

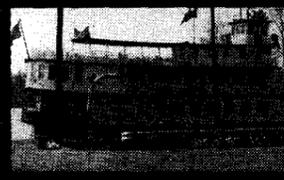
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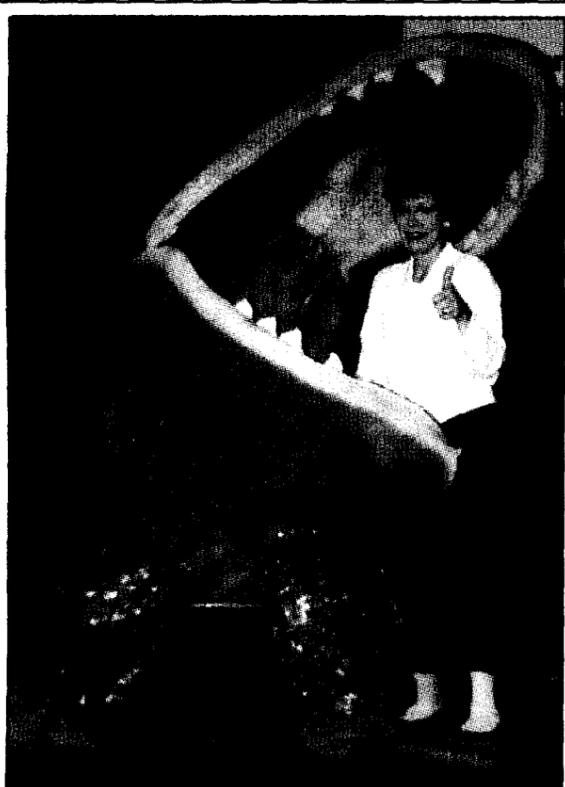
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Arts celebration...

Students from several Huntsville high schools will participate in an arts celebration Thursday sponsored by the Huntsville City School Foundation. The students will perform several drama presentations, and visual arts will also be on display. The celebration, which is to become an annual event, takes place at Huntsville High School with doors opening at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and are available at the door. Judy Link, foundation chairperson, visited the rehearsal of Butler High School's performance of the "Little Shop of Horrors" and is shown introducing herself to the man-eating plant that is one of the main characters in the play.

Environmental meeting open to the public

The Redstone Arsenal Technical Review Committee will meet this afternoon from 2 until 4 in the Sparkman Auditorium.

The committee consists of members from the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, and other state, federal and local agencies. The meeting is open to the public.

TRC meetings are hosted by MICOM's Environmental Management and Planning Office which is responsible for the Installation Restoration Program. The meeting is being held to update attendees on cleanup progress at five locations: the Open Burn/Open Detonation area; a sanitary landfill near the center of Redstone Arsenal; the area of a solvent spill in the old Thiokol facility area; caps on two incinerator waste pond areas; and excavation of a septic tank in the Thiokol area.

Recent arrivals from St. Louis give local community high marks

By Skip Vaughn

You probably haven't even noticed them. These newcomers from St. Louis who are slowly making their way down to Huntsville to join the Redstone family.

As could be expected, for people leaving their homes to start a new life in a different place, they came reluctantly. But for the most part it seems, they're happy to be here. They generally seem to like Redstone and the Huntsville community and were pleasantly surprised that their preconceptions, their fears, were unwarranted.

Let's take a snapshot. Let's take a brief look at four members of the newly-formed Civilian Personnel Operations Center. Olga D'Harlingue, Andrew Lenoir III and Joyce Kaelin previously worked at the Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis. Chris Solari had worked at the

Army Reserve Personnel Center in St. Louis.

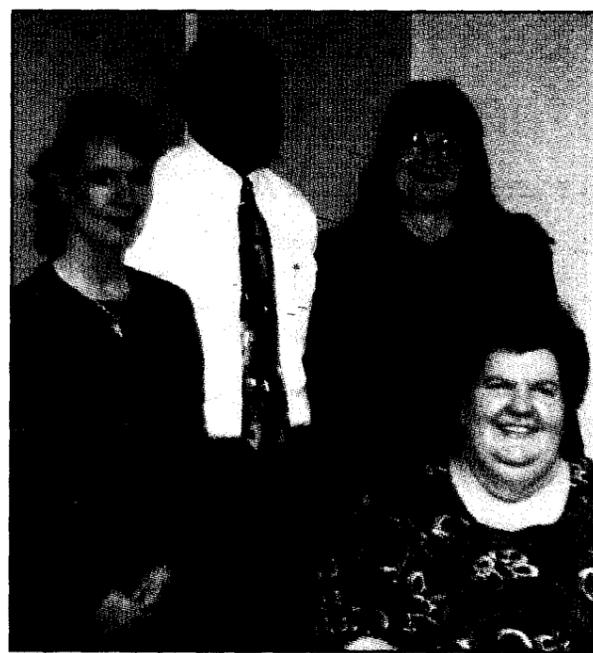
D'Harlingue, a personnel clerk in the human resource development office at CPOC, arrived Feb. 16. Lenoir, Kaelin and Solari each arrived Jan. 13.

"I think it's great. Everyone is extremely friendly. Everyone's very professional. I'm happy to be here," D'Harlingue said.

The others had similar comments. "I'm thoroughly impressed," Lenoir, a position classification specialist, said. "I have nothing negative to say about this place. People are very warm, welcome us with open arms, very friendly."

"I was highly impressed," Kaelin, a position classification specialist, said. "Working conditions are excellent; and everyone I have met is very friendly and cooperative. And I just love the weather."

"I was impressed with the working conditions," Solari, a personnel manage-



NEWCOMERS— From left are Kaelin, Lenoir, Solari and D'Harlingue, seated.

ment specialist, said. "The people here are just wonderful."

They give the Huntsville community good grades for cleaner streets, less crime and a slower pace. And, get this, they even like the traf-

fic. "The traffic here is nothing," Kaelin said. "There is no traffic here (compared to St. Louis)."

D'Harlingue, 42, is a St.

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Recruiting policies change to meet post-drawdown

By Sarah Craciunoiu

WASHINGTON— To enlist more soldiers for the post-drawdown Army, officials plan to increase the budget for recruiting and widen the eligibility window for new recruits.

Lt. Gen. Frederick Vollrath, deputy chief of staff for personnel, announced the Army's recruiting strategy for the next few years at a March 4 Pentagon press conference. The new strategy is a response to significant changes which have made the enlistment market smaller. Concurrent with recruit requirements getting larger, a smaller eligibility pool presents a challenge for the Army.

