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## Interservice weapon system fills medium range void

By Skip Vaughn

In the ultimate interservice marriage, an Air Force/Navy missile is being adapted to an Army wheeled vehicle.

The result of putting the Advanced Medium Range

Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) on a Humvee is an affordable weapon system which should fill a current void in the field, according to officials. AMRAAM is a combat-proven, medium range missile used in Air Force and Navy fighters.

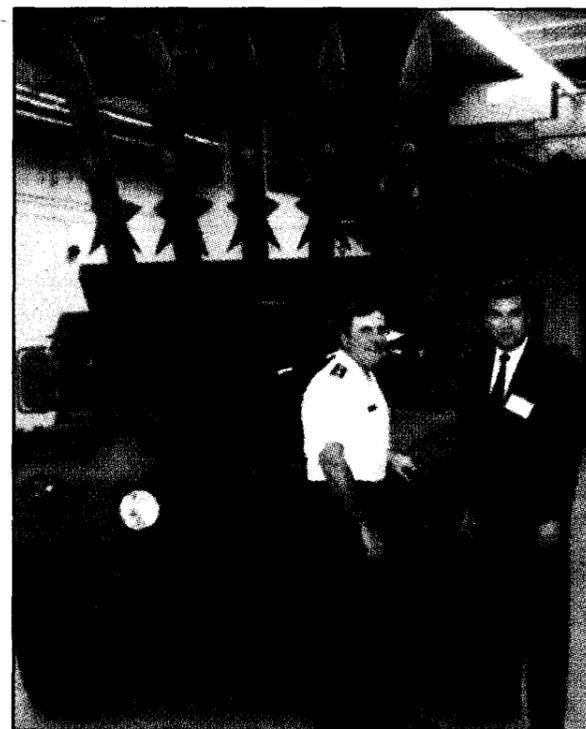
The idea for this marriage was generated by Col. Don Watt, the deputy director of the Research Development and Engineering Center. "The problem we focused on was something we called the force protection gap," Watt

said, referring to a void between the short-range Stinger and the long-range Patriot. The solution was a Humvee-mounted AMRAAM which meets the medium range need.

"This program we think makes an awful lot of sense to fill the force protection gap," Watt said.

Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, signed a memorandum of agreement July 23 with Harry Schulte, the Air Force program executive officer for weapons. After briefings, the weapon system was shown inside a high-bay at the RD&E Center. The system will be shipped to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Aug. 12 for a series of three test firings

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**MEDIUM RANGE SYSTEM**— This Humvee is equipped with five AMRAAM missiles which are usually mounted on fighter planes.



**JOINT EFFORT**— Link, left, joins Schulte in signing a memorandum of agreement between the Army and Air Force.

## Tester improves readiness for Hellfire missile system

By Kathy Harkleroad

Thanks to the Air-to-Ground Missile Systems project office, the readiness of the Hellfire missile system has been improved.

During Operation Desert Storm five missiles were inadvertently launched in four separate events from the Apache and Kiowa Warrior aircrafts. The root causes were found to be a defect within the aircraft and steps were immediately taken to not only solve the problem, but to keep the problem from happening again.

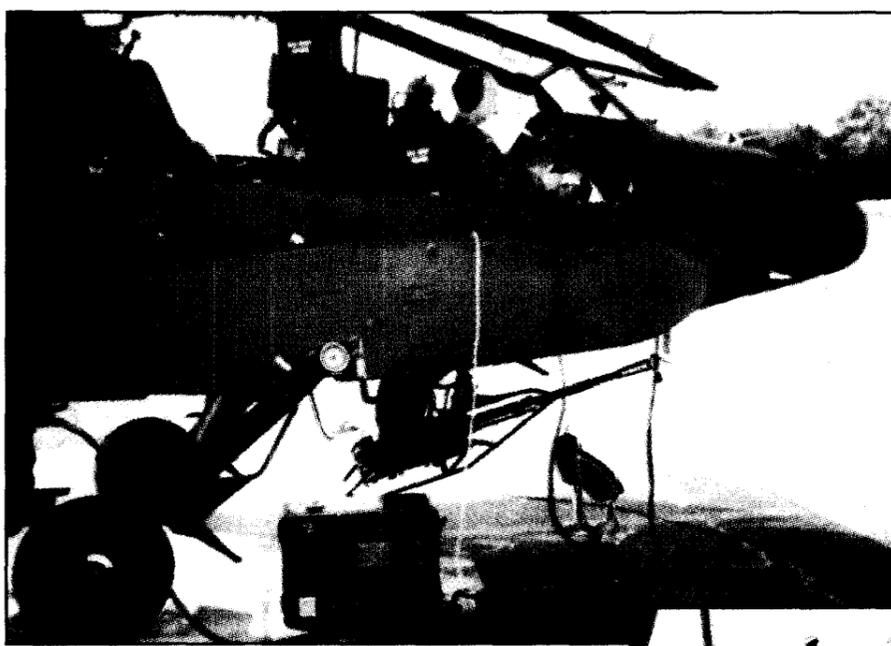
"An extensive investigation was done on the aircraft and it was determined although aircraft test equipment was used, it (the equipment) was not able to see all of the problems," Andy Perez, logistic management specialist, said. "An urgent requirement for a new test system was directed by the Department of the Army with the main ob-

jective being a non-developmental item. We found a contractor who already had the equipment and purchased it from him, thereby decreasing the fielding time."

The new test equipment, the AN/TSM-205, is able to look at the aircraft and launchers and determine if there are any malfunctions. "The system will check the entire missile system in the aircraft, from the cockpit switches to the rail of the launcher," Perez said.

The Hellfire tester is small and has a detachable unit that can be carried into the cockpit. It is menu driven with a touch screen display and is easy to use. "The tester will test everything from voltages to timing signals," Perez said. "If you can read, you can operate the tester."

Since acquiring the tester and doing initial tests, the readiness of the Apache and Hellfire missile system has



**CHECKING IT OUT**— MSgt. Wilson Ho tests the Apache launch system with the new Hellfire tester. The new tester, being fielded to the troops, should eliminate misfires of the missile system.

increased dramatically. "We have gone from 46 percent readiness to 90 percent," Perez said, "and I think that

is very significant."

Along with the fielding

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**NEW TESTER**— The new Hellfire test equipment, below, packed and ready to go, is capable of extensive testing of the aircraft's launch capabilities and can determine if there are any internal malfunctions. The test equipment is portable with a detachable monitor which can be taken into the cockpit.



## Letters to the editor

### Thanks, team

The Redstone 2000 Institute would like to thank the Executive Steering Committee Members and supervisors for allowing employees to participate in developing the In-Basket Assessment Instrument on July 15. We would also like to thank the 160 participants who came to the workshop and provided the input for the design and development of the assessment to be used in the Redstone 2000 training program.

**Redstone 2000 Institute Team:**  
**Janice Ray, Pat Johnson,**  
**Nancy Hodges, Mike Shoemaker,**  
**and Jeannette Chaney**

### Traffic flow

Goss Road, the main east-west road on the north side of the Arsenal, has a posted speed limit of 35 mph during all hours. I assume that this limit was established because the road goes through the housing area. However, the houses and other buildings along the road are well off the road. On the south side there is even an additional street between the houses and Goss Road. I have traveled this road at various times during the day and have never seen any children near the road, even though the youth activities building is one block north and there are ballfields on the north side.

I am a strong supporter of safety for children. However, it seems that the speed limit on this road is unnecessarily low and causes much wasted time for the many people who travel this road. I recommend that the speed limit be increased to 45 mph....

Based on similar rationale, that there are no safety hazards and traffic flow efficiency would be enhanced, I recommend the speed limit on Vincent Drive, north of the hobby shops and the north end of Patton be increased to 45 mph....

The amount of west bound traffic turning right from Martin Road onto the access road west of building 5250 has increased significantly since the new parking lot was built on that side of the building. The right turn lane needs to be extended to the east and a curb installed to prevent degradation of the outer edge of the pavement.

Name withheld by request

## Commentary: Team effort delivers LOGSA award

By Una Brown

We did it! Many said that it couldn't be done, but the criteria champions and the CC Support Team worked together with the Logistics Support Activity team to produce LOGSA's first President Quality Award application.

The application serves as a training tool about the LOGSA system of people, processes and purpose; accelerates Total Army Quality/Total Quality Management implementation; assists us in evaluating ourselves against the same standards of excellence used throughout the federal government; and assists us with system-wide continuous improvement.

Although a relatively young organization, LOGSA has had a significant impact on the Logistics Power Projection core competency. LOGSA is recognized by its customers as leading and strengthening the community with quality products, services and operations. Our impact can be seen in the quantitative business results collected since its inception in fiscal 1993. These business practices, coupled with strong leadership focused on strategic planning and sustainment by the Baldrige based Army Performance Improvement Criteria and total quality leadership philosophy, continue to produce business results that enhance

LOGSA.

Since its inception, LOGSA realized that survival is the impetus for quality. It was this challenge in an environment of continuous change that convinced LOGSA's executive director, Billie Turmenne and deputy director Christopher Gardner to actively launch the Baldrige based leadership approach throughout the organization. The Quality Management System Council was chartered to manage and optimize the LOGSA system of people, processes and purpose by using quality principles.

The council consists of top executives and senior leaders who are held accountable to manage the LOGSA system end-to-end. Management of the LOGSA system crosses center lines with total focus on making the Baldrige-based improvement criteria a part of the culture. The council serves as criteria champion for the Baldrige criterion. Our Criteria Champions are as follows: Leadership—Oscar Lollis, Deoffrey Embrey and Edwin Nickel; Information and Analysis—Daniel Rhodes and John Warren; Strategic Planning—Lynda Locke, Gardner and Turmenne; Human Resource Development and Management—Vivian Christian and Una Brown; Process Management—Robert Stauner and John Peer; Business Results—Joan Horton; Customer

Focus and Satisfaction—Jack Jones and Phillip Preston.

