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## Lab explores potential uses of unmanned aerial vehicles



By Skip Vaughn

An unmanned aircraft hovers above the battlefield, sights an enemy tank and designates this target for missile gunners on the ground. Using the aircraft's signal, a Hellfire is fired and scores a direct hit on the tank.

This laser designator payload demonstration, held last August at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., is just one example of the work being done by a Missile Command laboratory. The Joint Technology Center/System Integration Lab for UAVs is applying new technologies to unmanned aerial vehicles.

"We're exploring the future warfighter's needs for UAVs in the 21st century," Dr. Bob Bell, an engineer in the system integration lab, said. In this age of computers and robots, the UAV is

"a robotic aircraft in the very real sense of the word," he said.

The lab, under the Research Development and Engineering Center, will participate in the Task Force 21 exercise scheduled for March 15-29 at Fort Irwin, Calif. "It's the largest exercise the Army's ever put on," Gerry Hone, the lab's coordinator for advanced warfighting experiments, said. "And the UAV system integration laboratory is a major player in it."

During this exercise, a prototype Tactical Control System on the ground will be receiving data from Predator and Hunter UAVs. The lab is involved in developing the tactical control system for the TCS program manager, Navy Capt. Allan Rutherford, and in concert with the Naval Surface

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**HARDWARE IN THE LOOP**— Members of the UAV system integration lab are sending this equipment to the Task Force 21 exercise in March at Fort Irwin, Calif.

## Army recruiter gets award for doing exceptional job

By Skip Vaughn

Recruiters are valuable to the Army because they determine the type of men and women who fill its ranks. The Army shows its appreciation by recognizing outstanding recruiters.

One such recruiter is SFC Christopher Hill, commander of the Huntsville West Recruiting Station. On Thursday he received the Recruiting Gold Ring which until recently was the highest award an Army recruiter can achieve.

The seven-recruiter station, on North Memorial Parkway, serves an area that covers 392,000 square miles, 108 zip codes, 11 counties, 85 high schools, and a number of junior colleges and universities.

"A testament to the great work that they do is the great soldiers we have in our Army," Brig. Gen. Willie Nance, the program executive officer for tactical missiles, said. He presented the award to Hill during an afternoon ceremony at building 5250.

The Recruiting Gold Ring was the highest honor for an Army recruiter until the creation of a new award last year. Only

about 10 percent of recruiters achieve this honor. "It takes about five years normally to achieve this award," Nance said, "and Sergeant Hill achieved it in four years."

The Army Recruiting Command certificate of commendation recognized Hill "for exceptional recruiting abilities, dedication, perseverance, and skill in earning the Recruiter Ring." Dated Nov. 19, 1996 it was signed by Maj. Gen. Alfonso Lenhardt, commander of the Recruiting Command.

"A great job and a great achievement," Nance told Hill, "and I'll tell you again, keep up the great work. It's very important to us."

Hill, 30, has been a recruiter since October 1992. He served in that role in Sylacauga until August 1995 when he arrived as commander of the Huntsville East Recruiting Station. Hill commanded the East Station for about a year before taking the helm of the West Station.

The Knoxville native has been in the Army 12 years. He had basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., as an infantryman. Hill earned the Combat Infantryman Badge during Operation Just Cause in Panama, a U.S.



**OUTSTANDING RECRUITER**— Hill, center, is accompanied by his wife while receiving the Recruiting Gold Ring from Nance.

military action which began Dec. 20, 1989.

He and his wife, Lisa, also a Knoxville native, have a 4-year-old son, Brandon. Nance presented a certificate of appreciation to Lisa for her support.

Hill and the six other recruiters at the Huntsville West Station represent the Army and Army Reserve to potential recruits.

"He has certainly done the kind of things to make sure he is qualified to represent the Army to folks that are coming into the Army," Nance said.

Asked his feelings about the award, Hill said, "It's a major accomplishment.... I look at it as the ultimate award in recruiting because until here lately it had been."

## Letters to the editor

### Emergency exits

In the event of an emergency, I'm concerned about the ability of Sparkman complex workers to leave work in their cars. The two exits we have today will be choked with stationary cars should everyone need to leave in a hurry during the workday. The likelihood of a natural disaster, terrorist event or Elvis sighting creating the need for a quick evacuation are slim, but real. The panic associated with such an event would only compound the inadequate road infrastructure problem. Perhaps the existing exits can be expanded and a third or fourth added?

**Name withheld by request**

*(Editor's note: Bobby Noles, traffic engineer for Directorate of Public Works, provided the following response. "In the unlikely event of a need to evacuate the Sparkman Center for any reason, there would no doubt be a traffic bottleneck. This would be even greater if other facilities—4488, 5250, 4505, 4500 and NASA facilities — were trying to evacuate at the same time.*

*"If we tried to evacuate all these facilities at the same time and we had adequate notice, we could lessen the delays considerably by effective human traffic control or if I had sufficient time I could program our traffic signals into a 'scatter mode' that would in effect move traffic away from (the) building effectively; but when that traffic mixed with traffic from other facilities, our roadway system would break down.*

*"Our roadway system is not designed to move all vehicles at the same time. In fact I do not know of any such roadway system in the country that is so designed.*

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*capacity 80 hours during a year's time. If this can be calculated accurately, the correct number of lanes can be constructed at the initial time of construction or money can be programmed for the correct year in the future.*

*"A panic evacuation is not part of the design process and with the reality of less money for roadway construction we cannot expect to obtain funding for massive roadway construction projects in the near future.*

### Limited parking

On Hankins Road there are two buildings (118 and 113) of DCFA employees and customers who have to fight everyday with building 111 employees to park in their own building's parking spaces. Mondays and rainy days are the worst days, too. There should not be any employees of building 111 parking in any of the Hankins Road parking areas. The facts are: Building 118 has 17 employees plus four DCFA vehicles which equals a minimum of 21 required slots. With 19 available parking spaces, minus two customer parking slots, this leaves 17 parking slots for employees.

There is no excess parking at building 118 for building 111 employees. We need all we can get ourselves for customers and directorate meetings.

Building 113 has 11 employees. With 17 available parking spaces, minus two customer parking slots, this leaves 15 slots for employees and additional customer parking.

There is no excess parking at building 113 for building 111 employees. We need all four of our excess parking spaces for additional customers who bring small children with them for registration.

With the aforementioned facts brought to the attention of DPW, Legal Office, and the Travel Office in building 111, it seems that common courtesy would prevail, and these building 111 employees' pride would dictate that they park in the southeast parking lot of building 111 which is half full on a daily basis.

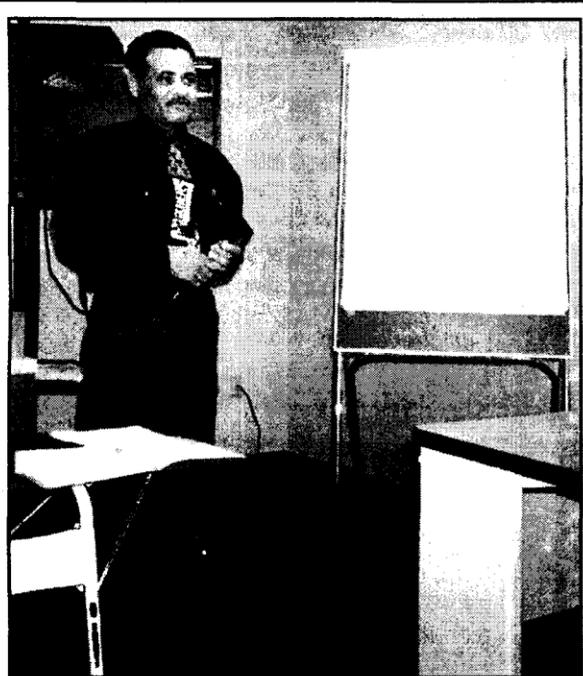
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### Smoking at door

Reference the Feb. 5 letter about the smoking policy at the post Burger King, I agree that there is not an invisible wall that magically keeps the smoke in the smoking area. Burger King is a place you choose to visit? But what about building 5300? In order to enter the Sparkman Center, you have to walk through a cloud of smoke. Some think it is OK to smoke at the entrance because it is out of sight from the commander's office. How about the contractors? Some, not all, think since they are not government that they do not have to go outside to smoke. Standing inside a building and holding the cigarette outside while holding the door open is not smoking outside.

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*(Editor's note: Carol Meekins, the Sparkman building manager, provided the following response. "DoD Instruction 1010.15 prohibits smoking in all DoD workplaces; and MICOM Policy 1-15 states that smoke break areas shall only be outdoors and will be at least 50 feet from common points of ingress/egress. Smoke break areas for the Sparkman Center have been designated in accordance with these guidelines. It is the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure that their assigned employees adhere to management policies and procedures.")*



### Sponsorship class...

**Jerry Alexander conducts an Army sponsorship orientation class Feb. 10 for potential sponsors from the work force who will provide informational assistance to newcomers from St. Louis. More classes are scheduled Feb. 19 and 20. For more information, call the Education and Development help desk 876-6297.**

## Local house hunting help available to to new arrivals from St. Louis

By Julie Vaughn

Between Redstone's Army Community Service office and St. Louis' One Stop Transition Center, transferring employees can find out just about any kind of assistance they'll need for the move.

One of the biggest concerns among those transferring seems to be where they'll hang their hat at the end of the day in Huntsville, said Debra Kelley, manager of the transition center in St. Louis.

"We've been giving out hundreds of welcome packets that we're getting from ACS at Redstone," Kelley said. "They include real estate and apartment guides. We provide them with

house-hunting information, how to move their household goods and even how to store their household goods if they need to."

Mary Breeden of the Redstone ACS office estimated that she has mailed more than 1,000 welcome books that include real estate guides to individuals transferring to Huntsville and to the St. Louis transition center.

"We've been handing out pamphlets like crazy here," Kelley said. "We are providing literally tons of information and holding briefing after briefing telling people what's available to them."

The DoD issued a \$5.8 million grant to set up the

center in Missouri after BRAC announced it was combining ATCOM and MICOM. Up to 2,000 civilian and military employees could be living in Huntsville by the end of the year.

Representatives from dozens of governmental agencies and businesses will go to St. Louis for two days to give presentations, answer questions and set up booths for one-on-one contacts.

The first batch is scheduled to arrive in April, said Gary Reas of the transition office here. Most of the other employees will arrive this summer, he said.

Bill Curnutt, a civilian moving to Huntsville at the

end of March, said he has had no trouble finding information and housing here. "Right now I'm evaluating real estate agents there because I'm coming down very soon to find an apartment."

Curnutt said that he, his wife, a school teacher and his son are "very much looking forward to Huntsville. We grab every bit of information on Huntsville we can get our hands on. What we've seen is very impressive.

"Besides, I hear you have great fishing there," Curnutt said. He will be the visual information manager and will head Redstone's new digital photography system.

## Redstone Rocket

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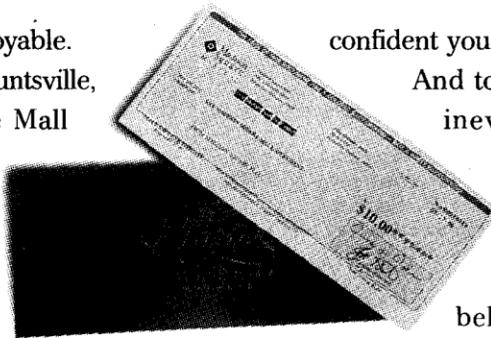
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# MICOM early-out applicant window closes Feb. 21

The current Missile Command early-out window will close Feb. 21, with a separation date of no later than May 16.

Under VERA/VSIP (Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay), civilian workers interested in applying for retirement or resignation must apply by 3 p.m. Feb. 21. It is too early to project whether or not another window will open in fiscal 1997, the Civilian Personnel Office said in a prepared release.

Since funding for VERA/VSIP must be self-financing—no funds provided from Army Materiel Command—this window is limited to Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDTE) and Defense Base Operating Fund (DBOF) funded employees. However, if other funded personnel want to apply, applications will be accepted, but approvals will be limited and subject to the ability of the applicant's organization to pay the VERA/VSIP and other

separation costs.

In addition to MICOM and STRICOM participating in the window, expanded coverage has been approved for employees in MEA and OMMCS. (Employees who applied under a previous window and did not get approved are asked to contact the Retirement Office and select a new separation date if they are interested.)

Employees interested in applying for retirement must submit a Retirement appli-

cation and a Statement of Understanding to building 5303, room 3327. Resignation eligibles must submit a Resignation Standard Form (SF 52) and a Statement of Understanding to building 5303, room 3125.

