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Former Thiokol plant has variety of new occupants

By Skip Vaughn

The sprawling area of buildings formerly occupied by Thiokol Corporation is being divided among various Army and contractor organizations.

After Thiokol announced plans to close its plant here as a cost-cutting measure, the Missile Command tried to find a government or private agency willing to move in. There were no takers. Nobody wanted to assume the costs of operating such a large facility which represents 1,260 acres.

MICOM then sought guidance from headquarters Army Materiel Command and Department of Army. They gave MICOM permission to use the former rocket motor production facility as it so chooses. So, the command embarked on a plan to divide the former Thiokol plant. As a result, about 85 percent of the area will be operated by new users by January 1998. And the remaining 15 percent remains open to suggestions.

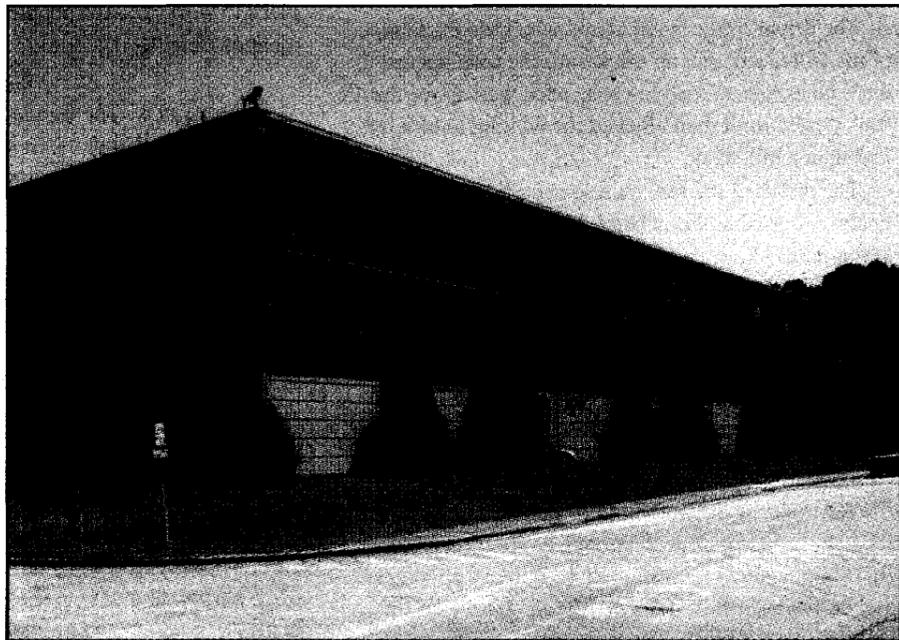
"The plan as it is being implemented is the culmination of almost six months of searching for occupants to backfill the RARE (Redstone Arsenal Rocket Engine) facility," Mark Burroughs, contracting offi-

cer's representative for this project, said. He is a project manager in the master planning division at the Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning.

Thiokol moved out this summer after producing solid rocket motors for the government there ever since the late 1940s. At its peak, the plant employed from 1,200 to 1,500 people. Now the only holdovers are Herb Burton, the former plant engineer who is serving as Thiokol's liaison in closing out the facilities, and gate guards Kendall Bennett and Wesley Ausley.

This area represents a significant investment in Army dollars so its reuse became a priority. The facility is worth \$350 million in terms of its replacement value; and there is some \$46 million worth of government-furnished equipment inside. These include production-type equipment such as mixers and machining tools such as lathes. "The government in the last five to 10 years had invested some \$35-40 million in modernization of the facilities and infrastructure," Burroughs said.

The facility, on the southeastern portion of the Arsenal, was consequently divided



UNDER RENOVATION— Building 7611 in the former Thiokol area is being renovated for its new occupants from the Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis.

into two: the area on the south side of Redstone Road, and the part on the north side of that road. The south plant represents about 200 acres and roughly 40 buildings. The north plant includes about 1,060 acres and around 200 buildings.

"What has already been done is the south plant has been given to the Defense Intelli-

gence Agency where they will perform counterintelligence on foreign missile systems," Burroughs said. Thus, the Missile and Space Intelligence Center is already putting its portion to use. These are busy times for MSIC, by the way. There is a plan

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Command gives computers, other items to area schools

By Skip Vaughn

The Missile Command contributed more than \$480,000 in excess equipment to schools in Alabama and Tennessee over the past year. Most were computers, but an unusual donation to three schools will help the music departments.

The closing of the Post Chapel enabled MICOM to donate a piano to Ashville High School in St. Clair County, a piano to Grassy Junior High in Marshall County, and four guitars with amplifiers to Johnson High School in Huntsville.

MICOM has traditionally tried to help school systems whenever possible. Public Law 101-510, dated Nov. 5, 1990, gave federal agencies a legal mechanism

to support educational programs in the schools.

"It's a congressional mandate to all federal agencies. Now some agencies are doing a better job at this than others," Dr. Katie Blanding, university liaison specialist with Weapons Sciences Directorate at Research Development and Engineering Center, said. "It simply means that we are charged to intervene in science, math and engineering education to support those programs, to strengthen America's edge in those programs."

This law encourages the following: beneficial contact between representatives of an educational institution and a defense laboratory; loaning defense laboratory equipment to the institution;

transferring to the institution defense laboratory equipment determined by the director to be surplus; making laboratory personnel available to teach science courses or to assist in the development of science courses and materials for the institution; involving faculty and students of the institution in defense laboratory research projects; cooperating with the institution in developing a program under which students may be given academic credit for work on defense laboratory research projects; and providing academic and career advice and assistance to students of the institution.

"MICOM has always been supportive of educa-

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Season's Greetings!

The Rocket staff will take the next two weeks off for the holidays so this is our final issue until January 8, 1997.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Letters to the editor

Reckless drivers

Wouldn't it be great if everyone was honest and fair? If only those authorized to drive on the Arsenal drove through the gates? If those who are authorized on the Arsenal drove responsibly and considerately of others? Most are. Most do. Most will welcome the new DoD Police Presence. A few will not. Unfortunately, the few who think they are "special" are the ones we usually remember:

— The driver of the full-sized luxury car who thought the double yellow centerline marking the no passing zone applied only to others. The same driver who saw no reason to stop after striking me as I was riding my bicycle because she couldn't wait 10 seconds for me to clear the construction zone or for the oncoming, full-sized pickup truck to get out of the way.

— The driver of the small coupe who rode the bumper of my full-sized, pickup truck until the road opened to three lanes then passed me at a speed well above the 45 mph posted limit then blocked me waiting to turn left less than a mile later.

— The driver of the red, muscle car who closed illegally close to my bumper when I dared to slow to only seven miles above the speed limit for the construction zone where I was hit the day before.

We don't need drivers like this to make our daily commutes miserable. If Officer Kenny Renew is a typical example, the new DoD police should help eliminate these clowns.

I've noticed the increased police present on post, but I had no idea how well qualified these new folks are. Officer Renew investigated the hit-and-run accident I described above. He was professional, courteous and thorough. I later learned he was a retired military policeman. I will bet that he will find the driver who hit me despite my failure to get a license number.

Not everyone will welcome the new police presence on the Arsenal. Those people who think they are "special"—such as the ones described above—will not like having to obey the laws designed to protect us from idiots like them. I feel the vast majority of Arsenal employees—those of us who do obey the law—will be very glad to see them.

I urge everyone to watch out for the few reckless drivers and give them a wide berth. Get their license numbers and report them to the Military Police Desk at 876-2222. Be sure to include specific details of how they violated Alabama law.

For the vast majority of Arsenal workers who not only obey the minimums of the law but are careful, attentive and considerate; I thank you—especially when I am commuting on my bicycle!

Morton Archibald
Quality Institute

Retiree cards

We were not surprised to read the following statement in an e-mail to the MICOM community: "The Vehicle Registration and Identification Section, Provost Marshal Office, will no longer make retiree identification cards. Any inconvenience this causes our customers is sincerely regretted."

Due to the funding constraints in the pay of people and the operation of Redstone Arsenal, it is understandable that there are cuts in all areas. We even accepted the voluntary early retirement to help alleviate this problem. In

the past we have been told as MICOM employees that our people are our most important asset, but when we retire it appears—from the actions of the Provost Marshal Office—we are no longer of any use to this command, and we should not even have an identification card that would reflect that we have spent a career on Redstone Arsenal.

The guards will again be placed on Redstone Arsenal gates in January, and we agree this needs to happen. However, what are we supposed to use as identification when return to the post to use the facilities that are open to the retired community?

We know it is asking a lot, but it would be appreciated if the command could provide an identification card to show that a big part of our lives has been given to this command. Please do not think that we are not grateful for the great career we have had at this command. It is a great place to work, and the people are the best in the Department of Defense.

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: The business of issuing retiree decals has not changed of yet; that may change but it hasn't at this point, according to the Provost Marshal Office. The office continues to issue decals to retired personnel. A drivers' license can also be used to gain entry to this post.)

Gate 10 hours

As a leader of soldiers and supervisor of civilian personnel, I feel that the decision to change the hours of gate 10 to 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. needs to be reconsidered.

I know that there are several employees on this side of post who report to work at 6 a.m. including several of my employees. With gate 10 not opening until 6 a.m., all these personnel will be forced to utilize gate 8 to be to work on time. This will route a lot of traffic coming on this post prior to 6 a.m. through gate 8 where there is limited space between the intersection and guard shack. I am glad that guards are being placed at the gates to safeguard this post, but this will congest the traffic at gate 8. This will also route a majority of the traffic down Vincent Drive, and most importantly, route people through the heart of the "troop area" where most soldiers (permanent party and students) are doing physical training at this time of the morning. I can personally recall several occasions where vehicles going through this area have come close to hitting soldiers.

Whatever happened to "risk assessment" in the military. Routing vehicles through this area is just waiting for an accident to happen. My suggestion, open gate 10 at 5:30 a.m. to accommodate the traffic. Not only does this route the traffic away from the troop area, but it would also eliminate the traffic congestion at gate 8. I realize that we are "penny pinching" in the military, but is a half hour's pay for a gate guard on gate 10 worth the life of a soldier or the accidents that will happen if gate 10 is left closed until 6 a.m.?

SSgt. Mark Eavey
Chief dental NCO

(Editor's note: Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided the following response. "The hours of operation for each gate were made after careful consideration of associated risks, traffic flow, and available work-years. Reducing risk to co-workers is a responsibility that all members of Team Redstone must undertake by obeying established traffic laws and exercising driving courtesy. Putting guards back on the gates will require some adjustments for each member of Team Redstone and we appreciate your assistance and cooperation.")

