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VILLAGE MEETING— Turnmeyer addresses more than 200 people at last week's meeting on the proposed Redstone Village military retirement community.

Developers, sites identified for retirement community

By Skip Vaughn

A proposed military retirement community near Redstone Arsenal just might happen after all.

More than 200 people, mostly retired military and their spouses, learned Aug. 27 that developers have been identified and a list of potential sites narrowed for Redstone Village. Retired Maj. Gen. George Turnmeyer, president of the Redstone Military Retirement Residence Association, updated them in an afternoon meeting at the Officers Club.

Louis Breland, of Breland Homes in Huntsville, is the initial developer and has identified three sites within five miles of Redstone Arsenal. The list was narrowed from 15 proposed sites.

Turnmeyer expected to sign a contract within a week with a team of two Texas developers: Brown & Root of Houston, and Greystone of Irving. Each of these established firms has built at least 20 of these senior-living community projects. Greystone this year completed the Blakeford at Green Hills community in Nashville.

"We feel pretty happy," Turnmeyer told the attendees. "We told you what we were going to do. We think we have accomplished what we told you we were going to do. We got the ball rolling. Will it be successful? I certainly hope so.... To make this a success, I think what you have to do is capitalize on what we've done to this date."

The initial hurdle was passed when 130

people made an initial deposit toward the project within a month, surpassing the association's goal of 100 depositors. The priority reservation deposits are \$1,500 per couple or \$1,000 for a single.

Remaining targets include selling contracts on 200 units by December 1998, beginning construction by spring 1999, and having the first residents move in by fall 1999. Expected cost for the entire project— including land, construction of residences, and amenities — will approach \$50 million.

The association's stated goal is, "To build, in the Huntsville area, an affordable, continuing care community, in a quality environment, for retired military of the uniformed services and their qualified spouses or widow(er)s."

Redstone Village is envisioned as a campus-like setting with from 300 to 350 residences offering three levels of living: independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing care.

"There is in the state of Alabama a prohibition against building nursing homes. This has caused us to scratch our heads," Turnmeyer said. "The Greystone/Brown & Root people have faced this in other states and have worked it out."

After the meeting, Turnmeyer explained his optimism for getting the Legislature to exempt this project from the ban on nursing home construction. The residents will be making an investment into the project so there won't be a potential Medicaid burden on the state, he said.

Dental clinic commander receives top Army honor

By Skip Vaughn

The commander of the dental clinic has received one of the highest honors in Army dentistry.

Col. Ric Warrington was recognized by Department of Army with the "A" designator for continued demonstration of exceptional professional ability. The honoree must be nominated by his peers and then approved by a board.

"Very few in the corps have them; he is now the cream of the crop," Col. Charlotte Jones, commander of the Army Dental Activity at Fort Campbell, Ky., said while making the presentation here Aug. 28.

The certificate of achievement, dated June 12, was signed by Lt. Gen. Alcide Lanque, the Army surgeon general. In accept-

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AWARD PRESENTATION— Warrington, left, receives a Department of Army certificate of achievement in recognition of outstanding qualifications in the field of comprehensive dentistry. The "A" proficiency designator is awarded for the continued demonstration of exceptional professional ability. Making the presentation is Col. Charlotte Jones, commander of the Army Dental Activity at Fort Campbell, Ky.



Close inspection...

A Bradley Fighting Vehicle was on display for military and civilians alike to crawl through and look at during the second annual Meet the Military Day on

August 29. SSgt. Sharon Booker, center, explains the vehicle and answers questions for onlookers. See more photos and story on pages 12-13.

Letters to the editor

Tree cutting

When I first moved to this installation, my family and I were greeted by many large stands of trees surrounding the post roads like awaiting relatives. My family was impressed by how beautiful they made the surroundings.

Now that I am settled into a routine, the trees still are a constant pleasure as I rush to work, run for PT, or play with the kids. To my amazement, last Saturday I noticed that someone was in the process of cutting a large group of trees down at the track next to the baseball fields and security badge office.

Now these trees have been our weather shelter from rain, wind, snow, cold and especially the heat. Whose idea was this to start cutting these trees down and of all places to start, in the park?

My daughter looked at me with appalled eyes and asked, "Mommy why would they cut down the trees in the park when there are so many around elsewhere? I thought we were supposed to be saving all the trees we could." I had to ask myself the same question. If we can't have respect and reverence for the trees in our own backyard, then how can we save the rest of the endangered environment?

I can understand if they need to clear some away from plumbing pipes or thin out around power lines, but someone does not realize how severe they are being to our surroundings.

Sgt. Sally Guzman

(Editor's note: The following response came from the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity. "The Directorate of Public Works' (DPW) Grounds Maintenance contractor, Criterion, cut the aforementioned trees with the approval

of the installation forester. These trees were identified as diseased; and their removal will ensure that the situation will not spread to the other forested areas. The DPW strives to ensure the healthiest environment for all of Redstone Arsenal; and this regretful action is necessary to achieve that goal.")

Environment policy

Recently, two policy initiatives have become paramount in the world of government contracting. The first is the need to streamline the acquisition process to enhance efficiency and foster greater competition. The second is the need to interject environmental considerations into the acquisition process, thereby reducing waste, preventing pollution, and enhancing our ability to pass a clean environment to the next generation.

The failure to plan for environmental consequences of our procurement decisions is resulting in increased costs for the Army. These costs come about in a number of ways. First, by doing business with companies that abuse the environment, we expose the Army to an unacceptable risk of long-term liability for wastes and pollution. Secondly, failing to plan for the environmental consequences of our procurements will result in increased compliance, maintenance, overhaul, and disposal costs. Finally, failing to consider environmental aspects of acquisitions can interfere with mission accomplishment, since regulatory sanctions against non-complying contractors could slow the fielding of products we buy.

The cross-functional streamlining team chartered by the MICOM Acquire Quality Management Board was pictured in the Aug. 21 issue of the *Redstone Rocket*. In their review of the approval process of acquisition documents,

the team has made several recommendations for improvements to the process. Have they taken environmental policy initiatives into consideration during their review of the approval process?

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: The cross functional team chartered by the MICOM Acquire Quality Management Board was not chartered to consider environmental policy initiatives during their review of the acquisition approval process. However, the MICOM commanding general has issued MICOM Policy No. 200-1, subject: U.S. Army Missile Command Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in Weapon System Acquisition.

It states in part: "The acquisition of weapon systems will be accomplished in compliance with the NEPA. Each manager will pursue this objective when developing and implementing weapon system acquisition strategies. As the proponent for the acquisition, the project management team must develop an effective strategy to manage both production and environmental issues as the procurement progresses through the milestone acquisition process."

It further states: "Army materiel systems will be designed, developed, tested, produced, fielded, improved upon, and ultimately disposed of in full compliance with all environmental laws and regulations. The Army acquisition community will integrate environmental analysis into its decision making process and will further ensure that environmental life cycle costs become an integral part of total program cost estimates and budgets. Program Executive Officers (PEOs) and Program, Project, or Product Managers (PMs) will integrate the NEPA process along with other program planning at the earliest possible time to ensure that acquisition planning and decisions reflect environmental values and considerations.")

Soldiers here competing for German Efficiency Badge

By Kathy Harkleroad

Soldiers at Redstone Arsenal will have an unique opportunity to earn the German Military Efficiency Badge (GMEB), thanks to five second lieutenants attending the Officers Basic Course.

As part of the course, the lieutenants take part in the Platoon Leader Program and are required to indicate different programs within the platoons for the soldiers. It was then, 2nd Lt. Wayne Hatchell came up with the idea of offering the soldiers a chance to earn the badge. "I earned it several years ago at Fort McClellan and thought the soldiers here would like a chance," Hatchell said. "The events are physically strenuous and are not that easy, but they are fun as well. You definitely have a feeling of accomplishment when you complete all the requirements."

In order to earn the badge, participants must complete several activities including a 200m swim, a long and high jump, the shot put, range activities, a 5K run and 100m dash, and a six-mile road march.

Hatchell said the response to offering the badge has been tremendous once the word

got out, and a cap of 40 soldiers has been put on the participants. "At first the response was somewhat slow, but now we have all the companies being represented with the most coming from Bravo and Charlie companies," he added. "With the amount of soldiers we have participating, we are going to be conducting several events in one day, as opposed to one event per day."

All of the events will start at 5 a.m. Thursday and will continue throughout the month. "We had to work around the soldiers' schedules, both permanent party and students, and all events will be taking place during the PT (physical training) hours," Hatchell said.

Each event is timed and each age group has separate requirements. For instance the 200m swim must be completed in six minutes for soldiers 18-29 years old; and within seven minutes for soldiers 30-39; the shot put must be tossed 8m by soldiers 18-29 and 7.75m for soldiers 30-39.

Hatchell and four other lieutenants—2nd Lts. Joseph Lee, Michael Dawson, Gregory Matesa and Stephanie Courtright—have been coordinating the events and re-



SPECIAL BADGE— Helping plan the tasks and requirements for the German Military Efficiency Badge are, from left, 2nd Lt. Joseph Lee, 2nd Lt. Michael Dawson

and 2nd Lt. Wayne Hatchell. Not pictured are 2nd Lt. Gregory Matesa and 2nd Lt. Stephanie Courtright.

quirements with Lt. Col. Hanns Hoelube of the German Army who is here assigned to the MLRS Project Office. "He has been very helpful and very enthusiastic about this project," Hatchell said.

Once the soldiers successfully complete the events they will receive the bronze GMEB, and will be eligible to compete for the silver and gold badges. The GMEB is authorized to be worn on Class A uniforms.

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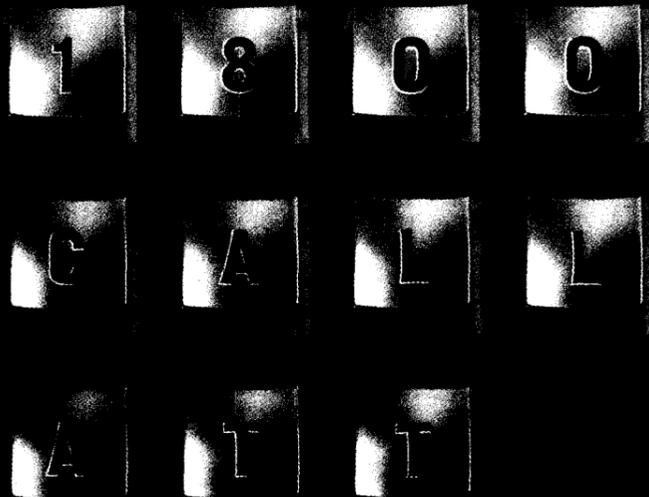
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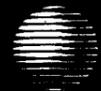
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HHC MICOM commander brings airborne enthusiasm

By Kathy Harkleroad

Capt. James Davis, HHC MICOM, has hit the ground running when it comes to his new command of the company.

Davis, who arrived at Redstone Arsenal 90 days ago from Fort Bragg, N.C., has brought the experience and attitude of the 82nd Airborne with him.

Davis calls himself the "90 day wonder"; and looking at all the new initiatives and training he has already incorporated into the company, you cannot help but agree with him. Davis said he wants to make HHC MICOM a world-class company and would like it to be a benchmark for other companies as well.

"When I arrived I could see many things that needed to be changed and I set out to do them," he said. "There were many things that were being done right, and I am taking my experience in business and coming from a tactical environment, and applying them to improve what is being done here."

One of the first things Davis did was create a new organizational chart that lists all 500 soldiers assigned to HHC MICOM. He also created flow charts, and got the soldiers involved in creating them as well. "I needed to know where each soldier was, what organization they were assigned to and the

best way was to create the chart. Now Col. Brandt wants one in his office," he said.

Another part of the new initiatives Davis has implemented is better field training, greater family involvement within the company, open and better communications with the soldiers and family members, and new incentives for the commander's challenge. "You have to remember I came from Fort Bragg where we deployed on a moment's notice. Training, communication, and family support all play an important role there, and I have decided to incorporate them here," Davis said. "There is no reason we cannot improve the way training is done here, and I want to make sure the soldiers in HCC MICOM are as prepared as a soldier on another post when it comes to fighting."

