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Art auction...

Phyllis Montgomery, right, and Judy Link show a sampling of the many pieces that will be available at the 25th annual Officer and Civilian Women's Club art exhibition and auction. Before the 7 p.m. Saturday auction at the Officers Club, the pictures may be viewed beginning at 6. There will be a diverse selection of signed and numbered prints. Admission is a donation of \$5 and tickets can be purchased in advance at the cashier's cage at the Officers Club or at the door Saturday night.

AMCOM job offer letters distributed this week

Most members of the new Aviation and Missile Command were slated to receive job offer letters this week.

About 8,000 letters—including 2,200 for ATCOM workers in St. Louis—were to be distributed Monday. Most prospective employees of the Aviation and Missile Command received a job offer letter with a response due within 10 days. Some workers at remote locations simply received a notice of realignment which doesn't require a response.

This has been a joint effort between the Civilian Personnel Office and the

Corporate Information Center which has provided the automated data base. The Aviation and Missile Command, formed by the merger of the Aviation and Troop Command and the Missile Command, will officially stand up Oct. 1.

"AMCOM is standing up in October. In order to do that, the MICOM employees and ATCOM employees who are affected by that have to be notified and given an opportunity to accept or decline a position in the new command," Lori Reynolds, chief of the transition group at Civilian Personnel Office, said.

Most of MICOM's term employees will lose their jobs on Thursday

By Skip Vaughn

Numbers don't tell a true employment picture. When an auditorium room is nearly filled with concerned people about to lose their jobs, that's when the true picture emerges.

Most of the Missile Command's term employees will see their contracts expire Thursday. In past years, those contracts were extended. Not this time.

Term employees are workers who are hired for a specified period of time. They can be employed up to five years, in a one-year increment. Unlike temporary employees they can participate in the health benefits program, life insurance program and the retirement system.

Eighty-eight of MICOM's term employees will lose their jobs in March. Some will depart today, most will leave Thursday, and a few will go March 13. The reason is cuts from higher headquarters in the number of funded spaces for fiscal 1997, according to Don Dixon, chief of the employment support branch in the Civilian Personnel Office.

Most MICOM term employees are leaving in March, however there are some who will leave later this year when

their appointments expire.

MICOM conducted a Term Employees' Briefing Feb. 24 in auditorium room A-115 at building 5250 to inform affected workers about their future options. Most, if not all, of the 88 people attended.

"It was a very good turnout," Phyllis Conner, a supervisory personnel staffing and classification specialist, said. "I think this is the first time we've ever hosted a forum like this."

Speakers included Conner and Dixon; Claudine Robinson, of CPO management employee relations, who told about retirement; John Smith, manager of the Alabama State Employment Office; Carolyn Burruss, a personnel staffing specialist at Office of Personnel Management; Amelia Law, coordinator of the North Alabama Skills Center; and Sarah Hatfield, employment interviewer with the State Unemployment Office.

A woman in the audience asked Smith—whose office matches job applicants with available jobs in this area—whether workers should wait until they lose their job March 6 before going to the state employment office. "Anybody

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First military transition workshop in months has better attendance than anticipated

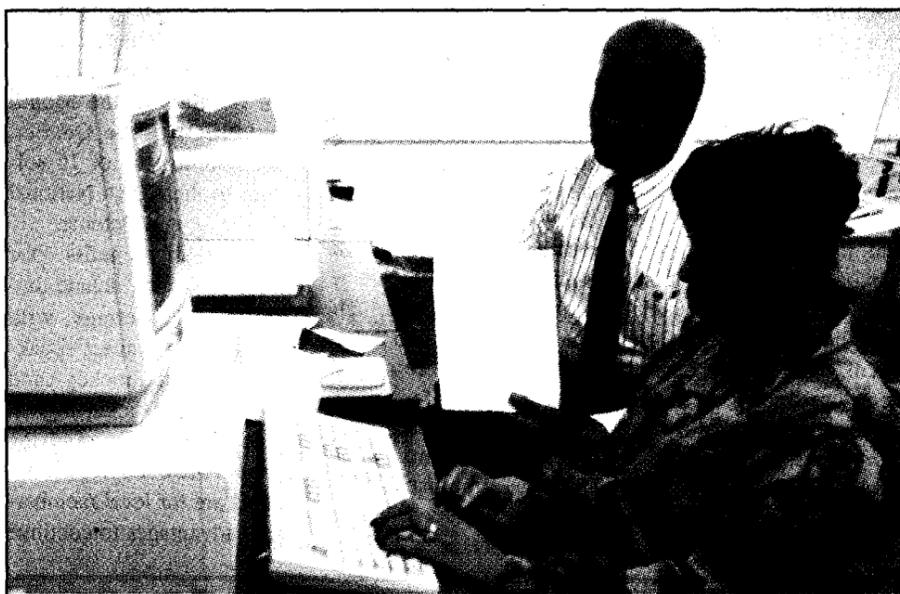
By Skip Vaughn

The first military transition assistance workshop here since October 1996 drew more participants than anticipated.

The MICOM Transition Center presented a Transition Assistance Workshop and Separation Briefing Feb. 24-25. The site was the former location for the Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) office which closed last December.

"We scheduled 22 and we got 28, so we got better than expected attendance," Phillip Paschel, a transition assistant for the Military Personnel Office, said. The workshop was for active duty military people retiring through Dec. 31 and those separating through July 31.

ACAP formerly conducted the workshops but, since its end last Dec. 1,



TRANSITION HELP— Paschel helps Spec. Etta Manning prepare her resume at the Transition Center in building 3433. Manning, an X-ray worker at Fox Army Community Hospital, is here on assignment from Fort McClellan until leaving the Army in April.

transition services have been severely limited. The ACAP program ended here after the Army said it could no longer provide funding.

The MICOM Military Personnel Office, Transition Center, has been tasked to provide transition services, dependent on avail-

able resources.

"The (ACAP) program had its last presentations in

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Fox Hospital informs Redstone community about future changes

By Kathy Harkleroad

Officials at Fox Army Community Hospital are still promoting their new Fox Care and Silver Fox Care programs to the community, and are holding town hall meetings on a regular basis until the new plans take effect. The most recent town hall meeting was held Feb. 24 at the Post Theater with most retirees filling the seats and asking questions.

Lt. Col. Roger Hansen, deputy commander for clinical services, and Capt. Michael Crandall, chief of clinical support division, told the audience of approximately 75 retirees of the new programs and answered questions after the briefing.

Fox Care will involve a complete reorganization of both the family practice clinic and primary care clinic within the hospital; and a new telephone system will be implemented as well.

The Family Practice Clinic, GYN, Pediatrics, and Emergency Room will be reorganized regarding space and personnel will fall under Fox Care.

The problem of getting appointments was also addressed by Crandall who explained the new system. "Basically callers will have four choices when it comes to calling the hospital," he said. "The choices will include direct connections to the advice triage nurse, to the main Fox Care appointment line, to the specialty clinics and the fourth choice will be to other services within the hospital, such as the pharmacy."

Fox Care will offer appointments Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The central appointment line will be open from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. and will not close during the lunch hour, therefore allowing more access for the patient.

A nurse advice line is also being implemented at the hospital in which pa-

tients will be able to get answers and receive referrals if needed for appointments.

Fox Care will be implemented at the hospital beginning March 31 when the emergency room closes.

The other program that has already been implemented at FACH is the new Silver Fox program which is designed for those patients who are Medicare eligible and not Tricare eligible. "While we can no longer provide the services of a primary care provider," Hansen said, "we will still be able to offer services such as pharmacy, laboratory, X-ray and other services. We didn't want to leave anyone out in the cold and have tried very hard to provide the same types of services as in the past and are trying to assist the beneficiaries in locating a new primary care provider."

Under the new program, beneficiaries will receive an appointment in Internal Medicine where they will see a consultant who will inform them of their choices. "What we have done is contact all the physicians in the catchment area, including Tennessee, and have located and listed physicians who will see new Medicare patients," Crandall said.

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

After the short briefing, both Hansen and Crandall answered questions and addressed concerns from the retirees on Tricare and the diminishing health care resources before them. The two officers also told the audience if they were still eligible to sign up for Tricare, they should as space available appointments would soon be diminishing and treatment at Fox would be harder to obtain.

Post neighbors

As spring is just around the corner, more and more children will be out playing in yards and courts of Redstone Arsenal. Also more people will be out walking their dogs and this can be a problem. Dogs invariably have to go to the bathroom when they go for a walk. Children and dog excrement do not mix. So when you walk your dog, please be prepared to clean up after your dog. Think about the neighbors' kids and yours as well, clean up all dog messes no matter where they are.

Another thing that needs to be addressed is cleaning up the yard of all dog waste on a regular (every couple of days) basis. Also, people need to follow the speed limits in the housing areas. This is definitely not an area to push the limit. The children will be out there playing ball and riding bikes, so be careful. We should all be a little more aware that we are all neighbors and what we do affects everyone in the neighborhood. Thank you, from your Neighborhood Six Management Team.

CWO 2 Ricky Romine
Neighborhood Six coordinator

Hometown report

I read an article in the Redstone Rocket regarding the transition of employees from St. Louis and wanted to pass along information on an Internet site which includes lots of helpful information about Huntsville.

The site is located at <http://www.ExploreAmerica.com>. One of the city directories included is Huntsville. The site contains virtually all of Huntsville's local websites categorized into useful, informative areas.

ExploreAmerica includes links to community services, organizations, events, local news and information. There are also links to local education information, recreation,

entertainment, travel & hotels, local business, shopping and relocation information.

There is no direct advertising on the website. It is a free service to consumers dedicated to the enhancement of local communities. We hope that you will pass along this information to the St. Louis Transition Center and to those families facing the difficult task of relocation to our great city of Huntsville.

ExploreAmerica may be reached at 1-800-289-3285 or via e-mail at: CommunityService@ExploreAmerica.com

Jeffrey Allen
Founder,
ExploreAmerica

Special heroes

On Feb. 27, I was lucky enough to be involved with the Special Olympics. I would just like to say that I have never been involved with something that was so special and meaningful as the Special Olympics.

In the world today it seems that everyone has their idea of who a hero is. They usually include sports figures such as Michael Jordan, Emmitt Smith, Ken Griffey Jr., and so on. I admit that I have had some of the same heroes, but on this day my heroes became Danny, Sara, Lueanne, Kristie, Tracy, Travis, Penny, Hollie, Tena, Anne, Brenda, and Mrs. Blumner.

