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Self-service supply center slated to close this year

By Skip Vaughn

Soon Redstone's country store will be no more.

For many years the Self-Service Supply Center has provided office supplies—pencils, pens, paper, etc.—to authorized Army users. It will close by July 1, the latest victim of the ongoing efforts to reduce OMA (Operations and Maintenance, Army) costs.

"It's just part of ongoing changes. You accept it like you do any other changes," Clara Kindred, an inventory management specialist in Directorate of Logistics, said. The actual closing date will be whenever the current stock runs out which is expected to happen by July.

The command's January decision means customers will either use their government credit card to make purchases, or use a form to order items through the government supply system.

"Anything that they order through the GSA (General Service Administration)

where they use a credit card will be on the average 8 percent higher than it would be if they used the DA form 2765-1," Warner Pruitt, an inventory management specialist at Directorate of Logistics, said. "The downside of that is the credit card is faster. It probably averages three or four days where the form could be 30 days. So you're trading off, you see."

GSA is to conduct a training session in March for credit-card holders. All supplies previously obtained through the Self-Service Supply Center can be bought by GSA account customers, credit card holders, or local purchase.

The center, in warehouse building 8022 on Cottonwood Road, has provided about 900 line items. About 95 percent of these are GSA items, about 1 percent are from other government depots, and about 4 percent are commercial items. Authorized customers would purchase their supplies

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LIMITED STOCK— Smith manages the Self-Service Supply Center which will close by July.

Three Redstone secretaries earn certified professional rating

Three members of the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of Professional Secretaries International have achieved the Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) rating. They are the first members of the chapter to achieve the rating since it was organized in 1995.

The recipients include Ellen Mahathey CPS, secretary to Dr. Richard Rhoades, associate director for systems at Research Development and Engineering Center; Linda Nelson CPS, secretary to the international operations and support branch, Security Assistance Management Directorate; and June Pockrus CPS, secretary to Dr. William McCorkle, director of RD&E Center. Each time their name is printed they will have the distinctive honor of the letters CPS following their name.

"I hope this would be an encouragement for other secretaries to achieve CPS,"



ACHIEVERS— From left are Mahathey, Pockrus and Nelson.

Pockrus said. "And management is currently being approached for recognition/benefits for secretaries who earn the CPS rating."

The CPS designation is earned through a unique certification program for secretaries and other administrative support staff that

goes beyond a simple evaluation of levels of knowledge and competency. The CPS examination is administered twice a year in May and November locally by the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

This test consists of three parts, which is admin-

istered in a one-day sitting. The examination consists of Part I: Finance and Business Law, Part II: Office Systems and Administration, and Part III: Management. In preparation for this examination, these sec-

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Redstone Arsenal drivers comply with seatbelt rule

By Skip Vaughn

Most Redstone drivers have adopted a good habit: wearing their seatbelts.

The Safety Office and the Provost Marshal Office conducted a survey Jan. 29 on Goss Road. They set up a checkpoint to see how many drivers were wearing seatbelts and planned to send their results to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

That administration awards a place on its National Safety Belt Honor Roll for those organizations achieving 70 (bronze), 80 (silver), or 90 (gold) percent usage. Redstone Arsenal was one of the first localities in Alabama to require mandatory usage of seatbelts, and has placed high in previous surveys.

Last week's results continued that trend. Only three of the first 61 drivers were not wearing seatbelts. The final tally was 95 seatbelt wearers out of 100 drivers.

"Pretty good," Sandra Jackson of the Safety Office said while jotting down the numbers on Goss Road. "We may have to get gold status."

She was accompanied at the checkpoint by a uniformed police officer, Sgt. Roger Triplett, patrol supervisor in the Provost Marshal Office. Standing with Jackson near his patrol car with lights flashing, he motioned for approaching drivers to slow down. Triplett wasn't issuing tickets for failing to wear seatbelts. "No, I'm just giving verbal warnings," he said.

Redstone will conduct another seatbelt survey "in the near future," Jackson said. "We've got to do two in order to qualify for that honor roll."

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Sponsorship program slated for workers from St. Louis

By Skip Vaughn

Workers from St. Louis moving with their jobs to Redstone will have the opportunity to request a sponsor here.

Under the Army Sponsorship Program, designated sponsors from the Redstone work force will provide informational assistance to newcomers from St. Louis. Training sessions for potential sponsors—identified by

their organization—will be held Feb. 6, 10, 18, 19 and 20.

"Our objective is to provide a sponsor for everyone who requests a sponsor," LeRoy Daniels, the civilian personnel officer, said. The St. Louis workers can make such a request on a form which will be an enclosure in the job offer letters slated for distribution in March.

The number of sponsors needed will depend on how

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— LeRoy Daniels
Civilian personnel

many St. Louis workers decide to move and request such assistance.

"The people are coming from St. Louis to work here and become a part of Team Redstone. And what has happened is we have formed partnership with organizations in St. Louis and here at Redstone to ease that transition from St. Louis to the Tennessee Valley. And we want to do that through a sponsorship program," Daniels said.

The St. Louis workers will complete a DA form 5434 which will identify their needs. These could be special needs dealing with education, for example. Their Redstone sponsors would check with local schools to provide the needed informational help. Another example would be a special medical need. The sponsors would do whatever research is required to provide helpful information.

"In other words, we're going to be partners in making people feel welcome and comfortable to the extent that we can, realizing that moving can be a traumatic experience," Daniels said.

Organizations developing the command's sponsorship program include the Civilian Personnel Office, the Education and Development Division, the Realignment and Transition Office, and Army Community Service. "While these organizations are developing the program, it certainly will have the participation of all the (other) organizations," Daniels said.

The Redstone organizations are working with their counterparts in St. Louis in a joint effort to provide a sponsorship program. "That kind of communication right from the beginning even before it happens is just wonderful," Margaret Whitlock, an instructor in the education and development division at Personnel and Training Directorate, said.

Workers will be arriving from St. Louis this year in the merger of the Aviation and Troop Command with the Missile Command. The Aviation and Missile Command will officially stand up Oct. 1. "The morale of the people is so important in any organization," Whitlock said. "I really see the sponsors as key players in the successful transition."

Marva Tibbs, a classification and staffing specialist in Personnel and Training Directorate, said, "If we can make every employee feel welcome to the Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal community, it'll make for a much better work force."

Thirty-two sponsorship training sessions will be held at various classrooms in building 5304 at the Sparkman Center. To register individuals or groups, call the Education and Development help desk at 876-6297.

"The training will ensure that sponsors know their roles and responsibilities in accordance with the (Army regulation) 600-8-8 and that they receive tools and strategies for success," Whitlock said. "The success of the program will be measured in part by the degree that the newcomers are satisfied with the sponsors' services; and effective sponsors will be recognized for their efforts and contribution to AMCOM's transition initiative."

Here are the scheduled classes for sponsorship orientation:

- **Feb. 6**— from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30 p.m. in room 4331/33; and from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30 in room 4370.
- **Feb. 10**— from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30 p.m. in room 4247/49; and from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30 in room 4331/33.
- **Feb. 18**— from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30 p.m. in room 4237/40; from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30 in room 4247/49; from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30 in room 4337/40; and from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30 in room 4347/49.
- **Feb. 19**— from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30 p.m. in room 4237/40; from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30 in room 4247/49; from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30 in room 4331/33; and from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30 in room 4337/40.
- **Feb. 20**— from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30 p.m. in room 4237/40; from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30 in room 4247/49; from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30 in room 4331/33; and from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30 in room 4337/40.

Letters to the editor

Helpful people

Hospitality is not dead. It is alive and well right here in the Sparkman Center. On Tuesday, Jan. 28, while I was about to depart the Sparkman Center complex, I noticed that my car felt different as I backed out of my parking space. When I put the car into drive, it still felt curious, so I stopped the car and got out. To my surprise, I had a flat tire.

I drove my car to one of the rear parking areas where there weren't many cars so I could change the tire. Twenty minutes later, I was no closer to getting that tire changed than when I started. At that moment a nice lady happened by and, recognizing my frustration, offered to help. She said that she couldn't change a tire either, but that she would find someone who could.

Minutes later a gentleman by the name of Jack Lundy came to my assistance. Together we changed the tire, and moments later I was on my way. I would just like to express my sincerest appreciation to the nice lady who stopped to ask if I needed help and to the gentleman who took time out of his schedule to help a stranger change a tire. May God bless you and keep you both. You are very special people indeed!

SSgt. Marcia Harris
NCO-in-charge,
CIC Telecommunications Center

Smoking policy

I went to the Burger King here on the Arsenal recently and got more than I asked for. All I wanted was a quick lunch. Instead, I received 30 minutes filled with breathing environmental tobacco smoke (ETS).

Most people are aware of the health consequences of cigarette smoking, but the awareness of ETS is less common. An article by C.R. Jaen, M.D., Ph.D., appeared in the December 1996 Journal of Family Practice titled "Protecting Nonsmokers from Environmental Tobacco Smoke." Here is an excerpt:

"The contribution of ETS to lung cancer, asthma, bronchitis, pneumonia, chronic middle ear disease and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) is well established and no longer controversial. Environmental tobacco smoke, the most important contaminant of indoor air, is composed of both 'sidestream' smoke, directly contributed by the smoldering cigarette, and exhaled 'mainstream' smoke. Both sources of smoke contain more than 4,000 different chemicals, including at least 40 carcinogens. In 1992, the Environmental Protection Agency declared ETS as a group A (known human) carcinogen, in the same group as asbestos, vinyl chloride

and radon. No threshold or safe low level has been established for carcinogens."

How can Burger King, which caters to kids by having toys from Pocahontas, Toy Story, etc., condone ETS in their restaurants when it contains 40 cancer causing agents and is classified in the same category as asbestos and radon? Surely, they don't believe that just by posting a "non-smoking area" sign is adequate protection. (OSHA recommends separately ventilated areas.)