That also means keeping the family members involved with what is going on, and Davis has plans for a newsletter and sponsorship program. "At Fort Bragg our family sponsorship program was very big and very active. Granted they deployed more, but there is no reason we cannot implement that program here and make sure it works," he said. "As a soldier assigned to HCC MICOM either goes TDY, is assigned to Korea for a year-long tour, or is deployed, we will make

sure that the family member is taken care of and phone calls will be made on a regular basis."

Davis said the new approach to training has been a big hit with the soldiers and the enthusiasm is up when it comes to going to the field. "Instead of just giving them a map and a compass and telling them to find their way home, we are planning each of the moves precisely and getting the soldiers really involved in the exercise," he added. "We are thinking out scenarios, planning them on the terrain table, and implementing the exercise as if it were real. That includes moment notices, deployment, and deploy back. In other words, do the job and get the job done. The soldiers love it."

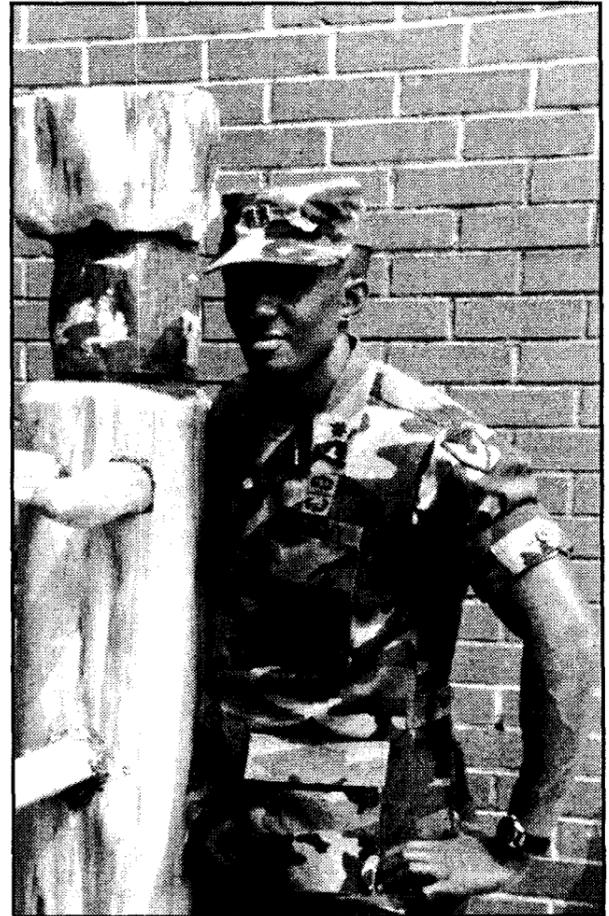
Davis believes in getting the soldiers involved in whatever is going on, and takes their suggestions and incorporates them into the plans. "I have a very open door policy and have soldiers come to me for anything and everything. They know I will help or offer guidance, and will also show them hard, concrete proof whatever they are asking," he said. "That includes everything from

charts to resumes, it doesn't matter. I want them to be able to touch and feel whatever they are asking for and it has paid off."

Davis has applied that policy to the Commander's Challenge in which soldiers participate at HHC MICOM. "In the past only a few soldiers were participating in the challenge. Now we have more than ever and the excitement is high. I have taken their suggestions and incorporated it into the challenges and added a few of my own," he said. "I have also added more incentives for the soldiers, like all kinds of freebies and stuff. That comes from the business side of me," he said with grin.

While it may seem Davis has brought a whirlwind with him to HHC MICOM, he has also brought years of tactical experience, as well as education. He has a master's in business from Webster University and applies that to his every day command at MICOM. "I want to show the soldiers what can happen when you work together, and I try to show them the business aspect of what we do as well," he said. "That is so important and I really think it has paid off."

Davis is excited about



NEW TRAINING— Davis poses with one of his new training initiatives at HHC MICOM. The wooden dummy, built by members of the unit, will be used in physical training exercises.

his new command and is enjoying each day it brings. "I really enjoy helping soldiers and look forward to doing it for a long time. I want to make HHC

MICOM world-class and want other companies to look at what we are doing here and how it has succeeded. I want them to call us and come and see how

Public session outlines Redstone environment plans

The Missile Command's Environmental Management and Planning Directorate will hold a community information availability session to provide information on a variety of environmental restoration activities at Redstone Arsenal.

The session will be held in the foyer of the new Calhoun Community College Huntsville Campus facility on Wynn Drive from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10.

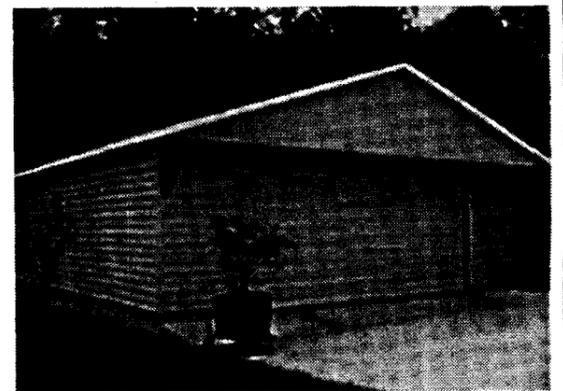
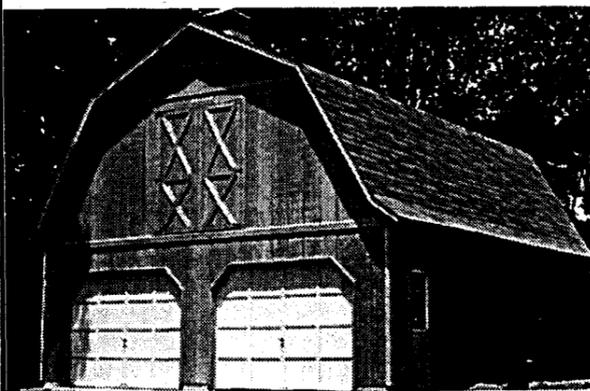
Some of the topics that will be discussed include:

- Redstone Arsenal Installation Restoration Program
- Long-term cleanup plans and priorities
- Baseline risk assessment
- Interim response actions

This session will be held in an informal question and answer format. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Alabama Department of Environmental Management and Army Corps of Engineers representatives have been invited to attend.

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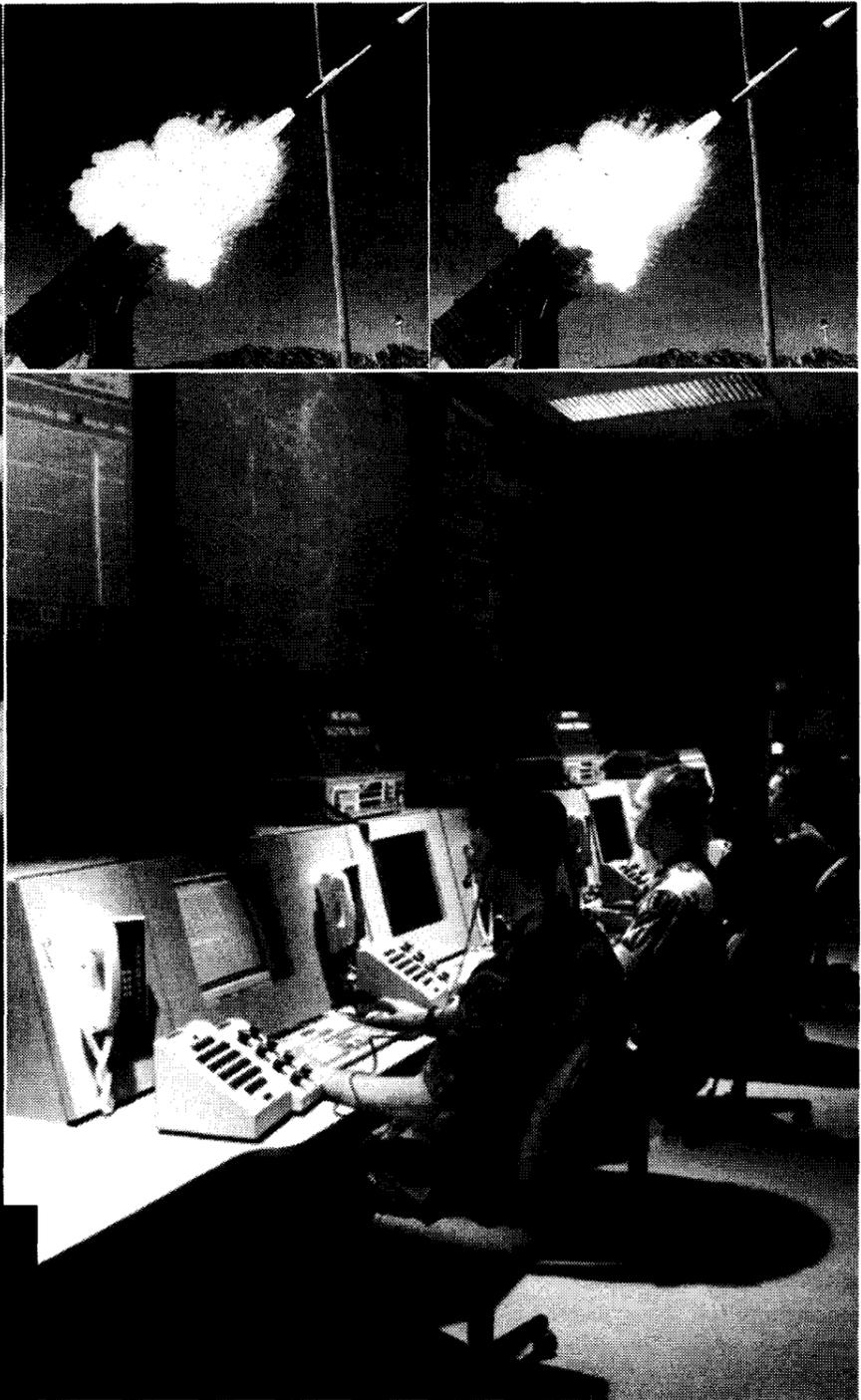
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Hospital's new commander seeks continuity of care

By Kathy Harkleroad

There is a new face behind the commander's desk at Fox Army Community Hospital. Col. David Deeter took command of the hospital Aug. 13 and has been busy ever since.

Deeter arrived at Redstone Arsenal after attending graduate school at the Audie Murphy VA Medical Center in San Antonio where was a health care administrative resident. Prior to attending school, he served as the commander of a hospital in Honduras with Joint Task Force Bravo.

While Deeter has only been in command a short time, he is impressed with the hospital and the community. "I think this is a very good hospital when it comes to providing health care—good quality health care," he said, "and it offers

many more health care options than other hospitals its size."

Deeter's short-term goals as the new commander are to prepare for the upcoming accreditation process and learning how to operate under the new Tricare system. "Tricare has only been in existence since the first of July and we are still learning how they operate," he said.

"We are trying to educate all of our beneficiaries on the new Tricare system and are making sure they are signed up. It is very important that all our beneficiaries know and understand what Tricare is and get signed up. Many people are afraid of Tricare and they shouldn't be. It is our job to make sure they understand what it is all about and what services are offered under it."



DEETER

Long-term goals for Deeter include trying to maintain the same amount of services within a constantly shrinking budget, and keeping up with

changes within the medical command. "There are many things that are changing within the medical command, and Redstone is a little further behind in those

changes than other installations.

"It is becoming where the Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) is filling more of a role of stewardship, and more services are being obtained outside the facility," he said. "While those services are not being provided for within the MTF, it is still our mission and responsibility to help the patient and do whatever needs to be done to get those services provided and that care is provided."

Deeter said the change of seeking care outside the MTF is happening more often on posts, and retirees are feeling the effect the most. "As downsizing and money constraints are faced, some services will have to be provided from outside the MTF, and this is happening throughout the command.... My job as

commander is to set the climate within the hospital and community to integrate those changes as easily as possible so the patients' continuity of health care is not jeopardized," he said.

On the personal side, Deeter is looking forward to having his family join him at Redstone Arsenal as soon as their home in San Antonio sells. His wife, Karen, and two children—Susan, a sophomore in high school, and Carrie, an eighth grader—will be arriving at Redstone hopefully in the near future. They also have two other children: John, a junior at the University of Dayton in Ohio; and Betsy who has just enrolled at Xavier University where she is a nursing student.

In his spare time Deeter enjoys building and flying radio controlled bi-planes and playing bridge.

Marine Corps band, silent drill platoon coming to Huntsville on Saturday

Prepare yourself to experience the power of sound and silence, when the U.S. Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment comes to Joe Davis Stadium at 5-6:30 p.m. Saturday.