For retirement information, call Claudine Robinson 876-3902. For resignation information, call Aleck Hernandez 876-8370.

# Cavity prevention should start early in child's development

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

If you're a new parent, you may not realize the importance of caring for your infant's teeth. The American Dental Association (ADA) wants you to know that serious tooth decay may develop by a child's first birthday. Even though the child's primary teeth will eventually be replaced with permanent ones, the primary teeth are critical for proper chewing, speaking and appearance.

Baby bottle tooth decay is a condition that destroys the primary teeth of an infant or young child. It develops when a baby, frequently, receives a bottle of milk, formula, fruit juice, or sweetened liquids to serve as a pacifier. It may result if the child is allowed to fall asleep with a bottle during naps or at bedtime. Prolonged demand breast-feeding may also cause this condi-

tion. Although the upper front teeth are the most likely to be damaged, others may be affected.

Tooth decay is caused by bacteria, which are present in a thin film of plaque that constantly forms on the teeth. The bacteria use sugar as an energy source. In the process, the bacteria produce acids that attack tooth enamel. Frequent, lengthy exposure to sugary liquid can result in acids attacking the child's teeth. After many such attacks, tooth decay can occur.

All types of sugars, including those found in bottle and breast milk, formula, fruit juices, and sweetened liquids can cause plaque bacteria to produce decay-causing acids. How often a child receives a bottle containing these liquids and for how long a time the child's teeth are exposed to decay-causing acids are two important factors.

The ADA says parents can help protect their baby's teeth by doing the following:

- After each feeding, wipe the child's teeth and gums with a clean, damp washcloth or

gauze pad, to remove plaque. Begin brushing your child's teeth as soon as the first tooth erupts (around six months). Continue cleaning and massaging gums in all other areas that remain toothless.

- Never allow your child to fall asleep with a bottle of milk, formula, fruit juices, or sweetened liquid.
- If your child needs a comforter between regular feedings, at night, or during naps, fill a nursing bottle with cool water or give the child a clean pacifier recommended by your dentist or pediatrician. Never give a child a pacifier dipped in any sweet liquid.
- Avoid filling a nursing bottle with liquids such as sugar water, sweetened gelatin

or soft drinks.

- Make sure your child gets the fluoride needed for decay-resistant teeth. Ask your dentist about recommended methods for obtaining the proper amount of fluoride.
- Schedule regular checkups beginning by the child's first birthday.

(Family members are no longer treated in DoD Dental Clinics in continental U.S.; they must be treated by a civilian dentist utilizing the Tricare Family Member Dental Plan managed by United Concordia Companies Inc. Before seeking care for family members for the first time, ensure they are enrolled by calling 1-800-866-8499.)

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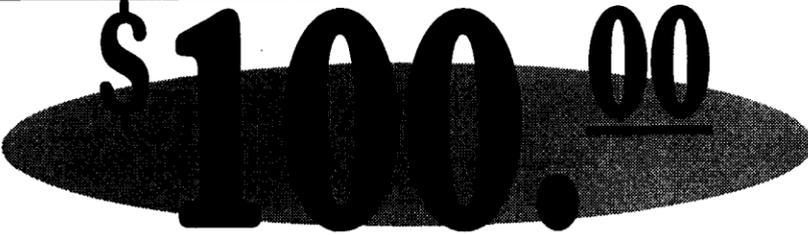


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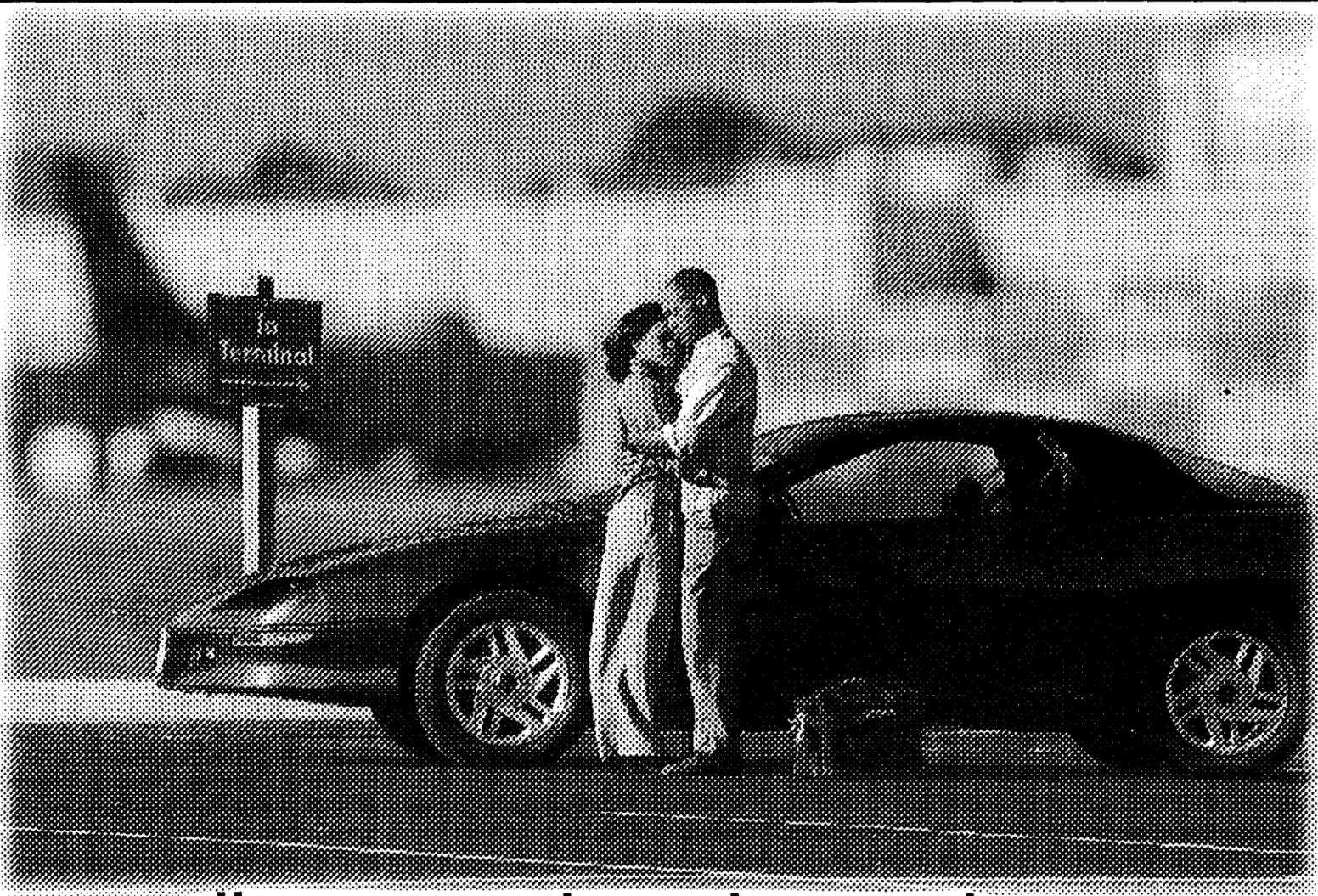
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## Pentagon dedicates corridor for African-American military heroes

By Rudi Williams

WASHINGTON— Pentagon officials are scheduled to dedicate a Hall of African-American Military Heroes and Contributors Corridor Feb. 19 as part of Black History Month activities.

"President Clinton, Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen, several high-ranking military and civilian officials and the three surviving African-American Medal of Honor recipients have been invited," said Sharmon Thornton of the Department of Defense Equal Opportunity Office.

Vernon Baker, 77, the only one still alive among the seven African-Americans recently awarded the Medal of Honor for valor during World War II, is scheduled to return for the dedication. The seven heroes were inducted into the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes the day after Clinton presented them the nation's highest award for gallantry in mid-January.

The recent awardees raise the number of African-American Medal of Honor recipients to 86: Vietnam, 20; Korea, two; World War II, seven; World War I, one; Spanish-American War, six; Interim 1871-1898, eight; Indian Campaigns, 18; and Civil War, 24. No African-American had received the Medal of Honor for

World War I service until it was posthumously bestowed on Freddie Stowers in April 1991.

Thornton said DoD initiated a survey Aug. 17, 1994, to determine the extent to which African Americans, other minorities and women are included in military history exhibits in Pentagon corridors. They found 26 exhibit areas, hundreds of paintings, photographs and works of art — mainly honoring whites, women, Hispanics and American Indians. "African Americans are sparsely represented," Thornton noted. "We also noted the absence of Asian Americans."

The initial corridor exhibit will focus on African-American Medal of Honor heroes. Follow-on plans will develop a comprehensive corridor display to include exhibits covering the Civil War through Vietnam, the Tuskegee Airmen, Golden 13, Montford Point Marines, Buffalo Soldiers, African-American flag and general officer, African-American women, 54th Massachusetts Regiment and the 555th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Thornton said. (Arnews)

## Many changes under way at battalion command/staff

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Command and Staff division of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion doesn't look the same as it did this time last year. A new commander is at the helm, new instructors conduct the classes, new training aids are in the closets and new students occupy the desks.

Maj. Beverly Boyd took over as commander of Command and Staff in August after a six-month tour in Bosnia where she served with the 1st Armor Division.

Due to natural rotation times, new instructors have arrived at Command and Staff. And with the new instructors come new ideas and teaching techniques. New warrant officers have also arrived at the division. "All of the new warrants are ammunition officers and will be a tremendous help to us," Boyd said. "They are helping with the rewriting of the courses and helping with the training materials

we need. It always helps to have officers in your specific field."

Several other changes have occurred within Command and Staff. "We have upgraded our computer lab, as well as adding two smaller labs in our other building," Boyd said.

"We have also changed our FTX scenarios and have added two days to the training exercise. Now the students must also learn how to lay out an ammunition supply point, as well as obtaining the ammunition that is required and dealing with different scenarios."

When it comes to realistic training, the new staff has added a few pieces of equipment which should be useful for the soldiers. "We now have four Javelin trainers which is helping bring

our students into the 21st century. We need to have the things these soldiers are going to see at units after leaving here, so we need to acquire as much as possible," Boyd said.

"It is imperative that we provide the best training possible to the officers and NCOs we can. And in order to do that, we must also educate ourselves. In doing that we are making sure we acquire any resources we can to do the job."

Boyd said her goal as commander of Command and Staff is to maintain the high level of instruction, as well as re-establish the branch organization. "We are also in the process of re-establishing the branches within the division, such as the technical branch and common core branch."

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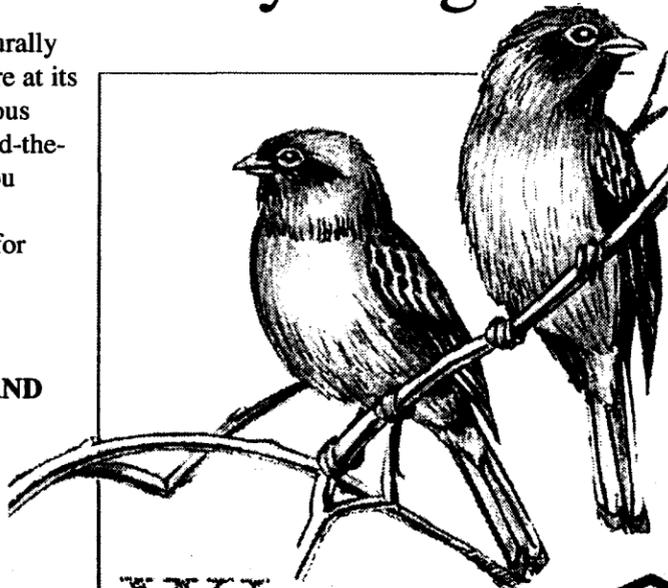
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# Student companies add lieutenants as executive officers

By Kathy Harkleroad

Advanced Individual Training (AIT) students assigned to Bravo and Charlie Companies within the 832nd Ordnance Battalion here have a new officer onboard. With the addition of the new Executive Officer program within TRADOC, all student companies now have new lieutenants assigned to them.

The program is a result of lessons learned from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., according to Ed Starnes, chief, Public Affairs of the Ordnance Corps at Aberdeen. "This program rose from the lessons learned here in the past few months," he said. "It was determined that commanders have smaller staffs and just didn't have the time for the troop interaction they needed. Those student company commanders needed the XO position, which will not only allow more time for the commander, but will also allow the XO to have contact with the students as well."

Once the slots were created, then came the decision on whom to fill them. According to Lt. Col. Kathleen Meehan, 832nd Ordnance Battalion commander, the five XOs assigned to the 59th Ordnance Brigade all came from the graduating Officers Basic Course here. Starnes also confirmed the new XO positions at Aberdeen were filled with lieutenants graduating from OBC there.

