



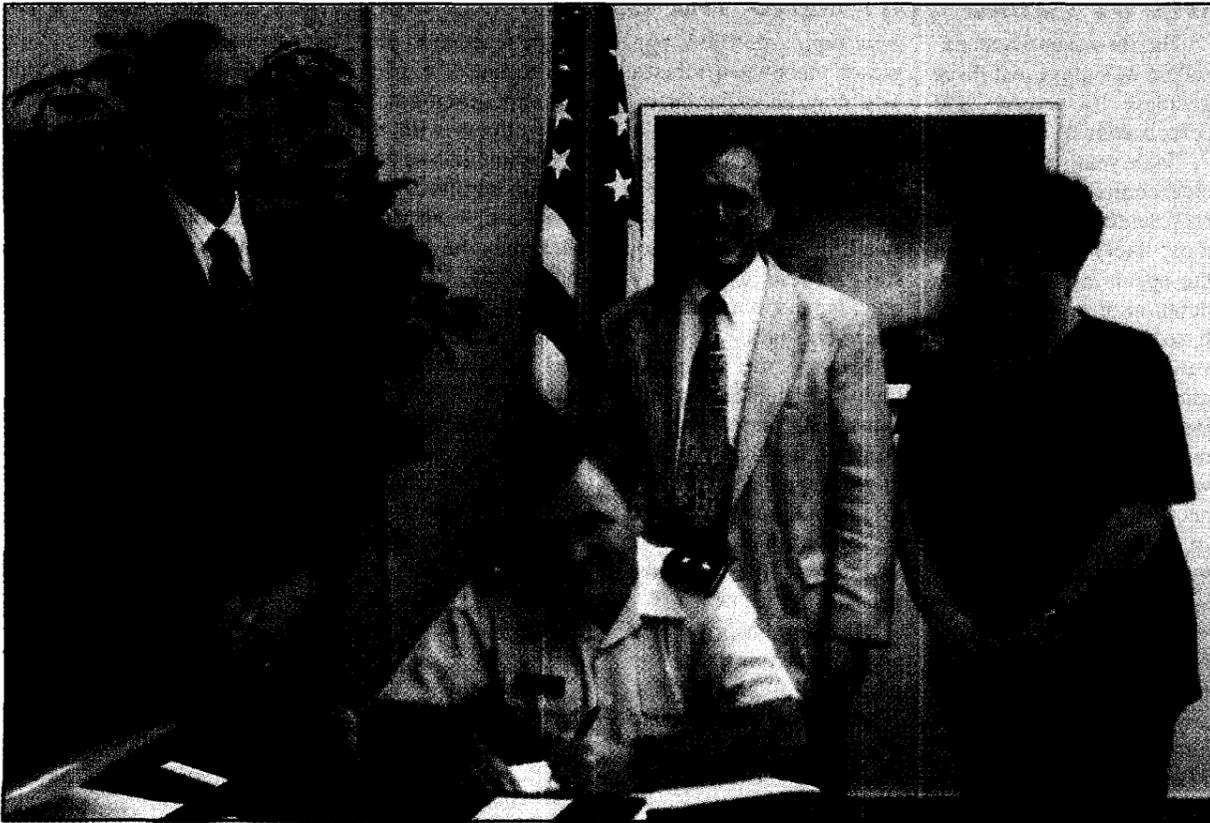
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Omaha receives civilian payroll function from Redstone



FISCAL YEAREND SIGNING— Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, signs the yearend financial reports for MICOM on Oct. 7 at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. DFAS workers looking on include, from left, Ralph Trine, chief of the Army stock fund accounting division; Collis Terry, chief of the OMA/R&D accounting division; and Elaine Cahill of the Army procurement accounting division.

By Skip Vaughn

Cartoon signs at the civilian payroll branch have counted down the pay periods remaining until the civilian pay function transfers from here to Omaha, Neb. There's only one sign left— depicting a man happily kicking up his heels.

The pay period ending Oct. 12 was the final one before the civilian pay function moves to Omaha. Finance officials advise workers to retain the leave and earnings statement they receive with their pay Oct. 24. And those 181 people who are still receiving their checks in the mail— rather than heeding advice to switch to electronic funds transfer — will be at the mercy of the postal system. From November on, checks lost in the mail might be anywhere between here and Omaha.

Electronic funds transfer is not only "more efficient and cheaper for the govern-

ment, but it's better for the employee too," Charles Harper, the defense accounting officer, said.

Members of the Defense Finance and Accounting Office are proud that they have always paid the work force here on time. The civilian payroll represents 9,164 workers and has been as many as 12,000. This includes people in 38 states and 13 overseas locations.

"There's a lot of effort that's being done here that's being transferred" to Omaha, Harper said.

The 17 members of the civilian payroll branch will remain at Redstone and perform other duties in the defense accounting office. A skeletal crew will remain in the civilian payroll branch to serve as liaisons between the customers and the Omaha Payroll Office until such time as customer service representatives are selected. CSRs will be able to

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Help arrives for transitioning spouses from St. Louis

By Skip Vaughn

Moving isn't easy. Just ask the folks in St. Louis deciding whether to uproot their families and come down South with their jobs.

The Redstone and Huntsville communities are doing their best to roll out the welcome mat for their new neighbors. The latest effort is a committee which has been formed to assist spouses and children of transitioning workers.

The Team Redstone Welcome Committee envisions assisting families with their special needs requirements, job opportunities and other concerns. The members are working closely with their counterparts in St. Louis to provide answers to questions from the workers up there.

"Relocation is a concept that affects the entire family; it's not just the individual (employee)," Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager at Army Community Service, said.

"As part of our mission, ACS has always been there to assist (military) family members with their needs," Sue Paddock, the ACS chief, said. "One of the big efforts is relocation. We want to do the same thing for civilians as well, to welcome everybody."

Judy Durbin, the Missile Command protocol officer, helps provide insight since she formerly served as the protocol officer for the Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis. She has heard the usual rumors firsthand and of course has plenty of contacts in her hometown. "This is a joint effort between the community, the Arsenal, and St. Louis," Durbin said.

The effort began in August when Judy Link, wife of the post commander, met with Diane Weston, president of Uwohali Inc. and representative of the Women's Economic Development Council. Weston volunteered her council to welcome spouses by providing assistance in the private sector. The WEDC and its 150 members in-



WELCOME COMMITTEE— Some of the members of the Team Redstone Welcome Committee include, from left, Breeden, Durbin, Paddock and Jefferson.

clude women business owners in this area.

Employment assistance will include helping spouses with the job search process. Other types of family assistance will include providing information for medical and educational needs, and recreational and

volunteer opportunities.

Last summer ACS, the Army Career and Alumni Program, and Civilian Personnel Office— and their counterparts in St. Louis

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AMC's commander: Taking care of people

Soldiers and civilians of the Army Materiel Command, yesterday, today and tomorrow:

We are in a period of much change in our Army as we plan ahead for the challenges of the next century. A big part of that change involves people—thousands of people whose place of work is changing, whose jobs are changing, and whose lives are changing. I extend my deep appreciation to those people who are leaving the Army Materiel Command, our alumni, for their hard work, dedication and numerous achievements which have contributed greatly to making our Army the best in the world. At the same time, I extend a sincere welcome to those people joining our family of legacy employees. You, along with our current legacy employees, will carry us into the XXI century. We in the Army Materiel Command are striving and will continue to strive for a competent, diverse, well trained, motivated work force. You will be the key to our success.

Those of you who know me have heard me say frequently that AMC is a family. I believe that. Taking care of people is paramount. As your commander, I am committed to creating a climate which fosters cooperation, creativity, and productivity while working to achieve efficiencies for our Army and our nation.

So throughout the command and across our nation, we, in AMC, are re-engineering. I ask for your patience, good ideas and continued dedication as we move forward to provide our Army and our nation the best support possible.

Gen. Johnnie Wilson
Commander,
Army Materiel Command

Window for early-outs reopens at MICOM

For the third time, MICOM has opened its early-out window for acceptance of new applications.

In addition to the Missile Command, ADCCS, MEA, and FAAD, employees of OMMCS and LOGSA will be eligible to apply. Authority to open the window and expand coverage to OMMCS and LOGSA has been requested from Army Materiel Command and approval is expected soon. In anticipation of the approval, the Civilian Personnel Office began accepting applications Oct. 10.

The Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay window is open from Oct. 10 through Nov. 8 with the separation date remaining unchanged (no later than Jan. 3, 1997). Appli-

cants interested in submitting an application for retirement or resignation should apply during the window. Retirement eligibles must submit a Retirement application and a Statement of Understanding to building 5303, room 3327. Resignation eligibles must submit a Resignation Standard Form (SF) 52 and a Statement of Understanding to building 5303, workstation 31WO56.

Applications will be accepted from 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. There will not be a cutoff during this window. As applications are received, the process to document and approve saves will begin.

The point of contact for this action is your servicing personnel specialist.

Commentary: Reach into your hearts for CFC

By Henry Viccellio Jr.

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio— This year's Combined Federal Campaign has arrived. That means it's time once again for all of us to reach into our hearts and our pocketbooks to help the many people who benefit from CFC agencies. As most of you know, I take the CFC seriously and consider it one of my top priorities.

If I could personally hand each of you a donation form and spend two minutes telling you why the campaign is important to me, I would. Unfortunately,

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Your keyworker simply will provide you with information about the hundreds of agencies involved and offer you a personalized donation form. Whether you give and what you give is a matter of individual conscience and budget. As the

father of a child with cystic fibrosis, I personally give generously to CFC — and my family has benefited greatly from CFC support over the years.

As we've moved from base to base, we've been comforted to know that there are agencies nationwide ready to help us — agencies that have been supported by Americans like you throughout the decades.

I am well aware that, during these times of change and upheaval, some of you may be wary of what you see as "just another

commitment." But, consider these words from Mother Theresa: "To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it." These agencies depend on CFC for their "oil." Please support this worthy effort in whatever capacity you are able.

Your support really can, and does, make a difference in the lives of your friends, family, and neighbors. Thanks!

(Editor's note: Gen. Viccellio is commander of the Air Force Materiel Command. This commentary was distributed by Air Force News Service.)

Most folks can take flu shots as safe preventative

The flu vaccine is an excellent way to prevent flu or decrease its severity and complications.

Each year, the flu vaccine contains viral strains representing flu viruses most likely to circulate in the upcoming winter. The duration of protection conferred by the flu vaccine is variable. It generally begins one to two weeks after injection and may last six months or longer. This is why annual vaccination is necessary because immunity declines in the year following vaccine administration. The optimal vaccination time is October to mid-November, but vaccine administration is appropriate anytime until the flu season ends, which is Oct. 1 to March 31, 1997. Flu activity in the U.S. generally peaks between late December and early March.

You may say, "I always develop flu after taking the flu shot." Respiratory disease after vaccination represents coincidental illness unrelated to flu vaccination.

The flu vaccine is made

from highly purified, egg-grown inactivated viruses. You may be experiencing what less than 30 percent of vaccine recipients manifest; that is, a local reaction with soreness, redness, and swelling at the injection site. These events pass quickly and may last but one to two days.

Non-specific symptoms such as fever, chills, malaise and aching muscles are reported in less than 1 percent of vaccine recipients. These symptoms usually occur in persons with no previous exposure to the viral antigens in the vaccine.

An immediate hypersensitivity reaction rarely occurs after flu immunization. It probably results from hypersensitivity to a vaccine component related to residual egg protein. Therefore, persons who have developed hives, had swelling of the tongue or lips, or experienced acute respiratory distress or collapse after eating eggs should consult a physician for evaluation.

Contraindications include persons with a severe

allergic reaction to previous flu vaccine or eggs. Persons experiencing a respiratory illness with a fever may be immunized once the illness is resolved. Persons with a cough but without a fever may be immunized immediately.

The following are at high risk for flu and its complications and should receive flu vaccine:

- Persons age 65 and older (the majority of flu deaths occur in elderly people).
- Nursing home or chronic care residents with chronic medical conditions.
- Persons with chronic pulmonary or cardiovascular disorders.
- Anyone who required medical followup or hospitalization during the preceding year for chronic metabolic diseases, renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies or immunosuppression.
- Children and teens receiving long-term aspirin therapy.
- Nursing homes and other chronic-care facility residents.
- Persons with poor immune systems due to chron-

ic medical conditions.

The following groups can transmit flu to persons at high risk and should be immunized:

- Household members (includes children) of persons in high-risk groups.
- Health care workers including home care providers.
- Nursing home and chronic-care facility personnel.

Who should not receive the vaccine? Persons with strong egg allergies (if you eat eggs, you can take the vaccine), anyone with a previous severe adverse reaction to the vaccine, and adults with high fevers. Adults may be immunized once the fever is resolved. However, a mild upper respiratory infection or allergic rhinitis in children is not a contraindication for vaccine administration.

Consider flu vaccination. Remember, a highly immunized population is our country's best defense against the flu. (Release prepared by Fox Army Community Hospital; this is the second of a three-part series.)