To my knowledge, smoking is prohibited in public places on federal facilities. Why is this still being allowed at Burger King? Federal law prohibits smoking on airline flights of less than six hours. If smokers are being forced to refrain from smoking for six hours while flying, couldn't they also do the same for a 30-90 minute meal?

Our Constitution grants us rights to do things as long as they don't infringe on the rights of others. Dr. Jaen's article reports that "serum testing showed 87.9 percent of the non-tobacco-using population had detectable levels of exposure to tobacco smoke." Those of us who choose not to smoke are having our rights violated!

Next time you go to Burger King and order your Whopper combo, ask them to hold the ETS.

Dirk Carson
Director of physical therapy,
Fox Army Community Hospital

(Editor's note: The following response came from Ken Klein, general manager of Post Exchange. "We understand how beneficial a smoke-free Burger King smoking policy would be for you. This issue is a concern for many people, and it is currently being debated at all levels of government and society."

"The smoking policy in AAFES facilities is established by the local exchange management in coordination with the post commander. Although policies may vary from installation to installation, smoking is always prohibited in the retail sales areas of our exchange; and the non-smoking section of our Burger King facility is 68 percent of the total seating area."

"The current policy is that smoking is permitted at only 30 of the 95 tables in the Burger King. We try to section this area off as much as possible to avoid smoke drifting over to the non-smoking section. In addition, we recently installed a commercial air purifier to eliminate the smoking odor."

"Burger Kings off post in Huntsville allow smoking. A recent survey conducted at the Redstone Burger King resulted in the following replies: 43 customers replied they prefer no smoking; 44 said yes to smoking and 50 said they have no preference. We will continue to monitor customer preferences and coordinate with command in an attempt to satisfy the majority."

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Community rolls out welcome mat for St. Louis folks

By Julie Vaughn

St. Louis residents preparing for the big move to Redstone will find out just about anything they care to know about Huntsville and the post late this month.

And the "Community Days" presentations and exhibits can't come too soon for about 200 PEO Aviation workers expected to arrive here in April, said Gary Reas, who moved to the Realignment and Transition Office from the Command Analysis Directorate.

Hundreds of military and community officials will hold presentations Feb. 24 and 25, Reas said. On Feb. 26 and 27, dozens of local businesses and governmental agencies will set up booths for one-on-one chats with the soon-to-be Huntsville residents.

"If they want to find out about the schools here, or how to get utilities and phone service, there will be someone there to tell them," Reas said. "They should be able to find out just about anything they want to know about this area."

The Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce and the Aviation and Troop Command are sponsoring the events.

St. Louis workers will be able to talk to representatives from the chamber, the Missile Command's Public Affairs Office, the city and county school systems, local colleges and universities, bankers, Huntsville Utilities, realtors, hospitals, the Arts Council and a slew of other community and governmental agencies too numerous to name.

"We want to make this as easy as possible for those

People...

The following members of Patriot Project Office received awards Jan. 21:

- Sidney Gaddy, Superior Civilian Service Award
- Anthony DiCerbo, Service Certificate/Pin— 30 years
- Glenn Davenport, Certificate/20 years in Patriot
- William Moeller, Certificate/20 years in Patriot
- Lt. Col. Alvis Wheatley, Army Commendation Medal (first oak leaf cluster)

people coming here as a result of the BRAC decision to relocate them," Reas said.

The new command, which merges the Aviation and Troop Command and MICOM, has been named the Aviation and Missile Command. The marriage of the units and those associated with them could bring as

many as 2,000 new military and civilian faces to Redstone.

Many newcomers have already visited Redstone and the area out of curiosity over what will become their new homes. "We've had a lot of reports that people from Missouri have come here on their vacations, stopped through here while

of those coming here will do it in the summer."

Most of the relocating will be done this summer.

"We have always intended to give those workers with children the summer months to make the move when they are out of school," Reas said. "I'd say two-thirds to three-fourths

of those coming here will do it in the summer."

The remaining workers will be here by about mid-November. Additions to the Sparkman Center and renovations to building 5681 are either on schedule or ahead of it, Reas said. Those buildings will provide office space for many of the new workers here.

"We plan to start using what is now under construction at the Sparkman Center in early August," Reas said.

"But the entire construction will not be finished until the end of September. The construction renovation at building 5681 (on Mills Road) is scheduled for completion Oct. 1, but we hope it will be sooner than that."

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Missile school sees increase in student population

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School had a big 1996, and the outlook for this year looks just as bright.

OMMCS commandant, Col. Jerry Luttrell, said the school saw not only an increase in students, but also many changes within the training departments. "We have been on a steady increase in students for the past couple of years," he said. "In 1994 we had 5,610 students; in 1995 we had 5,660; and last year we had 6,264 students. This year we are projecting approximately 6,300 soldiers to attend the classes."

There are several reasons for this increase. The biggest factor was restructuring of the Army, Luttrell said. "Quite a few of the soldiers who are attending classes here are ones that are being reclassified from one MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) to another. The reason for this, is as the Army restructures itself and relooks at different missile systems, jobs are being shuffled and retraining needs to be done."

Another reason for the increase in students is the addition of several new specialties under the Ordnance

Corps. These include avionics and electronic maintenance. "We picked up a few MOS's last year and they helped our student load figures as well," Luttrell said.

Physical training played a big part in the lives of soldiers assigned to the school, and this year is no different. "Training is important to both permanent-party soldiers as well as students and we intend to keep the trend of producing quality, fit soldiers," Luttrell said. "Students are required to pass the Army PT test before graduation, and I believe that is the cornerstone of their training. A soldier that is physically fit is also mentally fit."

Classroom training is also a top priority to Luttrell and the instructors at the school; and innovative ways are being explored for the future. "We are definitely gradually leaning more toward distance learning or exportable learning," Luttrell said. "This depends on how much technically we can leverage and how much we can afford."

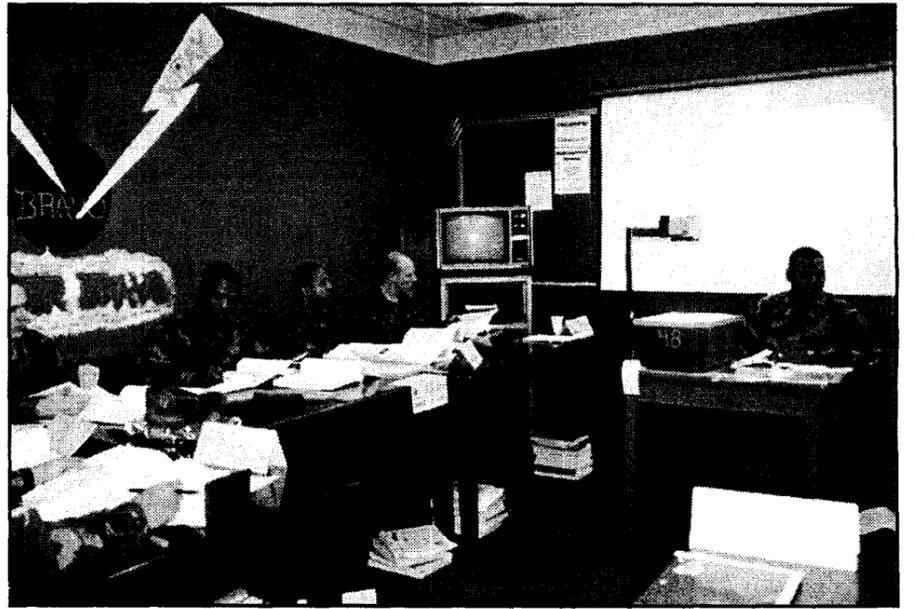
Training for soldiers is not confined to the classroom or to standard physical training. Luttrell said there are several departments that are reinstatement programs

which will allow soldiers to participate in mockup situations and refreshen their skills. "The Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Department is restarting their refresher course where techs will come (together) in a team, do render-safe techniques and participate in After Action Reports on the spot," he said. "I firmly believe this program is one that is needed and will be an asset to all."

OMMCS also saw the revamping of some programs. This includes the newly-implemented Battle Buddy System in which students are required to travel in pairs, both on and off the Arsenal. That system at Army training installations is a result of allegations of sexual harassment at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., last year.

"We have always had the buddy system here at Redstone, but with the instances at Aberdeen last year we have stepped up the program as a preventive measure," Luttrell said. "If I can prevent an incident from happening, I will. With the system, there is less potential for a problem to occur."

Last year also proved to be exciting for the school when it came to visits and major events. "We support-



TEACHING EACH OTHER— These students at the NCO Academy are attending the advance course for the ammunition MOS. **SSg Roy Hale, one of the students, led the class in procedures recently. Each student took a turn leading the class.**

ed the Summer Olympics by sending instructors from the Hazardous Devices Training Department as well as supported the presidential conventions," Luttrell said. "We also updated 14 basic electronics classrooms with new equipment and trainers, and revamped two computer labs. New mine recognition boards were produced out of the EOD Training Department and were used as exportable training aids for soldiers in Bosnia, as well as those deploying there."

Last year brought a visit by Gen. William Hartzog, commander of the Training and Doctrine Command, who toured the various classrooms and met with students. Maj. Gen. Robert Shadley, the chief of Ordnance, also visited OMMCS on several occasions.

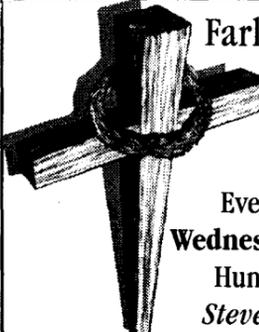
This year the school will host the worldwide ammunition conference in April at

the Holiday Inn. Representatives from all branches of the military are to attend.