The two positions here were filled by two 2nd lieutenants who graduated last month. 2nd Lt. Brian Sopko is assigned to B Company and 2nd Lt. Lynn Bailey is assigned to C Company. Both will be working closely with not only the company commanders, but with the NCOs assigned

to the companies as well. They will also receive guidance from Meehan on the battalion level. The three other XOs assigned to the Brigade have been assigned to Fort Gordon, Ga.

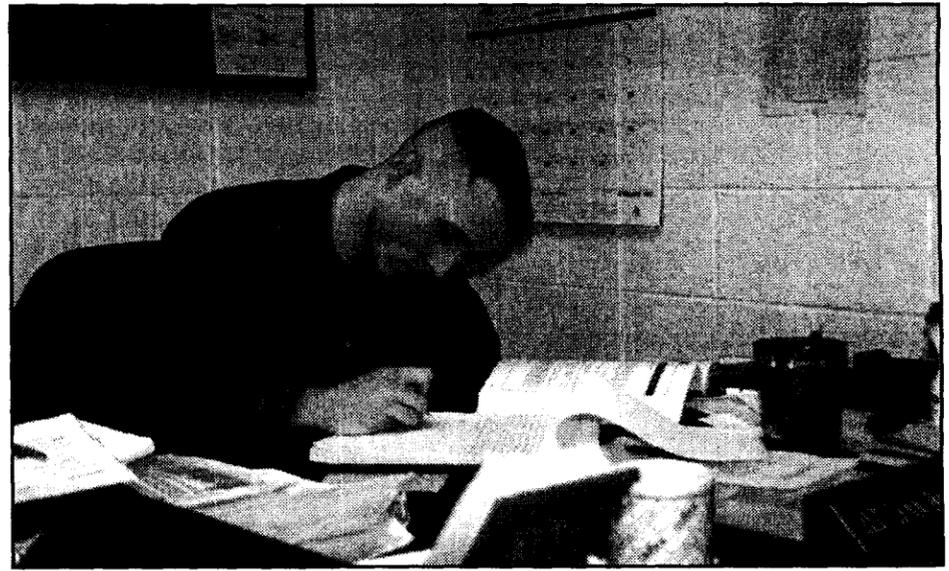
"I look at this as an excellent opportunity," Bailey said. "I volunteered for the position and really think there are many good things that can be done here." Bailey also said he was excited about being the first XO assigned to C Company and although it was somewhat confusing as first when it came to finding his niche, the first two weeks of the program have gone smoothly.

"It is really too early to tell, but so far everything is working out rather well. Right now I don't have the interaction with the soldiers as I would like to, but that will come in time," he said.

Bailey and Sopko will be heavily involved with the everyday workings of the companies, and will oversee the basic administrative details of the companies, as well as develop training schedules.

Both XOs have also been tasked by Meehan to first develop training programs for inactive students—students who are awaiting class dates or who are on hold for some reason. "We average about 118 inactive students across the brigade," Meehan said. "And that number is an unusually high one, more so than last year. With the new training geared for the inactive soldier, we will be keeping them gainfully employed, and won't have the moral or discipline problems that might arise."

The lieutenants have also been tasked by Meehan to develop a plan of action to move reclassification soldiers from the student barracks into the brigade barracks. "We are



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severely overcrowded in the AIT barracks and have students sleeping in supply bays, and three soldiers in two-man rooms," Meehan said. "The brigade barracks are being under-utilized and by moving out the 66 reclassification soldiers into another building we'll free up some space for the AIT students."

Reclass soldiers are soldiers who have been in the Army for a much longer period of time than AIT students and are generally Specialists and Sergeants. They will still fall under the student companies and will have to abide by the rules set forth by them.

"The task isn't as easy as it sounds," Bailey said. "It involves quite a bit of imagination, creative thinking, coordina-

tion between three companies, and lots of planning." Meehan said once the XOs have finished formulating their plans, and they are approved by her, the move will take place.

Meehan feels this is an excellent opportunity for lieutenants to not only better themselves and their careers, but help the students as well. "This is an excellent opportunity for the lieutenants to experience firsthand what it is like being in a field unit," she said. "This will also allow more time for the company commanders to interact more closely with his soldiers as well."

The XOs will be in the positions for at least 18 months, before being assigned to a field unit.

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### Here are six ways to recover from holiday overspending

By De Juana Lozada

HANAU, Germany— If the holiday season still has you feeling a little low in the pocketbook, there are ways to help beat the postseason slump.

According to Matt Harpring, Consumer Affairs and Financial Assistance Program manager in the 414th Base Support Battalion, a lot of people are probably feeling the effects of overspending during the Christmas season now that December credit card bills are due.

"Usually, people get in the gift-giving spirit around Christmas time. They reason that since they don't buy all year long, it's OK to splurge just that once. As a result, they use their checkbook and credit cards more freely. It's generally not until they get the credit bills that the realization of just how much they spent starts to hit home," Harpring said.

On average, it'll take about three months to get out of debt, but first you have to create a budget and stick to it. What can you do to bounce back from overspending? Harpring offered these tips:

- Examine your budget and look at ways you could reduce your spending. Cut back on buying new clothing purchases, for example.
- Clip coupons. Look for coupon socials at your local Army Community Service. You don't even have to bring any coupons to trade.
- Watch for sales.
- Go out less. You can save a lot of money by cutting back on going to the movies, out to eat or dancing. Also, cut back on other luxury items such as tobacco and alcohol until your bills are caught up.
- Make an appointment with a financial adviser with CFAP at your local Army Community Service center.
- "The important thing to remember is that you have to have discipline. It does you no good to have a budget and then blow it off as soon as it becomes inconvenient," he said.

Stop by your local Army Community Service for information on upcoming classes and other assistance. (Arnews)

## Army Family Team Building workshops designed for spouses of servicemembers

By Kathy Harkleroad

Military spouses, both old and new to the military way of life, are encouraged to attend the upcoming Army Family Team Building workshop. AFTB teaches spouses not only about the military and protocol, but also how to function at their highest level with minimal support.

"The program has been in effect for only a short time," said Army retiree Fred Ledfors, program coordinator, "and we have seen a great interest and response from the spouses here on the Arsenal. All of the past workshops we have conducted have been well attended."

Originally the workshops were split into levels and held on different nights during the week. "We have found that holding a day-long workshop on a Saturday, we have been able to accommodate more families and train more spouses," Ledfors said.

Level I is for family members who are relatively

new to the Army (less than five years as a



military spouse), or for those who want a refresher course. Courses within the level include Military Terms, Acronyms, Customs, and Courtesies; Chain of Command/Concern; Problem Solving; Military/Civilian Community Resources; Benefits, Entitlements and Compensation; Family and Military Expectations, and Impact of the Mission on Family Life.

Level II is for spouses who have five to 10 years of experience and teaches them how to be more indepen-

dent while taking care of family

issues while soldiers are away from home. Topics that will be covered within that level include Adapting to Change, Stress Management, Intermediate Problem Solving, Time Management, Family Support Groups, as well as several other areas of concern.

"Spouses do not have to complete one level in order to advance to another," Ledfors said. "If they feel comfortable attending one of the classes in level two, and have a basic background in the area they are pursuing,

they are more than welcome to attend."

The first of two AFTB workshops is scheduled for March 1 in building 3447 on Zeus Road. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and classes will start at 8:30. Lunch is free to the first 100 registrants, and the workshop will conclude at 4 p.m.

"We will have free childcare on the premises for attendees, and we will provide a lunch catered by Sub-Zone for the first 100 people who register," Ledfors said. "And we are not only encouraging spouses to attend, but would like to see as many active duty soldiers attend as well. They can add quite a bit to the class, and have a real insight to what is going on and contribute greatly."

Early registration can be done by phone by calling Army Community Service at 876-5397; and registrations can be done the day of the workshop.

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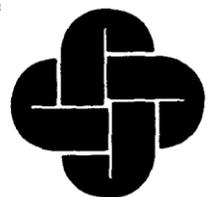
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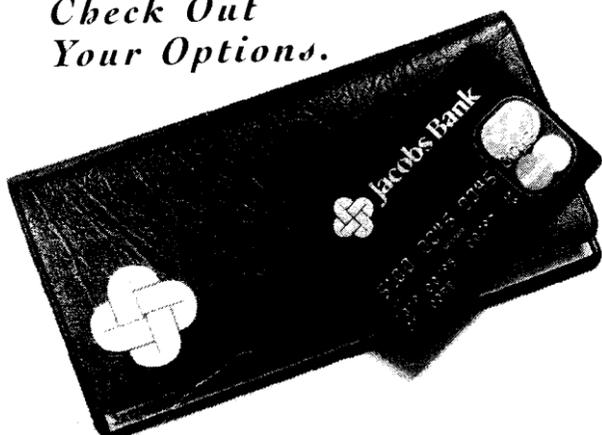
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# Breaking the HIV/AIDS cycle takes stopping misconceptions

By Michael Butel

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas— The opening speaker at the 11th International Conference on AIDS was a 63-year-old grandmother living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, who asked, "How did I get infected?" Thunderous applause greeted her simple answer: "It just doesn't matter."

Believing AIDS "only happens to certain types of people" or "will never have an effect on my life" are still common misconceptions. HIV, which causes AIDS, doesn't care what kind of person it lives in. Right now it is happy to live in one of every 250 Americans and affects one in every 10 businesses in some way.

Military organizations are not exempt. HIV is devastating certain foreign militaries through the loss of manpower (trained sol-

diers, leaders, lower recruit pool) and associated economic burdens.

HIV infection begins when the virus enters the body. This most commonly happens through unprotected sexual intercourse with an infected partner. Other means of transmission are sharing infected needles and syringes, infected mothers passing the virus to their unborn child; and infected blood entering a healthcare/emergency responder's body.

HIV/AIDS is not spread by hugging, holding hands, coughing, sneezing or by mosquitoes. Once inside the body, HIV slowly cripples the immune system, allowing infections and cancers to take over. This is called AIDS.

AIDS is now the third leading cause of death of American women ages 25 to 44, and the leading cause of death among African-American women in the United States.

It is the leading cause of death among American males ages 25 to 44.

Just knowing the facts about HIV does not prevent people from taking risks. A recent study of Air Force military recruits revealed 45 percent had engaged in casual sexual encounters and 63 percent did not always use condoms.

It isn't enough to tell young people to "just say no." It is critically important to build skills, nurture and heal self-esteem and generate support from a community of connected individuals. Young people need to learn how to say "no" through peer-based programs.

Over and over, they need to practice: "What do you say when your partner wants to have sex and you don't?" Young people need internal standards of behavior, to know who they are, what they want for themselves and how to find paths in the right direction if they are to make responsi-

ble decisions concerning HIV transmission. Nurturing the greatest sense of self and health is the most important responsibility shared by parents and teachers.

HIV/AIDS is truly a global problem, but can be acted upon locally. By developing young people to be peer educators themselves, we can build a strong atmosphere of support for healthier behaviors.

The information for this article comes from the ideas of Dr. Richard Keeling, Health Advocates, Madison, Wis.

Additional information on HIV/AIDS is available from local military public health or on the Internet at <http://www.ama-assn.org>. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Provided courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service. Maj. Butel is with the 12th Aerospace Medicine Squadron.)

## Missile repair depot established for support at Fort Bliss, Texas

LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT, Pa.— Letterkenny Army Depot has established a forward repair activity, called the Logistics Center of Excellence, at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Force structuring plans to add another Patriot battalion created the need for forward-based support. Normally, either the missiles travel to Letterkenny for maintenance or Letterkenny civilian employees

travel to the missiles.

With about 70 percent of the Army's Patriot missiles, it became cost-effective to provide on-site service. Besides reducing costs, this change improved soldier support and readiness. One key ingredient is the Integrated Diagnostic Support System. IDSS is a communications package that links soldiers with prime contractor engineers and Letterkenny missile mechanics to

provide real-time remote diagnostic and repair capability.

