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Supply requisitioning system going paperless at MICOM

By Skip Vaughn

It won't be long before the current way of purchasing supplies through paperwork will experience the same fate as dinosaurs and manual typewriters.

That's what's happening gradually at the Missile Command. Organization by organization, MICOM has begun the evolution from a paper-driven requisitioning system to an automated one. The Streamlined Automated Requisition Adjunct (SARA) system results from a partnership between the Research Development and Engineering Center and the Directorate of Logistics.

The RD&E Center approached the logistics directorate in December 1995 about the possibility of adopting this automated system. The center had originated the idea as one of its reinvention laboratory initiatives. The logistics folks, who were looking for such a paperless system, jumped at the idea. The automated requisitioning system was implemented successfully in the Integrated Materiel Management Center and other organizations will follow.

"It vastly improves the old Army requisitioning system and it has accountability built into it every step of the way," Darrell Brewer, director of logistics at Redstone

Arsenal Support Activity, said.

"The biggest thing is it improves the existing requisition system," he said. "It takes an archaic, document-driven system and makes it paperless and makes it real-time."

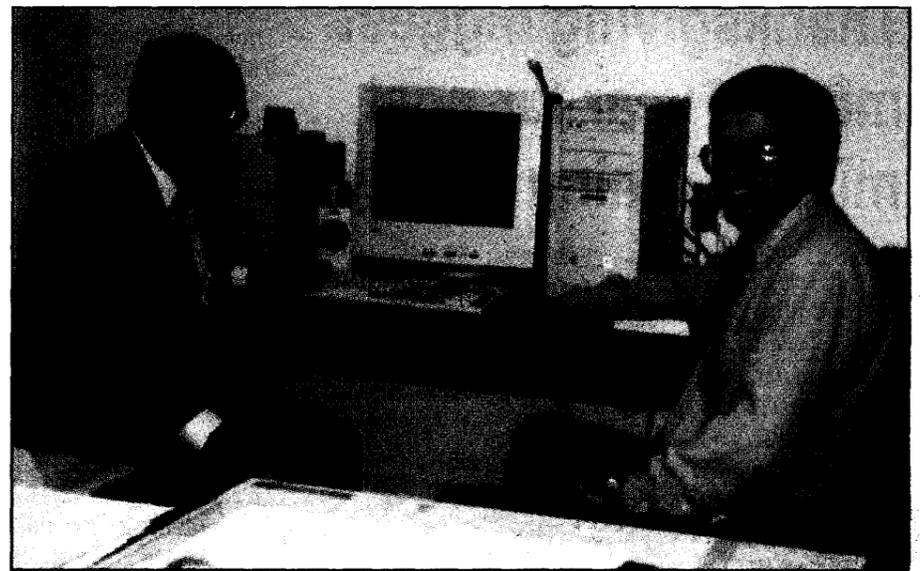
Any computer tied into MICOM's campus-area network can access this automated system. A user can request an item, have that request routed to the necessary officials and get it approved electronically. This can save days from the document-driven method. Also, it cuts the number of people required for the process. They can be assigned to other duties.

"This is simply a tool that allows MICOM to become more efficient and effective in supporting their customers," Brewer said.

"We're real proud of this (system)," Dr. William Leonard, acting deputy director of RD&E Center and special assistant for laboratory management, said. "Those that are using it are very happy about its capabilities."

Financial savings have already resulted. Brewer said, "We need five less people to process the (requisitioning) actions because of this system."

The SARA system interfaces with external systems which pay for purchases, man-



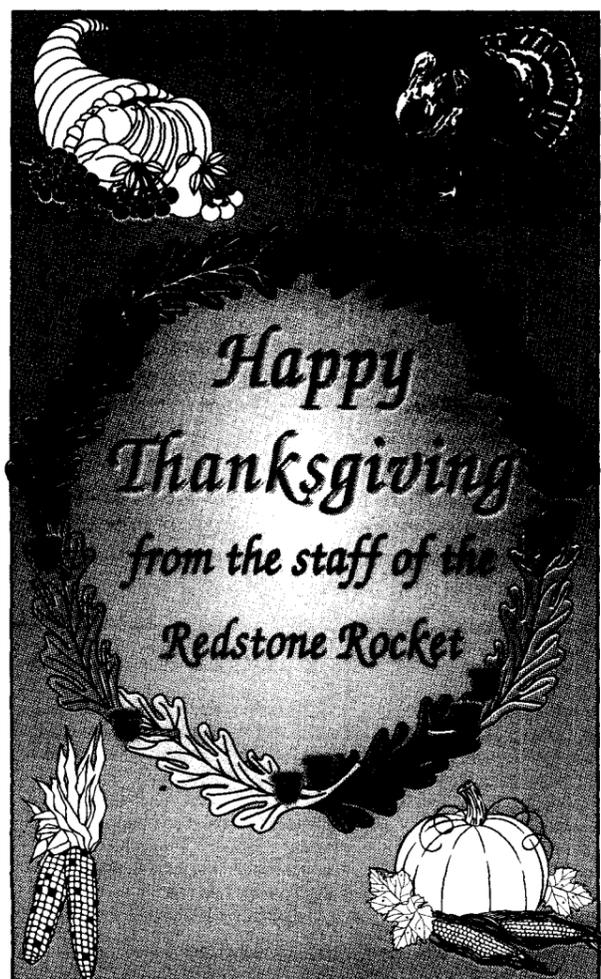
AUTOMATION AGE— Leonard, left, and Brewer look forward to a commandwide automated requisitioning system.

age money and generate purchase-order documents. Officials say it also reduces errors, prevents duplicate requests and maintains property accountability. The automated system can save from a few to many days, depending on the item requested.

Originally developed under management

of Dana Wilbanks in Software Engineering Directorate along with a contractor team, the system became one of four MICOM reinvention laboratory initiatives. The others include fee-for-service in the information mission area, reengineering travel

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The word is out: If you've got a problem with a secondary item for a missile, you can get the money to fix it through an ongoing program. So, those interested better hurry and submit their ideas.

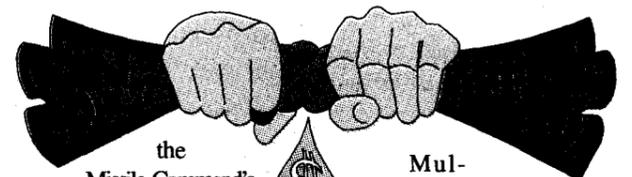
The fiscal 1997 Operating and Support Cost Reduction (OSCR) program has some changes from last year's. First, the name has changed to Supply Management Army- OSCR rather than Defense Business Operating Fund (OSCR-DBOF).

'Act fast while the dollars last.'

Army Materiel Command has given each of its major subordinate commands a \$1 million block grant for the program. Subordinate commands can locally approve initiatives of up to \$100,000 each—an increase from last year's \$25,000 to \$50,000 range. These secondary item initiative candidates should reduce the cost of operation and maintenance for weapon systems.

"We want to encourage people to submit their ideas no matter what funding level requirement they have," Dorothy Downing,

— Dorothy Downing
OSCR team leader



the
Missile Command's
team leader for Operating
and Support Cost Reduc-
tion, said. The AMC dead-
line is Dec. 16 for initiatives
exceeding \$100,000.

The program covers engineering analysis and redesign of secondary items. This year's program has been expanded to include replacement of spare and repair part components. Not only can people propose redesigning an item, they can suggest replacing that part with one which works better and costs less.

Several projects have already been submitted locally. These include secondary item ideas for Patriot, Stinger, Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, and

Mul-
tiple Launch
Rocket System. For ex-
ample, two Patriot initia-
tives include PAC-3 power
supplies and the traveling
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"Primary benefit (from
Operating and Support Cost
Reduction program) is that
it reduces the amount OMA
dollars that the taxpayer
spends on sustaining and

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Thanksgiving message from AMC commander

From the very beginnings of this great nation, Americans have paused each November to express gratitude for blessings received, both of a personal and national nature. It is fitting and proper to do so, for we are the recipients of a precious heritage passed to us by our forebearers.

As we observe Thanksgiving Day, 1996, I trust it will be an occasion to express our heartfelt gratitude for the liberty, freedom and opportunities we enjoy as Americans. May we never allow ourselves to become complacent, lest we lose the blessings that our ours.

Mrs. Wilson joins me in extending to each of you, along with your families and friends, our sincere wishes for a happy and blessed Thanksgiving Day.

**Gen. Johnnie Wilson
Commander,
Army Materiel Command**

Thanksgiving biggest meal of year for post military dining facility

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Military Dining Facility is gearing up for its most popular meal of the year, the Thanksgiving Feast, Nov. 28.

Soldiers, family members, military retirees and guests are invited to eat at the Dining Facility for the special meal and make sure you bring a healthy appetite. "Getting together on Thanksgiving for a great meal is an Army tradition," WO 1 Reginald Hughes, the installation food adviser, said. "We expect approximately 800 people to enjoy dinner with us."

Hughes said the office has been flooded with calls from retirees concerning the dinner since the elimination of the surcharge. "You can't find a better meal for the price," he said.

The Thanksgiving dinner is the biggest meal served at the facility and includes all the trimmings. The menu includes 500 pounds of turkey, 160 pounds of ham, 150 pounds of steamship round of beef, and 100 pounds of shrimp for the shrimp cocktail. Other menu items include dressings, cornbread stuffing, giblet gravy, mashed

potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, buttered green peas, cranberry sauce, corn, salad bar, hot rolls, 14 assorted pies and desserts, candies and nuts, coffee, tea, milk and various soft drinks.

Thanksgiving breakfast for soldiers is set for 7 that morning and the main meal will be served from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Reservations are not required.

Due to the elimination of the surcharge, cost for the meal is very reasonable, according to Hughes. "Soldiers with the rank of E4 and below, and their dependents, will only pay \$3.50. All other soldiers, enlisted and officers, as well as retirees, will pay \$4.50 for their meal," he said.

Hughes said the cooks will start preparing the meal around 3 a.m. and a total of 58 mess personnel will be involved in the meal. "The turkeys will go in around 3 a.m. and we'll start making the cornbread and doing all the prep work," he added. "Everything will be ready to go by serving time."

Reconnaissance soldiers meet unmanned ground vehicle here

By Skip Vaughn

Some soldiers from Fort Benning, Ga., got a unique driving lesson at Redstone Arsenal last week.

Nine members of the 269th Armor Battalion from Fort Benning received training on a prototype unmanned ground vehicle called SARGE (Surveillance and Reconnaissance Ground Equipment). Their unit will receive four of these vehicles in January and will keep them about eight months to prepare a rotation at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., in August.

The remote-controlled, four-wheeler is an all-terrain vehicle with surveillance cameras. "The mission would be to go forward and try to identify enemy positions, and gather reconnaissance information," Troy Hester, an electronics engineer in the missile guidance directorate at Research Development and Engineering Center, said. "It can actually do target location. It has a range finder and it has GPS (global positioning system). And with those pieces of hardware, we can fire on a target and be able to report the exact map coordinates of a target. The advantage, of course, is there's nobody in harm's way."

"If it gets knocked out you've lost some hardware, you haven't lost a soldier," Hester explained. "Gathering battlefield information costs less with SARGE because there's not a human



WITH SARGE— Epley, left, and Sobke were among the Fort Benning soldiers who received training on this prototype unmanned ground vehicle.

life involved."

The 269th soldiers trained with the vehicles Nov. 18-23. This user appraisal leadership training was conducted to teach the scout platoon leaders from the unit. "We're training them on all aspects of maintenance, operation and tactical employment of the SARGE," Maj. Walter Diveley, assistant project manager for tactical unmanned vehicle user appraisal, said. "And this is in advance of our project office handing off four SARGES to the 269th Armor Battalion in January of '97."