Greetings for the holidays from the Army brass

As 1996 draws to a close, we extend our personal best wishes for this holiday season to all the women and men of America's Army. Thank you for your dedication, selfless service, and sacrifice in defending world freedom and peace.

For the peace and prosperity we enjoy today, we thank you—you, our dedicated soldiers, Army civilians, and family members. Although many of you will not be able to spend this holiday season with your families, you have your Army family to ease the loneliness of separation.

Wherever you are, whatever your mission, take pride and satisfaction in knowing that you are securing a bright future for yourselves and future generations of Americans.

We wish you and those closest to you a safe and happy holiday and a new year filled with peace, joy, and love.

Secretary of the Army,
Togo West;
and Army Chief of Staff,
Gen. Dennis Reimer



Merry Christmas...

Maj. Gen. James and Judy Link participate in the annual Christmas tree lighting held Dec. 9 at the Officers Club. The event was sponsored by the Officer and Civilian Women's Club.

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Command continues discussions to avoid forced layoffs in '97 at MICOM

By Peggy Hays

Although a reduction in force for the Missile Command remains a possibility, discussions are continuing with higher headquarters on how a RIF might be avoided.

"I'm almost reluctant to even talk about the status of this RIF because to talk about it could give rise to alarming the work force that a RIF is imminent," LeRoy Daniels, director of Civilian Personnel Office, said. "I don't want to do that. At the same time, I must be realistic.

"We're working very hard to avoid a reduction in force. We're still considering alternatives and holding discussions so that we can eliminate the need for this RIF."

In what Daniels described as a "major discussion with experts from Army Materiel Command headquarters," a high-level meeting was scheduled with four representatives from AMC on Dec. 11, and possibly Dec. 12, at the Sparkman Center.

Prior to the meeting, Daniels indicated that the scheduled discussions "could very well determine whether we issue letters in January 1997."

No decision will be forthcoming at this time while the final decision is in progress, Daniels said. Neither was a date set for when the final announcement may be made. Because of the nature of the talks, Daniels also preferred not to discuss ways the RIF might be avoided. "I'd rather not talk about the alternatives right now because the meeting will be very critical," he said.

His office is, however, preparing for what may occur. "On a realistic side, we must prepare for the RIF. That's what we've been doing in the personnel office right now," he said. "We've set up the computers with all the data that we need to issue RIF notices January 1997.

"Don Dixon is responsible for the contingency planning. He's leading the team for getting the letters

out but ultimately, I'm responsible," said Daniels.

Daniels compared the initial reduction target, 564, with the current status following closure of the third early-out window on Nov. 8. "We knew that we had to reduce by 564," he said. "With the approved Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay and other attrition, we will have reduced the work force by over 430, leaving us about 130 or so reductions. That's based on the approvals right now."

For individuals already approved under the early-out window, the Jan. 3 separation date remains unchanged. Daniels and Dixon concurred that more than 125 people would be leaving under VERA/VSEP on Jan. 3.

"The sad part of talking about reduction during this time of year is that it kind of puts a chilling effect on holiday spirit," Daniels said. "We're still optimistic that even if we issue letters on the 13th because of the

timeline, we feel there's a real possibility of avoiding the RIF. That's our optimism.

"I don't want to put a chill on the holiday spirit. At the same time, not treat lightly because the possibility of a RIF is real; the probability that we'll not have it is rather encouraging, at least to me. I wish I could just give everybody good news but we're just not at that stage."

The scheduled effective date for the proposed RIF is May 16, 1997. "It could be earlier but we're going to continue to work so it doesn't (happen)," he said.

Daniels noted that Dec. 10, the day of the interview, marked his 31st year of federal service. "And we're talking about a reduction in force," he reminisced, sadly. "The last time we executed a full-blown reduction in force in the U.S. Army Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal was 1970."



Ribbon cutting,,,

Jim Mullen, director of the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, and Sgt. Maj. Lewis Lockett, chief of Family Support Division, cut the ribbon on the new computer center which was showcased during the School Age Services open house Dec. 9 at building 3400.



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Again, we urge you to write the legislators of your district and voice your opposition to the restrictions placed upon Redstone Federal Credit Union and all federal credit unions.

We will keep you posted of any new developments in this matter.

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Leisure travel office on the move once again Dec. 23

By Skip Vaughn

The leisure travel office is moving again—but only temporarily.

Carlson Wagonlit Travel's leisure branch, in the Post Exchange mall, will move Dec. 23 for up to three months to building 111 where the official travel branch is located. After remodeling is completed at the PX location, the leisure branch will return to that site.

"We are going to do some remodeling of the office over there. In the interim period, the employees will be moved over to this building, 111. Our hours of operation are going to have to change. They'll be 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday," Kevin Grimm, branch manager for Carlson Wagonlit Travel, said. The current hours at leisure branch are 9-5:30 Monday through Friday.

Besides the location and the hours, everything else about leisure travel branch will remain the same. "We're still going to be full-service selling tours, cruises, (vacation) packages," Grimm said.

The three-member leisure branch will be located in the basement of building 111 along with the official-travel office, on the same floor as Legal Affairs. This change is only temporary, depending on how long it takes for remodeling such as adding carpet at the



TRAVEL OFFICE— Angela Cody, left, and Karen Staley are among members of Carlson Wagonlit's official-travel branch at building 111. Their office will be joined temporarily by the leisure travel branch.

PX location. "We're hoping no longer than 90 days—(with) any luck, 60," Grimm said.

The leisure travel branch does honeymoon packages, airline tickets, rail, cruise, and tours. "We have the lowest, guaranteed air fares," Grimm said, adding that anyone is eligible to buy.

Carlson Wagonlit has offices at the Space and Strategic Defense Command and at the Huntsville Corps of Engineers, and both also provide leisure travel services.

"Anytime you're thinking of buying an airline ticket, going on a family vacation, always consider Carlson Wagonlit Travel first because they have the

lowest guaranteed prices," Yvonne Coleman-McGuire, sales and marketing director for Directorate of Community and Family Activities, said.

The leisure branch moved from the Sparkman Center to the PX in May. The Post Exchange has proved to be a good location for the leisure travel business, according to Coleman-McGuire. "It's a successful business and it's very centrally located. That location was good for them," she said.

Shelby Davis is supervisor of the leisure branch. Doris Posey and Sharon McCarthy are the travel counselors. For leisure travel reservations, call 880-8158.

1997 brings changes to Redstone's gates

Shortly after the first of the year, guards will be put back on the gates to Redstone Arsenal. The reintroduction of guards is expected to better protect the unique assets at Redstone Arsenal and ensure the workplace remains a safe environment.

Guards will ensure that vehicles entering the installation have current decals. Visitors and employees without decals will be

directed to where vehicle passes can be obtained.

Additionally, changes will be made to the number of hours that various gates will be open.

The following are future gate hours:

• **Gate 1 (Martin Road east),** 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; inbound 5:30-8:15 a.m. and outbound 3-6 p.m. Also open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holi-

days.

• **Gate 2 (Buxton Road):** 6-8:30 a.m. and 3:30-6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Closed weekends and holidays.

• **Gate 3 (Redstone Road):** 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Closed weekends and holidays.

• **Gate 7 (Martin Road west):** 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Closed weekends and holi-

days.

• **Gate 8 (Goss Road):** Open 24 hours/day, all days.

• **Gate 9 (Rideout Road):** 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. hours/day, all days.

• **Gate 10 (Patton Road):** 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Closed weekends and holidays.

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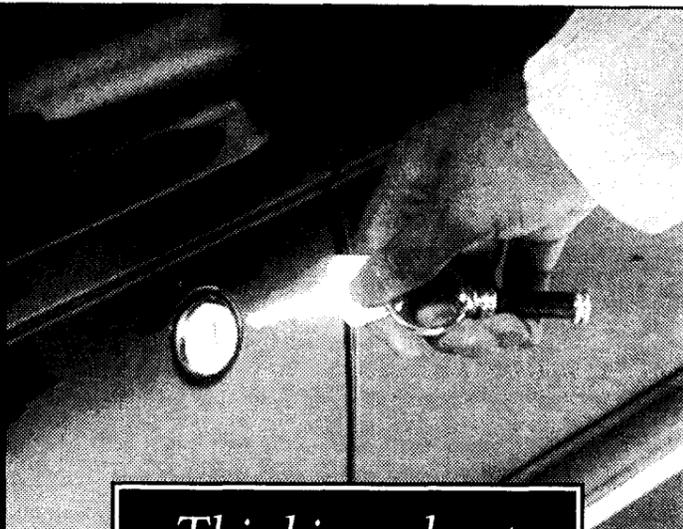
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Parking permit required for selling personal cars

If you want to sell your car in the commissary parking lot, you'll need a permit first.

That rule went into effect Dec. 15. All vehicles parked for sale in the parking lot of the Commissary/Post Exchange area must have a permit, according to the Provost Marshal Office. The participant must be active duty or retired military, authorized dependents, DoD civilian or contractor personnel. Permits will be limited.

"Persons wishing to park a vehicle for sale must obtain a vehicle parking permit from the Provost Marshal Police Desk prior to parking the vehicle in the Commissary/Post Exchange area," the Provost Marshal Office said in a prepared release. "Personal vehicles for sale will be issued a permit for two weeks on a first come, first serve basis with parking spaces being limited to 25. There is no monetary charge for this service."

"Vehicles placed for sale in the Commissary/Post Exchange parking lot without a permit will be issued a citation and possibly towed away at the owner's expense. If further information is desired, contact the Police Desk at 876-2222," the release said.

Officials hope this rule will help eliminate any confusion in the "for sale" area and also limit the numbers of spaces issued.

IMMC worker reports fitness success story

Vickie Gist of the Integrated Materiel Management Center won the success story of the month contest for December at the Civilian Wellness Center.

Here's her story:

"I'm not writing this in response to the fitness and health accomplishments contest but I do want to thank you and the staff of the Civilian Wellness Center for the Body fat and Blood pressure 12-week program. I started monitoring the fat I ate every day a week before the B&B program began. My starting weight was 185 pounds. I attended the four weekly lectures. Meeting every week kept my motivation high. I started walking and

since starting a low fat eating program and the B&B program, I've lost 17 pounds. I'm still walking and watching what I eat in hopes of getting down to my ideal weight of 154 pounds (based on the body fat assessment done by the wellness center staff). Thanks again for the personal involvement and motivation."

The Civilian Wellness Center asks its members to write about their fitness and health accomplishments; and the success story of the month will receive a prize. Stories should be either mailed or faxed to 955-7074. For more information, call 955-6844.

Logistics assistance managers share lessons

Logistics assistance senior managers from throughout Army Materiel Command converged on Redstone last week for their annual course.