Additionally, LOGSA established a support team to provide assistance to the criteria champions. The support team consists of the following LOGSA employees: Cherrie Peloquin, Jesse Rand Jr., Teri McGinnis, Pat Wilson, Audrey Hatcher, Belinda Terry, Carol Smith, Levi Freeman Jr., Joseph Arrivello, Delores Fletcher, Dawn LaFalce, Robert Salinas, Beverly Joyce, Sandra Pizzuti, with Una Brown and Dawn Ford as project managers. This in-house team facilitated, coached and served as change agents within the organization to produce lasting results. These results will continue to be managed and monitored continuously following the recent submission of the President's Quality Award application.

This team represents all champions within LOGSA and serves as an in-house resource to conduct an objective Baldrige self-assessment. The self-assessment consists of audit, measurement and identification of gaps within the LOGSA system based on the Baldrige criteria. The gap analysis consists of identifying the strengths and areas for improvements. The team focused on the organization's strengths to write the application.

In the June-July "LOGSA's Baldrige Re-

port," an internal monthly newsletter, Trumenne said, "I'm extremely proud of the LOGSA team for producing this application in a very short time frame to meet the HQ AMC suspense date (July 19)."

The award application process will continue with the following schedule:

- July 29-Aug. 2— Department of Army panel convenes and selects Army nominations;
- Aug. 12-16— DA panel comments provided to submitting organizations;
- Sept. 16— Finalized Army nomination packets due to Headquarters DA;
- Sept. 23— Army nomination packets forwarded to Office of Secretary of Defense;
- Oct. 11— OSD forwards application packet;
- Oct. 21-Nov. 22— Office of Personnel Management application review;
- Dec. 2-Jan 23— Site visits;
- February/March— Winners and finalists announced.

Meanwhile LOGSA will continuously focus on improving the overall system of people, processes and purpose by making the Baldrige based criteria and total quality a way of life. Our quality journey continues.

(Editor's note: Brown is Total Quality Management officer at Logistics Support Activity.)

### Correction

An article about the final National Guard Hawk trainees, which appeared in the July 24 issue, should have stated that there will be no Hawk National Guard battalions by September 1997. There are only three Hawk battalions in the Army National Guard—Florida, Ohio and New Mexico. All three will be inactive by September 1997, according to Maj. Jeff Jenkins, the National Guard liaison to the Missile Command.

## Missile test program has successful flight at Kwajalein

The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and the Space and Strategic Defense Command have announced the successful completion of a flight test under the Theater Missile Defense Critical Measurements Program (TCMP).

A single-stage Castor IVB booster configuration was launched July 15 from Wake Island to the Kwajalein Atoll missile range in the mid-Pacific Ocean. The payload included a crude-maneuvering reentry vehicle, three reentry radar decoys, one United Kingdom test article, and a Fly Away Sensor Package as part of a test designed to collect radar and Infrared data to address critical system level issues for planned Theater Missile Defense elements.

The data will be used by both

U.S. government agencies and contractors to characterize potential countermeasures and to develop and test computer algorithms designed to mitigate their effects. This is the first of the three-flight TCMP-2 campaign. The first campaign was conducted at the same range Jan. 28, 1993.

Direct TMD element users are expected to include the Army/Raytheon-Loral Vought Patriot, the Army Lockheed Martin-Raytheon Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system, the Army Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS), the Navy AEGIS system, and the Air Force Space and Missile Tracking System.

During the test, both optical and radar data were collected on the

missile and its payload from deployment in the exoatmosphere to reentering the atmosphere. The booster was intentionally segmented in early reentry. In addition to the Kwajalein range radars and the fly-away sensor package deployed from the booster, several sensors were also present during the mission. These included the SPY-1B radar aboard AEGIS destroyers USS Hamilton and USS McCain, and aircraft developed and managed by SSDC for BMDO, the Airborne Surveillance Testbed and the High Altitude Observatory. The recently deployed Midcourse Space Experiment and other overhead sensors also participated in the mission. No intercept missiles were involved.

The remainder of the TCMP-2 campaign is scheduled for March

1997, also from Wake Island to the Kwajalein range. It will use the same type of boosters, but with a ballistic reentry vehicle and different booster segmentation altitudes, and will have different mission objectives.

The test was managed and conducted for BMDO by SSDC. Support was provided by the Air Force Space and Missile Test and Evaluation Center, Kirkland Air Force Base, N.M., and the Lincoln Laboratory of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Orbital Sciences Corporation of Chandler, Ariz., was responsible for the integration and launch of the booster. Range safety functions were provided by the newly developed Kwajalein Mobile Range Safety System.

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# Army Community Service marks 31st year of work

By Kathy Harkleroad

Commanders, first sergeants, volunteers and staff members were present at the 31st birthday celebration of Army Community Service (ACS) July 25.

Among the participants were Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal; and his wife, Judy.

Stue Paddock, ACS director, welcomed the group and described services that are provided by ACS. "For the last 31 years ACS has been serving the soldier and their families. It is from you where we receive the support and can depend on working with ACS in being partners in readiness," Paddock said.

During his opening remarks at the celebration, Link spoke of the many changes the Army and ACS have gone through the last 31 years. "Through the last 31 years, the Army has gone through a tremendous amount of change and turmoil. ACS has an input into that change and has been there to meet the needs of the soldiers," he said. "The Army became a married Army and meant not only more family members, but more PCS moves and more family turmoil. ACS has been there to help."

Link also told the attendees that help is not only available at Redstone Arsenal, but worldwide through ACS. "There are 112 ACS centers worldwide, where 4.3 million contacts have been made; 10,000 family members have found employment through the help of ACS and 96,000 families found relocation help through the offices.

"Forty-three thousand Exceptional Family Members have been helped through the EFM program and the soldiers' debt has been reduced by \$43 million through financial counseling," Link said. "These offices are filled with caring and dedicated people. They have been there when they were needed and I feel confident they will be there tomorrow when we need them as well."

Judy Link introduced the ACS staff members and described their programs and accomplishments. "Mary Breeden is our relocation manager and has done a ter-

rific job with the program, as well as the newcomers welcome orientation. She has also been responsible for the new welcome packets that will soon be in distribution.

"Jennifer Clark is our Family Advocacy manager and is responsible for the many wonderful classes on parenting and stress management. She has also put together many wonderful seminars and continuing classes on different family oriented topics.

"Sal Riccardi is responsible for the financial counseling that is done with the soldiers and their family members. He has also conducted seminars on buying

and selling a home, as well as retirement seminars," Mrs. Link said.

"Virginia Dempsey is in charge of the Exceptional Family Member Program and works with the Education Committee. She is the key for families with special needs and works with people throughout the community to have those needs met.

"Debra Jefferson heads the Family Member Employment Assistance program and is responsible for many teens finding summer jobs this year. She also conducts regular workshops on resume writing and is very active in the Army Family Team Building program.

"And last but not least is Juanita Adams who is the Army Emergency Relief fund manager. This year she and others exceeded their goal by 12 percent and helps soldiers with grants and loans," Mrs. Link continued.

Mrs. Link also talked about the Red Cross representative Elaine Lewis who is collocated in the ACS building and who works closely with Adams in getting help to soldiers in a time of emergency.

"We also appreciate all the help, Annette Butler, Teresa Mack and Betty Catalfamo have given the ACS office and all the volunteers," Mrs. Link said.



CELEBRATION— Link addresses attendees at the ACS birthday celebration.

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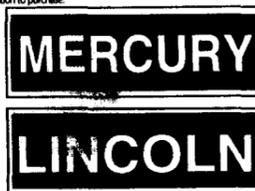
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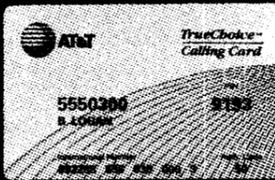
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## Disability awards program honors workers, volunteers

MICOM workers are invited to participate in a local awards program that recognizes support for the handicapped.

The Huntsville Area Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities seeks nominations for annual awards. Categories include Employee of the Year, Humanitarian, Professional, Partnership, and Volunteer of the Year.

"It's a way to show that you support the hiring of persons with disabilities; not only the hiring, but to show that you support persons with disabilities in the work force, to show that you appreciate all that they've done," Olene McGowen, a personnel staffing and classification specialist, said. The awards programs also serves to "promote

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## Smart balloon rises to top at Roving Sands exercise

By Connie Davis

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M.— From as far away as El Paso, Texas you could see the huge white balloon which looks much like the Goodyear blimp, hovering 10,000 feet high in the skies over New Mexico. But it was not a blimp, it was the Space and Strategic Defense Command's aerostat—a 233 foot long, helium-filled balloon launched by the Joint Aerostat Project Management Office at McGregor Range, N.M.

The aerostat proved to be a success at Roving Sands by tracking and detecting aircraft out to 200 miles. The smart balloon provided early warning and situational awareness to the battlefield commander and demonstrated the military utility of an aerostat system in an intensive joint air operational environment. The Army's plan is to develop an even more advanced aerostat system to defend the United States and Allied forces against the cruise missile threat.

During Roving Sands, the aerostat sensor detected, located and tracked approximately 65 targets each hour. The data was then sent to the Force Projection Tactical Operations Center,

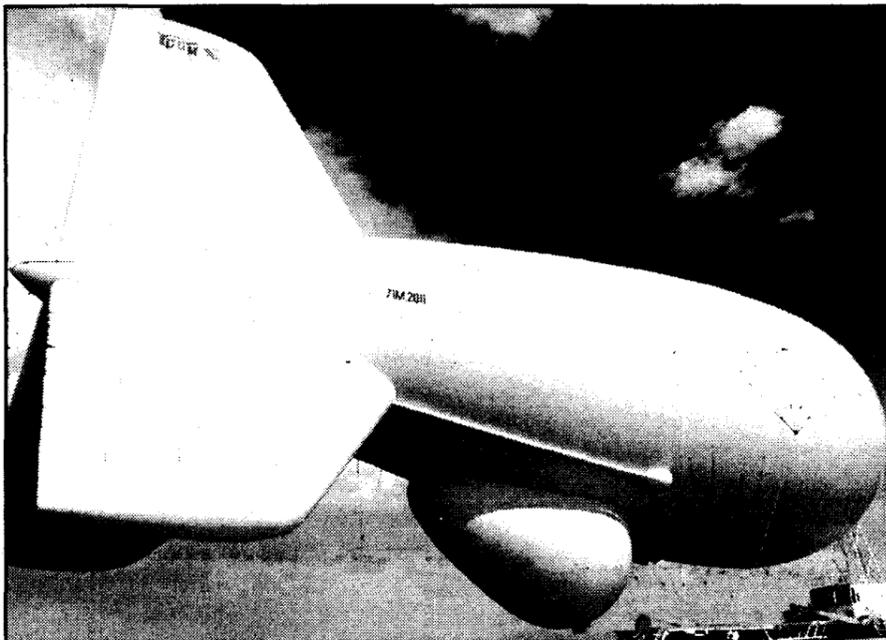
located 60 miles away in Fort Bliss, Texas, and in turn was sent to the Air and Missile Defense Command Center. The defense center then forwarded the information to alert Patriot and SHORAD (short range air defense) units.