AMC's people deserve fairness in workplace

Sexual harassment is wrong— plain and simple. Last week the commander of the Army Materiel Command emphasized this fact in an open message distributed throughout AMC.

Gen. Johnnie Wilson, the AMC commander, stated the following:

"Clearly, in my view, the greatest honor given us is

command and supervision of people; America's most precious asset. This past Sunday, I read with chagrin a huge article in the Washington Post where 40 female employees have filed a Class Action suit against the Fort Bliss (Texas) leadership for sexual harassment. I have no idea of the validity of the suit, or the Fort Bliss

environment. Identification and eradication of sexual/racial abuse and harassment is our business as leaders and supervisors. It simply cannot be delegated. We have to work it personally.

"I just want to emphasize my total commitment to ensure that all our civilians and military work in an environment that is fair and

sensitive. Further, I expect for you to ensure that all supervisors attend the appropriate educational and training courses.

"Lastly, everyone needs to understand that I will not tolerate environments of insensitivity. We owe our people the best leadership possible. Share this with your employees."

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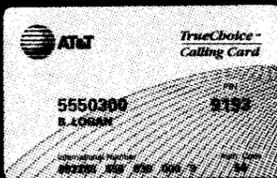
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Redstone's ACAP office targeted to close in December

By Kathy Harkleroad

Starting Dec. 1, military and civilian personnel alike will see a major change in services offered by the Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) office. The office is being closed by orders from the Department of Army and services will be reduced, if not eliminated altogether.

The reason for the closing, according to Kim Combs, ACAP transition office manager, was the declining number of military personnel who were utilizing the services. "What DA did not consider in their decision was the number of civilian personnel who also utilize our services," Combs said. "If those numbers were figured in, I believe the decision would have been a different one."

Currently the office sees approximately 40 military personnel each month and between 40 and 60 civilian workers. "This decision is going to affect quite a few people," Combs said, "especially with as many retirements that are going on, as well as the VERA/VSIPs."

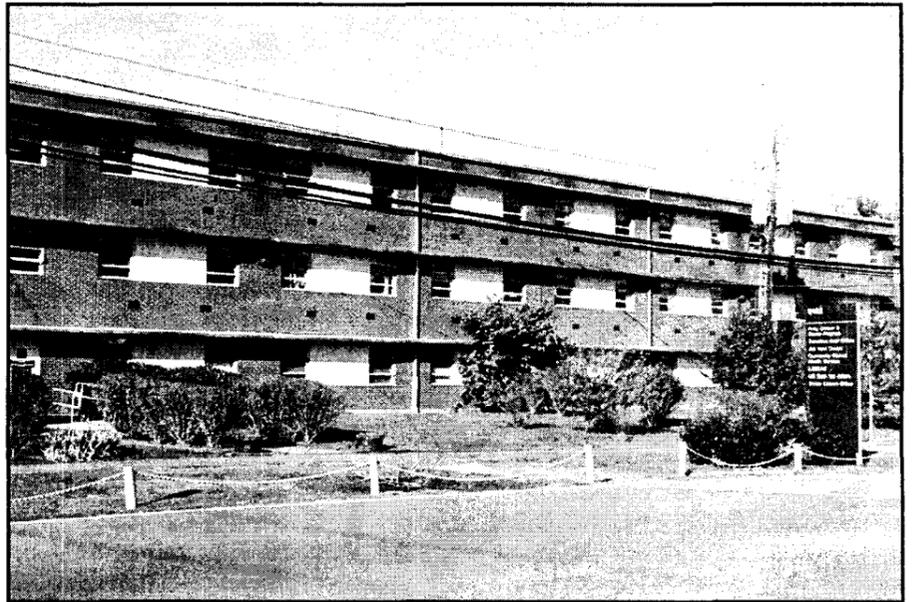
ACAP was divided into two sections—transition on the government side, and job career and counseling. Military personnel leaving the Army, whether it be from retirement or ending their contract, will still be able to receive counseling on benefits and entitlements from the one counselor who will be retained. "MILPO (Military Personnel Office) is going to be taking over the transition portion of our office and soldiers will be going to the MILPO office to

be seen," Combs said. "One of our counselors will be moving over there Dec. 1 and will assist the soldiers in dealing with benefits and entitlements." Computers will also be made available to the soldier to assist in finding federal jobs that are available.

Services that will be eliminated altogether include the job bank, job searches, one-on-one counseling, financial and retirement workshops and seminars, and any training breakdown for soldiers. "We are really upset this is happening," Combs said, "and wish the decision had been a different one. There are still several options that both the military and civilians can utilize and other options are being explored as well."

One of those options includes traveling to Fort Campbell, Ky., Fort Benning, Ga., or Fort Rucker to receive the same services that were offered here at Redstone. Those installations still have ACAP offices and have the ability to tap into the many job banks in the area. "The only problem with this option is there is no reimbursement for travel," Combs said. "Which means they, the soldier or the civilian employee, will have pay for their own travel expenses."

Another option is to seek assistance in the community at one of the many outplacement services. "Unfortunately, there it will also cost money. We have been told on the national average, the services we have offered here at our office would cost between \$1,000 and \$2,000. That is a lot of money at a time a person can ill afford it," Combs said.



MAJOR CHANGES— The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) Office will close their doors December 1. Military personnel will be able to receive limited services at MILPO.

Distance counseling will also be available, with communication taking place through e-mail, fax and telephone conversations. "As we become an isolated site, meaning a post without an ACAP office, counseling will be done electronically. The down side to that is response time will be decreased, and all person-to-person contact is eliminated," Combs said.

"Most installations that don't have an ACAP office, or whose ACAP office has closed, have turned the job search and career counseling responsibilities over to

the Army Community Service (ACS) office. That was done by contracting the position of a transition coordinator, and creating a career center," Combs said. "I don't know what the command has planned for Redstone. But I have seen it work at several other AMC installations."

ACS does offer resume workshops, some career counseling, and job search information, but is geared more to the military family member. The resume workshops and other services are open to the Redstone community.

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Joint local resolution lauds Marshall center

The Madison County Commission and the governing bodies of the cities of Huntsville and Madison have presented to Marshall Space Flight Center a joint resolution acknowledging the center's tremendous impact on this community over the past four decades.

Madison County Commission Chairman Mike Gillespie, Madison Mayor Chuck Yancura, and Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer presented the resolution Thursday to MSFC Director Wayne Littles in the Heritage Gallery of building 4203.

The resolution declares the week of Oct. 13-18 as "Space Exploration Week" which will culminate with the ninth annual Von Braun Exploration Forum. The forum is free to the public and begins at 7 p.m. Friday at the Von Braun Civic Center concert hall. Tickets are available at the civic center, both Parisians, and MSFC.

The forum will highlight the Discovery Channel world premier film "He Conquered Space," celebrating the life of Dr. Werner von Braun. John Hendricks, who graduated from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and is the founder, chairman and CEO of Discovery Communications Inc., will be a special guest speaker, along with veteran CBS journalist Walter Cronkite.

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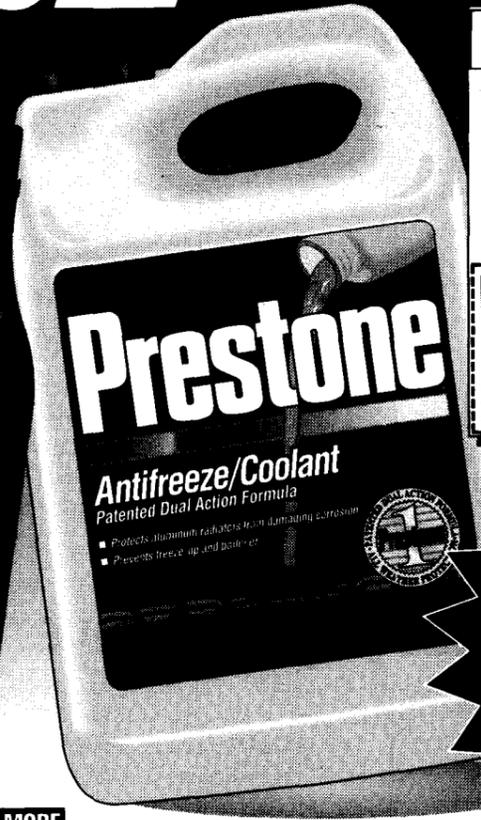
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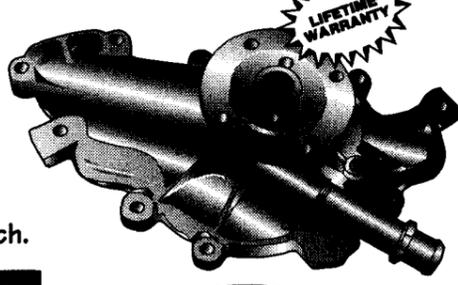
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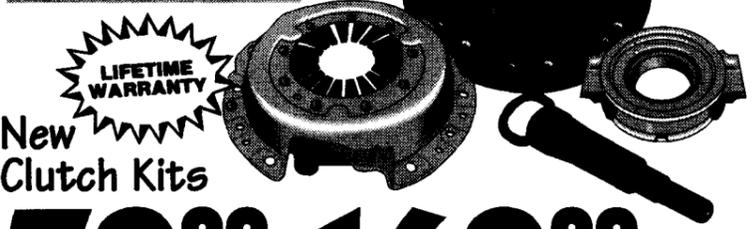
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Army tests new anti-armor missile system

By Gerry J. Gilmore

WASHINGTON— The Army is going "batty" for a new anti-armor missile system that is undergoing testing at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The Brilliant Anti-Armor, or BAT, submunition is designed to strike and destroy opposing force armor deep in enemy territory. Like its flying mammalian namesake, BAT uses sensory input to maneuver through the skies. BAT locates its armored prey using sophisticated acoustic and infrared sensors. Accordingly, the system is considered extremely smart, or "brilliant."

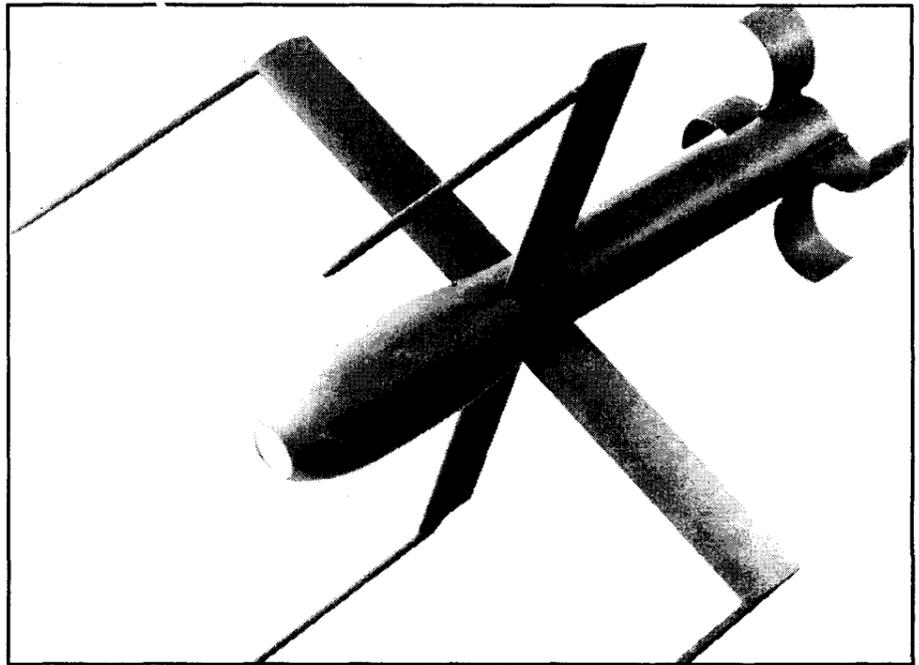
"BAT's primary target is moving armor," said Col. John W. Holly, project manager for the Army Tactical Missile System-BAT Project Office at Redstone Arsenal. "It's a joint task force or corps commander's deep-strike weapon used to shape the battlefield and control the action. It's not a close-combat weapon."

BAT "hitches a ride" into hostile territory on board the Army TACMS Block II

Missile. As the Block II approaches the target area, the missile skin covering the payload is peeled back. This releases the BAT submunitions: 3-foot-long, 44-pound, finned, self-guided missiles with armor-wrecking power.

The BAT concept has proven to be successful, especially during the most recent testing conducted Sept. 23 and 24 at White Sands against tanks and armored personnel carrier targets. The first missile, carrying a flight recorder instead of a warhead, punctured a carrier's armor. The second BAT, carrying a warhead, hit the moving target vehicle and severely damaged it. Those tests were the third and fourth of a series of 10 which are scheduled to conclude next June.

Having completed design verification testing in March, BAT is now in its contractor development test series. Once all testing is successfully completed, BAT could be fielded to troop units as early as during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2000. (Arnews)



BAT (Brilliant Anti-Armor)

Retired Gen. Vessey gets Thayer Award at West Point event

WEST POINT, N.Y.— Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, retired Gen. John W. Vessey Jr. received the Thayer Award in ceremonies at the U.S. Military Academy on Sept. 25. Prior to the presentation ceremony, a cadet review in honor of Vessey took place on the Plain.