The approximately 20 attendees came from as far away as Korea and from as near as Fort Rucker. Fred Eley, the Logistics Assistance Program course director at Army Logistics Management College at Fort Lee, Va., served as facilitator for the LAP Senior Manager Course.

The senior managers were welcomed by Billie Turmenne, director of Logistics Support Activity.

Jarvis Wilson, a logistics assistance representative in the air defense branch of Readiness Directorate in the Integrated Materiel Management Center, helped make the arrangements for the course held Dec. 9-13.



PANELISTS— Members of the Logistics Assistance Division panel during last week's training course include, from left, Marty Martin of the Missile Command; Barron Williams of Communications and Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, N.J.; Steve Rutherford of Aviation and Troop Command, St. Louis; and Vern Salisbury of Tank Automotive Command, Warren, Mich.

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Redstone workers give gifts to their Christmas angels

By Peggy Hays

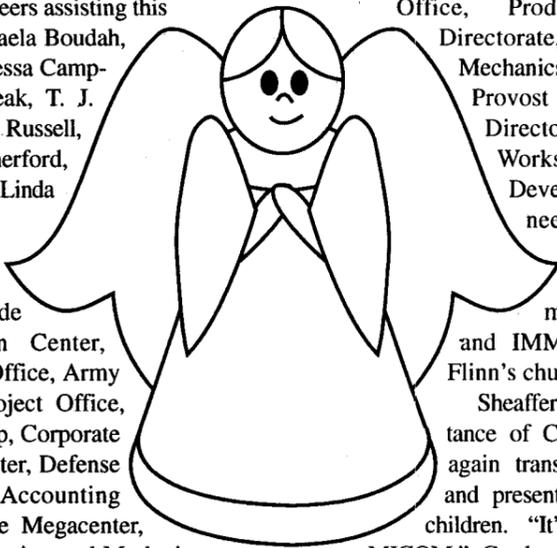
In a holiday project designed to bring gifts directly to those children most in need, Redstone Arsenal workers again were active participants. The project, named the SOS Angels, is in his eighth year, and provides a way for teams from participating organizations to adopt a child (angel). The teams then choose what presents and gifts they will provide for their special angel.

This year, 111 angels were adopted, according to Margot Sheaffer of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, the Angels organizer. The program headed by IMMC volunteers is a community service, she said, noting, "It's a lot of love for children."

"People are so generous, so loving. We have such generous, fine people on the Arsenal."

IMMC volunteers assisting this year include Rafaela Boudah, Nell Brock, Vanessa Campbell, Belinda Leak, T. J. Longoria, Terry Russell, Charlotte Rutherford, Edith Watters and Linda Weaver.

Participating organizations this year include the Acquisition Center, Arrow Project Office, Army TACMS/Bat Project Office, Command Group, Corporate Information Center, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Defense Megacenter, Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, IMMC, Non-Line of Sight Project



Office, Product Assurance Directorate, Propulsion Mechanics, Protocol Office, Provost Marshal Office, Directorate of Public Works, Research Development & Engineering Center, Weapon Systems Management Directorate, and IMMC Director Jim Flinn's church.

Sheaffer praised the assistance of Chuck Gordon for again transporting the gifts and presents to the adopted children. "It's a team effort at MICOM," Gordon, Distribution and Transportation supply clerk, said. "A lot of

people put in a lot of time and effort to help and to supply trucks. I'm grateful to them. It's a labor of love for me.

He added, "We can do more if more people get involved."

The SOS Angels program originally began with the adopting of 55 angels. One year, 251 angels were adopted. "Approximately 863 angels have been adopted in the eight years of the program," Sheaffer said.

The name of the program, SOS Angels, is adapted from the international distress symbol. "The angels are in distress," she said. "In this case, the angels are the children who are in distress."

"It's a loving community project full of compassion," Sheaffer concluded, "and people who participate tell me over and over that they have fun doing it, too."

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"I really like the program," said Army SFC Debra Lindsey from Fort Carson, Colo. "It really gives me an incentive to shop at AAFES."

"The Bonus Buck pro-

gram is a super Christmas present," said Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Hazen from Randolph AFB. "As a customer, I feel it's a well-appreciated thank you from AAFES."

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"With only days before Christmas and all my money spent, I always seem to forget something," Lindsey said. "This year I am

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Postwide Soldier of Month title goes to proud military mom

By Kathy Harkleroad

Spec. Jamie Crawford, HHC MICOM PAC office, is a popular soldier these days. She is the awards and leave clerk at HHC MICOM, and is the Post Soldier of the Month for December.

"Winning was a combined effort, between the soldiers I work with and my daughter," Crawford said. "My co-workers talked me into going before the board, and helped quiz me; and my daughter left me alone to study," she said with a laugh. Breena, Crawford's daughter, is 2 and that was the best way she could help her mom.

Crawford won the MICOM Soldier of the Month board a week before she appeared at the post board and was glad that her co-workers talked her into going. "I was on my way out of the Army," she said. "Things were going pretty rough and I was ready to get out. But they talked me into appearing before the board and once I started to study, I wanted to win. By putting all my efforts into that I realized I wanted to stay in the Army and just reenlisted on the 11th. I really think this board was a sign."

Crawford said she was a surprised a little when it came to hearing she had won, but was more proud than anything. "All of my work section was there cheering me on and I think that made me feel more proud than anything else,"

she said. "When it comes down to it, it was because of them I was up there, and it was because of their help and encouragement that I won."

Crawford said she was also going to reward her daughter this weekend for all her hard work. "I know it was really tough on her sometimes not to bother mommy, but she did a terrific job," Crawford said. "I owe her one big treat this weekend and we are going to spend the day at Chuck E. Cheese."

In order to win the title, Crawford was required to answer military questions pertaining to various areas, and performed a functions check on an M16A1 weapon. "I used as many study guides as I could find and asked as many people as I knew for input," she said. "I really poured my heart into this one."

Crawford took home quite a few prizes for her efforts and one prize was new to the awards package. "The Huntsville Channel Cats gave me tickets for the rest of the season, and a real nice jersey," she said. "I also received many gift certificates, savings bonds, quite a bit of cash, a briefcase and an Army Achievement medal."

Crawford, a New Orleans native, has been in the Army for six years and is preparing to go before the promotion board in January. She will also be moving to Germany in June.



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Annual holiday brunch makes seniors feel special

By Kathy Harkleroad

It only comes once year, but to the seniors in the Huntsville area community, it is almost better than Christmas itself. The Officer and Civilian Women's Club held its 20th annual holiday brunch for area seniors and filled their holiday season with cheer.

"I look forward to coming to this so much," said Huntsville Summit resident Pauline Burch. "I have been here before a few years ago and was so glad to be able to come back. I just had to come. I came on a walker, but had help and that is all that matters," she said with a smile. "The soldiers who helped us into the bus and into the club were so nice and I really think it was a wonderful thing for them to do."

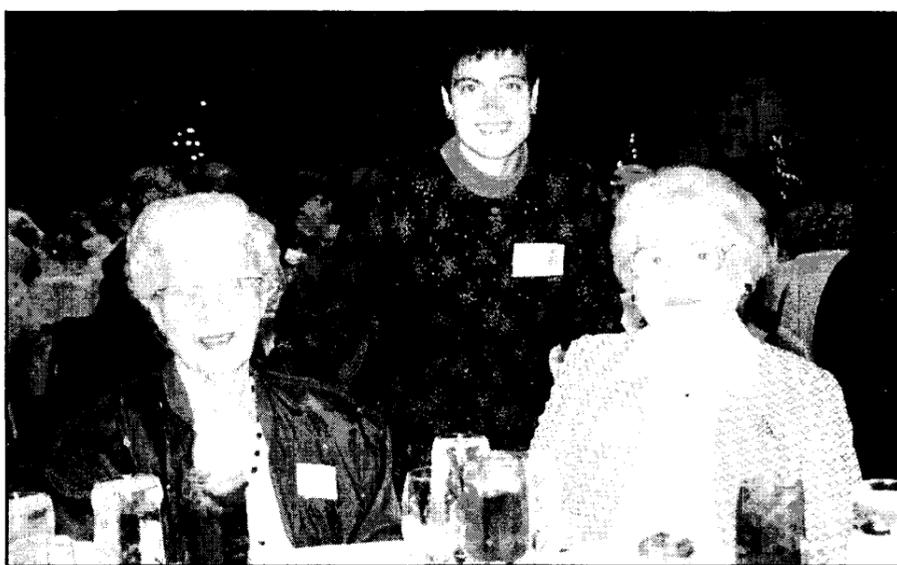
The guests were picked up by bus and transported to the Officers Club where they enjoyed a meal fit for a king. They were entertained by the children from the Child Development Center, the Lee High School Show Choir, and the Caha-

ba Buffoons, as well as a visit from Santa Claus played by Col. Clifton Broderick, the MICOM chief of staff.

"Col. Broderick was the perfect choice to play Santa," said Jackie McPheeters, original founder of the holiday brunch. "His ho ho ho's just carried throughout the room and were so genuine."

McPheeters, along with her husband, came up with the idea for the holiday brunch 20 years ago and they were pleased to see it continuing when they returned to the Arsenal. "The idea was one that just happened while talking one night and it just grew," McPheeters said. "I was very pleased to see it carried on each year, and every year something new is added. The first few years, it was only a coffee and was attended by only a few. It really does my heart good to see how it has grown through the years."

Each year different groups of seniors are invited to the brunch; and it was a long wait for Pat Colson,



HOLIDAY BRUNCH— Attending and Pauline Burch. Harris and the annual Officer and Civilian Women's Club holiday brunch are, from left, Eva Harris, Jeanine Majewski, programs chairman; Burch, residents of the Huntsville Summit, enjoyed a morning at the Officers Club complete with a visit from Santa Claus.

director of the Locust Grove Senior Center. "We were able to come about four or five years ago and am so glad we were invited back," Colson said. "I understand how they have to rotate amongst the groups, but the seniors really look forward to coming. This is something different for them and

really gives them a feeling of being special."

Eva Harris from the Huntsville Summit, expressed the same thoughts and said it was a wonderful way to spend the holiday. "The food is great, the members are wonderful and the soldiers really made me feel special. Their help

was very much appreciated," Harris said.

After the tables were cleared and the entertainment completed, the seniors each received a gift from the club members and were escorted back to their awaiting carriages by the many soldiers on hand.

Coast Industries helps the needy

Coast Industries, custodial contractor at Redstone, gave Thanksgiving dinner to two needy families in the Huntsville area Nov. 28.

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Australian officer gets taste of American lifestyle

By Kathy Harkleroad

Capt. Andrew Wears may be a long way from home, but feels at home. Wears, an ammunition officer from Melbourne, Australia, is temporarily assigned to the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Department as part of an educational program.