"As it turned out," Col. Herbert Carr, Aerostat project manager, said, "as soon as people knew we had it, everyone wanted it." Patriot and other players in the exercise wanted the aerostat radar information sent to them directly.

The aerostat provides the battlefield commander with a "new set of eyes" to see over the horizon. When flying at its highest altitude of 15,000 feet above ground level, the aerostat "eyes," or sensor, can locate and track targets within a 200 mile range—providing the battlefield commander with early warning of air and ground threats previously hidden from view.

"Roving Sands was a golden opportunity for us to interface with military units and get early feedback from the soldiers," said Maj. Matthew Warren, SSDC Aerostat test and plans officer, and site director for the aerostat Roving Sands demonstration.

Dr. Paul Kaminski, under secretary of defense



HOVERING—SSDC's Aerostat is tethered to its mooring system at McGregor Range during Roving Sands '96.

for acquisition, recently said, "The aerostat offers a cost effective approach to protect both land and sea areas." The expense of using a single aerostat platform to perform 24-hour operations is considerably less costly than using several manned aircraft to perform the same function.

The aerostat is filled with 590,000 cubic feet of non-explosive, non-flammable helium and has a hull volume two and a half times the volume of the largest advertising blimps flying today. The aerostat structure is made from laminated

film and fabric which feels like a very strong piece of vinyl, and is much more durable than you might imagine.

Aerostats differ from blimps, or air ships, in that blimps are powered and aerostats are tethered, or anchored, to the ground. The SSDC aerostat is anchored to its mooring system by a single tether cable that has a break strength of 75,000 pounds. The tether also supplies electrical power to the aerostat. Radio frequency links allow operators to control the aerostat from the ground

station and to receive radar data.

The project office is currently in the concept definition phase of its program and is using an aerostat borrowed from the Air Force for experimentation and demonstration.

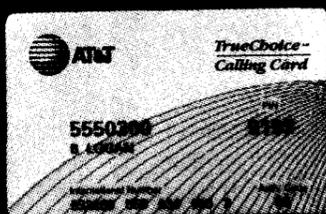
A few members of the aerostat team have unofficially adopted a mascot—the song "Up, Up and Away in My Beautiful Balloon" by the Fifth Dimension. The team hopes to have its first tactical aerostat prototype "up, up and away" by 2001.

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# Programs geared toward teen suicide prevention on post

By Kathy Harkleroad

Adolescent suicide. It can happen to anyone, any time and in any place. It's not a subject parents like to think about, but is one they must be aware of.

Not every adolescent is subject to thoughts of suicide, although Jennifer Clark, Army Community Service (ACS) Family Advocacy manager, said more and more teens and younger children do have those thoughts. "In some way I think it is almost part of growing up to think thoughts of suicide. Kids these days have quite a bit of pressure on them and can slip into the feelings of helplessness and thinking that suicide is the best way out of a situation," she said.

Parents need to stay in tune with their children and help them see there are ways out of bad situations; and by communicating with their children, suicidal thoughts can be prevented. "Teens and adolescents don't think like adults do and sometimes that can be hard to remember. After all they are grown and look like adults, yet they don't have the reasoning powers adults do," Clark said. "We as parents need to be able to understand how they think and what their concerns are. We also need to be able to break down those concerns into manageable chunks and help them through the prob-

lem solving process."

While the teens' problems might not seem big or overwhelming to adults, Clark said it was important that parents try to see the problems through their child's eyes. "There is no one set reason for suicidal thoughts or possible actions," Clark said. "But all are a cry for help. They may be depressed over something that seems insignificant to an adult, but is overwhelming to them. We have to be sensitive to those feelings and act on them."

Other reasons young people attempt suicide include family problems, the experience of a significant loss of a relationship, pressures to succeed in school, poor self-esteem and problems with growing up.

Signs of a troubled teen include verbal threats, changes in behavior, substance abuse, unusual purchases, giving away of possessions, signs of depression, problems in school, sudden mood swings, as well as many other signs.

Dr. David Ferguson, chief of Community Mental Health, said teen and adolescent suicide is on the rise nationwide, and is a major concern. "We are seeing an increased frequency of young adults who are thinking or contemplating suicide," Ferguson said. "We have even seen children as

young as 6 or 7 who have had thoughts of killing themselves. This is a real serious problem."

Parents living and working on the Arsenal have an excellent resource of materials available to them when it comes to learning more about adolescent behavior, including suicide. ACS has a library of booklets that are free of charge, as well as a wide variety of videotapes that offer sound advice in noticing signs of suicidal thoughts, as well as tapes available for troubled teens.

Once a parent has noticed signs that are disturbing, the next step is to seek help. There are several avenues parents can take and one available here on the Arsenal is to seek coun-

seling from Community Mental Health.

There are also several options available to those authorized to use the Community Mental Health. "We have individual counseling sessions, family counseling, and group sessions that are geared to teens and adolescents," Ferguson said, "and are available free of charge to eligible patrons."

Parents are encouraged to call Community Mental Health at 876-9085 if they have any questions or would like to discuss individual situations. Parents are also encouraged to stop by ACS and check out the video library and other resources available on the subject.



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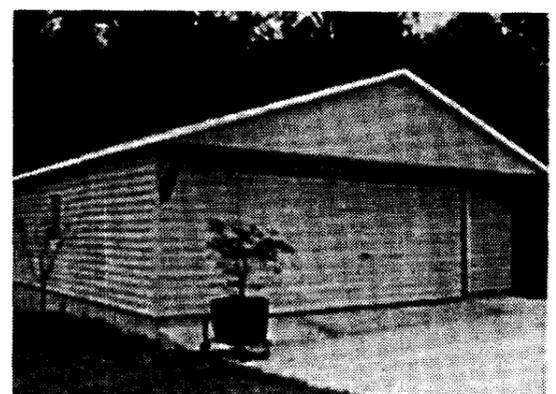
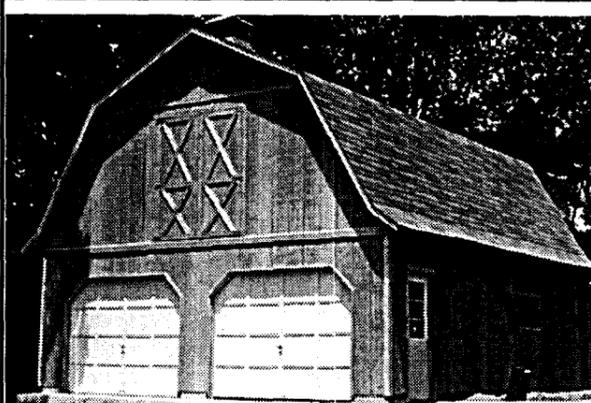
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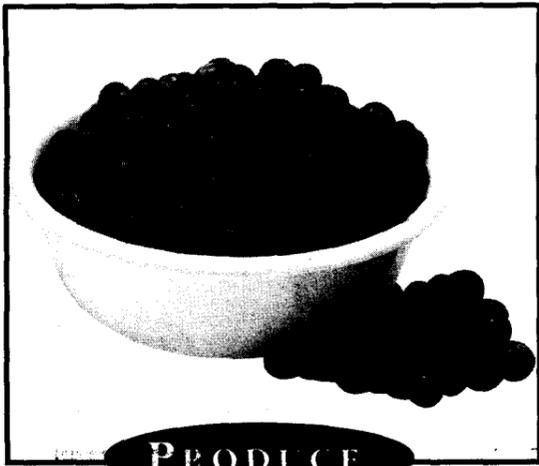
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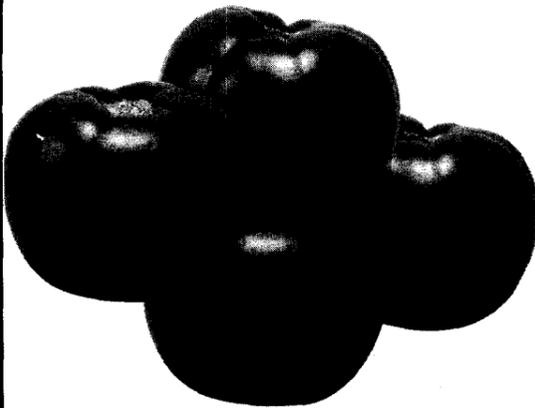


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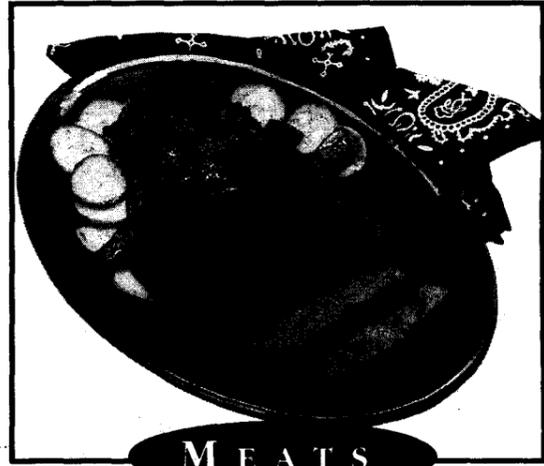