This free performance is co-sponsored by the Marine Corps Detachment at Redstone and the Marine Corps League.

"The Marine Reserve unit that sponsors Toys for Tots will have a table at Joe Davis to collect (contributions); they have to be new unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots program this year," Maj. Bruce Rexroad, the commander of the Marine Corps Detachment, said.

Known as "The Commandant's Own," the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps puts music in motion. These talented musicians combine contemporary songs and traditional marching music with uniquely choreographed drill movements in a program titled "Music in Motion."

The Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon features 24 Marines moving in unison without verbal commands. With shiny bayonets fixed atop their M-1 rifles, these Marines perform an intricate drill routine. The Silent Drill Platoon's Rifle Inspector will highlight the

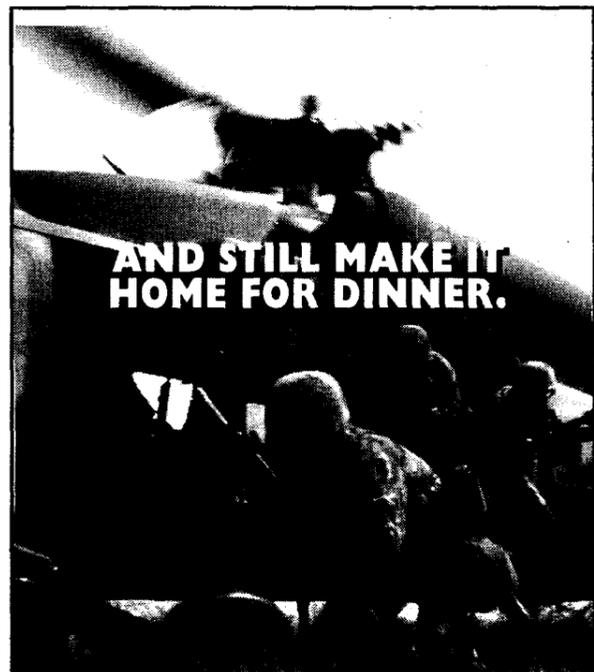
performance with his mirror-like inspection of one of his Marines.

Finally, the U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard brings the physical symbol of the Marine Corps into view. The Marine Corps battle color and its 49 streamers and silver bands represents the 400 campaigns in which Marines have participated.

The Marines featured in the Battle Color ceremony—the Marine Corps Color Guard, led by the Color Sergeant of the

Marine Corps; "The Commandant's Own," the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps; and the Silent Drill Platoon — are all assigned to the "Oldest Post of the Marine Corps," Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. These Marines appear in many ceremonies annually in Washington, D.C., across the country and abroad.

For more information about Saturday's performance, call the Marine Corps Detachment 876-4086.



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OPM: Buyout release 'totally false' rumor

The Office of Personnel Management has branded as "totally false and malicious" a bogus news release that says Congress has approved a new round of buyouts for federal workers.

The bogus release, dated Aug. 19, bears the headline "Incentive Offers, Wide Acceptance." The false release is on letterhead titled "O.P.M. Bulletin," with the subtitle "Civil Servant Separation Incentive," and specifically identifies employees covered under the Civil Service Retirement System as those who are eligible under the buyout program.

Again, the Office of Personnel Management says there is no truth contained in the bogus news release that claims a buyout program has been approved for certain federal employees.

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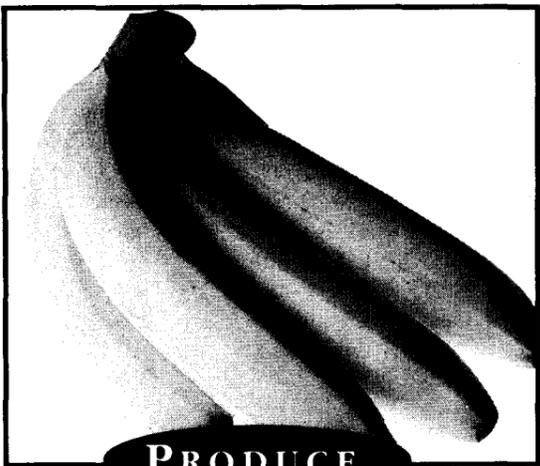
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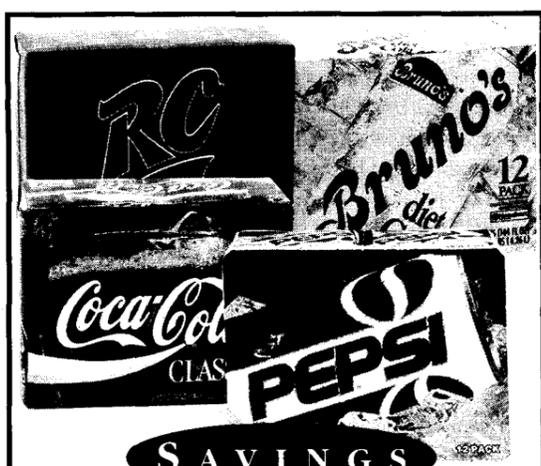


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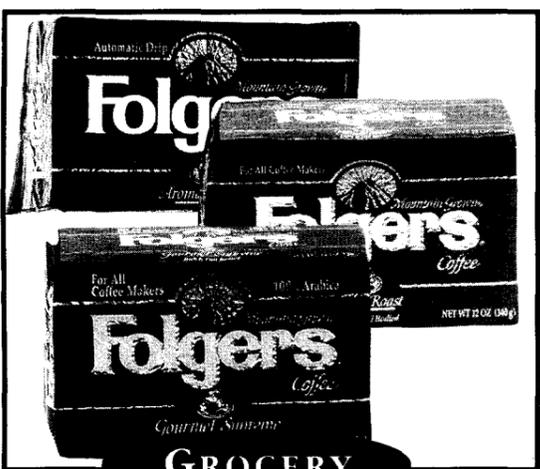
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Procurement group focuses on minority advancements

By Gerda Sherrill

During a luncheon at Huntsville's Marriott Hotel on Aug. 22, Diane Frasier, director of the office of contracts management at the National Institutes of Health in Rockville, Md., swore in the officers of the brand new Huntsville Metropolitan Area Chapter of the National Association of Black Procurement Professionals (NABPP). The luncheon was jointly sponsored by the Space and Strategic Defense Command and the NABPP.

NABPP was founded in 1987 as a means of focusing on professional development and helping minority businesses. The Huntsville chapter is the fifth in the country. Others are located in Washington, D.C., New Jersey, Richmond, Va., and California.

Frasier handed a gavel to the Huntsville chapter's first permanent president, Joe Ward from SSDC's Contracting and Acquisition Management Office, who will have to pass it on to the next president when the time has come. Carolyn Lucas, a procurement analyst from SSDC who was the chapter's pro tem president and has been one of the driving forces behind the formation of the chapter, is 1st vice president.

Christopher Evans from the Missile Command's Acquisition Center is the 2nd vice president; Carmen Correa, a contract specialist from SSDC, secretary; Virginia Hanserd, also from SSDC, assistant secretary; Carolyn Harris from SSDC, treasurer; and Laverne Askew, a contract specialist from MICOM, assistant treasurer.

Frasier presented the Recruiter of the

Year award to Mark Lumer, SSDC's principal assistant responsible for contracting, who was instrumental in forming the Huntsville chapter. In his remarks about "getting ahead," Lumer explained that technical skills only count for 10 percent of a person's career success. "Much more important are exposure, 60 percent, and opportunity, 30 percent. If you want to get ahead, you are well advised to volunteer for all sorts of things, belong to as many organizations as possible, and be prepared to move when opportunity knocks."

Guest speaker Frasier emphasized: "We cannot become what we need to be by remaining what we are. Change is important and we have to learn new ways of performing." She explained that the changes have to be made by "improving the use of technology, rethinking the work processes which means new ideas and reinvention, and empowering employees at the lowest level by increasing delegation of duties."

Citing examples from her own organization like hooking up to the Internet and creating paperless acquisition, she said, "we have to start out by identifying what we can do differently, then investigate if it can be done within the legal network, and afterwards implement it completely."

In her position at NIH, Frasier is responsible for all of the acquisitions at the NIH, with an annual value exceeding \$1 billion. She described the NIH as a 15,000 strong confederation or legion where the 24 different institutes have an independent director each, and each director goes to Congress to lobby for his budget. The top director is a



NEW CHAPTER— Frasier, left, hands the gavel to Ward, president of the new NABPP chapter.

presidential appointee. Altogether the organization has a \$12 billion budget, of which 82 percent go directly to research into causes for cancer, AIDS, heart disease, behavioral problems for instance. These research efforts are shared and coordinated with countries all around the world.

"Every seven seconds a baby boomer turns 50," Frasier said. "Therefore people will be much older in the next century and the greatest emphasis has to be placed on health care now."

Frasier's career in federal government began as a presidential management intern with the Naval Sea Systems Command.

She spent her entire career in acquisition, first as a contract specialist, then procurement analyst, and now as a member of the Senior Executive Service and director of the largest acquisition office within the Department of Health and Human Services.

Prior to joining NIH, she had a long career with the Department of Defense, in the Defense Supply Service and at the Army Materiel Command. She holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Virginia and a master's degree in public administration from the C.W. Post Center of Long Island University.

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New staff judge advocate finds niche in legal career

By Peggy Hays

Combining a military career and 20 years of contract and acquisition law, Col. Roger Cornelius returned to Huntsville Aug. 9 as the staff judge advocate and deputy chief counsel for MICOM and Redstone Arsenal. "My wife and I are glad to be back in the Huntsville we left in July '82," Cornelius said.

In what he describes as a "dual-hatted" role, Cornelius defines his current mission as preserving and furthering the good reputation of the staff judge advocate's office. This is a "customer-service organization," he said.

His role as both staff judge advocate and deputy counsel is a "unique situation" and leads to two different points of focus.

"First, there's contract and acquisition law in (building) 5300 and, in building 111, there's a full range of staff judge responsibilities— legal assistance, claims, administrative law, military justice, and courts-martial.

"The major problem I see down the road is with

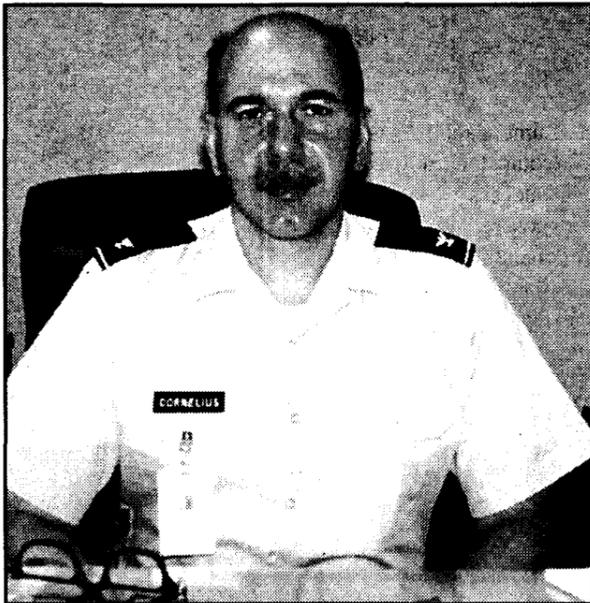
budget cuts and cutbacks in personnel," he said. "It reaches a point where you can't do it with less."

His most recent educational accomplishment is completing the Army War College Corresponding Studies Course, graduating July 26, after two years of study. Enrollment in the college is limited and the coursework demanding. "Only three or four a year are selected to attend the regular course and three or four to attend the correspondence course.

"I had a lot of support from my wife," he said, "but, I had to cut back the amount of family time spent. I found that with everybody in my seminar."

For the past three years, Cornelius served as the chief attorney for acquisitions, assigned to Headquarters Services at the Pentagon. Citing the advantages of such an assignment, he said, "In the Pentagon, you gain contacts with people that make DA (Department of Army) policy. I always found that helpful.

"When you go outside the Beltway, you're able to



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call and find out how they think on developments; their thinking on these contracts, and to find out what's going on."

Cornelius began his studies with an undergraduate degree from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and received his J.D. degree from the Akron School of Law.

He didn't begin with the idea of making the law a career. "I started out in history and social sciences," he

said, "looking to go into teaching."

His uncle was in law school at night and Cornelius began thinking about law school in his junior year. "I was in ROTC and started to look at what I wanted to do in the military."