Wears is taking part in the ammunition technical officers training serial courses offered in the Australian Army, and has been enjoying himself as well as learning. "The course involves visits to locations throughout the United States, as well as into Canada," Wears said. "The best part of the course, is you get to not only learn quite a bit, but get to see different parts of the country."

While the course takes two years to complete, Wears is on the last leg but still has much to learn. "I have already been to Canada and several different agencies in the United States," he said. "After I leave here I will go to an Army detachment in San

Francisco and then will be home back in Australia by the end of May."

Some of the several agencies that Wears has visited include working with the Canadian Mounted Police, and the New York Police Department as well as tours of the Naval EOD school in Indianhead, Md., the Milan Army Ammunition Plant, Picatinny Arsenal and the FBI Bomb Data Center in Quantico. He also worked the Summer Olympics held in Atlanta and has attended several conferences here in the United States.

"Basically my mission is to learn as much as I can from the Americans and take it back to Australia where we will compare notes and incorporate some of the things into our army," Wears said. "I have seen quite a few things that I would like to see changed in our army, and look forward to presenting them."

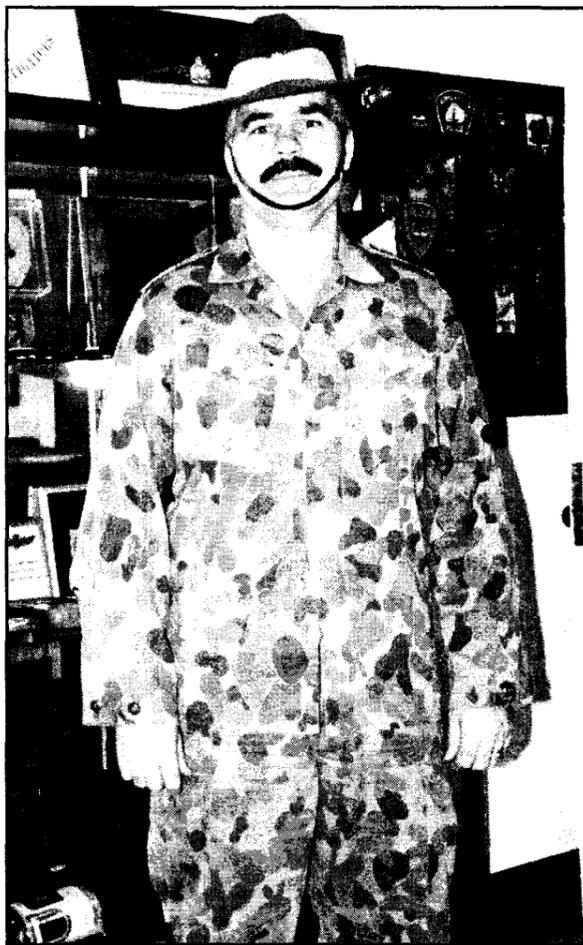
One of the areas Wears would like changed in the Australian army is the incorporation of the Combined Logistics Officers Advanced Course. "I really

liked the idea of the officers coming together from the different logistics courses at one time," he said. "It gives you a better understanding for logistics, which is very helpful."

Wears has been in the Australian army for 15 years and while he has been working closely with the U.S. Army, has noticed many similarities, but also many differences.

"The biggest difference is the size of the two armies," he said. "We have a very small army, with only about 30,000 soldiers, and we are cutting back as you are. In the American Army I believe there are approximately 430,000... this is much bigger than ours."

The other big difference Wears noticed in the two armies was the way soldiers are promoted. "We don't put as much emphasis on promotions in the Australian army," he said. "A soldier can stay a private for 20 years if he or she wants to... it is up to them. There is much less pressure to make rank and they become very knowledgeable on the



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types of equipment they are working on, and are not moving around constantly."

Wears has enjoyed his stay in the states because he has gotten to see just what

America is all about. "Like many other countries there is a heavy American influence in our country, but it is quite different to come and see it for yourself. My family is here with me during this stay, and we have seen quite a bit of America," he said. "We have been to Niagara Falls, Disney World, the James River Plantations, and have taken a cruise to the Bahamas."

When Wears leaves in May, there is one thing he will miss, and one that he will not. "I think the thing I will miss the most is the space between the cities and all the petrol stations. In Australia the stops are very far apart only because the towns are so far apart," he said with a smile.

The thing Wears will not miss is the weather he has experienced in America. "I will not miss the tornadoes or the blizzards. In Australia we just have plenty of sunshine and don't have to worry about all the severe weather. I am looking forward to getting back home," he said.



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Santa Claus to make his rounds through post housing area

By Kathy Harkleroad

For the fourth straight year, the BOSS Committee, assisted by the Redstone Arsenal Sergeants Major Association, will host the arrival of Santa Claus and his helper elves.

"Santa Claus and his elves will ride through the housing area Dec 24 between the hours of 3 to 5:30 p.m.," post CSM Ben Sundeley said. Santa will arrive at the Vincent Road Fire Station and will be paraded throughout the housing areas on post handing out gifts and candy.

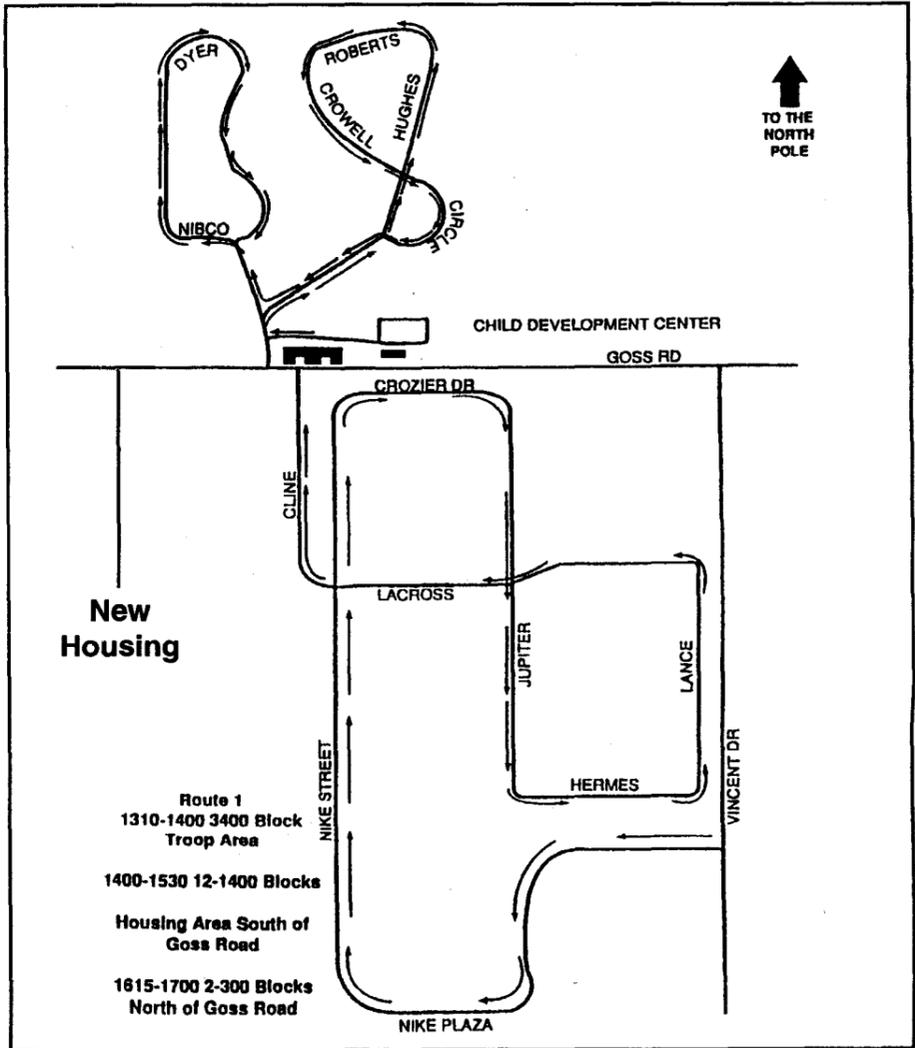
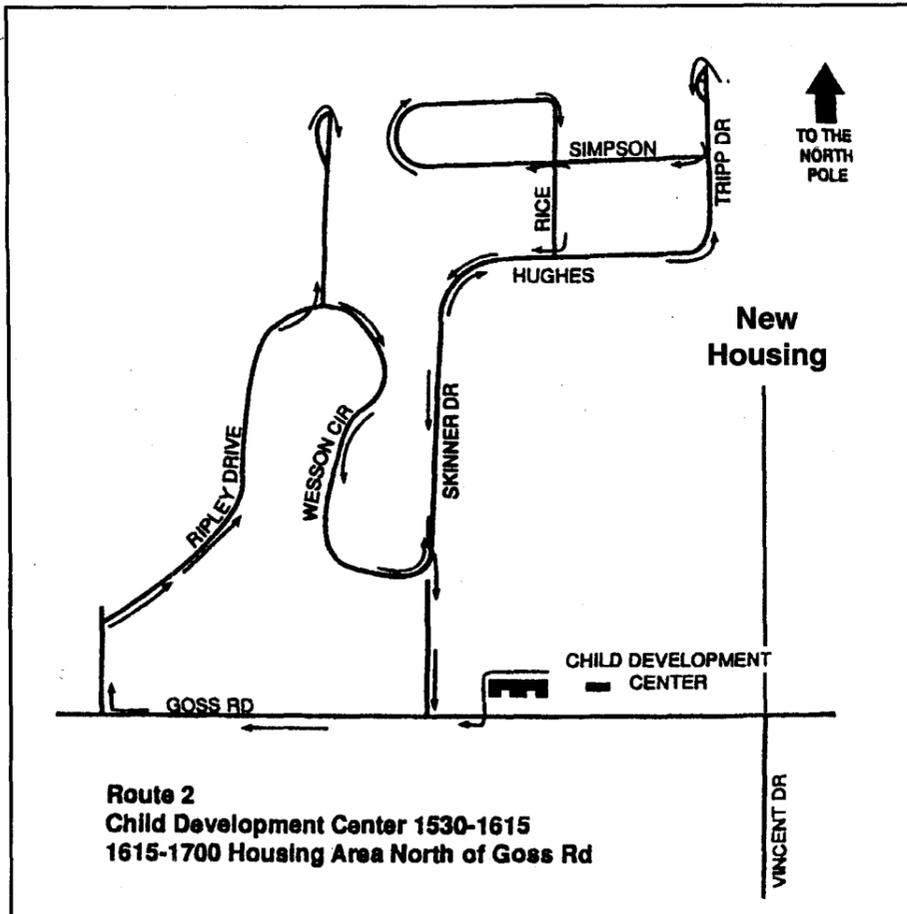
All of the housing areas will be visited by Santa and the elves, according to Sundeley; and parents are encouraged to remind their children not to run out in the road to see Santa. "Santa makes sure all the boys and girls are seen and will walk to the side of the road to talk to them," Sundeley said.