The SARGE, manufactured by Summa Technology Inc. of Huntsville, is a prototype of a tactical un-

manned vehicle. An unmanned ground vehicle is to be fielded around 2005, Diveley said.

Soldiers from Fort Benning who received training included seven members of the 269th's scout platoon, the battalion intelligence officer, and an officer representing the brigade intelligence office.

Cpl. Joe Epley, 25, from Dickson, Tenn., and 1st Lt. Kyle Sobke, 24, from Atlanta, were 269th soldiers practicing land navigation with the SARGE on Thursday afternoon. Asked his impressions of the vehicle, Epley said, "I think it's a real good idea for recon and surveillance and stuff. It still needs a lot of bugs to be

worked out of it, but in the future I think it'll be a real good piece of equipment for us to use."

"The system itself is just a far-reaching aspect for the Army," Sobke said. "It's using up-to-date technology that basically has not been used before. Our job is forward reconnaissance for an armor battalion; and in the past we've had to push manned recon assets forward, putting soldiers in harm's way. With this system if we can push unmanned assets forward, then we will keep soldiers out of the way from the enemy and hopefully gain the same information we would without putting the soldiers in harm's way."

Letters to the editor

Legal assistance

It is extremely difficult for a retired person to get an appointment at Legal Assistance. Would legal answer the following question for me?

A friend and co-worker borrowed some money from me to take care of a family emergency. My friend and co-worker has not repaid the money after my repeated attempts to collect it. What can I do to get my money back?

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: The following reply came from Capt. David Dahle, chief of client services, Staff Judge Advocate's office:

"Under current policy, retirees are entitled to the same priority in receiving legal assistance services as active duty personnel. Retirees presently constitute about 50 percent of our legal assistance clients.

"As to the writer's legal question, nearly all legal assistance advice depends upon the specific circumstances of the case. Unfortunately, the writer does not provide enough information. I strongly encourage the individual to contact our office for an appointment.")

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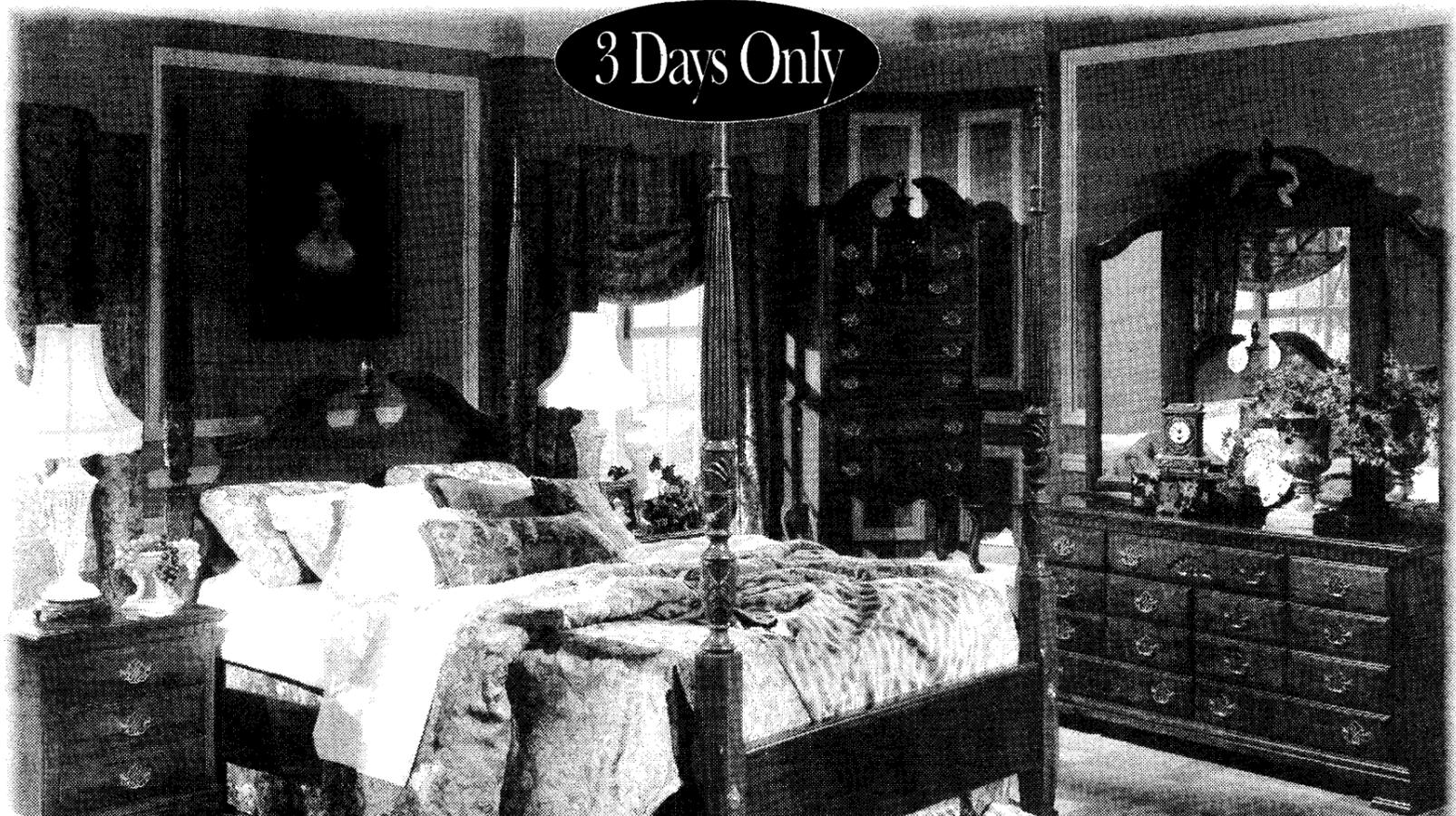
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Winner of AUSA civilian award credits team effort

By Peggy Hays

Dale Moore's response to being named Civilian of the Year in the Association of the U.S. Army's third region, the largest of all AUSA regions: "I was caught by surprise." Moore was presented the award by his sponsor, retired Col. Russell Davis, third region president, in an Oct. 16 ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The award, stated Moore, chief of the demonstration and test division, Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense, was the direct result of the Army Mountain Top Experiment. At the time of the AMTE, Moore was manager, Special Programs, Air & Missile Defense.

"When I was standing up there getting that award, I was surprised and elated," he said. "But I'm not alone. Lt. Col. Tom Newberry was the test director and worked with me. I received the award for the whole team. A small team of people pulled that program off."

AMTE was a two year "very fast-paced program" to conduct virtual engagements with cruise missiles beyond the line of sight, Moore said. "It was established 18 Jan. 1994 and completed 26 Jan. 1996."

The challenge of AMTE was to demonstrate that (1)

a ground-based air defense ("line of sight") for a low altitude cruise missile could be extended by elevating the surveillance and fire control radars on a "surrogate" airborne platform, such as a mountain ridge, and (2) that such a system could compensate for latencies and inaccuracies in track data generated by the elevated fire control radar to the air defense fire unit.

Asked as to what were the greatest difficulties encountered in the program's development, he answered, without hesitation, "coordination with the Navy. The Army participated in a joint program. Coordination with the Navy was the most challenging and most complex. Most everything else was not significant."

"We had to develop a significant amount of software and several services were involved but we were literally integrated with the Navy system. We had to meet their schedule. We were given a date and we had to meet that at the same time we had to meet a multitude of Army services."

Although the Army program was managed from the Special Programs Office of the PEO for Missile Defense in Huntsville, service was received from many areas including the Space and Strategic Defense

Command, MICOM, Army Air Defense Artillery School, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Air Force and AF Reserve, Defense Evaluation Support Agency, White Sands Missile Range and the Navy Pacific Missile Range Facility. Funding was provided by the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

"All that integration," said Moore, "was the job of Lt. Newberry; he executed superbly."

Absolutely no flexibility, however, was built into the AMTE, Moore reiterated. "The Navy said be there and we had to be there. We could fail, and if we failed, we missed the opportunity. There was no wiggle room."

"The Navy would have gone on. Both of us addressed the capability to defend low altitude defense missiles. They had everything, the ships, the sensors. We were dependent on their sensors to do it."

"They focused on doctrine and the importance of engaging cruise missiles over horizons and water. What we did was to demonstrate that we can use our present doctrinal approach in air defense and engage cruise missiles in beyond the line of sight."

"The program accomplished two things: It elevated the importance of the

cruise missile threat and it also gave air defenders confidence."

Moore praised the efforts of a visionary. "The whole program is the vision of Gen. Richard Black, the previous PEO. He had the vision; he started it. He called the meeting where I was tapped for the effort; he was an absolute zealot about this program. He dealt with the issues; he greased the slide. For joint issues, you need it."

Moore and his wife have three children, two daughters and one son. Moore is also involved in Panoply and participated in the construction of Kids Space, a unique community playground area. And what was his role in Kids Space? "Construction, I drove spikes, cut wood."

Asked what he remembered most about the award-winning program, his voice betrayed his feelings. "That program, to me, was the pinnacle in my career. I don't know if I'll ever have a chance to do something similar. I was fortunate with the support and the team. I wouldn't



MOORE

have gotten that award without the team."

Certainly, it was a time to reflect on success. All stated objectives of AMTE were achieved (106 of 112 valid demonstrations were successful). The program was completed on time and under budget. The AMTE was a step to improved air

defense effectiveness.

"For all of us, it was bittersweet to see the program come to an end," Moore concluded. "Everybody came back to different assignments. The group was disbanded. During all of this, though, Kay Smith, my secretary, held the fort here."

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Local Marine Corps 'recruiter of the year' likes being part of a competitive team

By Skip Vaughn

A young man who was looking for direction in his life found it in the Marine Corps. Now he is one of the Marines' best recruiters.

Sgt. Victor Williams, of Recruiting Substation Huntsville, is the "Recruiter of the Year" for fiscal 1996 in the Nashville area. Recruiting Station Nashville includes about 75 Marine recruiters in Tennessee, Alabama and a small part of Virginia.

Williams won for recruiting the most people and having the highest percentage score well on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test. He signed up 49 young people; and about 32 of them or 65 percent scored in the upper mental group.

"I'm excited about it. It's a lot of long hours," Williams said, referring to his award. The large crossed-swords plaque, now nailed to the wall in his office on North Memorial Parkway, was presented Nov. 9 at the Marine Corps Ball in Nashville. Maj. Murray Guptill, commanding officer for RS Nashville, made the presentation.

Williams does work long hours. An easy day might be from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m., but usually he's in the office from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. He makes most of his calls to high school graduates in the mornings, and has to wait until the evenings to call the high schoolers because of their schedules.

The ASVAB test scores are important because the Marines use them to consider a recruit's potential. "The better you do on the ASVAB test, the more opportunities are going to

be open to you as far as jobs," Williams said.

He has done well in his two years as a recruiter in Huntsville. In fiscal 1995 Williams signed up 35 youngsters and 63 percent of them scored in the upper mental group. He was named runner-up for rookie of the year in the Nashville area.

Because of his recruiting accomplishments the past two years, Williams will go before a meritorious board in Washington, D.C., to determine if he can make staff sergeant. He hopes to pin on a new rank Jan. 2.

Williams, 27, from Norfolk, Va., graduated from Quantico (Va.) High School in 1986. He worked for about a year and then joined the Marines in April 1987.

"When I graduated from high school, I kind of messed around and really didn't have any direction. I weighed my options with all the services. I chose the Marines because of the challenge alone. Everybody was saying basic training was so hard, so rigorous, hardly anybody could make it through. So I felt anything that hard and rigorous could make me a better person," Williams said. "I joined the Marine Corps for the challenge and the pride of being a Marine."

