra, from the parking lot of building 3617; a brown 1981 Ford pickup, from the parking lot adjacent to building 3617; a green 1981 Volkswagen, from the parking lot adjacent to building 3617; and a silver 1982 Honda, from the parking lot adjacent to building 3617. The owners or anyone knowing the owners should call SFC Barbour, of Provost Marshal Office operations section, 842-2442 or 876-2222.

MICOM NCO/Soldier of Year— The Missile Command NCO/Soldier of the Year luncheon will be held Aug. 30— note date change — at 11 a.m. at the Officers

Club. A one line buffet lunch will be provided for \$5. For more information or tickets call CSM Sunday 876-1874, SSgt. Mulka 876-4448 or SSgt. Dore 842-0880. Tickets will be available at the door.

Parents council— The Parents Advisory Council will meet at 3 p.m. July 30 at Bicentennial Chapel. "Please make plans to attend if possible."

Quarterly retirement ceremony— The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony will be held 4 p.m. Sept. 19 at the post parade field. Rehearsal will be held Sept. 18 at 4 p.m. If you wish to participate in the ceremony call SFC Walter Jones, Support Operations, 842-2500 by Aug. 30.

832nd organizational day— The 832nd Ordnance Battalion will have its annual Organizational Day picnic Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Vincent Park. "This event is a day for all OMMCS soldiers, family members, and their guests to enjoy plenty of food and fun. The day is filled with

activities for the soldiers and the entire family."

Fox Army Community Hospital— Staff from Fox Army Community Hospital will provide free total cholesterol screenings to military beneficiaries and civil service employees today from noon until 2:30 at the Sparkman Fitness Center. For more information, call the fitness center 313-6091 or Community Health Nursing 876-8831.

Defense symposium— A "National Missile Defense Symposium and Exhibition," sponsored by the Huntsville Chapters of AUSA and ADPA, will be held Aug. 20 at the Sparkman Auditorium. Briefings and a distinguished panel of defense representatives are planned. For more information, call Jim Tietjen 890-3422 or Jay Billings 864-0232.

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Car wash— The 95th Maintenance Company (TMDE) will hold a car wash Aug. 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Post Exchange Service Station. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Combined Federal Campaign. For more information, call 1st Lt. Istre 876-3900 or WO 1 Gelpi 842-8593.

Blacks in government — The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government (BIG) will meet at 11 a.m. July 30 in the Officers Club, Regimental Room. All members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 955-4275.

Software symposium— SSDC's Advanced Technology Directorate will sponsor a "Software Acquisition Best Practices Symposium" Aug. 13 at the Sparkman Auditorium. Dr. Norm Brown, executive director of Software Program Managers Network, and members of the Arlie Software Council are to deliver presentations. The symposium is open to all government employees and contractors. For more information call Dr. C. Ronald Green, chief

of computer technologies, 955-3498.

ACS birthday— "Army Community Service would like to mug you!" In honor of ACS's 31st birthday, Thursday, July 25, the ACS staff members invite you to stop by from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., wish them a happy birthday and pick up a free travel mug. They are located on Honest John Road, building 3491. Mugs will be available as long as supply lasts. For more information, call 876-5397.

Philippines concert chorus— The Huntsville Filipino community will present the University of the Philippines Concert Chorus, under the direction of Reynaldo Paguio on its 1996 World Tour, July 28 at the Senior Center auditorium, 2700 Drake Ave. The concert will be from 3-5 p.m. followed by a reception. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call Aniceto Bagley 852-7973.

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