Santa's trip through the Arsenal is one of many community service projects the BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) committee and SMA are involved in. "We want to stay involved with the community and this is a perfect way to do it," said Sundeley, a member of the Sergeants

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Any questions on the route, or Santa's

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By Heather Douglas

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The workshop was given by Dawn McCusker, prevention and wellness specialist for Choice Behavioral Partnership which is part of Tricare. The presentation included a discussion of factors that influence communication skills—personal values, verbal and non-verbal cues, conflict

resolution, assertiveness and listening skills — and how developing these can help to reduce stress.

McCusker travels to Alabama military installations and provides the staff and eligible Tricare beneficiaries with needed prevention and wellness workshops and educational materials free of charge.

The workshop touched on several topics that help to build solid communication skills. Reducing stress is just one of the many benefits of forming good communication skills. Other

benefits include personal confidence, self-respect, and better relationships. The workshop emphasized the importance of recognizing that good communication starts when you learn to speak for yourself, expressing feelings and stating what you think and believe. You should never sacrifice stating your feelings by saying what you think someone might want to hear.

For more information on McCusker's services call Jan McVey, supplemental programs and services director, 876-7888.



GROUP SESSION— Marion Caudle, center, the youth services director, makes a point during a breakout session at the communication workshop.



Happy holidays...

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- **Golf Course holiday party**— The Golf Course will have a Christmas party, open to all authorized users, from 6-9 p.m. Dec. 20 at the clubhouse, building 4140. In conjunction with the holiday party, a special appreciation sale will be held from 5-9 p.m. Free heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served; and there will be a cash bar. (The snack bar will close from 4:30-6 p.m. for party preparations.) For more information, call the Golf Course 883-7977.
- **RV storage:** Outdoor Recreation has outdoor storage available for boats, recreational vehicles, etc. Prices include \$7 per month for vehicles up to 19 feet; and \$9 per month for vehicles 20 feet and over. To reserve a space, call Missy 876-4868.
- **Winterize your vehicle:** If you haven't thought of winterizing your vehicle, you should. You could face costly repairs if you do not have the proper amount of anti-freeze. Let the folks at the Automotive Skills Center teach you how to keep your vehicle "warm" this winter. Call Mark, Dennis or Mike for details at 955-7727.
- **Bowling alley:** Rocket Lanes is open for lunch every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.... Specials include Thursday and Friday bowling special, \$1 per game from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.; and Saturday bowling special, \$1 per game from 1-5 p.m.
- **June M. Hughes Arts & Crafts Center:** Offering holiday craft classes. For information call 876-7951.
- **Quick shot bingo:** The four locations for quick-shot bingo include the golf course, JOC (Just Our Club), Flying Activity and Bowling Center. You can purchase your sealed game packet for \$1, check the numbers, and see if you could be an instant winner of up to \$1,000.

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Redstone missile took part in nuclear test in 1956

In 1956 the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project and the Department of Defense decided to study the effects of nuclear detonations at very high altitudes. They created a test program named Operation Hardtack to carry out a complete research project. Because of its proven reliability and accuracy, the Army's Redstone missile was chosen to participate in this test program.

ABMA modified three Redstone missiles (two for actual use and one for reserve) for the tests scheduled to be conducted on Johnston Atoll, south of Hawaii. Each missile carried four external instrument packages called "pods" which were ejected at predetermined times during the missile's flight to gather data on the effects of the nuclear explosion. The missiles were launched in July and August 1958, making the Redstone the first ballistic missile to detonate a nuclear warhead.

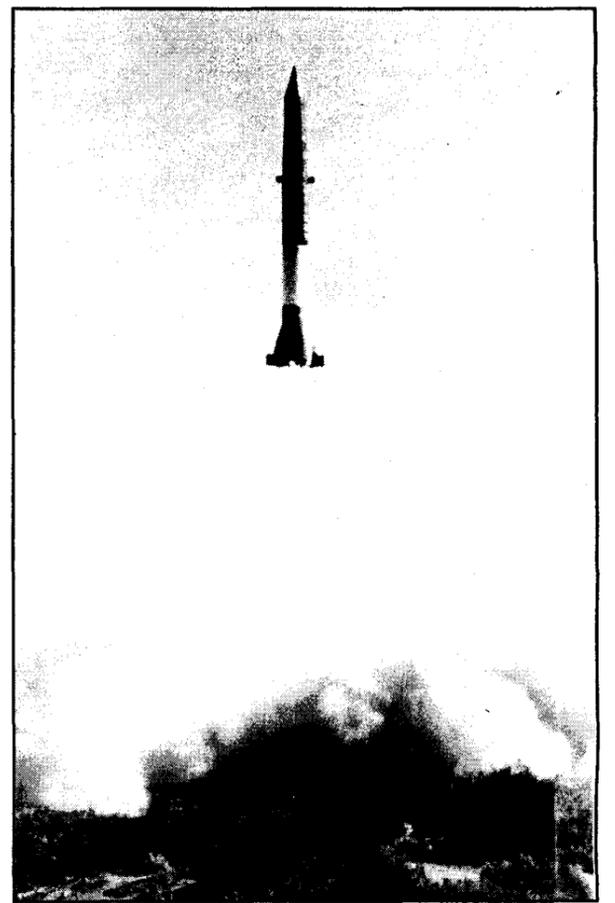
This sort of upper atmos-

pheric testing of nuclear weapons, along with underwater and outer space testing, was eliminated by the Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty signed by the United States, U.S.S.R., and Great Britain in 1963.

The Missile Command's Historical Office provided the following other highlights from this month:

- **Dec. 8, 1956**— The secretary of defense approved the Navy's solid propellant ballistic missile program which authorized the Navy to cancel all participation in the liquid-propelled Jupiter IRBM program. Although there were some questions about ABMA's continued existence, the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee expected no "real changes" for ABMA or Redstone Arsenal because of the "tremendous investment" already made in both the command and the installation.

- **Dec. 11, 1956**— A delegation of Alabama's U.S. senators and representatives toured Redstone Arsenal. It



IN FLIGHT— The Redstone missile climbs skyward in this file photo.

was headed by Sen. John Sparkman, who played a pivotal role in the Arsenal's history throughout his decades in office.

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Program converts military training to college credit

By Tina Brewington

AARTS celebrates over 10 years of credit acceptance! This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Army/ACE Registry Transcript System (AARTS), a momentous occasion for over 700,000 soldiers who have requested and used the transcript during the past decade.

AARTS is a document designed to facilitate the acceptance of military education and training for college credit. For veterans or active military currently attending college or interested in enrolling, this is great news indeed. In addition to saving soldiers money, this document has helped thousands of servicemembers obtain their degree earlier than scheduled. As one soldier commented, "It told me I was potentially one year from a general education BA degree instead of two."

The transcript has also helped veterans successfully make the transition to the civilian workforce. As a supplement to veterans' resume, it provides employers with a better understanding of the scope of responsibilities and skills veterans acquired while in the Army; as such, thousands of veterans have found career-oriented, rewarding jobs

in the private sector. As one soldier wrote, "My (prospective employers) read the job descriptions on the AARTS transcript and compared them to the counterpart and was very impressed."

A series of surveys conducted over the past decade indicate that the amount of credit awarded by academic institutions has steadily increased. During 1994-95 the average amount of credit awarded was 15.2 semester hours compared to 1988, when the average credit award was 10.8 semester hours. It appears that numerous institutions nationwide are accepting the AARTS transcript and applying the credit recommendations with confidence.

The number of transcript requests from servicemembers has also taken a significant upturn. With over 1.9 million records on file, it is quite apparent that servicemembers are much more aware of the benefits of AARTS and are taking full advantage of this time and money-saving document. To date, the AARTS operations office has issued hundreds of thousands official military transcripts; in 1996 alone it has processed over 100,000 transcript requests.

As word spread about AARTS, the requested number of transcripts significant-

ly rose. Currently the AARTS Operations Center processes 2,000 or more transcript requests per week as compared to 1987, the first year of operation, when they processed on average, 560 transcripts per month. In its first two years of operation (1987-89), AARTS/Fort Leavenworth, Kan., produced 40,000 transcripts; by 1995 AARTS/Fort Leavenworth produced over 108,000 transcripts annually.

Has this program been successful? The following comments from soldiers indicate the answer is a resounding YES!

- "It shows I was given good training in the military."
- "Gave me extra credits toward my AA; saved me time and money."
- "... Allows you to get a good idea of how (my) military skills compare to civilian credits."
- "It fulfilled an elective requirement for my BA degree and also gave me 21 promotion points."
- "I was accepted as a junior... with the help of these credits."
- "It was useful in two ways: one, gaining credit; two, it helped to better explain myself to civilian employers about my military experience."

• "... The AARTS transcript has been invaluable to me, it does what a DD214, NCOER/OER, and other education files cannot—that is, provide both knowledge and experience of a soldier's career and equate or quantify that with civilian education."

All Army enlisted active duty, National Guard and veterans may receive an AARTS transcript, without charge, if their basic active service dates fall on or after Oct. 1, 1981. AARTS currently is not available to members of the Army Reserve, commissioned or warrant officers. Eligible soldiers and veterans can obtain transcript request forms (5454-R) from ACE's web site at <http://www.ACENET.edu>, from their Army Education Center counselor, college counselor, or by submitting a written request directly to: AARTS Operations Center, 415 McPherson Ave., Fort Leavenworth, Kan., 66027-1373.

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Sports

Delta Dragons retain post flag-football championship with 12-2 season record

By Kathy Harkleroad

When it came to keeping the title of post champions, the Delta Company Devastating Dragons dug deep and persevered. Once again they also took the title of preseason champs and Eastern Conference champions on their way to the post champion title for flag football.

"We had what it took," said D Company commander Capt. Henry Booker said. "The Dragons are devastating and their talent really shows through."

Outgoing 1st Sgt. Carl Smith said he was proud of not only the company, but the soldiers who played on the team. "In spite of muddy fields, and injuries they still got out there and played. That just made the quest more challenging and we all know we live for that," Smith said. "They are a very talented group of players and all played well."