Letterkenny is one of five maintenance depots in the Army Industrial Operations Command and the only one specializing in

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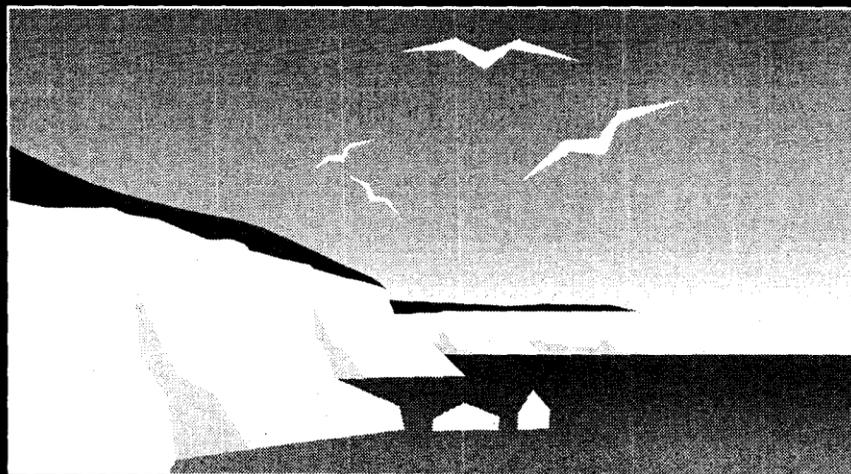
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## Ft. Eustis, Va. named as preliminary site for traffic command

WASHINGTON— The Army announced Jan. 31 the preliminary selection of Fort Eustis, Va., as the new site for the Military Traffic Management Command's CONUS Command headquarters.

The command will be created by consolidating MTMC's Eastern and Western Commands. Both are affected by the 1995 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommendations to close California's Oakland Army Base and the Bayonne Military Ocean Terminal in N.J.

This is a preliminary selection, officials said, because a final decision will not be made until completion of a National Environmental Policy Act study on the potential environmental impacts associated with the relocation to Fort Eustis. The study should be completed by next month.

Based on current missions, the new command will consist of 472 civilian and military personnel at Fort Eustis. Key functions will include management of water terminals in North, Central and South America; the Defense Freight Railway Interchange Fleet; and selected traffic management functions. This command is one of three subordinate commands and one agency worldwide under MTMC.

Officials said the selection process was rigorous, fair and objective and considered all viable Army sites at active installations, as well as other non-Army candidates. Fort Eustis was selected because, overall, it is superior to all candidates in terms of available facilities, costs, operational aspects, workforce availability and quality of life.

Fort Eustis home to the Army Transportation Center and School, the Joint Deployment Training Center and the 7th Transportation Group, one of the Army's most deployed units. Located in Virginia's Tidewater Area, it is near numerous other important defense commands, including the Atlantic Command, which is charged specifically with providing combat-ready land, maritime and air forces to U.S. warfighting commanders in chief.

Renovation of the headquarters buildings should begin by early fiscal year 1999. The CONUS Command

## Value of Army's enlistment incentive rises to \$65,000 in loan repayment program

WASHINGTON— The advantages of enlisting in the Army just got better. As of Feb. 4, the Regular Army Loan Repayment program increased from \$55,000 to \$65,000.

For new recruits who already attended college and accumulated debt, the Army's Loan Repayment

Program can be a lucrative incentive. In return for a three-year enlistment, the Army will repay up to \$65,000 on specific federally guaranteed loans to qualified applicants.

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on the outstanding unpaid principal of an eligible student loan, up to a maximum of \$65,000. When a loan or loan balance exceeds \$65,000, 33 1/3 percent of \$65,000 will be paid incrementally for three years.

No payments will be made for delinquent charges or interest amounts that

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# Defense secretary: U.S. out of Bosnia in 18 mos.

By Linda D. Kozaryn

WASHINGTON — U.S. forces will leave Bosnia at the end of the 18-month stabilization force mission, William Cohen told the Senate Armed Services Committee during his Jan. 22 confirmation hearing.

Setting a deadline is not advisable in most cases, the new defense secretary said, but in this case, it tells European friends the United States is not going to make an unlimited commitment. This is not an exit strategy, but a strong message America is not going to have forces deployed in that region indefinitely, he said.

"We are not there on a permanent or semipermanent basis," he said. "We expect them to make the changes necessary to put the resources into the region to help reconstruct it, because we are not going to make a commitment beyond that time."

The situation in Bosnia was principally a European problem, but it took American leadership to resolve, Cohen said. "We have led, and it's time for them to assume responsibility."

About 8,500 U.S. forces remain in Bosnia with another 5,000 support forces stationed nearby. SFOR's mission is to stabilize the environment so civil agencies can rebuild the country and allow peace to be self-sustaining. The forces of peace have shallow roots at present, Cohen said, but SFOR's 31,000 multinational troops will "allow those roots to sink deeper so there might be a reconciliation at some point in that region."

Military officials need to maintain a clearly defined mission and avoid any expansion of duties, Cohen said. It is not SFOR's job to apprehend war criminals, for example, he noted.

"If we have the United States start to take a major role in that effort, then we run the risk of having a repetition of Somalia, with all that entailed.... If we start to expand the mission, we have a mismatch between the mission and the ability to perform that mission," he said.

Cohen said he supports the U.S. recommendation to have an international police force with the power and authority to arrest indicted war criminals.

NATO officials will review SFOR's mission every six months to determine the level of forces required, Cohen said. "I would expect those forces to come down significantly in the next six months to a year and that we would be out by the end of the 18 months." (American Forces Press Service)

# Child restraint seats just as important as seat belts for vehicular safety

By Julie Vaughn

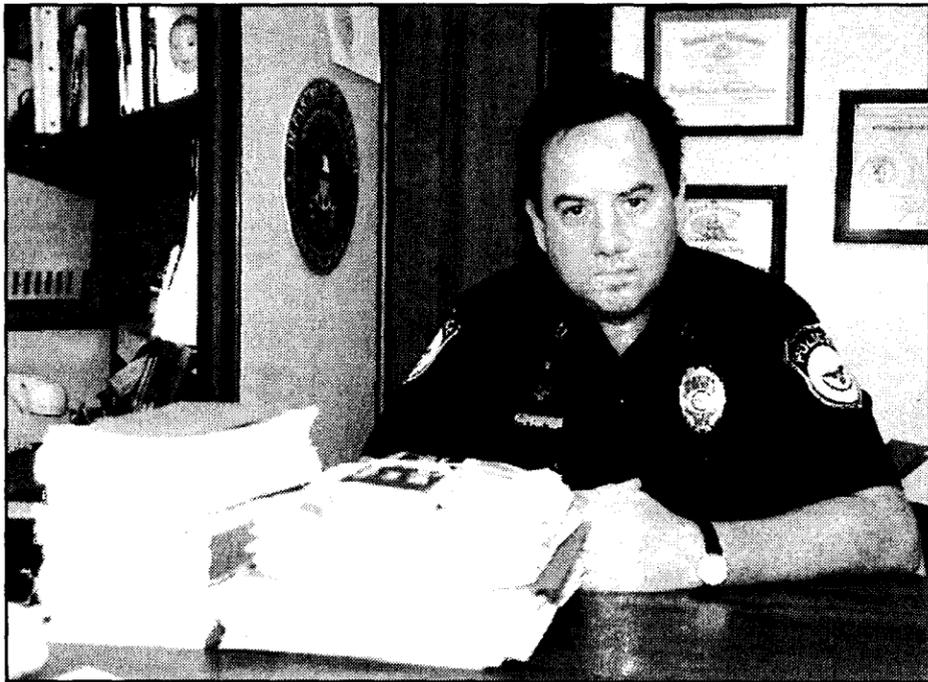
If you cruise around Redstone with a small child in or next to your lap, beware: Military police here are watching.

Complaints that too many parents are either leaving their small children unattended in vehicles—engines running—or refusing to buckle them in child restraint seats or safety belts, has caught the attention of military police and day care officials here.

As a result, Capt. Ellis Andrew, chief of police operations, is holding two one-hour classes for parents who aren't, don't know how, or are unaware that child restraint is federal law.

The first class is Feb. 25 from 3-4 p.m. and the second session is Feb. 27, from noon until 1. Andrew is teaching the classes at the Bicentennial Chapel and has stacks of literature that will be available.

"Our seat belt usage is very high, 95 percent, according to our most recent survey, but for some reason, use of child vehicle restraints is lower," Andrew said. "We want to get that number up."



**INFORMATION SOURCE—** Andrew will conduct classes to inform parents about the child restraint law.

Any child under 4 is required by state and federal law to be buckled in a child restraint seat, according to the Huntsville Office of Highway Safety. Children ages 4 through 6 are required to wear seat belts.

The fine if you're caught not using one or the other: \$25 plus court costs, which all total equals about \$100, Huntsville court officials said.

At the Post Exchange,

prices for the so-called "car seats" range from about \$40 to \$60.

Anyone who can't afford, or otherwise has no access to, a child restraint seat can use a loaner—for free—from Army Community Service. That office has about 40 infant and toddler child restraint seats ready for the asking.

For information on how to borrow a child restraint seat, call Jennifer Clark at

ACS at 876-5397.

"People often don't realize that for one thing, child restraint seats are the law; and second, that they save children's lives countless times a day across the country," Clark said.

Most people who take advantage of the loaner program are relatives visiting the post or those whose children have outgrown the infant-sized seats, she said.

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# AIT students have their own nights at new club here

By Kathy Harkleroad

Since the opening of the new club Rhythms (formerly the JOC), a few changes for military personnel have come about. The changes have been made to ensure all soldiers on post have the opportunity to enjoy the new facility.

The club opened rather quickly and the original guidelines caused Advanced Individual Training (AIT) students to be restricted from the club. "Because the AIT policies are very strict, our soldiers could not initially go to the club," said 832nd Ordnance Battalion commander Lt. Col. Kathleen Meehan. "One of our young sergeants came up with the idea of adjusting the club rules so AIT soldiers could attend one night a week and we went from there."

After considering the TRADOC regulation and OMMCS policies for AIT students, a meeting was held to look at the proposal for a designated "AIT Soldiers' Night" at the club. Meehan, along with battalion CSM George, MICOM Sgt. Maj. Smith, RASA Sgt. Maj. Brown, Jim Mullen from MWR, Lee Hicks of the club system, and Sgt. Coman, president of the BOSS committee, discussed the proposal with Col. Duane Brandt, RASA commander. The following rules were agreed upon, thereby opening the club for all soldiers to enjoy.

Rhythms is open Tuesday through Saturday. Non-AIT soldiers (permanent party soldiers, NCO Academy soldiers, EOD students, Officer/Warrant Officer Basic and Advanced course students, and students assigned to OMMCS for reclassification) may only attend Tuesday through Friday and on

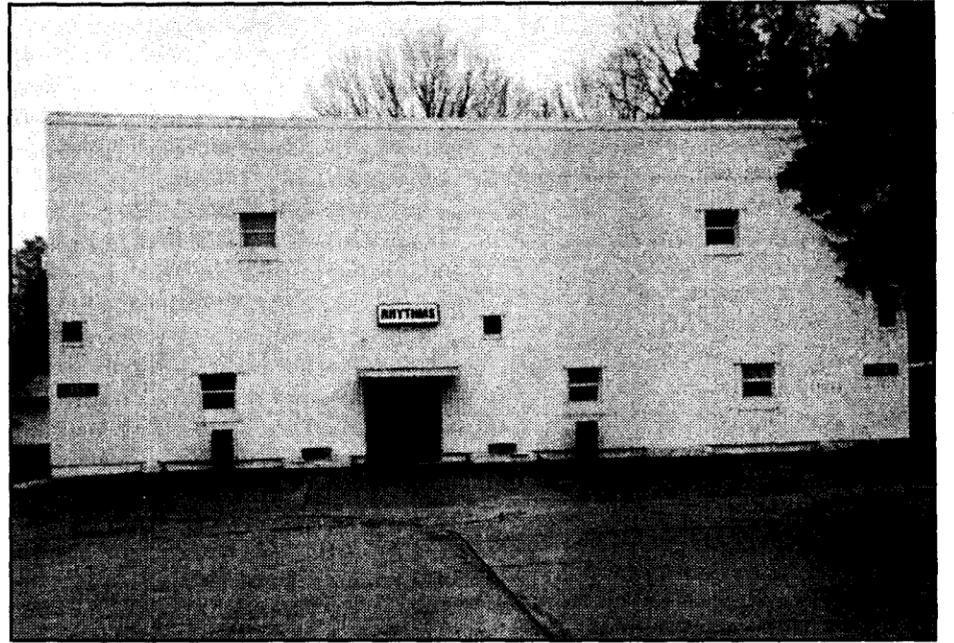
the first Saturday of each month which has been reserved for special interest group functions.

The second, third and fourth Saturday of each month is reserved as "AIT Soldiers' Night" and only AIT students (Phase IV and V) will be admitted to the club.