His initial Army post was as the assistant staff judge advocate at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where he served as a defense counsel. "I got moved over into

contracts and enjoyed the work and decided to stay in contracts."

Has he ever had any doubts about his career choice? "No," he said, "especially once I found my niche in contract law."

As for the most satisfying aspect of his job, Cornelius said, "We're responsible—the contracting officer in particular—for millions and millions of dollars of the taxpayers' money. I find it gratifying that I can be responsible for money being spent properly and for things the Army really needs, and that the Army does not pay more than needed for particular items. As a taxpayer, one of my goals is to assist the contracting officer."

His aspirations when he first began his Army career, he recalled, were to "basically do the job given to me at the time to the best of my ability. If you accomplish that, everything else falls into place— promotion, reputation within the legal community. And that's still my ultimate goal: to do the best."

He hadn't fully expected to be career military but was

"leaning in that direction as I had an ROTC scholarship. I was just waiting to see if I meshed with the Army and I'm still looking at the situation. Nobody knows what the future holds for the Army."

Searching hard before replying as to what was his most difficult assignment, or case, he said, "The most challenging, I guess, were the final selections at the communications command. It was a common hardware software buy, one of the first non-developmental items the Army was trying. The award of that contract was made on my 16th wedding anniversary. I'll always remember that.

"It entailed some really late nights working," he said. "The whole legal team plus the source selection board working Friday nights; working two or three Fridays in row."

Was it difficult? "No," he said, "not if you're working on something you enjoy."

Cornelius has received several awards including the Legion of Merit with

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Ms. Wheelchair Ala. runner-up eyes next year's crown

By Peggy Hays

In a four-day Celebration of Achievement at the Civic Center in Montgomery, Carey Link was chosen by a panel of judges as Ms. Wheelchair Alabama runner-up. The judging for the Aug. 15-18 event was based on criteria established by the national committee: Accomplishment (40 percent), communicative skills (20 percent), and self-perception/projection (20 percent).

Link, daughter of the commander of MICOM and Redstone Arsenal, Maj. Gen. James and Judy Link, was also voted Ms. Congeniality.

"The main thing to mention," Link said, "is that this is not a beauty contest. It's strictly to choose a state spokesperson for the physically challenged. If you do win, you are required to go to the national event."

"I've always thought it was part of my purpose to be an advocate for the physically challenged," Link said. "I've gone out to schools to relate my experiences, to talk about adversity and challenges."

Link, a Lee High School graduate and now majoring in psychology at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, also uses her writings as a means of relating to others. "I try to connect through poetry and writing," she said. "I can

tell if I'm connecting just by the facial expressions and by the questions after I speak with them. It's a very rewarding experience."

She's not nervous either. "As I've gotten older and matured, it's become more important to make that connection and that difference. I think of it as a way of connecting and it doesn't bother me because I feel I'm teaching them and they are teaching me."

"I feel you learn something from everything you experience. It's given me a great sense of purpose to be a spokesman and advocate for the physically challenged."

"I don't see myself as having problems— oh, I have burdens, but I don't consider myself as having problems."

Link's accomplishments include serving as a Red Cross volunteer and attending the National Red Cross Conference in May, serving on the Minority Initiative Committee and working the United Cerebral Palsy Telethon. She's also been a volunteer at the Special Olympics in Germany and attended the Alabama Youth Leadership Conference where she taught a class on peer mentoring.

She had several opportunities to communicate her philosophy throughout the 22nd annual Ms. Wheelchair Celebration.



CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT— Link holds silver engraved platter received from the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities for being chosen Ms. Wheelchair Alabama 1997 runner-up. She also was voted Ms. Congeniality by the judges during the four-day event.

"We were judged three times during the weekend in interviewing sessions. The last part of the judging was the banquet."

"That Saturday, we had to get up in front of 200 people," she said. "We had to speak on one aspect that was important to us. I

spoke on volunteering."

"I practiced by looking into a mirror and they had us practice in front of a video camera."

"Nervous? I was a little bit but they said it didn't sound that way. I like getting up in front of people and speaking," she said.

Link said that her thoughts really hadn't focused on winning. "It was important to me to participate. I like to think everything I experience becomes a part of me. I really did not expect to do as well as I did."

Link, the youngest participant, also received a \$500 scholarship, and her future includes attaining a master's in counseling. She'll also continue expressing her thoughts through poetry which she began at age 11, then put aside before beginning anew at Lee High School.

"I began again when I was 16. It was part of the creative writing magnet at Lee," she said. I usually just write poetry about human communication— my life in general. I write about my challenges."

Two of her writings were published in Lee's 1994-95 literary magazine, a two-verse poem, "The Light in my Soul," and "Eternal Child," a prose poetry selection.

The compositions refer to water in its various forms. "I think of rain and tears as relaxation," she explained. "Creativity comes out of pain; it's not negative but positive, too. It's a joy and a relaxer and I think of rain as a realization of knowledge of whom I am and the world around me. It's there to share with the

world."

Another of her poems describes finding the beauty in her chair, beginning with "it gives me freedom." "I think of my chair as another form of transportation," Link said.

"I think of every day as a triumph and I also look at my challenges as gifts and my experiences to be shared."

Although Link exudes an aura of peace, she, at times, must find others reacting less than kindly to those with special needs. "They don't understand like they should," she responded. "I think of that as an opportunity to teach and I think of that as my reward. I know that I've made a difference."

She added, "Listening is the key."

Putting it into perspective, she said, "I consider myself as having two choices. We can either sit and feel sorry for ourselves or we can hold our heads up high and be a part of the world— and I choose to be a part of the world."

Would she return next year as a participant? "Oh, definitely," she replied. "I'm going to win next year."

The judges, said Link, announced that this year's program "was the closest race in their history. I do want to come back. It would be a great joy for me to come back."

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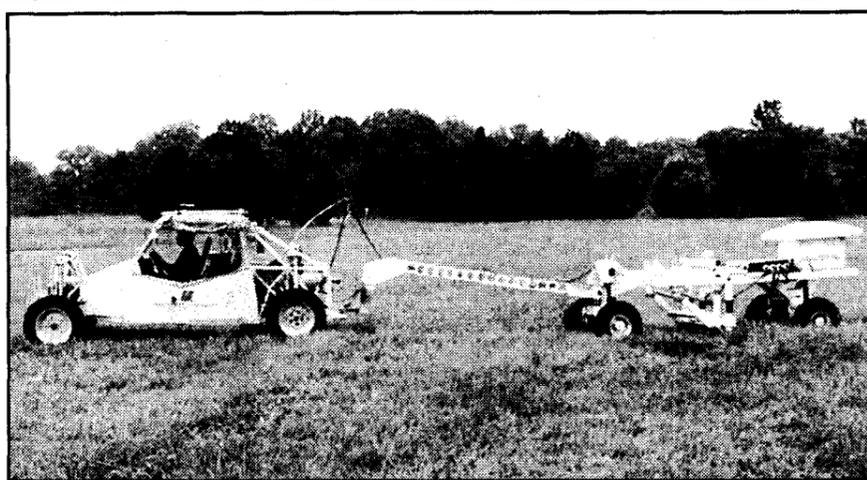
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Local dignitaries ...

Several local leaders attended the Aug. 15 luncheon of the American Society of Military Comptrollers which was held at Trinity Personal Growth Center. From left are John "Doc" Holliday, administrative assistant to the Huntsville mayor; Col. Kent

Miller, president of ASMC; John Chapman, MICOM special assistant for fiscal 1995 Base Realignment and Closure who was guest speaker; and Jim Putnam, president of Huntsville City Council.



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Airborne soldiers deployed to Haiti from Fort Bragg for training exercises

FORT BRAGG, N.C.— Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division have recently been deployed to Haiti in support of training exercises being conducted there.

Approximately 175 paratroopers from Companies B and D, 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment departed Fort Bragg July 24 for a week-long mission in Haiti to provide support for an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise. The soldiers trained on fixed-site security and patrolling tasks.

On Aug. 1, soldiers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment deployed from Fort Bragg to Haiti for four months to perform fixed-site security missions, to include patrolling and

quick reaction force training.

The Fort Bragg deployments to Haiti are part of the normal rotation of U.S. forces in support of Exercise Fairwinds. This exercise includes engineering, medical and security force training. It began in April 1995 and is designed to ensure various military forces are prepared to deploy and conduct their respective missions while remaining self-sustained.

The 82nd Airborne Division routinely conducts EDREs to validate standard operating procedures and to provide a basis to evaluate a unit's preparedness to execute deployments and missions.

(From an 82nd Airborne Division Public Affairs Office press release.)

Annual CFC kickoff luncheon a 'Dye-hard' event this year

Auburn fans— and Alabama ones, alike — should really appreciate this year's scheduled speaker for the Combined Federal Campaign kickoff.

Pat Dye, the former Auburn football coach, is the scheduled speaker for the CFC kickoff luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 30 at the Officers Club. The fund-raising campaign is set for Sept. 30 to Nov. 8.

"And the CFC goal is \$1,307,000," George Gunter, chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee for the Tennessee Valley CFC, said. The Missile Command hopes to



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CFC financial chairperson. All tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Seating for the luncheon will begin at 11 a.m. and will be open. For more information, call the CFC office 876-9143.

Dye's Auburn teams won 99 games, four South-eastern Conference championships— including three straight from 1987 through '89 — and played in nine bowl games. Every player who played four years for Dye was on an SEC championship team and in the Sugar Bowl. Dye now serves as special assistant to Auburn's president.

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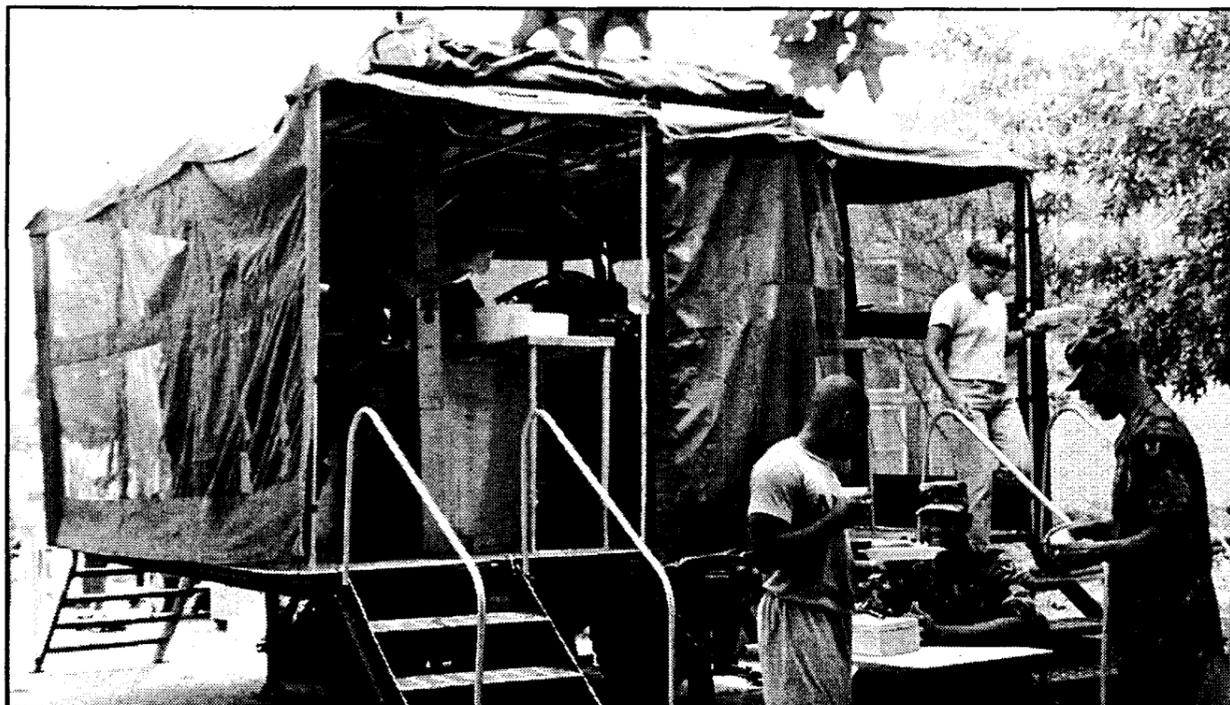
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NOW SERVING— As part of the Meet the Military event, participants were invited to eat hamburgers and hot dogs served in a Mobile Kitchen Tent (MKT) used by soldiers in the field. The MKT offers a buffet style serving line and was seen for the first time by many civilians at the event.