His first assignment was in the Marine Corps security forces in London from 1987-89. It was there that he met Joanne, a British woman who later became his wife. After two years in London, Williams went back to Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he served six months with a sniper platoon at 1st Battalion, 6th Marines. He moved on to Alpha Company, 1st/6th,

where he gained experience with a larger unit. Williams went on to serve in Panama and in Southwest Asia, where he earned the Combat Action Ribbon during the Persian Gulf War. He arrived in Huntsville in September 1994.

He and Joanne reside at Redstone with their 2-year-old daughter, Javonna. Their second child is due Dec. 6.

"I owe a lot of my (recruiting) success to my

family, especially to my wife, for the support and for being understanding because of the hours that you put in," Williams said. One of five local Marine recruiters, including two in Albertville, he has one year left as a recruiter before probably becoming an instructor at a Marine school.

"I like the feeling of being a part of a team," he said, referring to the Marine Corps, "a competitive team at that."



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Christmas toy-raising program helps area youngsters

By Kathy Harkleroad

Whether we like it or not, the holiday season is upon us and the buying of Christmas presents in full swing. Most of the children in the Tennessee Valley area will have a nice Christmas; and if it were up to the local Marine Corps Reserve and local merchants, all of the children will have a wonderful Christmas.

The Toys For Tots campaign started 49 years ago in California and quickly spread throughout the nation. The Marine Corps Reserve units were among the organizations working to ensure all children would have a nice Christmas. The tradition of providing toys for needy families has grown through the years and every state in the nation participates.

As in the past two years, the Toys for Tots campaign is not only a Marine Reserve project. A community committee has been formed and merchants across the Tennessee Valley are actively taking part in the raising of funds and toys for the project.

"This is my first year running the Toys for Tots campaign, but is easier for me because I have all the expertise of those who ran it that few years," Gunnery Sgt. Gregg Stagra said. "We have also implemented a few changes this year

which should help the program run a little smoother."

Last year 3,859 children in the Tennessee Valley received new toys as Christmas presents through the program. "This year we expect the number to increase a bit," Stagra said. "Last year each child received five inexpensive items and one really nice present."

"Christmas is for children and it is up to all of us to make sure each and every child has a wonderful time during the holiday. This program helps ensure that," Marine 1st Sgt Mike Black said.

Merchants from across the valley have either donated money to be used for the presents or donated floor space for the toy collection boxes. "The kickoff this year will be held Nov. 29 at Bill Heard Chevrolet," Stagra said. "There will be clowns, balloons and all the trimmings. The kickoff will begin at 11 a.m. and the public is invited to stop by and drop off their donation."

Individuals, organizations or merchants who would like to participate in the program are invited to contact Stagra. "Participating in the program is easy and doesn't cost a lot of money or time. All an individual has to do is purchase a new toy and drop it off at one of the collection points

unwrapped. It has also been suggested that instead of having an office party where gifts are exchanged, toys could be purchased for the program," Stagra said.

New this year in the toy-raising effort will be a Toys for Tots telethon Dec. 8 at the Huntsville Depot. The telethon can be viewed on WAAY, Channel 31. "We are very excited about the telethon," Black said, "and are looking forward to the community really pitching in."

In collecting and distributing the toys, the most needed items are gifts for teen-age girls, footballs, basketballs, and soccer balls for boys and toys for infants. "We only take toys and discourage clothing items," Stagra said. He also requested that all gifts remain unwrapped to make the distribution easier.

Once the toys are collected, they are brought to the Marine Reserve unit on Memorial Parkway where they are sorted according to age. The presents are then bagged and parents are notified when the presents can be picked up. "We also make a trip to the Child Haven orphanage dressed in



FOR THE CHILDREN— The Marines are preparing for the annual Toys for Tots campaign.

our blues, where Santa will make an early stop and distribute toys," Stagra said.

The Marines also make visits to local hospitals Christmas Eve and a toy is distributed to sick children in the wards.

The main change this year with the program involves the way parents can sign up for the program. "In the past we had the parents come here to the Reserve Unit, but this year it (the signup) will be at a centralized location," Stagra said. "All interest-

ed parents can contact Mrs. Smith at 852-0262 or visit the Seventh Day Adventist Church at 6300 Springfield Road in Huntsville. We also have a satellite location at the Recruiting Station in Florence."

As in the past, a form must be filled out and a birth certificate and Social Security card for each child must be shown. All names will be cross referenced with other Christmas programs in the area to ensure the participants only receive one set of presents.

Further information on the program, including obtaining donation boxes, locations of dropoff points, or contributions can be made by calling Stagra at 876-8964. Monetary donations can be mailed to the Marine Corps Reserve, 3506 South Memorial Parkway, Battery K, 4th Bn., 14th Marines, Huntsville, 35801. All checks should be made out to the Toys for Tots program.

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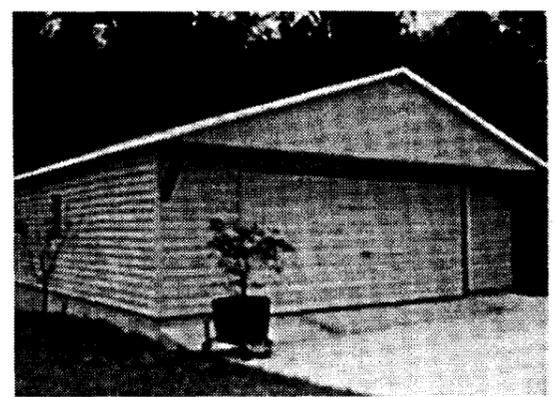
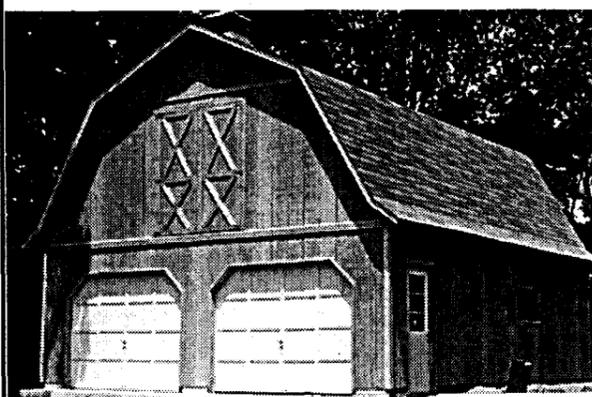
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TMDE unit achieves supply excellence recognition

By Peggy Hays

In the 11th annual 1996 Chief of Staff, Army, Supply Excellence Awards Program, 25 active Army and reserve units were honored by Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis Reimer, Lt. Gen. John Coburn, deputy chief of staff for logistics, and the American Defense Preparedness Association in a Pentagon ceremony Sept. 26. The ceremony recognized individuals throughout the Army who attained supply excellence at the unit and organizational levels.

Also present to see one of its own honored were Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of MICOM and Redstone Arsenal, and Col. Larry Whittington, Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity (USATA) deputy director.

Among those 25 units recognized as the best was the 2nd Maintenance Company (TMDE) Camp Carroll, Korea which won first place in the Supply Excellence Award (SEA) competition for the Active Modification Tables of Organization (MTOE) Category A I (A).

The 2nd Maintenance

Company, under the command of Capt. Matthew Perry, is an element of the Missile Command, Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity. Their mission includes management of supplies and equipment located not only in Korea but in Japan, Hawaii, and Alaska.

The supply management program is under the control of CWO 3 Gary Marquez and Yong Su Yu. Min Ho Yi is another key member of the team. Both Yu and Yi are Korean foreign nationals who play important roles in the 2nd Maintenance Company's supply management team.

The team approach is evident throughout the program as the staff element for assistance is located in the USATA at Redstone Arsenal. Support at the home base is essential, according to Jean McGowan, equipment manager at TMDE Activity. McGowan added that the SEA Program is unique in that it honors individuals and not the system.

"Command participation and cooperation are essential," said Marquez, property book officer, 2nd Maintenance Company (TMDE)



"BEST OF THE BEST"— From left, Reimer, Yi, Perry, Marquez, Yu and Coburn participate in a Pentagon ceremony honoring the 2nd Maintenance Company (TMDE), Camp Carroll,

Korea for their first place in the Supply Excellence Awards Program. The 11th annual COS, Army, SEA ceremony took place Sept. 26.

Supply Activity, Camp Carroll, Korea. "It is not uncommon for a young commander to turn to a warrant officer and say, 'Handle it, chief.'"

Marquez said winning the SEA competition is not easy. A comprehensive checklist using the basic principles of management must be developed and the staff must be aggressive, incorporate teamwork, and make a good first impres-

sion.

The purpose of the SEA Program is to enhance logistical readiness, enforce the Command Supply Discipline Program (CSDP), utilize resources, and provide recognition of creativity and initiative.

The benefits include instilling personal challenges, highlighting group competition, providing a management tool to ensure standardization, increasing pub-

lic awareness of supply excellence in the Army, and creating an overall improvement of the supply system.

Evaluations are based on the CSDP which details the task sequences that must be completed. Periodic checklists are used to meet CSDP criteria and parent units are required to oversee these elements.

The SEA Program was conceived during the Total Army Worldwide Supply

Conference held in November 1984. Winning an excellence award requires attention to detail, including knowledge of Army regulations at the site and at the home base, mission accomplishment, accountability, and customer satisfaction.

In essence, a great deal of responsibility is placed on the individual. Thus, by virtue of the competition, the supply programs continue to improve.

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The deadline to apply for Merit Awards is March 8. Applications can be obtained by written request to Kitty Ware, Merit Awards chairman, 2607 Guenevere Ave., Huntsville 35803.

Early-out retirement offered for many soldiers

By Kathy Harkleroad

Staying in the Army or retiring under one of the early-out programs is a decision many soldiers are making these days. An early retirement program is being offered to both enlisted and officers in certain Military Occupational Specialties (MOS's), with certain conditions.

According to Phil Fredrich, retired services officer, the decisions soldiers must go through are many, and the first one they must face is whether they qualify or not. "The list of ineligible MOS's is quite long, and many soldiers don't qualify," Fredrich said. "The best thing for them to do is come see me and we can look at all the requirements."

Some MOS's that are not eligible for the program include 02 series, 12B and C, 13B, F, M, and P; 14E

and R; 25R, 27X, 31F, R, and S; 33R, T, and Y; 35F, M and Y; 44E; 51M; 52E; 54B; 55D; 62G; 63H and T; 67 R, S and T; 68J and X; 73C and D; 74B; 77F and L; 79R; 82D, 88H, L and M; 91B, E, and M; 92M; 93C; 95B and D; 96B, D, H R and U; 97B, E and G; 98C, D, G, H, J, and K.

Those who qualify according to MOS, must also meet strict guidelines. Some of those guidelines include having greater than 15 years but less than 18 years of service as of the requested retirement dates for SSgt., SSgt. (P), and SFC.

"There are many many factors that are involved when it comes to making the decision to take the early retirement," Fredrich said. "And I am a firm believer that it is a family decision, not just that of the soldier. After all, we are

talking about several major decisions and factors that are going to affect the entire family."

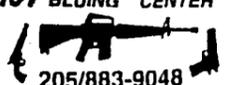
For those soldiers who do qualify for the program, Fredrich spends a great deal of time going over the benefits that are available to them, as well as their pay scale. "We have many soldiers who come in that fit the qualifications of the program, but when it comes to sitting down and figuring out what their retirement pay is going to be at 15 years versus 20 years, many decide to stay," he said. "It can be the difference of a house payment for some."

Another factor soldiers need to consider is what does the soldier have going for him when it comes college, future employment opportunities, and future promotions. "The soldiers who qualify for the early-out program are all mid-

level managers. They are E6s, 7s, and 8s, as well as captains and majors. There are jobs out there for them, but the question again comes to what are their qualifications as far as education," Fredrich said.