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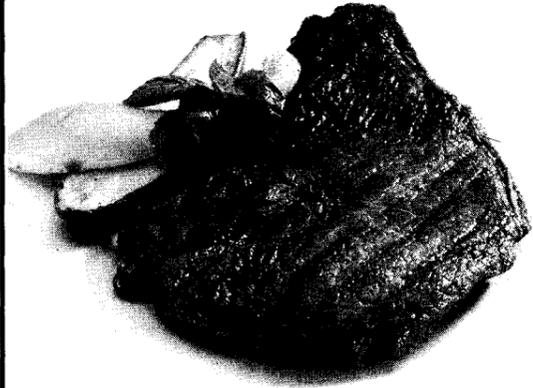
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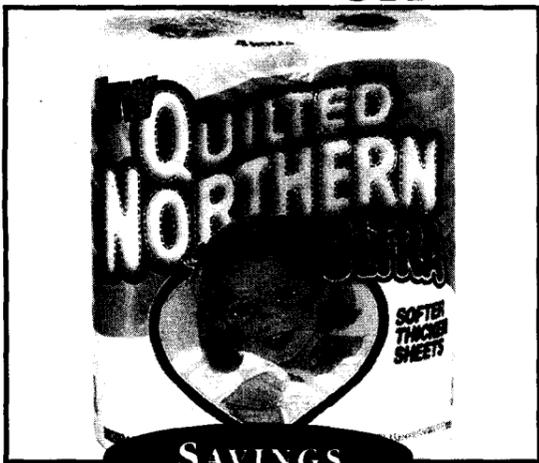
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# Crime prevention event promises fun for post residents

By Kathy Harkleroad

The eighth annual National Night Out Against Crime is set for Aug. 6 and will move to the Youth Center on Goss Road. Activities, displays and booths are set to open at 6 p.m.; and this promises to be a fun time for all.

"We are really excited about the evening and have been planning it for a year," Capt. Ellis Andrews, chief of police operations at the Provost Marshal's Office, said. "All of the companies on the Arsenal will be participating, as well as numerous other activities. We also have many outside civic organizations who will have booths or displays."

On the slate for this year activities include the ever-popular basketball throw and softball pitch. Last year lines formed quickly at both events and were in great demand. There are also various other activities planned for the evening, including the moon bounce and other games.

Booths sponsored by Family Advocacy, the American Red Cross the

FBI, ATF, Police Operations, and other emergency and rescue organizations will be available. "Once again we will have a little bit of everything and something for everyone at the event," Andrews said. "The best part is instead of being outside and subject to the weather, we will be utilizing the Youth Center, both inside and out."

Food and drink will be available and are being sold by the different companies on the Arsenal, with all of the profits being turned over to the morale, welfare and recreation fund.

Due to the large crowd that attends this event, Andrews is asking all family members who live in housing north of Goss Road to walk to the Youth Center. "Last year we had approximately 1,200 people attend and parking does become scarce. This year we are asking those who live nearby to walk, and buses will be provided to housing residents and from the troop areas," Andrews said.

The bus schedule is as follows with each bus

departing for the first run at 6 p.m.:

- Bus A— Troop Area, new barracks pickup point building 3410, then to building 3453 pickup point;
- Bus B— Spartan Drive to Nike Street, Hermes Drive, Lance Drive, La-Crosse and then down Nike Street to Youth Services;
- Bus C— Hughes Drive, Skinner Drive, Simpson Drive, Tripp Drive, to Hughes Drive, Roberts Drive, Dyer Circle, Niblo Drive and Ripley to Youth Services.

All buses will repeat the routes during the festivities hourly until 9:30 p.m. Persons wanting to ride the bus should stand at the side of the street.

The National Night Out Against Crime is held the same evening across the nation, and events are planned in surrounding communities as well. The Redstone Arsenal Military Police won top honors last year for their evening of fun and crime prevention.



**ON DISPLAY—** Police vehicles form the Madison County Sheriff's Department, the Redstone Arsenal Military Police and the Huntsville Police Department will be display during the annual National Night Out Against Crime event Aug. 6. Various activities will take place in and around the Youth Center and the community is invited to attend.

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# Executive panel planning for this command's future

By Kathy Harkerroad

Approximately 20 members of the MICOM Executive Steering Committee met June 21 at Gossick Leadership Center at Arnold Air Force Base, Tullahoma, Tenn., to plan for MICOM's future.

Patty Popour, TQM specialist who was in charge of planning the meeting, said the purpose was to develop strategies to operate through 1997 and facilitate the transition to NEWCOM. "This was a day where the ESC could get away from their offices and focus entirely on strategy areas that are essential to

MICOM's continued success. There were no interruptions, no phone calls, and they were able to concentrate on the matters at hand," she said.

The panel identified seven areas by a consensus of ideas and these included MICOM's mission, leadership, external influences, the NEWCOM transition, resource strategy, organizational structure/efficiency and customer focus.

"It was a long hard day for the ESC but was very productive," Popour said. "Once the strategy areas were identified, the group was divided into smaller working groups responsible

for breaking down those broad areas into more manageable strategy statements.

"I was very pleased with the results and outcome of the meeting, and I think we have identified exactly what is needed to accomplish our goals," she added.

A followup meeting is scheduled for Aug. 27 here on the Arsenal and will complete the work that was begun during the off-site session. Popour said the purpose of the followup session will be to identify specific activities essential for the accomplishments of the strategies and assign accountability for the execution of these activities.

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# 10-hour child care rule often gets misunderstood

By Skip Vaughn

You live on post; and the neighbors want you to watch their child for a few hours while they go out on the town. Is that OK?

Sure it is. The only problem arises if you provide such care more than 10 hours per week on a regular basis. An Armywide regulation requires certification for post residents who provide continual child care in their home without being trained to do so.

Residents who provide more than 10 hours per week of child care on a regular basis—for children other than their own—must be certified as family child care providers. This policy is often misunderstood, according to officials at Child Development Services.

"That (policy) reduces the safety factor; it reduces the commander's responsibility," Evelyn Carnes, director of the Family Child Care program, said. The FCC program trains military family members to provide quality child-care in their quarters. Certified FCC providers earn money through fees for the services they provide to parents.

According to Army regulation 608-10, all military family members who reside in government owned or leased housing and provide child care for more than 10 hours per week must be certified by Child Development Services. Occasional child care among families is not regulated by either the Defense Department or the Army. DoD and Army policy only covers child care that is provided by programs or individuals for more than 10 hours per week on a regular basis.

Much of the confusion among residents concerning this policy centers on conditions under which a person must become an FCC provider. Both the "10 hour" and the "regular basis" conditions must be met for this

requirement to be applied. For example, if a neighbor cares for a child one hour every day, every week, and on a regular basis, but not more than 10 hours per week, this person would not be required to become an FCC provider. If a neighbor cares for a child five hours every day, weekly, this constitutes more than 10 hours per week on a regular basis and this person would be required to be an FCC provider.

"Our intent isn't to hurt anybody," Edd Gancarz, the acting child development services coordinator, said. "It's just to make sure if you're going to provide continual care to children, that you are trained to provide the best care possible."

Family Child Care is "a cost effective program to assist the military by operating quarters-based care," Carnes said. "Providers attend training in CPR, first aid, nutrition, safety and fire standards, child guidance, child abuse, and medication administration. And FCC also offers developmentally appropriate activities in the home."

FCC is an alternate child-care delivery system which allows for more child care spaces on post. It also enables self-employment opportunities for military spouses.

An individual needs 20 hours of training to become provisionally certified as an FCC provider. He or she has nine months to complete an additional 18 hours of training to become fully certified. Full certification means a provider can give extended care. Some 24 hours of in-service training is required each year in order to continue serving as a provider.

The FCC providers set their own fees for their customers; after all, they are operating as independent contractors. The average fee for full-time care is \$65 per child, more perhaps for infants. "For the most part they are fair and equitable with their fees,"



STORY TIME— Paigeant Hill, a family child care provider, leads a reading session for Drew Evans, 9, and her daughter, Shaneeca, 6.

Carnes said.

They can provide care for up to six children at a time— no more than two of whom can be under 24 months old or infants. The program has 85 children and 15 providers. More FCC providers are needed, particularly for infant care. Interested residents on post should call Carnes 876-7801 or Charlotte Jones 876-7880.

Paigeant Hill, wife of SFC Dwight Hill

of D Company 832nd Ordnance Battalion, has served as an FCC provider for nearly three years including the past six months at Redstone. The Hills have a son and daughter of their own, a niece, and the young house guests for whom Paigeant provides certified care. "I like it because it gives me the opportunity to be home with my kids," she said. She's even working toward her child development associate's.

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# Foster parent provides spark in youngsters' lives

By Peggy Hays

For Kaye Donovan, foster parenting is a shining beacon in her life. For her, it's Olympic-sized and a way of bringing the Olympics into her community.

"Foster parenting is the best thing I've ever done," Donovan said. "I want to create a million foster parents so that no child ever needs to worry about where they'll stay again."

In the past, Donovan's cared for foster children in her own home. Now, she's acting as a foster parent to children staying at Chi-Ho Mansion, a temporary home for foster children. She also serves as a religion educator and a youth activities leader for young teens.

Donovan, an operations research analyst for the Command Analysis Directorate, certainly has the family and academic background. She comes from a family of 10 children and has two masters degrees, an MS in systems management and an MBA in operations research.

"I actually became a foster parent in October of '91," she said. "I'd just received my two masters degrees at the same time, which was kind of unusual,

and then I saw an article in the Rocket that DHR (Department of Human Resources) was accepting single people as foster parents.

"It was perfect timing," she added. Donovan contacted DHR at once. Following background checks, she was on her way to becoming a licensed foster parent. "It took me about five months before I got my first child in March of '92.

"The first girl came and lived with me for 26 months," she said, agreeing that this was a very long time for a child to live in a foster home. The girl was 5 at the time. "It was a very good experience," Donovan said.

Her next foster child was a boy, 4. He lived with her for 11 months. Following that, Donovan had several other foster children on a short term basis.

"Twice a year they come out to inspect your house," she said. "They update all your paperwork yearly. They ask if you still have a job and if you are making sufficient money."