These individuals were the ones that was lucky enough to spend my day with. They, and all the Special Olympians, are the true heroes in this world. I have never seen so much love and happiness come from one person like I saw in the eyes of every one of the Special Athletes.

I encourage everyone to get involved with the Special Olympics. It could just change your life.

Sgt. Jason R. Gilmer
Staff Judge Advocates Office

AUSA recruiting new members through April 30

The Redstone-Huntsville Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) Chapter will conduct its Corporate and Individual Membership Campaigns from March 1 through April 30.

Locally, AUSA provides and/or sponsors numerous activities that directly or indirectly benefit Redstone soldiers, such as the annual Soldiers' Breakfast, awards for Soldiers of the Month and NCOs of the Quarter, and sponsorship of 16 soldiers to the AUSA National Convention in October.

General benefits for local members include dinner/lunch meetings with distinguished guest speakers, special hockey and baseball free-ticket nights, golf tournaments, and the annual AUSA symposium. Plans are for local membership advantages to continue

to increase. AUSA member benefits also include a subscription to Army monthly magazine and to AUSA News; discounts on car rentals and eye care; group insurance discounted rates; Champus/Tricare supplemental insurance; and the quarterly Chapter newsletter.

Why join AUSA? Because AUSA accomplishes things you cannot do by yourself. Just look at a few of AUSA's recent accomplishments:

- Obtained 3 percent pay raise; 4.6 percent BAQ increase; establishment of minimum VHA rates; and a dislocation allowance increase.
- Increased quality-of-life funding by over \$500 million for family housing, barracks programs, child care centers, and National Guard

and U.S. Army Reserve construction.

- Defeated changes to commissary benefits.
- Increased military and federal employee retiree COLAs and defeated COLA reduction proposals.
- Obtained \$475 million to fund the military healthcare shortfall.
- Increased school Impact Aid Program by \$35 million.
- Obtained congressional mandate to fund fully 495,000 active duty end strength and maintain ARNG strength at 367,000 and USAR strength at 208,000.
- Increased Total Army budget by \$3 billion over the president's budget submission.
- Increased Force XXI funding by \$87 million.
- Increased modernization

funding by approximately \$556 million for ballistic missile defense and aviation programs.

- Increased operation and maintenance funding by \$950 million for real property and depot maintenance, and National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve readiness.

- Increased Army recruiting funding by \$11 million. At the chapter level throughout AUSA, chapters reported over \$100,000 in local scholarships, and conducted over 3,000 soldier, Army civilian employee or family support programs affecting over 500,000 people.

For more information about AUSA call the toll-free number, 1-888-ONE-ARMY. (AUSA release)

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Software directorate plays role in Roving Sands '97

Brig. Gen. Daniel Montgomery, the program executive officer for air and missile defense, toured MICOM's Software Engineering Directorate on Monday to review preparation for the PEO's support for Roving Sands '97.

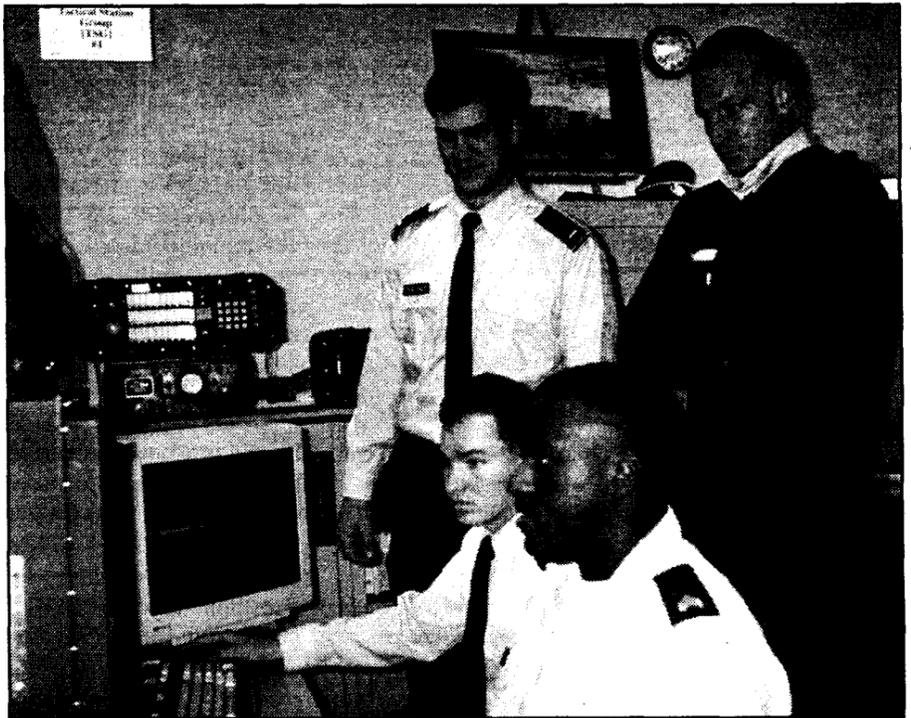
Along with Patriot Project Manager Col. Stephen Kuffner and THAAD Project Manager Col. Louis Deeter, Montgomery talked to soldiers from the 1-6 Air Defense Artillery (THAAD) and 5-52 ADA (Patriot) who were here from El Paso, Texas, for two weeks of familiarization training on the latest Task Force BMC4I equipment.

Montgomery and the soldiers were able

to view threat scenarios representing what the ADA task force at Roving Sands '97, consisting of Patriot and THAAD batteries, will encounter. They also observed the exchange of a series of Tactical Ballistic Missile track messages over the J-TIDS data net for the first time.

Software Engineering Directorate, the Army's premier facility for ADA software development, has replicated the full suite of communications architecture and command and control systems to be employed during the Air Missile Defense Task Force Demonstration at Roving Sands '97.

"They have been able to demonstrate



THAAD SOLDIERS - From front Sgt. Arnall Span, 2nd Lt. Mason Rice and 2nd Lt. Scot Doepker of the 1-6 ADA Battalion, Fort Bliss, Texas get a look at the threat sce-

narios on computer screens that their THAAD battery will encounter at Roving Sands 97. Looking on is Lt. Col. Steve Hesler of the THAAD Project Office.

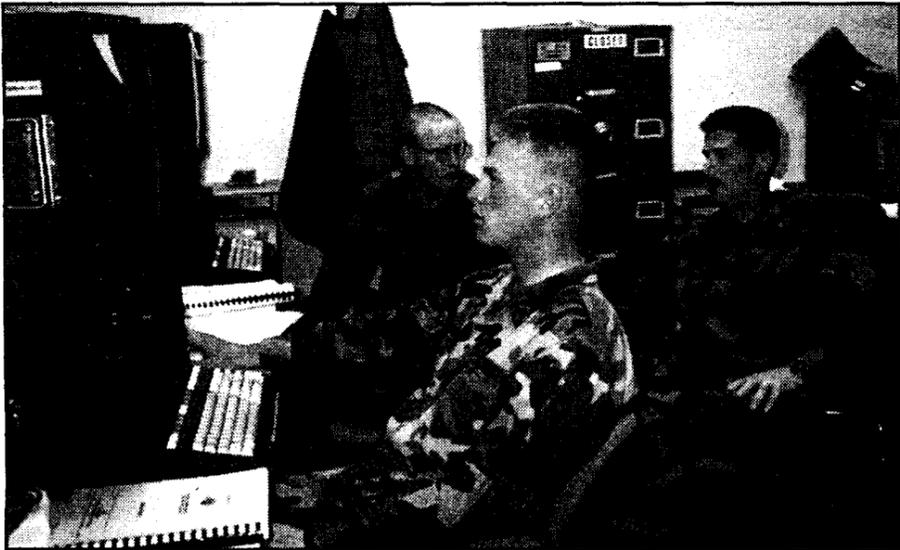
interoperability and data exchange capabilities in the lab that will be used for the first time by soldiers in a tactical environment during Roving Sands '97," Julie Locker, of SED, said.

Roving Sands '97, which will be held in mid-April with about 37,000 participants from around the globe, will include numerous U.S. and foreign brigades and is the

largest air defense exercise in the world. Emphasis this year has been placed on an examination of ADA doctrine, Theater Missile Defense (TMD) operations and the synchronization of forces.

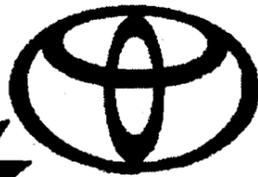
PEO, Air and Missile Defense, in August 1996 set out a series of objectives to support

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PATRIOT GAMES— From left Sgt. Jeffrey O'Haver, Spec. Robert Ahrens, and Capt. Chuck Duray, soldiers from the 5-52 ADA at Fort Bliss, Texas, get experience on the Patriot software developed for Roving Sands '97.

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- Brian Sabourin, Special Act
- Vince Smith, Special Act
- Melissa Thie, Special Act
- Adrienne Walls, Special Act
- Anita Whitaker, Special Act
- John Bier, Performance Award
- Barry Blake, Performance Award
- Reagor Branch, Performance Award
- Warren Coontz, Performance Award
- Theresa Gopher, Performance Award
- Annette Loveless, Performance Award
- Michael Parmenter, Performance Award
- Phillip Roberts, Performance Award
- Brian Sabourin, Performance Award
- Gene Sanders, Performance Award
- Tanya Thomas, Performance Award
- Walter Zumbach, Performance Award
- David Noble, Service Certificate
- Anita Whitaker, Service Certificate

Early retirement takes financial planning for your future needs and expenses

By Shari Moxley

"All aboard the VERA/VSIP (Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay) train." As the doors to early retirement continue to swing open for many individuals, several issues need to be addressed if making the decision to leave federal service. Common financial planning questions include:

- Do I have adequate retirement resources?
- How long will my standard of living last with inflation being my No. 1 enemy?
- Am I doing what is necessary to maximize savings during the remaining years before retirement?

Issue 1— Producing Adequate Retirement Income: Taking early-out can make life in retirement quite different than anticipated. A number of people have contributed their 7 percent over the years to the Civil Service Retirement System annuity and expect Uncle Sam to take care of them after a long and dedicated career. If CSRS employees have put the bulk of their savings over the years into the annuity only and take an early retirement, often times their wallets take a hard blow once leaving service. Even though certain allotted expenses during working years will go away at retirement, like contributions to

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) and 7 percent to the annuity for instance, many will compromise their retirement lifestyle if the CSRS annuity is the sole source of retirement income.

