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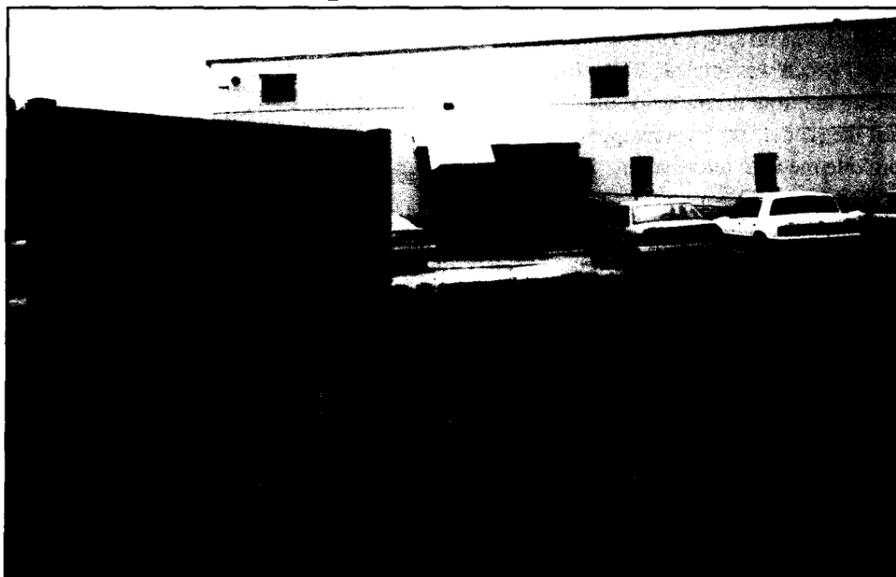
By Skip Vaughn

Defense finance workers at Redstone face a decision on whether to move with their jobs to St. Louis, seek other employment or leave government service.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service announced Jan. 8 that the DFAS office here will be consolidated to the St. Louis operating location effective June 1.

"This means we'll be doing accounting support to the folks we serve through the end of May '97. Effective with June '97 business, finance accounting support will be from operating location St. Louis or OPLOC-St. Louis," Charles Harper, the defense accounting officer, said.

His 162 civilian workers have to be off the rolls here by June 30. They will remain until the end of June to complete May reports and transfer records to OPLOC-St. Louis.



LEAVING SOON— The DFAS office here will move this summer to the St. Louis operating location.

The move, part of an initiative by the Defense Department to streamline financial operations, didn't surprise Redstone officials. When DFAS was formed in 1991, there were about 46,000 people performing finance and accounting functions at 324 offices worldwide. Redstone's fi-

nance office was capitalized under the DFAS umbrella on April 30, 1993.

The streamlining result defensewide is five centers— each for a military service — and 21 operating locations. The Army's DFAS center is in Indianapolis, Ind. In 1994 DFAS named the operating

locations; and the Huntsville community submitted a bid but was not among those selected. Now, the local DFAS office is being consolidated to the St. Louis operating location.

"It certainly was something we had been anticipating. We knew we were going to be announced (for

consolidation) at some time," Harper said. He believes the upcoming merger between the Missile Command and the Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis was "a factor in our being on this particular announcement at this time."

The latest announcement was for the last half of fiscal 1997, which ends Sept. 30, and the Aviation and Missile Command is scheduled to stand up Oct. 1.

The DFAS office, in building 8027, does finance and accounting support for the Missile Command and other serviced activities.

"There will be a DFAS presence left here in the form of a Defense Military Pay Office and that's made up of 13 people. And they have the responsibility of doing military pay and military PCS (permanent change of station)," Harper said. "And that'll be the only DFAS presence left after consolidation occurs."

The customer service

representative function, which serves as a liaison between the work force here and the civilian payroll activity in Omaha, Neb., is to transfer in February from DFAS to the Army. This represents six job positions which are to remain here.

All the other financial functions— including accounting, vendor pay, travel, and disbursing — will move to St. Louis. In the travel area alone, the DFAS office receives an average of 200 to 250 travel claims daily.

Harper, who plans to retire, is most concerned about the uncertain futures of his workers. "DFAS will offer employment to everyone who wants to transfer to St. Louis operating location. Everyone will be offered a job if they'd like to transfer," he said. "The problem is that many of our people do not want to transfer. They've got a spouse that's working in the area on an-

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Hospital closing ER for better way to serve community

The Emergency Room at Fox Army Community Hospital will close as of March 31. Foxcare is a newly developed program designed to offer eligible beneficiaries an "after-hours" clinic in addition to the regular daytime clinics.

Foxcare will consist of Family Practice, Pediatrics, Gynecology, an After-hours area (located in the current ER area) and what is currently known as the Primary Care Clinic.

"It's a better way of providing the community with the service that they have used and hopefully will continue to use," Lt. Col. Roger Hansen, deputy commander for clinical services, said. Since August the hospital has been collecting data on the after-hours use of its emergency room; and the ER had very limited use after 10 p.m. "It's really convenient for the community to know it's here but it's really not smart business-wise," Hansen said.

Fox Army Community Hospital provided the following questions and answers:

- Who can use Foxcare?... All eligible beneficiaries can use Foxcare. It should be noted that Tricare Prime enrollees will receive priority for all appointments. Those people that have not enrolled or are not eligible to enroll in Tricare Prime will be seen on a "space-available" basis only.
- Where will Foxcare be located?... The After-hours area of Foxcare will be located where the ER is currently located.
- When can I use Foxcare?... The hours of operation will be from: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., with appointments from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m.; and Saturday/Sunday/holidays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with appointments from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The hours for the After-hours area will be from 4-10 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday/Sunday/holidays.

This will be a by-appointment-only system where each patient will be triaged by a trained triage/advice nurse (either over the phone or in person). Afterwards the patient



POST HOSPITAL— The emergency room at Fox Army Community Hospital will close March 31; and a new program called Foxcare will provide after-hours care.

will either be given an appointment to be seen, given self-care instructions or be referred to a local ER (in the case of an emergency). Care will be guided by the medical triage system. It should be noted that the after-hours area will be the only section of Foxcare that will cover "after-hours,"

weekends and holidays. The after-hours section will have a limited number of appointments that will be assigned based on the triage status determined by the triage nurse. In most circumstances, it will be best to use the phone-in appointment/triage

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Letters to the editor

Airport exhibit

Regarding the article in last week's Redstone Rocket concerning the Team Redstone technology exhibit being installed at the Huntsville International Airport, I unintentionally left out the Historical Office when thanking those who played a major role in this effort. I apologize.

Mike Baker, command historian, was most helpful in making suggestions regarding the kiosk showing historical contributions. He helped select photographs and made suggestions for text and titles. Claus Martel then scanned the photographs onto a disc. This not only saved time and effort, but also helped safeguard some one-of-a-kind original photos.

I constantly use the resources of the Historical Office and always receive fast, courteous service from Mike and his folks. No matter how busy they are when I request their help, they always provide world-class customer service.

Again, my apologies to the Historical Office. Thanks for all your good work.

Jim Bowne
Redstone Technology
Promotion Office

Gate hours

Evidently NASA is not the only organization on Redstone Arsenal with rocket scientists on their staff. There are also rocket scientists on the security staff with responsibility to determine gate hours.

I appreciate the fact that Gate 2 is open at 6 a.m. for the benefit of the 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m. work force. However, where is that same logic when the afternoon opening time is 3:30 p.m.? I am sure that a traffic study wasn't performed to determine the impact to Redstone/Huntsville traffic when the decision was made to set 3:30 p.m. as the opening time for this gate.

There are many Arsenal employees who utilize Gate 2 for entrance at 6 a.m. It can be assumed that a comparable number need that gate open at 3 p.m. for exiting.

I would like for the chief rocket scientist to reconsider the decision to set the afternoon hours at 3:30 p.m. by counting the number of cars entering at Gate 2 between 6 a.m. and 6:25 a.m. daily. In your hypothesis, you should assume that the primary users of this gate in the early morning hours are the 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m. work force.

Furthermore, when the Hobbs Road extension is complete, you may want to consider closing Gate 2 permanently as the increased traffic load can be absorbed by the

fact that this extension will be four-laned.

I understand fully the need for security as I did during the period the gates were unmanned. However, if the major intent is to deter utilization of Redstone as a bypass, then check badges not decals. Do not penalize the Arsenal work force/residents by setting arbitrary gate hours.

David Willis

Hit and run

On Friday, Jan. 10 at 3:15 p.m., just after it started snowing, I was hit by a car. I was headed west on Goss Road going toward Rideout Road. I had just passed the entrance to the Golf Course when an older (late '70s) large gold or tan car going east pulled into my lane (at this point Goss Road is a two-lane road). In order to avoid a head-on collision, I went into the ditch; however, the other car hit the driver's side of my car which spun around and headed me back in the direction I had come from. I was driving a 1991 white Mercury Sable (four-door) which was totaled. The other car should have damage to the front driver's side of the car. The car that hit me left the scene, and I would appreciate anyone who could provide me with information. I can be contacted at 955-6492/6493/6339.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the gentleman who stopped to help me. I really appreciate his thoughtfulness and concern for my safety. He is one of the workers on the Arsenal that helps to spread sand/salt in order to make the roads safer for all of us. Thank you again.

Bonnie Abercrombie
Health systems specialist,
Fox Army Community Hospital

(Editor's note: Under state traffic laws, which apply to Redstone, anyone guilty of hit and run will have to pay for any damages and also be punished for a Class A misdemeanor. However, if personal injury or death is involved, it's a Class C felony.)

In appreciation

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy during the recent illness and death of my stepfather, Oran Brown. The phone calls, cards and caring meant so much to me. Thank you for being there for me.

June Pockrus

Equal partners

Teaching the 55B MOS (Ammunition Specialist Course) for the Army Reserve for the last six years on Redstone Arsenal during our annual summer trainings, I have had the pleasure of a professional association with the Regular Army that I've never experienced at any other command. My experience at Redstone can only be rated first class and it has gotten better each year.