"I think this is going to be a great year. We have the resources and people to do realistic training and turn out quality soldiers," Luttrell said. "We are training and producing soldiers who can support Force XXI, and soldiers who will be taking part in the future."

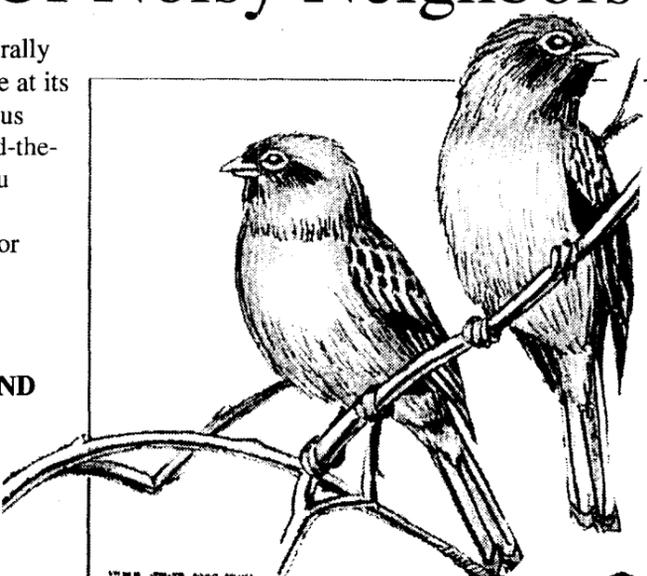
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Army Emergency Relief prepares for 1997 drive

By Kathy Harkleroad

Can you imagine living thousands of miles away from your family and having no one to turn to in a time of need? Can you imagine how frustrating and helpless that feeling would be? CWO 3 Lee Samuelson knows, and that's why he volunteered to head the 1997 Army Emergency Relief campaign.

"I used AER several years ago when I was stationed in Italy," Samuelson said. "My mother-in-law had cancer and thanks to AER we were able to be there for two major surgeries, and eventually her funeral. We wouldn't have been able to do that without the help of AER's interest-free loan."

AER was established as a way of soldiers helping soldiers, with monetary contributions making up the fund. The fund is now comprised of community members, as well as soldiers, helping soldiers in a time of need.

"The fund is there so emergency needs can be met for soldiers, retired personnel, their dependents

and widows. Some typical categories of assistance include non-receipt of pay and allowances; emergency medical expenses; initial payment of rent to prevent eviction and to help prevent situations of extreme hardship to the family," said Juanita Adams, the AER officer at Army Community Service who distributes the funds.

Soldiers seek assistance from the program by filling out a few forms at the ACS office; and funds can be disbursed in one of two ways. "One is through a grant and another is an interest-free loan situation," Adams said. "The repayment of the loan is based on the soldier's budget. Either way the fund is there to help the soldier in his time of need."

While Samuelson is new to the Redstone community, he is well aware of the campaign and has many new ideas. "Once a year we look to the community to help replenish the funds for this project," he said. "I know that the Redstone community is comprised of both military and civilian families playing together,

pulling together and staying together, as well as working together on this campaign. It just doesn't get any better than this."

Last year the goal for the campaign was \$40,000, and \$45,468 was raised. "That is a true example of the community coming together," Adams said.

Redstone organizations come up with many creative and fun ways to solicit donations for the annual campaign.

"I know the key representatives for the campaign this year will prove to have more creative ideas than last year," Samuelson said. "And I encourage all of them to be as creative as possible when it comes to finding new ways to raise money."

Most of the activities will be held on post from March 4 through May 15. "Basically it is up to the organization to decide how they wish to contribute and raise the money," Samuelson said.

Active duty and retired military can contribute to AER through cash or check donations or by allotments



PLANNING KICKOFF— Discussing the March 4 kickoff for the AER campaign are Adams, AER officer; CWO 3 Samuelson, campaign chairman; Sharon Samuelson, co-chairman; and Sue Paddock, chief of Army Community Service.

and by participating in the events. Civilian employees can also contribute to AER through monetary donations or by participating in any of the many events.

Helping Samuelson this year with the campaign is his wife, Sharon, who will be handling most of the

paperwork, coordinating events, answering the phones, and receiving the money. "I am really looking forward to doing this," she said. "I look at it as a way of paying back someone who helped me. This fund is so important to the soldiers and their families

and is a very worthy cause." Points of contacts for every organization on the Arsenal will be designated later this month; and a training session will be held Feb 27. The kickoff for the campaign will be held March 4 in the former Post Theater on Patton Road.

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ROCKET 97

Fox Hospital commander explains upcoming changes for community

By Kathy Harkleroad

Community members heard about the new services being offered at Fox Army Community Hospital beginning March 31 during a town hall meeting last week at Bicentennial Chapel.

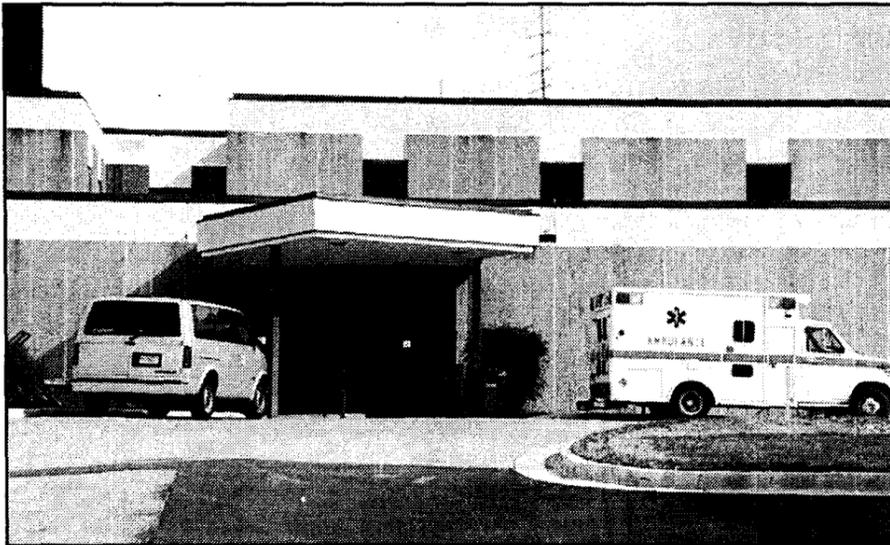
Approximately 100 retirees, active duty personnel and family members attended the Jan. 27 meeting and listened as hospital commander Col. David Deeter told them of the services that will be replacing the existing emergency room.

"Our intent is not to focus on what is going away, but what is replacing it," Deeter said. "We firmly believe that Fox Care will serve the needs of the community and will benefit everyone."

"We have looked at all the pet peeves, if you will, of the our beneficiaries and we have addressed each of them," he said. "Banker hours, not being able to get through on the telephone to make an appointment, the lack of urgent care appointments, and not wanting to wait for two hours in the emergency room for a minor problem are only a few of the problems we have addressed."

Fox Care will involve a complete reorganization of both the clinics within the hospital; and a new telephone system will also be implemented.

The family practice clinic, GYN, Pediatrics and Emergency Room will be reorganized regarding space



CHANGING SOON— The emergency room at Fox Army Community Hospital will be replaced by a new program called Fox Care.

and personnel and will become Fox Care. "We addressed the problem of being on hold and not being able to get through on the telephone by creating a central appointments line that will be open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.," Deeter said. "We will also have a nurse advice line that will have a nurse available to talk to patients, answer questions and refer them from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sundays."

"Patient appointments will be available from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays."

Deeter said callers will be greeted with a new phone system beginning the end of March, and each will have four choices. "We will have a direct connection to the advice triage nurse, to Fox Care appointments, to

specialty clinics within the hospital, and the fourth choice will be to other services within the hospital," he said.

The other program that will soon be implemented at Fox Hospital is the new Silver Fox Program for those beneficiaries who are Medicare eligible and not Tricare eligible. "While we can no longer provide the services of a primary care provider, we will still be able to offer them the ancillary services, such as the pharmacy, laboratory, X-ray and other services," Deeter said.

Under the new program beneficiaries will receive an appointment in Internal Medicine where they will see a consultant who will inform them of their choices. "What we have done is contact all the physicians in

the catchment area, including Tennessee, and have located and listed physicians who will see new patients," Deeter said.

"During the appointment with the consultant, beneficiaries will receive that list, along with a complete list of benefits that are still available to them at FACH. Just because we cannot provide a primary care provider to them doesn't mean we cannot still serve them here at the hospital."

Silver Fox Care is expected to stand up in February; and patients will be referred to the Internal Medicine Clinic for their consultation appointments.

Deeter and other staff members spent the remainder of the town hall meeting discussing unrelated Tricare issues with the audience.

Fluoridation helps curb dental illness nationwide

(Editor's note: The Redstone Arsenal Dental Clinic Command brings you this article for February's observance of National Children's Dental Health Month. It is the first in a series of dental health articles for children.)

In 1945 Grand Rapids, Mich., became the first city to adjust the level of fluoride in its public water supply, changing the course of preventive dental care throughout the world. Today 144 million people— some 62 percent of those who use community water systems — drink fluoridated water.

Fluoride is a naturally occurring element that prevents tooth decay when ingested or when topically applied to teeth. All bodies of water contain some amount of naturally-occurring fluoride. Fluoridation is the process of adjusting the fluoride content of community water supplies to the recommended level for optimal oral health.

Fluoridation has several benefits. First, it strengthens developing teeth. It also promotes remineralization, or repair, of tooth enamel in the very early stage of tooth decay. A small area of decay may fail to enlarge or may even reverse because of frequent exposure to small amounts of fluoride. Later in life, adults still reap the benefits of fluoridation because it also helps prevent decay on the root surfaces of teeth. Studies demonstrate that fluoride is incorporated into the surface of a tooth root, making it more resistant to decay should the root become exposed as a result of receding gums.