On those three AIT Soldiers' Nights all the rules which govern AIT soldiers in their companies will still apply. For example, AIT soldiers are prohibited from having any tobacco products; the club is a "no smoking" area on AIT Saturdays. AIT soldiers must sign in and out of the club in "Buddy Teams." AIT soldiers are allowed to bring guests to the club, but no guest will replace a member of the Buddy Team. Their guests cannot be permanent party personnel or non-AIT soldiers. AIT soldiers whose military identification card shows they are of legal age may purchase alcoholic drinks for their personal consumption in the club. Additionally, AIT soldiers who are still in Phase VI of their training will remain in their duty uniform.

"The main purpose of the club is to support all the soldiers in the Redstone community; and in order to work with the policies that apply to students, it was decided to limit their patronage to one night a week," said Bob Brown, RASA Club Systems, general manager. "Soldiers are our priority, and that includes all of the soldiers."

"We looked at the least attended night, and it turned out to be Saturday nights," he continued. "The majority of the population here attends Friday evenings as opposed to Saturday nights, so we turned that night



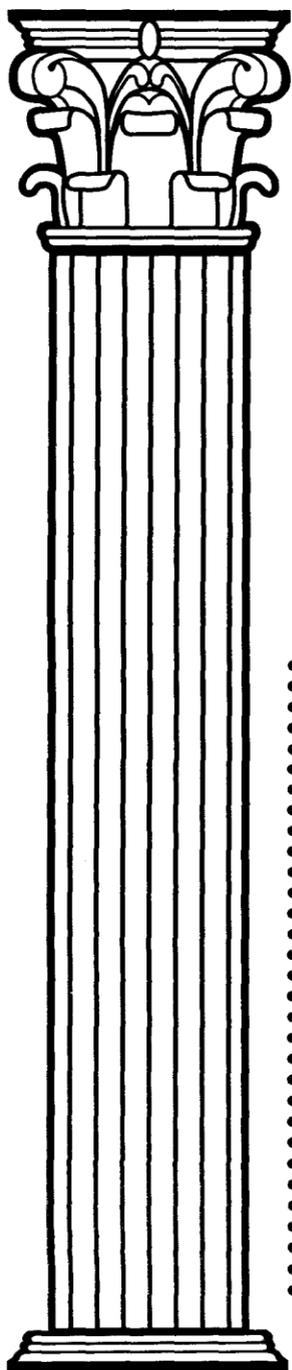
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over to the students. The first Saturday AIT night turned out very well, and all of the guidelines were abided by and everyone had a good time."

According to Brown, the only downside to the Saturday AIT nights is the guidelines and turnover was not finalized until Feb. 6, several days after the club opened to the public and the initial publicity campaign was conducted. "Now it is just a matter of getting the word out to everyone when they may attend. Everyone is invited to attend Tuesday through Friday nights, and guests may be signed in," he said.

The club is under a 90-day test program and in order for it to be retained on the Arsenal, it must be self supporting according to Department of Army regulations. "If the club is to remain, it must be supported," Brown said.

"Rhythms is the only place on post for soldiers to enjoy a club atmosphere and we appreciate the positive response from the BOSS committee and the Club System in establishing the AIT Soldiers' Night," Meehan said. "By allowing AIT soldiers to attend, we hope the attendance is boosted and the club becomes self-sustaining."



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# Shalikashvili addresses issues of now and tomorrow

By Wayne V. Hall

WASHINGTON— Tomorrow's military won't be the best it can be without greater emphasis in coming years on modernization, Gen. John M. Shalikashvili said Feb. 10. In a wide-ranging interview with journalists representing enlisted members from each of the services, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff answered a concern over impact of budgetary constraints on servicemembers and their role in the nation's defense.

"I think the budget that Secretary [William S.] Cohen unveiled the other day ... is a budget that provides for the people and the readiness of each of the services adequately.

"Where it falls short is in the area I have talked to for the last two years. ... We are not putting the money that needs to be put into modernization — the replacement of that equipment that just plain wears out," the chairman continued. "I have, as I said, maintained for the last two years that we need to, as quickly as we can, increase that part of the budget significantly.

Increases in modernization spending is beginning to be programmed into future military budgets, however the bulk of that spending will not become a major component until about 2001.

"It's a disappointment that we can't do it sooner, but at least there is now a realization in Congress, in this building (the Pentagon), and with this administration that it's something that needs to be done if we are to

protect the readiness of the force in the years to come," Shalikashvili said. "Will people have to give up certain things?" he asked rhetorically. "That depends on how the Quadrennial Defense Review comes out, and what recommendations it makes," he answered.

## Quadrennial Defense Review

"The challenge is to find things in the military budget that are less important, that's what the Quadrennial Defense Review — among other things — will attempt to do," said Shalikashvili.

The long-range goal for the military of the future is Joint Vision 2010, and the QDR is a means to guide the military toward it.

"If you picture yourself standing where we stand today and looking toward the QDR, that's only about five, six, seven years out, and Joint Vision 2010 is about 12, or 13 years out," Shalikashvili said.

"Where we want to go is to Joint Vision 2010, but to get there we have to pass through the Quadrennial Defense Review force," he continued.

The QDR is not about defending today's force, the chairman continued.

"It is about what kind of a force can we build, or should we build out into the future," explained Shalikashvili. "But it also is kind of a question about what kind of force we can afford," he said, acknowledging the uncertainty some feel about the process.

"It could be that we will conclude that in

order to have the best possible force to defend our nation, seven, eight, or nine years from now may require some adjustments from what it is today. Maybe certain programs that we now have may need to be changed or canceled," he said. "Maybe we have to look at our strategy, how we execute things, and change the strategy."

"But we might very well conclude that everything we have that has served us well today is everything we need to serve us well tomorrow," Shalikashvili added. "So it could be that the soldier, the Marine, the airman and the sailor out there will see very little difference."

## Terrorism

Protecting the forces as they serve to protect America's interests around the world is becoming an issue of great importance, even more so in light of recent terrorist attacks against U.S. servicemembers overseas. Force protection was also a big topic of discussion during a recent semi-annual commanders' conference held here.

"I think since Khobar Towers (June 25, 1996), the terrorist threat to us has assumed a much greater emphasis, because we now see terrorism as a more complex, well organized, well financed and a more international threat than it was just a few years ago," said the 39-year Army veteran.

"Terrorists today, as we've seen in Japan, can easily have the ability to attack you with chemical weapons; probably already have, or soon might have, the ability to attack you with biological weapons," he advised. "The other thing that I would tell you is that it's clear we have become so good as a military force, that few countries that would wish us ill would attack us in a conventional way — they know that they couldn't win."

"I think many of them have concluded that the best way to get to us is through terrorism," Shalikashvili said. "Whether we're in the Middle East, or Bosnia, or for that matter even here in the United States, we are more a target of terrorism than we thought before."

"We have done much in places like Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, really in the whole gulf region, to consolidate our people to ensure that where they work and where they live are much more defensible places," he said. He also said the U.S. military is "in pretty good shape" to meet the terrorist threat in Bosnia. "It's an area where people walk around in flack jackets and kevlar helmets and are constantly on watch."

"We have formed a special office in the Joint Staff whose sole function is to work

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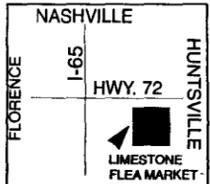
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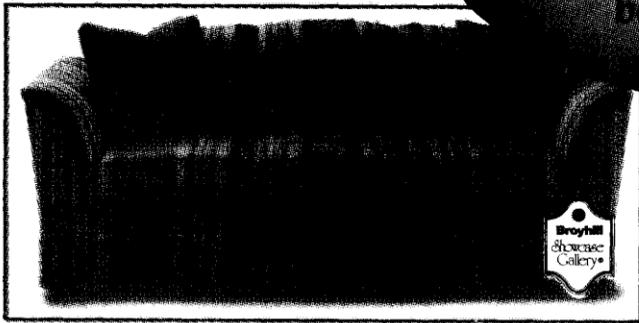
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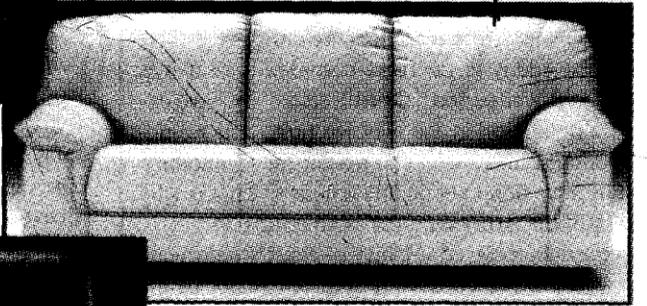
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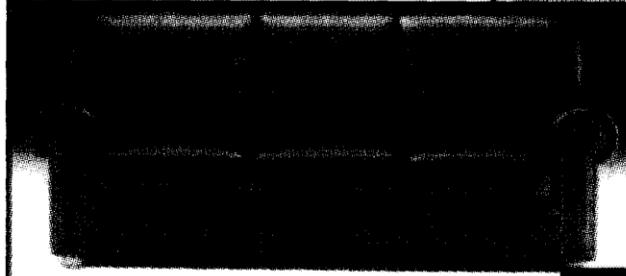


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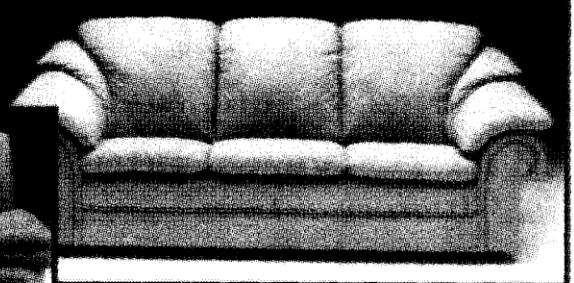
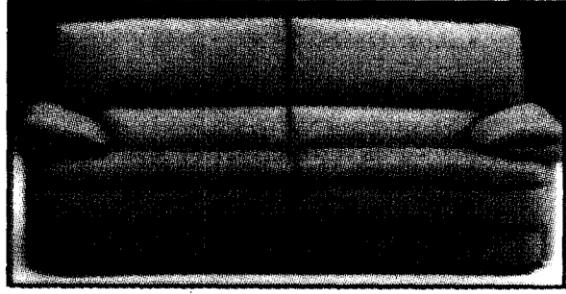
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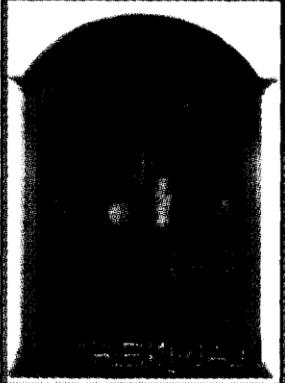
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## 23 Army recruiters honored at Pentagon

By Kathleen Welker

WASHINGTON—Twenty-three Army recruiters received the Chief of Staff of the Army Recruiter of Excellence Association Award in a Jan. 24 Pentagon ceremony.

The award, presented by Army Vice Chief of Staff Ronald H. Griffith, was established in 1984 to recognize those recruiters who contribute significantly to the recruiting mission and thereby have a direct impact on Army readiness.

Almost 1,000 Army recruiters qualified for the award in fiscal year 1996. The top recruiter in each recruiting brigade in each category received their awards at the Pentagon ceremony.

"What you do for the Army cannot be overstated," Griffith said to the recruiters. "We are very mindful that you have one of the toughest jobs we ask soldiers to do. Recruiting is a critical mission for the Army and our nation. Quality soldiers are absolutely essential to the long-term success of our Army, and we are very appreciative of what you do for our Army."

Griffith described an Army operation in Bosnia that could have turned disastrous had the American soldiers not maintained discipline and exercised good order. This single action was one of many tributes to the high quality soldier that Army recruiters are enlisting.

"The world today is far more complex than it was during the Cold War period," Griffith said. "We have experienced a revolution in the way we fight, and we depend on young soldiers who can master the technology. We will fail if we don't get quality soldiers. That is why the mission of the Army recruiter is so critical."

Each recruiter received a Chief of Staff's certificate and coin, as well as a coin from Sergeant Major of the Army Gene McKinney, who attended the ceremony. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Welker is with the public affairs office, U.S. Army Recruiting Command.)

## New Army uniform items make debuts; old ones retired

WASHINGTON—Many new Army uniform items will go into soldiers' duffle bags, while some old standbys will be "retired" with full honors.

The old-style black windbreaker was not authorized to be worn after Sept. 30, 1993. The new windbreakers are made of polyester and wool (65/35 percent, respectively) with a velcro-attached liner. The officer windbreaker has a knit collar, cuffs and waistband. The enlisted windbreaker has a standard collar, knit cuffs and waistband.