Last month the 1st Ordnance Detachment (U.S. Army Reserve) was given building 3342 on Redstone Arsenal. The new space allowed us to move out of the reserve center on Patton Road where we were confined to one small office. We did not have enough room for a weekend drill let alone for growth as our mission continues to expand. For this alone, I can't express my appreciation enough.

Regular Army personnel have always been there to assist us at any time, always treating us as nothing less than equal partners. I would like to thank everyone who has assisted us in the past: Corkern Demolition Range, Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) training area, the soldiers who helped us round up furniture for our new building and those who have given their own time to us—often late into the night during our summer training on the computer terminals. I would especially like to thank SFC Rita Hendricks; she is a true professional who is held only in the highest regard by every soldier in the detachment who has had the pleasure of working with her.

A special thanks must be given to Lt. Col. Fletcher of the Munition Training Department; without him I understand there would have been no new building for us. Also special thanks to Sgt. Maj. Maymi who makes every effort to attend our graduation ceremonies. He always gives an excellent talk—not one of the usual speeches that put most of the soldiers to sleep, but the kind of talk that is straight from the shoulder, one professional to another, not as regular Army to a bunch of weekend warriors....

I look forward as always to this year's mission with the knowledge that I will be doing my training on the Arsenal and once again be associated with some of the finest soldiers in the Army. To all those I have mentioned, and especially those I might have overlooked, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve with you and I look forward to many more years ahead. With this teamwork, we will never fail to accomplish our mission, wherever or whenever called upon. Go Ordnance!

MSgt. Scott C. Campbell
1st Ordnance Detachment,
U.S. Army Reserve

Family Symposium produces quality of life changes

By Kathy Harkleroad

Community members heard the results of their quality of life efforts during the Family Symposium backbrief Jan. 15 at Bicentennial Chapel.

Before the actual briefing Col. Duane Brandt, the deputy post commander, thanked those who participated in the symposium held in November. "I would like to thank those unit points of contacts, those were the members who actually helped appoint the delegates. Then there were the subject matter experts, those who offered their expertise on matters during the work

groups. Then there were the delegates who sat through the day and a half process, and wrestled with some of the issues. They looked at each and decided whether it was something that could be solved here at Redstone or whether or not it should be sent up further," Brandt said. "Lastly I would like to thank the chapel staff. They have hosted us twice and I would like to thank them for all the work on their part to put this together."

As part of the backbrief, awards were presented to several organizations for their efforts. Facilitators and organizations re-

ceived certificates and were recognized for their hard work and dedication during the symposium. Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, also addressed the delegates and subject matter experts.

Subject matter experts from the various work groups addressed the 23 issues that resulted from the symposium. Here are the results of those issues:

- **Medical/Dental issues:** A) the work group suggested expanding Tricare coverage to include Medicare eligible retirees. Since this not an issue that can be solved or

acted upon at the Arsenal level, it was recommended the issue be raised to the Department of the Army level. B) the group addressed the possibility of expanding the stock of medication at Fox Army Community Hospital. Due to budget constraints, this issue cannot be addressed at this time. C) Medical TDY trips for active duty soldiers was also addressed by the work group. Fox Hospital is awaiting legal and regulatory review by the Regional Medical Command and lead agent staffs to determine the possibility of implementing the program

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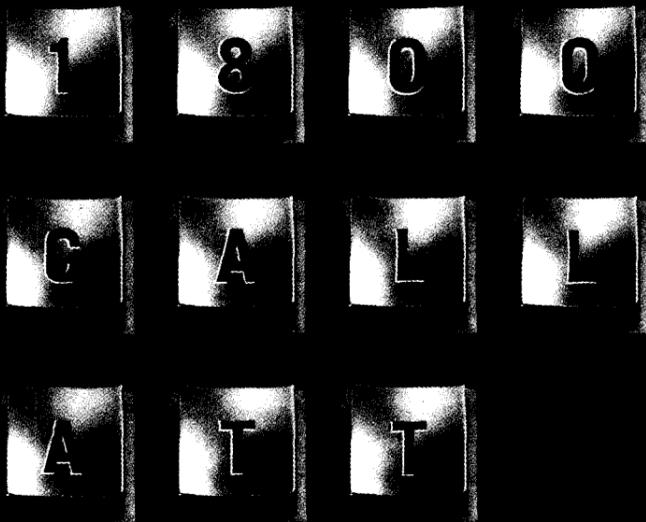
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New gym culminates 15-year effort for Redstone Arsenal

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Redstone Arsenal Fitness Center opened Jan. 14 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony which included a guided tour of the facility.

A standing-room-only crowd filled the foyer and listened as Maj. Gen. James Link, the post commander, spoke about the history of the new gym.

"What we are seeing here today is evidence of the commitment our Army has toward this Arsenal and the work force, on the importance of quality of life issues," Link said. "Col. Brandt mentioned how long it has taken. I can recall on

my first tour here in 1986, it was going to be any day, we were going to get a new gymnasium. In fact the efforts started in 1981 and it's only through our efforts that this project was finally pushed over the hump and is here today.

"It is a 15-year effort and we now see a 21,000 square foot facility, \$2.7 million, built to very high standards and built close to our soldiers. We now have the opportunity for our soldiers to have a first class facility," he said.

Guests were taken on a tour of the gym and viewed firsthand the full size gymnasium/basketball court,

weight room, aerobics room, saunas, locker rooms and full dressing facilities.

The weight room included 14 pieces of Nautilus apparatus and free weights. Four treadmills, three recumbent cycles, three Stairmasters and two Nordic tracks can be found in the aerobics room.

The facility was constructed by Consolidated Construction Company of Huntsville which has built several facilities on post.

Authorized users of the facility include active duty and retired military and their family members, as well as reservists on active duty.



OFFICIAL OPENING— Ted Com- Greg Bragg, Consolidated Con-
pac, Pagano Gym; Maj. Gen James
Link, MICOM commander, and officially opening the new gym.



Officer briefing

Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, conducts an officer professional development briefing Jan. 15 at the Officers Club. He served as a member of a recent promotion board which considered colonels for promotion to brigadier general. Link gave a roomful of Team Redstone officers insight on what a promotion board uses in its evaluation to recommend promotion of officers to the next grade.

Naval intelligence unit recognized with award

The Office of Naval Intelligence Reserve Unit 2109, which meets at the Missile and Space Intelligence Center, was selected as the 1996 recipient of the Capt. George A. O'Connell Jr. Outstanding Unit of the Year Award.

The award, established in conjunction with the Naval Reserve Association, is presented annually to recognize the outstanding Naval Reserve Intelligence Program (NRIP) unit. Selection is based on a unit's outstanding performance and unique achievements in mobilization readiness and support to active

forces.

Commanded by Capt. Jack Kelly, the ONI 2109 has maintained complete readiness to support their gaining command, the Office of Naval Intelligence, since the first quarter of fiscal 1995. The unit's scientific and technical intelligence production for ONI and other organizations is exemplary. It is one of only two units in the Naval Reserve Intelligence Program given a complete foreign military airframe by a joint organization—MSIC — for exploitation. The portion of that exploitation effort that dealt with

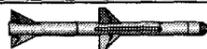
the fire control radar system ultimately became the nucleus for a Defense Intelligence Agency publication.

ONI 2109 has also supported Missile and Space Intelligence Center on several occasions with foreign language experts. Unit members feel that the good relationship forged with Col. Rick Driesbach, the MSIC director, is essential to their continued success. The facilities and resources provided by MSIC allow unit personnel to perform the exacting analysis required by Office of Naval Intelligence.

Extending themselves

beyond Navy and MSIC, a rapport has been established between ONI 2109 and DIA Air Force Reserve Flight 9, consisting of Air Intelligence Agency individual mobilization augmentees which are assigned to MSIC. ONI 2109 has been called upon to assist in intelligence efforts for other organizations such as the DoD POW/MIA Office and the Drug Enforcement Agency. The unit has established a reputation as a "can do" NRIP unit, ready and capable of performing in joint environments.

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Singles night-out game arrives at new Rhythms club

By Heather Douglas

Do you ever watch the MTV game show, "Singled Out"? If you have ever seen it, you might agree that it is one of the few games in which everyone involved has lots of fun. The outcome of the game is that two couples will be awarded a dream date of a lifetime, and it could very well be you! The BOSS Committee will sponsor a Singles Night Out Party at 8 p.m. Feb. 7 at Rhythms, building 114 on Hankins Drive, formerly the JOC.

If you are single and would like to participate in the game, send the following through distribution to AMSMI-RA-CF-CR- RC: name, age, telephone number, and six questions you would like to ask your ideal date.

We are looking for 25 single men and 25 single women to participate. Out of the entries, one male and one female will be selected to be the contestants. The remaining entries will be the dating pool from which the contestant will narrow down to three finalists. The three finalists will be

asked to answer ideal-date questions provided by the contestant. The finalist who best answers the six questions will get to go on a dream date with the selected contestant. Contestants will be chosen at random and notified when they arrive at Rhythms for the game.

Winners of the two dream dates will receive a night out on the town Feb. 14 in a limousine complete with flowers, candy, dinner and more!

Attention non-singles: if you would like to volunteer to be on the Single Night Out

staff, send your name and number to the aforementioned office symbol. You do not have to be single to come to Rhythms on Feb. 7, but you do have to be single to play the game! (Sorry!)

For more information call Sgt. Michael Coman, president of the BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) Committee at 955-6144.

(Editor's note: Douglas is an advertising specialist at Directorate of Community and Family Activities.)

MWR highlights...

The following are among Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities:

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Outdoor Rec has outdoor storage available for boats, RVs, etc. Prices: up to 19'-\$7/month; 20' & up-\$9/month. Reserve your space today by calling Missy at 876-4868.