In addition to the direct benefits, water fluoridation has several indirect advantages as well. These include fewer missing teeth, fewer abscessed teeth, and reduced need for dentures, and fewer school and work days lost due to dental disorders or visits to the dentist.

According to a 1994 report released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, fluoridation is one of the most effective public health interventions in the United States. It is largely due to fluoridation that today's prevalence of tooth decay among school children is lower than ever.

Fluoridation is a public health intervention that has greatly reduced dental illness and cost. The government report states that lifetime costs of restoring decayed teeth may well exceed \$1,000 per tooth. Per capita expenditures for community fluoridation for a lifetime may be as little as 12 cents a year in large communities. In fluoridated communities all citizens receive the preventive benefits, regardless of their economic situation. It's a perfect public health measure.

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Ammunition instructor concludes his 43-year government career

By Kathy Harkleroad

After 43 years of serving the government, Walter Rice is retiring. Rice served in the Army from 1954-80 and retired as a command sergeant major at Redstone. He then began his Army civilian career in December 1981 and will bring that to an end Friday.

Rice, an expert in the field of ammunition accountability, is assigned to the Munitions Training Department at OMMCS. He is also an instructor and is recognized throughout the Ordnance field for his expertise in stock control and accountability and conventional ammunition.

His accomplishments included research and development of the first fully automated ammunition stock control and accounting exercise for the NCO Academy here. The program is now used extensively by active and reserve component units.

According to his peers, Rice is undoubtedly the premier instructor in the field of ammunition accountability training. Critiques from his classes praise his instruction and interest in the students. In addition to his Master Instructor status, Rice designed and developed 116 hours of instruction for the Warrant Officer

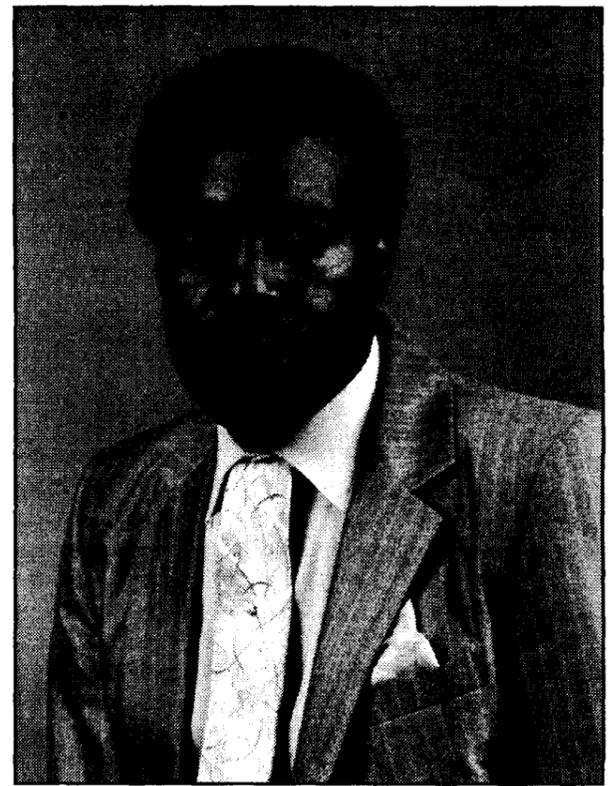
Tactical and Technical Certification Course and 156 hours of training for Senior Warrant Officer Training. He also developed and designed a 90-hour corps and theater exercise for the reserve components Material Management Centers in Fort Belvoir and Fort Lewis. This exercise is under consideration as the prototype for teaching reserve components.

Rice has received many monetary incentive awards throughout his tenure as instructor, training developer, and acting chief of the stock control and accountability division.

In addition to his

achievements in the ammunition community, he is well known in the civilian community as well. Upon his retirement, he plans to stay active in the senior citizen program, the Masonic Lodge 182, Chapter 199 Eastern Star, Royal Arc Masons, Knights of Temple, Tennessee Valley Consistory, Alazar Shrine Temple. Rice also repairs bicycles and gives them to under-privileged children.

Rice will be honored at a luncheon Friday at the Munitions Training Department.



RICE

Black History Month luncheon scheduled Feb. 19 downtown

A Harlem pastor and human rights activist is the scheduled speaker for the 11th annual Black History Month luncheon Feb. 19 at the Von Braun Civic Center north hall.

Wyatt Tee Walker is to speak at the luncheon presented by Army Community of Excellence. Social begins at 11 a.m., with the luncheon at 11:30.

Feb. 14 is the deadline to purchase tickets (\$11). For more information, call the MICOM Equal Employment Opportunity Office 876-3591/9223.

Walker, senior pastor of Canaan Baptist Church of Christ, N.Y., has traveled to 91 countries and is internationally known as a human rights activist. In October 1994, Nelson Mandela's first stop in the United States as president of the Republic of South Africa was the worship service of Walker's Harlem church.



WALKER

As chairman of the Consortium for Central Harlem Development, Walker is responsible for \$65 million in housing construction in central Harlem. He is chairman of the board of Nation-

al Action Network, headed by the Rev. Al Sharpton. In a 1993 Ebony Magazine poll, he was named one of the 15 greatest African-American preachers.

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Education conference..

Judy Phelps, technical preparation administrator for the Boeing Company, addresses attendees at the "Preparing Tomorrow's Workforce" conference held Friday in the Sparkman auditorium. The event was hosted by the Missile Command along with Alabama Department of Human Resources, Tennessee Valley and Technologies 2000 Technical Preparation Consortia.

ATCOM program eyes cost reduction candidates

By Karim Abdian

ST LOUIS, Mo.— Fiscal 1996 was a challenging year for the Operating and Support Cost Reduction program at ATCOM. Primarily, this was due to the difficulties encountered with getting hardware items on contract. Many good projects did not get on contract due to technical or funding problems.

However, through contractor support as well as the cooperation of many personnel in the technical publication's arena, a 10-year net savings of \$31.593 million or 105.3 percent of a \$30.0 million goal was achieved.

The OSCR program office at Aviation and Troop Command received and evaluated a total of 79 candidates. Of these candi-

dates, 24 were neither economically nor technically feasible for one reason or another. Forty-four are still active. The remaining 11 candidates, all procedural ones, accounted for the entire savings generated during the fiscal year. The savings generated by six other candidates that were put on contract will be claimed in future fiscal years.

This experience gives us some valuable lessons:

- One, count on everything taking a lot longer to attain than your worst guess plans.
- Second, procedural changes which cost little to implement, can result in as much if not more savings than a large monetary investment in a project.
- Third, a significant cost reduction in a part may make a previously shelved

alternative a much more appealing candidate today.

• Fourth, what you believe is "fenced money" is only fenced if the fence is built by you.

• Fifth, submit projects when they come to mind and before they are requested by a data call.

• Finally, what a contractor proposes and what he will contract for are not necessarily the same.

During fiscal 1996, much of our time was devoted to candidates for Program Budget Directive 714 (PBD-714) funding, one of three funding categories within the OSCR program. PBD-714 finances selected technology insertion or modification projects that enhance either the reliability or maintainability of weapons systems.

A total of 21 out of a

field of 59 possible candidates was developed for consideration. Eight of the 21 are expected to be funded in fiscal 1997, while the remaining 13 are currently projected for fiscal years 98 through 00. The success of the OSCR program is attributable to the combined efforts of all personnel in ATCOM, the PEO-Aviation, Program Manager Offices, and contractors as well as end users. Through teamwork, the savings goal was achieved.

Only through further cooperative efforts can we expect to accomplish our future goals of decreasing operating and support costs.

With a reduced resources environment expected to continue, suggestions on further reducing the Army's operating costs are welcomed. (ATCOM release)

Longbow Apache radar delivered under contract

ST. LOUIS, Mo.— Lockheed Martin Federal Systems in Owego, N.Y., has delivered the first of 227 Radar Frequency Interferometers, as part of the AH-64D Longbow Apache, Fire Control

Radar targeting system.

The RFI passively detects emitter radiation arriving from any direction relative to the aircraft, provides emitter identification, and provides a precise line

of bearing to the emitter.

Under the initial contract, valued at approximately \$15.9 million, 13 production systems will be delivered. Delivery of all systems will cover seven lots and contin-

ue through year 2003. The first two lots were awarded as single year contracts. Lots three through seven are expected to be awarded as a five year, multiyear contract. (ATCOM release)

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Sheffield native takes reins of Bravo Company

By Kathy Harkleroad

Soldiers assigned to B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion said goodbye to one commander Thursday and greeted a new one during a change of command ceremony held at Pagano Gym.

Capt. Linda Arthur completed her 20-month tour as commander of the company and turned over the guidon to Capt. Mark Richardson to continue the tradition of producing quality soldiers within the company. "I have many memories of this company, and have seen many things happen here," Arthur told the soldiers during the ceremonies, "and I will miss each and everyone of you."

Arthur left for Izmir,

Turkey immediately following the ceremony where she will take over as deputy commander of logistics at the Izmir Forward Depot.

Richardson is ready for the task of commanding the unit. He was previously assigned to Command and Staff where he worked on the technical side for the Officers Basic Course.

Richardson said his mission and philosophy is the same as Arthur's: to continue to produce and maintain quality soldiers. "We will soon have a new saying around here," he said. "Train to standard, don't train to time, which essentially means, train until you get it right, not train until you run out of time."

He previously served in

a line unit at Fort Polk, La., and said it will take some adjusting to being in a school environment, but the mission remains the same. "In a line unit your soldiers are already training, here you are doing the training."