The Thayer Award, named in honor of Col. Sylvanus Thayer, "Father of the Military Academy," is presented annually to an outstanding citizen whose service and accomplishments in the national interest exemplifies the Academy's motto, "Duty,

Honor, Country." Thayer served as the superintendent of West Point from 1817 to 1833. The award has been presented by the Association of Graduates since 1958.

Vessey served much of his military career with combat divisions. His first assignment was with the 34th Infantry Division in North Africa and Italy during WWII. Additionally, he served two tours with the 3rd Armored Division in Germany, a tour with the 4th Infantry Division in Germany and the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam. In 1970, Gen. Vessey returned to

Southeast Asia for assignment as a brigadier general. He was responsible for coordinating U.S. military operations until the cease-fire was signed in February 1973. Vessey returned to Washington, D.C. in July 1979 to become the Vice Chief of Staff. In 1982 he was appointed by then-President Ronald Reagan as the tenth Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Vessey has received numerous awards and decorations during his military career that include the Distinguished Service Cross, the Department of Defense

Distinguished Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Purple Heart and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon (two campaign stars).

Past recipients of the Thayer Award include Dwight D. Eisenhower, Clare Booth Luce, Barry Goldwater, Warren Burger, Ronald Reagan, George Shultz, Cyrus Vance, George Bush, Barbara Jordan and Douglas MacArthur. (Arnews)

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Child development services adopt changes in programs

By Peggy Hays

Significant program changes are under way at Child Development Services. These improvements include a decrease in fees for the school age program, the re-institution of a transportation program; longer hours of operation for teens, and the addition of computers, homework assistance, and recreational activities for both the children and youth.

The sports program and Child Development Center will see a slight fee increase.

"The Army School Age/Teen Program changes were presented to the community at the Town Hall Meeting," said Yvonne Coleman-McGuire, sales and marketing director for the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, referring to the Oct. 1 meeting. "All of the community were not actually in attendance and we want to inform and educate the community on all the changes."

In a conference meeting, Coleman-McGuire; Don Olsen, director of Logistics RASA, Equipment Management Division; and Edd Gancarz, Child Development Services coordinator, emphasized the comprehensiveness of the programs offered by DCFA for children and youth as well as the improvements in process.

"We offer care before and after school, and, of course, when school is out for vacation," Gancarz said. "The only time we're closed is on federal holidays."

The program services follow the purpose of the total ASA/TP which is to increase supervised care for SA children from 6-12 years, increase teen participation in the youth program, and reduce the incidence of "at risk" behaviors among SAC and teens. It also encompasses the MICOM "Home Alone" policy which states that children under 10 years of age will not be left unattended and,

secondly, children under 12 years of age are not allowed to care for younger children.

Their initial point of emphasis was the sharp decrease in monthly fees for the ASA program as compared to FY '96. This change for children, age 6-12, takes place Nov. 1. "Fees were lowered so dramatically," Gancarz said, "because of funding provided for the pilot program offered through DoD (Department of Defense)."

This DoD pilot program, currently scheduled for three years, sets the monthly fees, Gancarz said. He provided the following chart for the changes:

- Income category, special; fiscal 1996 fee \$75; fiscal 1997 fee, \$41; category decrease \$34
- Income category I; fiscal 1996 fee \$88; fiscal 1997 fee, \$47; category decrease \$41
- Income category II; fiscal 1996 fee, \$105; fiscal 1997 fee, \$55; category decrease \$50
- Income category III; fiscal 1996 fee, \$134; fiscal 1997 fee, \$70; category decrease \$64
- Income category IV; fiscal 1996 fee, \$161; fiscal 1997 fee, \$82; category decrease \$79
- Income category V; fiscal 1996 fee, \$188; fiscal 1997 fee, \$94; category decrease \$94.

Further, as part of this pilot program, additional services will be offered. In fact, the computers are ready. The program, said Gancarz, "offers a computer lab and instructors to assist children to learn computer skills or enhance those they have already.

"We're in the process of contracting a homework center teacher to assist with school studies," he continued. "We are also working internally in MWR (morale, welfare, and recreation) activities— for example, arts and crafts, bowling, outdoor recreation — to provide programs for children." He added that they would try to provide the "activities the children

want."

The hours of operation for the Army School Age program at building 3400 will continue as before: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 5:30-7:30 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30-7:30 a.m. Afternoon hours are 3-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The second program improvement involves additional hours that the Youth

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NEW TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM— Children returning to the Arsenal following the school day are currently returned to building 3400, the location of the

Army School Age program. With the new program, children can be transported to the Youth Center for after school supervision.

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Blanck becomes the Army's 39th surgeon general

WASHINGTON— Maj. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck was promoted to the three-star rank of lieutenant general Oct. 1. During the same Pentagon ceremony, Blanck was sworn in as the 39th surgeon general of the Army by Gen. Dennis Reimer, chief of staff of the Army.

Blanck was born Oct. 8, 1941, and raised in Ephrata, Pa. He was awarded a bachelor of science in 1963 from Juniata College and received his Doctor of Osteopathy from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1967.

After entering the Army in 1968, Blanck was initially assigned as a general medical officer, U.S. Army, Vietnam. Following an assignment as a general medical officer at Fort Myer, Blanck completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 1973, and is board certified in Internal Medicine. He then served as assistant chief of the General Medicine Service and the assistant chief, Department of Medicine at Walter Reed. Later assignments included: assistant dean of student affairs, Uniformed Services University School of Medicine; chief, department of medicine, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and chief, Medical

Corps Career Activities Office, Office of the Surgeon General. Blanck served as commander, U.S. Army Hospital, Berlin, and as commander, Frankfurt Army Regional Medical Center, Frankfurt, Germany.

Most recently, he served as the director of professional services and chief, Medical Corps affairs, Office of the Surgeon General, Falls Church, Va. Blanck is presently the commander of Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command. As the Army's surgeon general, he will also command the Army Medical Command headquartered at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The Medical Command operates eight medical centers, nearly 30 community hospitals, as well as major research and teaching institutions worldwide.

A graduate of the Army War College, Blanck also served as class president. He is a Fellow and past Governor of the American College of Physicians, and an active member of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, the American Osteopathic Association, the Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, the American Medical Association, and the American College of Physician

Executives.

Blanck has held many academic positions throughout his career to include: assistant professor of medicine (clinical), Georgetown University; associate professor of medicine, Uniformed Services University School of Medicine; and clinical professor of medicine, University of Texas at San Antonio. He has published many scientific articles. His military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Meritorious Service and Army Commendation Medals.

He and his wife, Donna, have two children, Jennifer and Susan.



Animal blessing...

The annual Blessing of the Animals event took place Oct. 5 at Bicentennial Chapel; and various pets received a special blessing from Our Lady of the Valley Parish Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy Teahan with 120 attendees watching. Two horses were brought to the event,

much to the delight of Patty Wilson, religious education coordinator, who said this was the first time horses had received the blessing. From left are Shorty, Casey Wilson, Mr. Pest, and owners Judson and Jasmine Hudson after the ceremony.

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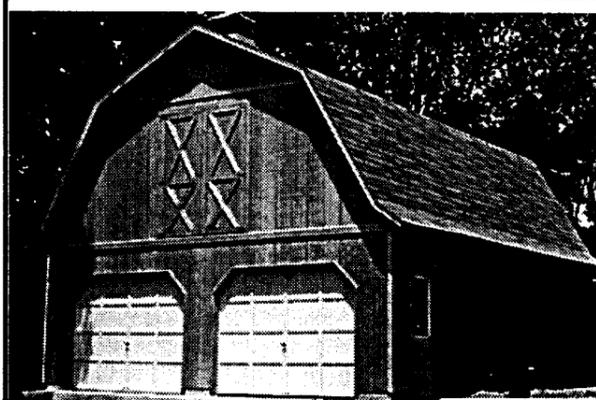
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Military retirees give helping hand to post's chaplain fund



CONTRIBUTION— From left Chaplains McAllister and Frazier accept the retiree council's check presented by Allred.

The Redstone Arsenal Consolidated Chaplains Fund has received a boost in its annual campaign to assist military family members.

The Retiree Council last week presented a \$1,500 check to "Operation Helping Hand" which assists military families at Christmas. The council represents about 16,000 military retirees in this geographic area.

Operation Helping Hand, formerly known as the Food Basket Program, helped 126 military families last Christmas. With about \$12,000 in

contributions from local organizations and designated offerings, the program gave a coupon to each family which was redeemable for about \$100 in groceries at the commissary.

"The program is to help soldiers' families at Christmas time" but it continues throughout the year, Chaplain (Col.) William McAllister, the MICOM staff chaplain, said. He accepted the retiree group's donation Oct. 8 along with Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Frazier, who manages the consoli-

dated chaplains fund.

The \$1,500 check represented "money that was not used for Retiree Day, plus any other money that we generate that we can afford to give back to the chapel for their Operation Helping Hand," retired Col. James Allred, the chapel representative on the Retiree Council, said. The retiree council is co-chaired by retired Brig. Gen. George J. "Jerry" Walker and retired CSM Ernest Weir.

THAAD radar tracking test a success

The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and the U.S. Army announced that the Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system conducted a successful test of the THAAD Radar on Oct. 9 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. The Radar System Test, or RST, was a radar tracking test of a complex ballistic missile target involving only the THAAD Radar.

The test provided valuable data collection on THAAD Radar acquisition, tracking, and discrimination performance against a multi-object target. A modified HERA target was launched from the northern missile range extension toward the south part of the range where the THAAD Radar was located. The target flew to approximately 150 miles altitude where the target second stage and guidance control section separated from the re-entry vehicle to provide a multiple, tumbling object scene to the Radar. Prior to re-entry, the target deployed 100 small balloons to simulate a target debris cloud. The THAAD Radar detected, acquired, and tracked the target objects throughout their flight. This target deployment event provided a spectacular light show clearly visible from the ground.

All deployed objects and target debris impacted safely within the test range boundary. Test data collected supports further development of the THAAD Radar to counter expected and future tactical ballistic missile threats.

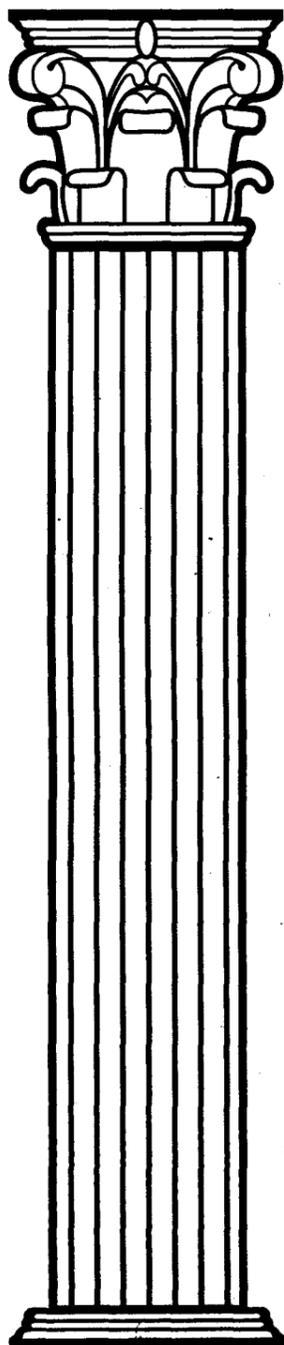
Additional radar capabilities will be developed using this information.

The test was part of a planned series of THAAD Program Definition and Risk Reduction tests to verify the THAAD prototype design and performance of the system components. It was the first test of the User Operational Evaluation System (UOES) Radar. The UOES represents THAAD prototype components that will support early operational assessments of the THAAD system. These components also provide a potential limited defense capability to forward deployed U.S. and allied forces in the event of a national emergency.

This was the first of two planned radar segment tests. The second RST mission is planned for Kwajalein Missile Range (KMR) in the second quarter of Fiscal 97.

THAAD uses technologies developed in earlier BMDO programs. It is the first weapon system developed specifically to defend against theater ballistic missiles. The program is managed by BMDO and executed by the Army Program Executive Office Air and Missile Defense and the Army THAAD Project Manager in Huntsville.

Raytheon is the contractor for the THAAD Radar and Lockheed/Martin is the THAAD systems integration contractor.



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Preventing Domestic Violence Month observed with events in October

By Kathy Harkleroad

October has been designated as Preventing Domestic Violence Month; and the public is invited to a candlelight vigil Oct. 29 at the Big Spring Park Gazebo starting at 6 p.m. in remembrance of victims of crime. The vigil is sponsored by the Madison County Coalition against Domestic Violence and Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Materials on domestic violence will also be made available in the Redstone community this month, according to Jennifer Clark, Army Community Service (ACS) family advocacy program manager.