Both short sleeve and long sleeve male AG 415 shirts without pleated pockets are being replaced by a short sleeve and long sleeve with pleated pockets and in heavier material (3.8 to 4.2 ounce per square yard). The new short sleeve shirt will also have a stand-up collar. Mandatory possession date for the new shirts (two short sleeve and one long sleeve) is Oct. 1, 1999. The current short and long sleeve shirts without pleated pockets will not be au-

thorized for wear after Sept. 30, 1999.

The female short sleeve and long sleeve shirts are being replaced by the AG 415 short and long sleeve tuck-in shirts and in heavier material (3.8 to 4.3 ounce per square yard). Mandatory possession date for both shirts is Oct. 1, 1998. The current version of the AG 415 shirts and the overblouse shirts is authorized for wear until Sept. 30, 1999.

The male and female Army green uniform AG 344 is replaced by Army green shade 489. The mandatory possession date for the new shade of the Army green uniform is Oct. 1, 1999. At that time, females must have one coat, two skirts and two pair of slacks; males must have one coat and two pairs of trousers.

The AG 344 shade of the Army green uniform will not be authorized for wear after Sept. 30, 1999.

The Enhanced Hot Weather Battle Dress Uniform replaced the Hot Weather Battle Dress Uni-

form. The design changes are: fabric change from 100-percent cotton rip-stop poplin to 50 percent nylon/50 percent rip-stop; fused collar/pocket flaps; removal of waist of tab; waist suppressed three inches; and removal of knee pleats.

Mandatory possession date for the EHWBDU is Oct. 1, 1998. The HWBDU will not be authorized for wear after Sept. 30, 1998.

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The mandatory possession date for the black all-weather coat, double breasted, belted, in a 65/35 poly/cotton fabric, is Oct. 1, 2001. The unbelted black all-weather coat and interim version the double breasted coat, 50/50 poly cotton fab-

ric will not be authorized for wear after Sept. 30, 2001.

The women's slacks with belt loops replaced the slacks without belt loops. The mandatory possession date for the new slacks with belt loops, one inch black web belt and one and one-eighth inch yellow brass buckle is Oct. 1, 1998. The current dress slacks will not be authorized for wear after Sept. 30, 1999.

The new female black oxford shoe replaced the current version of the black oxford shoe. The mandatory possession date for the new shoe is Oct. 1, 1998. The current version of the black shoe will not be authorized for wear after Sept. 30, 1999.

The new neck tab replaced the current neck tab that fastened to the pile fastener underneath the collar of the women's AG 415 shirt. The mandatory possession date is Oct. 1, 1997. The current neck tab will not be authorized for wear after Sept. 30, 1999. (Arnews)

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# Coordination of benefits rules apply for dental insurance

The active-duty Family Member Dental Plan has a method of determining payment of claims when the family member has additional dental coverage.

Coordination of Benefits rules apply when a family member receives dental services which are covered under the FMDP and another dental plan. In this case, United Concordia will coordinate benefits between the two dental plans.

United Concordia, contractor for the FMDP under Tricare, provided the following questions and answers:

**What are Coordination of Benefits rules?:** These rules determine which plan is primary, meaning which plan pays benefits first, and which plan pays benefits second after the primary plan has made its determination and payment. If a family member receives services which are covered under this program and another group dental plan, coverage and benefits are governed by Coordination of Benefits rules.

**How does COB work?:** The primary plan pays benefits or amounts without regard to the secondary plan. The secondary plan then pays for any covered services which have not been paid by the primary plan, taking into consideration all program provisions and limitations. For example: If you get a tooth filled and your dentist charges \$20, and the primary plan pays \$16, the secondary plan will coordinate with the other insurance carrier and pay the remaining \$4 as long as the procedure is allowable according to the secondary plan's program provisions and limitations.

Which dental insurance company should I file my claim with first?: Claims should be filed with the primary plan first. After pay-

ment has been received from the primary plan, the claim should be filed with the secondary plan along with the primary plan's Dental Explanation of Benefits.

**How do I know which plan is primary?:** If a spouse has his or her own dental plan, the spouse's dental plan would be considered primary and the FMDP would be secondary. If the spouse's plan is a medical insurance plan that includes a dental benefit, the FMDP would be the primary plan.

If a child is covered under two dental plans, the primary plan is usually determined by the "birthday rule" which determines the first plan to pay benefits based on which parent's birthday falls earlier in the year. For example: If the mother's birthday is June 2 and the father's birthday is June 4, the mother's dental plan is considered primary and would pay benefits first. The year of the parent's birth is irrelevant in determining whose birthday is first.

An exception to this birthday rule would occur if the other dental plan uses the "gender rule." The gender rule specifies that the male parent's dental plan is considered the primary plan. If the other dental coverage uses the gender rule in assigning coordination of benefits, United Concordia will defer to the gender rule and consider the male parent's dental plan as the primary plan.

In situations where the parents are divorced or separated and there are two dental plans, United Concordia considers the insurance plan of the parent with custody to be the primary plan. If the parent with custody has remarried, the stepparent's plan will pay before the parent without custody. An exception to

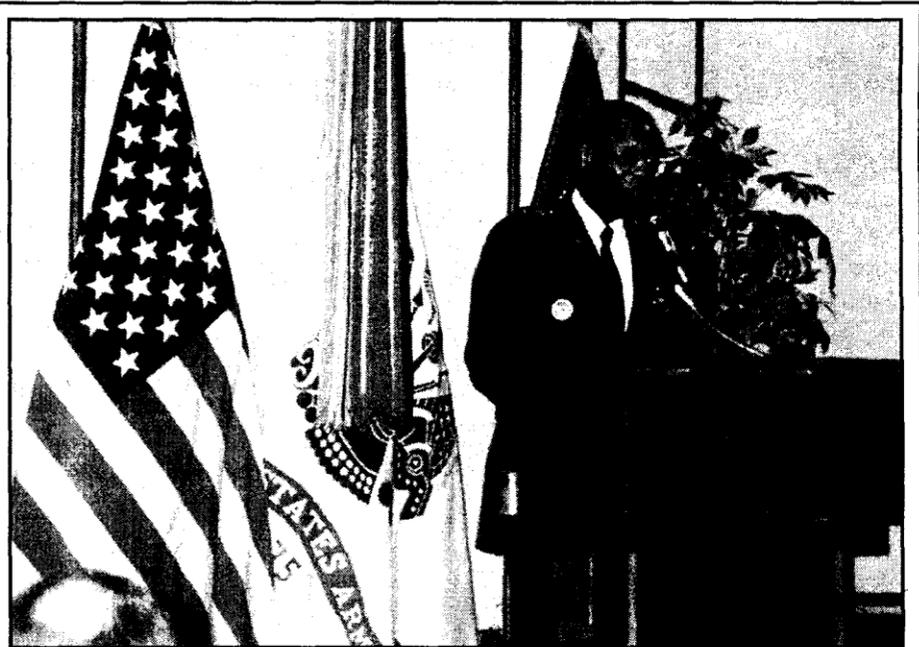
this rule occurs when there is a court decree specifying which parent is responsible for insurance coverage.

How can I expedite the processing of claims when I have other dental insurance?:

- Indicate the payment by the other carrier on the claim form.
- Attach an explanation of benefits from the other carrier.
- If the other carrier is a capitation program where a co-payment is involved, an encounter form can be used as an explanation of benefits as long as the co-payment amount is indicated.
- Provide custodial information regarding a family member's coverage.

For more information regarding Coordination of Benefits, talk to your health benefits adviser or call United Concordia's toll-free Customer Service Department from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1-800-866-8499.

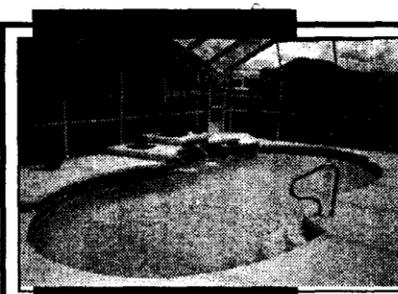
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## BMDO director...

Air Force Lt. Gen. Lester Lyles, director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, speaks at a luncheon held Thursday at the Officers Club. This was a

joint luncheon meeting of the American Defense Preparedness Association, the Association of the U.S. Army, and the National Space Club.

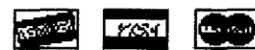


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# Fort Gordon units field Tactical Quiet Generator

By Kathleen Olander

FORT GORDON, Ga.— CWO 2 Robert J. Mays and MSgt. Randy Everett were sitting in a tent at Fort Gordon having a conversation. Neither paid any attention to the generator that hummed softly 20 feet outside the tent. Had this been a standard generator, the two men would have had to shout to be heard. But this was the Army's new Tactical Quiet Generator, currently being fielded in 63rd and 67th Signal Battalions.

Mays, 63rd Sig. Bn.'s motor technician, said the TQGs have been in the Army system for about three years, but until now their use has been limited to a few highly deployable units, mostly at Forts Bragg and Carson.

The main selling point of the new gener-

ators is in noise discipline; they are amazingly quiet compared to other generators.

Another improvement over older generators is that they don't need any environmental protection, Everett, 63rd's motor sergeant, said.

"The old ones had to have a tarp over them," he said. "You might be driving down the road and the tarp would blow off or rip. You don't need to worry about that with the new ones."

Both improvements are accomplished by a noise-suppressing box, or shroud, around the engine.

All the generators in both battalions are slated for replacement by the new generators. But first, the new generators must be mounted on trailers. A team of 13 soldiers

from throughout 63rd and 67th is working on this. And even the way the new generators are mounted is an improvement over older models.

Mays said the new generators are being mounted two to a trailer, then wired to a distribution box. This allows uninterrupted electricity to the site being powered. When generators are mounted on trailers by themselves, soldiers need to either tow two generators to a site or deal with interruptions in power while the generators are turned off for fueling and maintenance.

With two, you can plan to use one for 12 hours and the other for 12 hours, Mays said.

The new generators also have a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupt.

"That causes the breaker to trip if there's

a power spike," Everett said. "It's a safety feature older generators don't have."

The task of mounting the generators, called Operation Power-up, is scheduled to take two weeks. Then the 34 new generators will be distributed to the battalions, Mays said.

Soldiers from the 63rd and 67th don't work together in garrison very often, Mays said.

"We always work together in a field environment," he said.

"But this is the first time we've worked together on maintenance." (Arnews)

(Editor's note: SSgt. Olander is with the public affairs office, 11th Signal Brigade Headquarters East.)

## LAB

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Warfighter Center at Dahlgren, Va. The tactical control system is versatile and can be mounted on a HMMWV or used in a ship-board application.

The lab was established in February 1994 by the Program Executive Office for Cruise Missiles and Joint Unmanned Aerial Ve-

hicles, a joint-service office based in Crystal City, Va. Rear Adm. Barton Strong is the program executive officer.

Sue McClung, the lab director, reports to Dr. Richard Rhoades, associate director of technical management at RD&E Center. Located at the Software Engineering Directorate in building 6260, the lab has seven government workers

and about 40 support contractors. Its UAV research mission includes advanced sensors, software engineering, weapon sciences, system simulation, structures, propulsion, and guidance and control.

There are actually three labs within the system integration laboratory. These include a systems integration facility; a command, control, communications

and computers intelligence (C4I) lab; and a multiple UAV simulation environment.

"We introduce new technologies in the way of payloads and datalinks into UAV platforms to expand reconnaissance and surveillance for the user," Bell said.

Not all of this work is done at the multimillion-dollar facility. The lab

workers spend much of their time on the road. They have participated in 20 major advanced warfighting experiments since August 1995. This includes the Ulchi Focus Lens '96 joint-service exercise in South Korea last September. "We were simulating the UAV plan for the commander on the battlefield," Hone said. "He was getting simulated video from virtual flight of

the UAV." The results were "excellent," she said, and planning is under way for Ulchi Focus Lens '97.

The ultimate goal is to expand use of unmanned aerial vehicles in order to reduce joint warfighters' risk on the battlefield. A UAV complements existing battlefield weapon systems. "We're extending our capabilities and reducing the risk to human life," Bell said.

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# For Army civil affairs unit, home is where the work is

By Brian Thomas

**HOKE COUNTY, Fla.**— Their talents are normally reserved for overseas missions, but helping out close to home has proven to be both a valuable training tool and a positive experience for soldiers of Company E, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne).

The unit assisted Florida's Hoke County by conducting a vital facility survey Jan. 6-10. Four civil affairs soldiers from Tactical Support Teams 52 and 54 did the survey to help the county's emergency management coordinator update Hoke's disaster preparedness plan.

The disaster preparedness plan is used by county officials in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. By using the plan, the authorities can provide emergency services to county residents and direct people to emergency shelters and assistance.