The Dragons ended the season with a 12-2 record with the only losses to the Marines and MEDDAC



POST CHAMPS— The Devastating Dragons from D Company once again walked away with the Eastern Conference and post championship titles in flag football. Team members included, from left, front row: SSgt. Darnell

Booze, SSgt. John Barkley, and Capt. Henry Booker; back row: are SFC John McLean, 1st Sgt. Carl Smith, SSgt. Harold Davis, SSgt. Ron Pearcey, and SSgt. Marshall Grice.

team-1. In order to win the post championship, they beat Bravo Company on Nov. 26.

Team members included SSgt. Darnell Booze, SSgt. John Barkley, and Capt.

Henry Booker; SFC John McLean, 1st Sgt. Carl Smith, SSgt. Harold Davis, SSgt. Ron Pearcey, SSgt. Marshall Grice, SSgt. Ira Liburd, SSgt. Todd McCallister, SSgt. Evan John, Sgt.

Anthony Johnson, SSgt. Jermone Glover, SSgt. Rampaul Hollington, SFC Patrick Johnson, SSgt. Warren, Sgt. Ramos and SSgt. Ricky Cook.



Bearing gifts...

Mike Hooley, left, chief of security support division, and Col. Rex Hargadine, director of Intelligence and Security Directorate, show some of the Christmas gifts donated to Toys for Tots Program by the ISD workers. In addition to the Toys for Tots, ISD Christmas Party donations made it possible to buy toys and clothing for two children in the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program.

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Sports

Rockets soar to city league soccer championship

By Peggy Hays

The post soccer team, the Redstone Arsenal Rockets, are the Huntsville Adult Soccer League Fall 1996 Division II champions, ending their season with a 5-1 victory on Nov. 24.

The Rockets dominated the city league play, scoring 51 points while allowing only 9. They won nine games, lost none, and tied one. Four wins were by shutouts.

On Dec. 7-8, they traveled to the University of Montevallo for the state tourney with high expectations. However, a combination of circumstances hindered their repeating as Division II champions, player/coach Sgt. Ben Hreha said.

For the three games, one Saturday and two Sunday, the Rockets were able to bring only 15 players to the open tourney. One Saturday game was canceled. More significantly, division assignments were a concern.

"We played against two Division I teams and we got tore up," Hreha, assistant NCO-in-charge at Fox Army Community Hospital's optometry clinic, said.

He explained, "They didn't have as many entries as they thought they had and they had to combine two divisions. They ended up with a Division I, Division II, and Masters over 30. The Masters over 30 only had two entries so in order to give them playing time and games, we played them Sunday morning."

As usual, the Rockets played in Division II. Hreha, however, was concerned about the placement of the other teams. "We know they were Division I teams; normally they played in Division I during season," he said. "Originally they were supposed to play in Division I and were misplaced and placed in Division II for the state tournament."

Bruises, bumps, and injuries also played a part in the contests. "SSgt. (Robert) Snow went to the state championship with a damaged ankle," Hreha said. "(1st Sgt. Michael) Black was not able to go to the tournament because he had surgery on his ankle. Also, you get kicked a lot in the ankles when teams play against each other. You get a lot of adrenalin going. You think about it but you keep going and you get caught up in game. You pay for it later."

He praised the efforts of two individuals as well as the entire team. "The main two offensive people we had were (SSgt.) Jose (Tilves) and 1st Lt. Ceasar Valle, our two forwards. They did outstanding jobs. And we did beat Maxwell Air Force Base to take third place in the state championship Division II."

The game turf was in good playing shape despite the early Saturday morning rain. "It rained prior to the game," Hreha said, "so the turf was soft. But they had some really nice fields."

Even though the grass was thick, there still was some slippage. The main factor,



FALL LEAGUE CHAMPS—Hreha, in front, poses with soccer ball following the division-clinching game at Huntsville's rugby field on Nov. 24. From left, bottom row, are Maj. Mark Unger, Snow, SSgt. Kevin Ouellette, Tilves, and Maj. Vance Chase. Middle row, SFC Juan Gonzalez, 1st Sgt.

David Rivera, Lekeithsha Hall, SFC Keith Hall, SSgt. Robert Warnick, and Black. Top row, Maj. Richard Mitchell, Keith Hall, Sgt. Jason Gilmer, Sgt. Conrad Reid, and Capt. David Goetz. Not pictured are team members Stacy Scannell, CSM Ben Sundry, and Valle.

though, was conditioning.

"I got tired," Hreha said. "When playing against Division I teams, they'll be a little

more advanced, a little more conditioned.

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Sports & Fitness

Fitness program encourages folks to 'dump that plump'

By Peggy Hays

The Civilian Wellness Center is readying for the after holiday pledge of individuals vowing to change their lifestyle with more exercise, less food, and better food choices by offering an eight-week program called "Dump That Plump." This innovative program, in use by companies nationwide, employs a structured team approach and a point system as motivational incentives to promote behavioral changes.

"We'll kickoff the program with a Jan. 14 lecture," Sharon Guynes, wellness coordinator, said. "We'll explain it and put everybody into three teams. A maximum of 40 people can attend. We already have 30 signed up so we'll sign up substitutes."

"The team captain will be an exercise physiologist, one of us," she said. "The captain's responsibility is to motivate members to do their exercises, to eat right, to change their habits. We'll also have a dietitian who works with us."

DYP also features a thick, detailed participant's manual for each person as well as prizes for those with the highest point totals.

The program, originated by Don Alsbro, has a demonstrated success rate. Alsbro, with a doctoral degree in educational administration from Wayne State University, began DYP in 1986. As of January 1993, the program has shown a 97 percent completion rate in over 30,000 nationwide participants. Sixty percent of the participants exercised 90 percent more. The average weight loss was 7.2 pounds.

Even more importantly, they began new habits, perhaps jumpstarted by the reasonable and attainable DYP objectives. The objectives are to promote a safe and gradual weight loss, encourage peer support in the workplace, promote aerobic exercise as an integral part of lifestyle habits, increase individual awareness in the role of nutrition and exercise in the management of body fat and body weight, encourage a healthy lifestyle beyond the contest, and provide an activity that is healthy, educational, and fun.

To accomplish these objectives, the following features are in place. "It's a team competition with teams selecting their own fun names," Guynes said.

"Weekly newsletters will be developed by the team captains. They'll be computerized programming, required daily aerobic exercise, and a weight loss goal of 0-20 pounds. Weekly events include speakers and clinics."

Prior to the kickoff meeting scheduled for building 5303, room 3107, from 11 a.m.-12 noon, preassessments for DYP must be done. That completion date is Jan. 21.

The preassessment, a baseline screening of your health, is done by an exercise physiologist. "We measure your body fat, weight, circumferences, blood pressure, and heart rate," Guynes said. "Based on the preassessment, we determine what a good weight should be."

"We look for reachable, attainable goals," she said. "No higher than two pounds per week weight loss." She cited an example of someone with a 31 percent body fat and a desired 26 percent in eight weeks; a weight of 184 pounds now with a goal of 171. "That's about one and a half pounds in eight weeks."

"Our goal is to get them in the door, start seeing them weekly, see the pat-



NEW HABITS WITH DYP—From left Bobby Taylor, Guynes, and Michelle Ballard, exercise physiologists, plan to use a team approach and a point system that has been used successfully to

motivate individuals to new lifestyles. Dump Your Plump kicks off Jan. 14. Not pictured is Scott Rutherford, also a CWC exercise physiologist.

terms of lifestyle change and hopefully keep them coming back."

One lecture by Guynes features overweight versus overfat. "You can either go by height/weight scales," she said, "or go by percent body fat which accounts for muscles; muscles weigh more. A nutritionist will also lecture on food labeling, the food guide pyramid, and behavior types for successful weight loss."

"Every Monday, we'll have a weigh-in," said Guynes. "You have to attend the weigh-in or lose points. If you miss three

weigh-ins, you're out of the program. There will be one makeup program from 11-12 each week.

"We'll have walks outside every Monday. If it's too cold, we'll go to the gym. Every Wednesday, we'll have aerobic group exercises. If you have an unexcused withdrawal, you also get penalty points."

"Every Tuesday, we'll go to the Sparkman cafeteria for lunch at the salad bar or bring your own lunch. We'll give out handouts and talk about the fat in salads.

We'll talk about behavior changes such as where to sit, how to keep your hands busy, and trying to find what triggers your eating."

For the future, Guynes envisions pitting one's team against nearby offices or workstations. "We're hoping to effect that team orientation so that one building, 5300, competes with another building, 5302, or their floor against another floor in their own building." That way, Guynes hopes to also increase program retention rates.

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The National Armaments Directors (NADs) of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Martin Guddat; the Republic of Italy, Gen. Alberto Zignani; and the United States, Dr. Paul Kaminski in celebration of a new era in Transatlantic Cooperative Acquisition efforts Monday conducted a Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS) Program Initiation ceremony at the NATO Medium Extended Air Defense System Management Agency (NAMEADSMA) facility in Huntsville.

The ceremony included program briefings to the NADs and visiting dignitaries by the NAMEADSMA general manager, Brig. Gen. Hunrich Meunier, and each of the two competing Transatlantic Industrial Entities, which have been on contract since Oct. 4.

In addition to remarks by the NADs, the event was highlighted by a Memorandum of Understanding signature ceremony to complete the arrangement for conduct of

the program among the nations and a ribbon cutting ceremony to symbolically mark the initiation of the program and the establishment of the Agency in the United States.

The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Officers Club.

MEADS is envisioned to be a tactically mobile and transportable air defense missile system capable of countering air breathing threats including cruise missiles and tactical ballistic missiles, to improve the limited area defense of vital assets (civilian and military) as well as having the capability to move with and protect maneuver forces. The high mobility and rapid transportability required of MEADS, combined with its required capability to counter the threat will provide coalition forces with a system capability that is currently not available—a 21st century weapon system that can be deployed where it is needed with the versatility to provide force protection during all phases of

operation. It will be employed either in combination with other systems as a part of integrated air defense or individually in stand alone operations. Besides fulfilling an urgent common military requirement, the participating countries are expecting benefits from this type of cooperation in the field of cost, interoperability,

technology and harmonization of interests and policies in the Alliance.

Starting a transatlantic cooperative development of a complex weapon system as a NATO program based in the United States is new in the cooperation history of NATO. The trilateral MOU covers the Project Definition and Validation (PD/V) Phase, which will last until

the end of 1998. Also unique is the way United States and European industries have organized themselves in two Transatlantic Industrial Entities (TAIEs), i.e., MEADS, Incorporated (comprising Hughes/Raytheon and Euromeads which is a consortium of Siemens, DASA (GE) and Alenia (US)) and MEADS International, Incorporated

(comprising Lockheed Martin and Euromeads). The two TAIEs will conduct the PD/V phase in competition in order to determine the best concept for realization of the project. The winning TAIE will be the prime contractor in the subsequent development and production phases. It is intended to achieve an in-service date in 2005.