"The most important fact we would like to publicize this month is that while there is a strict program in place on the Arsenal for offenders, the Huntsville Police Department has also implemented a new pro-



gram where offenders will be put in jail immediately," Clark said. "This is a new program to HPD; and there will be a public service campaign starting in the very near future in conjunction with WAAY television and Hope Place. HPD has declared zero tolerance to domestic violence and offenders will be prosecuted." According to Clark, the theme for the campaign is "If you hit, that's it."

During the month, ACS will be distributing information on domestic violence

via e-mail on the many videos, brochures and programs that are available at ACS, as well as programs that are available off post. "Domestic violence is a topic that is hardly spoken about, yet we know it is happening, and it can be prevented," Clark said. "The key to prevention is recognizing the signs and knowing where to go for help."

Some signs of possible domestic violence situations might include knowing someone who is anx-

ious, depressed, withdrawn or reluctant to talk, someone who is criticized by her partner in front of you, has repeated injuries that result from "accidents," has made a suicide attempt, has a partner who tries to control her every move, and makes her account for her time, has alcohol or drug abuse in the family, or is often late or absent from work, or has to leave social engagements early because her partner is waiting for her.

"If you see signs of domestic violence or think that is a possibility, it is important that all of us take personal responsibility and seek help," Clark said. "Individuals can call the national hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE, the Family Advocacy Program here at ACS at 876-5397, or HOPE Place at 539-1000. All of those numbers offer total confidentiality and can offer assistance."

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- ✓ Has repeated injuries that result from "accidents?"
- ✓ Has made a suicide attempt?
- ✓ Has a partner who tries to control her every move, makes her account for her time?
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Pulaski the lone U.S. general killed in Revolutionary War

By Edward Krolkowski

"For your freedom and ours" was what Kazimierz (Casimir) Pulaski said when he offered his services to the cause of American freedom and independence. This was the beginning of Pulaski's heroic contribution to the founding of our great nation and becoming regarded as the father of the U.S. Cavalry.

His story, however, begins in the town of Warka, Poland, where he was born on March 4, 1745 (not 1747, as erroneously shown in many references). He completed his elementary education in Warka and his higher education in the School of Theatine Order in Warsaw.

Pulaski grew up at a time when the sovereignty of Poland was being threatened by Russia through internal intrigue and external aggression. Poland was ruled by King Stanislaw August Poniatowski, who was easily influenced by Tsarina Catherine of Russia, and therefore not a strong leader. In light of such state of affairs, Pulaski organized the Confederacy of Bar in 1768 to fight Russian aggression. He proved to be an outstanding military leader, especially in the art of guerrilla warfare. In 1771 he defeated the Russians at Czestochowa and became a national hero. In 1772 he was captured by the Russians, charged with regicide and forced into exile the following year. Pulaski spent the next three years in the Balkans and Turkey trying unsuccessfully to organize action against Russia.

In November 1776, Pulaski arrived in Paris. There he met Benjamin Franklin, who was recruiting volunteers for America's War of Independence against England. Pulaski was impressed with Franklin and sympathetic to the cause of the Americans because they were fighting for the same ideals he had fought for in his native Poland, now under partition by Russia, Prussia and Austria. Pulaski was particularly eager to fight against England because she sup-

ported the partition of Poland. Benjamin Franklin was well acquainted with the military exploits of Pulaski. He gave Pulaski letters of recommendation addressed to General George Washington and the Continental Congress.

Pulaski arrived in America, landing in Marblehead, Mass., on June 23, 1777. The next day, he sent a letter to the Continental Congress requesting to be placed under the command of General George Washington or General Marquis Lafayette. Later, Pulaski met with Washington and Lafayette and was given the opportunity he requested when he was placed in charge of Washington's Cavalry Detachment.

Pulaski's first engagement with the British came Sept. 1, 1777, at the Battle of Bandywine, in Pennsylvania. Although the American forces had to retreat, Pulaski's courageous charge and standoff against the British averted a disastrous defeat and saved the life of George Washington. As a result of his bravery and military brilliance, Pulaski was awarded a commission Sept. 15, 1777 as brigadier general of the American Cavalry.

Pulaski was involved in battles at Germantown, Egg Harbor, Chestnut Hills and Cooper's Ferry, however he became dissatisfied with the minor role the American Cavalry played in the war. He submitted his resignation and requested the formation of a separate unit comprised of both cavalry and infantry. On April 6, 1778, his request was granted, and the Pulaski Legion (as it was later to be called) was founded in Baltimore, Md., with Pulaski in command. In Bethlehem, Pa., the Moravian Sisters presented Pulaski a crimson banner for his unit; the very first banner with the initials of the United States emblazoned on it. (The banner is now on display in the Baltimore Historical Museum.)

Throughout 1778, Pulaski's Legion was involved in skirmishes with the British along the Delaware River. In February 1779, Pulaski

was ordered to join General Lincoln, the commander of American forces in South Carolina and Georgia. Pulaski arrived in Charleston, S.C., on May 11, 1779, the very day it was being besieged by the British. He immediately threw his troops into action pushing the British back, forcing them to retreat. Charleston was saved and a catastrophic collapse of the American position in the South was avoided.

Pulaski's next military action was, as part of General Lincoln's army, to engage the British at Savannah, Ga. Traitor James Curie had deserted to the British and forewarned them of the American's actions. On Oct. 9, 1779, General Lincoln's plan became a deathtrap as the British poured murderous musket and cannon fire upon the Americans, resulting in heavy casualties.

Pulaski, seeing the battle ebb away from the Americans, mounted a final charge to break through the British lines. Riding at the head of his Legion, he was mortally wounded. The charge failed and the American's were forced to retreat.

Pulaski's body was taken aboard the American ship WASP where he died of his wounds Oct. 11, 1779. (This date is presently in dispute as recent evidence shows it probably was Oct. 15.) Pulaski's body was brought ashore and buried outside of Savannah, on Greenwich plantation, owned by Jane Bowen. (Many references erroneously show that Pulaski was buried at sea; based upon the memoirs of Captain Paul Bentolou in 1824. Bentolou was injured in the same battle as was Pulaski and also taken to the WASP. However due to his wounds, he was unable to know

about the final disposition of Pulaski's body, and assumed it was buried at sea.)

In 1852, Major James P. Bowen, grandson of Jane Bowen, was chosen as secretary of a patriotic group whose objective was to erect a memorial to Pulaski in Savannah. The monument was designed by Robert Launitz of New York, and the cornerstone was laid Oct. 10, 1853. Several days earlier, Bowen had Pulaski's body exhumed, taken to a Savannah hospital for tests, collected affidavits from those familiar with the case and reburied at the base of the monument in Monterey Square.

In 1855, Mayor Edward Anderson accepted the Pulaski monument pledging that the city of Savannah would protect and preserve it. When we see the monument today, with holes all

over the darkened shaft, with visible sulfurization and other signs of deterioration of its structure, we realize the city of Savannah broke its promise to honor the valor of this great Polish American hero. The cost of restoration of the monument is estimated to cost \$195,000, which originally the city of Savannah was unwilling to pay. Recently the city has devised a matching funds program and \$145,000 has been raised. The National Pulaski Monument Committee, chaired by Mark Lazar, is attempting to raise the additional \$50,000. Anyone interested in supporting the restoration of the General Pulaski Monument in Savannah can contribute by check payable to PAC, CF, PULASKI MONUMENT, and mail to the Polish American Congress, 5711

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SCIENCE IN ACTION—Shark teeth glistening, the AH-1F Cobra lands at Mt. Gap Elementary School for the school's Science Olympiad Fun Day.

Students enjoy Cobra visit close-up at 4th Annual Science Fun Day

By Peggy Hays

An afternoon visit by an AH-1F Cobra, C-Nite, highlighted the 4th Annual Science Olympiad Fun Day for youngsters at Mt. Gap Elementary School on Friday.

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COBRA VISIT—ROTC cadets, Maggie Lambke and Chrissy Brantner, from Grissom High School visit the Cobra. CW3 Philip Evans, pilot, on right.



READY FOR FLIGHT SCHOOL—Chrissy Brantner, left, and Maggie Lambke, ROTC Army cadets from Grissom High School view the Cobra from the pilot and weapon systems/co-pilot seats as CW2 King, a systems engineer from WSMD and also qualified to fly the AH-1F, explains.

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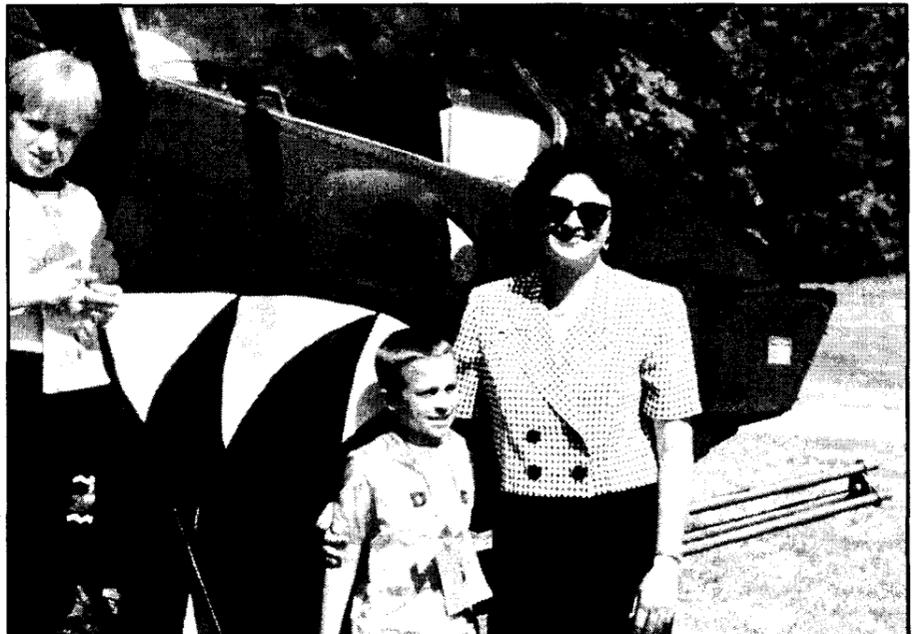
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SYSTEMS ENGINEERING—Zachary Snodgrass, age 7, accepts the pilot's offer to gaze inside the cramped cockpit of the AH-1F. Zachary is the son of Danny Snodgrass of WSMD and his wife, Barbara.



SEE ENGINEERING AT WORK—Zachary Snodgrass, age 7, and his mother, Barbara, get ready to see the inside of the Cobra on its visit to Mt. Gap Elementary School for Science Day.

concrete running track. Shark teeth painted on the side of its nose glistened in the bright sun.

Finally, rotors stilled, the pilots popped the canopy. Elementary students, grades K-5, along with teachers, parents and friends anxiously awaited a chance to view the machine. Two Army ROTC cadets from Grissom High School, Chrissy Brantner and Maggie Lambke, were also among those waiting.

A visit by one of the Cobras from the Army Airfield Support Facility #1, Smyrna, Tenn. is done on occasion, according to CW2 John P. King, a helicopter pilot in the Tenn. Guard. "We fly support missions and it's not unusual to fly to schools," said King. "It has

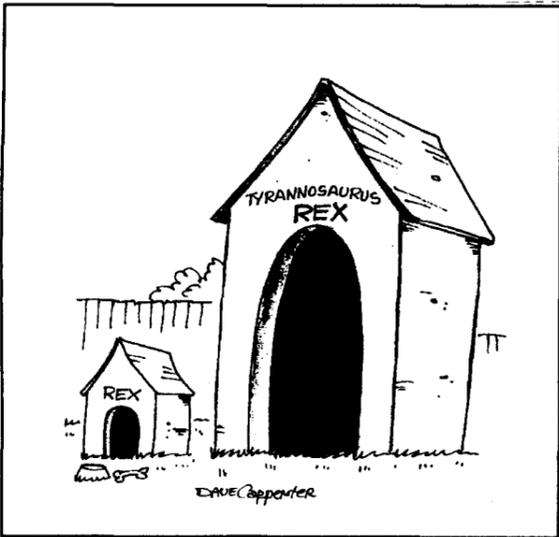
to be a mission with a purpose. The government feels there is a need for youngsters to become technically oriented at the elementary level. We're trying to instill a desire in kids to pursue technical fields."

King, a systems engineer for the M65 weapons systems for Weapons System Management Directorate, Technical Management Division, Land Combat Branch, said, "The helicopter takes the abstract out of engineering and takes it into something they can understand."

In explaining the all-weather capabilities of the AH-1F, C-NITE, King said, "It has a M65 weapons system and that is what is managed at MICOM by Danny Snodgrass," referring to the M65's system manager at

the WSMD. The Science Fun Day,

coordinated by Jeri Pang, Career Day offerings. Squadron is Lt. Col. Robert Mitchell. was part of the Mt. Gap's Commander of the 4th



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- Keith Roberson, Performance Award
- Phillip Tucker, Performance Award
- Beverly VanOostrum, Performance Award
- Howard Vail, Performance Award
- Donald White, Performance Award
- Christine Waldrup, Performance Award
- Phyllis Williams, Performance Award
- Carole Worsham, Performance Award
- Cosette Young, 15 Year Pin, Performance Award, and October Employee of the Month

Army announces public affairs chief at Pentagon

By Janis Finegan

WASHINGTON— The Army chief of staff has approved the assignment of the following general officer: Brig. Gen. John G. Meyer Jr., from commanding general, Army Community and Family Support Center, Alexandria, Va., to chief of public affairs, Office of the Secretary of the Army, Washington, D.C., with a report date to be determined.