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If you have not thought about 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. The knowledgeable staff can also teach you other valuable automotive skills. Call Mark, Dennis or Mike for details, 955-7727.

BOWLING CENTER SERVES LUNCH

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, \$1 per game from 1-5 p.m.

OFFICERS CLUB

An "International Wine Tasting" will be held Jan. 31 with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and entertainment; tickets are \$5 per person in advance and \$6 at the door; admission by ticket to ballroom. For more information, call 830-CLUB.... On Jan. 24, enjoy Friday Lobster Dinner; for reservations call 830-CLUB.

QUICK SHOT BINGO

Now at the Golf Course, Rhythms, 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. For more information, call Ann Hudson 837-0750 or one of the quick shot bingo locations.

CIVILIAN WELLNESS CENTER

The CWC offers many different types of aerobic classes. Whether you are beginner or advanced, it has a class to fit your needs. Call for a current schedule to be faxed to you, 955-6844.

GOLF COURSE LECTURE

A physical therapist from Fox Army Community Hospital is to speak Feb. 20 at the golf course on "How to Avoid Minor Strains." In certain activities, such as golf, particular muscles are at risk for minor strains and you can learn how to prevent it from happening to you. There will be a buffet style baked chicken dinner served before the seminar at 6 p.m. for \$6.50 per person; call 883-7977.

RUSTIC LODGE

The lodge is accepting reservations for 1997 events. Hurry and book your special event to ensure you get the day you want. For more information, call Val or Mil at 955-6739.

WILD GAME COOKOUT

The annual Wild Game Cookout will be held Feb. 7 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Rustic Lodge. Price for the lunch is \$2 for owners of Redstone Arsenal hunting or fishing permits, and \$5 for all others. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868.

NEW SOCIAL CLUB

As of Jan. 17, Rhythms has replaced the JOC, building 114 on Hankins Drive. For more information call 830-CLUB, Heather Douglas 876-3030 or Lee Hicks 955-8322.



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Army researchers eye new method to test virtually

WASHINGTON— Army researchers want to be able to test and evaluate proposed and existing equipment via "virtual reality" computer systems by 2003.

The system, call the Virtual Proving Ground, is an Army Test and Evaluation Command, Aberdeen, Md., program supported by the Army Research Laboratory at Adelphi, Md.

"The Virtual Proving Ground is a new way of doing business for the test and evaluation community. It will rely on computers as much as possible to evaluate equipment in addition to validating the methods the Army uses to conduct testing and evaluation," said Ken Smith, a computer scientist with ARL's Information Sciences and Technology Directorate.

TECOM supplies field testing data gathered over many years, while ARL is helping to develop necessary computer and software support for the system, Smith said.

"We want to bring everything together so we can synthetically provide the same environment on a computer that we now have in the field and simulate models of equipment that are representative of actual equipment," he said.

Simulated testing and evaluation offers the Army potential cost savings over current "live testing" methods.

"It's all right to roll a tank in a simulation," Smith said, "but, you want to avoid doing that in the field with an actual prototype."

Computer testing of equipment won't totally replace field testing, Smith said.

"We can set up better field tests because we can do it in the computer until we get it right," he said.

The possibilities for cost savings are apparent, Smith said. The Virtual Proving Ground can weed out early design problems in the test simulations that will be easier and cheaper to change than after a real piece of equipment has been built. At some point, when testing has gone as far as it can go with simulations and testers are confident it will perform up to expectations, a prototype can be built and tested in the field.

"Hopefully, we can build fewer prototypes with less need for modifications by the Army once the prototypes have been built. Field testing will largely serve to validate the computer models that we used to simulate the tests," Smith said.

The system is under development at TECOM's Aberdeen Test Center and is expected to be operational by 2003.

"All the TECOM test centers are on board and everyone is pulling together to make this happen," Smith said. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: This article was compiled from an Army Research Laboratory news release.)

MSIC engineer receives national intelligence honor from CIA

Thomas Blalock, a 14-year veteran of the Missile and Space Intelligence Center, earned the certificate of distinction from CIA Director John Deutch for his reputation as a national expert in the field of radar cross section (RCS) signature modeling and simulation.

Blalock developed simulation techniques that dramatically reduced the time and cost involved in RCS computer analysis. The senior engineer serves on several national boards, councils and working groups that focus on radar signatures.



CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION— Deutch, left, presents Blalock with the National Intelligence Certificate of Distinction recently at CIA headquarters.

Hospital patrons advised to arrange for their care

Beneficiaries who have signed up for Tricare Prime will receive priority for appointments with any of the clinics at Fox Army Community Hospital.

Those beneficiaries who are eligible for Tricare Prime but have not signed up will find it increasingly more difficult to get an appointment, according to an open letter from the hospital's deputy commander for clinical services.

"All beneficiaries who are not Tricare Prime will be seen on a 'space-available' basis only," Lt. Col. Roger Hansen said in the

letter to beneficiaries. "Space-available appointments are not adequate to manage medical needs on a regular basis. As more people sign up for Tricare Prime, the space-available appointments will become harder to get."

Beneficiaries that are not signed up or eligible for Tricare Prime and need medication refills, referrals for further health care or need the results of lab work will be required to make an appointment with their health care provider on a space-available basis at Fox Army Community Hospital.

All beneficiaries, regardless of their Tricare or Medicare status, will be able to use the Pharmacy, Lab and X-ray departments at Fox Hospital.

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Achievement of year honor shared by LOGSA workers

Deborah Hollon and David Kopp of the Logistics Support Activity got early Christmas presents last year from the Department of the Army.

They were co-winners of Integrated Support Activity (ILS) Achievement of the Year Awards in the ILS program execution/process improvement category.

On Dec. 20 Hollon and Kopp of LOGSA's Acquisition Logistics Center received their awards at a Pentagon ceremony. The program featured presentations by Keith Charles, deputy assistant secretary for plans, programs and policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for research, development and acquisition; Eric Orsini, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for logistics; and Lt. Gen. John Coburn, deputy chief of staff for logistics.

Hollon, a logistics management special-

ist, was recognized for her efforts in modifying the Logistics Planning and Requirements System for use as an institutional training aid by the Army Logistics Management College.

Hollon was also recognized for her efforts in developing a LOGPARS adaptation for the Special Operations Command with a knowledge base tailored to the SOCOM acquisition strategies, terminology and business processes.

Kopp, a general engineer, was recognized for his accomplishments in the technical redesign of the LOGPARS document generating shell and the automated knowledge engineering environment.

Kopp's efforts enhanced the productivity and quality of designing and maintaining the LOGPARS system, accommodating multiple users and providing portability



ACHIEVEMENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS — From left Orsini, Hollon, Kopp and Coburn show a plaque presented to Hollon and Kopp Dec. 20 at the Pentagon.

across diverse operating systems.

In addition to a plaque, Kopp and Hollon

each received a cash award from the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics.

USA Express band takes holiday cheer to troops overseas

ALEXANDRIA, Va.— While children all snug in their beds on the homefront dream of sugar plums and Santa's eight tiny reindeer, eight life-size Santa's helpers will go to the front lines, bringing music and smiles to soldiers far from home.

They're the members of USA Express who left Dec. 10 on a 90-day world tour to places that sound like Jeopardy! answers to world geography questions: Bosnia, Hungary, Kuwait, Bahrain, the Azores ...

USA Express is an Army Entertainment soldier show-band made up of the most talented musicians selected from the 1996 Army Battle of Bands held in September. They were selected for their natural talent, musical ability, versatility, and maturity and released by their commanders for this special 120-day tour of duty. These are not soldiers whose military job is to play in an Army band. They play music as an avocation — a hobby, recreation — just because they like to do it. Most of them never expected to find themselves a part of this demanding adventure which began in November with several weeks of intensive rehearsals.

Sgt. Etienne Boyd expressed the emotions mirrored by the other soldiers: surprise and delight. "I wasn't expecting this at all; I was kind of shocked to be

picked as keyboard player. It's something I've always wanted to do," said Boyd, a radio operator with the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks and member of the top Battle of Bands winner, Diversity.

"It's really exciting to go to all these places across the world doing something you really enjoy. My battalion commander, Lt. Col. James H. Huggins, was very supportive and instrumental in allowing us to be here," said 1st Lt. John McMullen, of Vicenza, Italy, himself a veteran of deployments to Bosnia and Sierra Leone (Africa). For McMullen, music has a healing effect. "The best way to explain what music does for me is that it gives me a natural high," he said.

Sgt. Karen Brown, one of two female vocalists with the group, sang in church. "I've only been doing (rock and roll) since August and I never heard of USA Express. Brown said music is an important part of her everyday life. "I couldn't live without music; every day of my life has music in it. During my pregnancies, I sang to my children in utero," she said. Music and rhythm are everywhere in the Army, she pointed out. "It's so universal. We march in rhythm, we run in cadence." (Arnews)

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Retention officials: Army remains great place to serve

By Gerry J. Gilmore

WASHINGTON— Some soldiers may feel that their career prospects have dropped since the Army reshaped itself during the drawdown. To those soldiers, Army personnel officials say, "Hang in there."

Although the Army's active-duty rolls decreased from about 780,000 pre-drawdown soldiers to about 495,000 today, the service still offers quality soldiers the opportunity to excel and advance, said Lt. Col. Dane Swenson, chief statistician for policy analysis in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at the Pentagon. Swenson addressed the question: "What future do soldiers have in the post-drawdown Army?"

"It (some soldiers' negative career perceptions) had to do with how we brought down the force," Swenson said. "Remember when we had to get from 540,000 (soldiers) to 510,000 back in '95? Then, this past year, we had to get down to 495,000. We had to pay for everybody coming down the 'ramp' and there were certain periods (during that time) when we were slightly overstrength, overstructured.

"We paid for that (drawdown) with some

NCO promotion slowdowns ... the specialist waiver freeze ... so now, we've leveled off. We're (now) funded to where we can restore promotions."

