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Early-out window reopens at MICOM through Aug. 30

By Skip Vaughn

The Missile Command has reopened its window for early-out applicants because more are needed in order to avert a reduction in force.

By Aug. 7, approximately 80 applications had been approved. Some 434 total are needed in order to avert a RIF. The window continues through Aug. 30.

After the window closes Aug. 30, the command will reassess whether or not a RIF is needed.

The total number of applications that Civilian Personnel Office has received is 100. And the program approved is insufficient to avert the need for a RIF in the future. And that's why we reopened the window," says Hernandez. Hernandez, a personnel specialist, said the program window has been reopened to allow more people to apply for early-out status. He said the program is open through Aug. 30. He said the program is open to all employees who are currently on active duty. He said the program is open to all employees who are currently on active duty. He said the program is open to all employees who are currently on active duty.

Logistic Assistance Representative

By Skip Vaughn

A Missile Command logistic assistance representative who was injured in the deadly terrorist attack in Saudi Arabia in June has received the Purple Heart medal.

Roland Blow has returned to his permanent duty station in Ansbach, Germany. He was to receive the medal Aug. 12 in Seckenheim, Germany from Lt. Gen. Dennis Benchoff, deputy commander of the Army Materiel Command.

Blow was injured while on temporary duty in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, June 25 in the Khobar Towers terrorist bombing which killed 19 servicemembers and wounded more than 450 others. The MICOM logistic assistance representative was supporting one of the Patriot units in Dhahran. He was one of the command's three LARs assigned to Saudi Arabia.

"The bomb went off in the evening. He was in his

apartment when the bomb went off and that's when he was injured," Tom Ingram, director of Readiness Directorate, said. "He was thrown across the room and he received some minor cuts from glass fragments; that's when his window broke. And he was pretty badly shaken, but otherwise he was OK."

Blow, whose apartment was not in the most-damaged building, received treatment from a medic at the scene. "The next morning Roland was back on the job, providing logistics support to the unit and information back to the U.S. Army Missile Command," Ingram said, "which I think shows an awful lot of dedication."

Asked how he feels about Blow receiving the Purple Heart, Ingram said, "I'm sorry he had to get injured to receive it but I'm awful proud of him and the work that he's done."

Blow, 48, has been a MICOM LAR for 12 years. A native of Nashua, N.H., he has lived in El Paso,



BLOW

Texas, the last 21 years. He joined the Army in 1965 at age 17, volunteered for Vietnam during basic training at Fort Dix, N.J., and served two tours in Germany and one tour in Vietnam (1968-69) for a total of 12 years military service. Blow left the Army in 1977 as a staff sergeant to go to college. He attended the University of Texas for three and a half years.

A GS-12, Blow became a MICOM LAR in 1983. He has been stationed at Ansbach the past year and a half. Blow accompanied the Patriot unit he supports, the 6th of the 52nd Air

Defense Artillery, to Dhahran Feb. 21 and returned to Germany with the soldiers July 19.

In a telephone interview last week, Blow was asked how he feels to receive the Purple Heart. "It's going to be a little awkward, getting an award for something that's just being in the wrong place at the wrong time," he said.

Blow was sitting down to watch television in his apartment when the explosion occurred at 9:50 p.m. June 25. "There's a sliding glass door right next to the seat where I was sitting and that sliding glass door exploded," he recalled. He was thrown about 15-18 feet and was hit by flying glass in his left arm, across the knuckles of his right hand, and in the right knee. There were at least 20 buildings in the complex and "the most heavily damaged one was probably about three buildings from me," he said.

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School buses roll Aug. 21 for Redstone Arsenal children

By Kathy Harkleroad.

The motor pool has been busy getting the school buses ready to roll on Redstone Arsenal. The first day of school is Aug. 21; and the school bus transportation office has been registering the students, preparing the buses, and planning the routes.

"We are responsible for transporting approximately 600 students who live on the Arsenal to Williams Elementary School, Westlawn Middle School, and Butler High School," said Ann Childress, supervisor, school bus transportation office.

The transportation of those students is an art within itself, as approximately 14 drivers pick up and drop off the students each day. There are over 100 stops on the Arsenal with most of the buses pulling dou-

ble duty. "The majority of the buses pick up for two schools, either the high school and the elementary school, or the middle school and the elementary school," Childress said.

Bus drivers begin their routes at 6:50 each morning with the students from Butler High School being the first ones picked up. All of the students on the Arsenal are at their designated schools no later than 8 a.m. "In the afternoons we do it all over again and start picking up children at their schools at 2:30 p.m. with the elementary school being first," Childress said. "The drivers are on the road until approximately 4 p.m. when the last student is dropped off at their home."

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BUS FLEET— School bells will soon be ringing and the school buses will be rolling through the Arsenal starting Aug. 21. Parents are reminded to talk to their children about the rules on riding the bus.

Letters to the editor

Office radios

Our work environment is open with modular furniture. Will someone please explain to me why radios are allowed to be played during normal duty hours? For some reason some of the individuals (i.e., building 5303, second floor) who have these radios seem to play them loud enough for others to hear them in the morning hours (7 a.m.) and at lunch time (11-noon). This is very disruptive to others who might just be trying to do something productive. If these individuals must play their radios, why don't they use ear plugs or headphones?

Name withheld by request

Mentor program

Several months ago I wrote to you regarding Team Redstone's powerful role in the mentoring program for elementary students within Huntsville city and Madison County public schools. This program was a

tremendous success last year. At University Place Elementary, we are anxious to add more mentors for the 1996-97 school year.

This summer the Arsenal has continued its active involvement in our schools through their support for numerous teacher and student training sessions. Thanks to Team Redstone, working along with other community agencies, many of my colleagues and I have been trained in comprehensive prevention and intervention programs for students. These programs include peer helping, community services, student assistance programs and conflict resolution/peer mediation. Students from local schools were also trained to become peer helpers. Team Redstone's financial support enabled us to receive top quality training from accomplished consultants in each of these fields.

My school plans to use this knowledge to help us refine and expand our programs to better meet the needs of our students. These programs should have a positive impact on thousands of students across the city and county.

Anna Whisenant and Jennifer Clark have attended

many of the workshops representing the Arsenal. I want to thank them for their interest and encouragement. I hope we will continue to see them personifying Redstone Arsenal's interest in quality education for all kids.

Sue Flohr

At-Risk teacher,
University Place Elementary

Energy saving

This is directed to the MICOM Energy Office. If we at MICOM are sincere about wanting to save electricity, I would be happy to show you some economic possibilities in the Sparkman Center—without inconveniencing our people. You can find me at building 5301, third floor, phone 842-0619.

Margot E. Sheaffer
IMMC

AMC deputy commander lauds community's role

By Skip Vaughn

A large American flag that filled the wall behind the head table provided a fitting backdrop to the Armed Forces Celebration Week luncheon held Friday at the Von Braun Civic Center north hall.

Lt. Gen. Dennis Benchhoff, deputy commander of the Army Materiel Command and guest speaker for the event, praised the local community for its continuing "great relationship" with the military. About 650 people attended the luncheon which was among the activities for the 12th annual celebration Aug. 5-11.

"On behalf of a grateful military, thanks to all of you for the great rela-

tionship that exists between our military and the Huntsville and Madison County community," Benchhoff said.

He used the theme "unadvertised, first rate, a solid piece of work" to describe all of the following:

- The men and women in uniform for all branches of the armed forces.
- "Thank you for your service to our nation," he said.
- The role the Army plays in joint military operations, and the contribution of Defense Department civilians.
- And what the local community has done for the nation's defense.

"One service cannot do it alone," Benchhoff said, referring to teamwork among the various branches. "Today's operations are joint operations....

Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard: coming together to serve the cause of democracy."

The Army's contribution to this joint team is to fight and sustain the wars on land, Benchhoff said. Its functions include compelling the adversary to submit to our will, deterring war, reassuring the world community, and fighting to win our nation's wars.

"America's past is full of winning traditions which we must continue," Benchhoff said.

The local community can expect to grow economically with the arrival of 2,000 Army aviation jobs from St. Louis, according to the AMC deputy.



BENCHHOFF

Parent/Principal Night provides forum for '96-'97 school year

By Kathy Harkleroad

Parents with youngsters in the four core schools military children attend will have a unique opportunity Aug. 19. The Army Community Service (ACS) Education Committee is sponsoring its annual Parent/Principal Night where parents and school officials can meet and discuss any concerns the parents might have.

"The committee is designed to facilitate communication with parents and school officials and this evening is a terrific way to start out the school year," Capt. David Estes, Education Committee chairman, said. "This is a chance where the parents can meet the principals of their child's school and not only find out what is planned for the upcoming year, but express any concerns they may have."

The 6-8 p.m. event will be held at the Bicentennial Chapel with principals from Butler High School, Westlawn Middle School,

Williams Elementary, and the Academy for Science and Foreign Languages attending. Dr. Ron Saunders, Huntsville City Schools superintendent, and Dr. Debby Ferguson will also be in attendance, as well as a representative from transportation to discuss bus schedules and a representative from the Child Development Services.

After a brief introduction, the educators will break into separate rooms where they will speak on their school's policies and plans, as well as answer parents questions.

Estes and members of the ACS Education Committee will be on hand to answer questions about the committee and their involvement in the school system. "It is important for the parents to be involved in their child's education from elementary school through high school," Estes said. "This is an unique opportunity that has been afforded to us, where we as parents and residents of the Arsenal can come together and have a well of resources at our disposal.

Other parents do not have this opportunity and it is important that as many parents as possible take advantage of it."

This is the seventh year for the event which has been a success. "Last year we had a tremendous turnout and I would like to see that happen again," Virginia Dempsey, ACS representative, said. "Many parents were able to have questions answered about their child's education and were able to interact with the principals on a one-on-one basis."

Concerns that have been raised by parents in the past include the issues of grading systems, curriculum for the upcoming year, sports requirements and special activities. "One of the most discussed issues is the curriculum," Estes said, "and credit transfers at the higher grades. Parents want to make sure their child is receiving the same quality of education they received in their previous schools, and that classes are credited in the higher grades. The majority of

our students are coming from out-of-state schools and their requirements and policies are different than the ones here."

The Education Committee is there for the parents when it comes to addressing those concerns as well as others. "The committee serves a valid purpose. We are here to help resolve any conflicts or problems that inevitably come up in the different schools," Estes said. "Not enough parents utilize the committee and this is an excellent time to get to know who we are and what we have to offer the parent."