And, as in any family, there is also a need for a support system. "The Foster Care Association in Madison County is made up



DONOVAN

of foster parents, social workers or anybody in the community who cares," Donovan explained. "They meet one time a month." Donovan advised that those interested in further information regarding the association could call Kim Finch, president, at 828-4115 or Judy Prestage 883-5317.

"I don't think the community is involved enough with foster children," Donovan said. "They don't know what to do about foster children."

In accordance with that belief, Donovan continues her involvement with foster

parenting by volunteering with Chi-Ho Mansion where she transports children to fun activities. She may take younger children to an outdoor playground or older children to a movie, the mall, or out to eat. Often, she takes a group. Sometimes, they just need to "get out of the house," she said.

"It's a very good cause," said Donovan. "They have a lot of volunteers who take kids out to amusement

parks, tutor them, take them to dinner.

"I'm a lot more fluctuating than most. I mostly just show up at 6 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. They allow me to fluctuate since I've been with them two years. I'll also call them and tell them that I'm free this weekend."

She continues her connection with the community's youth by chaperoning junior high and high school Catholic youth groups on weekend events and teaching religion classes at Our Lady Queen of the Universe Catholic Church. This fall, she expects to teach an eighth grade class.

Youngsters, she said, struggle with the church and its philosophies. So for Donovan, her goal is to ignite a burning flame within each youngster. "One of the reasons I do it," she said, "is that I try to give them a spark. If they do leave the church I do feel most will return. I hope that this comes full circle."

Summing up her nurturing of youngsters of all ages, Donovan explained, "Years ago I did all my schooling at night. I used to

think that those who volunteered were foolish.

"But, you never get the satisfaction at work that you do with volunteer work."

Satisfaction, she said, is "seeing a person become successful—getting on the honor roll, becoming a priest or any religious person. It's helping to create role models in the community and it's the success of a tutor knowing a person got an A instead of failing."

"In a small way, it's the spirit of the Olympics at home."

Seeing one of her foster children progress from probable failure to passing kindergarten to becoming an A and B student was truly meaningful, Donovan said. It meant that she could be a part of building a "solid foundation for continuous learning."

"If you learn something, pass it on," she said. "I didn't use to think that in my 20s."

Donovan closed with a comment expressed by her 8-year-old nephew. "I want to do what you do when I grow up."

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# Army fires its last Hawk missiles

By Pam Rogers

Hawk blasted out of the Army inventory in a "Blaze of Glory" last week when six of the surface-to-air missiles were fired in a demonstration at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Hawk, fielded in 1960, is being retired from the Army National Guard effective Oct. 1. It has served for almost four decades as a medium range air-defense weapon. Although it looks the same on the outside as it did when it was fielded, thanks to constant upgrades it's a whole new missile on the inside, according to Lt. Col. Robert Hileman, Hawk System manager. He has worked with Hawk for 20 years.

"It is the longest-lived system in the Army and still the finest medium range missile in the free world," he said.

Even though the missile will be leaving

the Army inventory, it will still be used by the Marine Corps and 21 foreign countries, he said.

Anyone who ever worked on Hawk was invited to witness the final firing of six missiles by the Army, Hileman said. Also invited to the event were representatives from foreign countries that either already have Hawk in their inventories or are considering it, he added.

"It may be the last time Hawk flies downrange with "U.S. Army" painted on the side," he said.

Plans for the demonstration included firings at several drone aircraft.

"We'll shoot six missiles at four drones," Hileman said, adding the first three missiles would be shot against the first three drones, with the remainder shot at a drone towing a target.

# Fall landscaping plans needed from community by Sept. 1

By Jesse Horton

It's that time of the year. Those planning to implement landscaping projects on Redstone Arsenal in other than the housing areas through the Self-Help Program this fall need to submit their request (AMSMI-RA Form 2701) with attached plan to the Directorate of Public Works by Sept. 1.

Although the latest revision of the Letter of Instruction (LOI) for the Self-Help Program identifies Aug. 15 as the due date for requests for fall planting, the previous date identified in the old LOI (Sept. 1) will be followed to allow time for publicity and ensure planting materials

will be available at the best time of the year for greater planting success.

At a time of budget constraints and concern for optimum planting success, DPW is attempting to follow the letter of instruction as closely as possible and target stated date for requests for consolidation for purchase at the most cost-effective prices for planting materials. Other than stocked items, planting materials should be available from the Self-Help Store by mid-October.

A very important reminder for those beginning or refurbishing those landscaping projects: Now is the time of year to perform the maintenance activities for your trees, grass,

shrubs, flowers, etc. These include such items as pruning, weeding, removing dead or dying plants, fertilizing, watering, replenishing mulch beds for winter care and last minute checks for disease and insect damaged plants.

If you need assistance prior to submitting your landscape request or assistance relative to maintenance and care of your landscaping project, call the DPW forester at 876-3122.

*(Editor's note: Horton is the forester at Directorate of Public Works.)*

# More foster parents needed in Madison County community

By Peggy Hays

The Department of Human Resources is looking for people to be foster parents for the many children in its care in Madison County.

Requirements are basic. Applicants must love children and possess the patience and nurturing on which children thrive.

Both parents can work outside the home; single parents can also be licensed. Short term care is needed as well as long term commitments.

To become licensed, a foster family needs to be self-supporting although a stipend is given to cover a child's expenses. The family members must be free of contagious disease. A criminal record clearance and a home study is done to ensure a child is placed in a safe environment.

"Each child needs the same things," Nettie Jackson, supervisor for DHR's Foster Care Adoption and Foster Care Resource Unit, said. "We try to get the child a good, safe home. All kids have the same needs, the same emotional stress, and all go through the grieving process.

"We as adults have the opportunity to give children who are in need a safe, healthy life. A safe and healthy life is what we are all after," she said. "They come into our care not because they have failed but because of the failure of an adult."

Adults, she said, need to help these children "get up on their feet and feel safe. They get knocked down so much."

Jackson added that foster children often get stigmatized by other children and even adults. "People need to be sensitive to these children," she said. "If they are caring, sensitive, and flexible and willing to give the child a chance, we can give them help with what else they need."

"There's always a need for foster parents," Jennifer Clark of Army Community Service said. "I'm the liaison for DHR for military parents who want to be foster parents."

Those who are interested in becoming a foster family can contact DHR directly or call Clark who will assist them in the process. "They have to go through a pretty elaborate interview process," she said.

"There are also extra background checks and they have to go through housing," said Clark. "There is usually a limited response in the military community because placement usually requires an extra bedroom which military families usually do not have."

Clark explained, however, that on some occasions, a special license is issued and that the extra room requirement is waived. "It's important that the child stay in their same school district so it's the least disruptive for the child," Clark said.

Training is provided for foster families to prepare them for caring for children who may have been a victim of abuse or neglect. To find out more about foster parenting, call the Foster Care Unit at Madison County Department of Human Resources at 535-4500/4678. Clark can be reached at 876-5397.

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# Friends remember Fort Belvoir worker killed in TWA tragedy

By Don Carr

FORT BELVOIR, Va.— Ashok Patil and Leonard Johnson had offices close to each other for nearly the entire quarter-century Johnson worked at Fort Belvoir.

According to Patil, they became such close friends that, except when one or the other was out of town, the two shared lunch and a walk every day. That's what Patil will miss most about his friend. Johnson and his wife, Eleanor, were killed in the TWA Flight 800 explosion July 17.

Patil, chief of the environmental systems branch of the Communications & Electronics Command, works in Bldg. 318. Johnson worked next door in 316.

"We ate lunch in my office every day," Patil said. "Then we'd go out and walk two or three miles, down to the (Potomac) river and back. Our return route took us by Leonard's office. He'd wave, tell me he'd see me later and go on back to work."

Patil said that during lunch two days before the crash, he told Leonard he wouldn't see him the next day, Tuesday, since Patil would be out of town.

"I told him I would see him Wednesday and he said I wouldn't, since he and Eleanor would be flying overseas that day," Patil said.

Johnson, 56, had worked at the Belvoir Research & Development Center since August 1971. A supervisory mechanical engineer, he was

en route to a NATO conference in Brussels, Belgium. He and Eleanor, both natives of Seattle, Wash., planned a few days leave in Paris on the way to Brussels.

Johnson had been in federal service for 30 years. In his job here, he dealt with research and development in such areas as aircraft fueling, fuel systems and fuel additives. In 1983 he became team leader of MTC's fuel and water handling equipment team.

It was that role in which Johnson was to have represented the Army to the U.S. delegation at the conference. Part of NATO's Petroleum Handling Equipment working party, Johnson was to ensure U.S. Army equipment and procedures are taken into account when equipment standardization agreements with other countries are reached.

People who worked with him remember Johnson as very dedicated, hard working, committed to service and to those around him.

"Leonard Johnson was one of the kindest, most thoughtful persons I ever knew," said Janet Hall, deputy associate director of the Fuel & Water Supply Division. "He always took the time to write notes to people to encourage them in their work or congratulate them on something in their lives. He was the kind of person who always found little gifts for people on special occasions. I consider that one of his strong points."

"He was a professional engineer who took great pride in the quality of his work," said Tom Bagwell, associate director. "He was always concerned with providing a quality technical product to the field Army."

"He had outstanding leadership skills," said Bagwell, "and was an excellent role model for his team and co-workers for integrity, selfless service and devotion to duty."

Dave Vaughn, a power generation branch chief, said Johnson was a great friend with whom he learned to play racquetball.

"About 12 years ago, we decided we needed to get in shape," Vaughn said. "We tried tennis for awhile, but kept knocking the balls over the fence, so we switched to

racquetball because you can't lose the ball in a racquetball court.

"We learned to play by playing each other," he said. "We played two or three times a week at Wells Field House or the Graves Fitness Center."

Vaughn said Johnson broke his foot during a game in June and almost canceled his NATO trip, but could not change the meeting's date.

Edward Hellwig, a general engineer and member of Johnson's team, remembers the same kind of things about Johnson.

"He was always considerate of other people's feelings," Hellwig said. "He refrained from criticism and encouraged harmony and getting along with others."