Today's quality soldiers will be promoted, said Sgt. Maj. Jerry Pionk, the senior noncommissioned officer with the Department of the Army's Retention Policy Proponent in DCSPER, in the Pentagon. Recent Army personnel policy changes, such as revised retention control points, which give soldiers more time to be promoted; increased waivers for early promotion to specialist rank; and a projected increase (from 18 percent in FY '95 to 23 percent in FY '97) in NCO promotions for fiscal year '97, should help many soldiers "Be All That They Can Be." Backup lists for promotion to sergeant major, master sergeant and sergeant first class have been reduced from the three of the past several years to just two.

"I think, based on what the Recruiting Command and retention personnel have done in the last 5-7 years, that we are recruiting and keeping the best cross-section of America in the Army," Pionk said. "There were no 'non-quality' soldiers who left the Army through various drawdown

programs. The fact is, a numerical decision had to be made ... sometimes (those) decisions were based upon the MOS an individual served in.

"All soldiers are quality (and) we've given a number of soldiers the chance to catch up with their peers, and hopefully move on with us and stay with us for the 21st century," he said.

Talking pay and benefits, Pionk noted that soldiers will receive a 3 percent raise in salary and a 4.6 increase in Basic Allowance for Quarters in January. Soldiers receive excellent medical coverage, not just for themselves, but for their families, as well. The Army's retirement system is still one of the most generous around.

"Our Tricare (health) programs are superior to most available civilian programs," Pionk said. "I would defy anyone to find a civilian retirement plan that matches up with our military plan. Education money has been restored. Military housing is being revamped Armywide. Old housing is being renovated or torn down and replaced with new."

All in all, Pionk said the Army is a good place to work and serve.

"The Army offers you many opportunities to fulfill your own needs," he said. "A person who is relatively flexible within the span of what the Army needs will find it a great career choice."

Here is the approved fiscal year '97 retention control point list:

- **Private first class**— RCP three years (privates first class may serve until end of initial term of enlistment).
- **Specialist**— 10 years.
- **Sergeant**— 15 years.
- **Staff sergeant**— 20 years.
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- **Sergeant major**— 30 years.
- **Command sergeant major**— 30 years.
- Selected command sergeants major may serve to 35 years. (Arnews)

Army completes Cameron Station transfer to community

By Ned Christensen

WASHINGTON— When representatives of the Army and the city of Alexandria, Va., ceremonially lowered the flag for the last time and locked the gate at Cameron Station in September 1995, it marked the end of an era. It also marked a success story of cooperation between the Army and the civilian community, but did not mark the immediate transfer of the property.

The transfer process continued after closure, because the property was not quite ready to transfer. Like nearly any old industrial facility, Cameron Station needed cleaning up. Some of the storage and disposal procedures for petroleum products, cleaning solvents, battery acid and other industrial substances that were followed for decades have become unacceptable in the

new age of environmental awareness.

At Cameron Station, the Army removed underground and above-ground storage tanks, excavated contaminated soil, removed or enclosed asbestos and recorded lead-based paint in buildings that will be torn down. All the necessary cleanup has been accomplished, except for three areas that require long-term treatment and monitoring. The treatment systems must remain in place for some time to come.

In order for the Army to transfer the property, the Environmental Protection Agency had to issue a letter stating that cleanup and monitoring systems were in place and operational. The EPA letter arrived May 31, 1996.

A number of state and federal agencies, the city and the new developer also had to be satisfied that their requirements were

met. This all took time and the negotiations were complicated.

"We had to bring a lot of people together," said Howard Nollenberger, an administrative lawyer with the MDW Staff Judge Advocate's Office, who was involved with the closing and sale of Cameron Station.

Then came the negotiations over placement of the treatment facilities and easements on the property to be developed so that government environmentalists could continue monitoring without encumbering new housing properties with easements.

The bottom line is that 63 acres of Cameron Station have now become proper-

ty of the U.S. Department of the Interior, which will transfer it to Alexandria. The remaining acreage belongs to the developer, Greenvest L.C., which will soon begin demolishing the old brick buildings to make room for houses.

The transfer, like the closing process, was called a success because of the cooperation of all involved, Nollenberger said.

The next time Cameron Station appears in the news should be in the real-estate ads when the newest additions to Alexandria's tax base go on the market. (MDW News Service)



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American military couple adopts child from Moscow

By Neal Snyder

BAD KREUZNACH, Germany— You were born premature to unmarried parents — a poor start, even by Moscow standards. You weighed three pounds. As you fought for your life in the incubator, your mother signed papers giving placing you in the custody of the state.

At 1 year old, you're one of 150,000 known parentless children in Moscow. But by the evening of your birthday, Aug. 28, you're neither in Moscow nor parentless. You're now Brittniey Glass, adopted daughter of an American soldier, on your way to join your new family in Dexheim, Germany.

And your dad — your new dad, Chief Warrant Officer Roger S. Glass, maintenance officer for the 123rd Maintenance Support Battalion — is on his way back to Bosnia for the duration of Operation Joint Endeavor.

This is the story Brittniey will hear as she grows up. Now a healthy 17-month-old weighing more than 16 pounds, Brittniey is the Glasses' third adopted child.

Both brothers approve of the new addition. "I'm happy and excited," says Gavin Glass, 11. "She's pretty and she's always laughing."

"She's really fun," adds Eric, 13.

But Mom was the first to see — and fall in love with — the little girl who would become Brittniey. Debbie Glass says she had been talking with her husband about adopting a daughter. They began to focus on finding a Russian child when they heard there were more than 150,000 children seeking parents in that country. As a precaution, she showed the video to a doctor, who could see no health problems.

The Glasses started saving money for the adoption in June 1995. Then Debbie saw the little girl on videotape and felt a connection.

"She looks a little like me," she says. "I love her dark eyes. They're like my husband's." She was charmed by the child's personality, too. The Glasses decided to name her after Debbie's mother.

The problem could have been raising the \$21,000 it eventually cost to adopt Brittniey.

Then Roger was deployed to Operation Joint Endeavor. Communicating by telephone and military mail, they continued to work on the adoption process and save money.

The Glasses downplay

the difficulties of separation, instead focusing on the support they received from the 123rd and the Dexheim community. They specifically mention Lt. Col. Bill Guinn, commander of the 123rd, who went up the 1st Armored Division chain of command to get permission for Roger's Moscow flight.

Most of the money stayed in Russia. The adoption agency got \$6,500, the Russian government got \$9,150 and the orphanage

got \$1,500, she said. Visas, airfares, nine days' lodging with a Russian family ("We had to eat cabbage almost every day," says Debbie) and other incidentals took up the rest.

"When you adopt a child from Russia you have to bring a gift for the orphanage," Debbie says. "Different kinds of medicine, Tylenol, gifts like that.

"The country is really hurting," she adds. "In Moscow the average person

makes about \$100 a month, and it costs \$300 a month to live. (Brittniey's) mother was 19. The Russian government is very poor and can't afford the kind of social services we have. A 19-year-old girl can't afford to raise a family."

The legal services office helped the Glasses with the paperwork involved. The stack of documents is now two feet high, Debbie says. "We had to go to counseling, we had to have an investiga-

tion of our background done — (the orphanage) wants to make sure the child is going to a good home."

The German government didn't require a visa for Brittniey to enter the country.

"That saved us about five days in Russia," said Debbie. She will need a visa when the family moves to the United States.

Debbie has a mother's dreams for her daughter.

"I would like her to be in the Olympics — to be the

first Russian-American ice skater," she says. "She already loves tumbling."

On the way to the Olympics, or wherever, Brittniey will hear another story from her parents: She led the way for other Russian children.

"Currently, we're helping about five military families adopt children from Russia," Debbie says. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Sgt. Snyder is a member of 201st Public Affairs Detachment.)

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other job, they've got family ties, they've got many reasons for not wanting to transfer, and they're hoping to find other government work in the Huntsville area.

"Our folks have been proud to be a member of Team Redstone, and of being a member of MICOM prior to April '93. And we're still proud to be a member of Team Redstone even though we're under DFAS.

"It's certainly my desire that any activities in the local area that have any opportunities to fill positions will give our folks opportunities for any positions that they would qualify for," Harper added.

During the week of Jan. 27 a team of DFAS Indianapolis human resources personnel are to conduct individual interviews here with DFAS workers to answer any questions and give them an opportunity to sign up for early-out or priority placement. "The window for VERA (Voluntary Early Retirement Authority)/VSIP (Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay) is going to be Jan. 27 through Feb. 14 for separation June 30," Harper said.



REST BREAK— 2nd Lt. Lynn Bailey takes a much needed break to get something to eat and drink a cup of hot coffee as he took part in the field training

exercise. Bailey was in command for part of the exercise and had several different situations to deal with.



MARKING THE SPOT— 2nd Lt. Ted Shinkle, foreground, moves one of the markers for his ammunition supply point. He, along with other soldiers, was required to pick a spot large enough for

the inventory of ammunition they had for the exercise. While the inventory was make-believe, the location was not.

Officer basic

By Kathy Harkleroad

Soldiers enrolled in the Officers Basic Course learned that field training exercises go on in any weather and anything is bound to happen. Those soldiers currently taking the course here went to the field Jan. 14-16 and spent several cold nights outdoors.

"We try to throw a little of everything at them," said Capt. O. Brown, OBC instructor, said. "We try to keep them very busy and experience as much of real-life situations as we can."

The soldiers were faced with a situation much like what happened in Somalia, as well as what is happening in Bosnia today. They were deployed to a country where they had to maintain peace, assist displaced residents, and handle any terrorism.

"Within the last few days they have not only had to deal with the weather sit-

uation of rain and freezing but they have also had missions we threw at them. "We had quite a bit of drive-by shootings," and who needed help, a large crowd, a woman giving a persistent journal other situations."

Brown said each of them enjoy coming out and to role playing. "Sometimes who enjoys it more, the on the mission, or the part really get involved in it."