Fort McClellan home of military's first biological defense company

By Hersh M. Chapman

FORT McCLELLAN— The Army has recently taken a giant step in filling a void in the nation's defensive capabilities. The 310th Chemical Company (BIDS) (Reserve), has been trained and activated to combat the threat of biological warfare directed against U.S. troops and allies.

BIDS — Biological Integrated Defense Systems — is a sheltered, biological detection laboratory mounted on a HUMVEE and equipped with air sampling, detection and identification equipment.

Within 30-45 minutes the two soldiers operating the equipment, inside the vehicle, can "presumptively" identify a suspected biological agent and warn the soldiers within the corps area of operations to take appropriate action. The identification is presumptive while the samples are moved to a laboratory for positive confirmation. In the meantime soldiers on the battlefield can take appropriate protective action.

The 310th was redesignated, Sept. 16, to reflect its new status as the Army's first, and only BIDS company. The unit is composed of four re-

serve platoons, a headquarters platoon and an active-duty platoon. Each of the five platoons has seven BIDS teams consisting of two vehicles, the M31 BIDS HUMVEE, a HUMVEE support vehicle and four soldiers.

The active-duty platoon, the 20th Chemical Detachment, is the fifth platoon and would fall under 310th command only in wartime. In peacetime the 20th Chem. Det. is attached to the 84th Chemical Battalion, U.S. Army Chemical School (USACMLS). On the battlefield the 310th (including the 20th Det.) would fall under Forces Command (FORSCOM) control and would become a Corps or higher level asset.

As recently as the Persian Gulf War, then-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Colin Powell, testified before Congress that the U.S. was well-equipped to deal with chemical and nuclear threats; however, it was not well-prepared to defend against biological warfare. That candid assessment served as a wake-up call and led to the development of the BIDS and the establishment of the BIDS training facility dubbed the BIDS Bunker.

The BIDS Bunker is a suite of training labs, classrooms and BIDS simulators located at USACMLS, Fort McClellan, the Department of Defense's proponent for Nuclear, Biological and Chemical defense. It is the training site for chemical soldiers on the unique and highly technical air sampling, detection and identification equipment.

The 310th, a Fort McClellan based Army Reserve unit, is commanded by Capt. Brad Perkins, who is also a civilian USACMLS instructor. The 20th Det. is commanded by Capt. Adam Stroup.

A formal ceremony marking the activation of the 310th Chem. Co. (BIDS) and the 20th Chem. Det. was scheduled at 2 p.m. Oct. 5 at Marshall Field, Fort McClellan. Expected attendees included Dr. Ted Proxiv, assistant secretary of defense (nuclear, biological, chemical); Maj. Gen. George Friel, commander, Chemical Biological Defense Command; Maj. Gen. Ralph G. Wooten, Army chief of chemical and Fort McClellan commanding general; and Brig. Gen. James W. Darden, 81st Regional Support Command commanding general (USAR). (Arnews)

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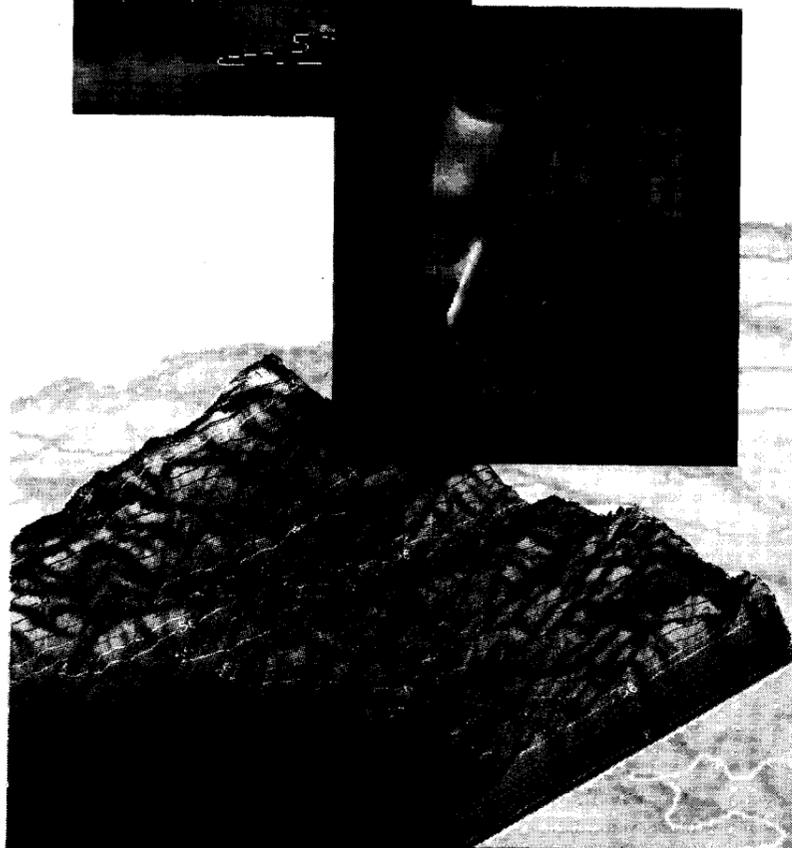
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John Lanning, Java™ Evangelist, "Java & the Java Order of Network Computing," Java as the development language for Intranet applications.

Lynne Smith, Netscape Evangelist, "Netscape One: The Premier Desktop Environment for Internet Applications."

Don Famer, Vice President, Web Products, Dimensional Software, Inc., "The Impact of Internet on VDA"

Tim Lanning, Director, Visualization, Lockheed Martin, "The History, Evolution of Wing Structures, Design, Design, Manufacturing and Assembly Processes"

Tom Heston, Principal Consultant, Coleman Products, "The Impact of Distributed and Intranet Computing on Geographical Dispersion of Engineering Teams, Creating Complete Virtual Teams"

Robert C. Heston, Engineer, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, "The Use of Streamlines"

Don Famer, Vice President, John B. Coe, Don Bougher, Director of Engineering, Visual Numerics, Inc., "The Virtual Team: From Design to Production (VDA) - PV, WAVE, and CAVE Technology"

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Tricare program services outlined for military retirees

The Tricare program has a lot to offer military retirees, even those who are eligible for Medicare.

The Tricare program is an outgrowth of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (Champus). It was created to supplement the care available from the base military treatment facility (MTF).

Under Tricare, military retirees, their family members and survivors under the age of 65 continue to have access to the traditional standard Champus benefit. But now their choice is expanded to include three different healthcare options.

- **Tricare Prime**, in which beneficiaries enroll for one-year periods and receive treatment from a pre-approved network of military and civilian providers. Those who enroll in Prime are assigned a primary care manager (PCM), who coordinates all of their care.

- **Tricare Extra**, in which beneficiaries who choose not to enroll in Prime may receive care from network providers in exchange for discounted rates.

- **Tricare Standard**, which is the same as the traditional standard Champus benefit.

Under all three Tricare options, hospital admissions and certain outpatient procedures must be preauthorized by the health care finder prior to treatment even if the beneficiary has other health insurance.

Tricare Prime can be an excellent choice for retirees who want to keep control of their budget. With Tricare Prime there are no surprises—no annual deductibles to pay, only small copayments for services and balance billing only in rare cases when non-network specialists assist in procedures. As an example, retirees and their family members pay \$12 for routine office visits. If hospitalization is needed, they pay only \$11 per day (with a \$25 minimum per admission).

Under Tricare, retirees can continue to use the base MTF pharmacy as they have always done, or enjoy savings by shopping at network pharmacies. Prescription drugs purchased from a network pharmacy cost retirees \$9 for each 30-day prescription for up to a 90-day supply. A cost-effective mail order prescription service is now available to all Tricare beneficiaries in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and portions of southeastern Louisiana. It will become available to beneficiaries in Georgia, Florida and South Carolina on Nov. 1. When prescriptions are purchased from the mail order service, they will cost retirees only \$8 per prescription for up to a 90-day supply. For more information about the mail order prescription service, phone (800) 557-8857.

Members who enroll in

Prime choose or are assigned a primary care manager (PCM), a pre-certified general practitioner, family practitioner, pediatrician, internist or group practice that coordinates all of their medical care. This ensures continuity and quality of care. Tricare Prime members also have timely access to their PCMs. As an example, PCMs are required to provide Prime members with access on a same-day basis for injuries and acute illness; within one week for non-urgent routine visits and within four weeks for preventive health visits. Prime members also have access to the Health Care Information Line, a 24-hour information line staffed by registered nurses who can answer health and wellness questions.

The annual Prime enrollment fee is \$230 per retiree or family member with a maximum of \$460 per family. The enrollment fee can be paid in quarterly installments by check, money order or credit card. For more information about

Prime, including Prime enrollment, contact Beneficiary Information Services, (800) 444-5445.

Retirees under 65 who don't enroll in Prime can continue receiving the traditional benefit package (Tricare Standard) or they can obtain healthcare services, behavioral health services and prescriptions at discounted rates by going to network providers (Tricare Extra). The network providers are listed in the Tricare provider directory, which is available at the Tricare Service Center (TSC). The Redstone Arsenal TSC is located at building 3207, Hercules Road.

When Tricare beneficiaries who are not enrolled in Prime need assistance in locating a participation provider, they can call the Provider Locator number. The number in the Southeast region is (800) 661-4315. The Southeast region includes Georgia, South Carolina and much of Florida. Beneficiaries in the GulfSouth region, which includes Tennessee, Alabama,

Mississippi, southeastern Louisiana and the Florida panhandle, can call (800) 661-4325. For behavioral health and substance abuse treatment services, retirees (under 65) can phone the Mental Health Care Finder at (800) 700-8646.

While government regulations state that Medicare beneficiaries are not eligible for Tricare benefits (Prime, Extra and Standard) there are many features of the Tricare program that were designed with them in mind.

Medicare-eligibles are always welcome to use the MTF for their healthcare needs when space is available and may participate in MTF-sponsored health and wellness programs. All Medicare eligible beneficiaries can still use the MTF pharmacy to get their prescriptions filled. And those who live in Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) sites are eligible to use the Tricare network of pharmacies and the Tricare mail order pharmacy program.

Retirees over 65 can choose physicians from the pre-screened network of

Tricare providers with the assurance that the network physicians will accept Medicare assignment. Medicare beneficiaries are welcome to call the aforementioned Provider Locator 800 number for help in identifying network providers.

All military retirees, including Medicare-eligibles, can rely on Tricare staff members for support and information. Beneficiary services representatives (BSRs) at the Redstone Tricare Service Center can answer questions about Tricare program features, including benefits, enrollment and eligibility. BSRs may also be contacted by phone by calling the Beneficiary Information Services Line (800) 444-5445. In addition, the Health Care Finders can help retirees find the care they need when specialty care is required. The Health Care Finder line (800) 333-4040 is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to assist with specialty care referrals.