Research and surveys show the actual propensity of young people 18 to 25 years old to enlist in any military service is down by almost 4 percent. The public perception is that the Army is downsizing and fewer soldiers are needed. An increased advertising budget will create ads which target this perception.

At the same time, there is greater competition for the youth market, Vollrath said. More industries and universities are helping young men and women pay for education. State and federal assistance programs have increased and other military branches now offer incentives comparable to the Army's College Fund.

The accession requirement for this year is 89,700 enlistments, up 22 percent from 1996. This is a result of the Army's return to the steady one-for-one enlistment loss replacement policy it had before the drawdown.

"The Army is moving forward with this mission," Vollrath said. "We need to do more now ... because the drawdown is done."

Part of the Army's strategy is to expand the enlistment pool. To that end, the Army has expanded the market for youth holding alternative high school completion credentials by 5 percent. This aligns the Army's goal of 90 percent, high school diploma gradu-

ates, with the DoD standard, and returns the Army to its pre-drawdown goal in that order.

The increase to 10 percent of the number of recruits who have a GED or other diploma equivalent provides more opportunity for them to join the Army, according to Army officials, provided they score in the I-III A categories on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, which is a requirement for their enlistment.

The ASVAB is the Army's entrance exam. The Army continues to require that 67 percent of new recruits score in Category I-III A or better. No more

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Hospice chaplain to minister Easter sunrise service

Holy Week activities will culminate March 30 with the annual Easter sunrise service at Redstone.

This ecumenical service will be held at 7 a.m. Easter Sunday behind the old Post Chapel on Patton Road.

Scheduled speaker is the Rev. Carl Malm, chaplain and bereavement care coordinator for Hospice Cares Inc., Huntsville.

In the event of inclement weather, the service would be held at Bicentennial Chapel on Goss Road.

Here is the schedule for Holy Week services at Bicentennial Chapel:

- **Catholic**— Holy Thursday, March 27 at 6 p.m.; Good Friday, March 28 at 6 p.m.; Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday), March 29 at 7 p.m.; and Easter Sunday, March 30 at 9:30 a.m.

- **Protestant**— Maundy Thursday, March

27 at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m.; Easter Breakfast & Devotional, March 30 at 8:30 a.m.; and Easter Sunday, March 30 at 11 a.m. with guest speaker Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Yarbrough, confinement facility chaplain at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

A German Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 6:30 a.m. March 30 at Community Faith Lutheran Church, 8871 Highway 20 West in Madison. The Rev. Harry D. Smith will conduct that service in the German language. It will be followed by a breakfast at 7:30.

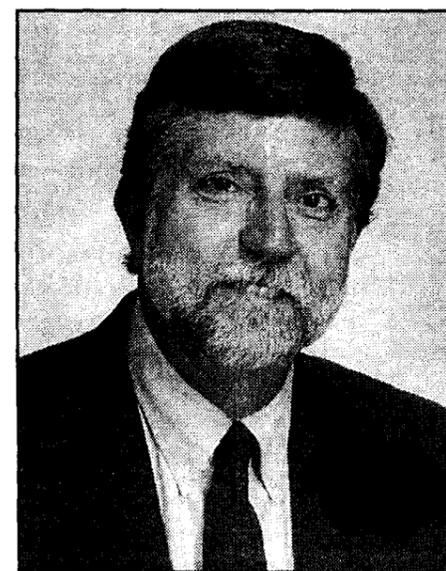
Malm, of Hospice Cares Inc., also serves as chaplain of Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital of North Alabama and is a part-time member of the history faculty at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

A native of Omaha, Neb., Malm pastored

churches in Illinois before moving to Huntsville in 1980 where he ministered with Southside Christian Church before becoming a hospice chaplain. He has served Madison County as a hospice chaplain since 1989 and is also active in the leadership of the Huntsville Association for Pastoral Care and the Greater Huntsville Ministers' Association.

Malm and his wife, Becky, have two teen-aged children.

Hospice Cares Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides care and support for the terminally ill and their families throughout Madison County. Hospice Cares also offers bereavement support services and educational programming on death and grief to the entire community.



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Commentary: AER can help extended families, too

By Lee Samuelson

It has been brought to our attention that a lot of civilian employees are asking the same question, "How does AER help the civilian sector?"

The answer is simple: If there are any civilians that have relatives in the military they are potentially helped by the mere fact a relative is active duty, retired or in a Reserve Component on active status.

An example of this is my mother-in-law was diagnosed with cancer. She had to undergo spinal reconstruction front and back and was placed in a waist-up body cast. She needed home care or be placed in a rest home at a considerable expense. AER gave me an interest free loan, enabling my wife and me to go home and take care of my mother-in-law at home.

My mother-in-law benefited financially and emotionally from having my wife and me take care of her at home. Her only connection to the military was that her daughter happened to be married to a soldier. The civilian, my mother-in-law, benefited the most from the AER loan.

If a civilian employee at Redstone Arsenal finds his/herself in an emergency financial need, will AER help them in this emergency? NO. If a civilian employee at Redstone Arsenal finds he needs emergency travel assistance, will AER help him? NO.

However, if a civilian employee at Redstone Arsenal or anywhere for that matter, has a mother, father, sister, brother, or aunt or uncle in the military or who have children that are in the military they could receive the same type of assistance as my mother-in-law did. So, YES, indirectly the AER does help the civilian sector quite often, more than people realize.

This is the reason my wife was so eager to volunteer her time and talents to this worthy cause. It is a way she could pay back the Army Emergency Relief program beside our monthly allotments.

(Editor's note: CWO 3 Samuelson and his wife, Sharon, serve as AER campaign co-chairmen.)

Commentary: Regular exercise can help save lives

By Sharon Guynes

The Surgeon General's report on physical activity and health is the strongest policy statement ever made by the U.S. government concerning physical activity. The report was released on the eve of the Centennial Olympic Games—the premiere event showcasing the world's greatest athletes. This seems fitting due to the fact that the office of the Surgeon General authorized the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to serve as the lead agency for preparing the report and the CDC is located in Atlanta where the Summer Olympics was also being held.

This is the first Surgeon General's report to address physical activity and health. Scientists and doctors have known for years that substantial benefits can be gained from regular physical activity. The expanding and strengthening evidence on the relationship between physical activity and health necessitates the focus this report brings to this important public health challenge. As a result, I would like to list some highlights the report provided.

Many Americans may be surprised at the extent and strength of the evidence linking physical activity to numerous health improvements. Most significantly, regular physical activity

greatly reduces the risk of dying from coronary heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States. Physical activity also reduces the risk of developing diabetes, hypertension, and colon cancer; enhances mental health; fosters healthy muscles, bones and joints; and helps maintain function and preserve independence in older adults.