"Personally when it comes to training, completing your mission, and doing your job, my personal philosophy is to exceed the standard," he said. "That is important and one that I firmly believe in."

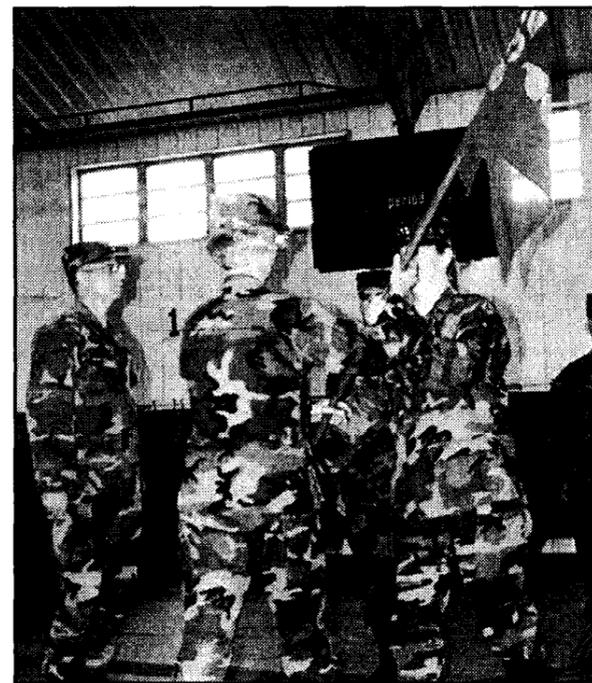
Richardson was an enlisted soldier before going to Officer Candidate School. "I served eight years as an enlisted soldier and can remember very well what they are going through now, and what challenges they will face in

the future," he said. He graduated from OCS in 1991.

He has been assigned to Hawaii, Germany, Fort Lee, Va., Fort Polk and one previous tour at Redstone Arsenal during his 13 year career.

Richardson, from Sheffield, was happy to be reassigned to Redstone. His wife, Ingrid, is from Florence, and was equally happy to have returned home. "Ingrid is building our home in East Limestone County," Richardson said, smiling. "So far I haven't had a chance to really get out there and help, but she is doing a wonderful job."

The Richardsons have two children, Kim, 12, and Alan, 9.



PASSING IT ON— Capt. Linda Arthur, far right, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Kathleen Meehan who in turn will pass it on to Capt. Mark Richardson, far left, during the Change of Command Ceremonies Jan. 30 at Pagano



Acquisition honoree...

Marlene Cruze, left, director of the Acquisition Center, presents a "Search for Opportunity" certificate to Cynthia Ivey of tactical missiles branch, procurement division "D," Contracts Operations Directorate. Ivey was cited for her adopted suggestion that a data fax machine be located in the bid room so contractors can fax their request for competitive packages in lieu of contacting the contract specialist.

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Pesticides should be last resort in combating roaches

By Cherie Miller

Cockroaches. The sight of these little pests can strike fear and loathing in many a human heart. They have existed on earth since prehistoric times and they have been living with us since. Despite their hardiness and resistance to chemical control there are methods that, when used correctly, have proven successful in controlling them.

Most people's first reaction to seeing an insect is to reach for a spray can of insecticide. While this method will eliminate that particular pest, it will not eliminate their harborages and entry into your home or office. In addition, pesticides can be harmful to people and animals when used and/or stored incorrectly. Unfortunately, our indiscriminate use of pesticides has resulted in chemically resistant strains of insects that are essentially "immune" to insecticide products currently on the market. By far, the most effective control method for cockroach populations is to eliminate their harborages, their "home."

Cockroaches are common problems in homes and offices. Four types are commonly found— German, Brown Banded, Oriental, and American cockroaches. German roaches are generally the most prevalent. They are about a half-inch long, pale brown in color, and have two dark stripes on their body. They are frequently found in kitchens or anywhere where food is stored or eaten (such as offices and desks). Oriental roaches (what many people call water-bugs) are about one inch long and are shiny black or dark brown. They are typically found around water pipes at floor level. Brown Bandeds look like German cockroaches but have two bands on the wings and lack the two stripes behind the head found on Germans. Brown Bandeds like to hide up high and can stand drier areas than Germans. American roaches are reddish brown, about an inch and a half long, and

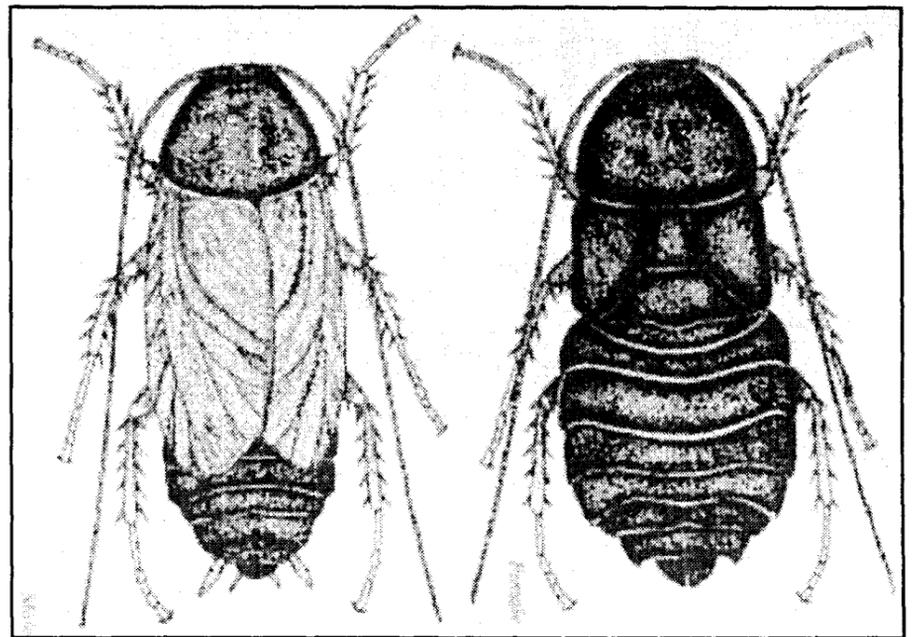
can be found around drainage areas and sewers.

Roaches hide and lay their eggs in dark, warm, moist areas such as under kitchen equipment, around pipes, electrical outlets, under shelves or other hard to clean areas. They are nocturnal, but will come out during daylight hours if hungry or heavily infested. An easy way to check for cockroaches is to turn on a light in a dark room or open a desk drawer or cabinet. They will scurry away in the presence of light. You may also see the feces they leave behind which look like small, round, dark brown spots.

Roaches are not known to transmit disease, however they can carry disease causing bacteria to foods and other items they come in contact with. Controlling roaches is hampered by their prolific reproducing and high adaptability that make them especially resistant to chemical control. Like other species, roaches need food, water and shelter to survive. Therefore, eliminating these necessities will help control roach populations.

The first step in controlling roach populations should be to maintain good sanitation. Frequent cleaning of cabinets, drawers, appliances and other harborages will eliminate food particles and eggs that have been deposited. If you store food in a desk drawer or locker at work, clean these areas too. In addition, avoid leaving dirty uniforms or linens in your lockers. Opened packages of food should be tightly closed when stored to prevent roaches from entering. If the packaging is damaged or cannot be tightly sealed, consider storing the item in plastic food storage containers with tight fitting lids.

Fill all cracks and crevices in floors and walls with caulk or putty to eliminate cockroach hiding areas or entrances to voids in walls or furniture. Roaches frequently enter homes and offices via paper bags and card-



board boxes where they have deposited their eggs. Discarding these items after use will help reduce the cockroach populations. Clean up storage areas where boxes, crates, or excess equipment is stored.

You have done all this and you still have roaches? Don't reach for that spray can yet! Pay a visit to the Self-Help store (building 3500) or your local discount store and pick up some "roach motels." These have a sweet, sticky substance on them that attracts roaches. Place them under appliances or other areas where you have seen roaches hiding. The roaches stick to the bait on the trap which can then be discarded. In addition, you can get a good idea of how severe a cockroach problem you have by the number of roaches on the trap. Another product which works much like the roach motels are bait station disks which are also available at Self-Help and discount stores. Two common commercial products are Combat and MaxForce.

If you've tried everything, and still have roaches, it's time to call in the big guns—

pesticides. Using pesticides should ALWAYS be your last resort. Keep in mind that pesticides are harmful chemicals regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency. Several commercial insecticides are available at Self-Help and other stores. Select a pesticide that states that it is effective against cockroaches and follow the directions on the container exactly! Self-Help provides classes which include guidance on using their pesticide products. Anyone authorized use of Self-Help services may call them at 842-8259 to arrange to attend the class. They also provide Material Safety Data Sheets which explain procedures to follow in case of accidental exposure or spills.

It may take persistence and a little detective work, but hopefully, after following these control measures, the only cockroaches you will see are dead ones!

(Editor's note: Miller is environmental safety officer for Fox Army Community Hospital.)

Can recycling program is discontinued

By Heather Douglas

The recycling of aluminum cans managed by the Installation Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund is discontinued effective today. "Unfortunately the usage of the recycling aluminum can program has dramatically decreased over the past three years to the point that it is no longer financially feasible to continue," Jim Mullen, director for Directorate of

Community and Family Activities, said.

Anyone who wishes to recycle may collect items and take them to BFI, 4704 Commercial Drive in Huntsville, where outside bins are marked and accessible 24 hours a day. In addition to aluminum can recycling, BFI has bins for newspaper, plastic, white paper and cardboard donations.

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

Redstone Scout earns his Eagle

Nate Huell, a member of Redstone Arsenal's Boy Scout Troop 308, has become an Eagle Scout.