The Army has named

Hall and Bagwell to be survivor assistance officers for the family. The Johnsons' son, Eric, 25, is a certified public accountant who lives in Springfield. Daughter Christina, 21, attends Elon College in North Carolina.

A memorial service was held in Springfield. Gifts in memory of Leonard Johnson may be sent to the Springfield-Franconia

Lions Club Charities, PO Box 73, Springfield VA 22150. Those in memory of Eleanor Johnson should be sent to the Eleanor Johnson Endowed Pledge Fund, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St., Springfield VA 22150.

(From the Fort Belvoir, Va. "Eagle." Carr is chief, Command Information, Fort Belvoir, Va.)



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# Sports

## Cycle ride across Alabama proves exciting experience

By Morton Archibald

One hundred twenty-two riders from 2 to 77 years old rode 371 to 516 miles in drizzling rain to broiling sun, temperatures from 70 to 95 degrees, camping each night along seldom-used roads to busy highways and streets, and sometimes riding with insane traffic. This ride is not for everyone, but anyone can do it.

We raised more than \$1,000 for The Food Bank of North Alabama; helping the poor and the hungry to help themselves.

We established friendships that will last a lifetime. We experienced the welcome of local merchants, bystanders, and our overnight hosts as they stood in awe of our willingness to complete this journey. We chuckled at many motorists suddenly intimidated by a hundred bicycles surrounding them. We cringed as others refused to recognize our right of way. Our BAMA volunteer staff was full of enthusiasm, rolled with the punches as we validated Murphy's Law, and seemed determined to make BAMA the most enjoyable cross-state bicycle ride over the coming years.

We owe a special thanks to Cahaba Cycles who joined us at the last minute to keep our bicycles repaired. The vendor who originally agreed to provide this service did not show. Cahaba's Jeff Stone toiled until 10:30 some nights and worked some miracles along the route to keep us rolling.

We gathered Saturday, June 1 for the ride beginning with a bus and SAG truck connection from Chattanooga. Another bus joined us in Huntsville for the trip to Florence. We reloaded the bus and about 25 riders elected for the optional, 38-mile purist ride along the Natchez Trace. Several riders extended the route when the county changed route numbers of the road between the Trace and Florence after Archibald had published the maps.

We departed Florence Sunday, June 2, in a steady drizzle, but at least it wasn't hot. We immediately crossed the Tennessee River and experienced two accidents. It wasn't looking like a very good ride up to this point. We were mighty glad to have Elaine White of HEMSI riding 'Guardian Angel' among us.

As it turned out, these



**BICYCLE TREK—** Archibald, left, and Slaughter congratulate each other following the safe crossing of the Lake Guntersville causeway by the BAMA '96 cyclists. The across-state cycling ride covered 516 miles from Florence, Ala., to Chattanooga, Tenn.

would be the last three injuries of the day, and these were not serious. Rain persisted most of the day, and we were all glad to ride into Joe Wheeler State Park for the night. An air-conditioned beach house offered shelter for the riders who

did not wish to tent camp. Severe weather threatened but never materialized.

Monday, June 3, dawned clear and cool. The TVA police escorted us safely across Wheeler Dam immediately after the last shift reported to work at nearby

plants. The scenery through the Wheeler Wildlife Refuge was indeed beautiful, but stores were scarce as we rode to Decatur. A favorite lunch stop was a tiny fish camp at Mallard Creek. We rode on through the villages of Hillsboro and Trinity as headed through Decatur toward Point Mallard. Many riders enjoyed Alabama's first wave pool, an Olympic swimming pool, five water slides, and other attractions. An air-conditioned gym offered shelter for those wishing not to tent camp. We managed to dodge the evening thunderstorm again.

Tuesday, June 4, again dawned clear and relatively cool. Our police escort helped riders over the Tennessee River. Many riders chose breakfast across the river before passing Calhoun State Community College and continuing through cotton fields. Most riders stopped in the 17th century town of Mooresville where Tom and Huck was recently filmed. We got a peek into the 21st century at U.S. Space and Rocket Center. We caught another glimpse of the past at Constitution Village where the Alabama Constitution was signed.

Eleanor McCall and this

rider raced the lead riders to mark the route where a communication error had left a sizable gap in the markings. They were almost finished when Richard Witt, Tom Ritchie, and Mark Lu blew past. They ran them down after a chase of several blocks, headed them in the right direction, and quickly marked the remaining few turns.

We rode into the YMCA to find a humorous mixture of politicians, voters, bike riders, staff, and hundreds of kids participating in the YMCA summer program. We enjoyed an excellent catered barbecue dinner and watched American Flyers together.

Wednesday, June 5, took us from Huntsville to Guntersville. We left the YMCA on quiet, residential streets then rode along the Aldridge Creek Greenway. This combination bicycle and walking path is Huntsville's first formal attempt at a pathway established purely for recreation, health and fitness. Ultimately, it will go all the way to the Tennessee River and will include a canoe 'trail' for the southernmost stretch.

Many riders elected for

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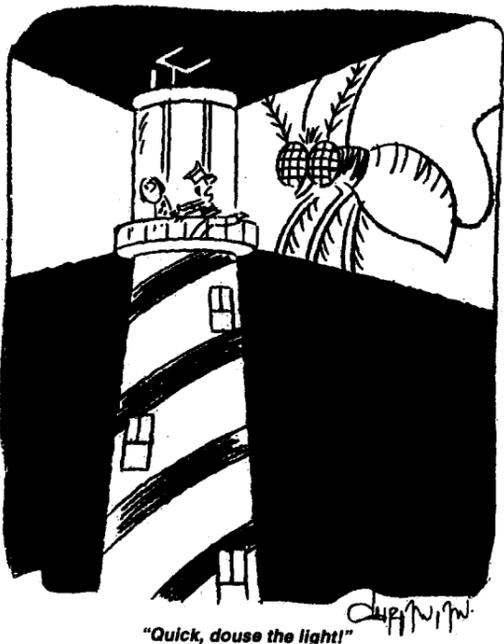
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- **Parent workshop**—Supplemental Programs and Services will sponsor a parent workshop on "Letters, Numbers, Colors, Words—The Developmentally Appropriate Approach" from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Recreation Center. The scheduled leader is Doris Walston of Huntsville City Schools. Bring a brown bag lunch if you like. For more information, call Jan

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the 106-mile optional century ride into Blount County. This crossed two covered bridges and covered a countryside that time seems to have forgotten. Karen Hausenauer and Team Leukemia set up an unofficial but welcome SAG stop at the second bridge.

Guntersville treated us like royalty again this year. In addition to the pool and shaded lakeside, an art display awaited us. The RSVP ladies catered us an excellent, spaghetti dinner with their famous homemade desserts while a singer entertained us.

Thursday, June 6, began with a real display of community support. Police Chief Glen Slaughter and Parks Director Bill Moore rode with us through town. Naturally, we had excellent police escorts crossing Lake Guntersville on the causeway. We climbed Sand Mountain through Albertville to the shopping 'mecca' of Boaz. We made a challenging descent of Sand Mountain to the shores of Lake Guntersville. The last half of the day was along a flat, shaded back

road with almost no traffic, few dogs, and a beautiful view of the lake. In other words—a cyclist's dream.

Scottsboro Parks and Recreation also went all out to make us feel welcome. Their seven-year-old complex looked like it was brand new. Free fresh fruit and ice cream awaited our arrival. Indoor sleeping was not only air-conditioned but was even carpeted. Talk about spoiling a rider.

Yvonne Yokel apologized for our having to share the pool with local residents including many youths. She said she wished she had reserved it for our exclusive use. Archibald argued that interaction with local residents was more important than exclusiveness. One of the goals of BAMA is to educate the public as to the advantages and the feasibility of bicycle travel as an alternative to motor vehicles. BAMA would love to hear your views.

Friday, June 7, will probably be remembered best as the day we validated Murphy's Law six times:

- The pontoon boat that was to ferry us across the Tennessee

River broke down and

could not arrive.

- Nick-A-Jack Dam was closed for repairs. The alternate route added 10 miles and some very dangerous roads to our longest day.

- A severe thunderstorm threatened and no shelter was available.

- There were only two showers for the entire campground.

- The ladies' shower had only cold water.

- The ladies' shower would only work if you held the water on with one hand.

Despite all these setbacks, riders rolled with the punches and made the best of it. Many riders reported they really enjoyed the additional mileage.

The annual Depot Days celebration was under way at Stevenson, and many riders enjoyed an early lunch at the depot cafe there. The U.S. Park Rangers gave us an excellent demonstration at Russell Cave where Native Americans lived from 7,000 B.C. to 1,000 A.D. Battery Hill in Bridgeport offered an excellent view of the river from a high bluff. Bridgeport police escorted us across the most dangerous stretch of U.S. Highway 72 while White guarded the rear with the HEMSI re-

sponder car.

Saturday, June 8, dawned with light drizzle. The intermittent rain was just enough to keep riders cool for the 39-mile leisurely ride right into downtown Chattanooga. Many riders enjoyed the aquarium and the 3D IMAX theater while waiting for the bus home.

We said our goodbyes and went our separate ways. A week of bonding and shared experiences will live vividly in our memories for the coming year. Most of us promised to return next year and bring someone with us. Many of us plan to reunite Sept. 22 in New Market for our Fall Reunion Ride.

Many riders, thinking of better ways to avoid the glitches of BAMA '96, have already volunteered to help with BAMA '97. George Ferguson has volunteered to be ride director and is already mapping out the 1997 route. We plan to ask one person to be responsible for each day of the ride. Our tentative plans for June 1-7 are: Dothan—Eufaula—Auburn—Alexander City—Anniston—Gadsden—Desoto State Park—Chattanooga.

As you can see, this account is far from complete. Please let us know your ad-

ditions and corrections:

- What stands out in your mind?

- What did you learn about Alabama on the ride?

- What was the best display of southern hospitality you saw on the ride?

- Who was the most interesting person you met?

- What can we do to make BAMA '97 better?

If possible, e-mail comments to Archibald at mортona@traveller.com. We can import them more easily into the web site this way. Otherwise, mail your comments to 2117 Rothmore

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(Editor's note: Archibald, an instructional facilitator at the Gandy Institute, served as the executive race director for BAMA '96.)