All parents are encouraged to attend the Parent/Principal Night and on-site child care will be provided with a proof of their child's shot record. Reservations are required for the child care and can be made by calling Army Community Service at 876-5397.

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Licensed professional counselors work with individuals with related substance abuse issues, mental illness, family and marital problems and stress related issues.

The counselors work in private practice, mental health centers, hospitals, colleges, drug treatment centers, pastoral counseling centers and numerous other environments where people are trying to cope with their problems. They perform individual and group therapy, assessments and family therapy.

The cost of not seeking needed mental health care can be great. Did you know:

- Major depression is second only to cardiovascular disorders, in causing people to miss work.
- Persons with job-related stress, anxiety and depression miss an average of 16 working days per year?
- Nearly a third of the nation's homeless persons have a severe mental illness
- A majority of the 30,000 suicides in America each year can be attributed to a mental or addictive disorder
- Persons with untreated mental health problems consume almost twice as much medical care as an average individual.

If you or someone you love needs counseling for substance abuse and related issues, contact the licensed and certified staff of the Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Department of Fox Army Community Hospital. This is a service that is open to all active duty military and their family members, military retirees and their family members, and Department of Army civilians and their family members. For more information call the referral and placement consultant, Doris Montgomery, 876-7256.

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Acquisition workers receive updates in briefing by DSMC commandant

More than 150 local procurement specialists, logisticians and other acquisition workers were briefed on new initiatives in acquisition education Aug. 2.

Brig. Gen. Richard Black, commandant of the Defense Systems Management College (DSMC), conducted the briefing at the Post Theater. Black served as the program executive officer for Missile Defense (now Air and Missile Defense) here and in Washington before becoming the DSMC commandant in June.

Redstone Arsenal hosts one of the college's four regional campuses; together with Boston, Los Angeles, St. Louis and the main DSMC campus at Fort Belvoir, Va., it helps train nearly 10,000 acquisition specialists each year. The college observed its 25th anniversary June 26, having trained nearly 77,000 people since its inception under the late David Packard, former



NEW INITIATIVES— Discussing new initiatives in acquisition education are, from left, John Beale of the MLRS Project Office, Maxine Maples of the PEO for Air and Missile Defense, Black, and Brig. Gen. Willie Nance, PEO for Tactical Missiles.

deputy defense secretary and co-founder of Hewlett-Packard, in the early 1970s.

Black, who likes to refer to his briefing as an "azimuth check with our customers," stressed his commitment to train each of

DoD's more than 100,000 acquisition workers at more frequent intervals during their careers. Black also discussed ongoing DSMC initiatives to keep training current and to use electronic "distance learning" techniques to make training

more available while reducing its cost.

The briefing was hosted by Brig. Gen. Willie Nance, PEO for Tactical Missiles, and was open to interested acquisition workers across the Arsenal. (DSMC release)



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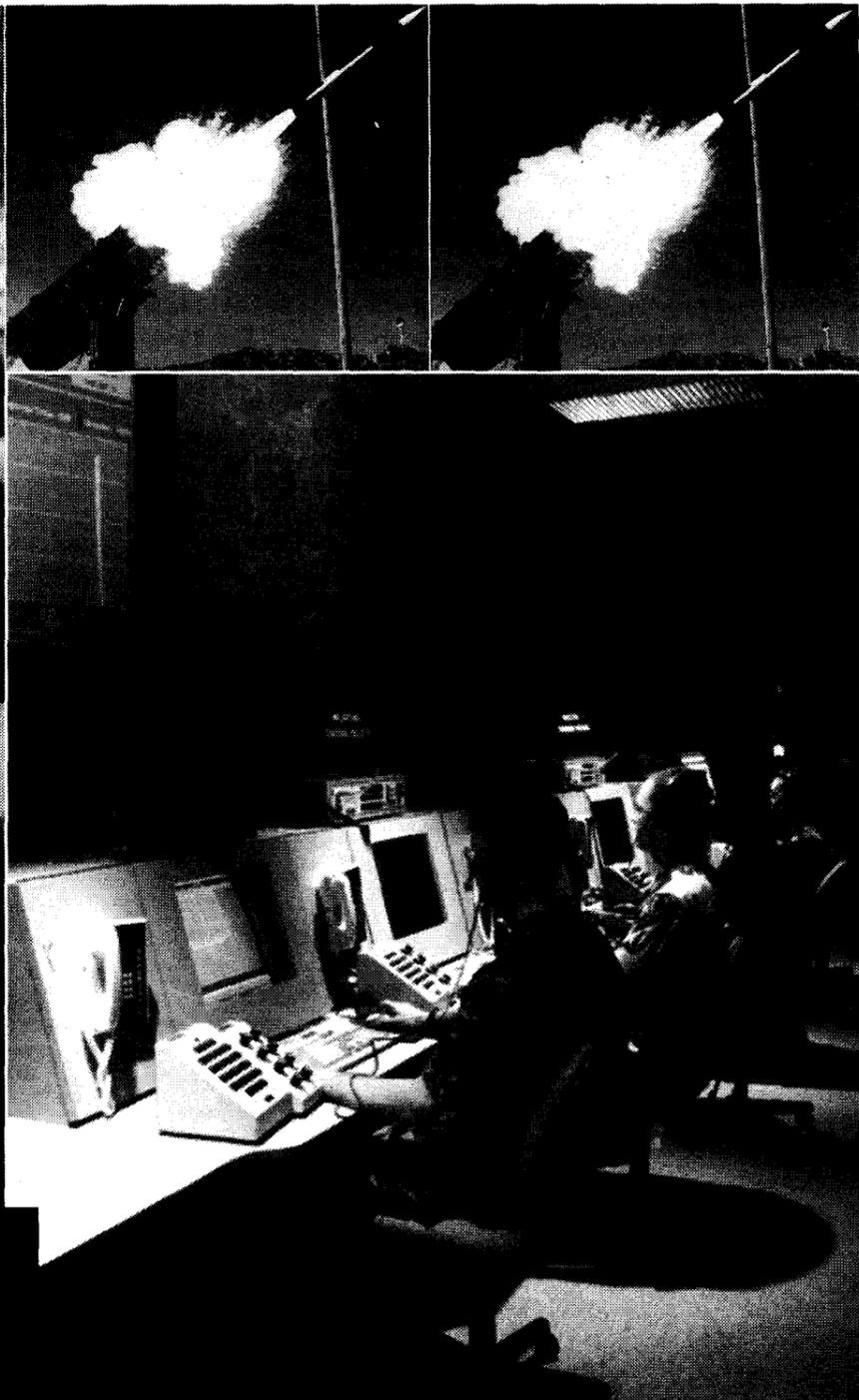


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First aviation system arrives at Software Engineering

By Peggy Hays

An avionics laboratory has been established by MICOM's Software Engineering Directorate to support the software sustainment of the MH-60K and the MH-47E Special Operations Aircraft (SOA) stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.

The SOA laboratory is the first aviation system to occupy lab space at the MICOM SED.

"This is the first avionics system to be established with the ATCOM move," said Kerry Kennedy, SOA project lead, "and we now have the test capability to support that system."

"The avionics equipment we have here is common to both aircraft," he said.

The MH-60K Black Hawk and the MH-47E Chinook helicopters are assigned to the 160th Special Operations Aircraft Regiment commanded by Col. Dell Dailey. The System Integration and Maintenance Office (SIMO), an element of the 160th Special Operations Aircraft Regiment, is led by Lt. Col. Wesley Walters. SIMO is the combat developer.

The MH-60K and the MH-47E are extremely complex, Kennedy said. "The avionics are 90-95 percent fully integrated," he said. Further, the special operations aircraft are "equipped with multiple modes of navigation to include a moving map and have the capability to receive digital flight-plan information."

"There are approximately 500,000 source lines of code in the system," he said, "and it currently is one of the more complex systems in the Army inventory. It has a multimode radar that is capable of terrain following, terrain avoidance, and limited weather avoidance."

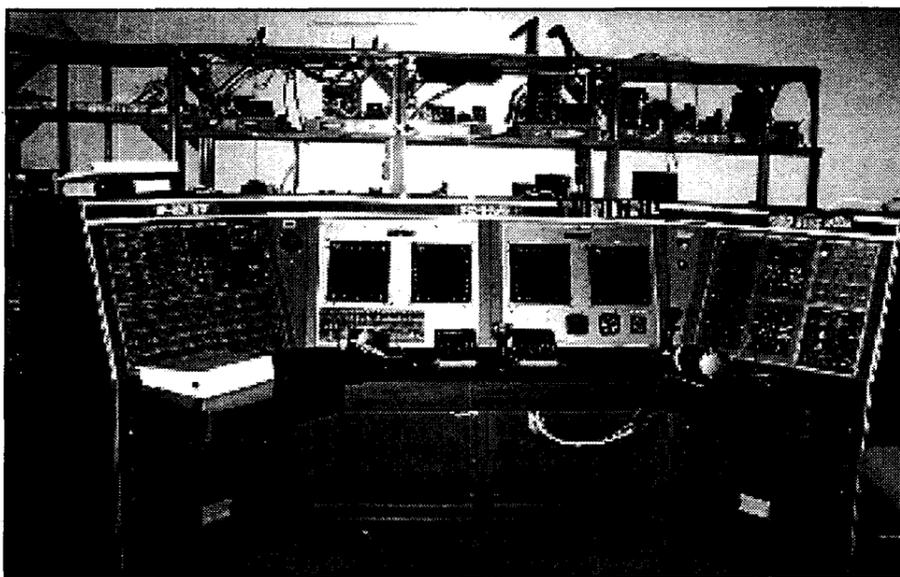
"It definitely is the largest fielded tactical aviation system in terms of the amount of software."

The program began in January 1995 when the Technology Applications Program Office (TAPO), the materiel developer for SOA, requested the assistance of the Software Engineering Directorate in the software sustainment of the special operations aircraft. TAPO's Maj. Jerry Hopkins, MH-60K and MH-47E assistant program manager,

identified excess government-owned production equipment at the MH-60K production plant. The equipment was installed at the directorate; and the SOA lab became operational June 24.

With the establishment of the SOA laboratory, Kennedy said, "We have the capability here for sustainment and software integration and testing to support annual software releases."

Future possible efforts include establishing and building software and delivering it to the customer, the combat developer, which is the 160th.