Brown and the other in the course begin plan exercise months in advance instructors, soldiers and the parts. The students exercise do not know



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temperatures, conduct their expected scene. Brown said. OPFOR play, and civilians crowd of citizens from their birth within the list, and sever-

face, besides the mission they have been given.

"If they learn how to train for harder missions than this one, the rest will be easy. They will encounter situations like these at some point in their careers if they are deployed and will have this to fall back on," Brown said. "Participating in a peacekeeping role is harder than the actual combat. We are trained to fight, not act as policemen. With the world changing—and our mission changing—like it is we need to incorporate that into our training."

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The field exercise is a culmination of the Common Task Training they have been receiving in the first part of the Basic Officers Course. After the exercise, they will advance to the ammunition portion of their training.



PLANNING TEAM— These officers in the Officers Basic Course took part in a Field Training Exercise recently. This team of soldiers is planning out an exercise which will be done by other officers.



GUARDING THE GATE— 2nd Lt Bryan Sopko, left and 2nd Lt Bucky Moore hide in the brush while they guard the entrance to the operation theatre during the situational training exercise.

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Community policing: successful back to basics for MPs

FORT MONROE, Va.— Going back to police basics has resulted in residents and military police working together to reduce crime at many Training and Doctrine Command installations.

"Community oriented policing has gotten some great results," said Col. Robert Baldwin, TRADOC command provost marshal. "We are going back to the 'cop on the beat' approach that used to be so common throughout the country.

"Everybody knew their policeman and the policeman was so familiar with the neighborhood that incidents were handled quickly. The policeman's presence was a real deterrent to crime."

Community oriented policing at all TRADOC installations includes the use of bicycle patrols. They are MPs whose primary duty areas are the housing areas on posts.

To be successful, they get involved in every facet of community life.

"We are active participants in the post mayoral meetings, the wives or spouses information exchange council," said Lt. Col. Anthony Sahagian, provost marshal at Fort Jackson, S.C. "We get out there and we listen to the complaints. We're receptive and we take action where we can. We're approachable, and the community appreciates that."

Installation provost marshals do not keep statistics that show community policing has actually reduced crimes. There is a perception that there are fewer crimes in housing areas with bike and foot patrols, however.

"The more they (bike patrols) are present, the less

I hear of break-ins and vandalism," said Ed Burkhart, mayor of Pierce Terrace #2 at Fort Jackson. "I would hate to see it disbanded — it's very valuable to the community."

"The presence of the MPs gives me a sense of security," said Patricia Huber, mayor of Olive Terrace at Fort Gordon, Ga. "Seeing them doing rounds in bike patrols and in their vehicles gives people a sense of security."

Residents and mayors tell of MPs interacting with youngsters, keeping them warm and dry in bad weather and teaching them bicycle safety. The policemen are frequently invited to and attend neighborhood parties.

That type of interaction pays off, says Sahagian. "When we do have a situation, the bike patrol's relationship with the kids and parents works so well that it's just a matter of hours, in some cases, and we've got leads or closure."

MPs have had to work to establish a trusting relationship with post residents.

"When we first started this program, we had some problems with the public's perceptions and expectations of law enforcement," said Lt. Col. Dave Merriss, Fort Rucker, Ala., provost marshal. "Our community policing effort has built on ideas of partnership, communication, reciprocal education and mutual respect."

The bike patrol began about four years ago at Fort Gordon and "went through some growing pains" at first, according to Lt. Col. David Dlugolenski, Fort Gordon provost marshal. The first bikes and patrolmen's uniforms were donated by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

"We do have an SOP (standing operating procedures) for our bike patrol that ... we've modified over the course of time," Dlugolenski said. "The big issue ... was our certification program for our bike patrol. There was no training standard."

The solution was found through a Columbus, Ga., police officer who belonged to the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA), a part of the League of American Bicyclists.

The IPMBA has a course that teaches tactics, pursuit, takedowns, community oriented policing, fund raising, how to safely do traffic stops of motor vehicles with a bike and how to use a bike as an offensive and a defensive weapon.

Several IPMBA classes have been held at Fort Gordon, and have been attended by MPs from Fort Jackson, Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Stewart, Ga., and civilian police. IPMBA certification courses now are routinely used at TRADOC posts.

"The Fort Gordon bike patrol has really set a standard in the Central Savannah River Area for law enforcement," Dlugolenski said. "The local civilian agencies are copying a lot of the programs that we are doing on the installation."

Patrols use mountain bikes because they are rugged and can be used in all types of terrain. But the constant rough use wears even the most sturdy bikes.

Local budgets rarely can afford to replace them, so MPs do fund raisers to collect money to buy new bicycles themselves.

Some bike patrols work out of substations located within family housing areas on several installations. That permits a constant police presence in the neighborhoods.

"I think it's good they're in close proximity," said Becky Murphy, mayor of Fort Benning's McGraw Manor. "I think the majority of the community feels safer knowing that there is always going to be an MP somewhere close by."

Karen Poster, a McGraw Manor resident, echoed Murphy. "It's good to know that we do not have to wait a long period of time in case we need help," she said.

Fort Jackson, Fort Rucker and Fort Knox, Ky., MPs sponsor Explorer Scout programs for teenagers on their posts. Others stage bicycle rodeos, write columns for installation newspapers, and sponsor a range of activities in which youngsters can participate.

Needs of the Army and the nation sometimes interfere with installation MP programs. Nearly every TRADOC installation has policemen deployed to various areas of the world.

"But we have all shown that we can still implement community police programs such as D.A.R.E., bike patrols, bicycle rodeos and foot patrols," Sahagian said. "We have to have people

in this program for a minimum of a year so the public does get to know the individual community policeman," Merriss said.

Fort Benning had a community oriented policing squad for several years. Bike patrols are now part of that program, according to Col. Tom Cain, Fort Benning provost marshal.

"Community oriented policing ... is not a new concept," he said. "This is a return, perhaps with a little more emphasis, to the beat cop, who knew the people that he or she served, lived with.

"Some of the things that we are looking at are: Do our MPs live in the housing area that they support? Can

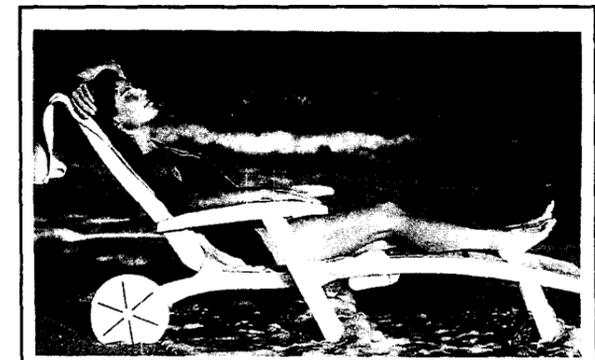
we arrange scheduling so that they actually live and work in that area, and get to really be a part of that?" Cain said.

Merriss thinks community oriented policing reflects the ideals of Sir Robert Peel, who established the "bobbies," London's and the world's first police force.

"He said 'the police is the public and the public are the police,'" Merriss said. "That's what we're all about."

"The bottom line is it's working here on Fort Jackson," Sahagian said.

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Sports

Redstone martial artist a state karate champion

By Skip Vaughn

A childhood hobby has become a serious athletic pursuit for SSgt. Ramon Domeneck.

Domeneck, an instructor/writer in the missile systems training department at Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, is a karate champion. Locally last year he won the Alabama Karate Circuit State Championship and the North American Sports Karate Association's Alabama state title. Nationally he placed third in the Blue Grass Nationals held in Louisville, Ky., and sixth at the Battle of Atlanta.

"I attained my goals. That was my focus for '96: to place pretty high, especially nationally," Domeneck, a member of D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, said. His goals are to return to international competition when he goes back to Germany this summer and "to help organize an Army karate team which we don't have." In 1994 he won the Swiss Karate Association European Championships which was held in Olten, Switzerland.

The Army has a boxing team and a Tae Kwon Do team, but no karate team. Tae Kwon Do is similar to karate but not the same—kind of like comparing rugby and football. And karate is not an Olympic sport—perhaps due to the power struggle between various karate organizations.

So, karate is basically an individual sport. And un-



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like many sports which focus on beating your opponent, Domeneck's craft is a type of lifestyle.

"Karate's not only about competition. It's about self-development," Domeneck said. "Competition's like just one area, because anybody can learn how to fight. But not everybody can be a martial artist. Not everybody has the discipline, the dedication and the motivation to develop."

The Puerto Rico native, 35, has been training in karate for 23 years, starting as a 12-year-old. "Actually it was through a cousin of mine. He was training, he started talking about it, he got me interested in it. Eventually I stuck to it; he quit," Domeneck said.

A 3rd degree black belt, he runs six times a week. He practices karate at least three times a week, more

when he has an upcoming tournament. He visits some of the karate schools in town, and sometimes works out at Pagano Gym. His sensei (teacher) is Ernesto Martinez of Fayetteville, N.C., a 6th degree black belt. Domeneck was promoted to 3rd degree in 1992. He belongs to the Okinawa Kenpo Karate Kobudo Association which is led by grand master Seikichi Odo, a 10th degree black belt in Okinawa.

Domeneck plans to compete in the Northern Alabama Karate Championships, Feb. 22 in Dora; and the Battle of Atlanta, April 19.

At 5-9 and a competition weight of 159 or 160, he competes as a middleweight. He competes in all three events during a tournament: Kumite—fighting, a semi-contact, three-minute round; Kata,

forms, a sequence of blocks, punches and kicks; and Weapons, a routine of offensive and defensive techniques while handling a traditional Oriental weapon such as a Bo (staff), Kama (sickles), Katana (sword), or Nunchaku (sticks attached by chain or cord).