The main message of this report is that Americans can substantially improve their health and quality of life by including moderate amounts of physical activity in their daily lives. Health benefits from physical activity are thus achievable for most Americans, including those who may dislike vigorous exercise and those who may have been previously discouraged by the difficulty of adhering to a program of vigorous exercise. For those who are already achieving regular moderate amounts of activity, additional benefits can be gained by further increases in activity level.

The time for this emphasis is both opportune and pressing. As this report makes clear, current levels of physical activity among Americans remain low. Despite knowledge that exercise is healthful, more than 60 percent of American adults are not regularly active, and 25 percent of the adult population are not active at all. Only 22 percent

of adults report physical activity patterns that would come close to meeting the currently recommended amount of activity (30 minutes of activity on most days of the week) and only 15 percent of adults report habitual activity that would promote a training effect. Although many people have enthusiastically embarked on exercise programs at one time or another, most do not either stick with the program or sustain participation for a very long period. The staff of the Wellness Center is constantly faced with the difficulty of trying to help people develop and maintain healthier lifestyle habits. How can we make exercise and physical activity a lifestyle change? One way is to create effective programming that increases physical activity in a variety of settings, such as at schools and worksites. With the evidence that success in this arena is possible, every effort should be made to promote more programs within these organizations.

We must get serious about improving the health of the nation by affirming our commitment to healthy physical activity on all levels: personal, family, community, organizational and national. Because physical activity is so directly related to preventing disease and premature death and to maintaining a high quality

of life, we must give it the same level of attention that we give other important public health practices that affect the entire nation. Physical activity thus joins the front ranks of essential health objectives, such as sound nutrition, and the prevention of adverse health effects of tobacco.

For more information on the Surgeon General's report and clarification of optimal dose of exercise (total amount, duration, intensity, frequency, pattern and type) that will couple specific health benefits then don't miss the Wellness Center's summary April 22 and April 29 from 11-noon in building 5302, room 2139; please call to register at 955-6844.

Given the numerous health benefits of physical activity, the hazards of being inactive are clear. Physical inactivity is a serious, nationwide problem. Its scope poses a challenge for reducing the national burden of unnecessary illness and premature death. I encourage all of us to move toward living a prudent heart healthy lifestyle. Exercise is a key component to health promotion and disease prevention. Come discover how you can start improving your health with more exercise.

(Editor's note: Guynes, M.S., is exercise physiologist/wellness coordinator at the Wellness Center, building 4460.)

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AMC communities among annual excellence winners

WASHINGTON— Congratulations to Army Materiel Command winners in the fiscal 1997 Army Communities of Excellence awards competition.

Chief of Staff, Army (CSA) Awards go to Tobyhanna Army Depot and the U.S. Soldier Systems Command. Rock Island Arsenal receives a CSA Runner-up Award.

These communities will attend the CSA ACOE Awards Ceremony on May 1 in the Pentagon Courtyard. The CSA will present a trophy and an ACOE flag to each community. A total of 24 communities representing the active Army, Reserves, and National Guard will receive awards. Of those 24, one will receive the Commanders-in-Chief Award, 12 receive CSA Awards, and 11 receive CSA Runners-up Awards. These 24 communities competed with numerous other communities within their major commands or regions prior to competition at the Department of Army level.

Receipt of this award represents many years of working toward continuous improvement in delivery of ever-improving customer service and improvement of overall organizational performance capabilities. Installations assess themselves against the seven categories of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award as follows: Leadership, Strategic Planning, Customer and Market Focus, Information and Analysis, Human Resource Development and Management, Process Management, and Business Results.

Congratulations to each soldier, civilian, and family member on each of these communities. This award represents a community commitment for excellence. (AMC release)

Summerville reaches top of NCO ranks before leaving Redstone

By Kathy Harkleroad

An unique event took place Thursday at the NCO Academy. MSgt. Tony Summerville was promoted to sergeant major; and while that in itself is not unique, his appointment to command sergeant major immediately afterwards, was.

Summerville will become command sergeant major of the 70th Ordnance Battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas, a position vacated by CSM Collin Harewood, now of the NCO Academy. Summerville just completed his assignment here as the deputy commandant of the Academy.

CSM Summerville was honored by his peers during promotion ceremonies at the academy with Academy commandant Harewood presiding over the ceremony. "I first ran into Tony while we were stationed at Fort Carson (Colo.) in 1981," Harewood said. "It was there we first met, and I was his platoon sergeant. Tony has seen many assignments, and at each one demonstrated the qualities

of a command sergeant major. Those who knew him, knew he would one day end up in this position."

OMMCS CSM Preston Siple echoed that statement, and said Summerville had what it took to assume the command. "All of us are extremely proud of Tony and the accomplishments he has made during his career in the Army," Siple said. "I knew 11 years ago that he was going to be a command sergeant major; there was no doubt in my mind."

After Siple, and Summerville's wife Cora, pinned the new rank on his uniform Summerville thanked those who helped him through his career. "I did not do this alone and have to thank those who took the time to counsel me, mentor me and be there for me during my troubled times," he said. "I took those lessons to heart and use them on my soldiers and still use them today."

Summerville entered the Army in 1977 and attended his Advanced Individual Training classes on the



NEW CSM— CSM Preston Siple, left, helps pin new rank on Summerville, center, during promotion ceremonies held at the NCO Academy Thursday. Also helping with the promotion pinning is Summerville's wife, Cora. Summerville has left to assume his new command at Fort Bliss, Texas.

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Military kids' month events scheduled at post in April

Here is a schedule of events for the Month of the Military Child observance in April:



- **April 1**— Kickoff Parade at 10 a.m. at the Child Development Center.
- **April 8**— Preschool children Movie Day, "Child Abuse— What to Do," at 10 a.m. at the Child Development Center.
- **April 9**— Parent's Story Hour at 10 a.m.; parents will read to children.
- **April 11**— Olympic Day at 9:45 a.m. at Babe Ruth Field 8.
- **April 12**— Community Block Party from 1-4 p.m. at building 3148. The entire Redstone community is invited.
- **April 22**— Parent Fair from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148.
- **April 25**— Earth Day Tree Planting at 9:45 a.m. at the Child Development Center.
- **The Post Restaurant Fund** plans the following special for April: With a cash register receipt from any PRF cafeteria, you can receive \$1 off any large drink from the Southern Wake-Up coffee vendor located outside the Sparkman Cafeteria. For more information, call 876-8741.