TEST BENCH— This avionics equipment in SED laboratory is used to support software integration and testing of the MH-60K and the MH-47E Special Operations Aircraft.



SOA AIRCRAFT— MH-60K Black Hawk, left, and MH-47E Chinook, assigned to 160th Spe-



cial Operations Aircraft Regiment at Fort Campbell, Ky., are capable of in-air refueling.

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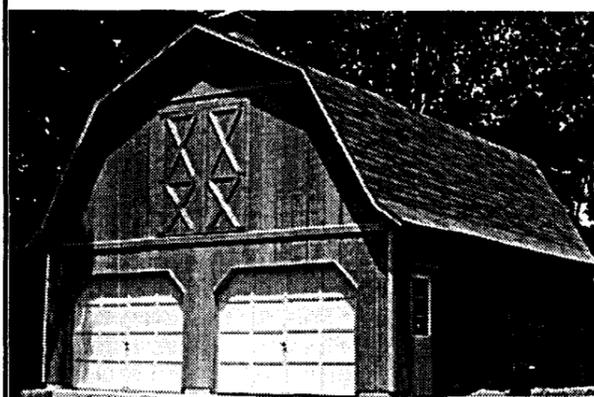
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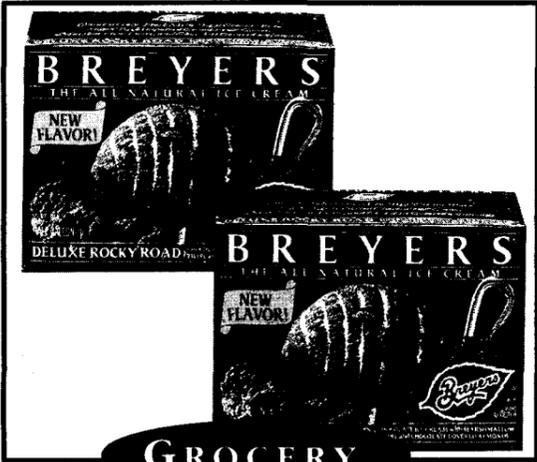
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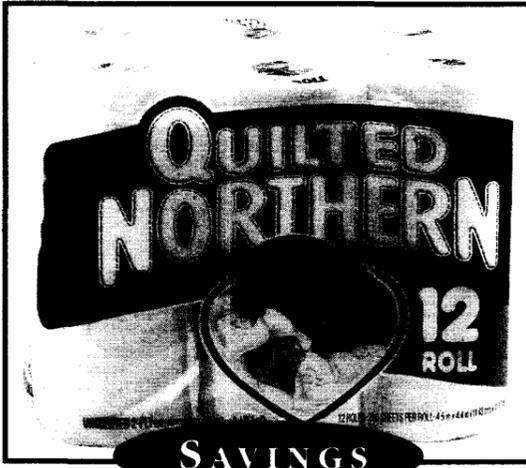
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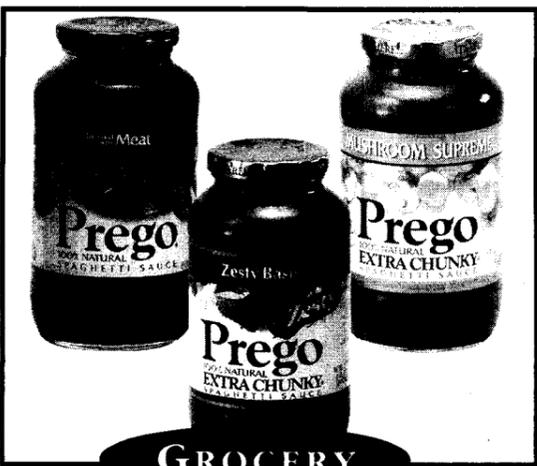
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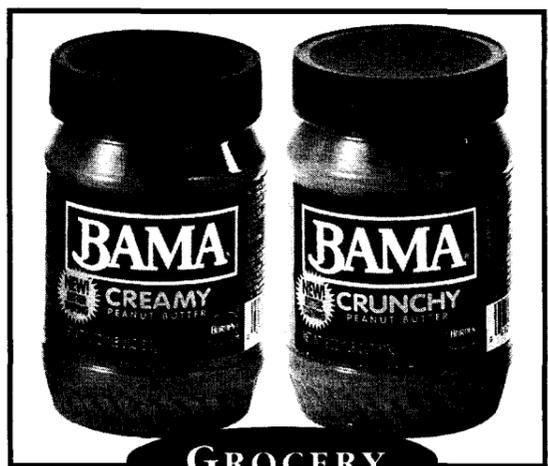


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- Ricky Irvin, 20 years service
- Donald Grundt, 20 years service
- Donna Cancel, 15 years service
- Jackson Waters Jr., 15 years service
- Mike Mardis, 15 years service
- Dean Mullis, 10 years service
- Allen Belew, 10 years service
- Christi Salter, Patriot of the Month for January
- Dennis Peacock, Patriot of the Month for April
- Pat Weaver (CPO), Patriot of the Month for May
- Jaime Zapata, Patriot of the Month for June
- John Warden, IPT charter
- Felicia Cook, IPT charter
- Audrey Tucker, IPT charter
- Mike Nowakowski, IPT charter
- Christi Salter, IPT charter/Promotion Certificate
- John Warden, On-the-Spot

- Dale Perry, On-the-Spot
- Doug Deaton, On-the-Spot
- Mike Nowakowski, On-the-Spot
- Christi Salter, On-the-Spot
- Cynthia Burns Portwood, two On-the-Spots
- Mohammad Danesh, On-the-Spot
- Ryan Rorick, On-the-Spot
- Jean Chambers, On-the-Spot
- Doug Deaton, Performance Award
- Robert Jones, Performance Award
- Patricia Ashley, Performance Award
- Martin Belgrave, Performance Award
- Eric Baker, Performance Award
- Millie Smith, Performance Award
- Edward Fowler, Performance Award
- William Grimmitt, Performance Award
- Thomas Kelley, Performance Award
- Regeana Henderson, Performance Award
- Cynthia Gurley, Performance Award

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Post NCO, Soldier of Year announced at luncheon

By Kathy Harkleroad

The plans are almost complete for the 1996 NCO/Soldier of the Year luncheon, and tickets will soon go on sale for \$6.

The luncheon is the highlight of the previous Soldiers of the Month and NCO of the Quarter competitions. The winners of those boards compete once again for the title of NCO of the Year and Soldier of the Year; and are announced at the luncheon.

"The event is not just limited to the soldiers," post CSM Ben Sundeley said. "We would like to invite the entire community to come out and support the soldiers who are not only competing in this event, but who are also winners in previous competitions."

The luncheon will feature guest speaker Maj. Gen. James Link, the post commander, as well as entertainment by Rick Jobe. "This is the third year Rick has performed at the luncheon," SFC Clarence Brooks, head of



PLANNING EVENT— Representatives from MICOM and the 832nd Ordnance Battalion are busy planning the NCO/Soldier of the Year luncheon that will be held Sept. 19 at the Officers Club. From left are post CSM

Ben Sundeley, SSgt. Stephen Booker, SSgt. Darlene McKinnon, SFC Clarence Brooks and SSgt. Marica Harris. Not pictured are SSgt. Patrice Brown and SSgt. Michael Horton.

the luncheon planning committee, said.

The theme for the afternoon will be "Going for the Goal" and decorations include an Olympic atmosphere. The club is being decorated by the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club and will include several surprises.

The luncheon will be held Sept. 19 at the Officers

Club from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. There will be choice of menus offered for the event which includes beef tenderloin tips with noodles or fried chicken and mashed potatoes. Both main courses will include green peas, pre-set salad with dressing, rolls and butter, coffee and iced tea.

Tickets are available from the following: SSgt.

Stephen Booker, D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, 876-3398; SSgt. Darlene McKinnon, MED-DAC, 876-5873; SFC Clarence Brooks, HHC MICOM, 876-7797; SSgt. Marcia Harris, MICOM, 876-4516; SSgt. Patrice Brown, LOGSA, 313-6531; and SSgt. Michael Horton, Hq/Alpha Company, 842-2320.

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Volunteer mentors help school kids stay focused

By Peggy Hays

With the advent of a new school year, Ruby Turner-Blake is recruiting more volunteers to participate in the successful Team Redstone Community Mentor Program.

The program, initiated for the 1995-96 school year, involves soldiers, government employees, family members, retirees, and civilians who volunteer to spend 60 minutes a week in one-to-one mentoring sessions with students who are at academic and social risk.

Last year, 30 mentors contributed their time with selected third grade students at Williams Elementary, University Place, and New Hope Elementary Schools. Their objective was to enhance the students' self-esteem and to improve their academic performance.

The goal of the mentor program headed by Turner-Blake, alcohol and drug control officer, is to aggressively participate in reducing the student dropout rate. Nationally, 60 percent of those living below the poverty level and 63 percent of those on welfare are without a high school diploma.

With the feedback received from last year's mentors and students, Turner-Blake expects all of the volunteers to return. She is, however, looking for more soldiers to participate and is concerned that her recruitment message has not been received by everyone.

"I've gotten a lot of calls and requests from civilians," Turner-Blake said, "but I haven't gotten any from soldiers. I'm recruiting and asking for soldiers to spend some time with kids to make a difference."

She emphasized that it's natural for volunteers to feel some anxiety. "Whenever we do the first interview," she said, "the first thing they say is 'I'm not sure what to do.'"

But, that concern is really unnecessary. Her office, for example, can assist a mentor in how to help a student to read better or how to teach math skills. "But, from the experience we had last year, we didn't run into that problem," she said.

"Kids are usually honest and you don't have to do a whole lot to make them happy— just showing up means a lot."

The process begins with the volunteer mentor obtaining a written recommendation from his or her supervisor stating the individual is qualified and can leave their work site during the day. "Then, there is an interview with the principal and the counselors from the schools we are working with," Turner-Blake said. "It's not like an interview for a job. We try to come up with a match between that person and a child who is in need."

"The counselor talks with the mentor and lets them know the area the child needs help in. It might be math; it might be just somebody to talk to."

"We'll try to meet with the mentors between now and the 21st of August," she said. "We're hoping by the first of September that we can bring everybody into the school system." Turner-Blake also has plans to request an additional school from the city and county school administration.

To help a child say No to Drugs and Gangs and Yes to School and Life, an application to be a mentor can be obtained from Turner-Blake or Anna Whisenant at 876-2990 or by stopping by 3204 Little John Road, building 3204, or faxing your request to 876-5705. They'll receive same-day service, Turner-Blake said. "I call them right back and the application is out of here that same day."