Investing incentive money of \$25,000, or roughly \$16,000 after taxes of 28 percent, is one way to help close the gap between the annuity and current living standard. All too often this money is used during a transition period between jobs, a well deserved family vacation, or toward the purchase of a big-ticket item. However, if the \$16,000 were invested for a 10-year period and earned 10 percent per year after tax, the account balance of roughly \$41,000 could produce supplemental income each year to help the CSRS annuity keep pace with inflation.

Issue 2— Fighting Inflation and Maintaining Living Standard: Since early retirement often means leaving before 59 1/2, when Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and Thrift Savings Plan monies can be touched penalty-free, some overlook other possibilities for these assets which might prove valuable in the retirement planning process. If the TSP is ignored (left intact) once leaving service, an individual is limited to only three asset classes for diversification, which is insufficient to cover all the asset allocation bases and control risk. However, for CD/IRA investors, Redstone Federal



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Credit Union offers CD/IRA accounts with very liberal provisions on accessing funds while crediting competitive rates. Controlling risk in this strategy doesn't mean buying all fixed investments like CDs because the return after taxes may not keep pace with inflation. Investing long-term dollars in a 6 percent CD leaves .82 percent real growth after taking away 28 percent in taxes and 3.5 percent inflation. If inflation rises, real growth shrinks, thus standard of living during retirement years often times must be compromised.

An alternative solution to maximizing investment returns while minimizing risk involves putting money in enough different areas

that when one area (or asset class) drops, another is performing well, providing an overall balance to the account. One of the tools to assist in obtaining this overall balance in the financial planning process is an asset allocation analysis, a service now offered through Financial Network located at Redstone Federal Credit Union.

Issue 3— Am I Doing All I Can if Not Retiring Today?: If an individual questions whether they have enough to retire and where to put dollars, Redstone Federal Credit Union now makes available an analysis which will help answer this and other financial planning questions. Building outside assets can start for as little

as \$25 or \$50 per month if you commit to an automatic bank draft to a mutual fund. Investing outside the Thrift Savings Plan would allow you to access dollars if under age 59 1/2 whereas TSP investments have a few strings attached.

Maximizing the government's match in the TSP by contributing at least 5 percent of salary is one of the first steps in the retirement planning process, along with maximizing returns through the three different options. Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) employees not contributing their 5 percent to get the full match are giving up the opportunity of a lifetime. In addition, seeking more aggressive funding options within the TSP will potentially help boost returns. Coordinating the asset allocation between the Thrift Savings Plan and outside savings controls risk and maximizes returns.

The bottom line for anyone looking toward retirement (early or not) is to look at your overall financial plan, not just short-term incentives. Even with an incentive to go, a serious look should be given to the whole picture to avoid making the retirement train ride a trip down Poverty Lane.

(Editor's note: Moxley is a certified financial planner for Financial Network Investment Corporation located at the Madison Branch of Redstone Federal Credit Union.)

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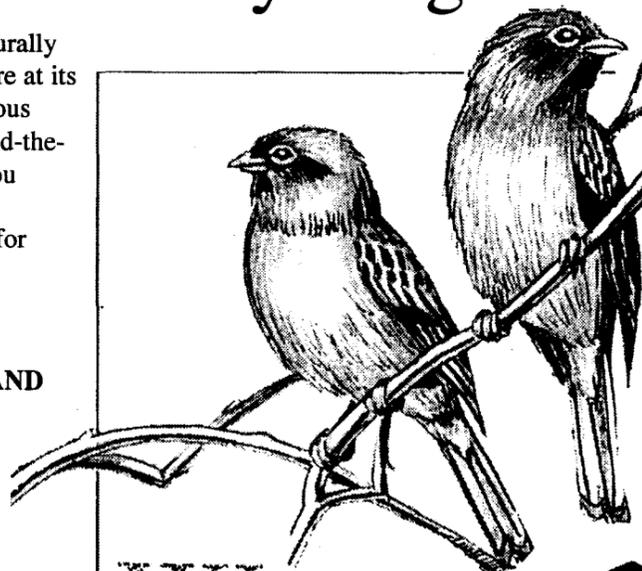
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DALLAS, Texas— With the ease of one envelope and stamp, Army and Air Force Exchange customers may receive up to \$75 in rebates during the Cash-Back promotion beginning in continental U.S. March 2.

Subsequent events scheduled for 1997, are May, August and November. The August and November events will include overseas stores.

The program is simple and offers fantastic savings on many items. Separate flyers are being produced, valid for one month, listing the featured products with various rebate amounts. Customers may buy as many items as they desire and, at the conclusion of the event, mail their proof of purchase (cash register receipt) for items purchased to the rebate center.

In six to eight weeks from mailing, customers will get a check for the total amount of the rebates along with a letter from AAFES thanking them for their patronage. Along with the check, customers receive additional coupons for future use. If eight or more rebates are submitted, the postage is also refunded. A submission form for rebates and complete instructions are located on the back of the flyer.

"No matter how many rebate items customers purchase, it only takes one stamp to receive one check for the total value of the rebates submitted," said Michael Moreland, senior

vice president, AAFES merchandising directorate. "The beauty of this program is its simplicity... one mail-

in, one check." All AAFES facilities stocking the items featured are participating, but the

primary outlets will be main stores.

AAFES customers are encouraged to take advan-

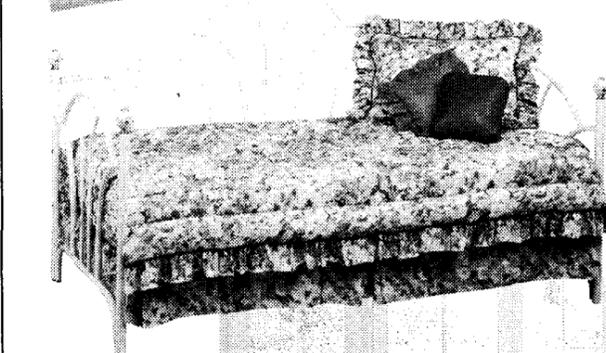
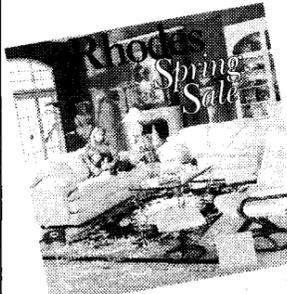
tage of this rebate offer before the April 5 deadline (for the March event). A special telephone number

has been established for customer questions and comments at 1-888-476-7853. (Arnews)

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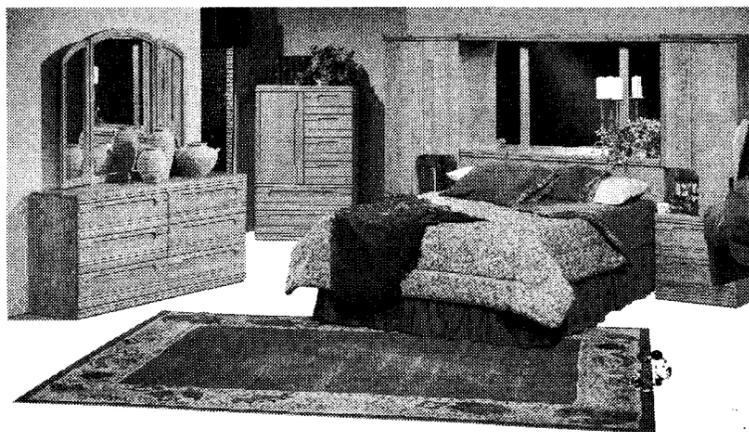


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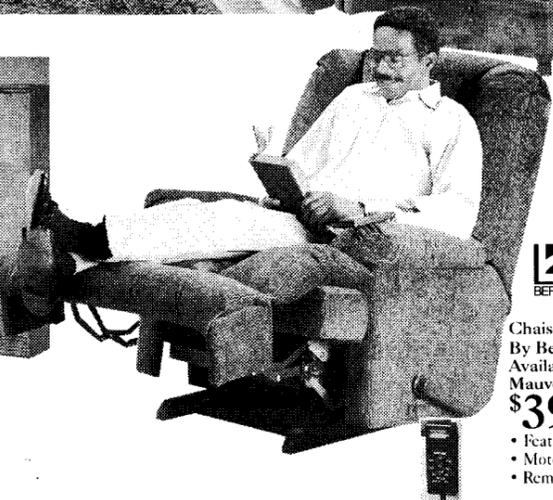
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Contractor helps directorate achieve software milestone

On Feb. 6, Dr. Richard Stutzke of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) was recognized for assisting the Software Engineering Directorate in achieving a significant milestone in improving its software development process.

Stutzke received a plaque for his contributions in helping the directorate reach the Software Engineering Institute's capability maturity model Level 3.

"Achieving an SEI Level 3 puts us in the top 13 percent of the 542 software development organizations assessed worldwide," William Craig, director of Software Engineering Directorate, said. "Reaching this level of performance enables SED to provide better software and services to the project offices in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines."

The Level 3 rating shows the directorate is helping to improve efficiency and reduce costs. "With today's defense budget cuts, our military forces are trying to do more with less with each system. Our improved capability to perform software development will help stretch those shrinking dollars," Craig said. "This is a tremendous benefit to the nation's taxpayers because our expanded and focused ability will enhance our sup-

port to the wide variety of automated systems being used by our modern forces."

Software Engineering Directorate, under RD&E Center, provides software expertise to many government organizations and commercial firms, and will continue to partner with industry and government organizations to help improve their software engineering capabilities.

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environmental systems and engineering. With annual revenues exceeding \$2.2 billion, SAIC and its subsidiaries have more than 22,000 employees in 350 offices worldwide. (SAIC release)

Diet among lifestyle factors to prevent heart disease

By Susan Goodman

The United States is one of the best in the world at having heart attacks. Every year more than 1 million Americans suffer a heart attack, and over 500,000 die of coronary heart disease. Diet is one of the lifestyle factors that can help prevent heart disease.

If your blood cholesterol is elevated, your physician will recommend dietary changes, following American Heart Association's Step One, or heart-prudent diet. Most people usually reach their blood chole-

sterol-lowering goal with the Step One Diet within three months. If the blood cholesterol has not decreased sufficiently, then the Step Two Diet—which further reduces the saturated fatty acids and cholesterol in the diet—is usually recommended.