Recent history has determined the need for such an up-to-date plan.

SFC Ricky L. Edwards, team sergeant for Tactical Support Team 54 of Co. E, is a resident of the county. When Hurricane Fran hit in September 1996, he was a small-business owner in

Rockfish. When he lost power in his business during the storm and asked local officials for a generator, he was turned down and told the existing disaster relief program wasn't working.

In uniform, Edwards' job is disaster preparedness. Company E's mission is to assist the island nations of the Caribbean Sea with disaster relief, making assessments of structures, identifying potential shelters and organizing relief efforts.

In Hoke County, Edwards thought he could put his military experience to practical use.

"I told them I worked with 96th Civil Affairs and that we deal in disaster relief, but mostly in foreign countries," Edwards said, "and that if they were interested, and if I could get approval from my supervisors, I would help them.

"My supervisors approved it — they thought it would be good training for the missions we do."

Working in Hoke County has provided the soldiers with exactly the kind of experience they will need should they deploy, said Capt. Dean C. Dunham, Tactical Support Team 54 leader.

"It is cost-effective train-

ing for us," he said. "We're doing this for almost no cost to train, and we're training our survey, engineering and assessment skills.

"Everybody who was here during Fran saw what a terrible storm that was. The next time a storm rolls through, if it happens to hit Hoke County, we'll be able to see what they do right and how we were able to help them.

The assistance from the 96th CAB (A) comes in the form of assessments of all the county's vital facilities, those that provide emergency power and emergency shelter. Both were at a premium during Hurricane Fran.

"Right now, they only have one school, which is East Hoke Middle School, to use as a shelter," Edwards said. "With the amount of people that went into that school during Fran, it caused a big overflow, so now we're out trying to find out which schools would make a good shelter."

At each of the 90-plus facilities the teams survey, information is recorded that will be critical should an-

other disaster occur. Capabilities and locations of facilities, and names and phone numbers of key people are all recorded to give county officials quick access to accurate data should the information be required.

Hoke County Emergency Management Coordinator Mitchell Byrd found the soldiers' project to be both a time and money-saver.

"First of all, we would have had to pay somebody, and you're looking at a company coming in here and charging us around \$5,000 to do it," Byrd said. "They're also freeing up my time to do fire inspections, since I have the dual role of fire marshal. By them doing this, it helps out a great deal."

Equally beneficial is the experience Dunham and the three noncommissioned officers working with him gained. Each of the two-man teams visited nine sites a day during the week.

"The work we're doing in Hoke County is a phase of our training," Dunham said. "When we're going around to the schools and the power companies and

talking to the guy who runs the water works, those are all civilians we're dealing with.

"Being able to interact with civilians is a big part of our mission — to be able to conduct civil-military operations — whether they're here or in a foreign nation."

Working close to home also has other advantages.

"It helps our training, specifically, and it helps the county," Dunham said. "This get us out working with things we're going to be working with down-range at a fairly low cost.

"We don't have to be away from our families any-

more than we absolutely have to, because we do that enough."

For Edwards, who lives in Hoke County, doing the assessments meant a little bit more.

"It's my home, my community, and it seems like all I've done for the past 15 years is work overseas," he said. "I get a great deal of satisfaction from doing something that's going to bring something to my home. It's a great feeling." (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Sgt. Thomas is with the public affairs office, U.S. Special Operations Command.)

## Bowling standings

Here are the standings for the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity (RSA) Bowling League as of Feb. 11:

	Won	Lost
Misfits	14	6
Strike Zone	12	8
Just for Fun	11.5	8.5
EMD	11	9
Flaming Bulldogs	11	9
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# Chief of Staff discusses sexual harassment investigation

By Gerry J. Gilmore

WASHINGTON— The Army's top officer said his service is committed to gender-integrated training and "will be stronger" after it completes investigations into alleged sexual misconduct and sexual harassment activities committed by male soldiers against female troops.

In his first interview since allegations were made against Sergeant Major of the Army Gene C. McKinney, Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis J. Reimer talked about how his service is dealing with the allegations. He spoke during a Feb. 10 Pentagon interview with Soldiers Radio and Television Network reporter Sgt. Angele Ringo.

Ringo asked about the status of the investigation of McKinney, who stands accused of sexual harassment by a former female subordinate, a since-retired public affairs sergeant major.

"That [McKinney investigation] is proceeding," Reimer said. "We had taken the allegations seriously. That investigation, like any other, will be very thorough. We're committed to make sure that the military justice rights of all individuals involved are fully protected. We will do what's right once the investigation is complete."

Reimer suspended McKinney Feb. 10 pending the outcome of the investigation. The announcement of the suspension came after this interview had concluded.

Reimer said he continues to favor coed soldier basic and advanced individual training over separated-gender training. Fourteen percent of the Army's soldiers are female and about 20 percent of yearly Army

recruits are female.

"I think the issue is that males and females are going to have to exist together in the United States Army," Reimer said. "We have to find a way to overcome these tensions. My view is that you start that early on. All the studies I've seen have convinced me that male performance and female performance are increased and improved if we start it out at the very beginning. In other words, in gender-integrated training."

"I think we have to realize that we're an integrated Army, that we have males and females serving together. And, we need to stress that from the very beginning. If the task force comes back and says this is a problem and can define it in those terms, then obviously I think we have to look at it."

"But, from what I know right now, I'm totally convinced that gender-integrated training is the best method for the United States Army."

Army critics have said that when it comes to sexual misconduct and/or harassment issues, the Army's reporting system is broken, or doesn't exist. Reimer told Ringo that he disagreed.

"I think we absolutely do have a viable system in terms of reporting sexual harassment," he said. "I would point out the number of avenues that exist. I think the first line of defense is the individual who's being sexually harassed. He or she must say: 'Stop that. I don't appreciate that type of action.' And, we encourage everybody to do that."

If harassment continues, Reimer said, then it's time for soldiers to use the chain of command

"If that doesn't stop [the sexual harassment], then, obviously you'd go to the chain of command," he said. "I would hope that most people would feel comfortable going to the chain of command because I really believe that these issues have got to be handled by the chain of command."

"But, if soldiers are not comfortable going through the chain of command, there's the Inspector General, equal opportunity, chaplain; there're a lot of recourses available. Most installations have hotlines. There's a Bossline at most installations that I know. And, as you know, we have a 1-800 number to deal specifically with sexual misconduct and sexual harassment. We started that at Aberdeen [Proving Ground, Md.], and we've moved it to the Pentagon. It will continue."

"So, I would just simply remind everybody that there are procedures to go through in reporting sexual harassment. I encourage people to do it, because we want to stamp this out. We cannot stamp it out unless we know it exists," Reimer added.

The Chief of Staff then talked about the Senior Review Panel on Sexual Harassment, and the Army Inspector General panel convened by Secretary of the Army Togo D. West Jr.

"The Army Inspector General panel ... is basically looking at the policies and procedures in the training base, both basic combat training and advanced individual training," Reimer said. "They have gone out and visited a number of installations. I have received periodic reports about what findings they've come up with."

"The other panel is an advisory panel put

together by the Secretary of the Army. They will advise him on the policies and procedures in terms of creating a better environment for human relations. It's a little broader in scope, and they're due to report in the May/June time frame. Those two panels are working. They have trained up for this mission. I think they're going to be very helpful in identifying some of the causes that may lead to this type of [sexual harassment] environment," he said.

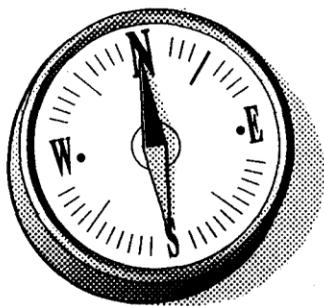
In addition to the two Department of the Army sexual harassment panels, the Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe [Va.] has put together a task force to look at the issue, Reimer said. Most Major Army Commands, like United States Army, Europe, and Forces Command have been looking at sexual harassment in an informal way.

"There's an awful lot going on in terms of looking at our policies and procedures because we're totally committed to make sure we stamp out this problem," Reimer said.

One of the things the Army can do to stamp out sexual harassment is to redouble efforts to train soldiers to work as a team and to respect their fellow soldiers, Reimer said.

"I think we start at the very time people come into the United States Army," he said. "We talk to them about how important values are, the standards of conduct that we expect, the role and authority of the chain of command."

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the force protection issue — anti-terrorism,” said Shalikhvili. “The challenge I’ve given everyone is to ensure that we become the recognized experts — we the American forces become the recognized experts — in force protection.”

## Threats to cohesion

Turning to issues that threaten the cohesion and morale of servicemembers — issues such as racism, sexual harassment and hazing — Shalikhvili said the problems are ones of long-standing that top leadership had hoped were being met by the chain of command.

“I think to some degree, bad behavior, unacceptable behavior like racism, sexual harassment and hazing have (always) been there,” Shalikhvili noted. “I think it’s fair to say that in the case of sexual harassment, most of us in leadership positions are surprised by the extent to which sexual harassment might have existed — particularly in training centers where we have mixed basic training.

“I think it’s clear that what is so bothersome

about it is, not only that such behavior existed, but also that unacceptable behavior did not become known to the leadership,” he said. “After all, we pride ourselves, all of us in the military, on the sanctity of the chain of command.”

“When even members of the chain of command participate in unacceptable behavior, then this is a doubly difficult problem,” the general said. Yet since identifying incidents of sexual harassment, such as Navy’s Tailhook or the Army’s incidents at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., the services have taken a tougher stance, he noted.

“I think the Army’s dealing with it well, (and) the other services are looking into their own services to see what degree that that kind of behavior exists,” the chairman said. “As painful as this is, I believe that in the end of it we’ll come through it and we’ll be stronger services because of the process that we’ve gone through.”

“You have to remember that we are a military of some 1.5 million men and women, and the vast, vast majority of those men and women behave properly, correctly ... like military

people,” he said. “We cannot allow these unacceptable incidents to paint everybody with the same black brush. It would be grossly unfair to those hundreds of thousands who are doing everything that we all can be extraordinarily proud of.

“As far as the hazing incidents are concerned, the same thing — it’s unacceptable behavior. The Marine Corps is on top of it,” Shalikhvili said.

“I’ve met with the chiefs to discuss what they need to do to ensure that they find out if any such incidents are ongoing, and ensure that it’s stopped immediately.”

Shalikhvili expressed scorn that such behavior could somehow be thought part of the “warrior spirit.”

“Far from it!” the chairman declared.

Returning to the role of the chain of command, Shalikhvili said, “Ultimately, we will not solve the problem of racial inequalities or sexual harassment, or even hazing unless people go to their chain of command and voice a complaint and know that complaint is going to be acted upon without any retribution.

“Not only must we have zero tolerance for such acts,

but we also have to have a system in place where there’s zero punishment against the one who goes in and voices a complaint,” he said.

## The military as a career

“Let me tell you, I have 39 years in this business. I happen to think that today’s military is the finest military in the world.

Never in my military lifetime have we been so envied by everyone as a military force, and I can assure you that I travel probably more than most people,” Shalikhvili told the interview panel.

While personnel benefits may not be the same as they have been at other times, the satisfactions of the career are still there, and continue to attract and retain a force that the rest of the world cannot touch.

“I happen to think that if you like this kind of life, then today the military is as good a military to be a part of as at any time in our history,” Shalikhvili said. “If you think that our benefits are under attack — they are! But they have been (under attack) in almost every year that I’ve been in,” Shalikhvili said.

“And if you think that we don’t train as much as we

should, I’d say you’re wrong,” he added. “We train sometimes to the point where I worry whether we’re not running our people into the ground.

“I think the future is very, very bright, and I would have no qualms about it, if I were starting all over again,” said Shalikhvili. “It looks a heck of a lot better than it did in 1958 when I started as a private, let me tell you.”

## Capping a career

Military retirement is an issue that the 60-year-old chairman will face head-on in the near future. He has said he plans to retire in September.

“What I want to make sure that happens over the next eight months is that we continue to do things right in places like Bosnia, where we still have people in harm’s way, or the Middle East, or in a thousand other

places where we deploy young men and women,” Shalikhvili said.

“Secondly,” the chairman said, he wants to conclude his career continuing to fight for quality of life for military families.

“Whether that’s pay, housing, medical, or child development centers or what not, those are the things we owe our men and women, and I want to make sure that as we unveil the budget that we protect those things.”