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0900-"What Is The Federal Acquisition Reform Act"	LTG Erwin J. Rokke, President, National Defense University (invited)
0930-"Changes In C31 & A as a Result Of Reform"	Mr. Thomas E. Bozek, Director of Planning and Strategies, ODASD - C31 Acquisition
1000-Break	
1015-"Changes In Acquisition Education"	BG Richard A. Black, Commandant, DSMC
1100-"Affects Of Reform On The Workforce"	Mr. Joseph H. Schmoll, Director, SE Region Defense Systems Management College
1145-Lunch (included)	
1315-"Automated Tools For Acquisition Management"	Ms. Sheila Burks, DoD Desk Book, Program Mgt. Office
1415-"The Contractor's View Of Acquisition Reform"	Dr. Jay Billings, Executive Vice President, Defense Systems Management Corporation
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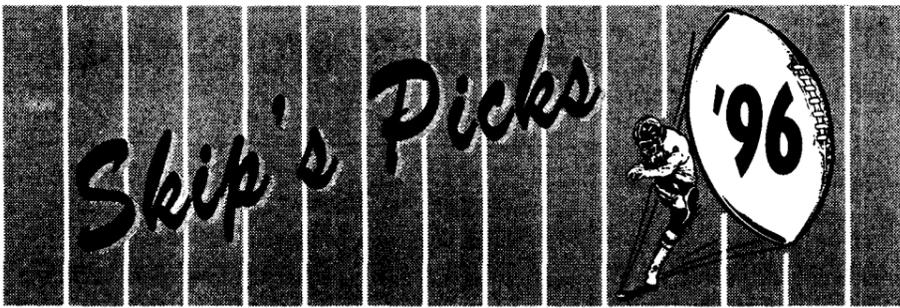
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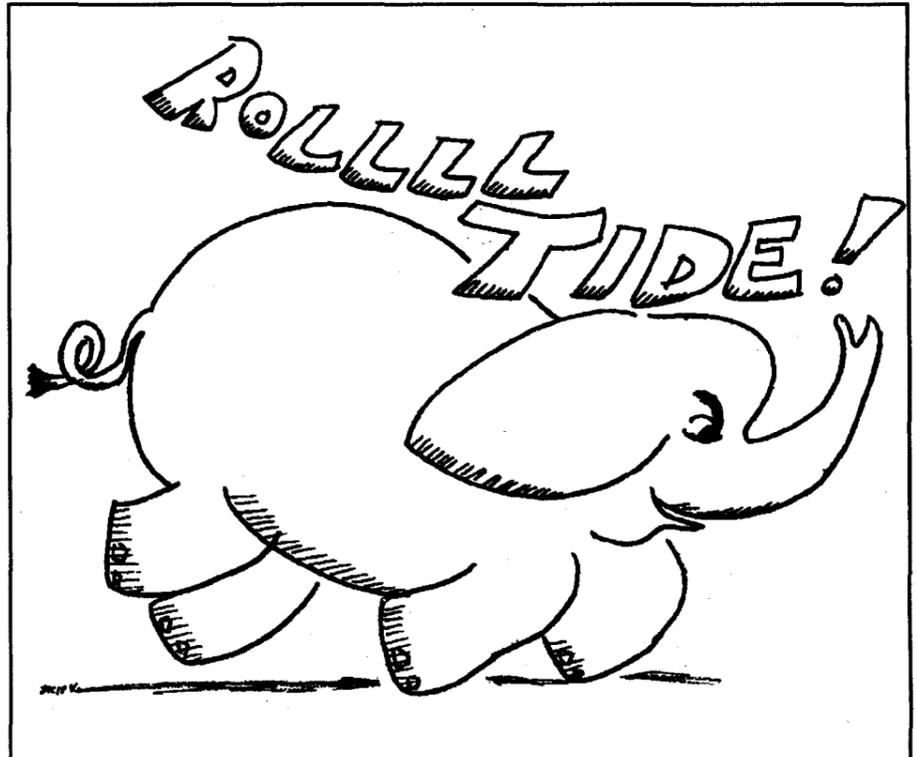


Bama Crimson Tide should win over Ole Miss Rebels at home

By Skip Vaughn

Here are my predictions for selected games this week in major college football:

- Ole Miss at Alabama— Bama
- Auburn at Florida— Fla.
- Arkansas at South Carolina— SC
- Vanderbilt at Georgia— Ga.
- Kentucky at Louisiana State— LSU
- Samford at Jacksonville— Samford
- Delta State at North Alabama— UNA
- Ala. A&M at Fort Valley State— Fort Valley
- Air Force at Notre Dame— ND
- Southern Cal at Ariz. State— ASU
- Tulane at Army— Army
- Oklahoma at Baylor— Baylor
- Rutgers at Boston College— BC
- Brigham Young at Tulsa— BYU
- California at Wash. State— Calif.
- Georgia Tech at Clemson— Ga. Tech
- Colorado at Kansas— Colorado
- San Jose State at Colo. St.— CS
- East Carolina at Miami— Miami
- Indiana at Michigan— Mich.
- Iowa at Penn State— PS
- Iowa State at Oklahoma St.— Iowa St.
- Kansas St. at Texas A&M— Texas A&M
- Wake Forest at Maryland— Md.
- Memphis at Southern Miss— SM



- Mich. State at Minnesota— Mich. St.
- Nebraska at Texas Tech— Neb.
- NC State at Virginia— Va.
- Northwestern at Wisconsin— N'western
- Ohio State at Purdue— OS
- Southern Methodist at Rice— Rice
- Stanford at Oregon St.— Stanford
- West Virginia at Temple— W. Va.
- Texas Christian at Utah— Utah
- UCLA at Washington— Wash.
- Fresno State at Wyoming— Wyo.

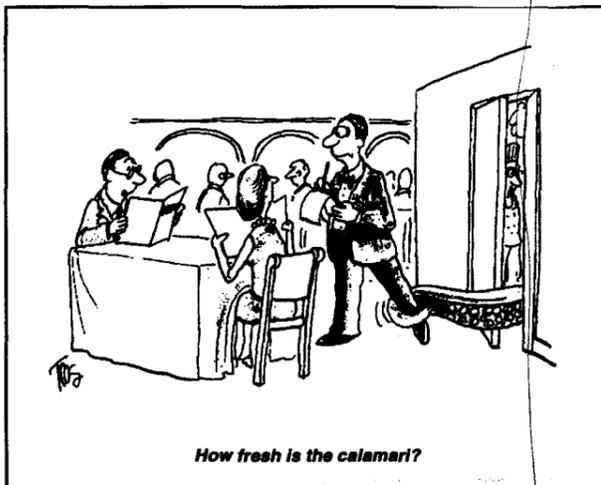
Army mountain biker finishes 17th in world

ALEXANDRIA, Va.— Spec. Beth Coats finished 17th overall at the 1996 Mountain Biking World Championships held in Cairnes, Australia, Sept. 22.

The 40 kilometer race, proved challenging for the 120 women. The terrain was hilly, with quick turns and steep drops. Coats, a medical specialist attached to the Colorado National Guard, enjoyed the dusty trails of "the land down under," and proved it by

beating the Olympic silver and bronze medalists. She was the fifth American across the finish line.

"The conditions were super hot. There were some awesome, gnarly descents," said Coats, who is a member of the U.S. Mountain Biking National Team and the Army's World Class Athlete Program. Coats said her next goal is to be the 1997 Mountain Biking National Champion. (Arnews)



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Coming soon to a nearby computer — standard defensive driving course

By Gary Sheftick

WASHINGTON— A new computer program will soon enable many soldiers and MDW employees to take driver training and be issued military licenses without leaving their desk.

The computerized course will save at least \$25,000 a year for the Military District of Washington and standardize defensive driver training, according to the command's safety officer.

"I consider it re-engineering," said MDW Safety Officer Cheryl Humbolt, who has spent the last year developing the program in partnership with the Transportation Office. "We've taken two processes and re-engineered them into one process — which has a significant savings of time and money."

When someone completes the defensive driving course, the computer program will automatically print a non-tactical military driver's license, formerly issued at motor pools.

The computer program will be phased in over the next two weeks on the local area networks serving forts Myer, McNair and Ritchie, Humbolt said, and it will be available at the Fort Belvoir and Meade education centers. It will also be available at Fort A.P. Hill

safety office, she said.

Until now each installation has offered its own version of defensive driver training, Humbolt said. Forts Belvoir and Ritchie contracted the training out with the National Safety Council for approximately \$25,000 and \$4,000 a year, respectively.

"One of my goals for safety was to standardize the defensive driving program," Humbolt said.

The new course is a version of software developed for the National Safety Council by a firm called Professional Development Associates. The initial cost for the software was \$15,000. After that the cost is \$1,500 per year at each installation to maintain the site license. Humbolt and MDW Transportation Officer Gene Thomas worked with the contractor to adapt the program so it would automatically print military non-tactical driver's licenses.

The interactive computer program works like this: a driver logs on and pulls down the "DDC" file. After signing up with a password, he begins with an introduction module and pretest, followed by seven modules of instruction and an eighth review module. The instruction is filled with moving color graphics. For instance, the driver will watch

scenarios take place on the screen and determine the proper countermeasure.

If other duties should pull the driver away from the program, it can be stopped and resumed at the same point.

At the end of the program is the final exam. If the driver receives a passing score, his printer will spit out a MDW Form 346. The driver takes that form, along with his state driver's license, to his supervisor. The supervisor signs the 346, which is then used as a military non-tactical driver's license.

"The supervisor will now be the approving authority," Thomas said. He explained that there will be no need to go to the motor pool to receive a non-tactical driver's license.

He emphasized, however, that driving a CUCV, Humvee or other military vehicle will still require the traditional OF 346, which can only be obtained at the installation transportation office.

The new computerized license will be used primarily for the GSA sedans, vans and trucks with a gross vehicle weight less than

10,000 pounds, Thomas said, adding that, "in a command like MDW, the majority of our vehicles are GSA vehicles."

Thomas predicts the computerized training program will be used by more than just MDW personnel. "We foresee the large tenant activities jumping on this," Thomas said. He explained that the software will be available to tenants on MDW installations, but it will be up to commanders or directors whether they use it or not. He also suggested that other commands might adopt the program once they see how well it works.

The need for the course is driven home in the program's introductory module. It cites statistics such as: 40,000 motorists are killed annually in collisions; 1.5 million receive disabling injuries. One in every nine drivers will be involved in a collision this year.

The proportion of drivers having accidents "is probably much higher locally," Thomas said, "with the abundance of aggressive drivers in the D.C. area." (MDW News Service)

Why save energy?... Answers are obvious

By Frank Osborne

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Whether you own a home, rent, or live in government quarters, saving energy, conserving water and recycling can be to your advantage and best interest. Obviously, if you are paying the utility and water bills the advantages can be seen readily in the form of lower costs.

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(Editor's note: Osborne is the MICOM energy coordinator.)

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Pulaski was the only American general to be killed in action during the Revolutionary War. Eventually the U.S. Congress authorized the erection of a monument to Pulaski in Washington, D.C. It was dedicated May 10, 1910. In 1929, Congress passed a resolution that Oct. 11 of each year be observed as Pulaski Day in the United States. In addition, the State of Illinois has made the first Monday in March (in honor of his birthday) Pulaski Day. Today, almost all the states in our nation have a county, city, street, highway or other landmark in honor of Pulaski. Locally, in Huntsville we have a street named Pulaski Pike, and across the border is located Pulaski, Tenn. We honor this great soldier of freedom, a hero of two nations. Poland's King Stanislaw August Poniatowski, issued the following epitaph upon Pulaski's death: "Pulaski has died as he lived—a hero—but an enemy of kings."

(Editor's note: Krolkowski is an architect at Directorate of Public Works.)

Belarussians trade weapons for technology with U.S. visit

By Joe Burtas

Under a federal program that trades U.S. environmental cleanup technology for the destruction of foreign nuclear weapons, two delegations of mid-level Republic of Belarus officials toured Fort Meade, Md., and other U.S. military bases this summer.

Visiting June 17 and July 25, the Belarussians came to see how U.S. installations have handled several environmental issues, including the capping of trash landfills, the transfer of former live-fire training ranges and an airfield to civilian agencies, and the remediation of diesel fuel in ground water.

"Like the military drawdown here, our reductions have left us with former military land that we would like to use for other purposes—but first it must be cleaned up," said Mikhail Mikhailovich Tcherepanski, deputy director of the Water Resources Institute and leader of the second delegation. "The United States is about 10 years ahead of our environmental cleanup

technology. We hope to learn from where you had problems and from your successes."

Under 1991 Nunn-Lugar legislation, a Cooperative Threat Reduction Program was developed to help former Soviet Union countries destroy weapons of mass destruction. Within the framework of this program, the Republic of Belarus signed an agreement with the United States in 1993 to destroy 81 nuclear warheads in exchange for help in cleaning up its former strategic rocket forces sites.

As the U.S. federal executive agent of the program, the Defense Nuclear Agency developed a plan to provide: technical assistance and technology transfer for environmental assessments and remedial activities; an analytical chemistry laboratory; and remote sensing and geographic systems.

Arthur D. Little Inc., an international environmental and management consulting company based in Cambridge, Mass., won the contract to implement the technical assistance and

technology transfer element of the plan.

"We've brought two groups over for two-week visits for classroom instruction at our headquarters, to tour military sites that have completed or are in the process of transferring land to other agencies and to receive briefings from various governmental officials in Washington, D.C.," said Robert N. Lambe, vice president and managing director of Arthur D. Little. "We selected Fort Meade as one of the sites to tour because my company has worked with the installation staff before and we know they're doing good things in the way of environmental cleanup."

The Belarussians also toured Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and Fort Devens, Mass., an installation that closed in April under a Base Realignment and Closure decision.

At Fort Meade, the foreign visitors received an overview briefing on its past and current environmental issues before exam-

ining a trash landfill in the process of being capped.

Al-nisa Montague, a landfill project engineer for the Bay Area Office, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, explained how sheets of heavy plastic, tough paper and several feet of earth safely capped the site.

At Tipton Army Airfield, the Belarussians viewed inert samples of unexploded ordnance dug up in the area and received a briefing on the methodology of finding buried munitions.

Once cleared, the 366-acre airfield will be turned over to Maryland's Anne Arundel and Howard county governments to jointly operate as a general aviation facility.

The delegates finished their tour of Fort Meade with an inspection of a ground water remediation system.

In 1992, state environment inspectors found a leaking 142,000-gallon diesel fuel tank on the installation. The tank was removed in 1994 and a "pump and treat" system was in-

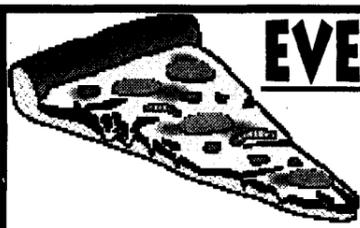
stalled to remove the fuel in the ground water.