By Kathy Harkleroad

The second annual Meet the Military cookout sponsored by HHC MICOM was deemed a success by Capt. James Davis, the company commander.

Attendees were able to feast on hamburgers and hot dogs served from a Mobile Kitchen Tent and ate to the chants of the 82nd Airborne Rangers being piped in to the grounds.

Displays were set up throughout the HHC MICOM barracks. Atten-

dees could wander through a soldier's barracks room that was open for display, the new kitchen area that was just opened for the soldiers, pick up an M16, learn about rigorous Army Physical Training standards, and inspect several static displays set up outside the barracks.

The annual event is held in hopes of fostering a greater understanding and working relationship between civilian and military people on the Arsenal.



HAVING FUN— Ann Martin right, got the chance of a lifetime as she crawled into the cab of a Variable Reach Rough Terrain Forklift and was able to operate the controls under the direction of PFC Rodney Dippel, left. Martin started the engines and was able to operate the forklift.



WEAPONRY— Also on display in the courtyard at the HHC MICOM barracks was an M16 that soldiers and civilians were able to hold and inspect and ask questions about. Spec. Angel Harjo, left, explains the weapon to Sue Paddock and Shirley Smith.

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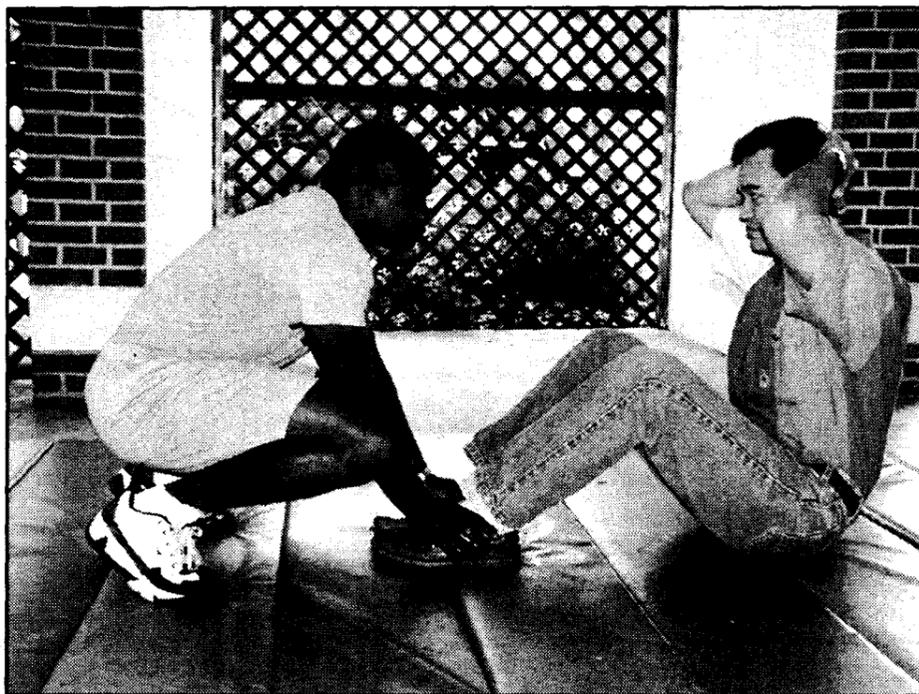
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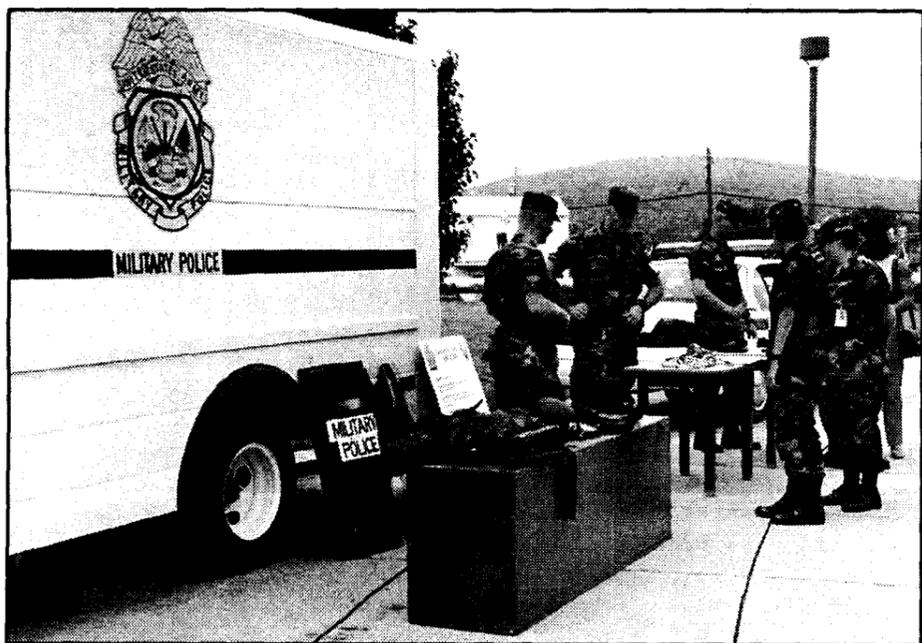
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STATIC DISPLAY— Several pieces of equipment were on display throughout the morning and soldiers were on hand to answer any questions the civilians might have had. To the left is a Variable Reach Rough Terrain Forklift and right, is a Palletized Loading System.



MILITARY STYLE— Paul Hernandez, right, is shown the proper military way to do sit-ups by Pvt. Derrick Braggs. Braggs explained the different requirements and exercises each soldier must go through in order to pass their physical training tests.



SPECIAL TRAINING— The Provost Marshal Office set up a special display of their police operations and showed off some of the equipment they use.



NEW TRAINING— Capt. James Davis, HHC MICOM, explained the new Wing-Chun dummy to attendees at the cookout. The dummy is made of solid wood and will be used to teach soldiers confidence and defensive moves.

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Star Trek anniversary fete lands at Rocket City

"Star Trek" fans can be found around the globe, and yes, they can even be found among those who have been in outer space.

Six Apollo astronauts are set to join the "Star Trek 30: One Weekend on Earth" celebration in Huntsville Sept. 7-8. The event, presented by Paramount Pictures and the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, marks the 30th anniversary of the first Star Trek episode which took place Sept. 8, 1966.

Two who walked on the moon are excited about meeting the men and women who represent fictional space travel.

"I do like to watch the shows, and right now I'm renting some videos so I can get caught up on who's who and what's what," says Charlie Duke of Apollo 16. "I look forward to meeting those actors in person."

Duke, who spent 265 hours, 51 minutes in space, enjoys all the Star Trek series' and thinks it's been a great 30 years.

Duke isn't alone. Apollo 14's Ed Mitchell, who logged 216 hours, 42 minutes in space, is also a fan. He says the Star Trek series helps to keep the current shuttle program alive.

"Science fiction writers point the way to the future," Mitchell says. "They keep space exploration, cosmic and galactic exploration alive, which is good, because such explo-



FORMER ASTRONAUT— Aldrin of Apollo 11 is among the six Apollo astronauts expected for this weekend's Star Trek celebration in Huntsville.

ration is our destiny." Mitchell even has a Star Trek fan club in North Carolina named after him: the U.S.S. Edgar Mitchell.

Other Apollo astronauts appearing at the celebration are Alan Shepard, the first American in space and commander on Apollo 14; Buzz Aldrin, who walked on the moon with Neil Armstrong during Apollo 11; Fred Haise from the ill-fated yet heroic Apollo 13 mission; and Apollo 12's Alan Bean, now an artist capturing the Apollo program on canvas.

This star-studded gala festival will have in attendance top stars from the Star Trek television series and films. The weekend-

long festival will be filled with special events, numerous activities and will feature the largest Star Trek store in the galaxy. The store, arranged by Spencer Gifts, and a Blockbuster Video screening room will be located at the Von Braun Civic Center.

For information, prices and travel arrangements for the Star Trek celebration, call toll free 1-888-2 BEAM UP.

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center, which is also home for U.S. Space Camp programs, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is located on I-565 at exit 15. (U.S. Space & Rocket Center release)

Sports

Marines extinguish Dragon's fire in softball tournament

By Kathy Harkleroad

It was the tournament of all tournaments for the Marine Corps Detachment. After winning the preseason title and regular season title, the Marines dropped into the loser's bracket with an 11-5 loss to Delta Company. They bounced back with a vengeance to win the post-season title Aug. 26.

"After going into the loser's bracket, we were determined to win and took it out on all the teams we faced," Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Horton said. "We played the defending post champions, MICOM, and beat them 14-0 shutting down their big guns. It was then when we knew we were going to face Delta Company again and that lit the fire and started the second heart pumping."

Delta Company was the only team on the Arsenal to beat the Marines during any of the tournaments and through the regular season. "We knew they were a good team and have always had difficulty when we played them," Horton said. "If there is one team we enjoy beating though, it is Delta Company. No matter what the game is, even if it is tidily winks—we take great pleasure in playing; that is

because it takes great concentration and determination, not to mention teamwork on our part."

In order to win the post-season tournament, the Marines had to face Delta Company twice, one game after another. The Marines took the first game 7-3. "We knew we had to be there 110 percent and our defense was the pillar of that game," Horton said. "CWO 2 Arness was our pitcher and did an excellent job, along with the solid defense we displayed."

The second game immediately followed the first and was the highlight of the entire season. It was a game full of surprises, mistakes and the winner would take home the prize.

Delta Company jumped on the Marines 5-0 in the first inning and the Marines scored two runs in the second. Delta Company came back and scored three more runs in the bottom of the third and the Marines scored one in the top of the fourth. Not to be outdone, the Delta Company Devastating Dragons once again scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth, making the score 10-3 at the top of the seventh.

The Marines then put

their plan into action. "The Marines always find a way to overcome adversity," Horton said. "That is what makes us Marines. When the chips are down... we start to shine."

And shine they did. Gunnery Sgt. Roland Rice started the inning with a home run over the left field fence, and got the adrenaline going. The next two batters popped out making it two outs at the top of the seventh with a score of 10-4. But the Marines did not stop there.

After six consecutive hits, four runs were scored and two men were on base. The score was now 10-8 with two outs, and the Marines were on a roll. "It was then things started to change and the excitement was high," Horton said. "Sgt. Josh Paddock came to the plate and had two balls. At that point the starting pitcher for the Dragons was relieved and the first pitch was a ball. The next was a strike."

It was the next pitch that caused the excitement and the crowd to come to their feet. "Sgt. Paddock put the ball over the left field fence and allowed the two runners to come home and ran the

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Sports & Recreation

Alabama Crimson Tide should survive visit from tough Southern Mississippi

By Skip Vaughn

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plus supplies. Basket Weaving, 5:30 p.m. every Thursday in September, fee \$50 for all classes (supplies included). Wooden Sand Box Steam Shovel, 5 p.m. the first two Fridays in September, fee \$35, supplies included. For more information, call 876-7951.

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Former job on presidential staff meant plenty of travel

By Peggy Hays

From April 1970 until January 1981, John Robison was privileged to serve as an Army sergeant, transportation specialist, assigned to the White House. He served during the Nixon, Ford and Carter administrations, retiring as a master sergeant following Reagan's inauguration.

Robison recalls the years as full of travel. In his 11 years at the White House, he traveled to Russia, China, the South American countries of Venezuela and Brazil, the Middle East, and several European countries. His trips included a visit to the Vatican where he was a "few feet from the pope." On occasion, he even flew on Air Force One.

"I stayed gone about 80 percent of the time when I was at the White House," said Robison, an engineering technician for the Structures Directorate at the RD&E Center. "Our main purpose was to provide transportation for the White House staff, portal to portal service, and to take care of the VIPs that came to the White House. Sometimes we drove, sometimes we went as an assistant or as the PR people— whatever it took to get the job done. We were authorized to carry sidearms which we sometimes did.