New deputy for NCO Academy arrives at Redstone from Germany

By Kathy Harkleroad

MSgt. Larry Pratt is the new deputy commandant of the NCO Academy. Pratt arrived at Redstone from Miesau, Germany where he served in the 191st Ordnance Battalion.

Pratt is taking over the duties of CSM Anthony Summerville and will be running the academy under the guidance of CSM Collin Harewood, the commandant. He is responsible for executing the policies set forth by the commandant, and making sure the rules and regulations are followed.

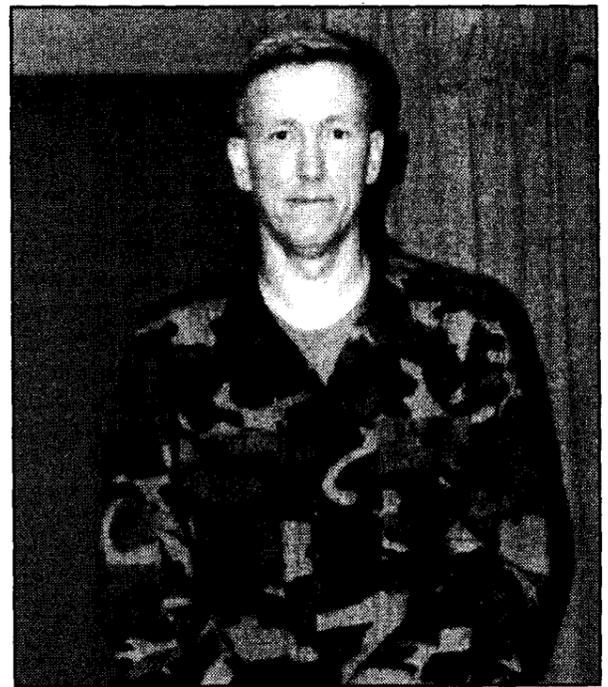
"This position is not about what MSgt. Pratt's wishes and wants. It is about implementing the standards of the Army and making sure the soldiers who not only attend classes here, but those who are assigned here, meet those standards and exceed them," Pratt said. "The students who leave here should be able to go back to their units and train soldiers to the standards they have

learned here."

Pratt takes his position as deputy commandant seriously and looks forward to the future and the challenges it holds. "This is my chance to make a difference and make sure only qualified soldiers are returned to the field. This is probably my only chance to have an impact on the training of NCOs and I am looking forward to that challenge very much," he said.

When asked if he saw any changes on the horizon for the academy, Pratt said the only ones he could see are further out. "We are going to maintain the reputation the academy has as one of excellence that was set forth by the previous command," he said. "The only other changes we foresee is the challenge of preparing for Distance Learning and the classroom of the future."

Pratt said he will have an open door policy and is looking forward to working with the many soldiers who pass through the academy



PRATT

doors. "I also have to mention how lucky I am to have the Small Group Leaders I do," he said. "They are the backbones of this academy and make it run as well as it does."

Pratt is a native of New Castle, Ind., and has been in the Army for almost 19 years. He expects to retire

here and owns a home that sits on four and a half acres in the country. "When I am not here, I can be found there mowing, building decks, or just finding other projects to bury myself in," he said with a smile. "I really enjoy working outside and can always find something to do."

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Harewood foresees Army changes for training soldiers

By Kathy Harkleroad

The new commandant for NCO Academy, CSM Collin Harewood, looks forward to its future.

While Harewood has previously served as a command sergeant major, this command is different. "This role is not one a NCO usually falls into," he said. "My job now is one similar to an officer, one of resourcing, policy decision-making, and interfacing with other agencies and directorates. The deputy commandant here runs the academy, and is equal to a CSM in a battalion or a 1st Sgt. in a company."

Harewood said he looks forward to his duties which he assumed March 13. "There isn't anything I am going to change here at the Academy, but there are many changes on the horizon for the Army as a whole, and they will affect the academy. It is those changes that we have to get prepared for.

"Somewhere on the horizon is the implementation of the Classroom 21 concept, where more automation will be integrated into the classrooms. Also on the horizon is Distance Learn-

ing where students will remain at their duty stations, yet attend classes given here at the academy," he said.

Harewood expects a diminished role for the academy with the implementation of distance learning. "Those changes are not right around the corner, but are ones that are being investigated by the Army as a whole, and we have to be prepared for them as well," he said.

Harewood's philosophy on leading the Academy into the future is one of preparedness, training and family. "My philosophy is that the Academy prepare NCOs who will uniquely be qualified to lead soldiers into the 21st century. NCOs who will personify selflessness and demonstrate a caring organization," he said.

"I also expect the NCO cadre to make time and care for families and themselves, while continuing their education and keeping a sense of humor."

Harewood also said he could not help but mention how impressed he was with the academy as a whole. "I plan on continuing the traditions and focus that has

played an important part of the mission of the Academy. Trish and CSM Johnson did a wonderful job here, and I plan to continue in their footsteps."

Harewood arrived from Fort Bliss, Texas, where he was the battalion command sergeant major for the 70th Ordnance Battalion; and he has been in the Army for 25 years. Previous assignments include four years as the senior enlisted adviser to the commanding general, Tank-automotive Armaments Command, Armament Research Development and Engineering Center, Dover, N.J.; where he also served as garrison

sergeant major. He spent three years as the first sergeant of the 24th Ordnance Company, Hunter Army Airfield, Ga; operations sergeant, 6th Ordnance Battalion, Camp Ames, Korea; chief quality assurance, 583rd Ordnance Company, Muenster-Handorf, Germany; nuclear surety NCO, Sierra Army Depot, Colo.; and nuclear surety NCO, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea.

He is married to the former Diann Moss and has four children. When not found at the academy, Harewood can be located fishing or surfing the net.



HAREWOOD

Prenatal care helps prevents birth defects

By Betty McCrary

FORT STEWART, Ga. — Up to 7 percent of all U.S. births involve physical or mental defects of varying severity. Birth defects may be inherited or may result from environmental factors — unfavorable "living conditions" for the fetus during prenatal development.

Prenatal care, nutrition counseling and parental education are important in the prevention of some birth defects. All women of child-bearing age should have access to and use such services.

In the last few decades, knowledge about how a baby develops inside the mother has expanded. There is a greater understanding of factors that cause many illnesses and birth defects. Some of these conditions can now be treated or prevented.

The March of Dimes advises if you are thinking about having a baby, start taking care of yourself now.

Supplement your diet with folic acid to reduce the risk of certain birth defects.