Dietary changes do lower cholesterol, but only when you stick with the diet. Carefully following the diet makes a large difference. In studies of hospital patients where they were fed their Step Two diets, the cholesterol level fell an average of 50 points. For

others that chose their own food, the cholesterol level fell only 15 points. It is only a small percentage of the people who may not be able to lower their blood cholesterol due to inherited tendencies, even with a low-saturated-fatty acid, low-cholesterol diet.

Diet and exercise should be the first line of prevention against heart disease, with medication being prescribed only when necessary. Perhaps you may feel that you do not have to bother with changing your

diet, as these cholesterol-lowering medications are available—you believe that medications will cure everything. The drugs do reduce coronary heart disease rates by 25 to 40 percent, and reduce strokes by 30 percent. However, people who take the drugs still die from heart attacks. If you take the drug, you benefit more from the drug if you make dietary changes also.

Unlike drugs, diet lowers the risk of heart disease in several ways. Diet lowers

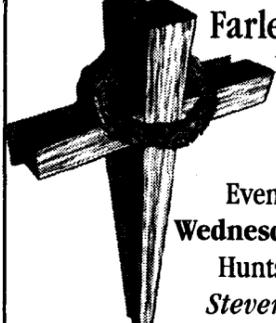
your LDL cholesterol. It lowers your weight and raises your HDL if you are overweight. Food also contains nutrients that have other benefits in reducing the risks of heart disease and cancers.

Cholesterol-lowering medications are more effective when combined with diet. They do not replace a

heart prudent diet, but rather supplement it.

To quote Hippocrates, "Let thy food be thy medicine."

(Editor's note: Goodman, a registered nurse at Fox Army Community Hospital, wrote this for the March observance of National Nutrition Month.)



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Commissary will get more modern checkout system

By Julie Vaughn

Redstone's commissary will soon look like any supermarket outside the post's gates.

Military customers can expect to spend as much as half the time they stand in checkout lines when the state-of-the-art "point of sale" system is installed.

And it's the customers who are paying for the system through the 5 percent surcharge they pay anytime they make a purchase, said Deputy Commissary Officer James Birchfield.

"It (the surcharge) also pays for maintenance, upkeep of the store and for supplies," Birchfield said. "There is no sales tax here and only military, reserve or retired military can shop here. I can't even buy anything here."

Now commissary cashiers scan the price of products on a flat surface, meaning they must place the lined price "Universal Product Code"

directly over the scanner. But, the new system scans at 180 degrees, which picks up the code from most any angle.

That will keep cashiers from having to maneuver every product to the exact code point. Sometimes, cashiers have to scan a single item several times before it registers with the scanner and cash register, said Lee Wainwright, the commissary officer.

Not only will the new scanning system speed checkout times, it will allow customers to pay for their groceries and other items with their automatic teller machine and credit cards, Wainwright said.

Point of sale also will be capable of scanning coupons. Manual checkout, as well as expansions and renovations two years ago, will bring the commissary out of the supermarket Stone Age.

About 11,000-square-foot which helped enlarge

the deli and bakery, brought the sprawling store, which so many on post rely on daily to 40,600 square feet, Wainwright said.

So far, the bad news: No one seems to know when the more efficient system will be operational. The equipment hasn't even arrived, Wainwright said.

That's because the commissary must first supply the Defense Commissary Agency with a bundle of information about the store. Three employees are working to provide the agency with everything from store drawings, engineering, electrical, utilities and general technical information.

That report was due Feb. 28, Wainwright said. Then, the DeCA will come to Red-



CHECKOUT LINE— Janice Elliott scans a customer's food items at the commissary. Sometime in the future, Elliott looks forward to the installation of a more efficient checkout system.

stone and conduct its own survey.

An average of 42,000 customers use the commissary every month, Wainwright said.

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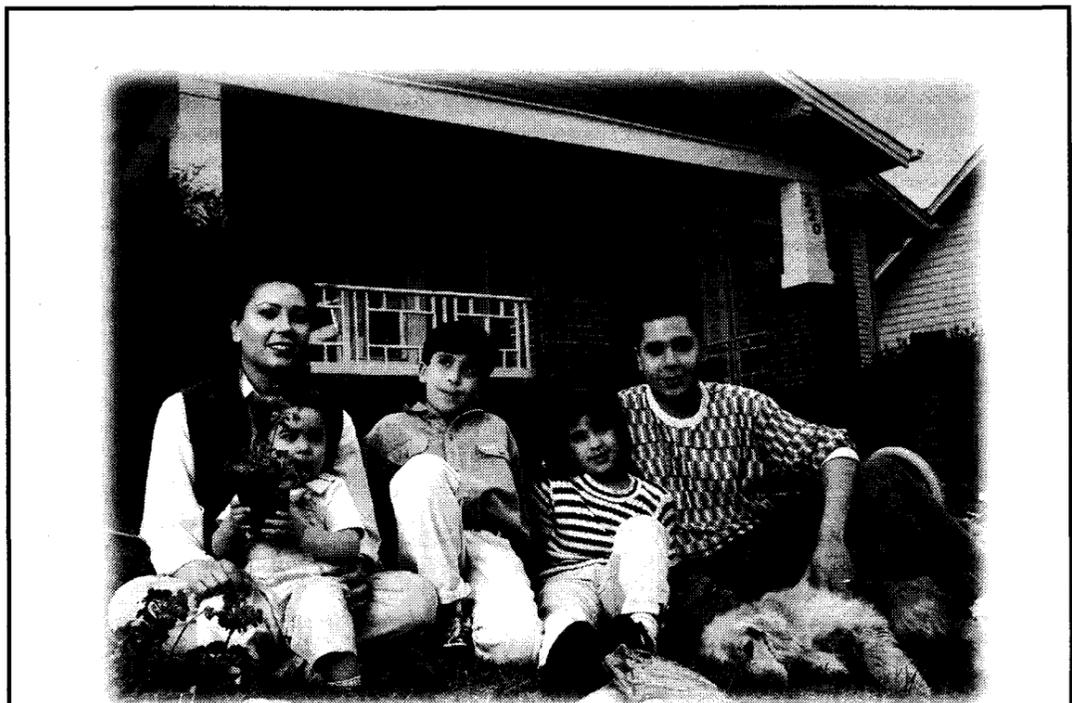
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Severe weather season arrives in north Alabama

By Julie Vaughn

It's approaching that time of year again. During March, April, May and November, it's not uncommon for those screaming warning sirens to go off as severe storms roar through north Alabama, said Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency officials.

This region has been called the Tornado Capital of the World by many weather experts.

Anyone living in Redstone's military housing has, at one time or another, heard the screeching warning sound. Anyone there last Wednesday heard the sirens activated as a test during national Severe Storm Awareness Week.

Those sirens are trying to tell you something: Take cover, get away from windows, go to a center room, hide under anything you can find.

Danger may be on its way.

Last Wednesday, sirens sounded in the

housing areas and in other places scattered across Redstone. Now, the Provost Marshal's Office turns on the sirens.

But sometime in the future, Redstone's alarm system will be connected with Huntsville's, which will take over that role on post, officials there said.

Also, Redstone's entire alarm warning system will be modified, providing "coverage to places not now covered," said Jim Plummer, chief of Support Operations Division.

Plummer's office oversees the operation, maintenance and upgrade of the sirens.

No one knows exactly when the modifications will be made, Plummer said.

Dwayne Seale, chief of plans and operations at Redstone's Emergency Operations Center, said his office is in the process of changing the post's emergency operations plans to meet Federal Emergency Management Agency regulations.

Commentary: Storm awareness week brings memories

By Julie Vaughn

It's as twisted as the tornadoes we chase.

While most run for their lives, hiding in a center room or under heavy furniture, reporters sprint toward the funnel. After all, it IS our job.

To get there first. To inform. To walk through destruction. To see, and too often, find, mangled bodies that no one else has.

Then, you, the supposedly tough reporter, work up the guts to talk to those who have lost everything. Everything but their lives.

As I write, the National Weather Service says we're under a tornado and severe thunderstorm watch. My wind chimes, normally peaceful and relaxing, are tangled and banging with the wind outside.

Ironically, last week was Severe Storm Awareness Week. And it brings back recollections— more honestly — nightmares — of THE TORNADO OF 1989.

Anything that steals the lives of two dozen people, injures 500, leaves scores of others homeless and mangles everything in its path deserves capital letters. A clear and deliberate defiance of journalistic etiquette.

It was THE single weather event that woke Huntsville up and Mother Nature gained enormous, and lasting respect. We all learned the hard way that the Space Capital is not immune to disaster. And it's

one of the few things man and technology cannot control.

It's been almost eight years and it's still all I can do to write about what I saw that night. It came within seconds of taking my own life. A traffic light dictated that it was not my time.

My eyes turn to water — not the kind that drips, but enough to make typing a task.

Lucky me. That afternoon, I had a "press pass" working for another local newspaper and was so fortunate to be among the select few to enter Ground Zero.

I've seen the blood of dozens of people killed in drug deals, triangle love affairs, traffic accidents, fires, suicides. Those lives

were important— and in some cases, only to me.

But somehow, in these eyes, I haven't seen, more importantly felt, anything in my career that compared to the chaos and destruction that eerie black cloud left.

I saw the black cloud while sprinting to my car after an interview at vice and narcotics at the Huntsville Police Academy on Airport Road. When the rain and hail stopped, I left the building and ran to my car.

When I got to the stoplight at Airport and South Parkway, a half-mile from the building I left, my rear view mirror showed me what was coming. The winds rocked my car and I saw that wide spinning cloud.

I panicked. My soaring blood pressure would have broken any machine.

I desperately prayed for that green turn light arrow. Had there not been an inattentive, ambivalent idiot sitting in front of me at that traffic light, combing his hair, I'd have broken just about any traffic law in the criminal code to get away.

And I doubt any cop would have written me a ticket.

That light changed about 20 seconds before the full force of that darkness hit the intersection. I headed, well, screeched, away to warn my co-workers at the newspaper to take cover.

Best I could tell at that moment, that funnel was right behind my car and headed straight toward my

newspaper. Then, while I was running away, I saw my husband, Eric Schultz, a news photojournalist at the same newspaper, in a company truck headed straight into the hell I just left.