Domeneck joined the Army in 1984. He has been stationed in Germany twice; Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Bragg,

N.C.; and arrived at Redstone in February 1995. Last year he earned an associate degree in missiles and munitions technology from the Calhoun College extension on post. Domeneck is changing his specialty from MLRS (Multiple Launch Rocket System) repairman to military policeman; and he plans to attend MP school in March at Fort McClellan. He will leave for

Germany in June. His wife's name is Sabine. He has three children from a previous marriage who are living with their mother.

"I try to live what we call the 'Do' which is the karate way—which is always seeking self-improvement," he said, "always seeking growth and self-improvement as a martial artist and as a person."

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Super Bowl Sunday: Bring on munchies for big game

Who's in the Super Bowl this year? Who cares? The important thing is: Where are the munchies?

U.S. Armed Forces personnel around the world will be gearing up for the 1997 Super Bowl and the commissaries will be gearing up to provide snacks for the biggest "junk food" day of the year.

Andy Friedrich, a plans officer for Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, estimates that nearly half the people in the U.S. watch the big game. Overseas the figures are much higher and the Super Bowl is one of the most watched programs of the year. "Our audience is probably more like 70-80 percent," he says. That could translate to 600,000 to 700,000 viewers.

"There are few other viewing choices,

and a higher interest, among military personnel," Friedrich says. And it's shown live or tape delay just about everywhere there are American military personnel. "This is the second year we will have it live for deployed troops in Bosnia," he says.

The ratings spike is high for Super Bowl Sunday. So are snack food sales. January sales for traditional "junk food" are great, says John Sidell, snack food category manager for the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA). "Candy is down in January in favor of huge increases in caramel corn and snack nuts." Sales of crackers and chips also rise significantly in January. (Adapted from a DeCA release)

Sexual harassment review panel deploys Armywide January 21

By Gerry J. Gilmore

WASHINGTON— Soldiers and civilian employees will have the opportunity to help top leaders get to the bottom of a controversial issue when the Army's Senior Review Panel on Sexual Harassment deploys worldwide Jan. 21.

Secretary of the Army Togo D. West Jr. formed the panel Nov. 22. Only weeks earlier, on Nov. 7, reports surfaced of alleged acts of rape, other sexual misconduct and abuses of authority against women trainees by male trainers at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen Proving

environment and review policies and procedures that contribute to it.

"The panel is specifically tasked to examine how Army leaders throughout the chain of command view and exercise their responsibility to address sexual harassment, together with recommendations for improvement," West said.

The Army's leadership quickly became aware of other alleged sexual misconduct incidents at other posts. An Army sexual harassment hotline was set up at Aberdeen Nov. 7. Since it was established, the hotline has received calls from soldiers, civilians and

Army posts, as well.

The Aberdeen hotline was moved Dec. 12 into more efficient facilities in Alexandria, Va., as more calls came in Armywide. Incoming calls include criminal allegations, media queries, administrative, public opinion and crank calls. About 995 of the hotline calls received as of Jan. 13 are deemed by Criminal Investigation Command as warranting further investigation. The hotline has received a total of 6,825 calls as of Jan. 13, mostly from the media and public opinion calls.

West has declared war on sexual harassment, calling it "incompatible with our traditional values of professionalism, equal opportunity, and respect for human dignity, to which every soldier must adhere" at a recent Pentagon news conference.

The Secretary reflected on questions the Army must ask itself during this investigation. "Is there more that the Army needs to learn about these allegations? Is there more we need to understand about whether (current sexual harassment) processes and policies ... are working (and) to understand how they are perceived by our soldiers?"

"We will form some important (conclusions) about whether or not our policies are working and whether or not there are some clear

things we have missed," he added.

West has also directed the Army Inspector General to assess current sexual harassment policies and procedures at all basic and advanced individual training installations, and throughout the Army's training base.

Maj. Gen. Richard Siegfried, a former Army Inspector General, was called out of retirement to chair the review panel. The panel consists of nine senior leaders and a 35-member working group. The working group is split into four teams of soldier and civilian behavioral scientists and trained researchers. One team will remain at the Pentagon to review current sexual harassment policies and procedures while the other three deploy to installations worldwide.

Via personal interviews and surveys, officers, non-commissioned officers and civilian employees will be asked for their perceptions of fair treatment, respect for seniors and subordinates, and the presence of sexual harassment and equal opportunity within the Army.

The deployed teams plan to conduct personal interviews with more than 7,000 soldiers and survey more than 16,000 soldiers and civilians. The identities of people interviewed and the information they provide will be held in the highest confidentiality.

The Army, a values-based organization, is serious about eliminating sexual harassment and wants to reinforce in its soldiers the value of respect and the dignified treatment of others, said panel spokesperson Col. James Nielsen. Army values of honor, integrity, selfless service, courage, loyalty, duty and respect reflect and inspire the sense of purpose and behaviors necessary for soldiers to accomplish their missions during war and peacetime.

The deployed teams are scheduled to visit Forts Meade, Md.; Belvoir, Va.; Carson, Colo.; Bragg, N.C.; Hood, Texas; Campbell, Ky.; Polk, La.; Leavenworth, Kan.; Drum, N.Y.; Bliss, Texas; Leonard Wood, Mo.; Huachuca, Ariz.; Sill, Okla.; Benning, Ga.; Lewis, Wash.; Irwin, Calif.; Knox, Ky.; Lee, Va.; Myer, Va.; Eustis, Va.; Rucker, Ala.; McClellan, Ala.; and Jackson, S.C.

Panel teams will also interview soldiers in Panama, Alaska, Germany, Italy, Bosnia, Honduras, Haiti, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Korea and Hawaii and survey other commands such as Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Army Materiel Command, recruiting battalions in Seattle and Baltimore, White Sands Missile Range and the Pentagon.

Information gathered by the panel and the IG team will be used to support policy and training recommendations to the Secretary of the Army for achieving and maintaining an environment where all soldiers and civilians are treated with dignity and respect. West expects to receive the panel's final report June 13. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Persons who believe they are victims of sexual harassment or other sexual misconduct can call the Army's hotline at (800) 903-4241.)

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The panel will review the Army's equal opportunity system to determine how well it serves individual soldiers, West said in appointing the panel to examine the Army's human relations en-

media representatives related to alleged sexual misconduct incidents not just at Aberdeen, but at other

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Wynnsong is the very first military contracted theater in the world and boasts 10 screens and a state-of-the-art sound system.

Commanding General Maj. Gen. Carl Ernst, Brig. Gen. Kathryn

Carlson, deputy commander, AAFES, and Michael Patrick, chief executive officer, Carmike Cinemas Inc., officiated the official ribbon cutting opening the new Wynnsong 10 Theater.

According to Patrick, his company had a different

agenda when they agreed to build the theater.

"This theater is more of a venture built from the heart," Patrick said. "My family has a deep affection for the military and we've been around Columbus, Ga., for many years. With this theater, it is our way to make sure that the soldiers are the ones who will win."

"I never dreamed I would be returning to Fort Benning to participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony opening such a beautiful 10-plex theater like the one we have here," Carlson said.

"AAFES is really proud to be part of the partnership between Fort Benning and Carmike Theaters to present you this great, great theater."

Admission to the theater

will be open to the public; and price is

\$5.75 for adults, \$3.75 for children and seniors. Matinees, shown before 5:30 p.m., are currently \$3.75.

In addition to the ribbon cutting ceremony, the Wynnsong 10 Theater also sponsored a Military Appreciation Night when everything in the theater, including admission and all refreshments was only 25 cents.

In the first weekend alone, more than 2,500 people attended a movie showing at the historic new theater. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Information for this article was provided by Spec. Brian Voller, U.S. Army Infantry Center Public Affairs, Fort Benning.)



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Army retires last of the Mohawk aircraft in Korea

By Michael Westerfield

The career lasted 36 years. It certainly wasn't easy. For all those years, the old gray warrior had been on guard duty every day watching the enemy. There was no leave, no pass, not even a day off in more than three decades of service. There was an important job to be done and the Army called on the Mohawk to do it.

Now it was time to rest.

With proper military ceremony, the OV-1D Mohawk was retired from the Army inventory by the 3rd MI Battalion, 501st MI Brigade, INSCOM, Camp Humphreys, Korea, in September 1996. Soldiers and guests attended the solemn occasion as one of the Army's most reliable assets was honored for a job well done.

"We're not just retiring an aircraft. We're closing a chapter on the lives of all the people who have flown them and those who kept them flying," said CWO Sam Nix, Mohawk pilot, Company A, 3rd MI Battalion, 501st MI Brigade.

Brig. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr., commander of the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, Fort Belvoir, Va., was on hand for the ceremony. He is a former commander of the 3rd MI Battalion.

"Those of you here today, and others around the world who have made the Mohawk story such a success, will stand among the great heroes of the Army," Thomas said during the ceremony.

"Although your accomplishments have little recognition or fanfare, the Army, our nation and free people everywhere owe you a great debt for standing a faithful watch over the frontiers of freedom."

The first Mohawk flew for the Army in 1960 as a visual observation aircraft. It was soon pressed into service in Vietnam. Its primary mission was gathering and relaying information on enemy activities. In all these years, the mission and the aircraft have undergone few changes.

"There hasn't been any need for change," Nix said. "The technology was so good when it was first designed there have been only a few minor refinements. If you put the first Mohawk next to a D model, most people couldn't tell the difference."

Not only has the aircraft undergone few changes, the mission has remained constant as well.

Mission: aerial observation

Aerial observation of enemy activities has been a military benchmark of the 20th century. Since the first Union soldiers rose above the American Civil War battlefield in hot air balloons in 1861, no aircraft has

been as successful in low-level observation as the Mohawk. The Mohawk is a textbook example of "form following function."

From conception, the OV-1 was designed for aerial reconnaissance. The bulging oversized glass canopy provides the crew with much more visibility than a standard, streamlined canopy. This allowed the crew to better perform the OV-1's initial mission in Vietnam, visual observation of enemy activities.