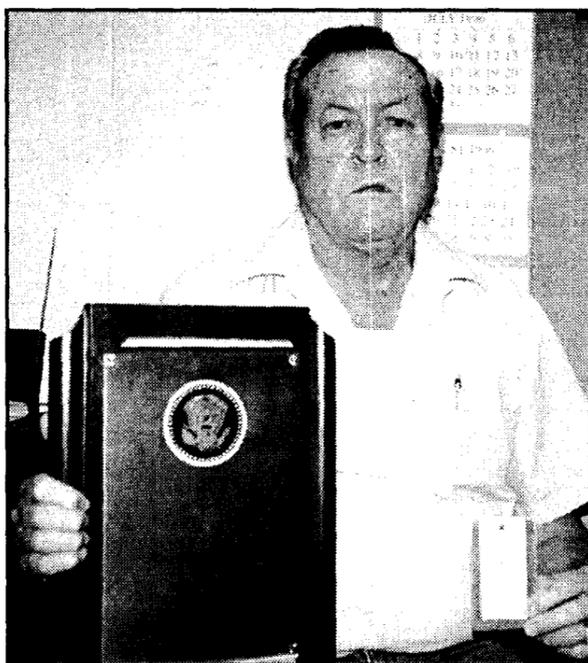
"Most of the time we were traveling because when the president moved, we moved," he said. "If the president went to church, we had a motorcade. If he went to California, we went along."

His assignment included attending to the details surrounding the movement of the White House press. "All the biggies in the press," he said, recalling such names as Walter Cronkite, John Chancellor, Diane Sawyer, and Connie Chung.

"We made sure that the people that brought luggage got their bags tagged for security. We'd sweep the planes to be sure they were clear and secure the planes," Robison said, "and we moved all kinds of equipment for the White House press and White House press office. We brought IBM typewriters, collating machines, duplicating machines, and brought our own supplies, all in metal boxes. We even brought our own pencils and paper. We had a lot to bring on. We had to bring our own water going into foreign countries. Everybody was given a letter on what not to eat or drink."

His job continued at their destination. "When we got there we had to see that all this equipment and press baggage got off the airplane. Once we left that plane, it was secured. It was a pretty big job, a lot of sweat in it."

Robison entered the Army in 1956 and during one of his assignments heard about the White House opening. "I worked a detail at O'Hare Airport when the president came in," Robison said. "I met some people that did the same job. They gave me a phone number and I applied for it."



EX-WHITE HOUSE STAFFER— Robison holds mementos of his 11 years on the military staff assigned to the president. The plaque on his right recognizes his distinguished service to three presidents; on his left is a White House badge.

The process, including getting a Top Secret clearance, took nine months. "Then, I got a set of orders saying you are going to the Transportation Agency.

"I never expected to meet the people I did," he said. "I could go into the White House with my badge on. I could go into the president's office when I wanted to when he wasn't in it."

As a member of the presidential staff, Robison didn't wear his military uniform. Instead, the attire was

a white shirt, light gray pants and a light gray blazer with the presidential seal. And on their trips abroad or at home, their dress was casual.

Although the traveling was stressful for his wife and four children, two daughters and two sons, he "went on just about every trip" because experienced people were a necessity and the position also required a year of training.

One of his remembrances includes visiting Jerusalem; another was his

stay at the Nile Hilton in Egypt. "The Nile River was right in front and you could see the pyramids from the front of the hotel."

In 1971-72, he twice traveled to Russia with the president's entourage, remembering, "They followed us wherever we went.

"I was uneasy in any of those countries like China, Russia, Poland. Whatever you were doing, people were watching. Escorts went with us everywhere we went.

"When we were in Russia," he said, recalling a trip during Nixon's administration, "armed guards were outside our hotel room."

The Watergate inquiry also remains vivid. "I was investigated during Watergate by the FBI," Robison said, noting he had been riding shotgun in the car in which Rosemary Woods rode to Camp David.

"They went back over the whole trip to Camp David," he said, "asking, 'Did we know anything?' Was she listening to tapes

and erasing them while we were driving?"

"She was in the back seat," Robison said. "She wasn't doing that. She was doing something with papers.

"It was only one interview but it kind of made you nervous," he said. "They called my supervisor and I went over there. We went into a room and they asked me questions for about a half hour."

His scariest time, though, occurred right here in the States. "It was just an airplane ride to San Clemente (Calif.)," Robison said. "It was on the press plane charter. We hit an air pocket. I hit the ceiling of the airplane and a few people got hurt."

Although he has a briefcase full of mementos from his White House years and his office walls are lined with certificates of appreciation, Robison considers his tour as a White House staffer as a "routine job, no big highlights."

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Women have made progress in government work force

By Gerda Sherrill

At a Women's Equality Day observance Aug. 26 at the Officers Club, Dr. Judith Jaffe told an audience of over 450 that women, even though still under-represented in government, have come a long way.

The percentage of women in the federal work force, which shrank by 234,000 to only 1.9 million now, has increased, Jaffe said. On the senior level, above GS-13, the percentage of women has doubled. Today, governmentwide, 19 percent in the Senior Executive Service are female, as compared to 12 percent in 1991. And 56 percent of all promotions go to women.

Jaffe, assistant director for effectiveness in the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) Office of Merit System Oversight and Effectiveness, then talked to the crowd about changes, growth, innovation, and better ways to do business in the federal work force. "Thirty years ago, agencies could ask for an all-male list of qualified candidates," she said. "Since then, the country has undergone a myriad of changes."

OPM itself has lived through some tremendous changes and developments and wound up delegating much of its former authority to the individual agencies. Nowadays, OPM is more involved in creating "demonstration projects" and converting them into "performance-based organizations" or PBOs. The Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 brought the development of projects conducted

by OPM to see whether drastic changes could improve personnel management and agency productivity.

As a rule, OPM could work only on 10 projects at one time and a project could not involve more than 5,000 employees and could last no longer than five years. Now there are seven—with the Navy, Air Force, National Institute of Standards, Department of Agriculture, and Federal Aviation Administration—and the best known is the Navy's China Lake project. "All of them focus on compensation issues, on simplifying the hiring process, and on pay for performance," Jaffe said. "Once they are converted to PBOs, they allow for greater freedom, but also demand greater accountability."

OPM is also negotiating alternate procurement approaches to allow for more flexibility, which, in turn, is tied to increased answerability and must result in visual budget savings. The PBOs will be headed by CEOs who are hired on a contract which stipulates the requirements and who also can be fired for non-performance. "The demonstration and conversion to PBO process is very slow, usually due to legislative hang-ups," Jaffe said.

Five Army laboratories are in the process of initiating demonstration projects, so is the Defense Commissary Agency. The Veterans Administration is bent on reengineering by forming teams, paying for applied skills, and using peer reviews and team assess-



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ments. "In these days of downsizing and budget cuts, all of us will be forced to find innovative ways to solve problems," Jaffe said.

Jaffe concluded by sharing her management philosophy with the audience: "I believe in finding the right approach for each situation; in communicating, of which listening is also an important part; in demanding excellence and, where it is absent, in doing problem solving; I am not afraid to ask 'why'; and I always reward good behavior. In short, tell your people what you are going to do, then do it, and tell them that you did it."

Afterwards, 12 Federal Women's Program Outstanding Career Achievement and six Supervisory Awards were presented to top civilian and military personnel by Redstone Arsenal area military organizations.

Career Achievement honorees included: Billie

Greenhill and Katherine Schaper, both from the Targets, Test and Evaluation

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gistics Support Activity; Alice Thompson, Foreign Materiel Division, Missile and Space Intelligence Center; and Diana Cochran, Directorate of Chemical Demilitarization Construction, Army Engineering Support Center, Huntsville.

Supervisory Awards were presented to: Charlie Barnes, MICOM; Marilyn Schild, PEO for Tactical Missiles; Col. William Wong, MEDDAC; Kenneth Carpenter from OMMCS; Christopher Smith, MSIC; and Ralph Schuler, CEHNC.

This was the 22nd year of the commemoration of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that guaranteed women the right to vote and encourages equal treatment of women in the workplace.



Intelligence visitor...

Air Force Maj. Gen. John Gordon, center, the associate director of Central Intelligence for military support, visits the Missile and Space Intelligence Center on Aug. 13. From left are Air Force Col. Frederick Driesbach, the MSIC director; Gordon; and Neal O'Leary, DIA (Defense Intelligence Agency) deputy di-

rector of the directorate for intelligence production. During his orientation visit, Gordon received briefings on the mission, critical issues, and MSIC infrastructure/operations. The trip included a helicopter tour of MSIC facilities and operations on Redstone Arsenal.



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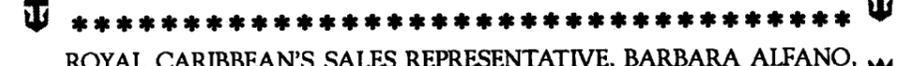
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Family evacuated to Redstone from Saudi Arabia

By Peggy Hays

Following two weeks of frenetic activity, Jamie Parker and her three daughters returned to the States after a four-year residence in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. It was an unexpected return and somewhat regretful.

Jamie and her husband, a civil engineer, both worked as civilians in Department of Defense sponsored jobs, and lived with their three daughters in the center of Riyadh, the Saudi capital. Their compound was guarded 24 hours a day. Their family felt safe, Jamie related.

In late July, however, that was to change. The family was informed of a possible departure to the States and then mother and daughters actually did depart, flying to Charleston, S.C., and then on to their selected destinations. For the Parkers, sans husband and father, it was the Redstone Arsenal.

Assisted by Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager for Army Community Service, the Parkers began a new residence. "We hit the ground running," Jamie said. "We've gotten a lot accomplished. We landed Thursday in Huntsville, signed the lease for an apartment on Friday, bought a car on Saturday, and went to church on Sunday.

"I'm pretty independent," she said, "but I'm not used to doing without my husband." Retaining her humor, she said, smiling, "However, it is one less opinion to ask for when making the decisions."

The events that led to the Parker family's escalated return began with the bombing of the American-run military training center for

the Saudi National Guard in Riyadh. "It started with the car bomb in Riyadh in November in which five Americans were killed," she said.

"It was in our office building," she explained. "I was very fortunate. I work in the command office in the same suite as the Chief of Staff. We were on the correct side of the building—on the side that didn't lose its facade.

"I never heard the bomb go off. I did not know the building had been blown until I got outside. The building immediately filled with black smoke from the cars burning outside and you couldn't see. It wasn't until I left the building that I saw the side of the building was gone.

"We started putting the pieces back together again and then the second bomb happened," she said, referring to the truck bomb that killed 19 U.S. Air Force personnel in a military dormitory in Dhahran on June 25.

"After that everything started happening when the congressional hearings started; when (Defense) Secretary (William) Perry started making changes.

"We were making changes in the security since the bombings. Who knew they would have ability to make the bomb they did. All of us felt like it would happen again, but none of us had any clue as to the size of the bomb."

The Americans, Jamie believes, do not really realize the measures that were under way nor do they understand the arena. "We were all making incredible security precautions and not just sitting around," she said. "What the American public thinks and knows about Saudi Arabia is ele-

mentary. There had been no history there of bombing."

She concluded, "As the threat increased, so did our security."

"There's never been terrorist activity there directed toward westerners.

"The bottom line is that we regret having to come home. My husband and I did not want to leave our wonderful friends, good lifestyle, great jobs. Unfortunately, they made all the tours one year unaccompanied.

"It's a wonderful place to raise children," she said.

As to how long she anticipates they'll be a separated family, she said, "Indefinitely, my husband just began a two-year tour."