That heart-pounding, shaking panic tripled. Eric didn't know at the time what he was driving toward and I had no way of telling him.

Editors call it our jobs— to follow the story — to go toward THE NEWS and never shy from it.

I call it insanity. And, my motto, never let anyone see you cry. Don't let the tears flow— at least until you get home. I've found that the trick is a fake emotional numbness— even though you feel the horror down to the soul.

Never let them see you cry. The tears come later, and with a vengeance. Compassion makes for a better reporter— and more importantly, a better person.

Just don't cry. Not even when, in total darkness, a reporter discovers a man blown from his apartment into a tree outside. He's propped in those limbs— his heart stopped with his eyes wide open.

A sure sign of a quick and traumatic death. And he wasn't the only one I saw. As his body hung from the limbs, my mind shifted from horror to numbness. I guess that was my mind's way of surviving.

Newspapers and, too-often, live television

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Rear admiral eyes joint efforts in theater defense

By Linda Dykes

Rear Adm. Rodney Rempt, program executive officer of Theater Air Defense, called Huntsville the "Mecca of missile defense" in his luncheon speech Feb. 26. The luncheon was sponsored by AUSA and ADPA.

Rempt said he came to Huntsville because he wanted "to improve the interface between the Navy and the Army in Theater Missile Defense (TMD)." He said he also wanted to develop synergism between the Navy cruise missile defense and the Army ballistic missile defense.

Rempt described the evolution of TAD since 1945 and showed film clips of recent tests and live missile intercepts. "Since the end of the Cold War, the Navy's focus has shifted dramatically," he said. Now the Navy seeks extended capability over land to protect ports and airfields, which are linchpins to Theater Air Defense (TAD).

"What we see now is that we'll be operating as joint task forces with such programs as THAAD and Patriot all working together," he said.

He concluded by saying that the program is in engineering development and

"ready for EMD" (Engineering Manufacturing and Development).

Born in California, Rempt graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1966. He holds a master's degree in systems analysis from Stanford University, and completed a master's degree in security and strategic studies while attending the Naval War College. Initial assignments at sea included deployments to Vietnam as Terrier missile officer onboard USS Coontz (DLG 9), and weapons officer aboard USS Somers (DDG 34). His first sea command was USS Antelope (PG 86), one of four missile-armed patrol gunboats homeported in Naples, Italy. He also served as executive officer aboard USS Dahlgren (DDG 43).

His experience in the Acquisition community began with three years in the Weapon Prototyping Office of the Naval Sea Systems Command where his duties included that of the initial project officer for the MK 41 Vertical Launch System. He also served on the CNO's Staff as program coordinator for the AEGIS Weapons System and as administrative assistant and aide to the vice chief of naval operations.

Rempt commanded USS Callaghan (DDG 994) dur-



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ing two WESTPAC/Indian Ocean deployments. While under his command, Callaghan won the Battle Efficiency "E" in two different squadrons, all nine departmental awards for which the ship was eligible, and the Anti-Surface War-

fare Award (ASUW) for the Pacific Fleet. Rempt's third sea command was USS Bunker Hill (CG 52) homeported in Yokosuka, Japan as the first AEGIS cruiser to be permanently forward deployed overseas. While on Bunker Hill, Rempt

served for 18 months as the anti-air warfare commander (AAWC) for Battle Force Seventh Fleet. During this period, Bunker Hill won all 10 mission area excellence awards, the Commander, Naval Surface Force Anti-Air Warfare Award (AAW), the Seventh Fleet ASUW Award, and led the MIDWAY Battle Group in winning the Seventh Fleet AAW Award from amongst the nine deploying battle groups in 1989.

Additional duties ashore included a year as the director of the PCO/PXO department at the Surface Warfare Officers Schools Command in Newport, R.I., and as the director, Anti-Air Warfare Requirements Division (OP-75) on the staff of the deputy chief of naval operations, naval warfare. Rempt also worked in the Theater Missile Defense Directorate of the Ballistic Missile Defense

Organization (BMDO). Upon selection to rear admiral, he was ordered to be the head, surface ships and combat systems (N865) on the staff of the chief of naval operations. In June 1994, the chief of naval operations assigned Rempt as the director, Theater Air Defense, responsible for establishing requirements and budgeting AEGIS, STANDARD Missile, Theater Ballistic Missile Defense, Cooperative Engagement, and Ship Self-Defense programs. He assumed duties as program executive officer, Theater Air Defense, in July 1996.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (third award), Meritorious Service Medal (third award), and the Navy Commendation Medal (third award with combat "V"). Rempt and his wife reside in Arlington, Va. (AUSA release)

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BMDO director praises Huntsville's contribution

By Linda Dykes

Air Force Lt. Gen. Lester Lyles, director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO), addressed a capacity crowd at a luncheon sponsored by AUSA, the American Defense Preparedness Association, and the National Space Club. The joint luncheon was held Feb. 13 at the Officers Club.

Lyles discussed BMDO's top three priorities: Theater Missile Defense (TMD), National Missile Defense (NMD), and technology. While TMD remains the top priority, Lyles says NMD will "become more equal to TMD."

Lyles commended Huntsville's contribution to all three priorities. "When you think of technology related to ballistic missile defense, you think of Huntsville," he said.

As BMDO director since August 1996, Lyles is the acquisition executive for all BMD systems and programs. The BMDO is presidentially chartered and mandated by Congress to acquire highly effective BMD systems for forward deployed and expeditionary elements of the armed forces. Additionally, BMDO will develop options, and if directed, acquire systems for ballistic missile defense of the United States.

Lyles entered the Air Force in 1968 after completion of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program as a distinguished graduate. He has served in a variety of assignments, including program element monitor of the short-range attack mis-



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sile, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., in 1974, and special assistant and aide-de-camp to the commander of Air Force Systems Command (AFSC) in 1978.

In 1981, he returned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, as avionics division chief in the F-16 Systems Program Office. He has served as director of tactical aircraft systems at AFSC Headquarters, and director of the Medium Launch Vehicles Program and Space Launch Systems Offices. He became AFSC's Headquarters assistant deputy chief of staff for requirements in 1989, and deputy chief of staff for requirements in 1990. In 1992, he became vice commander of Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill Air Force Base, Utah. He then served as commander of the center from 1993 until November

1994. At that time, he

was assigned to command the Headquarters Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif., where he served until he assumed his current position.

Lyles and his wife, Mina, are both from Washington, D.C. They have a son and three daughters: Rene, Phillip, Leslie and Lauren. (AUSA release)

Special Olympics bowling

By Kathy Harkleroad

Thursday was a day that will be remembered by those who attended the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament at Plamor Lanes in Huntsville; not only by the

bowlers, but by the 45 soldiers who served as volunteers, to the retired officers who also helped out, and to the many other special people who gave their time to ensure mentally handicapped children and adults had a good time.

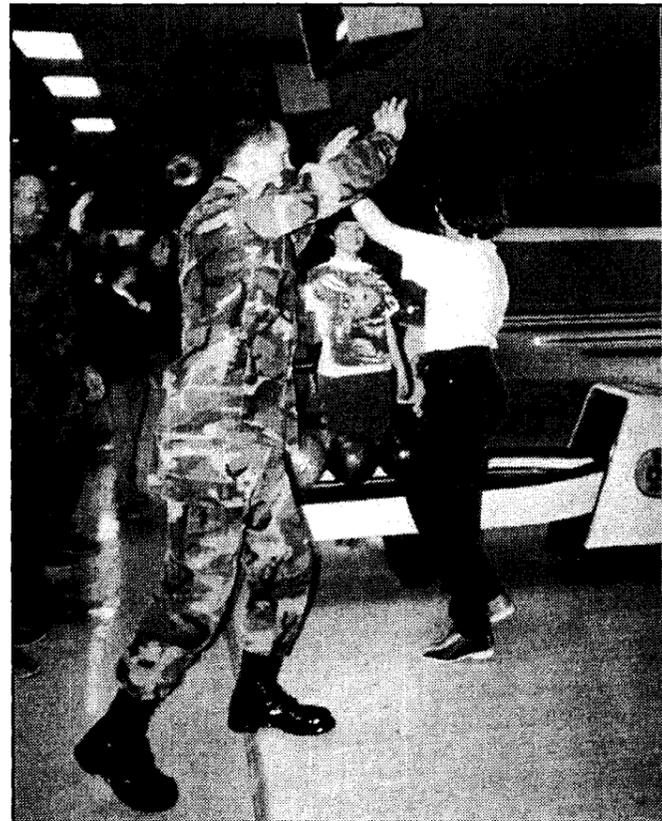
The bowling alley was packed throughout the day amid sounds of laughter, squeals of delight and falling pins. Proud smiles could be seen everywhere. The morning was filled with students from Madison County and Huntsville City Schools and the afternoon found adults from the community and the Opportunity Center tossing balls down the alley. Some 123 children attended the event, and 95 adults visited the center in the afternoon.

To many of the bowlers it didn't matter how many pins they knocked down. All that mattered was they were having fun; and for some this was their first opportunity to bowl. The children also had a wonderful time visiting with the soldiers.

Buckhorn High School ninth grader Bridget Bentley had Pvt. Jason Koerner as her helper during the morning, and she was thrilled. "I think it is really nice that the soldiers come out and help us do this," she said. "It shows they really care and I really have a nice time visiting with them."

Koerner said he has worked with children participating in Special Olympics in the past, and was delighted to help out. "I love doing this," he said. "And to me this is a real experience and one that I will repeat as often as I can."

Each soldier assisted a team of bowlers. While some of the



JOB WELL DONE— Sgt. Gerald Ray, left, gives Paige Berry from Liberty Middle School a high-five after getting seven of 10 pins during her turn at the tournament. Ray encouraged all the bowlers on his team and each received either a pat on the back or a high-five, as well as a few pointers.

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owners required less help than others, the soldiers were always right there. Many only had to offer words of encouragement, while others helped position the ball on specially made ramps and helped give it a gentle nudge down the alley. Others were on hand to help with the score keeping, and still others just sat and visited with the youngsters.

SSgt. Anthony Austin, HHC MICOM, supervised the soldiers and assisted with a team. He was also there for a more

personal reason: His wife, Sandra, is a special education teacher at Madison County High School and had several of her students there.

Also present were volunteers from The Retired Officers Association (TROA), including Ray Weinberg, who is the Special Olympics tournament director. "We had 17 volunteers during the morning shift, and 15 in the afternoon," Weinberg said. "I don't know who looks forward to it more, the kids or the volunteers."