The two place, twin turboprop aircraft's thick, straight wings were designed to provide maximum lift rather than speed. The wing span is actually longer than the fuselage. This lift capability was needed to carry enough fuel for the missions that often lasted as much as six hours.

The bulbous cockpit, long tubular body and straight wings gave the Mohawk a dragonfly-like appearance. The tail section was also designed with the mission in mind. Instead of one vertical surface to stabilize the aircraft, the OV-1 has three. Because of the torque created by the twin turboprop engines, a single vertical stabilizer would have been about 15-feet tall. The designers solved the problem by dividing the vertical surface into three sections. The unusual tail increased maneuverability and stability. Additional stability enhances the performance of the radar and photographic equipment used to record enemy activities.

"It's not real pretty to look at, but it's a beautiful aircraft," one of the remaining mechanics explained. "It can take about anything the weather throws at it and still fly."

"There have been times I thought I might die while flying a Mohawk. We've flown in bad weather with zero visibility," said Capt. Virgil Flink, Company A commander. "I never thought the Mohawk might fail me. That's a testament to the aircraft and the crews that maintain her so well."

Maintenance

The maintenance of the OV-1 fleet is a success story unequalled in Army history. These aircraft have flown seven days a week, night and day since 1964 to keep a constant vigil on North Korean activities along the Demilitarized Zone. Missions are not canceled except during the very worst weather.

When one aircraft returns to base, another is already on guard along the DMZ. As soon as they land, maintenance crews begin preparing them for the next flight.

Every system is checked from the air frame to the tiniest circuit boards in the side-looking airborne radar system used to keep an eye on the enemy. The soldiers responsible for maintenance have a strict schedule of preventive maintenance proce-

dures. Adhering to this maintenance and quality control schedule has kept the Mohawk on its appointed mission. The aircraft has not been the easiest to maintain but the dedication of the mechanics has kept the OV-1 in the sky.

"Sometimes it's so hot before takeoff, we can literally fry eggs on the cockpit. Other times it's below zero before they get any altitude. It's a team effort to make sure the (the Mohawks) bring the crews back," SSgt. Denton Stryker said. "Pilots, mechanics and technicians, fuelers and clerks all work together to make this happen."

The result of the maintenance effort has been a seamless coverage of enemy activities along the DMZ every day and night since 1964.

Every day

"Every single night since 1964 a crew and all the support staff has readied these aircraft for a mission," Nix said. "That's very rare to have such constant activity for such a long time. Basically the mission hasn't changed from the beginning."

The Mohawk has provided early warning on enemy activity to the combined Forces Command, Korea, using a variety of imagery equipment such as still and infrared photography as well as side-looking airborne radar.

"The Mohawk serves as a trigger for a multitude of military intelligence systems," Maj. Brian Cummins, 501st MI Brigade operations officer, said. "It tips us off to enemy training and movements. When it does that, (it) triggers other forms of intelligence gathering."

Operating the surveillance equipment is the primary responsibility of the technical observer—the enlisted member of the Mohawk flight crew.

Officer and enlisted flight teams have flown the Mohawk in Vietnam, Germany, Desert Storm and Korea for all of the aircraft's career. Such teams will be used as the mission continues.

"We still have a need for continuous vigilance and data collection," Cummins ex-

plained. "We need to know if North Korea is massing for an attack and or prepositioning equipment and supplies."

Retirement

The 3rd MI Battalion was the last of the various Army units to retire the Mohawk. Other ceremonies had previously taken place in stateside units and Germany. The unit had 10 of the planes during the final days before the retirement ceremony. Common parts will go back to the Army supply system while the frames will be used as targets at various ranges. Some of the Army flight crews have been trained to fly the Mohawk's replacement, the ARL (Airborne Reconnaissance Low). The ARL features increased time on target and increased technical capability.

"For 36 years, the Mohawk was the standard of excellence in the Army aviation community," Nix said. "Only about 80 of the aircraft were ever built. The taxpayer and the soldiers lucky enough to work with them definitely got their money's worth."

"We're retiring the aircraft, not the mission," Flink, last commander of a Mohawk-equipped company, said. "We still need the type of intelligence the Mohawk gathered. It's time, after 36 years, to allow the Mohawk to retire."

The intelligence gathering mission will be continued using various Army and Air Force systems.

Finally the old, gray warrior can rest after so many years of being an ever watchful guardian for millions of people. At dawn, with wheels down, a single OV-1, Mohawk aircraft approached Desiderio Army Airfield at Camp Humphreys, Korea. With the completion of its last successful mission, it ended an era of success.

Silently, a handful of soldiers witnessed the final flight of the last of the Mohawks. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: SSgt. Westerfield is non-commissioned officer-in-charge, Area III public affairs office, Camp Humphreys, Korea.)

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Announcements

St. Barbara's Day— Brig. Gen. Willie Nance will host the annual St. Barbara's Day Ball at 6 p.m. Friday at the Officers Club. The scheduled guest speaker is Maj. Gen. Leo Baxter, commander of the Total Army Personnel Command. For more information, call Renee McArdle 876-1142.

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 undergraduate students who have completed the SEAP, and are enrolled in a scientific or technical major. Other criteria are stated on the applications. Both programs are fast-paced, and

require discipline and professional work habits. Junior and senior scientists and engineers serve as mentors who guide students through an interactive research project. The deadline for postmarking applications is Feb. 14. If your child is unsuccessful in receiving an application from the senior counselor, you may receive one from the Academic Affairs Office, room 230, building 7804, phone 876-9296.

Carpool permits— The 1996 carpool permits will expire Jan. 31. The new 1997 permits are available. To obtain a 1997 permit, send SMI Form 1231 to AMSMI-RA-

DPW-IM (Noles). To qualify for carpool: (1.) Three persons sharing ride; persons can be government employees, contractors or a combination of both. (2.) Must work on Redstone or in a government owned or leased facility off post. (3.) All persons must sign back of SMI 1231 Form.

AFCEA luncheon— Brig. Gen. Harry Gatanas, assistant deputy for systems management and horizontal technology integration in Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, is to speak at the AFCEA luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 30 at Holiday Inn-Research Park, Madison

Square Mall. The program starts at noon. RSVP by Jan. 28 to Mike Dauphinais 544-1732 or Richard Deal 830-3724.

Red Cross blood program— Jan. 23, from 7-noon, building 5250, Judy Hullett 876-0789. Jan. 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., SSDC (Wynn Drive), Al Longhi 955-3693; from 7:30-noon, Corps of Engineers, Jean Brewer 895-1234; and from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., building 4505, Linda Keel 876-4664.

Bravo Company ceremony— The officers and soldiers of B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion

invite you to a change of command ceremony Jan. 30 at 11 a.m. at Pagano Gym. Reception will follow at building 3411. Capt. Linda J. Arthur will relinquish command of B Company to Capt. Mark A. Richardson. For more information, call 842-0612.

Job search seminar— A Job Search Overview Seminar will be held 3-4:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Army Education Center, building 3222, room 9. For more information, call the Office of Counseling and Career Services at Athens State College (205) 233-8285.

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where soldiers will be treated locally regarding services that cannot be addressed at the hospital.

- **Commissary/PX:** A) The working group addressed the issue of adding an additional hour at the end of one day per week enabling soldiers and their families to utilize the commissary. During the backbrief it was decided that a test program would be implemented allowing the commissary to stay open until 8 on Thursday evenings. In order to accommodate the additional hour, the commissary will open one hour later that day. B) The work group addressed the issue of the National Guard and Reserve soldiers utilizing the commissary on a more frequent basis than they are currently allowed. The issue is under review by DeCA and will remain open.

- **MWR issues:** A) It was suggested by the work group that a study should be done on the possibility of forming a football league for youth on the Arsenal. As a result of this issue, a study is being conducted and surveys have been sent to residents on post. The issue will remain open until the results of those surveys are back. B) Educational trips for teens were addressed by the delegates and after much consideration and budget review, the issue was closed. C) Summer employment for teens. If the funding is available then summer hires would be considered. D) The decrease in operational hours at the Recreation Center was addressed by the delegates. The issue of hiring an additional full-time employee or hiring two part-time employees with less benefits was addressed by the subject matter experts. The position was eliminated to the MICOM VERA/VISP exercise to reduce

the work force.

- **Single Soldier issues:** A) The delegates suggested placing a command emphasis on the Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers program. As a result of the issue the BOSS SOP will be rewritten and reviewed by the commanding general, units will provide one primary and one alternate representative to attend the BOSS meetings and meetings will be held once a month. B) The issue of using the Recreation Center for a soldiers club was also addressed by the delegates. Due to the new opening of Rhythms which will cater to the younger soldier, this issue will remain open until the end of a 90-day trial period of the new club.

- **Family Housing/Facilities:** The issue of different standards being placed on cleaning teams and occupants during out-processing was addressed. Inspection teams will now go behind the inspectors and make sure both cleaning teams and occupants have the same standards when it comes to clearing housing. B) Housing for expectant single soldiers was addressed by the work group. Two units will be set aside for expectant soldiers and will be furnished, therefore eliminating an additional move. C) The housing options for staff sergeants were deemed too restrictive by the working group, and a barracks occupancy plan is being developed and results will be known by April 15.

- **Vehicle Registration and Identification:** A) Recommendations by the working group included mail-in renewals, signs closer to the doors informing customers of paperwork that is required, and satellite systems being taken to organizations off site. As a result of the issues raised, new signs have been posted at the registration office, and a satellite system has been ordered and should be on line and operational by the first of February. Representatives from the

ID section will visit different organizations which will eliminate some waiting time at the ID section. Mail-in renewals are a possibility for the future.

- **Traffic, Transportation, Personnel and Finance Issues:** A) The work group suggested the possibility of having a one stop out-processing and clearance post. It was decided that such an office would be created and the number of stops will be eliminated from 41 to less than 10. B) The issue of the parking and traffic flow at the commissary was once again brought up and the parking lots and pedestrian markings will be resurfaced and remarked.