She cited two examples that show mentors were appreciated not only by the selected students but by their peers. "We do a pre and post survey with the teachers, the students, and the mentors. It's real interesting how important one-on-one is. The students want their mentor back; they say someone put them first."

Her second example: "The mentors say the other kids flock around and ask when am I going to get one?"



MAKING A DIFFERENCE— Military and civilian volunteers participating in the first Team Redstone Community Mentor Program were honored with personalized plaques by Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of Redstone, center middle row, in a recent awards ceremony. At far left, middle row, is Turner-Blake, and at far right is David Bates, program coordinator.



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The main responsibility of the drivers is to make sure the students are transported to and from the schools safely. But it is not the drivers' responsibility alone. "There are several things the parents can do, as well as the student," Childress said. "Parents need to remind their child it is very important not to extend arms, legs, heads, or any portion of their bodies out of open windows. It is also important that the children be reminded to wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before they enter or exit the bus."

Other rules riders are asked to observe include no smoking, teasing, playing practical jokes, or fighting on the bus. "These rules are to protect the safety and rights of all the students and boisterous and mischievous conduct is not acceptable," Childress said.

This year a new program has been implemented and children who behave on the bus will receive a certificate that will be displayed on the bus, along with either a free bowling pass or certificate for free pizza or hamburger. "We decided to try this program and show the children that good behavior is noticed," Dan Robbins, contracting officer representative, said. "The program will be for children riding the buses to Williams Elementary School and involves over 300 children and approximately 13 buses."

Robbins hopes that parents will help with the program and encourage their child to participate and show their best behavior on the bus. "I think with the parents help the program will be a success," he said.

The driver will pick a new student each month who has displayed the best behavior and will award the certificate and prizes.

Disciplinary measures are in place for children who disobey the rules; and a suspension of bus privileges could occur.

Parents who have not yet registered their child for the school bus or who have questions regarding bus stops or times can call the school bus transportation office at 876-6863. A representative from the office will also be at the Parent/Principal Night Aug. 19 at the Bicentennial Chapel to answer questions.

Picnic offers variety of music, dance and comedy

A country and classic rock recording band with Redstone connections is among the scheduled performers for the Team Redstone Organizational Day picnic, Aug. 22.

Two of the five members of Straight Up work at Redstone: Bob McGowan of Smart Weapons Management Office and Carlos Henshaw of BAMSI.

Straight Up, a Huntsville group, has appeared throughout Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. Members have been involved in some of Huntsville's past band favorites such as "Southern Nights," "Fever," and the "Mersey Band." Members of the band have also appeared on the Grand Ole Opry and TNN's "You Can Be a Star," finishing second in the national finals. They have worked with Earl Thomas Conley, the Oak Ridge Boys, and the Forrester Sisters.

Other scheduled entertainment for the picnic includes the following:

- Tony Mason— One of Huntsville's most well-known entertainers. His country-folk style of music and audience pleasing stage presence is sure to be a crowd favorite.
- The Latin Rhythms—



STRAIGHT UP— Members of this country/classic rock band include, from left, Terry "Buckwheat" Turner, Floyd Parks, Henshaw, McGowan, and Steve Parker.

Jazz with a Latin beat can best describe this group. They have performed in Huntsville and Nashville, including NASA and at SSDC's National Hispanic Month Celebration.

• Academic Cheerleaders— From the Rolling Hills Elementary School, energy abounds with this group of youngsters ranging from age 7-10. The cheering team promotes academic excellence, leadership and self-esteem. Members

must be recommended by a teacher and maintain an overall "B" average.

• Connect 5— These five young men from Oakwood College are an acappella ensemble which combines contemporary gospel with overtones of jazz.

• Omega Beta Psi Service Organization Steppers— From Butler High School, this service organization does performance drills which exhibit high energy, athleticism and rhythmic

cadences.

• Lee High Dance Team— This year's group of young ladies recently won first place in Universal Dance Association Camp which qualifies them to compete at nationals in Orlando, Fla., as seen on ESPN.

• Theatre Round the Corner— This group of professional theatre entertainers will present the one-act comedy "I'm Herbert."

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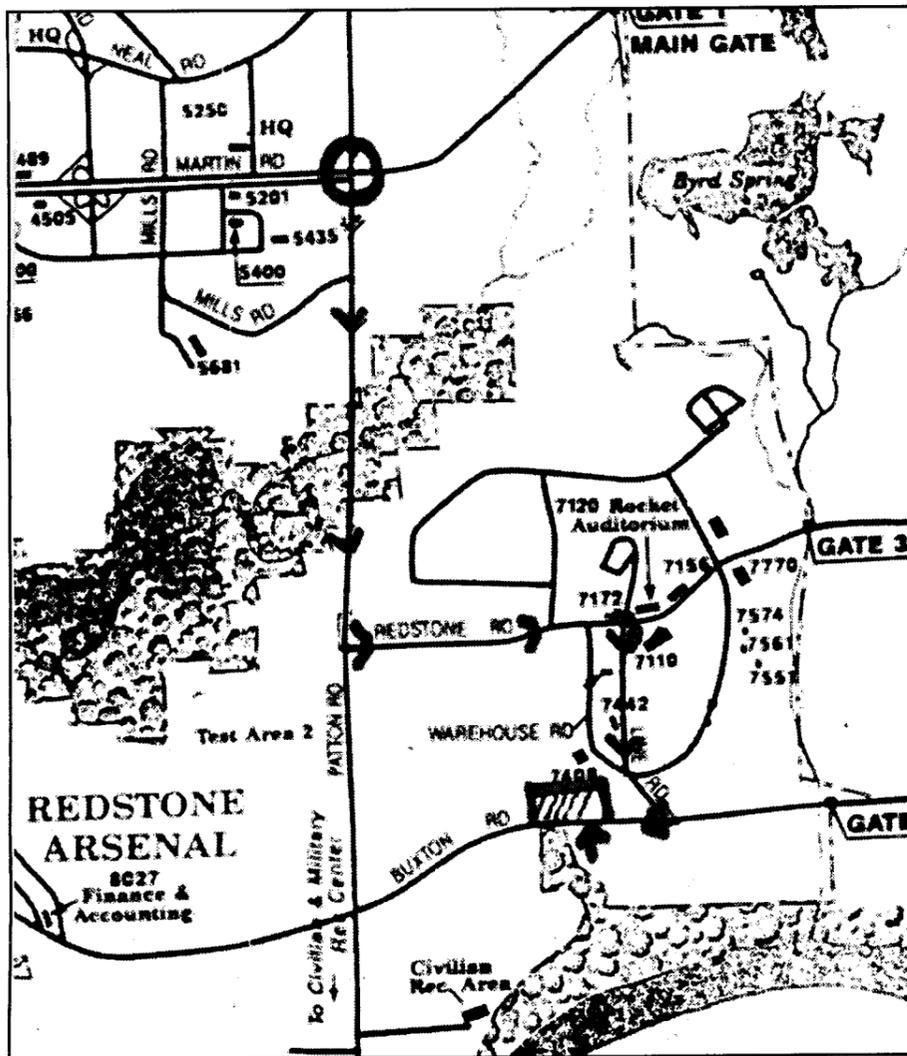
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Team Redstone Organizational Day promises picnic fun for everyone

By Kathy Harkleroad

The annual Team Redstone Organizational Day picnic is right around the corner and everyone is encouraged to mark their calendars and plan on attending.

"We are really excited at how all the plans are coming together and all of us are really looking forward to the big day," Trish Golden, publicity chairman, said.

The picnic will be held at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreational Area Aug. 22 beginning at 10 a.m. "We have activities lined up throughout the day and have included something for everyone," Golden said.

Some of the activities include Tony Mason, the Latin Rhythms, Straight Up, cheerleaders from area schools, dance teams and even a one-act comedy performed by actors from Theatre Round the Corner.

"We are also actively looking for teams to sign up for softball and volleyball games," Golden said. "We are encouraging everyone who would like to play to call either Willie Littlepage 876-5918, Johnny Kilpatrick 876-2523 or John Barnes at 842-7137. The more the merrier."

Bingo will be offered at the Rustic Lodge and the more players there are, the higher the winnings. "We are doing away with the gifts as prizes concept and are going to awarding cash prizes. We are also working on a super great mystery prize, which will announced later," Golden said. "We are planning on playing 19 games in two sessions and are reminding players to come on up and have some fun."

A children's area will include face painting, pony rides, magicians and clowns. "We also have a few other surprises for the

children, and grownups as well," Golden said

Also new this year to the picnic will be a welcome booth that will be equipped with maps of the area, a schedule of events, food tickets and door prize tickets, as well as someone there to answer any questions.

The menu will include a catered barbecue sandwich plate, as well as hot dogs for those who prefer them. Sno cones and popcorn will also be available, as well as ice cream sold by a vendor. Nachos and cheese will be available at the Rustic Lodge for a small charge.

Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs because of limited seating.

Golden said volunteers are still needed to help with the event, and anyone wishing to do so can call her at 876-1093 or any of the committee members.

Picnic shuttle buses provide transportation to recreation area

By Ray Clift

It's that time of year again where we come together and enjoy the festivities of the Team Redstone Organizational Day. Many of you will remember another time when we tried to pool all of our folks together at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreation Complex. Remember the long line of traffic and the even longer waiting times to find parking places? This year, hopefully, will be different. A plan has been devised to ease the situation.

Patrons of the picnic will proceed south on Patton Road to Redstone Road; there the traffic will be diverted onto Redstone Road. Patrons will then be diverted onto Line Road and will proceed to Buxton where another right turn will be taken and drivers will proceed to a field area just west of Briar Road.

Buses will then transport patrons to the picnic area

and will later return you to your vehicles. The buses will run continuously throughout the day.

Police officers will be stationed at points along the route to provide directions and traffic control. No one will be allowed to proceed down Patton Road south of Buxton without the proper placard. Those who are traveling to test areas, ranges or buildings located on Buxton Road will be allowed through. Those who are traveling from building 8027 (Finance) will be allowed to proceed east on Buxton to the field area.

Plans are also under way to have a shaded area in the parking lot and even a cool drink of water. Please cooperate with our officers, follow the flow of traffic and make this a pleasant and memorable day for all.

(Editor's note: Clift is the chief, law enforcement division at the Provost Marshal Office.)