Additionally, Shalikhvili said, he would like to see the QDR process “come out in the end with a recommendation for a force that is best suited to protect our nation’s interests in the years to come. It is a very important distinction to make. We need to make sure that we’re right, and that we don’t jeopardize our nation!” (Arnews)

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"But, we also explain to them that we do not expect the chain of command to abuse that authority. I think we continue to sustain that training as they go into units, talk about the importance of working together as soldiers. To desexualize the environment as much as we possibly can. To not make it a male/female issue, but a soldier issue. Respect for others, the human dignity for individuals; I think those are the things that we need to continue to stress," he said.

The Army's recently-distributed sexual harassment prevention chain-teaching program should also help to train soldiers to "Just Say No" to sexual harassment.

"We've just released that chain-teaching program to the field," Reimer said. "The initial reports I've received from the people who've used it say, overall, it's a very good program. What we've tried to do with the chain-teaching program is to do three things. First of all, we wanted to say 'What

is the definition of sexual harassment?' To define that in terms that everybody could understand.

"Secondly, we wanted to identify the role of the chain of command, and also the informal reporting procedures that are available to anybody that may be harassed. And, thirdly, we wanted to reemphasize to the whole Army that we have zero tolerance for sexual harassment. We're going to stamp it out. We're just not going to put up with it. That was the purpose of the chain-teaching program.

"Now, obviously there're some things that we can do better, and we've already started to get some comments on how we might be able to do this better in the future. We don't intend to stop there. The chain-teaching program on sexual harassment was the initial step. We intend to follow this up with a consideration for others program, which basically gets soldiers together in small groups to talk about the tensions that exist between males and females. So that we understand the issues from both sides and both viewpoints,"

he added.

Sexual harassment, Reimer said, "is a complex issue ... it's not something you can solve automatically. You have to talk about it, define what is sexual harassment for the individual ... That's why I think our consideration for others program will be terribly important."

For some time, the Army had been developing Character Development XXI, which, Reimer said, focuses the Army back on values.

"The seven [Army] core values that have been important to us for over 221 years," Reimer said. "One of those values, and the one that we want to emphasize is respect for others. For me, that's fundamental; we must do that ...

"I think we can provide a safe and secure environment for all of our soldiers," he concluded. (Arnews)

*(Editor's note: The sexual-harassment hotline the chief of staff refers to can be reached at 1-800-903-4241.)*

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## 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. Thursday 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."

**CFC planning**— The Local Federal Coordinating Committee for the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign will accept applications through March 1 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. March 1 to the Local Federal Coordinating Committee, AMSMI-CFC, building 3197, Redstone Arsenal 35898-5795.

**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).

## 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 Sparkman 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

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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.

**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. Thursday at Radisson Suite on South Memorial Parkway. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Luis Maymi 876-4160.

**Red Cross blood program**— Feb. 21 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 4752 (NASA), Janie McCrary 544-7552. Feb. 27 from 7-noon at 5250, Bertha Childress 842-0356. Feb. 28 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SSDC (Wynn Drive), Al Longhi 955-3693; and from 7:30-noon at Corps of Engineers, Linda Merschman 895-1790.

**Theater performance**— Huntsville Little Theatre will present Shakespeare's "Hamlet" Feb. 20-22 at the Von Braun Center playhouse. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors (65 or older). Tickets may be purchased at the VBC box office and at all TicketLink outlets, or by phone with credit card by calling 1-800-277-1700. For more information, call Huntsville Little Theatre 852-8730.

**Leaving the military**— A free two-hour professional lecture for officers and senior NCOs who plan to leave the service in the next five years will be held Feb. 27 from 9-11:30 a.m. in building 3301, Vincent Hall. Learn about everything from how to compete for a job to writing resumes and cover letters to handling rejection. The scheduled lec-

turer is retired Col. Dick Crampton. For more information, call Phillip Paschel 955-6490.

**Abandoned vehicle**— A 1965 gray Chevrolet C-10, VIN No. C1445S137973 was found in the bay of the Auto Craft Shop, building 3617-S and subsequently impounded by the Provost Marshal Office. To identify or claim the vehicle, call SFC Barbour in the PMO Operations Section 842-2442 or 876-2222.

**Government accountants**— The North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will offer free tax advice on Saturdays from now until April 12 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The volunteer program will be held at the Community Action Agency at 3516 Stringfield Road. For more

information, call 851-9800.... The North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will hold its monthly meeting Thursday at the Marriott. Social starts at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:15. Debra Traugher, director of Family Services Center, is scheduled speaker. For reservations call Sandra Julian 876-2373.

**Health insurance IDs**— The Civilian Personnel Office says, "We have recently learned that employees who changed from one insurance carrier to another during the last health benefit election period are having problems receiving the new carrier's identification cards. Invest-

igation by the Civilian Personnel Office (CPO) found that the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), Bellevue, Neb., experienced a significant work increase and backlog as a result of regionalization of that office. One of the responsibilities of DFAS is to process and forward the election documents to the carriers, who in turn, issue identification cards/documents. The CPO has contacted DFAS personnel and received their assurance that they are sensitive to needs of employees and are rapidly working the problem. In fact, that office anticipates that the problems will be resolved by mid-February. Recognizing the require-

ment for providing proof of coverage when the need arises, and as an interim measure, it is recommended that you provide a copy of your insurance registration form (2809 health benefits registration) when requesting medical services. Your health care provider may accept the SF 2809 as validation of your insurance registration and coverage. For more information, call the CPO 313-0286."

**Education committee**— The Army Community Service (ACS) Education Committee will meet at noon today at ACS, building

3491. It is helpful to call in advance concerning problem areas that need to be put on the agenda. Any parent interested in the educational needs of their child is invited to attend. This meeting is open to everyone. For more information, call Virginia Dempsey 876-5397.

**Auction fund-raiser**— Holy Family School at St. Joseph's Catholic Church invites the community to its annual fund-raising "silent auction" Saturday from 7-9:30 p.m. at the visitation parish center, 220 Lincoln St. The community is invited to this "exciting 'adult

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**Middle Eastern dancing**— The Beledi Club of Huntsville will have its annual "Belly Dance Day" from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Theater 'Round the Corner, 214 Holmes Ave. For more information on this free event, call 851-7922.

**Astronomy show**— The Von Braun Astronomical Society will present "Life in the Universe," by Richard Hoover, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. Admission for VBAS members is free 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.

**Annual art auction**— The Redstone Arsenal Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold its 25th annual art exhibition and auction at 7 p.m. March 8 at the Officers Club. The auction benefits many local charities that the OCWC supports through its welfare fund during the year. Tickets are available from the Officers Club cashier, any OCWC board member, or at the door for \$5; reservations are suggested. For more information, call Raquel Spiegel 721-9064.

**Calhoun reunion**— The 50th anniversary reunion of the cabinetmaking/millwork program at Calhoun Com-

munity College will be held 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Cabinet Shop, Calhoun Community College. The shop is on the north end of the main campus. For more information, call 306-2665.

**Operations research group**— Redstone Arsenal-Huntsville Chapter of Military Operations Research Section (RAHMORS) will meet 11-noon today at the Officers Club, Regimental Room. Scheduled speaker is K.L. Hall of Distributed Interactive Simulation, Technology, Facilities and Applications, Missile Command DIS Center. For more information call Dr. Jeff Cerny, president, 876-2607.

**Personnel sergeants**— A mandatory personnel meeting for personnel sergeants/supervisors will be held at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Recreation Center, building 3711. Call SFC Kannas 842-2404 by Thursday.

**Armored cavalry on TV**— A program on the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and the Opposing Forces will be shown on the Learning Channel the evening of Feb. 25. Check local listings. "The Learning Channel will present a half-hour episode of the series 'Amazing America' dedicated to the 11th ACR/OPFOR at the US Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. The film crew rode with the OPFOR during its September 1996 battle against a brigade from the Fort Hood, Texas-based 1st Cavalry Division and filmed up to 100 hours of video which was edited into this 30 minute program."

**Retirement luncheon**— A retirement luncheon for Fleming Butler, of Security Assistance Management Directorate, will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Officers Club. Cost is \$10. For more information, call Larry Colwick 313-6835 or Lisa Chesnut 313-6836.

**Retired officers**— The Retired Officers Association will hold its monthly luncheon at 11 a.m. Feb. 26 at the Officers Club. Ed Uher is to present a program on "Land Trust." For more information, call retired CWO William L. Kelly

881-2323.

**PX news**— The Post Exchange says, "IMPAC credit card- Department of Army micro purchases (up to \$2,500) from the Army & Air Force Exchange Service are authorized. IMPAC credit cards will be accepted at your Redstone Arsenal PX." For more information, call 881-7313.

**Severe weather week**— Feb. 24-28 is Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Alabama. The National Weather Service has scheduled a statewide tornado drill for Feb. 26. The drill

will be announced over NOAA Weather Wire Service and NOAA Weather Radio. All messages associated with the statewide drill will be clearly identified by the phrase, "This is a drill." In the event of threatening weather Feb. 26, the drill will be held Feb. 28.

**Lady golfers**— The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association will hold its welcoming coffee at 9 a.m. March 5 at the golf course clubhouse. Membership dues of \$20 will be accepted at that time. Those unable to attend can mail their

dues, payable to RSALGA, to the following address: Bev Van Oostrum, 204 Bellshire Road, Meridianville, Ala., 35759. The first playday of the 1997 golf season is slated March 12. Signups for tee times will begin the day of the coffee. "Let's make this a fun-filled year of playing golf and making new friends."

**Islamic center**— The Huntsville Islamic Center plans the following daily and weekly events: Jumua Prayer at 12:15 p.m. Friday,

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<p><b>REGISTRATION for 1997-98 begins March 1, 1997</b></p> <p>Grace Lutheran School is an outreach ministry of <b>GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b>, where the <b>LOVING CARE OF JESUS</b> is extended every day and on Sunday in worship at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL</b> 3221 S. MEMORIAL PKWY HUNTSVILLE, AL 35801 email- gls@ro.com webpage- ro.com/~glc/ phone- 205-881-0553 fax- 205-881-0563</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* PK-8TH GRADES</li> <li>* ACCREDITED</li> <li>* CERTIFIED TEACHERS</li> <li>* CHRISTIAN VALUES</li> <li>* QUALITY ACADEMICS</li> <li>* J.H. PROGRAM WITH SPORTS, BAND, ART, FOREIGN LANGUAGES</li> </ul>
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Islamic Study Circle at 7 p.m. Friday, Islamic Adult/Children School at 10:30 a.m. Sunday; and Fajr at 6 a.m., Zuhr at 12:15 p.m., Asr at 3 p.m., Maghrib at 5:30 p.m., and Isha'a at 7:30 p.m. (all five prayers are offered daily at the masjid). For more information call the center, 1645 Sparkman Drive, at 721-1712.

**Redstone dining-in**— The Team Redstone Dining-In will be held at 6 p.m. June 6. All officers interested in joining in the planning committee should contact USA MEDDAC, PACU, Attn: 1st Lt. Sandra Lopez at 955-8616/7670. "Your participation is greatly needed."

**Help for college**— Does the cost of college have you worried? The North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence says it can help you apply for financial aid. "Come in and bring a copy of your income tax return. Counselors will help you complete the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)." They will be available from 6-9 p.m. Feb. 24 and from 10 a.m. until 2

p.m. March 1. This service is free. For more information, call 722-9632.

**Fox Army Community Hospital**— A briefing will be held 7-8 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Post Theater on Patton Road to discuss upcoming changes at Fox Army Community Hospital. The new Foxcare program and changes in the Emergency Room will be presented. "This is NOT a Tricare briefing."

**AER book sale**— The Command Analysis Directorate is accepting donations of used books (no magazines) for the AER fund-raiser Used Book Sale scheduled March 17-28. The book sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in building 5300, room 5241. "Your donations will be greatly appreciated and can be brought to building 5300, second floor." For more information call Corky Campbell 876-9001, Vickie Hill 313-0354 or Liz

McWhorter 842-7770.

**Hospitality association**— The Huntsville/Madison County Hospitality Association will hold its monthly meeting at noon Thursday at the Von Braun Center's North Hall, salon 1. Cost will be \$10. Hal Kaminski of the American Bowling Congress is the scheduled guest speaker and is to conduct a tour of the ABC bowling setup in South Hall following the meeting. For more information, call Margaret Strickland 551-2283 at the Huntsville/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

**Parents advisory council**— The Parents Advisory Council (PAC) will meet Feb. 25 at 3 p.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel. A briefing on children's vehicle safety will be provided by the Provost Marshal Office. All parents are encouraged to attend.

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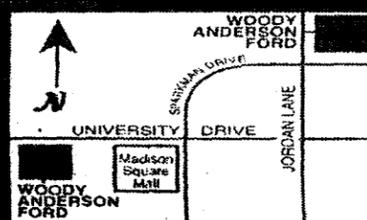
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