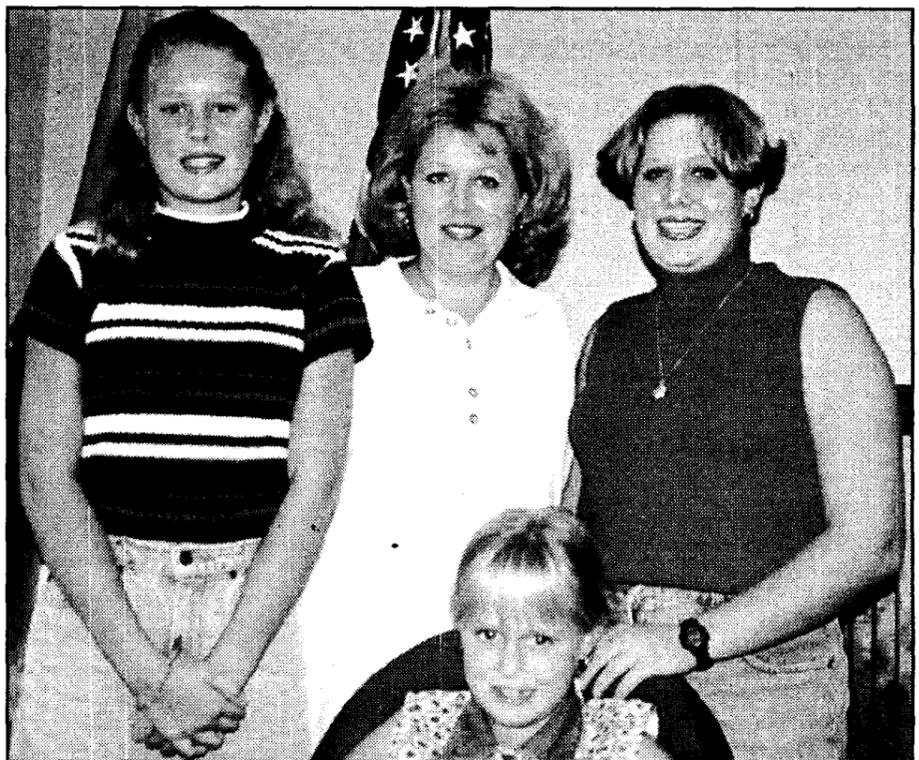
In piecing together, the events that led to their escalated departure, she said, "We were getting an inkling, but we thought major security was in place.

"The first message was July 22," she said. "It was a State Department message saying we had an authorized departure, meaning we could leave if we wanted to, that is, the family could leave with a per diem allowance.

"We did not want to leave," she said, "but, two days later, the Department of Defense came down with instructions."

In a couple of days, she said they received another message stating, "You're still on authorized departure but those that do not leave by 14 August—their command sponsorship could be revoked, that is, they could be sent back but without any help.

"A week later we were packing our bags. We arrived in Huntsville with nothing but our clothes. They are going to ship 1,000 pounds but not the



HOME WITH REGRETS— From left, standing, are Jessica, Jamie, and Sunny; sitting is Hannah. Jamie Parker and her three daughters returned unexpectedly to the Huntsville area from a four-year tour in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

whole household."

Jamie misses not only the monetary rewards of her job but her work environment and responsibilities where she served as the COS's administrative assistant. "We've just come to a city where we don't know anybody," she said. "I can't go to work right away. I'll have to see how they adjust to school.

"I had to give up a job I didn't want to give it up. As long as they continue the per diem allowance, we'll manage, but it's still cutting heavily into finances. The per diem doesn't cover everything."

Were not she and her husband ever worried about the family's safety? "No," she said. "We had tightened our security. I felt they'd go for a softer target, not fortresses. I'm not saying we're invincible, but I

thought they'd go to one of the western compounds or where westerners go where there would be a softer target.

"My husband had anti-terrorism training. If we were anywhere where our vehicle was unattended for three minutes, he went over it all around.

"We lived in our own compound. It was a very secure compound; an armed compound and a patrolled compound."

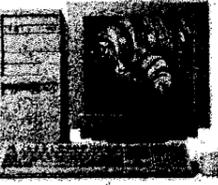
For the Parkers, going to school in another country seemed natural although it certainly was different. Their school, for grades 1-9, had 2100-2400 students. Individual and team sports were available.

"We went to an international school," said Sunny, noting that the student population represented 53 different nationalities. "But, after the ninth grade, you go to a boarding school outside the kingdom."

As for attending a school with so many different cultures, Sunny said, "I was only 10 when we went over there. It was just like going to a new school."

Jamie explained that although it was a segregated male/female society outside the compound, it was particularly difficult to be away from the close-knit lifestyle they'd developed within the living area. "This com-

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Military families surveyed on dental care services

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1. I am an/a: Active duty sponsor Spouse
2. Stationed at: _____
3. If family members are located at a different location, please specify: _____
4. My branch of service is: _____
5. Number of family members that are enrolled in the Family Member Dental Plan: 1 2 3 4 5 6 or more
6. My family and I are currently satisfied with the Family Member Dental Plan: strongly agree; agree; neither agree nor disagree; disagree; strongly disagree
7. We experienced problems with the transition to the new contractor for the Family Member Dental Plan: yes no (skip to question 9)
8. We experienced problems with the Family Member Dental Plan in the following areas: access to dentists; quality of dental care; cost of dental services; information about the Family Member Dental Plan
9. Did your family dentist join the current Family Member Dental Plan (FMDP) provider network? yes no
10. I am willing to pay more out-of-pocket costs to stay with a dentist I like: strongly agree; agree; neither agree nor disagree; disagree; strongly disagree
11. The distance we travel for dental treatment is: 0-10 miles; 10-20 miles; 20-30 miles
12. I have to travel farther for dental treatment with the new contractor of the Family Member Dental Plan: strongly agree; agree; neither agree nor disagree; disagree; strongly disagree
13. My monthly premium and co-payments for dental treatment are: very low; low; about right; high; very high
14. Realizing that any additional dental services would increase the cost of the Family Member Dental Plan, I would still be interested in having the following services added: _____
15. I am willing to pay more in premiums to increase the maximum amount allowed for the following services:

- a. Total dental services: strongly agree; agree; neither agree nor disagree; disagree; strongly disagree
- b. Prosthodontics (crowns): strongly agree; agree; neither agree nor disagree; disagree; strongly disagree
- c. Orthodontics (braces): strongly agree; agree; neither agree nor disagree; disagree; strongly disagree
16. I am willing to pay more (premiums/copayments) to increase the amount of coverage for the following dental services:
 - a. Restorative Dentistry (fillings): strongly agree; agree; neither agree nor disagree; disagree; strongly disagree
 - b. Prosthodontics (crowns, dentures): strongly agree; agree; neither agree nor disagree; disagree; strongly disagree
 - c. Periodontics (scaling, gum surgery): strongly agree; agree; neither agree nor disagree; disagree; strongly disagree
 - d. Endodontics (root canal): strongly agree; agree; neither agree nor disagree; disagree; strongly disagree
 - e. Orthodontics (braces): strongly agree; agree; neither agree nor disagree; disagree; strongly disagree
 - f. Pediatric Dentistry (children's dentistry): strongly agree; agree; neither agree nor disagree; disagree; strongly disagree
 - g. Oral Surgery (tooth removal): strongly agree; agree; neither agree nor disagree; disagree; strongly disagree
17. My family members have used the following dental services during the last six months:

a. Exam and cleaning	YES	NO
b. Restorative Dentistry	YES	NO
c. Prosthodontics	YES	NO
d. Periodontics	YES	NO
e. Endodontics	YES	NO
f. Orthodontics	YES	NO
g. Pediatric Dentistry	YES	NO
h. Oral Surgery	YES	NO
i. Emergency services	YES	NO
18. The average time (in days) we had to wait between making an appointment and seeing the dentist for the following services was:
 - a. Exam and cleaning: 0-5; 6-10; 11-15; 16-21; over 21 days
 - b. Restorative Dentistry: 0-5; 6-10; 11-15; 16-21; over 21 days
 - c. Prosthodontics: 0-5; 6-10; 11-15; 16-21; over 21 days

- d. Periodontics: 0-5; 6-10; 11-15; 16-21; over 21 days
 - e. Endodontics: 0-5; 6-10; 11-15; 16-21; over 21 days
 - f. Orthodontics: 0-5; 6-10; 11-15; 16-21; over 21 days
 - g. Pediatric Dentistry: 0-5; 6-10; 11-15; 16-21; over 21 days
 - h. Oral Surgery: 0-5; 6-10; 11-15; 16-21; over 21 days
 - i. Emergency services: 0-5; 6-10; 11-15; 16-21; over 21 days
- Comments: _____

JUDGE

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one oak leaf cluster. "I received one when I left the Pentagon. Then, I received one in March '95 when my boss retired because we had reduced litigation from

about 20 cases a year down to four."

He cited three reasons. "Number one, having an adequate staff of lawyers enabled us to thoroughly review the contract packages. Plus, it also enabled us to do preventive training and,

thirdly," he said, smiling, "dumb blind luck. It was a combination of all three working."

In re-emphasizing his goals, he said that good customer service will continue to be the mainstay in all in-

teractions with contractors and clients.

"I also realize in the back of my mind that we may have personnel cuts that may affect that ability to do so."

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DENTIST

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ing the award, Warrington said he shares this honor with the civilians and soldiers with whom he has worked throughout his career.

"It's a great honor," he said later. "Someone has to nominate you and go through all the paperwork to nominate you. It's a board process; the board finds you worthy. And knowing the people who have it past and present, it's a great honor to think that your peers think of you in that light."

Warrington has commanded the Redstone Arsenal Dental Clinic Command since August 1995. He previously served as the residency program director at Fort Benning, Ga. Redstone's four dentists include three lieutenant colonels and one full colonel.

"We've got four docs, six enlisted and eight civilian employees," Warrington said. "And our higher headquarters is the Fort Campbell DENTAC."

The Redstone clinic, like most Armywide, has been slowly downsizing its staff for the past several years. It's total strength is supposed to stay at about 16 people for the next two years. According to the latest numbers, three of the enlisted slots are to convert to civilian positions during

fiscal 1998. There is one full-time dental clinic. A hospital dental clinic, closed about two years ago, is only used for after-hours emergencies.

Redstone's DENTAC "does a great job," Warrington said. "We were one of four or five units in Conus (continental U.S.) that was singled out by our dental command as keeping a soldier readiness rate above 95 percent."

Warrington, 46, was born in Oceanside, Calif., and raised at various locations. "My dad worked for McDonnell Douglas so we moved around as much as the military," he said.

The top dentist was formerly enlisted in the Air Force from 1969-72. He received an associate degree from San Bernardino Valley Junior College in 1973, a bachelor of science degree from University of California at Riverside in 1974, and his doctor of dental medicine degree from Washington University school of dental medicine in St. Louis in 1977. Warrington, who did his residency training at Fort Hood, Texas, from 1983-85, also received a graduate certificate in information management from the University of Southern California in 1990 and a master's degree in education from Boston University in 1993.

Warrington entered the Army in 1977 through a health professions scholar-

ship while attending dental school. Among the key command and staff positions he has held are Team II leader, 87th Medical Detachment in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Shield; and commander of the 124th Medical Detachment in Munchweiler, Germany.

"Redstone Arsenal and Team Redstone is a great assignment. The best staff that I've ever worked with," he said. Within the past six months, he has co-authored three articles with some of the Redstone dentists. Two of the articles were submitted to the Journal of the Academy of General Dentistry; and the other was submitted to the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry. Warrington has also co-authored an article with Col. Sidney Brooks, dental commander at the Presidio of Monterey, which will be submitted to the Journal of the Academy of General Dentistry.

"So, it's a great place for professional opportunities," Warrington said. "I'm sure that helped in the decision of the board."

He and his wife, Rita, have three sons: Jeremy, 23, Mark, 17, and Jared, 14. Warrington resides on post where he is a "geographic bachelor. My wife and kids reside in Clarksville, Tenn., where I will retire to one of these years," he said, laughing.



Process action team...

A cross-functional process action team was chartered by the MICOM Acquire Quality Management Board to review the feasibility of implementing Performance Based Service Contracting at the Missile Command. Team members include, from left, Jo Ann Knight, RASA; Ashley Bolton, Corporate Information Center; Carole Herston, team leader, Acquisition Center; Marlene Cruze, director of Acquisition Center; Sharon Patterson, attorney adviser; Steve Holden, RD&E Center; Vicki Winters, Integrated Materiel Management Center; and Dan Schneider, PEO Air and Missile Defense. Not pictured are Carole Rencher, Army TACMS-Bat Project Office; Lisa Conley, adviser and facilitators Lillie Stanford and Frencetta Morgan, from the Acquisition Center.

FAMILY

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pound all lived together and worked together; we celebrated holidays together. They are our family.

"We had a dune buggy and we'd go out in the sandy terrain around Riyadh and go camping out in desert. There was no water; no picnic tables; it was like being a true camper."

The change, however, has been felt differently by

her two oldest daughters. "It's been very difficult for Jessica. She misses her friends," Jamie said. "Sunny's eager to get back. There is no dating over there and these two (Sunny and Jessica) can't go with their Dad to the zoo."

"There is no mall either and Sunny wants to get her driver's license and do the normal things that teenagers do. Jessica, however, would fly back on a bird."