Once the decision has been made to retire, soldiers must submit their request and once it is approved they are required to undergo additional counseling. That counseling is done with Fredrich and includes several areas. "I go over survivor benefits, casualty assistance, pay, VA benefits, Social Security, medical and dental benefits, insurance and job assistance," Fredrich said.

Those who have questions whether or not they qualify or those who would like to find out more, can call Fredrich at 876-2022, Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

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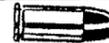
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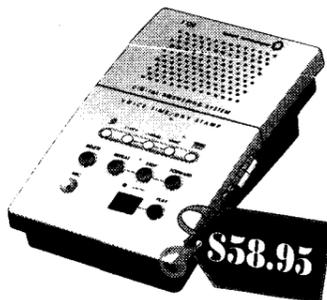
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Organization teaches Marine lifestyle to youngsters

By Kathy Harkleroad

There is a new program in town geared toward keeping kids off the street, educating them about drugs, and improving their self-confidence and self-esteem. The Young Marines of North Alabama was chartered as the 98th unit nationwide, and boasts a membership of 17 new Young Marines. A recruiting drive is under way for the next camp.

"We started this program because there is a real need for it," said Marine 1st Sgt. Mike Black. "I believe it is an excellent program and we have already seen dramatic results in several of the kids. They have gone from having or causing problems at home and school, to kids with a goal. Parents have called and have told me what a difference they have seen in their child."

The official mission of the Young Marines is to promote the mental, moral and physical development of its members, to instill the ideals of honesty, fairness, courage, respect, loyalty, dependability, attention to duty, love of God, and fidelity to our country and its institutions.

The mission also stimulates an interest in, and respect for, academic achievement and the history and traditions of the United States of America; promotes physical fitness including the participation athletic events and close order drill; and advocates a drug-free lifestyle through a continual drug prevention education program.

"We take all those factors and mold them into a program that the kids enjoy, and one that they really become involved with," Black said. "We are not here to discipline kids, we are here to build their self-esteem and confidence."

The first requirement of the Young Marine is to graduate from the boot camp. Training is conducted on Thursday evenings and one Saturday morning per month and includes drill, physical training, customs and courtesies, as well as learning the Young Marine pledge and hymn.

Once the youngster completes the boot camp, they continue in the program where they can earn rank, badges, ribbons and other awards. "Once they graduate from the boot camp, they are given a camouflage uniform. Once they start the regular program, they can work on earning different ribbons as well as badges," Black said. "Right now we are learning CPR and it will cover three ribbons, the basic and advanced first aid ribbon and the CPR ribbon."

Black and his fellow instructors are also very intent on teaching the youngsters some of the more fun events, like rappelling, building rope bridges and camping. "The kids went nuts when I told them I have ordered the ropes, and they can't wait to get started. They are really excited about it and are looking forward to it very much," he said.

The extras are what keep the kids' attention in the program, according to

Black; and he emphasizes that to stay in the program, they must act the part. "I tell them they are not just a Young Marine while they are attending the meetings. They have to be a Young Marine at home, at school and here," he said. "There have been several instances where I have taken the youngster aside and counseled him, not only on his behavior but on his grades. I have to see every report card they are issued, it's part of the rules," he added with a grin.

The program is geared for boys and girls alike, from ages 8-18. A waiting list is forming for the next boot camp to be held in January and parents are encouraged to call and get on the list. "Forms and additional information will be going out the middle of December," Black said, "and the sooner they call and get their names on the



YOUNG MARINES— The inaugural group of Young Marines included, front row, from left: Pvt. Travor Hinkson, Pvt. Larry Burk, PFC Ryan Horton, Pvt. Anthony Willis, PFC Tony Kincaid, Pvt. Fredrick Willis and Pvt. Robin Hathaway; second row: Pvt. Cody Black, PFC Megan Gearhardt, PFC Joshua Black, Pvt. Josh Ciardelli, LCpl. Kenneth Catledge, Pvt. Danzell Small, Pvt. Zachery Vann, and Rebecca Martin; back row: 1st Sgt Mike Black, Sgt. Michael Martin, PFC Jeremy Sanders, Pfc. Brain Small, Pfc. Brandon Weil, Sgt. Just Bullington and LCpl. Patrick McBrad. Not pictured is Pvt. Luke Black.

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The MICOM Historical Office provided the following highlights from November 1956 as part of its continuing series on the old Army Ballistic Missile Agency.

On Nov. 1, 1956, the Department of Army authorized the chief of Ordnance to begin the phased development of a new anti-aircraft missile originally designated as the Nike II system. Research for the third member of the Nike family of missiles had started at Redstone Arsenal in March 1955.

Effort on the Army's first anti-aircraft missiles originally began in February 1945 when a contract was issued to Bell Telephone Laboratories to study the

feasibility of using guided missiles for anti-aircraft defense. Redstone Arsenal assumed responsibility for supervising and coordinating the research and development phase of the Nike program on Aug. 16, 1951. The Nike I, the first U.S. anti-aircraft guided missile system, became operational in December 1953. It was followed by the Nike B, an improved version of the Nike I. Redstone Arsenal assumed responsibility for Nike B in February 1953. First deployed in June 1958, the second member of the Nike missile family remained in the U.S. inventory until Dec. 23, 1984.

On Nov. 15, 1956, the Nike I was redesignated the Nike Ajax. In addition, the Nike B was renamed Nike Hercules, while the Nike II became known as Nike Zeus. The latter missile was eventually reoriented to a

new system approach in January 1963, at which time it became known as Nike X. The Army Materiel Command lost jurisdiction over the project after it was redesignated the Sentinel on Nov. 3, 1967. The Sentinel System Office eventually evolved into the Space and Strategic Defense Command.

Other interesting historical highlights from November 1956 include:

- **Nov. 7, 1956:** A new firm known as Mortgage Services Inc. was set up in Huntsville

to handle housing loans for key civilian workers of DoD. Interest rates were the same as FHA (4.5 percent), but the terms were extended to 30 years and the down payment requirements were not as great.

- **Nov. 7, 1956:** To promote support for the One-Time Drive (similar to the current Combined Federal Campaign), 30 helium-filled balloons were launched from the Redstone Arsenal airstrip. Those who found the balloons and returned the attached card to

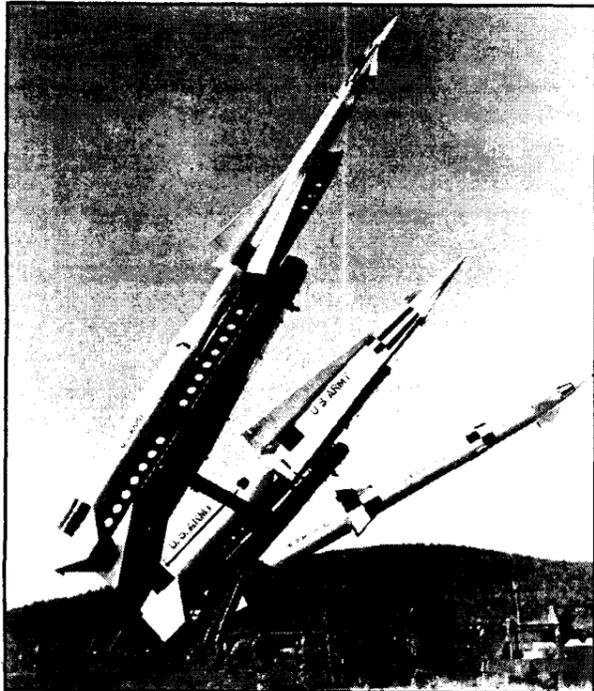
the installation received "one free ticket to the moon." Balloons were found in Alabama, Tennessee and north Georgia.

- **Nov. 13, 1956:** By this date, the installation's population (including personnel at Redstone Arsenal, ABMA, and the Ordnance Guided Missile School) was over 12,000. This was a significant increase over the 8,700 employees reported one year earlier.

- **Nov. 18, 1956:** The cornerstone for the new Post Chapel was laid during a

brief ceremony.

- **Nov. 26, 1956:** The secretary of defense issued a memorandum to the Armed Forces Policy Council fixing the missile development roles of the three armed services. The Air Force was given operational jurisdiction over long-range missiles; the Army was made responsible for missiles up to 200 miles and for "point defense"; and the Navy was given control of ship-based missiles. These new roles were announced Nov. 28.



NIKE SERIES— From left are Nike Ajax, Nike Hercules and Nike Zeus.

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Puzzles test your knowledge of Native American history

The committee for Native American Heritage Month, Nov. 1-30 provided the following information:

"Here is another version of the white buffalo legend. This one, titled 'The Gift of the Sacred Pipe,' comes from the Lakota of the Sans Arc.

"Many winters ago, two Lakota warriors were out hunting for game; they saw in the distance coming toward them a beautiful young woman who was dressed in a fine white buckskin dress. When she reached them, they saw she carried a carefully wrapped bundle upon her back.

"I am coming to your people, my relative," she said. 'I wish to talk to your chief. (The chief is given two names, Standing Hollow Horn or Buffalo Standing Upright.) Go and tell him to gather his people so they may hear the words I am bringing to you.'

"On the day the young woman arrived at the village, she went directly to the new lodge that Standing Hollow Horn had built for her. Entering the lodge in a sun-wise fashion, the woman went around the circle and stopped when she stood in front of the chief. Smiling, the woman slowly took from her back the bundle that she carried and holding it out in front of her with both hands she presented the bundle to the chief.

"Behold," she told him. 'I have brought to you this sacred bundle which holds the sacred Pipe. You and the people should love it and honor it always. It is a gift from Wakan Tanka (the

Great Spirit)— and he will hear you and answer your prayers.'

"After she had completed telling the people how to care for it and pray with it, Standing Hollow Horn accepted the Pipe from the young woman. As the people watched her walk slowly across the prairie, suddenly they saw a flash of light and the young woman was gone but in her place there stood a small white buffalo. The white buffalo calf then turned and walked away, disappearing into the hills.

"This is how the sacred Pipe came to the Sans Arc Lakota people."

The committee would like to get everyone— civilians and military and their families— involved in celebrating Native American Month. Its second puzzle accompanies this article. Three prizes will be awarded. To qualify for these prizes, you must complete the puzzle and bring or fax it to the Equal Employment Opportunity office before the drawing date. The drawing will be held Dec. 6 in the EEO office. You do not have to be present to win; just make sure you have your name and phone number on your puzzle.

The committee chose the white buffalo on the observance shirt because of an old Indian legend which states that when a white buffalo is born it will be a sign for ALL Indian nations (tribes) to come together in peace and unity. The committee, as of last week, still had some T-shirts left (2 XL).

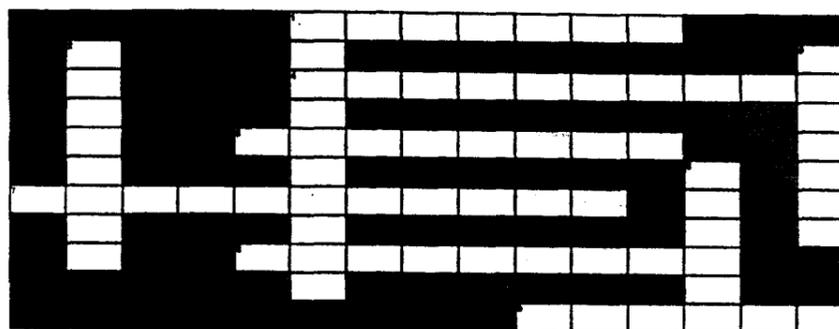
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Extended family at RASA greets holiday together

By Peggy Hays

In a Thanksgiving celebration encompassing awards, skits and camaraderie, the Logistics Directorate of the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity held a luncheon for employees and contractors at the Recreation Center Nov. 20.