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Hundreds of residents take night out against crime

By Kathy Harkleroad

Mother Nature once again smiled upon the annual Night Out Against Crime event Aug. 6: the skies were clear, the evening was cool, and a crowd of several hundred came out. Food, information and activity booths were set up in various locations at the Youth Center where residents and visitors could enjoy the festivities.

The annual event, sponsored by the Provost Mar-

shal Office, offered something for everyone. For the youngsters the ever popular moon bounce was available, as well as a game of bean bag toss, a candy walk and face painting.

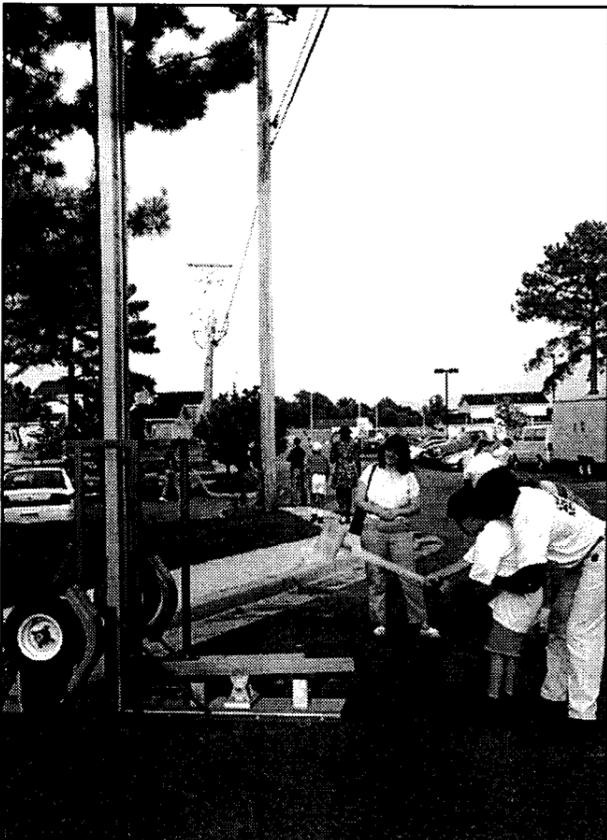
For the older children and adults, there were basketball toss and baseball throw. A dunking booth was

also open. And attendees got to operate a remote control robot.

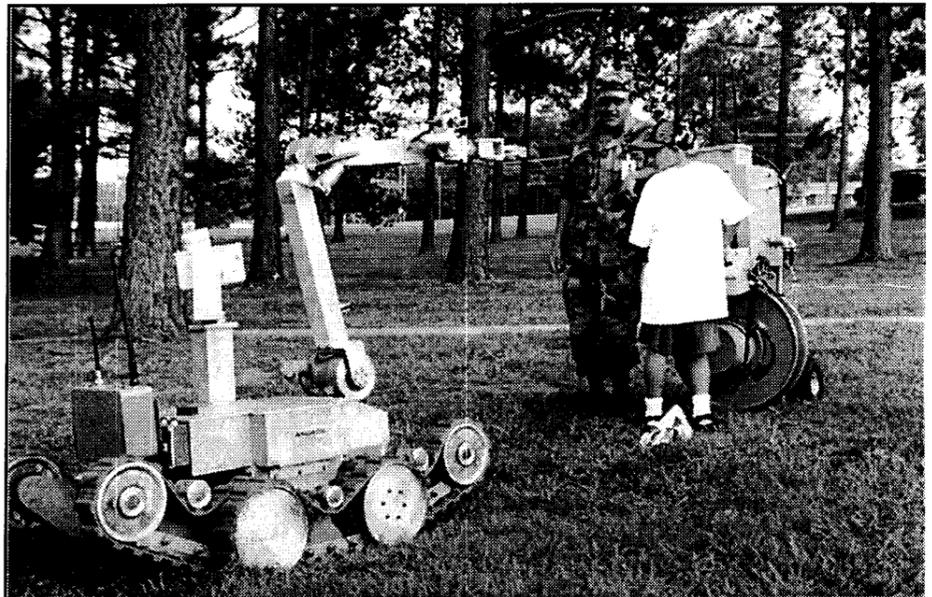
The military police K-9 unit offered a demonstration on how the dogs do their job. Arco, the police dog, performed with his handlers, SSgt. Kevin Wilson and Sgt. Jack Rush. The demonstration was a big hit

with the crowd; they asked questions and some lucky ones got to pet Arco.

Displays from several organizations, both on and off the Arsenal, were on-hand and free handouts were available, as well as reminders on how to prevent crime.



HELPING HAND— This young fellow needed a little help when it came to hitting the bell. A waiting line formed at this popular game.



REMOTE FUN— SSgt. Alex Guerrero, left, from the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Department manned the remote control robot display during the evening and allowed attendees to operate it.



SPECIAL REACTION— Representatives from the Provost Marshal Office displayed their special weapons that are used by the Special Reaction Team. Explaining the weapons are PFC John Troiano, Sgt. Thomas Schofield and PFC Glen Sladon.

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INSTANT REFRESHMENT— Soldiers from various units on the Arsenal sponsored food booths at the event and offered sno cones, soft drinks and snacks. Proceeds from the booths went into the Morale, Welfare and Recreation fund.



OFFERING INFORMATION— Madison County D.A.R.E. officer Jim Cooke was a busy man during the evening as children and parents alike stopped and admired the D.A.R.E. vehicles. Cooke distributed information on the D.A.R.E. program and told how the sheriff's department acquired the cars.

Intelligence/security director impressed with community

By Kathy Harkleroad

Deep with the basement of building 5302 sits the main offices of the Intelligence and Security Directorate, and the office of the new director, Col. Rex Hargadine. He took command of the directorate July 15 and comes to Redstone from Washington.

A large part of Hargadine's 26-year Army career has involved dealing with classified information; and he is no stranger to Intelligence and Security. "This is definitely a change though," Hargadine said. "This is my first exposure to the research and development world, as well as the acquisition process and I am really excited about it."

Hargadine spent the first six years of his career as a light infantry officer and dealt with special operations and tactical intelligence. "I have seen quite a few changes through my career in the Army and feel like I have had a wonderful career," he said.

He said he felt honored to be part of the changes that are happening within the military. "I think historians will look back and compare this era with the past when we went from gunpowder and crossbows to airplanes. We are in the



HARGADINE

middle of rapid developments of communication, automation and digitization," Hargadine said.

"It is going to be interesting to see how the military adapts to the challenges, and how the new products are going to be fielded and funded," he added.

Hargadine looks forward to his assignment as the new director for the directorate and said there are

many challenges there as well. He has been impressed with the community and looks forward to serving here. "I have noticed this is truly a community of excellence. Everyone is very helpful, friendly, and mission and service oriented," Hargadine said. "In spite of the downsizing of future services and even buildings, I think Team Redstone is doing a great job, really an excellent job."

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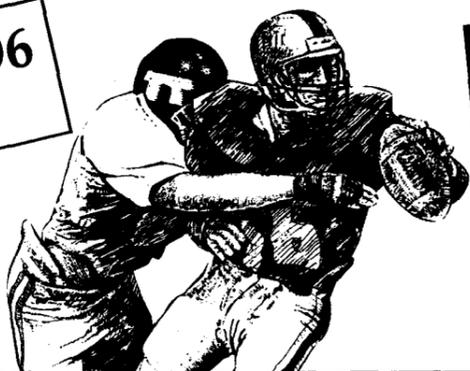
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Sports

MICOM budget analyst likes adventure of scuba diving

By Peggy Hays

She's an explorer and an adventurer on land and sea. And she shares this spirit of adventure and enthusiasm with the Redstone and Huntsville community.

Theresa McBride, budget analyst in the Corporate Information Center, is an experienced scuba diver; and as a member of the Scuba Explorers & Adventurers Society (SEAS) she goes kayaking, white water rafting, canoeing, rappelling, hiking, cave exploring, and pistol shooting.

She also documents her discoveries through her photography; sharing these discoveries via lectures and slide presentations. She's published an article on scuba diving in a local magazine. She's also shared the beauty of the underwater environment with those experiencing hearing loss.

"We're doing all we can to educate people on pollution in the water and taking care of the reefs," said McBride, "because reefs supply the life support system to the fish in the ocean."

"I want to share the enthusiasm that comes from the sport," McBride said,



McBRIDE

"and the discipline, training, safety, and the environment that everybody needs in everyday life."

One of the objectives of SEAS is to interact with civic and social groups. In the fall of '95, members helped the Boy Scouts clean out Big Spring park lagoon. They also organized a Scuba Olympics which benefited the Divers Alert Network (DAN), an organization for injured divers, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Taking members of the deaf community on diving trips also offers McBride a unique opportunity, she said. "Divers have certain universal signs to communi-

cate with and they also use a slate with a pencil.

"But, with my friends who are deaf, we can sign and talk underwater. We can carry on a complete conversation."

By combining diving with community events, McBride said the sport can be promoted along with safety and environmental education. In showing slides, for example, she said, "I might show a variety of coral and ask what kind of coral this is. I'll ask what kind of fish this is, and invariably someone will know and start talking about it."

McBride is also the editor for the SEAS Newsletter and uses that forum to describe the group's trips to Cozumel, Grand Cayman, Nassau, the Bahamas, and other places in the Caribbean. "I tell about the places and the population and the culture. I take a lot of pictures and document what the places looked like," she said, including the hotel and boating area, the cuisine, and, of course, the underwater pictures.

"We tell what we did," she said, "and show what the places looked like and the lessons learned if we



WEIGHTLESS— McBride is shown scuba diving approximately 40 feet underwater. In her left hand is a computer for calculating remaining oxygen.

ever go back."

McBride explained that her delight with scuba diving stems from its tranquility. "It's most relaxing," she said. "At work, you're under pressure, but you get in the water and you're totally weightless and limp. It's so relaxing. Watching the fish is so beautiful. It's so relaxing looking up at beauty."

McBride's interest in the

outdoors began as a youngster. "I grew up in Marshall County," she said. "I had nothing to do but hike in the woods and go caving."

"Right now, I've got two caves in Marshall County that have not been named. Once I document and survey them, I then get to name them."

McBride maintains her fitness through a personalized cardiovascular and

weight training schedule, working out five days a week at a local gym. "You have to be physically fit to be certified," she said. "You have to do a lot of cardiovascular work to keep the heart and lungs in shape."