The right amount of folic acid can be found in most multivitamins.

Eat a variety of foods that are good for you. Don't smoke, drink alcohol or take other drugs. Go to your doctor or health clinic for a checkup. As soon as you think you are pregnant, see your primary care physician or health department.

Continue to eat right so that your baby can grow the way it should. Stop drinking any and all alcoholic beverages.

Don't take any drugs without the advice of your doctor. Quit smoking. When you are pregnant, it's more important than ever to stop or at least cut down. Learn all you can about having a baby. Ask questions!

The more you know, the better choices you will have and better care you can take of yourself and your baby. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: McCrary is a registered nurse with Winn Army Community Hospital at Fort Stewart.)



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School bus communications should help in emergencies

By Julie Vaughn

It's time for school, kids are on buses and the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning.

A small child swallows a foreign object and begins choking to death. A bus stalls.

Until now, Redstone's school bus drivers were at the mercy of telephones at the schools in emergencies.

But the drivers are now breathing a sigh of relief. And parents should be, too.

The Army recently installed weather-band, or weather alert, radios in all 12 of its buses. Drivers can now communicate directly with a dispatcher on one channel, and listen to the weather on a second channel.

"This means that in any emergency, we can use the

radios to call the dispatcher for help," said Jackie Paul, a bus driver on post for 11 years. "Whether it's the weather, a sick kid or if the bus breaks down, we can call it in. It definitely makes me feel better."

Already, the weather-alert radios have begun paying for themselves. Almost three weeks ago, a tornado warning was issued during the morning rush hour and the motor pool dispatcher was able to notify drivers through the transmitters, said Ann Childress, supervisor of the bus drivers.

Here's how the system works:

Drivers normally keep their radios tuned to Channel 1. If a weather emergency arises, a motor pool dispatcher will tell the drivers to switch to Channel 2, which is the National Weather Service broadcasts. Drivers stay on Channel 2 until the watch or warning expires.

"Otherwise, we had no way to communicate with drivers except through the schools," Childress said.



NEW SYSTEM— Bus driver Jackie Paul operates Redstone's new weather-alert radio system.

"This should be a real relief to parents here."

Each day, Redstone drivers make sure 648 kids arrive to school and back home on post safely, said Kimberly Pugh, contract officer representative for all Motor Pool Operations in the Mobile Equipment

Branch.

Children are taken to and from Williams Elementary School on Zierdt Road; Westlawn Middle School on Bob Wallace Avenue; and to Butler High School.

Although the Army paid for the weather-alert radio system, an independent con-

tractor actually oversees busing operations. Even the drivers actually work for Northrop Grumman Inc., the base support contractor with headquarters in Virginia.

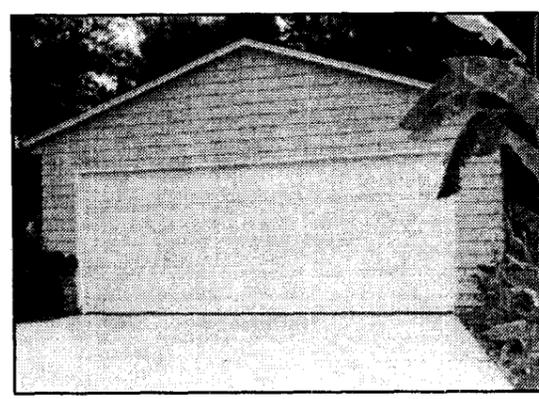
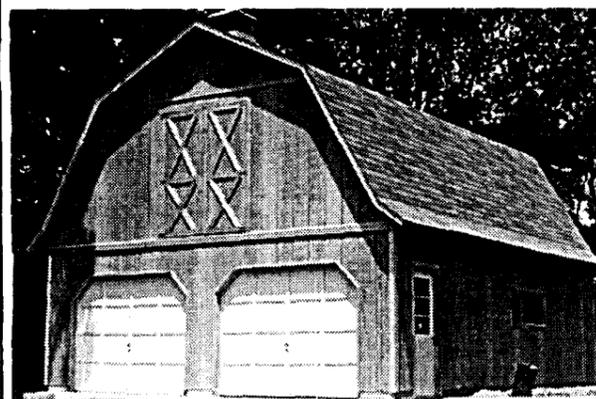
Efforts to buy and install the weather-alert radios have been under way for about a year, Pugh said.



MOTOR POOL— Pugh poses in front of a school bus.

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GOODBYE, BOB— Voss poses between the data entry group's twins, Judy Hendrix, left, and Patsy Hendrix.

Computer expert goes back home to Memphis in March

MICOM's data transcribers bid farewell to one of their own March 13 when Bob Voss left for a job in his hometown.

Voss, who had been with the Corporate Information Center for seven years, went

home to Memphis. March 13 was his last day here.

"He was the computer expert. He came (to Redstone) with the Unisys computers when we got them," Janice Smith, lead data transcriber, said.

The data entry group is part of the multiple services branch, systems operations division, operations directorate, Corporate Information Center.

Defense commissary agency faces reduced budget in fiscal

WASHINGTON— Hit with a \$48.5 million reduction in its fiscal 1997 budget, the Defense Commissary Agency plans to reorganize from seven to four regions and will conduct a study to determine personnel reductions at headquarters, its Operations Support Center and at regional levels.

It is expected that geographic boundaries and headquarters locations for the three consolidated regions in the United States will be decided by April, said DeCA's director, retired Army Maj. Gen. Richard E. Beale Jr. Currently DeCA has Central, Northeast, Southern, Midwest, Southwest, Northwest-Pacific, and European Regions. Plans call for the European region to stay "as is."

With continued downward pressure on defense spending, DeCA received an additional funding reduction of \$48.5 million for fiscal 1997. The appropriated budget for fiscal 1997 is \$916.4 million. Within 90 days DeCA plans to announce how it will streamline its headquarters and OSC, both at Fort Lee, Va., DeCA's Chief Executive Officer Charles M. Wiker announced a hiring freeze on permanent staffing actions to fill vacancies at DeCA head-

quarters, the OSC and CONUS Regions.

DeCA's regional reorganization is not entirely due to the budget crunch. Because of reductions in the number of commissaries due to base closures and force reductions, DeCA was already looking at reducing the number of regions. Now, fiscal reality has made changes imperative and the Agency expects to be operating three CONUS regions by Oct. 1, 1999. Although the downsizing will start almost immediately, the reorganization is expected to take two years.

"Our entire business system infrastructure is geared to six regions in CONUS," Beale said. "So we're going to have to make gradual changes."