The purpose of the holiday affair was to give workers an opportunity to share the fellowship and goodwill of not only the holiday season but to provide a beginning for future endeavors. "We're one of the larger organizations within RASA," Linda Hunt, deputy director of Logistics, said. "We're involved in transportation, food service, supply and services, and we work in different areas. The employees don't see each other

much.

"We wanted to involve the contractors also. We're all like an extended family so we wanted to have a dinner with all of us together to meet and greet."

Following the luncheon, a leadership award was presented to the chief of the Logistics Directorate, Darrell Brewer, by Linda Hunt, deputy director, for "his vision and leadership and for his standing up for us."

The mid-day luncheon was one of the projects proposed by the Camaraderie Team for the holiday season, Hunt said. "We want employees to get to know each other."

Members of the Camaraderie Team include chairman WO 1 Reginald Hughes, co-chair Mary Jeter; June Bacon, Daun Corne-

lius, Gordon Mitchell, Robert Whiteford and David Wilson. The team was tasked only two weeks prior to the luncheon with Hughes selected as chairman by the group.

The team will stay intact, Hunt said. "This is year-long. The next thing will be to develop a calendar of events to maintain morale and camaraderie, including many organization days, and one big Organization Day." The Thanksgiving affair will be an annual event, according to Hunt.



MEET AND EAT— Combining fellowship with an awards ceremony, RASA's Logistics Division celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday with a luncheon at the Recreation Center on Nov. 20.

Travelers must show valid photo ID at airport

By Doris Posey

Air travelers can eliminate unnecessary hassle and frustration at the airport ticket counter by being aware of the new FAA security regulations. Under the Federal Aviation Administration's mandate governing heightened security, U.S. airlines now require passengers to show a photo ID issued by a federal, state or local government when checking in at the airport ticket counter.

Airline employees are required to, and are responsible for, the strict enforcement of these security rules; therefore, no exceptions are allowed. There have been cases where passengers were denied boarding even when they were traveling with family companions who could vouch for them, and even when they were carrying a photo ID which was not issued by a federal, state or local government.

Nevertheless, in this environment, passengers would be prudent to carry a driver's license or passport at all times. It is also important to tag all luggage, even carry-on bags and to arrive at the airport at least one hour to departure time. When making an airline reservation with your travel agent, it is important to give the passenger's correct name, and spelling if necessary, to ensure an exact match with their photo ID or passport. Children traveling with family members are not required to present a photo ID, but when traveling alone must furnish a photo ID and birth certificate.

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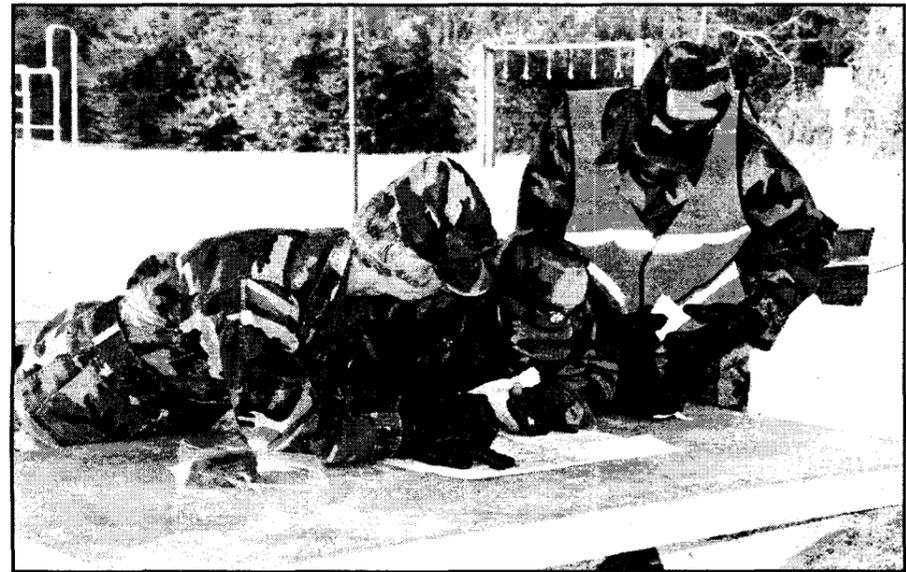


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CLEAN SWEEP— HHC 59th Brigade took home the first, second and third place team finishes in the Orienteering Meet, as well as placing first in the company division. Kneeling, from left, are first place winners SFC Robert Bond, Spec. Phillip Slocum and Spec. Randall Manning. Standing, from left, are second place finishers SSgt. Tracy Spears, Sgt. Conrad Reid, SSgt. Dennis Hearndon; and third place finishers Spec. Malik Lightbourne, SFC Lewis Flores and SFC Daryl Crowder.



TEAM EFFORT— From left, Lt. Col. Kathleen Meehan, Maj. Maurice Dawson and CSM James George plot their course on a map during the orienteering meet.

HHC 59th wins annu

By Kathy Harkleroad

The hour was early, the air was cold and the wind was blowing briskly, but those factors did not dampen the enthusiasm of the soldiers who participated in the annual 832nd Ordnance Battalion Orienteering Meet.

A total of 38 three-man teams from seven units participated in the Nov. 16 event and hit the woods and surrounding acreage on Redstone running. Each team had a three-hour limit in

which they had to plot coordinates on a map, travel to that location, have their score sheets verified and travel to the next location. There were 12 coordinates representing points in the event.

"This is event is not only a fun event, but is used to reinforce your CTT (Common Task Training) skills in land navigation," battalion commander Lt. Col. Kathleen Meehan told the soldiers before setting out. "You have two mountains to climb, as well as many other obstacles

to overcome."

Once the clock was set and the team members received the word, many teams dropped where they stood and plotted their first coordinates. One by one the teams took off running toward the woods and their destinations, while others took off in other directions.

The teams were allowed to choose from the 12 points and could travel to them in any order. Each checkpoint was rated on the distance from the starting point, as well as the



COMPANY TEAMS— Placing first, second and third, respectively in the HHC 59th with 77 points, D Company with 57 points, and HQ/Alpha C&I

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difficulty in getting to it. Checkpoints were scattered throughout the Arsenal, from Neal and Patton Roads, to a lonely spot on the edge of the Golf Course next to Rideout Road.

One team crossed the finish line with six seconds to spare; and once all teams were back, the points were tabulated. Placing first in the individual team standings were SFC Robert Bond, Spec. Phillip Slocum and Spec. Randall Manning. Second place finishers were

SSgt. Tracy Spears, Sgt. Conrad Reid and SSgt. Dennis Heardon. Spec. Malik Lightbourne, SFC Lewis Flores and SFC Daryl Crowder took third, making it a clean sweep

for HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade.

In the company division, HHC 59th won, D Company placed second and HQ/Alpha Company took third.



FIRST CHECKPOINT— Looking over their team's score sheet are, from left, SSgt. Randy Kahne, Sgt. Joe Cordero, SFC Tim Udelhofen and SSgt. Paul Schmidt.



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Sports

Men's soccer team kicks way to league championship

By Peggy Hays

The Redstone Rockets, the men's post recreational soccer team, is already looking ahead to defending its state championship title in Birmingham on Dec. 7-8.

As of Nov. 20, the Rockets were undefeated with 12 wins and one tie in Division II of the Fall Huntsville Adult Soccer League. With two more games still to be played, their league championship crown was already guaranteed, according to Sgt. Ben Hreha, assistant NCO-in-charge at Fox Army Community Hospital's optometry clinic.

"We've only been scored on eight times," said player/coach Hreha. "We've scored 36 goals and have had four shutouts.

"We feel we have a better team this year than last. We're more talented and work better together. We struggled last year in the state championships. I think we have a very high chance of winning this year."

The state tourney is based on a point scale. "You get so many points for each goal you score. It's not only who wins and loses games.

That, in a way, takes a lot of strategy."

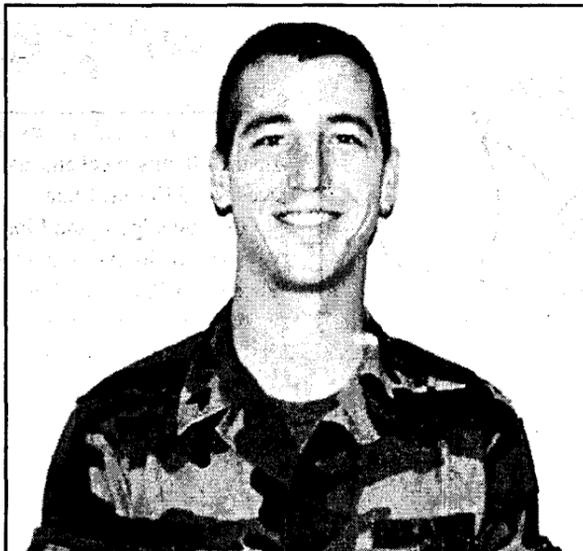
Playing two games per day, a total of four to win the championship, can quickly debilitate the team's depth. "Fatigue and injury are definite factors," Hreha said. "You have a morning game, you eat, then you put some ice on whatever aches—and then go out and play 90 more minutes of soccer. You've only got the evening to recover.

"Sickness is a definite factor. Half the team got the stomach flu while we were down there last year.

"And, even though we're in the south, the cold weather can be there," he said, remembering the wind. "On that Sunday, the wind chill was a few degrees below zero.

"The biggest problem was the wind. When you kicked the ball forward, the ball would come right back to you. The wind was definitely a factor with where you placed the ball."

Field conditions as well as the weather can alter the game's outcome, he said. "Whether you can run or not or if you're slipping. If the dirt is very hard, the traction



HREHA

is not the greatest and you can twist an ankle.

"Heat and wind can affect how well you play the game or how you play the game."

For Hreha, not to play is almost unthinkable. "I love the game," he said. "It would torture me."

His role as a player/coach, though, is a difficult one. "The hardest thing to

do while being a player is coaching. I feel the coach gets a little more respect if you just coach."

Currently, the team has 20 persons on their roster; the maximum is 21. "We take whoever is interested," said Hreha. "We don't discriminate, male or female, or by rank. We don't discriminate if you can't play. As long as you have the de-

sire to learn, we'll take you and teach you.

"We've had a few on the team who could barely play. We teach them the basics and slowly they develop the skills."

Their current roster includes "enlisted soldiers, NCOs, officers, people in other army services from Spain, Honduras, and England. We have Marines. We also have three dependents."

The Rockets have also participated in other tournaments in the southeast, winning championship honors at a six-on-six soccer tournament at Myrtle Beach, S.C., in May.

Last year they finished fourth in an international tourney in Orlando, Fla. "We didn't go this August," Hreha said, "because we had too many people out of town."

Hreha began his soccer playing as a youngster in Ohio, then stopped in the 11th grade in high school. It was eight years before he

found a team again, and now he'd like to practice year-round. "We don't really have an off-season practice program which is disappointing to me. But, it was so cold last winter, it was hard to think about it."

Newcomers are always welcome on the team, he said. "Because the military people are always leaving and because we are so student-oriented, there'll always be people graduating and leaving.

"We're always looking for new people. If you really want to play, show up for practices. You will already be familiar with the team and if a slot opens, you'll be ready."

This season, the team played its games at the rugby field on Triana Boulevard due to the complete renovation of the Arsenal's soccer field. Without a doubt, they are looking forward to playing in front of big crowds on their splendid new home field next season.