Huell, son of George and Marliese Huell, was awarded Scouting's highest honor Nov. 30 during an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony in Huntsville. His Eagle Project involved the renovation of the Redstone Thrift Shop. This required planning, supervising and construction of new

shelving over three workdays.

Scheduled to graduate from Huntsville High in May, Huell is a flight commander in Air Force Junior ROTC.

Troop 308 meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at building 3563. Those wishing to join can call C.W. Halupka, Scoutmaster, 876-7805 or Barbara Dumas, of Redstone Youth Activities, 876-0369.

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Singles Night Out not just for singles

By Heather Douglas

The BOSS Committee will host a Singles Night Out Game Show on Friday at Rhythms. It is true that you must be single to become a contestant, but you do not have to be single to come enjoy the fun. This is a game where it is as much fun to watch as it is to play!

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

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BAT submunition passes flight test at White Sands

The primary test objective was met in a brilliant antiarmor submunition (BAT) test Jan. 28 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., the Army announced.

The dual drop test was launched from a test aircraft against a target array of tanks and armored personnel carriers. The principle objective was to demonstrate long-range acoustic acquisition and target segment allocation.

The BATs carried onboard flight data recorders in lieu of explosive warheads, and the FDRs have been recovered

and detailed analysis of the test will continue. Results will be available later.

This test was the sixth in a series of 10 contractor development tests to demonstrate end-to-end performance of the prototype production BAT submunition. It is the last portion of BAT's Engineering, Manufacturing and Development phase prior to an anticipated production award in January 1998.

The Army TACMS-BAT program is managed by the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles. As prime contractor, Northrop

Grumman's BAT program is directed by the company's Combat Support Systems, Hawthorne, Calif. unit, part of the Electronics and Systems Integration Division. Raytheon company is a principle subcontractor furnishing the IR seeker.

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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.

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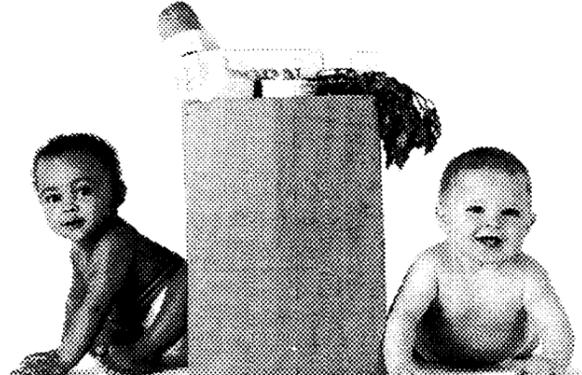


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Sports

Channel Cats hockey game will help fund raising for resource managers

By Skip Vaughn

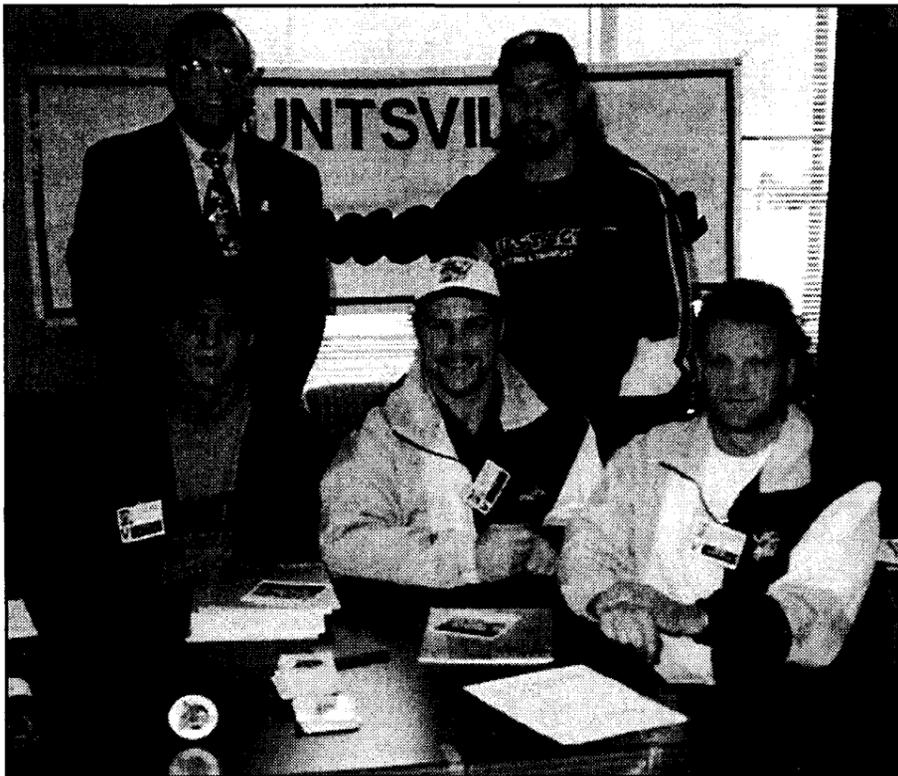
A group of pro hockey players invaded the hallway outside the Sparkman cafeteria Jan. 28—but it was for a worthy cause.

The three Huntsville Channel Cats players and their coach were helping to sell tickets for ASMC Family Night, Feb. 12. That night's game against the Nashville NightHawks will help raise money for the American Society of Military Comptrollers.

Discount tickets are \$6 each, a dollar off the normal price. Game time is 7:05 p.m. in the Von Braun Center arena.

"The (ASMC) organization does a lot for the community, and a lot for its membership with professional development," Boyd Edmiston, membership director of the American Society of Military Comptrollers, said. He is an operations research analyst with the Command Analysis Directorate.

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, with more than 500 members, is among the larger chapters in the country. In 1995-96 it contributed to such purposes as Salvation Army- Angel Tree, Interfaith Mission Service, Thanksgiving Food Charity, Christmas Food Charity, Care Assurance System for Aging and Homebound (CASA), and Kid's Space, among others.



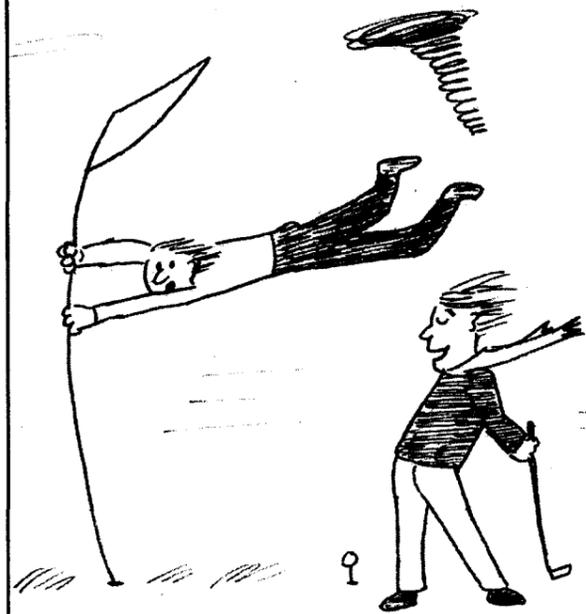
HOCKEY LINEUP— Seated, from left, are Frenette, George and Floyd. Standing are Boyd, left, and Dubois.

Representing the Channel Cats were Larry Floyd, the coach; center Jonathan Dubois; and right wings Chris George and Tony Frenette.

As of Jan. 28 the Channel Cats were 23-18-3 and tied for second place in the Eastern Division of the Central Hockey League.

"We started off a little bit slow, but as of late we've played fairly well," Floyd said. "Basically you want to peak at the end of the season, and I feel we're going in the right direction right now."

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Aberdeen drill sergeant accused of sexual misconduct

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md.— The Army announced Jan. 28 that three charges against SFC William Jones, a drill sergeant at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen, were referred to a special court-martial Jan. 24.

The charges against Jones include a charge of seven specifications of failing to obey a lawful general regulation governing interaction between Ordnance Center and School students and permanent party personnel, one specification of being drunk on

duty, and one specification of indecent assault. The charges involve a total of six female trainees and one civilian, and allegedly occurred between February and August 1996.

These charges are allegations and the accused is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. Not all of the charges result in a trial by court-martial. The charges are a result of a local investigation.

Jones, 34, is assigned to the 16th Ordnance Battalion. He entered the Army in

1981 and has been assigned to the Ordnance Center and School since January 1995.

At this level of court-martial, the maximum punishment is six months of confinement, forfeiture of two-thirds of pay and allowances for six months, reduction to the grade of private, and a bad conduct discharge.

SFC Theron Brown, an Ordnance Center and School instructor/writer who was charged Jan. 16, has requested and received

a discharge in lieu of court-martial. Brown was charged with one specification of sodomy, two specifications of adultery involving one female soldier and one female civilian, two specifications of making a false statement under oath, and one specification of disobeying an order of a superior officer.

In a related development, the date for the general court-martial for SSgt. Delmar Simpson has been moved to April 8. (Arnews)



SAFETY CHECK— Triplett slows down vehicles while Jackson records seatbelt usage at the checkpoint on Goss Road.

RULES

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For those who don't wear seatbelts, here are some facts they should consider:

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- Crash fatalities can and do occur at speeds of 12 mph. That's about the average driving speed in a parking lot.
- At 30 mph, the impact has the same force as jumping headfirst from a three-story building.
- A common cause of death and injury to children is being crushed to death by unbelted adults.
- People ejected from cars are 25 times more likely to be killed than occupants restrained in their seats.

CENTER

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from the store which is operated by the base support contractor, Northrop Grumman.

Kindred did the ordering of supplies which are sold in the store; but since the closing decision, she has stopped doing so. The store will close when its current inventory runs out. Customers will still be able to obtain most of the same items through GSA. "It's nothing that they can't get themselves, in other words," Kindred said.

The center has about 250 customer accounts. Last year its sales amounted to \$1.2 million, according to the store management.