"You don't have to be an athlete but you've got to be strong. You don't consume as much air from your tanks

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and in a current or surge, you are strong enough not to have to be rescued. A level of fitness needs to be maintained to enjoy scuba diving.

"If physically fit, you enjoy it. You can relax. What I enjoy about scuba diving is that you are relaxed.

"I'm a critter watcher," she revealed. "I love to watch the fish and I take a lot of pictures."

In fact, she relates that others "wouldn't recognize me if I didn't have my camera with me."

She's never had to be rescued but she did suffer a moment of anxiousness. "I had some anxiety attacks in my very first ocean dive off Panama City," she said. "It was my first time in any type of turbulent situation. I had to go down a moor line and it would jerk me back out of the water.

"I was trained and knew what to do, but I said I don't like this; this was not what I expected. But, my buddy told me to put my face down and go back down. Once I got my face down in the water, I was fine."

Her passion for scuba diving is fairly recent. She became certified in 1991 after completing her degree in business administration from Athens State College. "I said after graduation that I was going to do other things. I was studying five days a week and spending weekends in the library," McBride said. "I was going to have a life."

Her husband is the cook in the family but she does bring a dish to a cookout or family function, especially her specialty, a pineapple casserole. "You can't do anything wrong with it," she said.

Then, demonstrating her humor, she added, "I'm a budget analyst and I should know numbers, but one time I forgot to double all my numbers and it had a whole lot of pineapple and a whole lot of cheese.

"I took it anyway and told them so. But, you know, you couldn't tell the difference."

McBride encourages others to join her at the next meeting of the SEAS club on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Call her at 876-2829. And at the same time, ask her about another adventure she had— her encounter with the nurse shark.

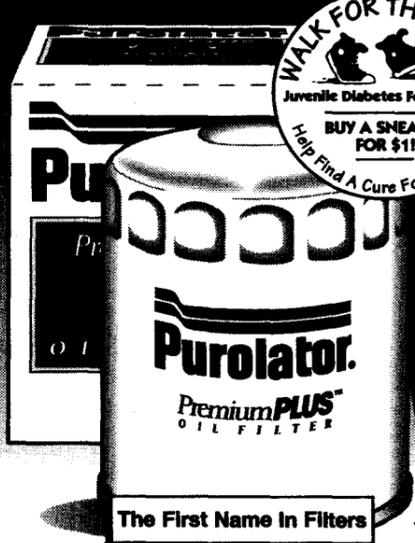
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Fox Hospital offers lifesaving classes to community

By Peggy Hays

Fox Army Community Hospital has initiated a new on-site educational program. The first class, held July 30, was for nine Post Exchange workers.

The four-hour course is the American Heart Association's basic course, known as Heartsavers, and involves the principles of basic life support. The class utilizes informal lectures with hands-on demonstrations in teaching cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) procedures for adults and infants, including the Heimlich maneuver.

"We're doing a community service to get people better trained in CPR," Maj. Laraine Hall, chief of nursing education and staff development, said. "If they can get there until our medics can get there to relieve them, they can save lives."

"The most critical time is four minutes," she added. "If they can get there in the first four minutes, there is a greater chance to decrease mortality."

The first class was welcomed by Col. William Wong, commander of FACH. "This is all part of the Team Redstone concept," he said. Wong reiterated

the significance of the four-minute span and of everyone recognizing a cardiac arrest. He was pleased that instructors were teaching the Heimlich maneuver in the event a fellow worker experienced a choking incident and needed immediate assistance.

Hall explained that although this was the first time the course was given to Arsenal workers in the staff development classroom, it had been taught elsewhere. "It's the first time we've done it for them here," she said. "We've gone outside the hospital and extended this service to the Readiness Group. They also came to our instructor's course so I have three certified CPR instructors there now."

Teaching within the FACH environment also adds an additional factor. "By bringing them into the hospital," Hall said, "they can become familiar with our surroundings. We become more accessible to them."

"We have an open door for anyone who needs us. We go out into the schools. We've taught the military police and the Readiness Group," she said. "We support RASA. We support anyone who is interested at no cost."

The instructors assist each person in class on an individual basis using performance skill sheets. Each person has their own practice model, a lightweight blue and white plastic manikin, instead of the heavy and cumbersome 'Annie' that is familiar to basic cardiac life support (BCLS) participants.

The BCLS classes are composed of different levels. "The level that we are teaching today is Heartsavers," Hall said. "It covers adults primarily, and children who are similar to adults, and then the infant." According to Hall, the key principle for class participants to remember when responding to an individual in distress is: "Children and infants don't have cardiac arrests. They have respiratory arrests."

The nine students won't be able to absorb everything in the four-hour period, Hall said, but the essentials are outlined. Take-home study sheets are also provided as reference materials. "Their stress level and anxiety level is up but they'll walk out today knowing more than they did."

She described their teaching plan. "We break



OPENING AIRWAY— Hall uses a for the basic life support class model to explain the anatomical for Post Exchange workers at structures of the head and neck FACH.

up into groups and go one-on-one," Hall said. "We do a scenario and once they complete a scenario, they'll have done CPR and the obstruction of an airway—all in one."

She described one scenario. "For instance, you come upon a person who is choking; you establish the fact that they are choking. We ask them, what do you do? They do the Heimlich maneuver. We ask how long do you do it?"

This process continues; the instructor asks ques-

tions, the learner answers and then demonstrates the response on the manikin. The scenarios cover four situations; the conscious person, the unconscious, the person not breathing, and the individual without a pulse.

"You start from one thing—and get into all the

emergencies," Hall said. "That's the real world."

The maximum class number is 10 in order to maximize the benefits to the learner. But, Hall interjected, "My minimum requirement is one, if that person is interested."

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Couple shares love with adopted baby from China

By Skip Vaughn

An MLRS worker and his wife have adopted a Chinese baby and are helping others adopt babies from China.

Doug Love, a general engineer in the Multiple Launch Rocket System Project Office, and his wife, Joyce, adopted a 3 1/2-month-old girl from Wuhan, China last Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23. She was among the many abandoned children in an over-populated country where the government enforces a rule of one child per family.

The Loves weren't able to have a child themselves and had previously tried a domestic adoption in the U.S. They had signed up with an adoption agency in Louisiana which matched them with a birth mother, but the mother had complications in her pregnancy. Consequently, after waiting several months, the Loves didn't get a baby and lost the money they had invested in the adoption. So they decided to try an international adoption.

"We worked with a facilitator—we didn't use an agency; and our adoption was directly with China rather than through an agency," Joyce said. "So it was actually what's termed as an independent adoption.

"China was actually very easy to work with—which was nice," she said. Mollie was chosen for the couple by a Chinese woman, Lily Qiu, who served as their facilitator in the adoption. Qiu went into the orphanage in Wuhan and selected the baby from a foster home. Mollie's orphanage has 40 foster homes which are constantly full.

The Loves traveled to China last November for their adoption; and they named their healthy new daughter Mollie. They went with three other couples who also made adoptions of babies ages three and a half months through five months. All of the children had spent time in the orphanage and then foster homes. The Loves adopted their baby in Wuhan, in central China, and then went to the American consulate in Guangzhou in southern China for the baby's visa to enter the U.S. The entire trip took two weeks.

"The process from starting the paperwork to receiving the baby—at least with the service we have—is from six to nine months," Joyce said.

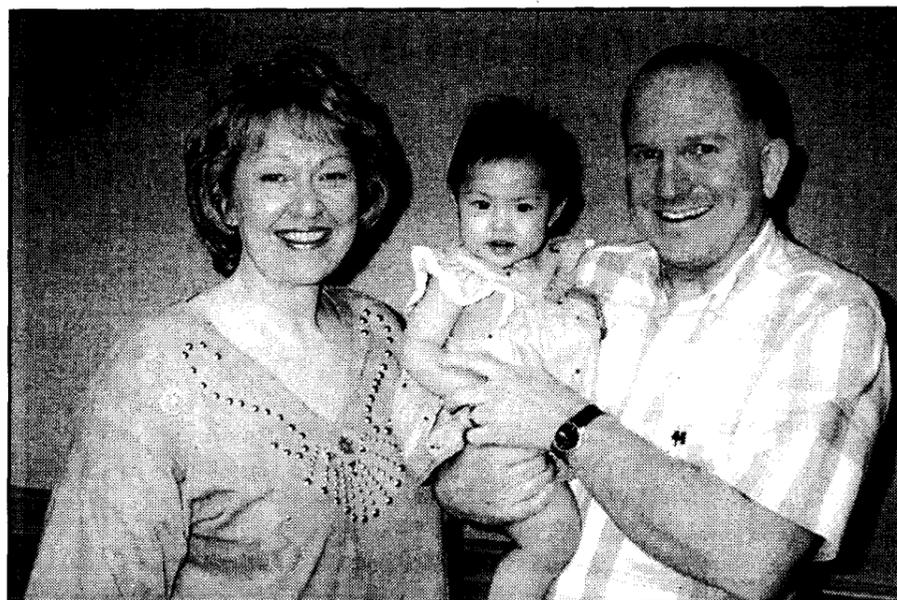
While the Loves were in China, Qiu asked them if they could find someone in the U.S. with the proper credentials to assist in other adoptions. They introduced her to Huntsville attorney Michael Brodowski. Now the Loves serve as China adoption consultants working with Brodowski; and Qiu is their contact in China to handle that end of the adoption process.

"We also have singles involved; it's not just couples," Joyce said. A single female from California will be traveling to China soon to adopt a three-month-old baby. A group of several couples and two singles is to make the trip in November or December. The Loves are trying to get more people for a spring trip.

Joyce, 43, and Doug, 42, married eight and a half years, give prospective adoptive parents an informational sheet which describes their own experience and what can be expected. The concluding paragraph states the following: "We would like to add that there are several advantages in adopting from China. There is a set fee and routine that is followed. You will not be asked for more money once over there, nor will you be asked to give any bribes. There are no judges, lawyers, or court dates to contend with. The process is well defined and adhered to: no surprises. The adoption is legal and final on the day you get your baby. Also, the only adoptable babies are those who have been abandoned and have no identifiable parents or relatives. This removes the risk of family involvement. At this point in time, we think that China is by far the easiest country to deal with in the area of international adoptions."

On a visit to Doug's workplace last week, Mollie proved a hit with the MLRS co-workers. Joyce had brought her there before so they already knew her.