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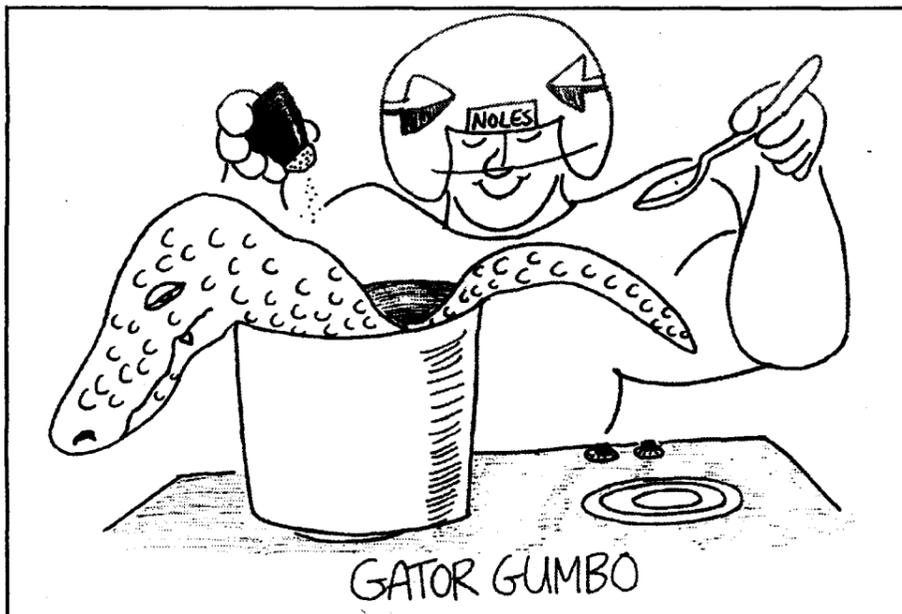
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Sports



No. 1 Florida Gators favored to whip arch rival Seminoles

By Skip Vaughn

The top-ranked teams in the nation square off this weekend as No. 1 Florida faces No. 2 Florida State.

Give the edge to the Florida Gators and their all-world passing machine, Danny Wuerffel. It'll be close but the Gators have too much bite for the Seminoles.

Skip's Picks last week went 22-11, bringing the season totals to 351-115 for 75 percent. Here are my predictions for selected games this week in major college football:

• Florida at Florida State— Florida

- Louisiana State at Arkansas— LSU
- Ga. Tech at Georgia— Georgia
- Miss. State at Ole Miss— Ole Miss
- Tennessee at Vanderbilt— Tenn.
- Colorado at Nebraska— Neb.
- East Carolina vs. NC State— E. Carolina
- Wisconsin at Hawaii— Wis.
- Miami at Syracuse— Syracuse
- Notre Dame at Southern Cal— ND
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- Texas A&M at Texas— Texas A&M
- Virginia at Va. Tech— Va. Tech

Girls' soccer team wins city tourney

A girls' soccer team from Redstone is basking in the glow of a city title.

The Blue Dolphins won the Huntsville Recreation Services under-8 girls' championship tournament which included nine teams.

They won all four of their games in the tournament after going 7-1 in the regular season.

The Blue Dolphins beat the previously undefeated

Volcanoes 10-8 in the championship game Nov. 3.

Each league team consisted of eight girls, four playing at any one time. There were no goalkeepers; and each game included four 12-minute quarters.

Richard Mitchell, a major in the United Kingdom army who works at Missile and Space Intelligence Center, coached the Blue Dolphins. The assis-

tant coach was SSgt. Philip Lopez.

"A special word of thanks must go to Rick Johns and Missy Richards for their untiring work behind the scenes in soccer and the youth center," Mitchell said, "and of course, to all the mums and dads who turn up in rain or shine to cheer on the girls. Well done, Blue Dolphins!"



CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM— Members of the Blue Dolphins include, from left, Kimberly Taylor, Katie Majewski, Hazel Mitchell, Alyssa Lopez, Megan Figenser, Siobhan O'Reilly, Katie Mitchell and Brianna Diggs.

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- **Redstone Christmas party:** The Redstone Arsenal Christmas Party will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Officers Club. Entertainment will include the Lee High School Show Choir (before dinner) and the Heartland Band (after dinner). The entire Redstone community is invited. For reservations call 830-CLUB. For more information, call the MICOM Protocol Office 876-7135.
- **Challenger tree lighting:** The annual tree lighting will be held Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Challenger. Challenger members, NCO spouse club members and guests are invited to attend. Entertainment will be provided by Bob Jones High School. There will be door prizes, a visit from Santa and complimentary hor d'oeuvres. Bring the children and enjoy this festive tradition.

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Army family member wins citywide rushing title

By Kathy Harkleroad

Being named the Huntsville City School's leading rusher wasn't on the top of Dwight Atkinson Jr.'s list of things to do this year. But it happened, and the football star is pleased nonetheless. He is the son of SSgt. and Mrs. Dwight Atkinson.

The 16-year-old Butler High School sophomore carried the football a total of 1,135 yards this season and helped the team make it to the state playoffs. "It wasn't just me that made the team as good as it was this year," Dwight Jr. said. "It was a total team effort."

Dwight Jr.'s stats are pretty impressive considering he has only played high school football for two years. He had 12 touchdowns and 143 carries for an average of 7.8 yards per carry. Dwight Jr. stands 5-6 and weighs 163.

"I was pretty surprised at first when I found out I had won the title," he said, "and it definitely wasn't one of my goals. I just wanted to play football." Dwight Jr.

has been playing some type of football half his young life, and the training has paid off.

While winning the title was a surprise to young Dwight, it wasn't to his proud father. "I knew he could do it," he said with a wide grin. "I was surprised that he was leading but knew he was having a good season. I also knew if he got the time to run the ball as a sophomore, the chance was there."

His father also said he always encouraged Dwight Jr. to be involved in some kind of sports and liked football more than the others. "He played in a youth league and really enjoyed the game. He really stuck with it," he said.

Playing football runs in the family when it comes to the Atkinson men. Not only does Dwight Jr. play, but so does his brother Larry who is on the Butler High School freshman football team; and so does Jamar, his seventh



ALL IN THE FAMILY— The Atkinson family is full of football players, but the one in the spotlight these days is Dwight Jr. He was named the Huntsville City Schools leading rusher for 1996. Spending some quality time with his star son is SSgt. Dwight Atkinson as they practice a few tosses.

grade brother who plays for Westlawn. "The only child in our family that doesn't play is my sister Nicole," Dwight Jr. said. "My brothers and I mess around all the time tossing the ball, but we

can't get her out there." Although college is a ways down the road, he said he would like to play for Florida State and wants to continue running the ball for Butler.

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Sports & Fitness

Long-awaited physical fitness facility scheduled to open in January 1997

By Skip Vaughn

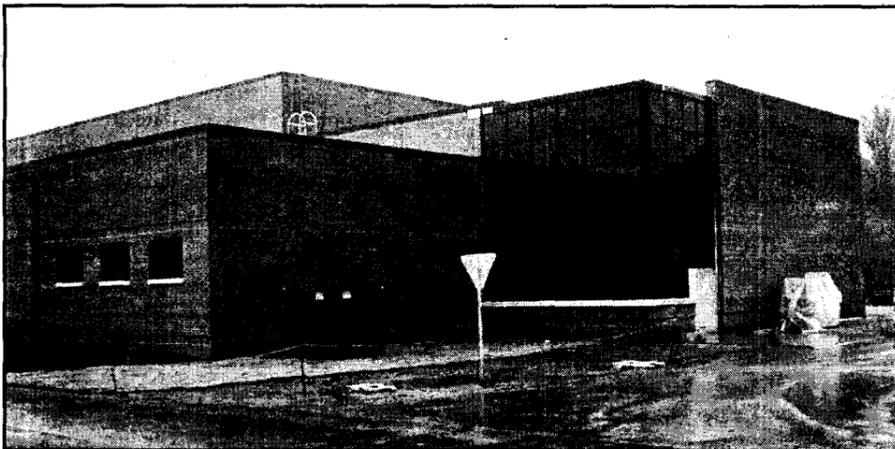
It won't be long before Redstone Arsenal has an additional full-size gym.

Construction is nearly finished on the \$2.7 million physical fitness facility scheduled to open in January. "The contract will be complete in mid to late December time frame," Joe Davis, chief of the master planning and major construction division in Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning, said.

The facility is located on Aerobee Road adjacent to the Recreation Center and the bowling alley. "It'll actually share a parking lot with the bowling alley," Davis said.

"This facility has been on our requirements list since 1981. The funding was added by Sen. Shelby's office two years ago—in the '94 time frame," he said.

Referring to the requirement since 1981, Davis added, "So, it's been around



COMING SOON— The physical fitness facility is slated to open in January.

for a long time; we finally got it."

The new gym, built by Consolidated Construction Company of Huntsville, has 21,000 square feet. It includes a full-size basketball court, three racquetball courts, a weight room, and an aerobics room. This facility is in addition to the current Pagano Gym which serves the military community.

Wellness center member meets goal with exercise

A worker at MICOM's Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity is the November honoree at the Civilian Wellness Center.

The wellness center recognizes members for their monthly success stories. Members are asked to write about how the Civilian Wellness Center has helped them achieve their health goals.

James Knight, the November winner, wrote the following about his progress at the center:

"I started at the Civilian Wellness Center in April '96 weighing in at 203 pounds and 26.5 percent body fat. By watching calories and fat content plus cardiovascular workouts, on Oct. 24 the weight is down to 173 pounds and 14.2 percent body fat, and one size smaller in pants. Not only have I lost the weight but the numbers on my blood work have also improved. In April my cholesterol was 213 and triglycerides was 177; in October these numbers had gone down to 161 and 71 respectively.

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Call 837-0751 for more information.

• **Free bingo:** All members of the Redstone community are invited to enjoy a free bingo game package Dec. 18 at the Challenger. The doors open at 4 p.m. and cards go on sale at 5. You will receive one free game package at the door. Other special games including Mrs. Claus and Elves special games will be played throughout the night. (No one under age 19 will be allowed in the bingo area.) For more information call 837-0751.

• **CDC special visitor:** The artist program Wolf Trap Institute will hold programs at 3 p.m. Dec. 2-6 at the Child Development Center. The mission of the Wolf Trap Institute is to teach children basic and academic life skills through active participation in performing arts activities led by professional performing artists and to train teachers through the practical application of these techniques. For more information, call Jan McVey 876-7888 or Ron Williams 830-3231.

• **School Age Services:** An open house will be held Dec. 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at School Age Services, building 3400. The computer center will be showcased, as well as other assets of the program. For more information, call Edd Gancarz 876-7947.



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With Michelle's guidance, exercise physiologist at the Wellness Center, my strength has also increased; I am on my third-level workout with weights.

"My original goal was to weigh 175 and 15 percent body fat. Since these goals have been met, I must now maintain these figures and continue to increase my strength," Knight concluded.

Success stories from members can include pounds or inches lost, cholesterol lowered, blood pressure dropped, body fat decreased, walking/running distance increased, strength improved, developed a positive self-esteem, and stress minimized. The Civilian Wellness Center, building 4460 on Digney Road, will award a prize for the success story of the month. Members should submit their stories— fax number is 955-7074 — so they can be recognized for reaching their health goals.

AIDS continues to spread among nation's teen-agers

By Susan Goodman

Dec. 1 is World AIDS Day. It provides an occasion to reflect upon the changing faces of HIV and AIDS and review the changes that have happened in the past year.

There are rising rates of acquiring HIV infections among Americans born after 1960. In 1994, AIDS cases in teen-agers increased 127 percent over 1993. According to Donna Shalala, MD, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: "While our AIDS prevention efforts have succeeded in stabilizing or even reducing the rate of infection among older Americans, they are not having the same kind of effect among young adults. What we have is a generation in jeopardy."