Known by many as the country store, the center has existed more than two decades, probably longer. It converted from government to contractor-operated in 1985.

Marcia Smith, the store manager for

Northrop Grumman, is among the five workers. "Of course Northrop has a union and they're high enough on the seniority list where they will not lose their job," she said. "But I'm not in the union so I'll probably be out the gate. Twelve years down the drain."

Smith has heard that the government's troop-issue operation could go contract, but she's awaiting word. "Of course that's still in the works. Nothing's firm," she said.

Closing the center is the latest in Redstone's ongoing efforts to meet budget constraints, particularly in OMA funds. "Just gotta look for new and cheaper ways of doing business," Pruitt said. "That's the bottom line."

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Defense secretary takes stand against sexual harassment

WASHINGTON— Incoming Defense Secretary William S. Cohen, at his very first Pentagon news conference, declared war on sexual harassment, warning that he would hold commanders at every level “fully accountable” for any future abuses. “There is a zero-tolerance policy as far as I’m concerned,” he said in the latest issue of Army Times.

Cohen stressed several times in a 45-minute meeting Jan. 23 with Army Times and two reporters from military news organizations that he expected officers and sergeants to know what was going on within their commands, rather than be taken by

surprise by reports of sexual harassment. Officers at the Army’s training center at Aberdeen, Md., have said they were unaware of the extent of sexual abuse within their commands. Some of the allegations include superiors raping female trainees.

Cohen said the armed forces must attack sexual harassment in the future with the same vigor they attacked drug abuse in the past, declaring that sexual harassment “is not tolerable in the military.”

“You cannot have sexual harassment, or any form of discrimination, take place and still hope to maintain unit cohesion and high morale,” he said.

“We’re talking about men and women putting their lives on the line at some point. And we can’t have that kind of dissension, discrimination or morale problem within a unit.” Sexual harassment “cannot be accepted in our military lives” although it happens in the civilian community, he said.

His declaration of war on sexual harassment will not, by itself, eliminate the problem, Cohen said. But he added that he wanted to send a message to military leaders at every level about his position and follow it up with full accountability.

“We want every incident reported, investigated and prosecuted to the extent that

there is any validity to the allegations,” he said.

“By emphasizing that, and having greater emphasis on training and instruction, hopefully over a short period of time we can reduce, if not eliminate, incidents,” he said.

“We expect” military people overseeing activities at their installations “to be held accountable. Once people are satisfied that there is very strict accountability, it tends to change behavior.”

Sexual harassment prevention tapes distributed to field throughout Army

By Gerry J. Gilmore

WASHINGTON— Packets containing slides and videotapes are heading to the field as part of Army-wide efforts to identify and prevent sexual harassment.

The materials are part of a chain-teaching program ordered last year by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis Reimer, months before the Aberdeen sexual harassment incidents became known, said Lt. Col. Pamela Senterfitt. Senterfitt works in the Leadership Division with the Directorate of Human Resources under the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel in the Pentagon.

There are two types of

packets, one for leaders, platoon sergeants and above; the other for staff sergeants and below. Brigade commanders will be the trainers for leaders; battalion commanders will train staff sergeants and below.

The leaders’ chain-teaching packet consists of a two-part video and a 19-slide briefing. The instruction discusses the differences between sexual harassment, sexual assault and fraternization. The program also points out the responsibility of leaders to identify and prevent sexual harassment. Lastly, the leaders program talks about punishments for sexual harassment.

The soldiers videotape discusses:

- The definition of sexual harassment;
- What to do if you are sexually harassed;
- Where to find information on sexual harassment;
- The importance of the chain-of-command when reporting sexual harassment.

Information contained in the soldiers packet is also in the leaders packet.

One video features Reimer and Sergeant Major of the Army Gene McKinney discussing military values, leadership and their views for zero tolerance for sexual harassment in the Army, Senterfitt said. The active Army is scheduled to

complete its chain teaching program by March 31; the Reserve commands, by May 31.

Sexual harassment won’t be tolerated in the Army, Senterfitt said. A good rule to follow to avoid sexual harassment incidents, or other problems in life, is “Treat others as you’d have others treat you,” she said.

(Arnews)

Troop basketball

Here are the standings for unit-level basketball as of Jan. 31:

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Technology helped keep Bosnian peace from a box

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina—It's 6 a.m. on a Sunday morning. PFCs Jeffrey Welch and Hugo Yanes watch as yellow and magenta dots appear and line up across their computer screens. The snake-like image on their monitors may be a traffic jam, a group of church-goers, or perhaps a convoy hauling heavy weapons.

A photograph from the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System air-to-ground surveillance aircraft narrows the options. The vehicles are driving on an airfield several feet from a possible cantonment site. Welch and Yanes notify another Army ground crew closer to the area that is also monitoring Joint STARS imagery. Troops are dispatched to check out the vehicles. The activity is determined to be normal.

This scenario was a typical experience for Joint STARS' 20th century peacekeepers who recently returned from Sarajevo after spending more than two months supporting Operation Joint Endeavor. Sur-

rounded by the latest surveillance technology, other soldiers from the 319th Military Intelligence Brigade stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., monitored similar ground movement in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"We (supported) Land Central Europe, making sure there (were) no significant activities and everything (stayed) quiet," said Army Sgt. James Brown.

The Army-Air Force team played a crucial role during NATO's initiative to maintain peace in Bosnia. Army ground troops analyzed information passed from a U.S. Air Force Joint STARS air-to-ground surveillance system. The soldiers worked out of a four-by-eight aluminum box, known as a Ground Station Module. The five-ton-truck-mounted GSMs are located throughout the Balkan theater.

Through wide-area surveillance, air and ground crews also identified illegal roadblocks, and monitored cantonment sites, separation zones and other potential trouble spots. A liaison officer from Joint STARS

93rd Air Control Wing who also deployed to Sarajevo said the convoy outcome was an ideal situation.

"We (were) an insurance policy, we (monitored) key locations verifying warring factions (were) abiding by the agreements, we (hoped) there (wouldn't) be any activity because that (meant) they (were) following the rules," Army Maj. Al Bedgood, Joint STARS liaison officer, said.

Joint STARS also acted as a force multiplier, allowing NATO to monitor key sites without spreading ground forces too thin.

Imagery gathered by P-3 and U-2 aircraft offer similar information, but weather becomes a factor. Joint STARS can "peer" through the thick layer of clouds and mist typical in Bosnia this time of year and offer near real-time information to ground components. P-3s and U-2s cross-referenced Joint STARS imagery when weather permitted.

The Army and Air Force developed a systematic approach to capitalize on Joint STARS' valuable information. Liaison of-

icers Bedgood and Air Force Maj. Steve Solomon worked to coordinate a schedule with Air Force and Army components throughout the theater.

Col. Ben Robinson, commander of the 93rd Air Control Wing that operates Joint STARS, summarized the system's employment in Bosnia as a "massive cooperative effort" between the Air Force, Army and NATO.

The GSMs and Joint STARS aircraft re-deployed early January, but personnel are already discussing a possible return in spring.

For Yanes, Welch and the rest of the GSM team, that means more long nights in the box, vigilantly tracing dots that light up their monitors. But, more importantly, for the troops located across the Balkan countryside, that means security as Joint STARS soars overhead. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: This article was compiled from a 93rd Air Control Wing, U.S. Air Force news release.)

Computer technician: Surfin' tactical internet 'not so bad'

By William Bradner

FORT HOOD, Texas— "I didn't know what to expect when I signed on the dotted line..." said PFC Walter Leeds, a computer technician heavily involved with the Force XXI communication systems.

"... But I came in with a positive attitude and decided to learn as much as I can and get as much as possible out of the experience."

Leeds is a subject matter expert, a network technician in Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, operating a systems integration van. The van is the communications link between the units and the tactical internet.

According to Force XXI officials, the SIV is critical for managing the tactical internet, and a necessity for maintaining operational mobility. What it means to Leeds is lots of time in the field.

As a 74B, or Information Systems Operations Analyst, he didn't see much of the field before coming to Fort Hood. Most 74s are assigned to garrison positions, supporting those systems that support the soldiers. With the movement of technology to the battlefield, the soldiers who support those systems have to get their boots dirty, too.

The SIV uses a combination of off-the-shelf technology and military hardware that positions Leeds in the forefront of network communication technology. The challenge, he says, comes from the fact that this is the first time the technology has been applied

in a field environment.

"We have a technical manual, but I don't even think there IS a field manual," he said.

"Most of the equipment is working now, and we're trying to do it on our own so we won't be dependent on them (the civilian contractors)," he said.

Leeds considers himself and the other 74-series soldiers as the people "behind the scenes" in the Task Force XXI effort.

"Everyone's always talking about the operators and users, but we're the ones that move and manage the information," he said.

Leeds could take what he's learned from the Force XXI experiment and transition into a similar civilian-based position, but he's leaving his options open.

"As the World Wide Web expands, a lot of people are interested in what we're doing here. Transitioning to a civilian job might be easy," he said.

"I do miss my desk, but this is good training — it's the first time I'm actually doing my MOS (military occupational specialty). The way it's going now, I don't think I'll see a desk again," he said.

Now that he's inside a tactical vehicle surrounded by the latest Internet communications hardware and software — he might not want to.

"This is not what I imagined when I joined (the Army), but it's not so bad..." (Arnews)

nine are members of the Alabama Division of Professional Secretaries International.

For more information on the CPS rating, call Pockrus CPS, chairman of the Education Committee, at 876-3322. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Redstone Arsenal Chapter, PSI, and you are a government secretary or office professional, call Jenny Glazner, membership chairman, 895-3846.

Announcements

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.

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.

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. For more information, call Van Oostrum 828-7664.