Jamie admitted there are some immediate advantages to their return here,

such as shopping. "They are enjoying the Mall," she said. Their current activities, Sunny added, include buying "lots of stuff."

In summary, Jamie presented optimism tempered with reality. "We have tried to keep it a positive experience and look at it as a new adventure and to make new friends. But sometimes when you sit down, you want to cry," she said.

"It was a wonderful four-year experience for us. We're sorry it came to an end."

MARINES

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bases himself," Horton said. "Now we were leading 11-10."

Delta still had a chance at the plate but was unable to score, ending the double-elimination tournament with the Marines on top.

"I think this was most excit-

ing game I have every played," Horton said. "And there will probably never be another game like it from years to come. The fans and teams alike were really pumped and excited."

After taking the triple crown of the softball season, the Marines are not

ready to lay down their bats yet. They have issued a challenge to the Civilian Softball Champions and would like a chance to play them. Anyone interested in taking the Marines up on their challenge can call Sgt. Charles Ornouski 876-8137.



Secretary recognized...

Marylin Dale of the Dental Clinic Command receives a professional development award from the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of Professional Secretaries International. Making the presentation Aug. 28 is her boss, Col. Ric Warrington, the DENTAC commander.

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Announcements

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.

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.

Officer/Civilian Women — The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold an activities signup beginning at 10 a.m. Sept. 10 at the Officers Club. "If you are interested in having fun, learning new things, and enjoying fellowship, please join us." Child care is provided on-site.

Abandoned vehicles— The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of abandoned vehicles which have been impounded: brown 1982 Toyota Celica, located in the parking lot adjacent to building 3617; gray Oldsmobile, year unknown, located in the parking lot adjacent to building 3617; red 1976 Datsun pickup, located in the parking lot adjacent to building 3617; brown 1984

Chevrolet, located adjacent to quarters 1264A Jupiter Court; and a tan/brown 1974 Jeep Cherokee, located in the parking lot adjacent to building 3224. The owners or anyone knowing the owners should call SFC Barbour, of Provost Marshal Office operations section, 842-2442 or 876-2222.

Talent show— The XI Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. will hold its annual "Talent Hunt Program" at 7 p.m. Oct. 8 in the Morrison Fine Arts Auditorium at Alabama A&M University. Contestants must be high school students. Categories include music, dance and drama. The entry deadline is Sept. 25. Mail entries to Dr. Theodore Clay, 613 Cleermont Drive, Huntsville 35801.

Friday night bowling— The Friday Night Mixed Bowling League starts play Sept. 6 at Redstone Bowling Lanes. Everyone interested can sign up at the lanes; call 876-6634. For more information, call Naomi Hodges 883-2612 or call 533-0915 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Retirees Day— The Post Exchange will celebrate the annual Retirees Day, Sept. 7. Retiree early shoppers at 9 a.m. will receive a free lapel pin "Redstone PX loves retirees," and free cosmetic gift packs— limited quantities, one per ID cardholder. "Register to win one of the following prizes on this day: lawnmower, Ortho \$75 shopping spree, Ultima gift bag, Personal Optics hats, cosmetic

gift baskets, and many other prizes. We look forward to serving the best customer in the world!"

Motivational speaker— Zig Ziglar, an internationally known motivational speaker, will speak Sept. 12 from 1-4 p.m. at the Von Braun Civic Center concert hall. The seminar will benefit the National Children's Advocacy Center and the Tennessee Valley Advertising Federation and is sponsored by The Spencer Companies, BellSouth, and The Huntsville Times. Tickets are \$47 and are available at the Von Braun Civic Center box office, all TicketLink outlets, or by calling 1-800-277-1700.

Coast Industries workers— Coast Industries, a Redstone contractor, recognizes Johnny Battle and Dorothy Mims as its Employees of the Month for July. They receive a signed certificate, their name engraved on a plaque, a \$25 gift certificate, and a day off with pay.

Computer seminar— The Oracle "Working Together" seminar— featuring Oracle, Sunsoft and Zenith representatives — will be held Sept. 12 at the Huntsville Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. For more information or to register, call (703) 883-9364.

Hunter safety orientation— Every Thursday beginning Sept. 5, the mandatory Hunter Safety Orientation will be held 4:30-6 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711. The last orientation class will be Nov. 14. The orientation is available on computer at all Learning Resource Centers; call in advance to ensure availability of terminals. For hours and locations, call 876-9416. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/6854.

Alabama hunter certification— Anyone born on or after Aug. 1, 1977 must show proof of completion of a state certified hunter education course prior to purchasing their hunting license. To accommodate the Redstone Arsenal community, Outdoor Recreation will sponsor a certification class at building 3711 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 7 and 21. The 18-hour course will include hunter responsibility, wildlife laws, wildlife management and identification, firearms safety, archery, muzzleloading, basic survival and first aid. Goals of the hunter education program include increasing awareness of the importance of hunter-landowner relations, hunter behavior, reducing accident rates and increased knowledge of basic wildlife management concepts and

wildlife laws. You must preregister by calling Bill Kerlin or Gail Glass 876-4868 during 9:30-5 daily.

Tricare briefings— Tricare Service Center will conduct the following beneficiary briefings at Bicentennial Chapel: 2 p.m. Sept. 5; 7 p.m. Sept. 12; and 7 p.m. Sept. 17.

Reward offer— The Redstone Resident Agency (CID) is offering a \$250 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the theft of one CPU, monitor and keyboard from building 7612 during the period Aug. 16-19. Anyone having information concerning this theft should call Special Agent Thomas Clanton 876-2037. Your identity will be kept confidential. This offer expires Sept. 23.

Retired colonels/captains— All retired colonels/captains and spouses, or their widows, are invited for cocktails and dinner at a Gathering of Retired Eagles, Sept. 7 at the Officers Club. These semiannual gatherings are strictly social affairs to renew acquaintances and meet other retired 06's from the Tennessee Valley. "If you have not received an invitation and would like to join us,"

call George Lewis 880-6701.

Education center— Except for emergencies, counseling, testing and administrative services will not be available to customers of the Redstone Army Education Center each morning during the period Sept. 16-20. During this period, representatives from Department of Army will be here to train Army Continuing Education System (ACES) personnel on an automated counseling, record keeping and management tool for education centers. Full service will resume at noon each day. For more information, call James H. Campbell 876-3465.

Union meeting— AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m. in building 3202 (Union Office). For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

Toastmasters— Toastmasters Club 4562 will meet today from 11:30-12:30 in building 5304. For more information, call James Marr 837-5282, ext. 2214.... Redstone Toastmasters meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Morrison's Cafeteria in Madison

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Cafeteria in Madison Square Mall. For information call Carolyn Butler 859-4368 or 876-3884.... The Tennessee Valley Toastmasters club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7 p.m. in Morrison's Cafeteria, Madison Square Mall. For more information, call Nell Donlin 859-0034 and leave a message; she will return your call.

Active/retired NCO spouses— The Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club will hold its monthly meeting Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Challenger. For more information, call 721-9479.... The appointed committee chairpersons for the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club include Thelma Way, bingo; Jackie Meador, commissary/PX; Sue Martin, decorating; Nellie Brooks, hospitality; Elizabeth Marion, photographer; Judy Fredrich, programs; Maurita Hughs, publicity; Blanche Moore, space camp; Lola Carpenter, telephone; Sandra Davis, thrift shop; Moore, total tots; Thelma Way, ways and means; Hyeok Rivera, welcoming; and Moore, welfare. These positions are held for a term of two years. "If you want to become involved in helping your community" or for more information about the club, call 721-9479.

Solar association— The Alabama Solar Association will conduct a "technical and congressional interchange forum" from 9-11 a.m. Sept. 28 at the Radisson Suite Hotel, 6000 Memorial Parkway southwest. Scheduled participants include Rep. Bud Cramer. Attendance is free, however seating is limited. For reservations call 837-

4287 by Sept. 25.

Fitness successes— The Civilian Wellness Center invites you to share your physical fitness success story for possible monthly recognition. "Send the Civilian Wellness Center how many inches you have lost, pounds you have dropped, strength you have gained, distance improved while running or walking, and/or flexibility increased," the center said in a prepared release. "The best success story of the month will be judged by the Civilian Wellness Center staff and the winner will receive a prize. The success story for the month of October should be either mailed or faxed to us by Sept. 15. Our fax is 955-7074." For more information, call 955-6844.

Logistics award luncheon— The 1996 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award luncheon/ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 17 at the Officers Club. Tickets for the event are \$8.75 and are available from each directorate office of the Integrated Materiel Management Center or from Diane Stephens, LAISO, 955-8719; Dawna Collier, Corporate Information Center, 876-4891; or Angela Jones, Acquisition Center, 876-1161. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Anne Hughes, IMMC, 876-1757.

PX news— The Post Exchange says, "Register to win the chance to purchase a 1996 holiday Barbie at your PX. One entry per ID card holder. The drawing will be conducted at 4 p.m.

Saturday. Winners will be posted Sept. 9 pending verification of eligibility."

Benefit concert— Jerome Hines, metropolitan opera bass, and Reynaldo Reyes, award-winning concert pianist, will perform in a benefit concert at 8 p.m. Sept. 14 at Whitesburg Baptist Church. Advanced tickets—two for a minimum donation of \$30 — are available by calling 880-9929 or at Parisians. Proceeds will go toward rebuilding the chapel at Sharon Johnston Park destroyed by a May 1995 tornado.

Best yards— Yard of the Month winners for August are: Lt. Col. and Mrs. Patrick O'Reilly, 482 Rice Drive, officer; SFC and Mrs. Robert Parlier, 364 Crowell Circle, senior NCO; and SSgt. Todd Figgens, 512-B Walnut Circle, junior enlisted single/duplex. Unit winner was HHC MICOM, building 3437. "Thanks to everyone for all your hard work! The next judging date is Sept. 23."

Marine Corps league— The Marine Corps League will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 at the American Legion building on Drake Avenue. All Marines, past and present, are invited.

Alcoholics Anonymous— The Redstone Arsenal Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon

each Wednesday and at 5:15 p.m. Fridays in room 11 of Bicentennial Chapel.

Traffic signal— The traffic signal at Rideout Road and Goss Road should be fully functional by Sept. 9. After installation is completed, the signal will flash for three to five days. This flashing period allows drivers to become aware that a change in traffic will be made and alter driving habits accordingly. The signal will operate in a stop and go mode during the business day, on weekends and holidays. When guards are on duty at Gate 9, all traffic will be required to go to the guard house to make a left turn to Goss Road. A gate will be closed to prevent vehicles from turning at the new signal. The new signal is traffic sensitive and will not stop northbound traffic on Rideout Road unless a vehicle is sitting on Goss to make a left turn onto Rideout Road or a vehicle is sitting in the left turn lane to turn left onto Goss Road. All left turn traffic from Goss to southbound on Rideout Road will turn behind a raised island, then merge into the southbound traffic flow similar to the way it has been done in the past. Southbound traffic on Rideout will not be required to stop. South to east left-turn traffic will be allowed to make turns in gaps of northbound traffic without interrupting northbound flow.

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'96 Blazer LS, 4 dr, red, 10K mi, sacrifice NADA \$22,500. 772-1942.

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'94 Geo Metro, 2 dr, 5 sp, AC, stereo, metallic blue. 57K mi, exc. cond. \$4,895. 828-3196 lv msg.

'94 Jeep Wrangler, 2.5L, 5 sp, PS, anti-lock brakes, alum. wheels. \$10,500. 864-2895.

'94 Olds Achieva, auto, 4 cyl., 2 dr. Loaded. Well maint. 40K mi. \$10,000. 773-0701 after 5 pm.

'93 Chevy Beretta, red, 2 dr, 4 cyl, auto, AC, PS, tilt, PDL, cruise, stereo. 49K mi. \$6,995. 603-7036.

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'88 Mazda 626 LX, 4 dr, drk blue, auto, loaded, 133K mi. \$4,500; '79 Chevy full sized truck \$2,000. 205-753-2490.

'88 Olds Cutlass Supreme, org. owner. V6, blk. \$2,000 OBO. 859-9635.

'87 Mazda 626 LX, 4 dr, lt. blue, 5 sp, clean, new tires, loaded, 120K mi. \$3,500. 464-0568. Lv msg.

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'87 Porsche 944S, exc. cond. blk, 5 sp, ext. clean, below book value, loaded, rebuilt engine, must sell moving. \$8,200. 881-8891.

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