Findings in a recent research activity at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development noted that:

- Success in school is the most important factor affecting sexual behavior. Consequently, students who perform better in school have a lower risk of HIV infection than those who do poorly.
- One-third of all adolescents interviewed in physician offices report that their doctor never brought up sex-related topics.
- Mothers are reluctant to discuss sexuality values with their adolescents. Young people hunger for more input from parents about their values.
- Nearly half (46 percent) of children surveyed believed that HIV could be transmitted through touching an infected person. Seventy-nine percent believed they could become infected by

sharing a cup.

Women are another rapidly growing risk group for HIV infection. The good news—there has been advances for pregnant HIV-positive women. Since the CDC developed guidelines for treating HIV-positive mothers with the drug AZT, HIV transmission to infants has declined in the past two years for 21 percent to 10 percent.

During the past year, more data has become available on a particular risk factor. It has become a recently established fact that people who have Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) are more prone to HIV infection. In 1995, an estimated 12 million new cases of STDs were reported, including more than 40,000 infections with HIV.

Advances have been made on the treatment of HIV infected individuals. By combining new drugs with an old one, researchers have developed treatment protocols that are providing some of the most impressive results in AIDS research in years. Two drug trials showed unprecedented activity against HIV. Both included a new class of drugs called protease inhibitors, which prevented newly formed HIV from growing. Research studies show that the amount of virus has been reduced to levels too low to be detected by the most sensitive tests. Although the virus has not been completely eradicated from the body, it remains so low that resistance to the drugs cannot form, and the immune system is able to keep the virus in check. Further studies will test how long total suppression can be sustained and what drugs combina-

tions work best.

Cost is a major concern with the new protease inhibitor drugs. The wholesale cost of the first protease inhibitor to receive FDA approval is \$5,800 a year.

Another advance in HIV infection treatment is a commercially available viral-load test, which measures the amount of HIV (specifically, HIV RNA) in the blood. Before the development of this commercial test, it was available only to researchers. Research studies confirm that the amount of HIV in the blood, or viral load, can accurately predict how quickly the patient will progress to AIDS. Viral-load testing, with the presently used CD4 (an immune system cell affected by HIV) testing, could reduce the cost of drug therapy by monitoring drug failure, drug resistance, disease progression, and side effects.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has new recommendations that health care workers receive preventive therapy for high-risk exposures to HIV-infected blood.

Home HIV tests kits offer privacy and convenience. They are available nationwide, except for New York, California and Pennsylvania. The test is 99 percent accurate. If someone is in the window period (time when a person is infected but has not yet produced enough antibodies to the virus to be measured), a false negative could result. Therefore, the test recommends that you wait six months after engaging in risky behavior before taking the test.

(Editor's note: Goodman is a community health nurse at Fox Army Community Hospital.)

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Grissom ROTC cadets have an exciting year

The Junior ROTC cadets at Grissom High School can look back on 1996 as a year of unique experiences. The past summer included a week-long summer camp, a whitewater rafting trip and a scuba diving trip to Cozumel, Mexico.

The first challenge for the cadet corps was Second Region's Summer Camp, June 16-21 at Fort McClellan. Thirteen Grissom cadets, 10 male and three female, joined 389 other cadets from Alabama and Mississippi. During the week the cadets participated in various military oriented activities: leadership reaction and confidence courses, rappel training, land navigation, physical training, team sport tournaments, and a three-event cadet challenge consisting of pushups, situps and a one-mile run.

For the next challenge, 24 cadets ventured to Oconee State Park, S.C., for two nights of camping and an exciting seven-hour trip

down the Chatooga River. Wildwater Rafting Company guided the cadets through rigorous class 3 and 4 rapids on the stretch of river used to film the canoe scenes in the movie "Deliverance." Retired Maj. Carleton Vencill and retired Sgt. Maj. John Steffen got in on the action as well, accompanying their cadets on the rafting adventure.

The final excursion for the cadets took them to sunny Cozumel, Mexico. Cozumel is a small island off the eastern coast of the Yucatan Peninsula which is known for its diving areas. Scuba divers from throughout the world come to Cozumel to experience its coral reefs and friendly fish.

On June 14, a group of 10 students arrived in Cozumel accompanied by Vencill, the senior Army instructor at Grissom. Over the course of a week, the group took six dives. These dives ranged from 40-foot drift dives to 90-foot dives along a 3,000-foot coral

wall. The coral reefs of Cozumel offered the students a unique exposure to tropical life.

This trip included more than just scuba diving. The students were able to leave the island for the mainland and see the ancient Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza. This cultural experience included such ruins as an ancient Mayan observatory, a playing field where the Mayans played Tlachtli, and the ancient temple of Quetzecuatel. Even in the 100-degree weather, the students were more than willing to stay

for the entire day to learn about the ancient Mayans of Chichen Itza.

The students returned to Huntsville June 21. Students who went on the trip included Sara Tvrdy, Chrisy Brantner, Patricia Vencill, Julie Keene, Thomas Barrow, Steve Chapman, Aaron Hainline, James Quinn, Kevin Mack and David Grimes.

(Editor's note: Contributing writers from Grissom High included Carrie Collins, Sara Tvrdy, Chrisy Brantner and David Grimes.)

Crewmen slightly hurt in helicopter accident

FORT BRAGG, N.C.— A MH-6 helicopter made an emergency landing north of Decatur, Ala., at about 2:15 p.m. Friday. The co-pilot sustained a minor injury to his hand and leg and the pilot sustained a minor leg injury.

They were identified as Freydrick Horsley and Capt. Allan Pepin. Horsley, a civilian military instructor, is a contractor through Lockheed Martin, according to Maj. Andy Lucas, public affairs liaison for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.

The helicopter was one of three en route from Hurlburt Field, Fla., to their home base at Fort Campbell, Ky. The helicopters and crews were returning from over-the-water training in Florida. The helicopters are assigned to the 160th.

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Smoker for five decades gives up cigarette habit for good

By Peggy Hays

In the spring of 1994, Mario "John" D'Aquila quit smoking. By then, he'd been smoking for 50 years. For the past seven or eight years, his legs tingled with exertion, he had a smoker's cough, and he felt poorly. He had a resolve that someday he'd quit. But he had no starting point.

It's been two and a half years since that day; and D'Aquila, a retired Army sergeant with 22 years of service, has not smoked since. Even better, at age 68, he's active, his health is good and he's committed to his new routines. He's also certain that his involvement in the Fox Army Community Hospital smoking cessation classes played a major role in his ability to "kick it."

His current routine includes a lifestyle built around activity. "I don't want it now. I can pass it up."

But, he added, "Your environment dictates that. I'm out of the house by 10 o'clock, then it's time for lunch. I've cut down on coffee, too. I don't drink any after 10 in the morning."

He's changed his environment because he's firmly convinced that that is the central reason behind a 50-year habit. "The one key

factor is that if you quit smoking, you've got to change that habit in the morning. If you're used to sitting down in the morning, you've got to give up that cigarette in the morning. You've got to get to the shower, grab a cup of orange juice, and get on the road.

"The other factor is a smoke-free environment."

D'Aquila recalled that his smoking cessation class included 15 people; their instructor was Susan Goodman, FACH preventive medicine, who still heads the current program. He and his wife originally went to Fox for a cholesterol screening. They met Goodman and upon her invitation, John enrolled in the program. He stayed three months.

"I knew I was going to quit sometime. I just didn't have the tools so when the government was able to give me the (nicotine) patches, I was successful. I wasn't feeling all that great from smoking anyway."

The program works, D'Aquila said, because "you're starting something and you've got other people with you and you don't want to fail."

"You have the same basic background. Each person tells why they are smoking. After three or four classes, there was a day we stopped

smoking: That was the day that it started.

"It was the program, the literature, and the teacher," he concluded.

The program used a buddy system but D'Aquila didn't need it, he said. "I was determined. I wanted to quit. I coughed and gagged in the morning."

D'Aquila acknowledged that patches can now be bought without a prescription. "But if you're a civilian and going to work every morning, the patch alone is not going to do it, the program does it."

He had to think hard about what were the most difficult days. "The first couple," he said, then paused, "I can't really isolate. The first week, week and a half.

"You have to do a different program" he said again. "If you go to work at 8 a.m., get up as late as you can; get up at 6:15 and out you go at a quarter to seven. Get up in the morning at the latest possible moment, jump in the shower, go do something.

"You feel miserable the first three-four days. If it's rainy that particular day, you have to have something to occupy your mind. Go to the office early "

John states, unequivocally, "I feel great. The biggest thing is that the legs feel bet-



HE QUIT— Josephine and John D'Aquila celebrate Christmas in a 1993 photo. John quit smoking two and a half years ago after 50 years as a cigarette smoker.

ter. My legs aren't tingling any more. When I used to cut the grass, they'd be beating so that I'd have to soak them in the bathtub. After six months, I found I didn't have that tingling any more. I can now sit down and get a cup of coffee."

D'Aquila recalled that being a missile instructor maintained that habit for himself and for the students. "The biggest factor was the 10 minutes you get every

hour. There was coffee and there was smoking permitted in hallways. That was normal.

"There would be 80 students in and out of four classrooms, then down for coffee and outside for a smoke. They created that atmosphere."

D'Aquila began smoking while still in grammar school in New York. That was normal in those days, he recalled.

And wisdom would he now pass on to others? After all, it was 15 years ago when he first began thinking about it— when the literature about smoking first became well known to the public. "The only thing I'd say is that most of the guys who have ailments say, 'I'm getting older.' Nine-tenths of the time, they don't really know how poorly they feel because of the nicotine in their system. They don't realize about their breathing; they've been doing it so long.

"The fact of the matter is what the nicotine is doing to the arteries. I feel a lot better now that I quit smoking. The main thing is the circulation improves."

In the end, D'Aquila summarized that it wasn't so much the physical symptoms that finally initiated his quitting of a lifetime habit. Instead, it was the decision, his personal resolve, to make that task his number one priority, and then, to change his morning routine.

That personal resolve was so steadfast that D'Aquila shrugs it all off. He maintains, "It's no big deal."

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maintaining missile system equipment. That's the bottom line of all of this," Downing said.

OMA (operations and maintenance, Army) dollars have taken a major cut in the latest defense budget. "What we're trying to do is come up with creative ways to use the reduced OMA budget that we have," Downing said.

She can tell that people are finding out about the cost reduction program and the money available to fund initiatives. Her phone, 842-8964, has been busier than ever.

"Due to increased visibility, we're having an increased number of participants," Downing said. "Act fast while the dollars last."

WSMD workers wear their organizational day finest

By Becky Akin

The Weapon Systems Management Directorate enjoyed teamwork and camaraderie Oct. 23 as part of their Organizational Day held at the Recreation Center. Morning activities were postponed due to rain, but after a barbecue lunch, the employees participated in a scavenger hunt as well as other team-building activities. Teams were randomly selected in order to intermingle employees from all areas of the organization.

Super models can rest easy after hearing about WSMD's version of a fashion show. Models and announcers were chosen from each team. Team members were tasked with designing and dressing their models from head to toe using only newspapers and tape. As the announcers described each design,

models displayed everything from wedding attire to beach wear. The team members led by model Jurgen Ebeling-Belt seemed to be the favorite.

When the laughter died down, WSMD employees moved from the Recreation Center to the Redstone Bowling Alley to participate in a WSMD Bowling Tournament. The first place bowling team included Jane Elkins, Jerry Simmons, Brain Benis, Rich Kerr and Alvin Odoms. Second place went to Cindy Keeton, Becky Akin, Ronnie Byrd, Leon Wilkins and Paul Henderson.

When asked why WSMD felt the need for an organizational day, Dr. Eugene Paro, director, replied, "It is imperative that on regular occasions the personnel of organizations interact in an environment more relaxed and



CREATIVE DESIGNERS— WSMD employees model designer newspaper fashions ranging from beach wear to wedding attire during organizational day activities.

informal from that of the normal day-to-day routine. Even in small organizations, people seldom have an appreciation of the strengths and depths of character of other members of the same organization. Informal get-togethers such as organizational days, purposefully structured to create different groupings of people, generate an organizational cohesiveness.