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# Soldier smoking hurts readiness, says Army health organization

By Gerry Gilmore

WASHINGTON— Cigarette- and cigar-smoking soldiers may one day go the way of the jeep and the "steel pot" helmet in the name of readiness.

Besides being tied to causing long-term diseases, such as emphysema and lung cancer, smoking degrades soldier readiness, said Brig. Gen. Patrick Sculley, the commanding general of the Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Sculley talked about the Army's desire to curtail soldier smoking during a July 12 Soldiers Radio and Television "Washington Report" interview with Dr. (Lt. Col.) Paul Little.

One of CHMMP's missions is health promotion,

which involves showing soldiers how to stay physically and mentally fit to fight.

"There are many people who believe that smoking is the single largest preventable cause of disease in this country," Sculley said, who noted that about 25 percent of civilians smoke. "Our goal is to bring down the percentage of soldiers who smoke from 37 percent to less than 20 percent.

"We'd like to see every soldier stop smoking, but this is an intermediate goal," he added.

The Army is now very concerned about smoking's short-term effects on soldiers, Sculley said, noting: "Smoking is a readiness issue."

"People tend to focus in on the long-term health effects of smoking," he said.

"But, there are more immediate concerns about smoking that people sometimes tend to overlook.

"We think of endurance as being less among smokers. Smokers don't heal as well [compared to non-smokers] if they're injured. Smokers have decreased night vision. Soldiers who smoke also are more susceptible to cold injury," he added.

With smoking being recognized as a force protection issue, CHPPM wants to provide support to soldiers

who want to quit the habit.

"We want to put together standardized packages to be used [stateside] and by our deployed forces to help soldiers who want to stop smoking," Sculley said. "It's not easy. All individuals go through various steps before they can eliminate an adverse health behavior, from pre-contemplation, to contemplation, to preparation, to action, and maintenance."

The Army is currently in the middle of a two-year smoking cessation demon-

stration project being held at Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Bragg, N.C.; and Fort Benning, Ga., Sculley said. The project is sponsored by CHPPM, the deputy chief of staff for personnel, the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences and the Henry M. Jackson Foundation.

"We are looking at the natural history of smoking cessation [to examine] ways of moving soldiers through these [smoking cessation] stages to get them more rapidly through the process

to the point where they've taken action and maintained the habit of not smoking," Sculley said.

Lessons learned from the project will be used Army-wide in the fight against smoking.

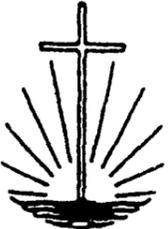
"We'll put together packets of information and programs that we'll then export out to the field so we can help our soldiers end this habit that decreases their quality of life and readiness," Sculley concluded. (Arnews)

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Ferris Christian, left, of Integrated Support Office, presents Neil Ginnett, principal deputy assistant secretary of the Army, with a book about Huntsville at the June meeting of the American Society of Military Comptrollers.

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# Army Management Staff College shapes curriculum after study

FORT BELVOIR, Va.— Beginning Sept. 24 with Class 96-3, Army Management Staff College is reducing its residence requirement from 14 to 12 weeks.

However, the AMSC Sustaining Base Leadership and Management Course will remain a 14-week program of study. Prior to their arrival, students will devote an equivalent of two weeks of study to fulfilling reading and writing requirements, taking a diagnostic test, and completing self-assessment forms. Accomplishment of these tasks beforehand will develop a common baseline of knowledge among students, said De Clark, AMSC spokesperson.

"There will be little change to the content of the program but changes to the methodology have taken place," Clark said. "Stu-

dents will engage in more small group seminar activity, research, and writing."

The curriculum change is a result of a study begun in 1995. The study was conducted to determine characteristics senior leaders need. AMSC faculty interviewed 169 general officers, senior executive service, and political appointee executives of the Army, DOD, and selected federal institutions. Following these interviews, the AMSC leadership began a curriculum rebuild to incorporate their suggestions.

The recharged curriculum emphasizes knowledge of Army mission, organization, and functions raised through a front-loaded pre-AMSC package. This offers two advantages, Clark said. It meets Army overall goals to save money by shortening time in resi-

dence, and it allows the students to share program insights with their supervisors, co-workers, and subordinates. Force XXI topics that are covered include generating requirements, generating the force, developing and resourcing the force, sustaining the force, and decision making in action.

With rapid changes taking place in America's Army, future leaders will be responsible for major decisions that affect Force XXI. To keep pace, Clark said, AMSC is keeping pace to ensure its graduates are prepared to make those critical leadership decisions.

Interested candidates should contact their local civilian personnel offices for application deadlines and information. (Arnews)

# Army civilian career system becomes easier for workers

By Cathy Ferguson

WASHINGTON— The Army Civilian Career Evaluation System is now one step easier. Instead of requiring a stop by the civilian personnel office to certify eligibility for a certain grade level and series, as of July 8, all ACCES applicants can do it themselves. This is done on a form, "Self-Certification of Employee Qualifications."

The simple form only requires a signature, social security number and career program number and will save registrants and the civilian personnel offices a great deal of time. The decision to allow employees to self-certify their eligibility was made, according to a memorandum signed by the Carol Ashby Smith, deputy assistant secretary, director of Civilian Personnel, to empower employees and support initiatives endorsed by the National Performance Review.

"By submitting the form, employees are certifying that they are qualified, meet time in grade restrictions, performance appraisal requirements, and any special education or training requirements for the positions for which they are applying," according to a memorandum signed by James Alward, chief of the Central Program Operation Division, Office of Assistant Secretary, Manpower and Reserve Affairs. Employees are eligible to be considered for a higher grade in most career programs after they have served nine months in their current grade. Some career programs also stipulate special education or training requirements.

Once a person is selected for a position, he or she will be screened by the civilian personnel office to ensure eligibility before a job is offered, assuring that anyone who tries to cheat the system will fail.

(From the "Pentagram.")

## WEAPON

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Aug. 28-30.

AMRAAM is "a joint Air Force/Navy missile," Air Force Col. Rick Dickson, the AMRAAM program manager out of Eglin, said. "It's the premier medium range, air defense missile in the world. And I would love to make this a tri-service program. With the MICOM RDEC, Colonel Watt and General Link's support, this is more

than just a vision."

The air-to-air missile was used in Operation Desert Storm, and has been credited with three combat kills. Its range exceeds 25 nautical miles. Launch platforms include the Air Force F-15, F-16— it will be added to the F-22 — and the Navy F/A-18. The Marines are considering its use on the Harrier, AV-8B. The air-to-air missile began development in the 1970s but became operational on Air Force and Navy fighters in the early 1990s. It repre-

sents a \$1.9 billion development; and planned production will approach \$10 billion. The foreign customers include 13 countries so far.

"It's an active air-to-air missile which means you can operate it autonomously or the fire-and-forget — we call it launch and leave — capability," Dickson said.

Estimated launcher cost for the Humvee-version is \$559,100, excluding the cost for the five to six missiles.

## HELLFIRE

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of the equipment itself, spare parts and manuals are being sent to battalions, the Aviation Unit Maintenance and TRADOC schools, as well as extensive training on the equipment. "We fielded the first unit last month to Fort Eustis (Va.) and Fort Rucker (Ala.) and will be fielding the unit to Fort Campbell (Ky.) this month," Perez said. "We have a very aggressive

fielding schedule." There will be a total of 28 units fielded before January 1997.

In the interim of fielding the units, contractors are in the field and are on site and testing the missile systems. "With having them on site we have also increased the readiness of the system and are slowly bringing them in as the unit is fielded," Perez said.

The AN/TSM-205 has a

price tag of \$170,000; and funding for the program was approximately \$8.7 million which included funds for publications, development of training, and the hardware itself. The prime contractor of the equipment is Marvin Engineers Inc. The project managers on this project were Col. Charles Greer and Col. Richard Savage.

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by Al Arndt

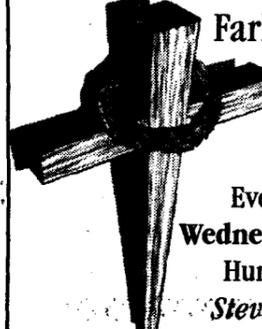



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Stock encourages an exercise regimen for everyone involved in therapy. "The benefits are overwhelming," he said.

Exercise can provide the following benefits, according to Stock:

- Increased self-esteem
- Greater sense of control over anxiety

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- Improved concentration and memory
- Increased subjective feelings of well being
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- Reduced dependence on alcohol and drugs.

The Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Department (SARD) focuses within a wellness continuum in assisting clients with the many challenges of life.

SARD is a service agency empowered to assist all military and their dependents, all retirees and their dependents, and all Department of the Army civilians and their family members. For more information call the referral and placement consultant, Doris Montgomery, at 876-7256.

## AWARDS

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public awareness and employment of persons with disabilities," she added.

McGowen, who serves as coordinator for the Missile Command's handicapped program, pointed out that nominees can include disabled workers, their supervisors, and volunteers who help in the community with such efforts as Special Olympics. "And we have persons with

disabilities who do an exceptional job every year and that'll be a way to recognize those persons for their achievements," she said.

Nomination forms are available from McGowen who can be reached at 876-4570. They should be returned to her by Aug. 22, in time for the Aug. 29 deadline downtown. The annual awards meeting is to be held in October.

In 1968 the Huntsville Area Committee on Employment of People With

Disabilities was organized. For 28 years, through cooperation of business, industry and government, this committee has promoted public awareness and employment of persons with disabilities.

The Missile Command has 684 people with disabilities, according to the latest fiscal year report as of September 1995. These include about 80 people with severe disabilities such as blindness or in wheelchairs.

## Armed Forces Week 1996 celebrated August 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. 5-11.

Some 25 soldier-performers and seven technicians make up the cast and crew. They were selected earlier this year from audition videotapes they submitted in December 1995.