The remediation system uses an oil-water separator to remove contaminants. To date, the pump has moved more than 2.5 million gallons of water and recovered more than 2,500 gallons of fuel. The recovered fuel is used at a boiler plant to heat troop barracks.

A delegation of ministry-level Belarussians is tentatively scheduled to visit the United States and Fort Meade next month, pending the approval of the president of Belarus.

The recent visitors said they learned more than just environmental cleanup during their trip.

"In the past, you saw us as the Soviet bear and we saw you as the American eagle—both ready to fight the other," explained Irena Igorevna Volotchkovitch, a translator for both delegations. "Now that we have met face-to-face, we see that we are both just normal people with much in common." (MDW News Service)



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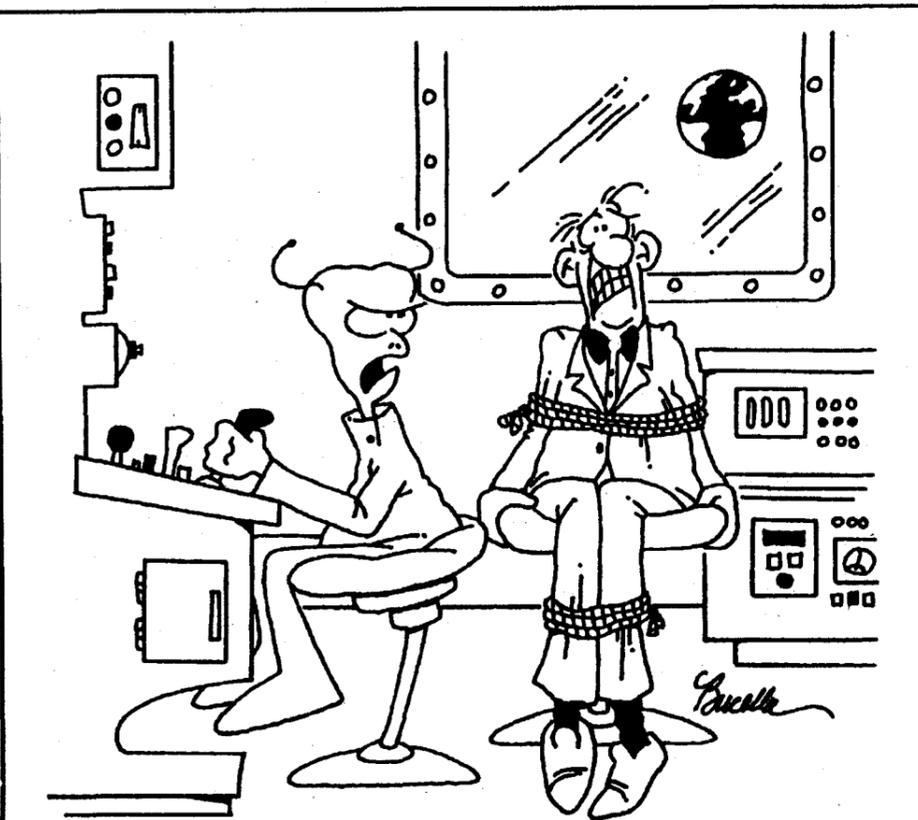
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MP canine teams win awards in European competition

By Karl Weisel

WASHINGTON— Their mission frequently puts them in the way of danger in places ranging from Bonn to Bosnia. These six-legged teams play a vital role in helping boost security for both service members and high-ranking government officials.

The 104th Area Support Group's Military Working Dogs and their handlers recently added to their considerable reputation by claiming nine trophies, including Top Detection Kennel, at U.S. Army Europe's Military Working Dog Competition. Despite a steady stream of deployments in support of the Balkan peacekeeping mission, the State Department, Secret Service and other high-profile missions, the ASG's canine teams demonstrated their competitive spirit and know-how at the four-day contest in Grafenwvhr.

"The annual USAREUR competition for

Military Working Dogs ranges from 25-50 teams, but this year only 25 teams participated because of the deployment," said Sgt. Renee Cuyler, first place winner (along with her canine companion Condora) in the Explosives Detection category and second in the Criminal Apprehension event. "Each year a different ASG hosts the event."

While the competition judges basic Military Working Dog handling skills, because national canine training standards are used, the soldiers must be prepared. "It usually takes about two weeks to train for the competition," said Cuyler. "All verbal commands are used — we can't reward the dogs with food. The whole thing is how much control you have over your dog. They look at you as a team — how well you work together."

Other 104th ASG winners included Sgt. John Adams and Lesko — first place in Suspect Search, third place in Explosives

Detection; Spec. Richard Turner and Aram, second places in Narcotics Detection and Obedience; and Sgt. Gregory Bright, first in Narcotics Detection and third for Suspect Search. With the trophies firmly ensconced at the ASG's canine kennel on Hanau, Germany's Fliegerhorst Kaserne, dogs and their handlers are once again scattered all over Europe — helping detect mines in Bosnia, providing VIP protection in Bonn and going wherever they are needed.

"It's totally different deploying with a dog than as a single soldier. You have to take a living thing with you," Cuyler said. "You have to think about the health and welfare of the dog — where to house it, what food to pack. You also have to think about the climate. What effect extreme hot or cold will have on the animal."

Working in the arena of mine and bomb detection can also be extremely stressful, she said. "You feel responsible for the safe-

ty of the people you're there to protect. For the teams in Tuzla marking mine fields, they're out there everyday — walking with six legs."

Working with the MP canines is highly rewarding, Cuyler added.

"Training a dog is self-gratifying. You can take a weak dog — one who may be 7 or 8 years old — and make him a very strong dog. How much time you spend with your dog is reflected in the results. Some people think of it as a piece of equipment, but it's not," she said. "When we PCS the dog stays and we go to pick up a new dog wherever we go. If you've worked with a dog for more than a year it's hard to give him or her up."

Soldiers and civilians can breathe a little easier thanks to the close-knit bond of these Military Working Dog teams. (Arnews)

'Site R' going to Detrick as Ritchie prepares to close

By Wayne V. Hall

WASHINGTON— Destined for closure in two years, Fort Ritchie, Md., moved into a new phase Oct. 1 as it begins a year-long process of passing responsibility for "Site R" to Fort Detrick, Md.

Site R is also known as the Alternate Joint Communications Center and commonly referred to as the "Underground Pentagon." Facilities at Site R — located under a mountain in southern Pennsylvania — include a chapel, medical and dental services, dining facility, cafeteria and snack bar, limited post office and a barber shop, according to a Fort Ritchie guidebook.

During the transition, the site and the people working there will fall under the operational control of Fort Detrick, said Bill Spigler, Fort Ritchie's Base Realignment and Closure coordinator. In addition to the people at Site R, half of Fort Ritchie's current work force will also begin to transition to Fort Detrick, a Medical Command post.

In preparing for the influx of new units, officials at Fort Detrick are looking at a proposal to build a new recreation center on post, Spigler said. Additionally there are plans to build a fitness center for the soldiers, and a proposal to increase post housing.

As for Fort Ritchie's dis-

missions will stop Oct. 1, 1998," Spigler said. "We've set the closure date in order to prove that it will be more efficient to close the base faster."

In an effort to assist the post's employees in their search for new employment, Spigler said, "the employees can begin registering for the DoD Priority Placement Program Tuesday."

Additionally, instead of the traditional means of base closures, where the base shuts down entirely and other organizations then come in and try to revitalize it, "we are trying to ramp-up the local economy as we ramp-down," Spigler said. "By 1998 we want to have enough private initiatives going on so there is no turning off the lights, just turning over the key."

One way officials at Fort Ritchie are trying to achieve this is through working closely with the Washington County Local Redevelopment Authority.

"We've brought the local development authority on post and integrated them into the closure operation and made it a full partnership," Spigler said. "We hope the first non-governmental facility on post could be early in 1997."

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make on-line revisions at the request of employees for such things as savings bond allotments, tax changes, new addresses, and charity deductions.

"We're still intent on keeping up customer service as we have in the past," Pam McManus, chief of the civilian payroll branch, said.

In addition to the location change to Omaha, the civilian payroll process itself will convert to the Defense Civilian Payroll System. This will put Redstone on line with the same system to which most defense finance offices have already converted.

Currently, paperwork on personnel actions is delivered from the civilian personnel office to the defense accounting office at building 8027. Beginning Oct. 13, these personnel actions will be transmitted via com-

puter to Omaha.

Redstone workers will notice a change with the very first leave and earnings statement they receive from Omaha in November. As in any transfer between agencies, the workers will see that their cumulative retirement balance begins anew. This only means that their retirement balance will be retained at the Office of Personnel Management. The workers will still retain credit for their money toward retirement—that balance just won't be reflected on their leave and earnings statement; it will be kept at OPM. "This is consistent anytime transfers are made between agencies," Harper said.

The transfer of the civilian payroll function is part of a defensewide consolidation among accounting offices. The four consolidated payroll offices include Omaha; Pensacola, Fla.; Charleston, S.C.; and Denver, Colo.

The defense accounting office itself is awaiting word on its fate which should come in mid-November. "As far as this office is concerned, we're what is called an unannounced defense accounting office. We have not been announced for defense consolidation yet. We understand the next announcement will be in November," Harper said.

Once announced, it usually takes six months to a year for the actual consolidation to occur. So far, finance offices throughout Army Materiel Command are being consolidated at either Rock Island, Ill., or St. Louis. Harper expects that Redstone's office will be moved to the St. Louis operating location.

On Oct. 7 as Maj. Gen. James Link prepared to sign the fiscal yearend reports for the Missile Command, the commanding general wondered aloud about the possibility of the defense fi-

nance office moving from Redstone. "Now how are we going to do this (yearend process) next year?" Link asked Harper. The defense accounting officer, who still hopes the office stays at Redstone, replied that he didn't know how that process would be done if a move occurred.

The future is certain for the civilian payroll function; it moves to Omaha effective Oct. 13. A team of finance workers for the last year and a half has been reconciling and transferring records to ensure a smooth transition.

"We're doing a reconciliation between payroll and CPO (Civilian Personnel Office) to get the records correct," Carolyn Hames, project leader on the transfer of the civilian payroll function, said. "We will continue the team that's working on this to provide the best customer service that we can."

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were involved in coming up with a comprehensive plan for people who are relocating. "And the decision was made to distribute a survey in St. Louis to give us some idea of what the needs will be," Paddock said. Completed surveys are being compiled in the Command Analysis Directorate.

"We're going to try to meet twice a month," Paddock said, referring to the welcome committee. "And one of our goals is to try to send representatives to Huntsville Days (in St. Louis) at the end of February."

Depending on future moves, the welcome committee might serve spouses from other locations. "We'll see what the need is and how Redstone grows," Paddock said.

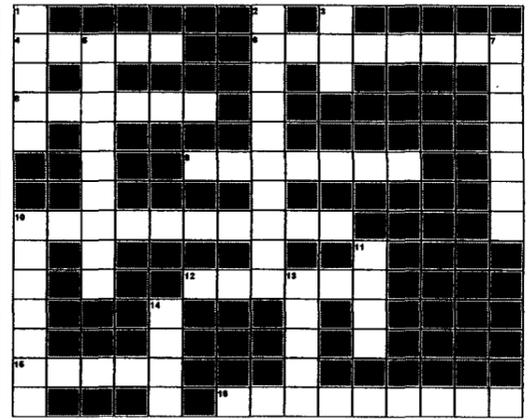
Committee members include Debra Jefferson, family member employment assistance program manager at ACS; Breeden, Paddock, Durbin, Link and Weston; Juanita Brandt, the ACS volunteer coordinator; John Finafrock and Sandra Lyles-Jackson, both of Command Analysis Directorate.

For information on relocation, St. Louis workers and their families can call Sandy Nichols at the One-Stop Transition Assistance Center (314) 263-3909; or call Debra Kelley, social service representative at Army Community Service there, (618) 452-4260. Redstone's ACS can be reached at (205) 876-5397.

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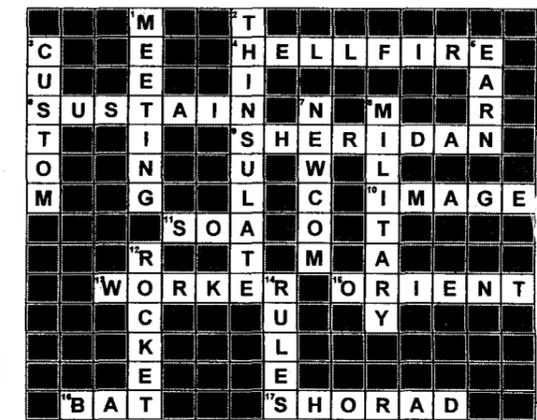
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Center will be open for teens: Three additional hours each weekday have been added. The new hours are 3-9 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Saturday hours remain the same, 5-9 p.m. Operating hours for the Youth Center for preteens remain the same: 3-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-5 p.m. Saturday. "These will go into effect the 28th (of October)," Gancarz said.