- **Civilian Issues:** A) The issue of a flexi-place work environment was brought up by the delegates and was determined although MICOM does support this concept, it will only be implemented on a case-by-case issue. B) On the issue of placing military spouses in permanent overhire positions, the recommendation from the subject matter expert was not to implement the program. Working and funding must be available prior to establishing a civilian position. If funded position become available for external hiring, military spousal preference will be given.

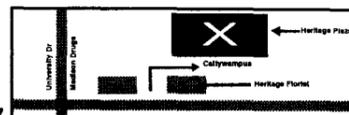


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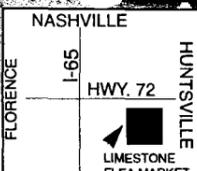
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Volunteers sought— "Wanted: adult volunteers who are former Boy Scouts, have adult Scout leader experience, or experience working with youth groups." These special people are needed to help with Inner-city Boy Scout troop. Women with Scouting/youth group leadership experience may also apply. Call Scoutmaster Thomas Ross 876-7126 (work), 852-4474 (home); or Albert Farrar, committee chairman, 859-1936.

Officer/civilian women— The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is accepting requests from organizations seeking financial assistance. Written requests should outline the group's programs, reasons for requesting help, how funds will be used, and whether other groups or organizations have been solicited for the same donations. Send requests to OCWC Welfare Chairman, P.O. Box 8110, Redstone Arsenal, 35808. Applications are due by March 1. Monies will be awarded in early May.

Survivors of rape— HELpline's Survivors of Rape Support Group meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For more information, call 539-6161.

African-American festival— A Festival of African-American music, art and fashions will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 20 at Sparkman Auditorium. February is Black History Month. The free festival, presented by the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles and the MLRS Project Office, will include music by Johnson High "Voices Celebrating Diversity" and the Grissom High Jazz Band; a parade of fashions; and art displays (all day). The theme is, "Love Will Build a Bridge."

Aeronautics/astronautics group— The American Institute of Aeronautics and

Astronautics (AIAA), Alabama/Mississippi Section, plans the following member activities: a seminar on personal financial management at 6 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Officers Club; a monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Officers Club; and a monthly meeting at 6 p.m. March 7 at the Officers Club. Cost for the monthly meetings is \$15 for members, \$17 for non-members, \$7.50 for student members and free for each person bringing a new member.

Class for parents— The Huntsville-Madison County Mental Health Center announces a special group for parents of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) children. The classes are offered at no charge and meet on Wednesday mornings from 9-10:30 at the Mental Health Center. To register call the Mental Health Center 533-1970, extension 171.

Language course— UAH Continuing Education offers a course in "Conversational Russian I." Space is limited so register by Jan. 23. For more information about this and other Personal Development courses, call Jean Foster Herron 890-6355.

Jazz society— The Tennessee Valley Jazz Society will celebrate Black History through jazz Feb. 1 at the Von Braun Civic Center playhouse. Chicago's Malachi Thompson will perform in concert at 8 p.m. For more information, call the jazz society 858-0409 or 860-8530.

Free technical seminar— Vista Information Systems and Sun Microsystems will present a free seminar on Collaborative Virtual Prototyping (CVPS) Jan. 28 at the Huntsville Marriott. CVPS is redefining system engineering and development by potentially offering an order of magnitude reduction in time and cost required for concept definition, technology insertion,

and reverse engineering requirements. The seminar will also feature topics on Java Computing and Internet/Intranet. In addition to gaining an insight into CVPS performance, participants will hear about the latest developments in Java Computing including Java applications and Java Network Computers and will see the latest in Internet/Intranet technologies and applications. For information and registration, visit the seminar Web Site at <http://www.vista-info.com/cvps> or call Vista Information Systems 726-4718 for session times. Registration is encouraged to ensure seating.

Special Forces recruiting— A recruiting team for Special Forces will conduct presentations 1:30 and 3 p.m. Thursday at the Recreation Center. Interested enlisted soldiers and officers should be prepared to take the Army physical fitness test Friday. For more information call SFC Larry Henderson, the post retention NCO, 876-7387.

Computing solutions— Digital Equipment Corporation and Microsoft Corporation announce that the "Driving Force Solutions Tour '97" will visit Redstone Arsenal— NASA building 4487 at the corner of Rideout and Martin Roads — from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 30. Housed in a 48-foot mobile coach, the Driving Force Solutions Tour displays products and services from Digital, Microsoft and more than 25 business partners. To pre-register, or for more information, call 800-773-3939 or send e-mail to event.reg@dirmkt.com.

Parents advisory council— The Parents Advisory Council will meet at 3 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Bicentennial Chapel. "Please make plans to attend if possible."

Asian/Pacific month planning— The Asian/Pacific American Planning Committee will meet at

noon Thursday in building 5300, room 5130. This meeting is to plan activities for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in May. For more information call Kate Love, Asian Pacific American program manager in EEO Office, 876-8015.

Native American committee— An after-action meeting for the Native American Planning Committee will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in building 5300, room 5130. For more information call Kate Love, Native American program manager in EEO Office, 876-8015.

Black History month planning— The Black History Month (February) Committee will meet this afternoon at 1:30 in building 5304, room 4242/44. For more information call Bernard Collier, black employment program manager in EEO Office, 876-9223.

Thrift shop jobs— Jan. 31 is the deadline to apply for positions of cashier and manager's assistant at the Thrift Shop. Applications may be picked up at the shop, building 3657.

Christmas tree recycling— The annual Christmas Tree Recycling Chipping Day will be held 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Huntsville-Madison County Botanical Garden, 4747 Bob Wallace Ave. Trees may be delivered to the Garden on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. These trees will be chipped when weather permits. The Christmas Tree Recycling Program is administered for the community by the Huntsville-Madison County Botanical Garden. For more information, call 830-4447.

Secretaries seminar— Redstone Arsenal Chapter of Professional Secretaries International will hold its annual seminar and workshop Feb. 18 at the Huntsville Hilton. Scheduled speaker is Dr. Jo N. O'Neal, the dean of student

affairs at Calhoun State Community College, Decatur, and chief administrative officer for the Huntsville Research Park Campus as well as the Redstone Arsenal site. Cost of the training is \$100 (late registration \$115). The registration fee includes the morning seminar, a choice of three afternoon training sessions, a continental breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon break. Government employees may submit a DD Form 1556 for training through their supporting Civilian Personnel Center. Send check or money order, payable to RSA Chapter, PSI, to: Redstone Arsenal Chapter, PSI, c/o Beverly Van Oostrum, president, P.O. Box 1012, Huntsville 35807.

Substance abuse prevention— Every year in this country millions of children are born with or develop problems as a result of their prenatal or environmental exposure to alcohol and other drugs. The problems encountered by these children often go unidentified or misdiagnosed. In an effort to increase awareness and knowledge on this topic among professionals who provide services to children and youth, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program is sponsoring a "Substance-Exposed Children" workshop Feb. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participants will learn how to identify substance-exposed children, what their special needs are, and appropriate interventions to use when working with them whether at home, in a classroom, or a group setting. For more information, call Anna Whisenant 876-2990. Spaces are limited so please call as soon as possible.

Newcomers orientation— The Redstone Newcomers' Orientation will be held Feb. 4, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at building 3447. "Attendance is mandatory for (newly-arrived) military personnel, and spouses are strongly encouraged to attend." Free child care is provided by calling either Mary Breeden or Teresa Mack 876-5397. Care is provided at the Child Development Center, building 3145 and up to date shot records are required. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a bus tour. For more information, call Breeden at Army Community Service 876-5397.

Science center campaign— W.F. Sanders Jr., first vice president of Robinson-Humphrey Company Inc., will serve as general chairman of the North Alabama Science Center fund-raising campaign scheduled to kick off in February. Still in the planning stages, the campaign will fund an aggressive building program aimed at the creation of a permanent "hands-on" Science Center at the Huntsville campus of Calhoun Community College. For more information, call Gordon Zion at the campaign office 837-9550.

CFC planning— From Feb. 1 through March 1, the Local Federal Coordinating Committee for the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign will accept applications for a Prin-

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HELpline volunteers—HELpline needs volunteers to serve as telephone counselors, rape response advocates, and information and referral workers. Training— evening classes plus two Saturday mornings — will be held Feb. 18 through March 13 from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call 539-1000.

National prayer breakfast—The National Prayer Breakfast will be held Feb. 7 from 6:30-8 a.m. at the Officers Club. Scheduled speaker is Chaplain (Col.) Calvin Sydnor, TRADOC chaplain. A ticket is required for admission: sergeant and above, \$5 donation; and specialist and below, no-charge ticket. Make checks payable to RSA Chaplains' Fund. See your SGM/CSM for tickets or call the chapel 876-5707.

Education center—Testing section of the Army Education Center (building 3222) will be closed Jan. 27-30. Test examiners will be attending mandatory training. For more information, call the education service officer 876-9761.

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'92 Grand Voyager, A/C, cruise, AM/FM cass., V6, 3.3L, 66K mi., One owner, exc. cond., \$8000. 837-8268 after 5pm.

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'92 Volkswagen Jetta, 4 dr., 5-sp., alloy rims, power pkg., sunroof, 66K mi., \$6500. 721-1115.

'90 Buick Riviera, V6, red, 78K mi., CD player, exc. cond. \$8500. Call 881-2601.

'90 Maxima SE, 4 door, auto, sunroof, Bose stereo, all extras, 69K mi. Exc. cond. 1 owner \$10,500. 883-8285.

'88 Dodge Dakota, long bed, auto, very good cond. 86 year old owner died. Make an offer. NADA \$4675. 205-498-3711.

• Miscellaneous •

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Sunbeam propane gas grill, \$45, Zoom 14.4 internal faxmodem, \$20, Exercise bicycle, \$20, Singer vacuum cleaner, \$75. 461-0258.

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