Weinberg has been the director of the event for longer than he can remember, and will continue to do so in the years to come. "The best part of this tournament is the bowlers really don't care how they do, they are just having a good time. That is all that matters," he said.

Each participant bowled three games and the qualifiers will head to Montgomery for the state games to be held in May.

Also helping at the event were members of the Interact Club from Huntsville High School; Army Community Service; and the Thrift Shop which donated money for the soldiers' lunches.

MAGIC TOUCH— Benny Langston, TROA volunteer, seems to have the magic touch at least for Stephen Dexter from Liberty Middle School. Dexter touched Langston's head before he let the ball roll down the alley. Dexter was helped by Pvt. Forrest Ress who is assigned to B Company and is attending advanced individual training for Avenger technical specialist.



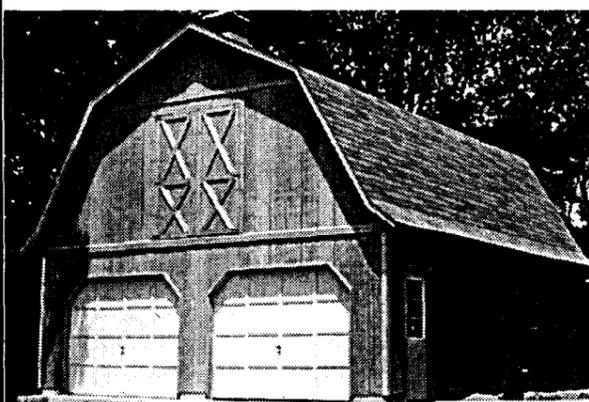
EXTRA NUDGE— Pvt. Jason Koerner, left, gives a helping hand to Bridget Bentley from Buckhorn High School during the annual Special Olympics Bowling tournament at Plamor Lanes in Huntsville.



HAVING FUN— Taking time out are, from left, Sandra Austin, special education teacher at Madison County High School; SSgt. Anthony Austin, HHC MICOM; and Amanda Wilhoite, a sophomore at MCHS. The Austins are married and have deep roots involving students with special needs. Both are active in the field and enjoy spending as much time as they can with the kids.



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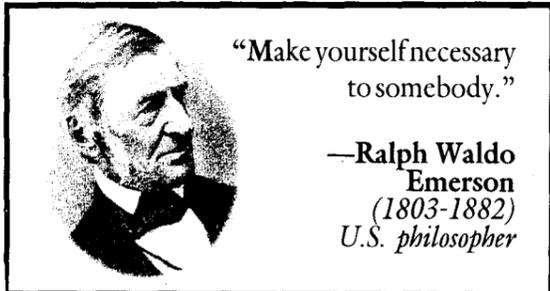


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Sports

Soldier ready for racing season at Huntsville Speedway

By Kathy Harkleroad

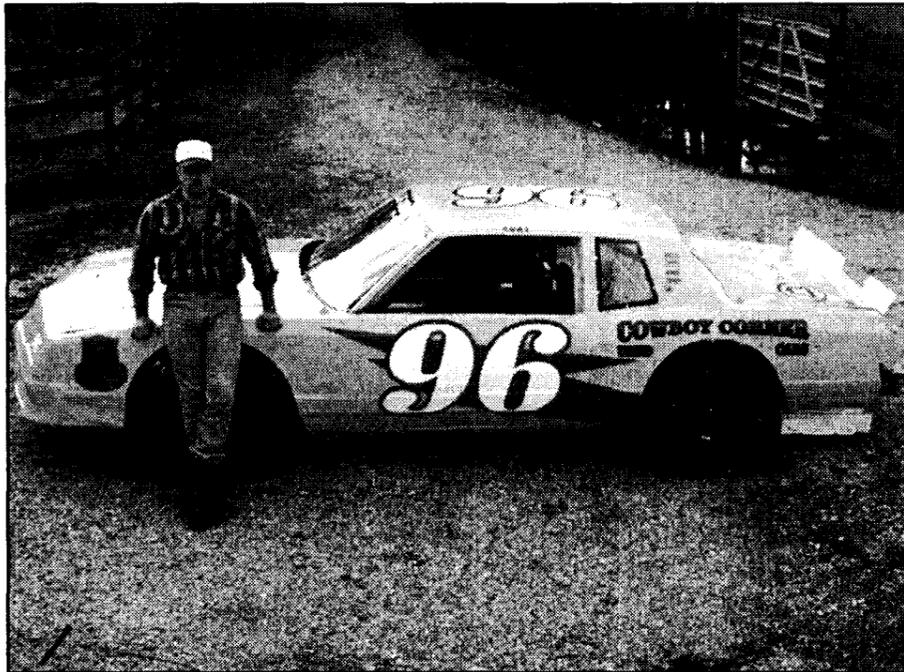
Sgt. Kurt Johnson, of Hq/A Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, has a hobby that many only dream of. Johnson owns a stock car that he races regularly at Huntsville Speedway.

Johnson began his racing career in Grafenwoehr Germany about four years ago when he started to miss some of the things from the states. "I was getting a little homesick and bored, but once I found a racing club in Graf, that quickly ended," he said.

He began his racing career driving a VW bug, a Volkswagon Golf, and a 1980 Camaro. "In Germany I raced in three different classes every week, which was really like combining three seasons of racing into one," he said. "It was a blast and the adrenaline rush was great."

Johnson continued his dream of racing when he got back to the states. And since arriving at Redstone, he has taken it even one step further. He not only purchased his own car, but has sought out sponsors and works as his own pit crew. This will be the first complete racing season he will race at Huntsville Speedway and he is looking forward to it. "Last year the car wasn't ready until well into the season," he said. "But this year I am ready."

Johnson owns a 1984



START YOUR ENGINES— Johnson is the proud owner of a 1984 Chevy Monte Carlo that he races at the Huntsville Speedway. His car has a 406 small block engine, three speed Muncie transmission and Holley Carb. This is the first complete season Johnson will race at the track, but he has had many years of racing experience.

Chevy Monte Carlo that is loaded with a 406 small block engine, three speed Muncie transmission, Holley carburetor, and runs on Goodyear Stock Car Special Tires. He also has a MSD ignition, a Ford nine inch rear end with 6:50 gears and special shocks. He has about \$10,000 invested in the car, which does not include the weekly maintenance and racing fees.

Johnson said while racing can be scary at times, it is something he really enjoys doing. "I really look forward getting out on the track and practicing as well as driving in the actual

races," he said. "I have really enjoyed racing at the track here and am really impressed. They not only have a great track, but they also have a good crowd that comes each week."

Speaking of practice, Johnson said he doesn't get

in as much as he would like, but thanks the officials at the track for helping out as much as they do. "They know I have a tight schedule here and can't always make it out when the track is open. They have been kind enough to open it up

for me if I give them advance notice and can go out and practice all I need to," he said.

Johnson will race every Friday night beginning March 21 and will continue to do so until October when the season ends. He races in the street stock category and generally races against 12 other cars. "I have seen as few as nine and as many as 21 in a race," he said. "Needless to say when there are 21 cars on the track, it makes for some interesting racing. There is lots of bumping and grinding as well as paint swapping going on in my category."

Each car has to be inspected before a race and must meet certain qualifications. Cars can also be inspected after the race if the race results are challenged. "Really inspecting the cars before each race is an assurance each is 100 percent safe," Johnson said. "It greatly reduces the risk when it comes to accidents."

Johnson does not have a pit crew, and is not only driving the car but also main-

taining it and turning the wrenches as well. He is also out finding sponsors for his car, and is always looking for additional help. Current sponsors for his car include Cowboy Corner Used Cars, BellSouth Mobility and Fire Control Systems.

"The sponsors are really the ones who make it so I can continue to race," he said. "If it weren't for them, I couldn't do it." Racing can be expensive, as tires cost approximately \$85 each and have to be replaced every three weeks. Fuel costs \$3.50 a gallon and, according to Johnson, it can be quickly consumed when you consider practice time as well as race time. "It is the sponsors who are keeping me on the road, and I can't thank them enough for all they do."

If you are interested in either helping out as a sponsor, or as a pit crew member for Johnson, you can reach him at 721-4693 or at 653-8715. "If they can't swing the money, but can turn a wrench, I would welcome the extra help."

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Sports

Engineer Run 5K, 10K draw 265 finishers overall

Here are results from the 14th annual Engineer Run 5K and 10K held Feb. 22, starting and ending at the Rocket Auditorium. There were 265 finishers in the races, 102 in the 5K and 163 in the 10K:

• **Male, 5K:** Overall— Donald Bowman (17:26).

Masters— Jim Elibrahim (19:13).

14-under— Curtis Leslie (17:56), Christopher Lee (21:01), Derek Leslie (26:50). 15-19— Stephen Baker (18:47), Jeremy Bradford (23:02). 25-29— Tom Oliver (23:47), John Andrews (25:55), Tad Broad (26:06). 30-34— Andy Hissam (17:48), Norman Schmoeker (20:22), Rick Duke (21:25). 35-39— Marty Clark (18:53), William Pottratz (19:38), Kevin Crawford (20:44). 40-44— Elibrahim (19:13), Duane Gotvald (20:57), Dirk Sibert (21:16). 45-49— Thomas Ibarra (20:39), Sherman Hargrove (22:32), Lloyd Olson (23:54). 50-54— Louis Davis (22:03), Don Roberson (26:22). 55-59— Arnold Vanderschalie (24:27), Robert Butler (25:18), Tennent Lee (29:23). 60-over— Gresh Downs (22:14), Lyman Jackson (24:16), Billy Sexton (25:25).

• **Female, 5K:** Overall— Natalie Fahey (20:55).

Masters— Cheryl Ibarra (24:09).

14-under— Amanda Bradford (23:03), Camilla Thompson (25:11), Elizabeth Steele (27:59). 15-19— Melissa Tanner (22:17). 20-24— Janet Edwards (22:43). 25-29— Julie Andrzejewski (29:59), Leigh Ann Toth (31:42). 30-34— Mary Thompson (25:20), Frances Steel

(27:21), Rachel Kruse (28:52). 35-39— Judy Mulkey (25:31), Mary Finch (27:32), Barbara Karbens (27:34). 40-44— Ibarra (24:09), Jean Grotophorst (24:50), Kathy Thompson (26:27). 45-49— Cathryn

Tooker (24:24), Gail Sibert (30:49), Melba Crawford (33:43). 50-54— Barbara

Murphy (27:27), Lois Kennemer (27:27), Linda Toliver (32:33). 55-59— Anne Park (26:07), Brenda Cummings (27:30), Bonnie Hall (32:51). 60-over— Betty Dooley (32:09).