The changes also take into consideration future budget reductions occurring in recognition of DeCA's status as the U.S. government's first transitional performance-based organization. DeCA was named as a transitional PBO on Oct. 1, 1996 as part of the Clinton-Gore administration's efforts to reinvent government.

"PBO gives us the chance to become more like a private-sector business, run more efficiently and save money for the taxpayers and customers," Beale said. But, many of the

waivers DeCA will need to cut through red tape have yet to be approved.

"Unfortunately, a \$48.5 million budget reduction, before savings are realized, means we've already started out with one foot in the bucket," Beale said. DeCA has already streamlined personnel and functions at headquarters once since its formation in 1991. That was in 1995.

"In 1997, making the agency more efficient without breaking the system requires more flexibility to government rules," Beale said. "And that's where PBO comes into play. We don't have a great deal of overhead now, [which is] less than 1.8 percent of our budget in terms of sales. That suggests we are already a pretty efficient operation."

Although some administrative waivers have been approved, major PBO cost-saving initiatives will require legislation, including initiatives in finance, human resources and acquisition.

"Overall, PBO remains DeCA's best hope for cutting costs while maintaining the commissary benefit," Beale said. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Taken from a Defense Commissary Agency news release.)

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Advanced combat helicopter has successful first flight

MESA, Ariz.— The first McDonnell Douglas AH-64D Apache Longbow for the Army made its maiden flight March 17, signaling the rebirth of the world's most advanced multi-mission combat helicopter for the nation's defense in the 21st century.

The aircraft, a veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm where it served as an AH-64A Apache, lifted off at 10:11 a.m. and flew for 30 minutes. McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Systems production test pilots Walt Jones and Jerry Keyser flew the remanufactured aircraft, which had served with the 1-82nd Attack Helicopter Battalion at Fort Bragg, N.C., from October 1987 until April 1994 when it was transferred to the 6th Cavalry Brigade at Fort Hood, Texas.

"Everything went exceptionally well," said Keyser, the company's chief pilot, who flew in the co-pilot/gunner's seat. "It was a clean flight and we're very pleased with its performance."

During the flight, the aircraft reached forward speeds of 45 knots and side-ward flight to 20 knots, in addition to a wide range of hover maneuvers.

The first remanufactured AH-64D Apache Longbow, a 10-year-old veteran of Panama and Iraq, was scheduled to roll out March 21 at the McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Systems facility in Mesa, Ariz., home of all Apache production programs.

Production will gradually increase, moving from one aircraft a month this year to five aircraft a month by 1999. McDonnell Douglas is operating under a five-year, multi-year contract with the Army for 232 remanufactured Apache Longbows. The contract, worth \$1.9 billion, will push initial production of Apache Longbows past the turn of the century and sets the stage for the Army to remanufacture its entire fleet of more than 750 AH-64As.

The Apache Longbow's fire control radar and advanced avionics suite

give combat pilots the ability to rapidly detect, classify, prioritize and engage stationary or moving enemy targets at standoff ranges.

The AH-64D is being developed by a team that includes the Army, McDonnell Douglas as total systems integrator; and a joint venture comprised of Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman develop the Longbow Fire Control Radar and the radar frequency Hellfire missile.

To date, eight nations, including the United States, have selected the Apache for their defense needs. The Netherlands and the United Kingdom recently became the first two international customers to select the AH-64D for their armed services.

In all, more than 1,000 Apaches have been ordered by customers worldwide. Several other potential customers are considering the purchase of Apaches in the near future. (ATCOM release)



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Self-Help center offers flowers to housing residents

By Kathy Harkleroad

The birds are chirping, the sun is shining, the temperatures are warmer, and the calendar says spring is officially here. Housing residents also know spring has arrived with the announcement of annual spring flower distribution at the Self-Help Store.

This year things will be done just a bit differently than in the past, according to store manager Wayne Nevels. "This year we will only have one day set aside to distribute the flowers and they will be available on a first come, first serve basis," he said. "We do not expect to give away all the flowers in one day though and will probably have some left the next day." In the past there were two deliveries of flowers, usually a week apart; this year one of those deliveries has been eliminated.

Flowers available for housing residents include impatiens, hostas, begonias and petunias. Each set of quarters will be allowed two flats of flowers, as well as up to four one-gallon containers of the hostas.

Residents are asked to line up at the north gate of the Self-Help Store April 22

and remain in their vehicles. Residents are also asked to use the road adjacent to the store and pull off the pavement.

Nevels wants to remind personnel in industrial buildings that their deadlines have passed for requesting flowers and late requests cannot be honored.

Flowers aren't the only things available at the store when it comes to landscaping needs; and Nevels encourages all residents to take advantage of the free materials.

"The postwide cleanup is scheduled for April 3 and 4, and that is a perfect time not only to lay out plans for the flowers, but also prepare beds as well, fertilize and reseed yards," he said. "We have the fertilizer and grass seed, and this year we now have lime in stock that will help grass grow and look healthy."

Those residents who need rakes, blowers, mowers, tools and just about anything else to spruce up the yard, can stop by the Self-Help Store, and obtain the needed items. "We have just about everything you need to work in the yard," Nevels said, "except the manpower."

For those residents who

really get into the swing of spring cleaning, the store also has items available to help spruce up the interior of the quarters. "We have all kinds of things, as well as paint for those residents who want to do some touchups," Nevels said. "In order to paint though, it must be approved by housing before we can issue the paint."

Residents are also reminded to check their air conditioning filters and stock up on new ones at the store. Nevels said it is very important that filters be changed on a monthly basis and all sizes are in stock. "They don't even need to know the size of the filter, we have that in the computer."



SPRING FLOWERS— Housing residents can pick up several types of spring flowers April 22 at the Self Help Store. Available this year are impatiens, hostas, begonias and petunias.



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Naval Institute sets annual Colin Powell essay contest

WASHINGTON— The U.S. Naval Institute has issued its call for entries to the third annual Colin L. Powell Joint Warfighting Essay Contest.

In the words of the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the competition seeks entries from "those who are motivated to enter this contest not by a need to 'toe the policy line,' but who are devoted to the security of this great nation."

Essays should be about combat readiness in a joint context

— persuasive discussion of tactics, strategy, weaponry, combat training, force structure, doctrine, operations, organization for combat, interoperability of hardware and procedures or other issues involving two or more services.

Entries may be heavy in uni-service detail, but must have joint application. Entries are welcome from military professionals and civilians alike.

The Naval Institute will award cash prizes of \$3,500, \$2,000 and \$1,000 to the authors of the three best essays entered.