Such cohesiveness is the key to success."

The committee responsible for planning the activities included Phyllis Henley, chairperson; Kim Stenberg, Martha Daly, Becky Akin and Linda Moore.

The Employees vs. Management softball game that was postponed from the Organizational Day the week before was held the afternoon of Oct. 31. After

seven grueling innings, the Employees emerged the winners.

"It was the best Organizational Day we have ever had," said Deb Childers from the Systems Programs and Budget Office of WSMD.

(Editor's note: Akin works at Weapon Systems Management Directorate.)

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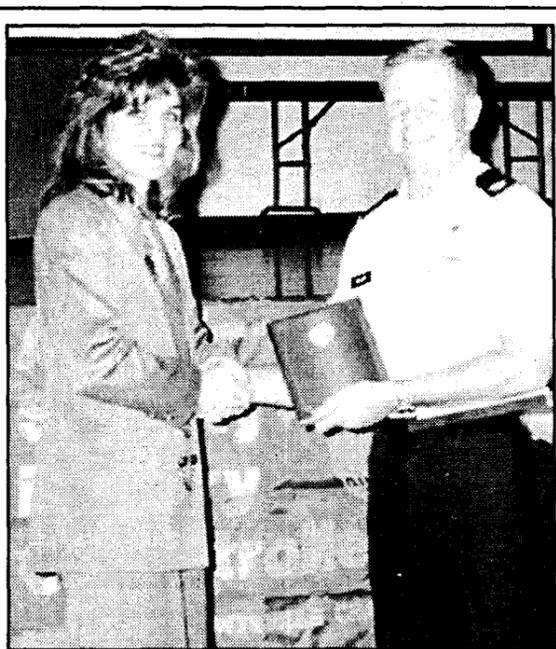
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list the better. We are going to have to limit the size of the camp this time, and I want as many as possible to get in."

Cost of the program is \$50 which covers the uniform, badges, ribbons and other extras. Parents must also attend the parents' information meeting and fill out several forms before their child can participate.

The Young Marines is a nonprofit organization that relies on not only monetary donations, but volunteers as well. Adults who would like to volunteer their time can call Black at 876-8962 for more information. Interested parents can also call Black for information on the program.



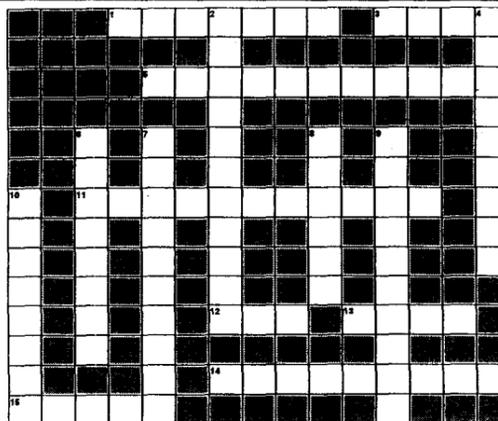
ASMC meeting...

Antonia Ikirt receives a token of appreciation from Col. Kent Miller, president of the American Society of Military Comptrollers, during the group's Nov. 14 meeting at Trinity Personal Growth Center. Ikirt, the guest speaker, is

deputy chief of modernization branch and chief of plans, programs and reports for the Civilian Personnel Management Service. She explained deployment of modernization of regional civilian personnel offices.

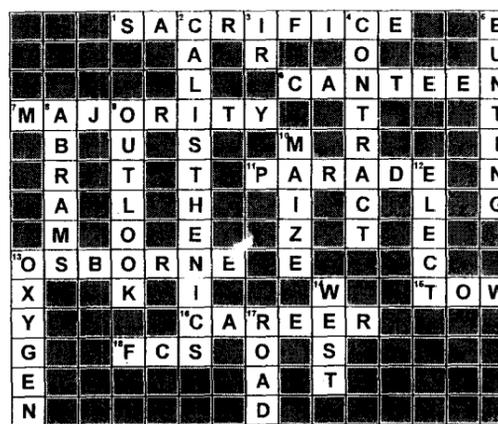
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By Peggy Hays



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process, and installation management process waivers.

RD&E Center and Directorate of Logistics entered into their cooperative partnership in December 1995 for implementation of the system throughout the command. The initial de-

velopment price was an economical \$120,000 for a system which officials believe will save millions. Other paperless systems that logistics officials were considering would have cost \$2-3 million to imple-

ment. "I'm real excited that we were able to form this partnership and I'm excited that MICOM will benefit from

this initiative," Leonard said. "And I'm excited that MICOM employees will be able to get their supplies at less expense."

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Health insurance—

An open season, during which eligible federal employees may enroll or change enrollment to a new Federal Employees Health Benefits plan, will be held through Dec. 9. Under open season regulations, any eligible employee who is not currently enrolled may enroll. An eligible employee is one who is serving on a permanent type appointment or a temporary employee on a regular tour of duty who has completed more than one year of continuous federal service. An enrolled employee may change from one plan or option to another, or from self-only to self and family, or any combination of these. An employee who does not wish to take no action during this open season.

Retirement ceremony—

The quarterly retirement ceremony will be held at 4 p.m.

Jan. 16 at the Youth Center gymnasium. Rehearsal will be held at 7 a.m. Jan. 15 at the Youth Center gymnasium. If you wish to participate call Support Operations, SFC Jones 842-2500 by Jan. 3.

Hospital schedule—

Fox Army Community Hospital announces the following holiday schedule when all clinics will be closed and Pharmacy, Pathology (LAB), and Radiology will follow routine after-hours staffing: Nov. 28, Thanksgiving, with the Emergency Room open with minimum staffing and the Pharmacy closed all day; Nov. 29, training holiday, with the ER open with minimum staffing and the Pharmacy closed all day; Dec. 13, training holiday, with the ER open with minimum staffing and the Pharmacy closed all day; Dec. 24, hospital open, although the Pharmacy will close at 1 p.m.; Dec. 25, Christmas, ER open with minimum staffing and the Pharmacy closed all day; Dec. 31, hospital open although the Pharmacy will close at 1 p.m.; and Jan. 1, New Year's Day, the ER open with minimum staffing and the Pharmacy closed all day.

Art exhibit— The Huntsville Museum of Art will present "Splendors of a Golden Age: Italian Paintings from Burghley House," Dec. 15 through Feb. 16,

1997. This exhibition of 60 Italian paintings from the 16th through 18th centuries is drawn from the private collection of one of England's Elizabethan houses. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors (65-plus) and military, and \$3 for children and students with ID. Huntsville Museum of Art members with a special pass are admitted free. The art museum is located in the Von Braun Civic Center. For more information, call 535-4350.

BOSS needs volunteers—

The BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) Committee is seeking volunteers for a Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness Program. For more information, call Sgt. Coman 955-6144 or Sgt. Sewell 876-2826.

PX news—

The Post Exchange opens at 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. Nov. 29. Visit with Santa from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Then have your picture taken with Santa and get a Kid Care Photo ID Kit from 1-2 p.m. "We'll have specials, face painting, a magician and balloon animals. Be sure to stop by your Redstone PX Nov. 29 any time from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m."... The Furniture Store, building 3230, will have a Simmons mattress truckload sale Nov. 29 through Dec. 1.... The PX is giving customers an early Christmas gift by offering a Bonus Bucks Program.

Customers making purchases of retail items over \$20 will qualify for bonus bucks. They'll receive a bonus buck for each \$20 they spend at the time of purchase from the sales associate at the cash register. Double bonus bucks will be given for purchases over \$500. Customers may earn bonus bucks while quantities last or through Dec. 24 (whichever comes first) on the purchase of retail items with the exception of alcohol, gasoline, catalog and DPSC merchandise (issue uniforms and accessories). Bonus bucks may be redeemed through Jan. 27 toward the purchase of retail items.

Sexual harassment hotline—

A sexual harassment hotline has been in place for two years in the MICOM Equal Employment Opportunity Office. It is available for both civilians and military who need assistance on issues of sexual harassment as well as any other EEO 6461. Becky Miller is the

program manager for prevention of sexual harassment.

Overseas mailing campaign—

The Department of Defense and Dear Abby are sponsoring a holiday mailing campaign to support U.S. troops stationed abroad. Effective through Jan. 15, mail may be accepted for the following addresses: America Remembers, Operation Dear Abby, APO AE 09135; America Remembers, Operation Dear Abby, APO AP 96285; America Remembers, Operation Dear Abby, APO AA 34085; America Remembers, Operation Dear Abby, FPO AE 09646; and America Remembers, Operation Dear Abby, FPO AP 96385. Redstone Arsenal directorates/activities wishing to participate in this holiday mailing campaign should forward their activity holiday greeting cards to Central Mail, building 3648. Mailing limit is one holiday greeting card per APO/FPO per activity (total of five cards per activity). Cards received will be metered as

official mail. For more information, call Jim Deweese 876-5199/3723.

Newcomers orientation—

The Newcomers' Orientation will be held Dec. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at building 3447. Attendance is mandatory for military newcomers to this area; and spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation features speakers, information booths, and a bus tour of Redstone. Free child care is provided at the Child Development Center, building 3145. Child's shot records are required. To register for free child care or for more information call Mary Breeden, Relocation Assistance Program manager, 876-5397.

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Garage Sale: 113 Canoebrook Lane off Jeff Road NW-boat, garden, pool. Christmas decorations. Arts crafts. 8:00 am, Nov. 30.

Kenmore range w/vent hood & backsplash \$100; 10 gal.

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include futons, sheets, pillows, pillowcases, blankets, towels, portable child beds, pots, dishes, coffee pots, vacuum cleaners, cooking and eating utensils. For more information, call ACS at 876-5397 or stop by building 3491, Honest John Road. Hours are from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Home buying/selling

If you are buying or selling a home, check out the resource materials available at Army Community Service. The ACS Relocation Assistance Program has videos and information about moving with children, home buying, selling, and pricing. For more information, call Mary Breeden or Theresa Mack 876-5397.

Housing office

The Housing Management Division office, building 111, room 128, will be closed Nov. 29 and will return to normal hours Dec. 2. "We apologize, in advance, for any inconvenience this may cause anyone."

Reliability engineers

The Society of Reliability Engineers will meet at 11 a.m. Dec. 17 at the Old Country Buffet. Information on obtaining Certified Reliability Engineer status will be provided; and a current topic in the field of reliability engineering will be presented. For more information, call Eric Hunt 876-9566.

Christmas trees

All offices, day rooms, military personnel on active duty, and other activities requiring Christmas trees, are authorized to cut trees on a self-help basis in the area northeast of the Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) area which is located across the road from the Redstone Saddle Activity. Trees should not be cut for commercial or unauthorized use. This area has been marked with orange flagging for easy recognition. Travel will be limited to the single pasture trail along the east side of the open pastureland. Cutting operations will be limited to inside the Christmas tree cutting area only. Extreme caution should be exercised to prevent straying outside of the area or off the access route and removing any objects other than a Christmas tree. Trees should not be cut earlier than Dec. 7 or later than Dec. 24 during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tree trimmings should not be left on grassed rights-of-way, railroad tracks or access roads. For more information and a location map, call personnel at the Outdoor Recreation building 5132, at 876-4868.

Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 9 in building 3202 (Union Office). One of the members, Louise Cooper, won the \$250 attendance prize at the November meeting. Next month the prize starts over at \$50. For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

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Misc. items for sale: Sofa \$75; Twin bed w/mattress \$40; Tri-level circular coffee table (Brass w/glass tops) \$30; Nintendo (super) scope w/game \$40. 876-2046.

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