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.

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 Principle Fund Organization to administer the 1997 CFC. Only federations, charitable organizations or a combination thereof are eligible to apply for this position. Applications are due by 4 p.m.

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retaries completed a year of comprehensive training through the civilian personnel training facilities.

In the examination administered in May 1996, 2,941 candidates took the CPS examination worldwide. Of these 1,455 passed all three parts and achieved the CPS rating. Twelve of these were from Alabama and

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March 1 to the Local Federal Coordinating Committee, AMSMI-CFC, building 3197, Redstone Arsenal 35898-5795.

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 Friday 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.

Fox Army Community Hospital— Social support is one of the most important factors in successfully quitting smoking. Join Fox Army Community Hospital's smoking cessation program to assist you in using this important success factor. The schedule will be as follows: 9-10:30 a.m. Feb.

11; 9-10 a.m. Feb. 18, Feb. 25, Feb. 27 and March 4; and 9-10:15 a.m. March 11. Group support sessions, from 11-noon, are scheduled March 18, March 25, April 8 and April 22. These classes are free and open to all military beneficiaries and Civil Service workers. To register call Preventive Medicine Service 876-8831. For more information, call Susan Goodman 876-8831.

Hockey game— The American Society of Military Comptrollers will host the Huntsville Channel Cats vs. Nashville NightHawks game at 7:05 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Von Braun Center arena. Discount tickets are \$6 each. For tickets call Boyd Edmiston 876-6542 or Bob Popour 876-2286.

Resource managers— The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its 11th annual resource management seminar, "Creative Problem Solving in the Midst of Change," March 12-13 at the Sparkman Auditorium. The scheduled seminar leader is Mark Mayfield of Mayfield Productions. Bus transportation to and from lunch will be provided by ASMC. "These one day seminars provide the latest tips and techniques for creative problem solving in today's dynamic work environment which allow the in-

dividual to cope with and manage problems created by change." Training form DD 1556 must be submitted to AMSMI-PT-ED by Feb. 15. The training number is JM 5186. Cost of the seminar is \$50 for ASMC members, \$75 for non-members. "Please note that approval is for only ONE seminar session per person." For more information call Peggy Brown 842-9908, Carol Knox 722-1932, Judy Krawczyk 955-3852 or Faye Krisher 955-1712.

MICOM hail/farewell— The MICOM Hail and Farewell "Winterfest" will be held 4-6 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Officers Club. "This promises to be a fun-filled event complete with good food, spirits (at the cash bar), and fellowship." All MICOM civilian and military personnel, regardless of grade or rank, are invited. The honorees will include all military officers and civilian employees, GM/GS-11 and above, who have joined MICOM within the preceding four months, and those scheduled to depart before March 31. Dress will be duty uniform for military and normal duty attire for civilians. All attendees and honorees should complete a reservation form, enclose \$4 per person or charge card information, and send to the Protocol Division by Feb. 11. For more information, call Sarah

Baker in Protocol 876-7136.

Merit awards— The Redstone Arsenal Officer and Civilian Women's Club is accepting applications for merit awards to eligible graduating high school seniors and current college and technical school students who are spouses or other family members of active duty, retired, reserve or deceased commissioned or warrant officers. All applicants must hold a valid military identification card. The deadline to apply is March 8 and applications can be obtained by written request to Kitty Ware, merit awards chairman, 2607 Guenevere Ave., Huntsville 35803. Include your phone number and type of merit award (high school, college or spouse).

Union meeting— AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in building 3202 (Union Office). The election committee for the biannual AFGE officers will be nominated and elected. Also, the nomination of officers will be held at the March meeting and the election will be held April 14. There was no winner of the attendance prize in January. In February the prize will be \$150. For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

Planetarium show— The Von Braun Astronomical Society will present "Orion, The Mighty Hunter," by Beth Bero, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. Admission is free to VBAS members with membership card; \$2 for adults (12 and up), \$1 for children (6-11), and free for children 5 and under. For more information, call Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

Valentine's party— United Christian Singles will hold a Valentine's Party on Feb. 14 from 8 p.m. until midnight at the Jaycees Building (off Airport Road, between Memorial Parkway and Leeman Ferry Road). Cost is \$8 in advance, \$10 at the entrance. Ticket locations include Covenant Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, and Baptist Books & Supplies. For more information or to volunteer, call Susan 772-9436 or Robert 534-4776.

Square dance lessons— Bama Ramblers Square Dance Club will conduct free introductory square dance lessons March 7, March 14 and March 21 at Beracha Gym, 3011 Spark-

man Drive. For more information, call Glenn or Carolyn Burkhalter 883-0064.

Tax assistance— Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Office is accepting appointments for free tax assistance and electronic filing to all active duty military personnel, retirees, and qualified dependents. The Tax Assistance Office also has a limited quantity of free 1996 tax forms (federal and state). Call 876-1235 or stop by building 3475 (Honest John Road, next to ACS) to set up an appointment. "Please keep in mind that civilian personnel (those who are not retirees and/or qualified dependents) are not eligible to receive this service." Tax forms for years prior to 1996 may be obtained from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, building 111.

Medical support groups— Adults With Diabetes meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month or 2-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Optimal Health, 910 Adams St. To register call 517-8650.... Care and Share, for patients,

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Surplus sale— A local auction of government surplus property will be held at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 11 at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO), building 7427 on Chestnut Road. Items to be offered include table, chairs, desk, shelving units, bookcase sections, safes, file cabinets, data processing equipment, electrical cable and wire, refrigerators, office furniture, military clothing, appliances and more. Items may be inspected from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 6, 7 and 10. For more information, call Dock Boyd 876-2453 or Donna Davis 842-2570.

PX news— The Main Exchange says it will give you more options than ever before. Due to the installation of a new computerized telephone system, you now have the choice of dialing from a selected menu or directly dialing the extension of a department or an individual. Should you need further assistance, dial "0" for the operator. The following are the extension numbers for the departments and personnel at the Main Exchange: 0, operator; 105, electronics; 107, Ann Mims/concessions/vending; 108, cashiers cage; 113, customer service; 114, shoes; 115, mens/Nike wear; 117, ladies wear; 118,

jewelry; 120, garden shop/toyland; 128, stockroom; 129, appliances/giftware; 130, hardware; 135, greeter desk; 142, Anthony's Pizza; 143, Special T's; 153, cosmetics; and 163, health and beauty aids. The telephone number is 883-6100.

Hard of hearing— Self-Help for Hard of Hearing will meet at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 13 in the Senior Center classroom, 2200 Drake Ave. southwest. George Murphree Jr. is to speak on "Hearing Aid Bank." The public is invited. For more information, call 852-4580.

Islamic services— Potlock Iftar will be held at sunset Friday; and Tarawih prayers are offered every night at 7:30 in the Masjid. For more information call the Huntsville Islamic Center, 1645 Sparkman Drive, at 721-1712.

Plastic modelers— Huntsville Plastic Modeler's Society will meet tonight at 7 at the Recreation Center. For more information, call 461-8307.

Engineers Week banquet— The Huntsville/Madison County Engineers Week award banquet will be held Feb. 20 at the Huntsville Marriott. Social begins at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7. Scheduled speaker is Nancy Archuleta, CEO of Mevatec Corporation. Area engineers will be honored by their respective societies. Feb. 17 is the deadline to purchase tickets (\$20). For tickets call Dr. Ken Thompson of UAH 890-6474.

Retired employees— National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday morning at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments begin at 9:30, with the program at 10. Bill Harrison, tax-aide instructor for the AARP, is to speak on income tax preparation and pitfalls. For more information, call 837-0382 or 881-

3168. **Found property**— Money orders were found Jan. 18 at the PX One-Stop convenience store. To claim and identify, call the Main Exchange cashier's cage 883-6100, extension 108.

Scuba explorers— The SEAS (Scuba Explorers and Adventurers Society) will meet 7 p.m. Feb. 13 at Mr. Gatti's Pizza on University Drive. For more information, call Theresa 876-2968 (work) or 518-9843 (home).

Army education— The Army Education Center provided the following release. "The Army Education Center has received implementation instructions for the transfer of eligible soldiers from VEAP to the MGIB. All eligible soldiers will receive a notification letter through command channels with instructions to report to their local Army Education Center for assistance. In addition, PERSOM will issue a 'Persgram' to each eligible soldier. No soldier will be transferred from VEAP to MGIB without a notification letter or a PERSGRAM. Starting the end of January, there will be a statement on each soldier's leave and earning statement (LES) indicating the status of his or her VEAP account. This statement will be on each LES for a six month period. However, this statement on the LES is not an authorization to make the

conversion; each eligible soldier must have in their possession the command letter or Persgram when they come to the Army Education Center to initiate transfer action." For more information, call the Army Education Center 876-9761.

Toastmasters— Communicators Toastmasters Club 4562 will meet today from 11:30-12:30 in building 5304. "If you are interested in improving your communications and leadership skills while having fun, drop in for a visit." For more information call James Marr 837-5282, extension 2214.

Sergeants major— The Redstone Arsenal Sergeants Major Association has a breakfast meeting on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be at 6:30 a.m. Feb. 20 at Radisson Suite on South Memorial Parkway. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Luis Maymi 876-4160.

Resume writing— A good resume is what businesses use to determine who they interview. Bring a list of your accomplishments to polish up on an old resume or learn how to create a new one. This free resume workshop will be held from 10-11 a.m. Feb. 13 at building 3447. To register call Army Community Service 876-5397.

Classifieds

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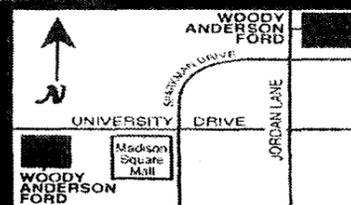
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