• **Male, 10K:** Overall— David Cain (33:50).

Masters— Clint Jones (36:07).

15-19— Wesley Brown (43:39). 20-24— Brian Syme (43:14). 25-29— Jim Clemens (35:53), Vijayan Sarathy (40:30), Dave Richardson (43:42). 30-34— Dewayne Satterfield (34:50), Conrad Meyer (38:46), Shahin Hadian (39:58). 35-39— Andy Leonard (37:48), John Ricci (38:49), Alexander Steel (39:18). 40-44— Jones (36:07), Forrest Callicutt (39:45), Keith Young (40:57). 45-49— Steve Rice (36:47), Tommie Batts (41:51), Mac Love (42:45). 50-54— Robert Goss (48:44), Lucian Copeland (49:31), Steve Tesh (51:03). 55-59— Roger Chassay (49:21), Richard Titus (50:57), Roy Runkle (53:12). 60-over— James Whitt (45:49), Gordon Woodcock (58:26), Eugene Simonson (59:17).

• **Female, 10K:** Overall— Sarah Fulcher (41:37).

Masters— Kathy Gray (48:16).

15-19— Amy Phillips (56:54). 20-24— Cindy Longo (50:02), Natalie



FEMALE WINNER— Sarah Fulcher, a soldier recently stationed here from Fort Bragg, N.C., receives the award for first female finisher in the 10K. Making the presentation is Col. Walter Cunningham, commander of the Huntsville Center for Corps of Engineers. The annual 5K and 10K races are presented by the Huntsville Post of the Society of American Military Engineers.

Thom (51:08), Amy Smith (51:47). 25-29— Sheri Pate (45:17). 40-44— Gray (48:16), Patricia Dooley (50:08), Mary Murphy Evers (51:26), Crystal Duke (1:02:54). 30-34— Julie Hardwick (44:21), Selwyn Potts (46:31), Sherri McCay (49:17). 35-39— Janet Haenisch (43:59), Sharon McFall (44:44), Meshelle

Troop basketball

Here are the standings for unit-level basketball as of Feb. 28:

Eastern Conference

	Won	Lost
Marines-1	12	3
B Company 832nd	7	7
Hqtrs & A Company	6	9
NCO Academy	5	10
Over 35	3	12

Western Conference

	Won	Lost
D Company 832nd-1	15	0
Readiness Group	13	2
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 Mar. 17-21/M-F, 8 am-Noon/TS3086-02
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 Apr. 14-18/M-F, 1-5 pm/TS3139-02
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 Mar. 19-20/W-TH, 9 am-4 pm/MC6166-08
 Mar. 13/TH, 9 am-4 pm/MC6052-17
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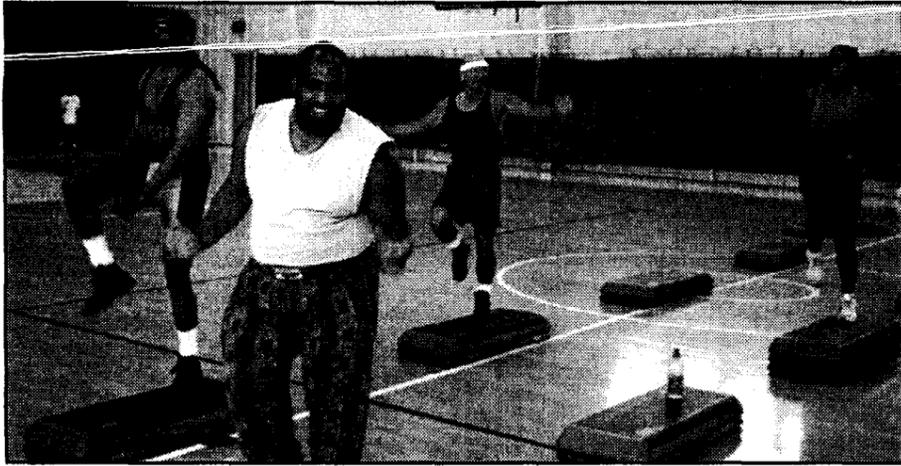
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Led by a television celebrity, about 65 folks kicked up their heels during an aerobics spectacular Feb. 22 at Pagano Gym.

The guest of honor was none other than John "Big John" Shropshire, host of FIT-TV Fitness Workout. A 14-year military veteran, he appears regularly on television as one of the nation's top fitness motivators.

The free event, called Aerobithon, was

sponsored by the Pagano Gym aerobics instructors: Michelle Hankins, Sharon Richmond, Marcia Harris and Yvette Smalls.

Hankins instructs 4:30-5:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Richmond teaches 5:35-6:40 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Harris leads 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday. And Smalls holds class 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Annual Brotherhood Run 5K slated for March 15 near Pagano Gym

The eighth annual Brotherhood Run 5K will be held at 9 a.m. March 15 at building 3440 across from Pagano Gym.

Again this year the event is sponsored by the Sergeants Major Association. Proceeds from the run will benefit the units' Family Support Groups.

All runners who have trained for the 3.1-mile distance are invited. Registration is \$9 until March 10 or \$10 thereafter. T-

shirts will be given to the first 300 entries; and blue ribbons will be given to the first 75 kids 12 and under who participate.

Send the accompanying entry form with a check payable to Brotherhood Run to the following address: Brotherhood Run; Attn: Maj. Maurice Dawson; Hqtrs & A Company, 832nd; Redstone Arsenal, 35808.

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I learned some lessons that night that I still, and hope to always, live by. Persistence, perseverance and compassion, straight from the heart, all bring peace—especially in what may seem to be a twisted sky and world

SANDS

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Roving Sands '97. These were to showcase THAAD User Operational Evaluation System (UOES) hardware for the first time, have Patriot and THAAD participate in the field training exercise (FTX) portion of Roving Sands as Blue Forces players, and demonstrate an initial AMD task force capability. This final piece, the AMD task force capability, comprises exchange of track data over JTIDS, demonstrating preliminary task force defense design capabilities, demonstrating air defense tactical operations center (ADTOC) concept and functionality, and demonstrating limited TMD interoperability with Patriot and THAAD.

Col. Louis Deeter, THAAD project manager, will support the 1-6 ADA battalion during Roving Sands '97 with UOES hardware components. The UOES suite at Roving Sands will consist of a launcher, radar, launch control station and tactical operations station. THAAD UOES hardware is an accelerated development program scheduled for availability in fiscal 1999 that will provide a much needed prototype system to meet the growing TBM threat, as well as provide a means of gathering early operational assessment and opportunity to influence system design.

Kuffner will provide the 5-52 Patriot battalion additional software modules that will allow the task force commander to pass digital track data between Patriot and THAAD and also to higher headquarters at Roving Sands. Patriot soldiers will be using their fielded equipment.

Lt. Col. Steve Hesler of the THAAD Project Office said that after the SED tri-

als, expectations are for a successful interoperability demonstration at Roving Sands '97.

"After the next two weeks of training by soldiers at the SED, hardware and equipment will be shipped to Fort Bliss for delivery to the units in early March," Hesler said.

The PEO, Air and Missile Defense, is set to meet all objectives and demonstrate for the world that a viable and coordinated set of hardware and BmC4I equipment for TBM operations is available in the next few years.

OCWC Garden Club members celebrate Arbor Week

A little mud didn't stop some women's club members from their planned project Thursday at gate 8 on Goss Road.

Members of the Officer and Civilian Women's Club (OCWC) Garden Club planted a tree to commemorate Arbor Week in Alabama. They planted a Kousa Dogwood in a field near the gate on the morning after a rainy night.

The members at work included Betty Chesak, president of the garden club; Atty Allred, project officer; Suzanne Johnson, Carol Stewart and Marie Handley.

"The last full week in February is Arbor Week in Alabama," Chesak said.



TREE PLANTING— From left are Johnson, Stewart, Handley, Chesak and Allred.

CENTER

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December. And the current initiatives are by the installation; and it is in the developmental stages of a Transition Center," Paschel said.

Some of the speakers at last week's workshop included Redstone community officials for finance, transportation and health; and representatives from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Alabama State Employment Service.

Under Public Law 510-101, passed in 1990, the

Army established its first ACAP offices in 1991. Redstone was among the pilot sites. "Its purpose of course was to assist active duty military, DA family members and federal employees. And it was to assist the basic transition from military to civilian work force, or from federal to civilian work forces," Paschel said.

The ACAP office here began in July 1991 and ended Dec. 1, 1996. The program first opened here under the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, and was subse-

quently transferred to Personnel and Training in 1995.

ACAP formerly had a 12-member staff, including members of the contractor-operated Job Assistance Center. There were four federal workers and two Veterans Administration work-study students.

Now the current Transition Center has only two members: Paschel and Jesse Draper, a clerk on loan from the main Military Personnel Office. "That's about the

extent of our personnel right now," Paschel said.

He would like to see more emphasis placed on his program. Last week's workshop interest indicated a continuing need for transition services.

"I think what we need is a command program," Paschel said, "meaning that the command takes the program and goes about the administrative processes which includes personnel and administration."

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can come see us about a job anytime you want to. Just come see us," he said.

Group sessions for the term employees are scheduled March 10-11 at the unemployment office which is located in the same building as the state employment office on Sparkman Drive. There will be two sessions each day for about 20 people each session, Hatfield said.

After the presentations, the speakers answered questions from the audience. Employees' questions included whether they will be given hiring preference, retirement options, and health benefits options. Unlike permanent employees, there is no hiring preference for temporary or term employees who lose

their jobs, according to Dixon.

"I liked the workshop," Brenda Jordan, who has worked here since January 1992, said afterwards. "We got answers to all the questions that we asked. And it was good that they brought us together so we had the advantage of hearing other people's questions, some things we might not have thought about and have need for. But I was disappointed that the Arsenal and MICOM was not going to consider us first for employment, for any jobs that would possibly be open because of the ATCOM merger. We have five years experience with the government. I was disappointed that we would not have first recall preference with AMCOM."