Maximum length is 3,000 words, but shorter opinion pieces or "professional notes" (2,000-word technical arguments) may also be competitive.

Other rules:

- Essays must be original and not previously submitted or published elsewhere. An exact word count must appear on the title page.
- Send entries to Colin L. Powell Joint Warfighting Essay Contest, U.S. Naval Institute, 118 Maryland Ave, Annapolis Md., 21402-5035. Essays must be post-marked on or before April 1.
- Submit two complete copies, typewritten, double-spaced, on paper approximately 8"x11". If typed on a computer, submit an IBM-compatible diskette and specify the word processor used.
- The name of the author should NOT appear on the essay—essays are judged anonymously. Authors must assign a motto in addition to a title to the essay. The motto and title should appear on the title page of the essay in lieu of the author's name.

Winners will be notified by phone in June and awards will be presented in a ceremony to be announced later. For more information, call Valry Fetrow at (410) 268-6110. (Arnews)

Defense Department conducting study on whether to unite exchange systems

By Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON— DoD is studying whether to integrate the various service exchange systems.

An independent review by Systems Research and Applications International concluded that merging the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, the Navy Exchange and the Marine Corps Exchange has the potential for improving customer service, reducing prices and increasing dividends the exchanges pay to the service morale, welfare and recreation funds.

"In 1990, the House (Armed Services Committee) directed DoD to study consolidating the exchanges," said Steve Rossetti, DoD director of morale, welfare and recreation and resale activities. "The Logistics Management Institute studied this and said it's probably a good idea, but with the force structure reductions pending, (DoD) should leave the question open until the force structure stabilized."

The force structure is stable and DoD started to study the idea of integration in June 1996. SRA Interna-

tional used data from the various exchange systems to make its analysis. SRA researchers delivered their conclusions to DoD in December 1996. They concluded if the exchange systems merged there would be an annual recurring savings of \$176 million and the value of the exchange benefit would increase from the current \$6 billion a year to \$9 billion.

The SRA report encouraged DoD to do a more stringent review called "due diligence." This term — borrowed from private industry — means officials will go further down in the organizations for more precise figures. "It looks at how culturally and financially we would go about integrating the businesses, if this is the route we take," Rossetti said.

The decision on integrating the exchanges will await the result of this further investigation, but the dynamics of the situation are clear, Rossetti said. The reduced force structure has reduced the economies of scale the exchanges could get on their own. "We're still closing bases," he said. "In Europe, we pulled

200,000 servicemembers out, and active duty strength worldwide is down a third. This has cut into the exchanges."

While the separate exchange systems get smaller, private industry grows. Wal-Mart, the nation's largest retailer, grew from \$26 billion in sales in 1989 to \$94 billion in 1995. "The exchanges are in a new competitive framework," Rossetti said. "The research on private retailers shows they see raising prices to consumers as unacceptable. They insist on eliminating costs and keeping prices down."

Technology has matured to the point it is relatively easy to integrate control and business systems. Rossetti cited federated department stores as an example. The retail giant owns both Macy's and Bloomingdale's. The business technology gives the company savings, yet allows the stores to have different lines and follow local requirements.

Fred Pang, assistant secretary of defense for force management policy and Rossetti's boss, has put forth a process with the ser-

vices to develop a master plan for exchange integration. They are charged with developing a plan to integrate, at a minimum, management, logistics, information technology and overhead support functions. The process calls for drawing from the existing boards of directors to make decisions regarding integration.

"We need to be mindful of the purposes of exchanges," Rossetti said. "They are cooperatives, wherein military people get together and establish their stores. Servicemembers are represented by their boards of directors. Service men and women own these stores: they are the shareholders. They rightfully expect that we will do everything we can to keep costs low and prices low. Whatever is done, must be done in the best interests of the servicemembers. We will all work hard to ensure this." (American Forces Press Service)

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Mixed training sites impress Defense Secretary Cohen

By Linda D. Kozaryn

LACKLAND AFB, Texas/FORT JACKSON, S.C.— Integrated training — men and women training in the same units — is working well at the two military training centers he visited in late February, said Defense Secretary William Cohen.

On his first trip since taking office Jan. 24, Cohen said he wanted to see integrated training because of congressional concern over recent sexual harassment cases at the Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and other stateside military training sites. Critics question whether the Army, Navy and Air Force should continue integrated training or conduct separate training for men and women like the Marine Corps, he said.

"I'm open to any suggestions and always will try to keep an open mind on this," he said, "but I have to be persuaded there's compelling evidence as to why integrated training should not be continued."

About 34,000 Air Force recruits attend basic training at Lackland each year, Air Force officials there said. About 26 percent of Lackland's trainees are women. About 32,000 soldiers attended basic combat training at Jackson in fiscal 1996, and about 35 percent of them were women, Army officials there said.

Military officials are working to determine if sexual harassment is deeply ingrained or if it is confined to specific installations or facilities. "We want to know how deep that problem goes, and if we find it is deeply ingrained, then we have to take a lot of very aggressive measures to correct it," Cohen said.

The armed forces have had similar problems in the past dealing with drug abuse and racial discrimination, he said. "We have fixed those problems, and we will fix this problem. I'm confident of that."

Cohen said recruits at Lackland told him they would like integrated training to continue.

He said he believes DoD

should let the services determine what works best for them. They are legally responsible for recruiting and training.

"Sexual harassment is totally inconsistent with the values our military is promoting — integrity and equality," Cohen said. The Army has been dealing with the issue in an "admirable fashion," he said. "They are dealing with it in a very proactive fashion."

During a briefing at Lackland, Air Force Col. Toreaser Steel, commander, 737th Training Group, said integrated training works well for the Air Force. "We think it's very important to train the way we work and fight," she told the defense secretary.

Steel outlined the base policy against sexual harassment, featuring zero tolerance, prevention through education, communication and strong action against offenders. Sexual harassment training is an integral part of Air Force training, she said. Recruits receive sexual harassment training within 24 hours of arriving at the basic training base.

Following Steel's formal brief, Cohen asked the 22-year Air Force veteran for her personal view on gender-integrated training. Steel told the secretary she believes eliminating integrated training would be a big step backward for the military and the nation.

"It would be extremely costly to return to providing separate training for men and women," she said. "Integrated training is vital to our mission and our readiness."

"It's important that we form the right foundation from the beginning, and that's what we're all about here at basic military training, building a strong foundation," she said later. "A foundation built on anything other than the way we're going to fight is not the foundation we need."