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America's Army shares the Hood with Texas cattlemen

By Jacqueline Griggs

FORT HOOD, Texas— On the dusty slopes of post training areas, tanks can be seen rumbling up and down along the range. Along with the tanks and convoys of military vehicles seen during Force XXI are the cattlemen and ranchers of Central Texas.

The cattlemen continue the ranching tradition of the old Texan days as Force XXI leads the military of Texas into the next century with computer technology.

"It's ironic how cattlemen who know the land can benefit the Army today by working at such places on post as Range Control," said Don Jones, chief, III Corps Range Division.

The ranchers control the cattle on various spots on post including several training areas. The herdsmen can also be seen along South Range Road on many of the small arms ranges.

The ranchers cover a large part of Fort Hood following the cattle and guard-

ing dogs to nearby cattle pins. They often share the roads with tanks and High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles.

The western-attired horse-back riders are from an organization called the Central Texas Cattlemen Association.

Most of the present ranchers are descendants from the early settlers of local towns such as Gatesville, Killeen and Temple.

Mark Carothers is one such local rancher.

"I'm proud to be a third-generation rancher," Carothers said. "My grandpa, Willie, and my daddy are (local) Turnover Creek ranchers. My grandpa was here when the Army took the land in the 1940s."

The Army and the local cattlemen organization reached an agreement in 1954, according to Jones.

"The post and the cattlemen have a good relationship," Jones said. "It always has been. The cattlemen work well with

the military."

The ranchers help the post by calling into the post's Range Control if a car accident is spotted or a trash dumping is seen in the training areas.

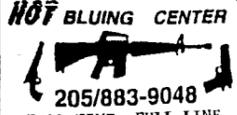
"They help and work with the game wardens," Jones said. "They rescue livestock caught in fences."

The Army helps the ranchers by giving them the range as grazing land and the opportunity to continue their ancestors' traditions of the ranching business by raising and selling the cattle.

"I've been doing this since I was born— so all my life — and I'm 30 years old," Carothers said.

"I love this work," said Gary Clarke, a local cattleman and Carothers' ranching partner. "Our job as ranchers is to ride and keep the cattle together and choose the right ones for sale." (Arnews)

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Native American crossword contest winners announced



CONTEST WINNERS— Seated, from left, are Smith, Raffensberger and Morris. Standing, from left, are Boudah, Regen, Jones and Charles. Not pictured are Black and Alexander.

The committee for Native American Heritage Month in November has announced winners of the Native American word find and crossword puzzle contest.

The word find winners include Melissa Black, John Charles, Trudy Raffens-

berger and Ethel Morris. Crossword winners include Richard Jones, Debra Regen, Juanez Alexander and Ted Smith.

Rafaela Boudah was the

puzzle creator. Kate Love is the Native American program manager in the Missile Command's Equal Employment Opportunity Office.



Top graduates...

SFC John McLean and SSgt. Darnell Booze, both from D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, were named distinguished graduate and honor graduate respectively in their Advanced NCO Course. Both soldiers are ammunition specialists and attended the course at the same time. McLean graduated with a 99.7 grade point average and Booze finished with a 97.2 GPA.

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tional programs in the schools, but now we have a legal document that allows us to facilitate that relationship," Blanding said.

The Missile Command donated \$483,986 worth of excess equipment to schools from Oct. 1, 1995 through Sept. 30, 1996. About 80 percent or more were computers; and most went to schools in north Alabama and southern Tennessee.

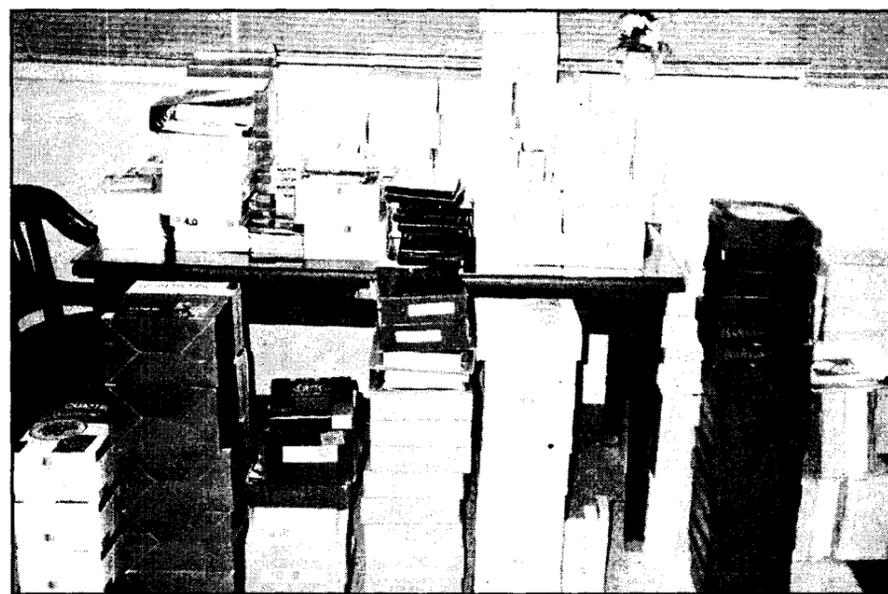
A school requests assistance through a letter briefly telling about itself, what it has already and what it needs. Public, private or parochial schools are assisted on a first come, first serve basis. "Right now I'm caught up to October. We have about 24 requests that have not been filled at this point," Blanding said. The process is fairly quick; it usually takes less than two weeks from the time someone with excess equipment contacts her to the time a school receives that item.

First, a hand-receipt holder identifies the

equipment and determines whether it's excess or can be used by someone else. The Corporate Information Center then determines whether the computer equipment can fit into the reutilization program. CIC gives its approval to donate the equipment to the schools. The hand-receipt holder signs a requisition invoice/shipping document. As the director of the RD&E Center, Dr. William McCorkle is the only authority here who can legally donate equipment to schools. After he approves the transfer, the school representative picks up the equipment and signs the appropriate form.

Schools are next in line as potential users after it is determined that the military doesn't need the excess equipment. When MICOM donates equipment to a school, the two parties enter into an Education Partnership Agreement. This official document, drawn up by the Legal Office, gives MICOM a tool to either loan or donate excess equipment to the school. The equipment must be excess— not new — and in working condition.

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strong academic programs in science, math and engineering," Blanding said. For more information about this program, she can be

reached by e-mail at Blanding@Redstone.army.mil or by calling 876-9296.

SOCCER

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SPRINTING TO A TITLE— This is action from the final game of the fall soccer season at Huntsville's rugby field Nov. 24. The Division II winning Rockets won nine games, lost none, and tied one in the Huntsville Adult Soccer League. The Rockets scored 51 points to their opponents' 9 while also posting four shutouts.

Their ball handling skills will be a little better. It causes you to push yourself a little more to run with them. We had to sub out."

Reiterating the differences, Hreha stressed the need for offseason programs. "Mainly it's conditioning, the ball handling skills, the time involved for practice. The more we talk and pass the ball, the better we move, the smoother we are, and the smoother the game runs. We try to encourage people to run and condition themselves."

There'll be an even

greater urgency this offseason as the Rockets are moving up. They are also looking forward to the competition. "Because we won the season championship, we are obligated to move up to Division I," Hreha said. "If you never play anybody that's better than you, you never get better."

"I felt we were getting bored with Division II because the challenge was not there anymore. I'm going to encourage everyone to run more, to get their stamina back up, to dribble the ball

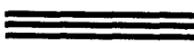
around, and juggle a little."

His own status is somewhat uncertain though and the search is on for a fulltime coach. "I'm not sure if I'm going to coach next year," Hreha said. "The coach/player thing is out the window because it's too hard to do. If I play next season, I'll get out of coaching."

The Rockets won't have long to wait. Spring soccer

season starts in March. "We need to start practice early; everybody needs to be back in shape before spring soccer season."

In the meantime, the team celebrated this season's success with a victory banquet Thursday, giving everyone individual trophies. The Rockets plan to display their team trophy in the new post gymnasium.

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to construct a \$32.5 million facility elsewhere on post— behind building 4505 on Martin Road — as a fiscal 1998 project.

About 90 percent of the south plant has been occupied since September by the Defense Intelligence Agency; and the remainder is open to any interested parties. "There are two or three quality high-bay type structures that are available on the south plant for the other tenants on the installation. No use has been identified," Burroughs said. "Anyone who is interested in looking at those facilities for their own mission should contact Sandy Phillips— she handles space utilization. Her phone number is 876-2003."

The north plant is more diverse in its occupancy. A color-coded chart in Burroughs' office includes current or potential users such as the Research Development and Engineering Center, the Security Assistance Management Directorate, Northrop Grumman, and the Redstone Technical Test Center.

Building 7611 will be used to house the SAMD group from the Aviation and Troop Command, merging with the Missile Command. This will permit collocation of that group with MICOM's Security Assistance Management Directorate which

occupies buildings 7612 and 7613. Building 7611, which has 31,680 square feet, is being renovated in anticipation of the ATCOM SAMD group's arrival in summer 1997.

As for the rest of the north plant, the newly-constructed operations building 7631 has been awarded to the Research Development and Engineering Center for electronics research. This approximately 26,000 square foot facility was part of the \$35-40 million in modernization over the past decade. "So, we are getting some utilization out of the government's investment in the RARE facility," Burroughs said.

The two largest groups scheduled to move into the north plant include the Redstone Technical Test Center, which will occupy the entire western half of the north plant, and Northrop Grumman which will produce Bat submunitions for the Army Tactical Missile System/Bat Project Office. RTTC has already been awarded the facilities that it requested for its mission. The Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning is working with RTTC to finalize its environmental documentation and safety approvals. And the facilities could be occupied by RTTC as early as January.

Northrop Grumman would begin set up for production in January 1998. The Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning is working with

the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles in obtaining appropriate environmental and safety documentation. In addition, the directorate is also working with the PEO to develop a facilities contract with Northrop Grumman. Approvals must be obtained through the secretary of the Army showing the economic advantages for the government to provide these facilities to a contractor.

"One of the facilities that RTTC will establish is an ammonia washout facility to be located in building 7352. This facility will allow partial recycling of missile systems. And it is an innovative way to demilitarize outdated, stockpiled weapon systems without major impacts to the environment," Burroughs said. That facility will move here from Magna, Utah.

The Redstone Technical Test Center is also working with the Non-Line of Sight Project Office to develop an EFOG-M All Up Round Facility which will be operated by Raytheon Corporation.