Until Thursday, Jordan is

a program support assistant in the systems warhead function at Structures Directorate in the RD&E Center. She hopes to get a job with a contractor on post.

"It was a good presentation," Boyd Edmiston said. "It basically covered the details that needed to be covered."

Edmiston, an operations research analyst in the Command Analysis Directorate who leaves Thursday, has worked here since 1991. "My plans are basically to try to find employment," he said. "I hope that the opportunity will exist for me to work for the future AMCOM command, and basically come back and do the same thing I've been doing for the past five years. And I also hope that the senior management of Team Redstone will live up to the commitments that



SHARING INFORMATION— Dixon talks with Brenda Jordan, a term employee, after the MICOM Term Employees' Briefing.

they've voiced that we're still considered part of the

family even though we have to leave the house, and that

we'll come home some day."

Announcements

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).

Tax assistance— Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Office is accepting appointments for free tax assistance and electronic filing to all active duty military personnel, retirees, and qualified dependents. The Tax Assistance Office also has a limited quantity of free 1996 tax forms (federal and state). Call 876-1235 or stop by building 3475 (Honest John Road, next to ACS) to set up an appointment. "Please keep

in mind that civilian personnel (those who are not retirees and/or qualified dependents) are not eligible to receive this service." Tax forms for years prior to 1996 may be obtained from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, building 111.

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.

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.

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."

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.

Fox Army Community Hospital— If you want to see how fit you are, knowing what you weigh will not tell you. Body fat percentage numbers are more important than weight because you can weigh more than the health range on a height and weight chart but still be in good shape if most of that weight is lean mass rather than body fat. Fox's Public Health and Education Center staff will offer a body composition analysis utilizing a bioelectrical imped-

ance machine that measures total water content and calculates your proportion of lean tissue to body fat. The screening will be offered March 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Redstone Arsenal Fitness Center, building 3705. Also, in conjunction with the Sparkman Fitness Center staff, a body composition analysis will be offered March 12. It will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Sparkman Fitness Center. For more information, call the Public Health and Education Center 876-8831.

Army education— The Army Education Center provided the following release. "The Army Educa-

tion Center has received implementation instructions for the transfer of eligible soldiers from VEAP to the MGIB. All eligible soldiers will receive a notification letter through command channels with instructions to report to their local Army Education Center for assistance. In addition, PERSOM will issue a 'Program' to each eligible soldier. No soldier will be transferred from VEAP to MGIB without a notification letter or a PERSGRAM. Starting the end of January, there will be a statement on each soldier's leave and earning statement (LES) indicating the status of his or her VEAP account. This statement will be on

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each LES for a six month period. However, this statement on the LES is not an authorization to make the conversion; each eligible soldier must have in their possession the command letter or Persgram when they come to the Army Education Center to initiate transfer action." For more information, call the Army Education Center 876-9761.

Rummage sale— First Christian Church, on Whitesburg Drive just south of Drake Avenue, is having its annual Youth Group Rummage Sale on March 7-8. The times are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 8-noon Saturday. For more information, call 883-8059.

West Point founders day— The West Point Society of the Tennessee Valley will hold a Founders Day Dinner, honoring the 195th birthday of the U.S. Military Academy, at 6:30 p.m. March 14 at the Officers Club. Scheduled speaker is Phillip Marshall, sports writer for The Huntsville Times, who wrote several articles about West Point and the Army football team last fall. Cost for dinner is \$25 per person. For reservations or more information, call Dave Roesler 726-2929.

Civilian ID cards— Civil-

ian identification cards for current and retired civilian employees are issued at building 3447, effective March 3. The identification cards—which are voluntary for those who want them for ID purposes—will be issued on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. only. Applicants will be required to submit a completed SMI form 2446 signed by the appropriate approving authority prior to being issued an identification card. For more information, call the Provost Marshal Training office 876-2835.

Lady golfers— The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association will hold its welcoming coffee at 9 this morning 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 Bellsire 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."

Attic sale fund-raiser— Randolph School will hold its annual Attic Sale from 7-

11 a.m. March 15 at the school at 1005 Drake Ave. Items available include antiques, appliances, clothing, computer equipment, toys, books, household items and more. This event is sponsored by the Raiders Club and proceeds benefit the athletic programs at the school.

Thrift shop— The Thrift Shop is accepting written requests from organizations seeking financial assistance. Written requests outlining the group's ongoing programs, reasons for requesting help, how the funds would be applied, point of contact and telephone number, should be mailed to: The Thrift Shop, Attn: Welfare chairman (Gisela Mullek), building 3657, Redstone Arsenal 35898. Applications should be received by March 31. Requesting organizations should fall within IRS 501C guidelines (non-profit organizations), donations to be used for athletic and educational activities. All donations that are approved will be distributed in April. "We would like to thank the community for letting us help them in their time of need." Solicitations from the community are welcome and welfare contributions will be decided upon and given out in August, November and April of each

year. Requests must be re-submitted each time.

Found property— Lose your favorite ink pen at the Sparkman Center Feb. 22? If so call 883-6603.

Contract managers— Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association will hold its annual National Education Seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 19 at BDM International, 950 Explorer Blvd. Gregory Forham, a principle of K&F Consulting Inc. in Atlanta, and Karen Manos, a former Air Force judge advocate and current attorney with the Howrey and Simon law firm in Washington, D.C., are to be speak on "Commercial Item Acquisition." Cost for members during early registration through March 9 is \$135, or \$155 afterwards. Cost for non-members is \$185 for early registration or \$205 afterwards. For registration forms or more information, call Harry Chaffee 726-1241.

Scuba explorers— The SEAS (Scuba Explorers and Adventurers Society) will meet at 7 p.m. March 13 at Mr. Gatti's Pizza on Univer-

sity Drive. For more information, call Theresa 876-2968 (work) or 518-9843 (home).

Federal retirees— National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. John Chase is to discuss Alzheimers support programs in this area. Refreshments start at 9:30 a.m., the program at 10. For more information, call 837-0382 or 881-3168.

Surplus sale— A local sealed bid sale of government surplus property will be held March 11 at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, building 7427 on Warehouse Road. Inspection times are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 6, 7 and 10. Bids must be submitted by 3 p.m. March 10; and bids will be opened at 9 a.m. March 11. No bid will be accepted during opening of bids. Items to be offered include chairs, desks, cabinets, drafting tables, test equipment, laboratory items, computers, food service equipment, televisions, office supplies, mobile office trailer, forklift, Plymouth Reliance sedan, Chevy C-10 van, and

Dodge pickup. For more information, call Ed Russell or Donna Davis 842-2570.

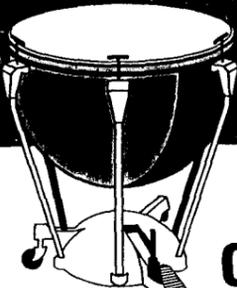
Marine Corps league— The Marine Corps League will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. March 11 at the American Legion on Drake Avenue. All present and former Marines are invited.

University women— Huntsville Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold a workshop on "Career Exploration for Girls," Saturday at the Butler High School Auditorium, 3401 Holmes Ave. The workshop is open to all middle school and high school girls in Madison County at no charge. Participants can attend either the morning session (8-11) or the afternoon session (1-4). Interested girls should contact their school counselors for more information. If you have questions, call Mary Spencer 536-0214.

Resource managers— Mark Mayfield of Mayfield Productions will present the one-day program "Creative

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Hazardous materials courses—Registration is scheduled March 10-27 for spring quarter Hazardous Materials Technology Courses leading to an associate degree in applied sciences or a certificate in hazardous materials technology. The courses are offered at Redstone by Central Alabama Community College, Childersburg. Spring quarter courses scheduled include Industrial Processes, Tuesdays, beginning March 31, and EPA Regulations I, Thursdays, beginning March. All classes are held at Sparkman building 5304, room 4364 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Spring quarter runs

from March 27 to June 4. Registration packets are available at North Army Learning Center, building 3222 or at Sparkman Learning Center, building 5304. Each course carries 5 college credits. Tuition is \$152.50 per course. For more information, call Marilyn Lewis 876-3712.

Music ministry—The Oakwood College Seventh-Day Adventist Church, department of music ministry, invites you to hear the cantata "Make Us One" at 5 p.m. March 22 at the Oakwood College Church Sanctuary. This is presented by the combined choirs of University Baptist Church, Highlands Baptist Church and the Oakwood College Church Chorale, Singing men, Ambience, and the Childrens Choir. An offering will be taken. For more information, call 726-7279.

Skeet shoot—The Big Sky Skeet & Trap Range has teamed up with SESI for a March of Dimes fundraiser at 9 a.m. April 5. Entry fee is \$25. "Please bring your double-barrel Automatic or Pump along with five boxes of shells." Competition categories include beginners, average, and above average. There will be \$50 first place prizes and \$25 second place prizes in all categories. All visitors are welcome. Here are directions to the range: From Huntsville take 231 South toward Morgan City; turn left on River Loop Road which is one-quarter mile from Catfish Haven;

go down River Loop Road for one-quarter mile and turn right on McCutcheon Road. For more information, call Charles Sparkman 876-3890.

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Islamic center—The Huntsville Islamic Center plans the following daily and weekly events: Jumuah Prayer at 12:15 p.m. Friday, 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 11:59 a.m., Asr at 3:13 p.m., Maghrib at 5:41 p.m., and Isha'a at 6:50 p.m. (all five prayers are offered daily at the masjid). For more information call the center, 1645 Sparkman Drive, at 721-1712.

Plastic modelers—The Huntsville Plastic Modeler's Society will meet at 7 tonight at the Recreation Center. HPMS is a registered chapter of the Interna-

tional Plastic Modeler's Society, but membership is open to all. For more information, call 461-8307.

Recruit the Recruiter—The Army Recruiting Command "Recruit the Recruiter Team" will be at the Post Theater on March 17 from 9:30-noon and 1:30-4 p.m. All qualified and interested noncommissioned officers are invited to attend the briefing and learn how they can volunteer to become a recruiter. Invitational letters to some NCOs have been sent down through the command. For more information, call SFC Larry Henderson 876-7387.

Alcoholics Anonymous—The Redstone Arsenal Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of the Bicentennial Chapel.

Union meeting—AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. March 10 in building 3202 (Union Office). Nominations for the AFGE Local 1858 officers will be held at this meeting; and the election will be held April 14. There was no winner of the attendance prize in February. The March prize is \$200. For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

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