"We've had people in Huntsville ask, 'How do people respond when you're walking around with a Chinese baby?' People



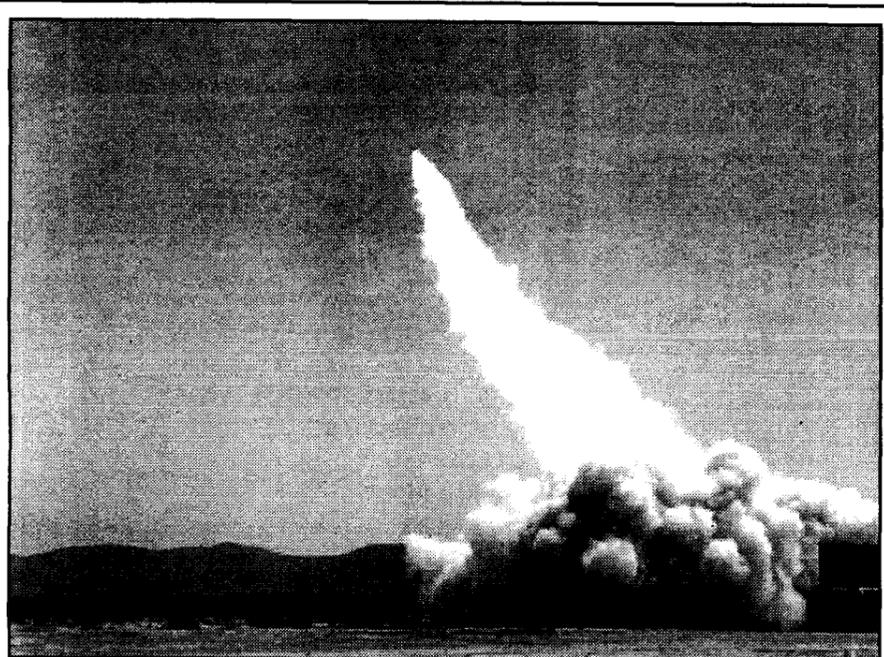
HAPPY FAMILY— Joyce and Doug Love pose with their adopted daughter, Mollie, who celebrated her first birthday Aug. 3.

have been nothing but positive. We have not had one single negative comment about having a Chinese baby," Joyce said. "In fact the community has been very supportive. As a matter of fact, we have a circle of friends in Huntsville who have adopted Chinese babies."

They try to meet at least once a month with six other couples in Huntsville who have adopted babies from China. The Loves believe it's important that the youngsters grow up knowing others with similar backgrounds.

To adopt a baby from China, people can either go through an adoption agency or use an independent service like the Loves did. "Once you've been to China and you've gotten your baby, you just really have a heart for these babies and you really want to find a home (for them)," Joyce said.

"There are millions of orphaned children in China who need homes," Doug said. He said it's a joy to watch Mollie grow and hear her call him Daddy when he arrives home from work.



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EARLY-OUT

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tion dates beyond Sept. 30.

"We are still allowing employees who initially requested a separation date beyond Sept. 30 to change their separation date to fiscal 1996 if they desire to do so," Hernandez said. "With this window that we currently have open we will still accept applications with a separation date in fiscal '97 (to Jan. 3, 1997)."

Budget constraints have caused the command to try to achieve 565 personnel cuts, 434 of whom are permanent employees. The rest are temporary employees and term employees who the command can separate without reduction in force procedures. "The 434 is the total of permanent employees we have to reduce by and those individuals would have reduction in force rights, but that's the number we're trying to (voluntarily) reduce," Hernandez said.

After the window closes Aug. 30, the command will reassess whether or not a RIF is needed.

MICOM officials hope to receive word from higher

headquarters on whether separation dates can be approved beyond Sept. 30. "If we get approval beyond Sept. 30, it's going to help us out because we'll be able to approve more applications from that point on," Glenn Gurley, a position classification specialist, said.

The Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay window is for civilian workers of the Missile Command with expanded coverage to members of Management Engineering Activity, FAAD Sensors Product Office, and ADCCS Project Office.

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Workers eligible for early retirement include those with 25 years of service at any age, or those who are at least 50 years old with 20 years of service. People who wish to resign can also apply for voluntary separation incentive pay.

"Approximately 80 have letters in hand approving VSIP with either optional retirement, early retirement or resignation," Susan Tacon, a personnel specialist, said. In each case, the approved departure will save another worker from possible layoff. Under the new window, the process of documenting saved workers begins as soon as the applications are submitted.

People interested in submitting an application for retirement or resignation should apply by Aug. 30 at the Civilian Personnel Office. Retirement eligibles must submit a Retirement application and a Statement of Understanding to building 5304, room 4285. Resignation eligibles must submit a Resignation Standard Form (SF) 52 and a Statement of Understanding to building 5304, workstation 41W079.

Applications will be accepted from 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. For retirement information, call Claudine Robinson 876-3902. For resignation information, call Kathryn Goyer 842-9304.

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Call Hall at 876-9773 or Twitchell at 955-7978 to schedule the classes. The classes, including an instructor's course, are available to both the military and civilian Arsenal community. Becoming an instructor offers the further advantage of being able to teach the courses at their workplace, Hall said. "We can supply the equipment and we'll also recertify on site," she added.

The current class found the learning experience at Fox so enjoyable that the next class for PX staff is already scheduled for Sept. 24.

The first PX members were Vanessa Bennett, Sharon Derrick, Corey King, Beverley Martin, Bobbie Nazworth, Linda Parks, Sharon Smith, Fuhai Stiles, and Kim Sumpter. Class instructors were MSgt. Glenn Wright, chief wardmaster of FACH and affiliate faculty member for the CPR program, Hall, SSgt. Eric Twitchell, NCO-in-charge of nursing staff development, and Capt. Joseph Lewis.

Hall, a strong proponent of lifelong learning, has been at FACH for only 22 months. But, she's been in nursing for over 20 years. She said, however, that she got into nursing in a round-about fashion. "My first degree was in social work," Hall said, "with an emphasis on counseling and youth groups. I worked my way



HEARTSAVER— Hall demonstrates lifesaver techniques on infant manikin during FACH Heartsavers class for Post Exchange.

through college as a nurse aide."

But, after completing college work, "I couldn't find a job as a social worker with only a B.S. degree," she said. "So I went into nursing."

Nursing education especially appealed to her and while stationed in Germany, she earned a master's in education from Boston University in 1988, combining study, work, and caring for three children.

She's carried that love of education and nursing, especially pediatrics, forward. "My model has always been knowledge is power and education is the key," Hall

said. "I really push that in anything, whether in BCLS or any activity. If you have the knowledge, it will take you where you want to go. I push education. My mother pushed education because she never had the opportunity for formal education."

Hall again urged the community to call FACH. "We have a service here open to anyone who wants to take advantage of it."

(Editor's note: In a change of command ceremony held Tuesday, Col. William Wong relinquished command of Fox Army Community Hospital to Col. David Deeter.)

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SSDC gives surplus computers to Alabama A&M

By Gerda Sherrill

"If our students are going to compete in today's job market, they must be prepared. Our goal is for every student at Alabama A&M University to become computer-literate," Dr. John Vickers, director for academic computerization at A&M, said during a computer transfer ceremony at the Space and Strategic Defense Command.

As part of a cooperative partnership agreement between the two organizations to support and foster the further development of scientific and technological programs at A&M that relate to the missions and responsibilities of SSDC, the command took the first steps toward Vickers' dream. SSDC turned over 100 Intel 386 computers to the university which will establish open access labs with one computer for each 30 students.

Christopher Langham, an A&M employee, ex-



PARTNERSHIP— Handling the paperwork for the computer transfer are, from left, Binford, Harris, Connell, Bentley and Vickers.

plained that "upon registration, every student will get an e-mail account, can use word processing, spreadsheets, and a data base, and even establish home pages."

Bob Connell, deputy chief of staff, information management at SSDC, said: "The investment being made by transferring these computers to A&M will

have long-term returns for the future. These PCs will assist the university in preparing young people to meet the challenges of tomorrow's technology in a cyberspace environment."

The command will also distribute computers to other Huntsville and adjacent city and county schools. Anna Dumas, the

command librarian, is managing the dissemination of these SSDC surplus Intel 386-based systems. The cooperative agreement is administratively managed by Vicky Binford from the command's contracting office. Linda Bentley, also from contracting, is the grants officer for this program, and Maj. Gary Harris

from SSDC's advanced technology directorate is the technical monitor. The A&M principal investigator for the cooperative agreement is Dr. Jeanette Jones, vice president for research and development.

The cooperative agreement aims at strengthening A&M's capacity to provide a quality education to mi-

nority students in scientific and technological fields and increasing the school's opportunities to participate in and benefit from federal research and development programs. Once these goals are accomplished, a pool of highly trained technical and scientific personnel would become a valuable SSDC asset.

MICOM

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He was treated by medics at the site then returned to the dispensary the next day and two days later. And he did return to work the morning after the blast.

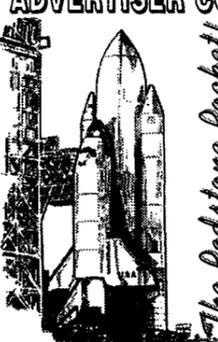
But the night of the explosion, he didn't feel very brave. "When the bomb first went off, I was rather scared and I wanted to leave right away," he said. While leaning up against a building, Blow saw two civilian men run out frantically carrying suitcases and saying that had to leave right away. "It was so comical to see those guys so scared that I just laughed at myself and I felt better," he said.

He and his wife, Patricia, have two

daughters, both of whom were born in El Paso: Jessica, 14, and Julie, 12. His family stayed in Germany as did the families of the soldiers who Blow accompanied to Saudi Arabia.

"I've got six more years before I retire. I'll probably do the whole at least six years as a MICOM LAR. I'm not going to retire after six years; as long as I can continue to do my work, I'm going to continue to go. I just enjoy being a MICOM LAR. I'm pretty much going to stay in as long as my health is good," Blow said. He considers El Paso his home and will be in Germany another two to four years.

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Resource managers luncheon...

Col. Kent Miller, left, president of the American Society of Military Comptrollers, talks with Maj. Gen. Robert Howard, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for budget. Howard was guest speaker for the monthly ASMC luncheon held July 18 at the Marriott.

MWR highlights . . .

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

- **Golf course**— The Redstone Golf Course, with an additional nine holes, is open to the entire Redstone community including contractors. For usage or membership information, call 883-7977.