Soldier Show performances are scheduled 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 Lt. Gen. Dennis Benchoff, deputy commander of the Army Materiel Command.
- Huntsville Stars vs. Memphis Chicks baseball game, Comcast Cable buyout 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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# Senate approves military pay raise

By David Masko

WASHINGTON— For as long as can be remembered, Congress has authorized a pay raise for military people. Although such a raise often goes against the established wisdom of cutting more from defense, military leadership has made their point that pay and benefits are key to sustaining a ready force.

One important success of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 1997 thus far is a 3 percent

pay raise. The raise was approved by a Senate vote of 68 to 31 on July 10.

Pay is listed in the act's compensation and other personnel benefits section as one of the approved military activities for the Defense Department.

The Senate bill will increase the rates of basic pay and basic allowance for subsistence by 3 percent. For fiscal 1996, both the House and Senate approved an increase in basic pay and BAS by 2.4 percent.

Senate officials did not

speculate whether the 3 percent pay raise would be trimmed down to 2.4 percent as it was last year. Also, there was no special provision for an increase in the rates of basic allowance for quarters. In fiscal 1996, BAQ was increased by 5.2 percent.

If approved by the House and signed into law by the president, the pay raise will take effect as of Jan. 1, 1997.

(From an Air Force News Service release.)

## MWR

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• **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

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• **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.

# TRW Inc. wins SSSC contract

By Gerda Sherrill

The Space and Strategic Defense Command has awarded an \$89 million letter contract to TRW Inc., of Redondo Beach, Calif., for testing and evaluating the effectiveness of a Tactical High Energy Laser (THEL) system against short-range artillery rockets. This laser-based air defense effort is a joint undertaking by the U.S. and Israel. Israel will contribute \$29.5 million of the total contract amount.

On Feb. 9, a high-energy chemical laser built by TRW successfully shot down a short range rocket carrying a live warhead. This "first-of-its kind" test, conducted at SSSC's High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., came nine months after the start of a joint U.S. Army/Israel Ministry of Defense laser test program called Nautilus. It demonstrated that laser technology and related beam pointing and tracking technologies now offer the U.S. and its allies a viable solution for defeating cheap, short range rockets that have become the weapons of choice for terrorist organizations around the globe.

A laser-based air defense system with limited operational capability could be produced and field-tested in less than two years. Such a system would give U.S. troops engaged in contingency missions a way to protect themselves against a variety of short range tactical threats. It would also expand Israel's list of options for protecting its citizens against Katyusha rocket attacks.

Since the February rocket shutdown, interest by U.S. and Israel government officials in developing laser-based air defense systems has increased dramatically. On May 6, Israel Prime Minister Shamon Peres and U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry agreed to a joint U.S./Israel development of the THEL system. On May 11, Perry directed the military services to fully support this undertaking and designated SSSC as the executive agent for the THEL program. A memorandum of agreement detailing the terms of the cooperative research and development program was entered into between the U.S. Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Israeli Ministry of Defense on July 18.

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## Miss Teen contestant...

Stephanie Bell, 16, daughter of Lula Bell of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, will compete for the title of Miss Teen All American, Aug. 1-4 in Miami, Fla. Stephanie is a junior at Huntsville High School where she participates in Air Force Junior ROTC and the Anchor Club. Her mother is a supply system analyst at RASA.

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**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.

**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 Sundeby 876-1874, SSgt. Mulka 876-4448 or SSgt. Dore 842-0880. Tickets will be available at the door.

**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.

**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.

**Toastmasters**— "Do you want to improve your speech?" If so, join Redstone Toastmasters every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Morrison's Cafeteria in Madison Square Mall. For more information, call Carolyn Butler 859-4368 or 876-3884.

**Car wash**— The 95th Maintenance Company

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**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. The symposium lasts from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. There is no registration fee. For

more information call Dr. C. Ronald Green, chief of computer technologies, 955-3498.

**Writing a resume**— A good resume is what businesses use to determine who they interview. Learn how to put your best foot forward in a resume workshop July 31, from 2:30-4 p.m., at Army Community Service, building 3491 on Honor John Road. To register call Debra Jefferson 876-0446.

**Business development**— "Growing Local Businesses" will be the theme of Business Development Week in Madison set for July 31 and Aug. 1-2. Business Development Week is designed to provide training and assistance to existing and potential small businesses to further grow the

local business community. Kickoff activities begin July 31 with a luncheon at the Holiday Inn. On Aug. 1, a luncheon for women in business is planned. A luncheon highlighting two successful small businesses will be held Aug. 2. Workshops covering various business topics will be held each afternoon. The Municipal Complex will be the site for the workshops July 31 and Aug. 1; and the Ramada Inn will host the workshops Aug. 2. The event is sponsored by Madison Business Association, Madison Industrial Development Board, NEAR SBDC and the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County.

**Thrift shop**— The Thrift Shop will be open for busi-

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ness Saturday, Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

**Recreation volunteers**  
— Outdoor Recreation will accept applications for volunteers Aug. 1-15. Those eligible persons interested in applying should submit a written request to Bill Moreland, chief of Outdoor Recreation, stating their name, address, work and home phone numbers, military unit or place of employment, status (i.e. active duty, retired military, civilian employee or contractor), and a brief statement of reasons for wanting to be a volunteer and past experience which may complement volunteer efforts. For more information, call Potter or Gail 876-4868/6854.

**RASA town hall**— Attention all Redstone Arsenal Support Activity workers: Several town hall training meetings have been scheduled for all workers assigned to RASA. The training will be held in the post theater, building 3712. Bus transportation will be provided. Each session will last about two hours. Here is the schedule: Session 1— Aug. 6 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; and Aug. 8 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Session 2— Aug. 13 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; and Aug. 20 at 9 a.m. only. Session 3— Aug. 15 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Aug. 20 at 1 p.m. only. Session 4— Aug. 27 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Session 5 (for NAF employees only)— Aug. 29 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information call Donna Browning 955-6122, Willie Caraway 876-3713, SFC Veronica Edmiston 842-2435, SSgt. Adam Kettell 842-2631, Kay New 842-2480 or Kim Woodberry 876-4401.

**Learning center videos**  
— 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 Aug. 6-8: Sparkman ALC, building 5304, room 4319, "Imagineering." North ALC, building 3222, "The Leadership Challenge."

**Found property**— A yellow bicycle, brand name Roadmaster, has been found in the vicinity of building 3618. To identify and claim this property, the owner should call the Provost Marshal Investigations Section, building 3649, phone 876-2090/3449.

**Dinner theatre**— The Asbury United Methodist Church Dinner Theatre will present "A Musical Tribute to the USO" beginning Aug. 9 in the church fellowship hall, 980 Hughes Road, Madison. Evening performances will be at 7 p.m. Aug. 9, 10, 16 and 17. Matinee performances will be at 2 p.m. Aug. 10 and 18. The meal for the evening performance will feature Chicken Cordon Blue for \$16; and the matinee performance will fea-

ture Chicken Fingers at \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. For ticket information call Dortha Eppinett 830-2570 or the church office 837-0365.

**Film showing**— The 1993 version of the children's tale "The Secret Garden" will be shown at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Monte Sano State Park Amphitheater. Admission is \$3 per person; children under 12 admitted free. This event is sponsored by the Film Co-op. For more information, call 539-FILM.

**Auction sale**— The General Services Administration will hold an auction sale of surplus NASA property at 9 a.m. Aug. 7 in building 8025. Prospective buyers may inspect items to be sold and register from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 6 and from 8-9 sale day. Items to be sold include ADP equipment, gray metal/wood furniture, test equipment, typewriters, calculators, copying machine, scrap metal, trailers, steel tanks, and miscellaneous office supplies. For more information, call Johnny Shockley 544-4788/4799.

**Union meeting**— AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 12 in the Union Office, building 3202. For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

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- '96 Harley Davidson Dyna Super Glide. Brand new, never reg, 4 yr. ext. service plan, candy green. \$15,000. 430-3205 eve.
- '95 Chevy 4x4, ext. cab, 305 5 sp, loaded. \$19,500. 773-6250.
- '94 Ford F-150 XLT, auto, swb, full pwr., sliding rear window, 5L, V8, 12.8K mi. \$15,100 firm. 837-2123 after 3pm.
- '94 Toyota 4x4, 44K mi, \$13,500. More info call 828-2423.
- '93 Camry LE, 4 cyl, champagne, never wrecked, immac. cond. \$13,000. 883-6894.
- '93 Honda Civic LX, sedan, 5 sp, loaded, 51K mi, 1 owner, exc. cond. \$9,500. 539-9474.

'93 Mazda Protege, 32K mi, like new. Loaded, moonroof. \$9,800. 880-3216.

'92 Chevy S-10, 24K mi, TAHO pkg, blue, auto, air, \$8,500. 883-4151.

'91 RX7 Coupe, beautiful car, 52K mi, fully equipped. Will consider older truck or 4x4 as partial trade, 881-0645.

'90 Jeep Comanche, 4L, V6, camper top, bedliner. Pioneer pkg, 91K mi, exc. truck. \$5,000. 722-9163 after 5 pm.

'89 Camaro, red, 305 V8, 164K mi, power, AC, leather, t-tops, new tires, brakes. \$3,900 OBO. Runs great. 586-8974.

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'86 Ford F-150 truck, LWB, V8, auto, XLT. 84K mi, 1 owner, \$3,900. 464-3182.

'85 BMW 318i, 2 dr., auto, AC, RC, sunroof, exc. cond. 1 owner. 882-2945.

'83 280 ZX Turbo, red, t-tops, 5 sp coupe. Original owner, well maintained, all records. 729-1325 after 6 pm.

'76 Corvette Stingray, L48 engine. All pwr. Auto, radio, AC. Good cond. Corvette red. 859-7027.

'68 Ford Mustang Conv. 302 ci, auto, 99% restored. Must sell. 890-0193 after 5 pm.

'64 Mercedes 230SL. Classic car. Hard/soft tops, new paint, record. \$20,000 OBO. 864-7204.

Tires- 205/65-15, near new, Michelin X-1 & Goodyear Aquatread II's. Each set has only 1 day of use, \$250/set. 536-6286.

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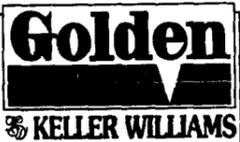
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