"And also building 7345, an X-ray facility, will be utilized by RTTC to support the Redstone community in quality assurance testing and inspections," Burroughs said.

Not all of the buildings in the former Thiokol plant are worth reusing. Some are old World War II wooden structures; and there is a directive to demolish all such structures on Army

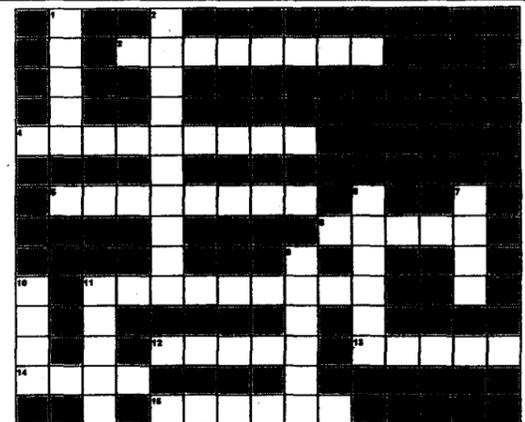
installations. The sticking point here is that the state historic preservation office considers some of the former Thiokol area to be of historical significance. The Patriot production facility, for example, was the source for the solid rocket motors which powered the Scud-busters during the Persian Gulf War.

"Therefore, we must coordinate all of the historic issues with the state before we can proceed with demolition," Burroughs said. Some demolition has already been conducted with the state's approval.

All in all, the former home of Thiokol rocket motor production is steadily filling with a variety of new residents. "Splitting the compound up will allow various organizations in the Redstone community to fill their requirements for mission space to support growing responsibilities," Burroughs said. "It will allow the government a chance to get some return on the investment that has been made in this facility over the past two decades."

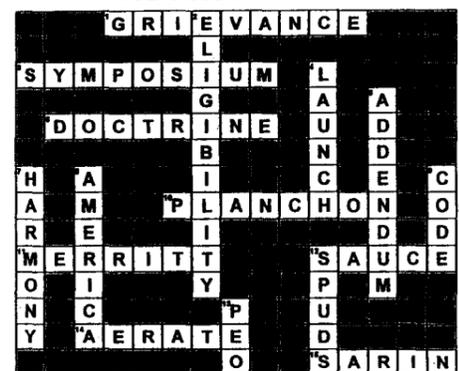
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Christmas door...

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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.

Christmas trees— All of 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 shall 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 be cut by 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.

Space center gift shop— The Space and Rocket Center's main Gift Shop is offering a 20 percent merchandise discount to all Marshall Space Flight Center and Army personnel displaying the appropriate badge. This offer is good through Dec. 24.

Hazardous materials courses— Registration will be held through Dec. 30 for winter quarter Hazardous Materials Technology Courses leading to an associate degree in applied sciences or a certificate in hazardous materials technology. The courses are offered at Redstone by Central Alabama Community College, Childersburg. Registration packets are available at North Army Learning Center, building 3222, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The phone number is 876-9416. Each course carries five college credits. Tuition is \$152.50 per course. For

more information, call Marilyn Lewis 876-1096.

Military reenlistment— Effective April 1, 1997, the Retention Control Point for specialist and sergeant will change as follows: specialist, current RCP eight years, new RCP 10 years; specialist (promotable), current RCP eight years, new RCP 10 years; sergeant, current RCP 13 years, new RCP 15 years; and sergeant (promotable), current RCP 15 years, new RCP 15 years. For more information, contact your career counselor: MSgt. Brown-Smith, 59th Ordnance Brigade; SFC Henderson, MICOM; and SSgt. Cunningham, 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

Military specialty— The 3rd Infantry (Old Guard) seeks to fill the following military occupational specialties: 11B10, 11B20, 31U1, 31U3, 71L10, 88M10, 92Y10 and 51B10. For more information call SSgt. Champion at DSN 426-3150/49, or contact your career counselor.

Commissary hours— For your shopping convenience, the following changes in operating schedule will be in effect for Christmas week, Dec. 22-28 at the Commissary: open Monday, Dec. 23; open 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Christmas Eve; closed Christmas Day; and closed Thursday, Dec. 26.

PX news— The Post Exchange will operate with the following holiday hours: Dec. 24— all facilities will close at 6 p.m.... Dec. 25— One-Stop (Shoppette/Class Six/gas lines) open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; all other facilities closed.... Dec. 31— Main Store, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; One-Stop, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Burger King, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Car Care, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.... Jan. 1— Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; One-Stop, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Burger King, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Military Clothing, closed; and Car Care, closed.

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Red Cross blood program— Dec. 19, building 5250, from 7-11 a.m., Judy Hullett 876-0789; and building 112, from 7-noon, Janice Jean 876-3427. Dec. 20, building 4752 (NASA), from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Janie McCrary 544-7552; SSDC (Wynn Drive), from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Al Longhi 955-3693; and Corps of Engineers, from 7:30-noon, Jean Brewer 895-1234.

Thrift shop— The Thrift Shop has a job opening for cashier. Deadline for applications is Jan. 31. For more information, call 881-9807 and ask for the manager, Nancy Goss.... The Thrift Shop will be closed for the holidays Dec. 24 through Jan. 1. It will reopen Jan. 2.... The Thrift Shop will be opening at 9 a.m. on Thurs-

days instead of 11 a.m. Consignments are still by appointment only from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. The first Saturday of the month hours have been suspended due to lack of business.

Fire prevention tips— It's the holiday season again and Christmas trees, decorations, etc., will brighten many homes and offices on Redstone Arsenal. Thomas Stephens, the installation fire chief, recommends the following precautions to help ensure a safe and happy holiday: Live Christmas trees cannot be treated by any known method to prevent them from burning without destroying the tree. For this reason, live Christmas trees should be kept indoors only as long as necessary. Under no circumstances should natural Christmas trees remain indoors longer than 14 days. All live trees must be removed from the building and properly discarded prior to departure of employees Christmas holiday weekend, i.e., no later than Dec. 24.... Decorations must be flame retardant and should bear a Testing Laboratories Seal of Approval.... Christmas trees and other decorations shall

not block access to fire exits, be placed in any exit-way, hallway or stairwell. They shall also not be secured to any fire protection equipment.... Clubs, restaurants and other public assembly areas must have decorations approved by the Redstone Arsenal Fire and Emergency Services Division, Fire Prevention officials.... Decorations and lights should be checked and discarded if found to be defective in any manner.... Please practice fire safety throughout the hol-

iday season and the coming year. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Abandoned vehicles— The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of abandoned vehicles: a white 1986 Toyota van, located adjacent to quarters 1434 Spartan Court; a yellow 1970 Chevy Nova, located adjacent to quarters 1392 Hermes; and a gold 1985 Audi 5000S, located in the parking lot adjacent to building 3617. All vehicles

were impounded by the Provost Marshal Office. The owners or anyone knowing the owners should call SFC Barbour, of PMO Operations Section, building 3453, at 842-2442 or 876-2222.

Latin dance— A Latin dance party will be held at 10 p.m. Saturday at the International Pub & Grill, 11220 South Memorial Parkway inside the Huntington Plaza. Admission is \$5. All ages are welcome. Salsa, merengue, tejano,

cumbia and other types of Latin music will be played. For more information, call 882-1212 or Carlos Otolara (205) 750-0539.

Internet in schools— "NetDays Alabama," a volunteer program to wire public schools for the Internet, has been launched to provide cabling infrastructure to K-12 schools throughout the state. The effort is part
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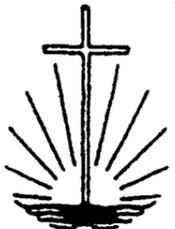
For more information, call Ann Hudson 837-0750 or one of the Quick Shot Bingo locations.

• **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.

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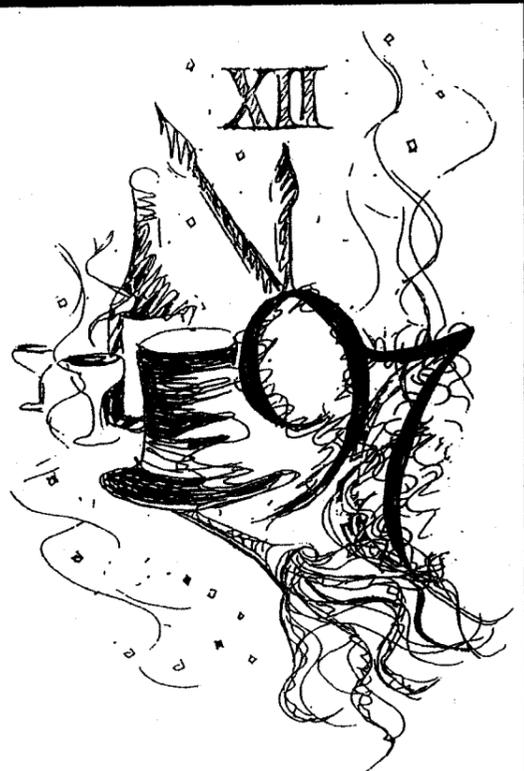


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Apprentice program—

Applications are available for the 1997 Department of Defense Science and Engineering Apprentice Program (SEAP) and the College Apprentice Program. Applications will be mailed to the senior counselors at area public, private, and parochial high schools. MICOM placements include physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering, and mathematics. The SEAP is designed for students in grades 10 to graduating seniors who have demonstrated above-average academic achievement in science, mathematics and engineering courses. Interested students must be at least 15 by the beginning date of the program, June 16, 1997. The College Program (CAP) is designed for

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Soldier Show volunteers—

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Festival of lights— The Unitarian Universalist Church will present its 12th annual "Festival of Lights" Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. "This unique candlelight festival celebrates through poetry, prose and ritual the striving of the human spirit and the blessings inherent in life." Steven Miller, harpist, will provide several selections of

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Win a 6-foot stocking—

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Holiday donorama—

The American Red Cross is encouraging all healthy individuals in north Alabama to give blood as the holiday season approaches. In Madison County the "Holiday Donorama" is set for 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at two locations: the American Red Cross office at 1101 Washington St. or Latham United Methodist Church at 109 Weatherly Road in

south Huntsville.

Name your club contest—

The Just Our Club (JOC) is looking for a new name. Beginning Jan. 7, the club which is open to the Redstone Arsenal community will begin opening five days a week with entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. To kick off the new night place, a contest is being held to "name your club." Send all entries to AMSMICS by Jan. 6. The winner will receive \$100. For more information, call 955-8322 or 876-1874.

Defense privatization conference—

Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logisticians will hold a "Defense Privatization Conference" Jan. 21 at the Research Park Holiday Inn at Madison Square Mall. A luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m., and the conference session follows. For reservations call 922-5364, 955-0576 or 955-7492.

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