The third improvement involves bus transportation. "This is for people on post," said Gancarz, "but if the children are enrolled in the ASA program at building 3400, it allows children of all DoD civilian and military employees living off post to be bused to and from school as long as their children are attending Williams Elementary."

The program is in process, explained Olsen, who is responsible for school bus operations. "Currently, we do not take any children in the afternoon to the Youth Center," Olsen said. "They get dropped off at the bus stop and at home. The DCFA people are developing a permission form that we will pass out to parents this week.

"It will ask the parents if they want to have their child dropped off at the Youth Center. Once we get that permission form back, we'll know right away how many persons we have and how to arrange the school buses for those attending Westlawn, bus 12; Butler, bus 16, or Williams, bus 9A.

"The forms for the parents will be given by the bus drivers to the children as they exit the bus during the week of the 14th (October)," Olsen said.

Gancarz added, "For those children not currently riding the bus, the forms can be picked up at the CDS Central registration office, building 113, Hankins Road. The forms must be returned by Oct. 21, Monday, and the program will be implemented Monday, Oct. 28."

For more information, parents can call the CDS at 876-7888. In addition, if a parent has not received a permission form by the end of the week of the 14th, contact CDS. This bus transportation service was available last year but had to be discontinued, according to Olsen.

Gancarz reminded, "In order to be dropped off at the Youth Center at the end of the school day, they must be enrolled in the Youth Center program at a cost of \$2 per month."

This \$2 monthly cost is a slight change for becoming a member of the Youth Center; the FY '96 fees were charged on an annual basis, \$25 per year. "Effective Nov. 1, the Youth Center

membership will be \$2 per month," Gancarz said. "If they are currently enrolled in the annual membership program, that will be honored." Fees by the month, he said, will better accommodate the changeable schedules of military and civilian parents.

The second program change for the Youth Center relates to the sports program fees. "Beginning Nov. 1," Gancarz said, "children who enroll in sports programs will be charged \$20 per child per sport with a maximum cost not to exceed \$100 per family per year." This is a change from FY '96 in which \$50 per year per family allowed a child to participate in all sports.

Fees for special activities such as gymnastics, karate remain the same. "The fees are instructor established," Gancarz said. "There's no change."

He added, "If they are currently enrolled in a family sports plan, that will be honored."

Additional teen programs are also under way, according to Gancarz. "Plans are in progress to install a 15-station computer lab and to provide a homework teacher plus special activities for those enrolled in ASA/Teen



Bargains galore...

The semiannual postwide garage sales Oct. 5-6 brought treasure hunters out in droves. The weather cooperated although it was a tad chilly. Items of all kinds could be found as residents cleaned out storage sheds and closets to display their wares.

programs," Gancarz said. "We're looking at a December date."

The last change is for preschoolers using the Child Development Center. "DoD has directed a fee increase for patrons earning \$18,500 or less," Gancarz said, noting that the last fee increase occurred in FY '95. This

increase for those patrons in this special category will be \$23 per month, rising from the \$140 for FY '96 to the \$163 for FY '97. For income categories I-IV, there will be an increase of \$10 per month. There will be no increase in fees for Category V. Hourly rates for care, \$2.50 per hour, will remain

the same.

These CDC fee changes will begin Nov. 1. For parents with more than one child attending the daycare center, there is an additional benefit. Gancarz also announced that as of Nov. 1, "the second child discount will increase from 5 percent to 10 percent."



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National imagery, mapping agency established by DoD

WASHINGTON— The National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) has joined the ranks of the Department of Defense as the newest combat support agency. Established by the National Imagery and Mapping Agency Act of 1996, NIMA has a global mission and unique responsibilities to manage and provide imagery and geospatial information to national policy makers and military forces.

In recognition of its unique responsibilities and global mission, NIMA is also established as a part of the U.S. Intelligence Community. NIMA brings together in a single organization the imagery tasking, exploitation, production and dissemination responsibilities and the mapping, charting and geodetic functions of eight separate organizations of the Defense and Intelligence communities.

By providing comprehensive management of U.S. imaging and geospatial capabilities, NIMA will improve support to national and military customers alike. NIMA's mission is to

provide timely, relevant and accurate imagery, imagery intelligence and geospatial information in support of national security objectives.

The agency's vision is to guarantee the information edge—ready access to the world's imagery, imagery intelligence and geospatial information. NIMA incorporates the Defense Mapping Agency, the Central Imagery Office, and the Defense Dissemination Program Office in their entirety; and the mission and functions of CIA's National Photographic Interpretation Center.

These organizations are now disestablished. Also included in NIMA are the imagery exploitation, dissemination and processing elements of the Defense Intelligence Agency, National Reconnaissance Office and the Defense Airborne Reconnaissance Office. Navy Rear Admiral J.J. Dantone Jr., formerly the director of the Defense Mapping Agency and the director of the NIMA Implementation Team, has been named acting director for the new agency. Named as deputy

directors are Leo Hazlewood (Operations); Dr. Annette Krygiel (Systems and Technology) and W. Douglas Smith (Corporate Affairs). First among NIMA's core values is commitment to the customer. NIMA consolidates activities and functions that will permit employees to work with some of the latest technological developments in computers, communications, digital imagery and geospatial information. A major early thrust of the agency will be to promote the use of commercial solutions within NIMA while maintaining continued high levels of support to our military forces and national policy makers. Headquartered in Fairfax, Va., NIMA will operate major facilities in the Northern Virginia, Washington, D.C., Bethesda, Md. and St. Louis, Mo., areas with support and liaison offices worldwide. (Arnews)

Announcements

Botanical Garden benefit— "Flights of Fancy," a birdhouse competition, exhibit and auction, will be held Oct. 29 to Nov. 2 at Main St. South Shopping Village, 7500 South Memorial Parkway. There should be approximately 200 birdhouses displayed in the atrium of this shopping center. The multi-faceted event, sponsored by the North Alabama Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the Botanical Garden, will benefit the Garden. For more information, call the Botanical Garden 830-4447.

Thrift Shop assistance— The Thrift Shop is accepting written requests from organizations that are seeking financial assistance. Written requests outlining the group's ongoing programs, reasons for requesting help, how the funds would be applied, point of contact and telephone number, should be mailed to: The Thrift Shop, Attn.: Welfare chairman, building 3657, Redstone Arsenal 35898. Applications should be received by Oct. 31. Requesting organizations should fall within IRS 501C

guidelines (non-profit organizations), donations to be used for athletic and educational activities. All donations that are approved will be given out in November. "We would like to thank the community for letting us help them in their time of need. Solicitations from the community are welcome and our welfare contributions will be decided upon and given out in August, November and April of each year. Requests must be re-submitted each time."

Hail/farewell— The Team Redstone Hail and Farewell "Tail Gate Party" will be held 4-6 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Officers Club. "This promises to be a fun-filled event complete with entertainment, good food, and spirits (at the cash bar)." All Redstone civilian and military personnel, regardless of grade, are invited. The honorees include all military officers and civilian employees (GM/GS-11 and above), who have joined Redstone within the preceding three months and

those scheduled to depart before Jan. 22. Dress will be duty uniform for military and normal duty attire for civilians. All attendees and honorees should call the Protocol Office 876-7135 by noon Oct. 18 for reservations. Organizations which have honorees should call Charlie Hancock 955-0290 (e-mail: hancockc) or Darla Andersen 842-7964 (e-mail: danderse). "P.S.: Find your favorite football T-shirt or jersey!"

Pineapple Open golf tourney— The second annual Pineapple Open sponsored by the Officer and Civilian Women's Club will be held Sunday, Oct. 20 at the Redstone Golf Course. This four person scramble starting at noon will benefit the OCWC Welfare Fund and all fees are tax deductible contributions to this charitable fund. Door prizes, team prizes, and great hole in one prizes will be awarded. Your contribution—\$37 for members and \$50 for guests — includes 18 holes of golf, cart, barbe-

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Financial workshop— The Consumer Affairs/Financial Assistance Program of Army Community Service is presenting a workshop on "Financing your child's college education." Shari Lovell, certified financial planner, Financial Network Investment Corp., will present information on funding alternatives/options. The workshop will be held 11 a.m. Thursday in building 5304, room 4337. To register call 876-5397.

Red Cross blood program— Here's the schedule for the rest of this month: Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at 4752 (NASA), Janie McCrary 544-7552. Oct. 24, from 7-noon, at 5250, Judy Hullett 876-0789. Oct. 25, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at SSDC (Wynn Drive), Al Longhi 955-4164; and from 7:30-noon at Corps of Engineers, Jean Brewer 895-1234.

Job order requests— Effective Oct. 15, editions of AMSMI-RA Form 2701, with print date prior to Feb. 1, 1996, are no longer be accepted when requesting services from the Directorate of Public Works. The current edition of AMSMI-

RA Form 2701 has been in circulation since February and can be obtained at building 8022, Post Publications.

Hawk graduation— The last U.S. Army National Guard Hawk student will graduate at 9:30 a.m. Friday in building 3303. Tom McClure is scheduled speaker. "This graduation is dedicated to the men and women who, for the last 36 years, have dedicated themselves to the defense of our skies." For more information, call Ray Patrick 876-6734/8244/1541.

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

Surplus sale— A local auction of government surplus property will be held at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 21 at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, building 7427, Warehouse Road. Items to be offered include desks, chairs, insulating materials, data processing equipment, household items, electronic equipment, books, plumbing equipment, refrigeration compressors, and electric motors. Items may be inspected from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16, 17 and 18. For more information, call Bill Neppel or Donna Davis 842-2570.

Military job fair— A Southern Region "Military Job Fair" will be held Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the civic center in Montgomery. "If you are seeking employment opportunities or education and training in the civilian sector, come to the job fair." For more information call Adriene Fields 955-6490 or Reggie Wilson 955-6488.

ACS Education Committee— The Army Community Service (ACS) Education Committee will meet at noon Oct. 16 at ACS, building 3491. "It is helpful to call in advance concerning problem areas that need to be put on the agenda." Any parent interested in the educational needs of their child is invited to attend. This meeting is open to everyone. For more information, call Virginia Dempsey 876-5397.

Toastmasters— Tennessee Valley Toastmasters Club 960 meets at 7 p.m. in Morrison's Cafeteria in the Meeting Room on the first and third Thursdays of each month. "Toastmasters is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to communication in its various forms (speaking, listening, evaluating and thinking). Come visit with us or call Nell Donlin at 859-0034."

Paper airplane contest— The "Great Paper Airplane Contest," sponsored by Alabama-Mississippi section of American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, will be held 3:30-5:30 p.m. Friday in the high bay of NASA/MSFC building 4752 (near the MSFC picnic grounds). The contest is open to anyone (members and non-members). Paper airplanes will be judged on artistic

and flying merits. Trophies will be awarded to first place winners. "And yes, the infamous 'Bottom Gun Trophy' will be presented to the worst flying entry in the college/professional level." For more information, call Tom Hancock 837-5282, extension 1448.

Women accountants— Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants will meet at 5:15 p.m. Oct. 21 at the Holiday Inn at Madison Square Mall. Jenny Clark, CFO of Vista Technology, is to speak on "Student Night: How to Get a Job." There will be mock interviews: one good and one bad. The meal cost is \$13.50 for guests. Students pay \$6. For reservations or more information, call Tori Grady 772-4230.

Fox Army Community Hospital— Social support is one of the most important

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PX news— The Post Exchange will expand operating hours starting Nov. 4. The Main Store hours will

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Resume workshop— A free resume workshop is set for Oct. 24, from 10-noon, at building 3447. The class is open to the Redstone community. All materials are furnished. To register call Debra Jefferson 876-5397. The class is sponsored by Army Community Service.

Community chorus— Huntsville Community Chorus presents the opening concert of its 51st season at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Von Braun Civic Center concert hall with guest artists the Moses Hogan Chorale. For more information on season and individual concert tickets, call 533-6606.

Operations research section— The Redstone Arsenal-Huntsville Military Operations Research Section (RAHMORS) will

meet at the Regimental Room of the Officers Club from 11-noon Oct. 23. Program begins at 11:15. Scheduled speaker is Greg Haynes, deputy program manager for Future Missile Technology Integration (FMTI) at the Research Development and Engineering Center. He will discuss his new book, "The New Federal Government." The discussion will cover how to change-manage in a bureaucratic organization and what steps should be taken to achieve positive changes. For more information call Dr. Jeff Cerney, president, 876-2607 or Martha Knott, secretary, 876-5196.

Benefit luncheon— Grace Lutheran Church and School will hold an annual German luncheon Nov. 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 3321 South Memorial Parkway (next to Gibson's Barbecue). For tickets call 881-0552. Tickets are a \$6 donation.

Government accountants— North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will hold its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Marriott. E.J. "Mac" McArthur, director of Alabama Ethnic Commission, is to speak on "New State Ethnic Law." For reservations call Sandra Julian 876-2373.

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