- **Flying activity**— You can earn your wings at Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity; call 881-3980.

- **Automotive skills center**— Staff of the Automotive Skills Center, formerly known as the Auto Crafts Shop, can help members of the Redstone and NASA communities save money in their auto maintenance. For more informa-

tion, call 955-7727.

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

- **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.

- **Leisure travel**— The leisure travel office, Carlson Wagonlit, is located in the PX mall. For vacation help, call 880-8196.

MICOM NCO/Soldier of Year— The Missile Command NCO/Soldier of the Year luncheon will be held Aug. 30 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 Sundry 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.

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 2— Aug. 20 at 9 a.m. Session 3— Aug. 15 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Aug. 20 at 1 p.m. 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.

PX news— The Main Exchange, building 3220, presents "a whole new concept in fishing." Willie Ridge-way, professional bass angler and inventor of the Carolina floater system, will share fishing tips from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 16 in the PX sporting goods department.

Williams Elementary— Registration at Williams Elementary for kindergarten through fifth grade is held daily from 9-noon. Bring the following to register: Alabama Immunization form(s), certified copy of birth certificate or passport, Social Security card, and proof of address. A walk-through the school will be held Aug. 16 from 9-11 a.m. All new students are invited to become familiar with their school. Kindergarten orientation will be held 1-2 p.m. Aug. 20. First grade orientation is 12:30-1 p.m. Aug. 20.

Red Cross blood program— Aug. 16, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at 4752 (NASA), Edwina Bressette 544-8115. Aug. 22, from 7-11 a.m., at 5250, Judy Hul-

lett 876-0789. Aug. 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at SSDC, Al Longhi 955-4164; and from 7:30-noon at Corps of Engineers, Jean Brewer 895-1234. Aug. 29, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at 5307 (LOGSA), Keith Sidwell 955-0720; and from 7-noon at 111, Denny Gray 955-6600.

Medical support groups— Care and Share meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at Comprehensive Cancer Institute at Huntsville Hospital; for information call 551-6591. Breathe Easy meets at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at Therapy and Fitness Center, Huntsville Hospital Medical Mall; for information call 517-7102. Second Chance: Transplant Support Group meets at 6:30-8:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Blackwell Medical Tower, Suite 30; for information call 837-9575 or 539-1217.

Abandoned vehicles— The following abandoned vehicles were impounded by the Provost Marshal Office: a maroon 1980 Chevy Chevette, from the parking lot adjacent to building 4725; a brown 1985 Chevy Cavalier, from the parking lot adjacent to quarters 231 Dyer Circle; a gray 1978 two-door Honda, from the rear parking lot of building 3498; a blue 1986 Buick Electra, from the parking

lot of building 3617; a brown 1981 Ford pickup, from the parking lot adjacent to building 3617; a green 1981 Volkswagen, from the parking lot adjacent to building 3617; and a silver 1982 Honda, from the parking lot adjacent to building 3617. The owners or anyone knowing the owners should call SFC Barbour, of Provost Marshal Office operations section, 842-2442 or 876-2222.

Army 10-miler team— Redstone will send a team to the annual Army Ten-Miler road race in October in Washington, D.C. Try-outs will be held at 5 a.m. Aug. 23 and 5 a.m. Aug. 31 at Pagano Gym. For more information, call MSgt. Ruben Flores or SFC Eduardo Colon 895-3540/3541.

Florida Tech— The master of business administration degree is being offered by the Florida Institute of Technology located in the Sparkman Center. Applications are being accepted for the fall semester. For more information, call 881-7878 or 876-1581.

Nova University— Nova Southeastern University offers a master of business administration in Huntsville; classes begin in October. An information/registration meeting will be held this afternoon at 6 at McDonnell

Construction worker hurt

A construction worker was injured at the site of the Sparkman Center expansion Monday.

Construction workers in the building 5300 area were pumping water through a PVC (plastic) pipe during a test on the piping, when the pipe exploded about 10 a.m., according to Redstone officials. Donald Neal Lassiter, 28, of Huntsville suffered cuts to his face; and he received treatment at Huntsville Hospital.

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Resource managers—Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Personal Growth Center. John Chapman, director of the MICOM Realignment and Transition Office, is to speak on "NEWCOM Update."

Benefit golf tournament—The 1996 Mevatec Corporation "HOPE Place Classic Golf Tournament" will be held Aug. 24 at Hampton Cove Highlands Golf Course. This marks the third annual fund-raiser for HOPE Place, a United Way agency serving victims of domestic violence. Registration deadline is Aug. 20. For registrations call HOPE Place 534-4052.

Best yards—Yard of the Month winners for July include Capt. and Mrs. Calvin E. Williams, 426 Hughes Drive, officer; 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Paul Leuthold, 375 Roberts Drive, senior NCO; SSgt. and Mrs. Jeffery Cool, 1369-A LaCrosse Drive, junior enlisted single/duplex; and Sgt. and Mrs. Mark Ford, 1388-A Lance Drive, junior enlisted multiplex. Unit winner was C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, building 3410. "Thanks to everyone for all your hard work!" The next judging will be Aug. 26.

Wednesday night bowling—The Redstone Officer's Wednesday Night Bowling League, team captains and officers preseason meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at the JOC Club. For information call Jim White 882-1293.

Logistics engineers—The Society of Logistics Engineers will hold its August luncheon and annual elections Aug. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Madison Square Mall. Dr. Eugene

Paro, director of weapons systems management, is to speak on "improving the weapons systems we already have." Cost is \$8.50 for members, \$9.50 for non-members. Reservations are required by 4 p.m. Friday. For reservations call Walt Lorcheim 895-8620, Louise Cooper 955-6866 or Don Hunnicutt 955-9847.

Prayer breakfast—The August "Non-Denominational Prayer Breakfast," sponsored by IMMC, will be held Aug. 20 from 7-7:30 a.m. in the Sparkman Center Cafeteria (east end). "Everyone is welcome and invited to attend!"

Newcomers coffee—The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold a Newcomer's Coffee at 10 a.m. Aug. 28 at 1 Wadsworth Drive. "All newcomers, active or retired military officer or spouse; plus GS-9 and above, civilian or spouse; please consider this your cordial invitation to attend." RSVP to Debbie Howell 430-3220.

BOSS tournament—The BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) Committee will have a Spade and Pool Tournament at 7 p.m. Friday at the Recreation Center. For more information, call Sgt. Coman 955-6144 or Sgt. Sewell 876-2826.

Women accountants—The Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants will meet at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Holiday Inn, Madison Square Mall. Leah Driver of Renaissance Internet Services is to speak on "General Internet Access: What You Can and Can't Do"; her presentation is to cover specific accounting sites. For reservations or more information, call Florence Royer 830-0377.

Missile school spouses—OMMCS spouses are invited to the "OMMCS Family Support Group Welcome Coffee" at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 in the NCO Academy conference room, building 3329. "We will be welcoming Mrs. Leslie Luttrell, as well

as all spouses that have recently arrived at Redstone Arsenal." Dress is casual. RSVP by Aug. 26 to Mrs. Siple 864-2718, Mrs. Ruffin 851-9635 or Mrs. Carroll 852-3726.

Professional secretaries—Redstone Arsenal Chapter of Professional Secretaries International (PSI) will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Aug. 20 at the Sela Auditorium, building 5400, south entrance. "Bring your own brown bag lunch and join us for this training opportunity. This will be a training meeting with Camille Nugent from Huntsville Hospital giving a lecture on 'Breast Cancer Awareness.'" All meetings are open to non-members; and guests are welcome. Membership is open to all government employed secretaries and office professionals. For information call Janet Carter, membership chairman, 876-1365.

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. 20-22: Sparkman ALC, building 5304, room 4319, "An Inside Job." North ALC, building 3222, "Group Tyranny and the Gunsmoke Phenomenon."

Parent/principal night—Talk to your child's princi-

pal and meet the Huntsville schools superintendent Aug. 19 from 6-8 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. For more information and for child care reservations, call Army Community Service 876-5397.

Marine Corps drill team—The Marine Corps Silent Drill Team and the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps will be in Huntsville Sept. 7 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Joe Davis Stadium. "These Marines are the finest the Corps has to offer." This event is free to all.

Car wash on post—The Marine Detachment will have a car wash from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the old gas station. "We treat your car as if it was our own! The money we make will be used to fund this event."

Job search workshop—Various temporary agencies will explain their services and answer your questions from 9-11 a.m. Aug. 27 at Toftoy Hall. "Improve your chances for a successful job search by attending this workshop." To register call Army Community Service 876-5397.

Starting a business—A Small Business Administration representative will tell you how to set up your own business from 9-11 a.m. Aug. 29 at Toftoy Hall. Advice on available resources and legal issues will be cov-

ered. To register call Army Community Service 876-5397.

Toastmaster singles—Do you want to meet interesting people while improving your speaking skills? If you do, join Toastmaster Singles each Friday at 6 p.m. at Winn Dixie, 11208 South Memorial Parkway. Admission is free; guests are welcome. For more information, call 955-1189.

Youth soccer club—The Eagles Soccer Club still has openings for boys born between 1983 and 1986. "With our experienced and certified coaches you can watch your young man develop new skills every week." Call 880-

9301 to sign up.

Girl Scouts—If you are interested in being a Girl Scout leader or just learning more about the Girl Scouts, attend an organizational meeting at the Girl Scout building 3466 on Snooper Road, Thursday at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Kristen Stennett 837-9471.

Swimming pools—The Redstone swimming pools will close weekdays starting Aug. 19, yet will remain open on weekends through Labor Day, Sept. 2. The hours of operation are 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. For more information call Outdoor Recreation, building 5132, at 876-4868.



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A request from the commander-in-chief of the U.S. Pacific Command to help limit the demand for pennies prompted the action. Commissaries and sister exchange services have also agreed to support the initiative to reduce the cost of airlifting the copper coins.

Rounding to the nearest nickel has been used in American military communities throughout Europe since 1980. And, according to AAFES officials, although it may take a few days for customers to adjust to "the change" (or lack thereof), the idea "makes good sense."

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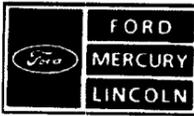
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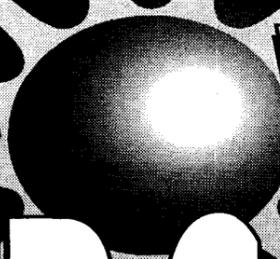
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