Tech. Sgt. Dawn E. Whitman, a training instructor at Lackland's 322nd Training Squadron, also briefed Cohen on integrated training. Pointing out the discipline evident in the tightly made bunks and wall

locker displays in a basic training barracks, Whitman told Cohen about her job as a "TT" who has trained men and women.

Integrated training is the only kind Senior MSgt. Paula Burns has ever known, she said. The 322nd Training Squadron's training superintendent entered

the military in 1980 in what was called a "coed squadron." People in the military today are used to women being in the military; they're accustomed to integrated training, Burns said. Women make up a substantial segment of the military population, she said.

"We're here," she said. "We are part of the world. To say that integration of the sexes is the cause for sexual harassment, to me, automatically implies it's my fault for being here." In this day in age, she said, she can't even imagine anyone questioning whether women should be in the military.

Burns trained recruits in integrated units for more than nine years. She said ending integrated training would mean reverting to something the military has already put to rest. "It would be terrible for the Air Force and the military," she said. (American Forces Press Service)

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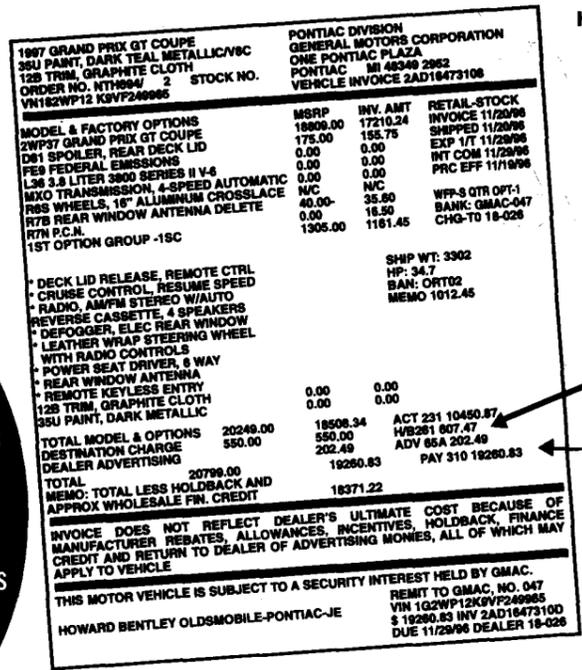
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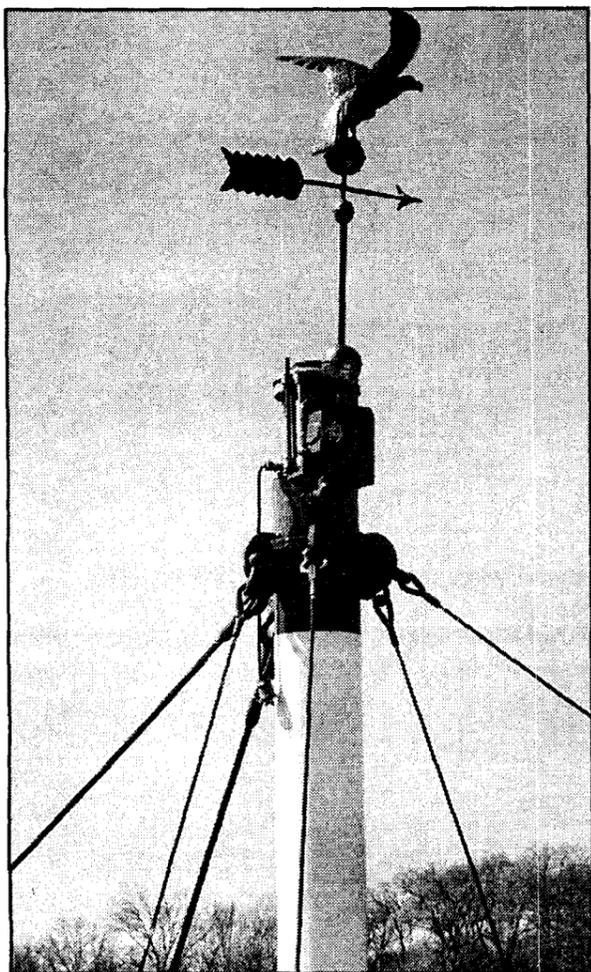
TMDE folks pick fine day f



CRUISE VETERAN— Blackmon has been on the cruise every year along with his wife.



FANCY DANCERS— Iona Gray and her husband, Keith, share a dance. Both work at TMDE where Iona is an information specialist and Keith is a logistics management specialist.



GREAT WEATHER— Little wind and sunny skies made for a perfect day for cruising.

By Skip Vaughn

It was a gorgeous day. The sun was shining, smiles were everywhere. Just a gorgeous day for Missile Command TMDE Activity's third annual riverboat cruise.

More than 200 folks—most members of Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity — paid \$22.50 apiece for a lunchtime outing Thursday on the Southern Belle riverboat out of Chattanooga. The boat, run by Chattanooga Riverboat Company with a 12-member crew, docked at the recreation area on Shield Road and took its passengers on a two-hour trip down the Tennessee River.

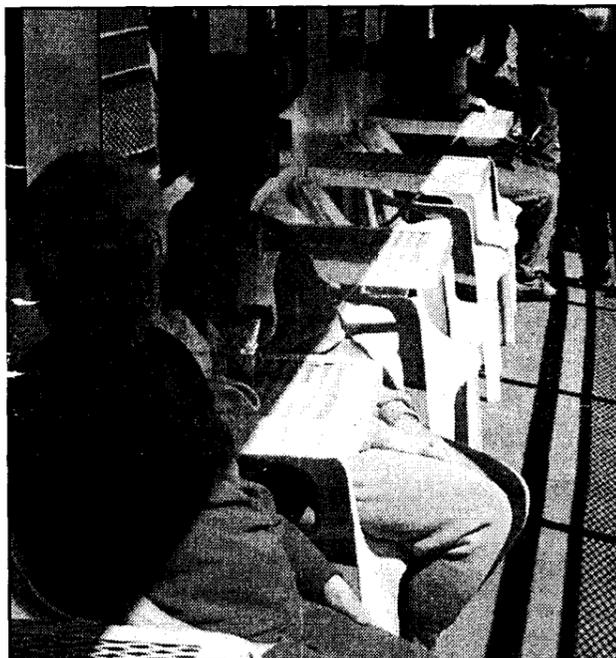
Some 213 were scheduled to be on board, and 211

actually made the trip, according to Norman Casto, an electronic engineer with TMDE. He organized the cruise which had passenger from TMDE, some folk from Weapon Systems Management Directorate and the Logistics Support Activity contractors, family and friends.

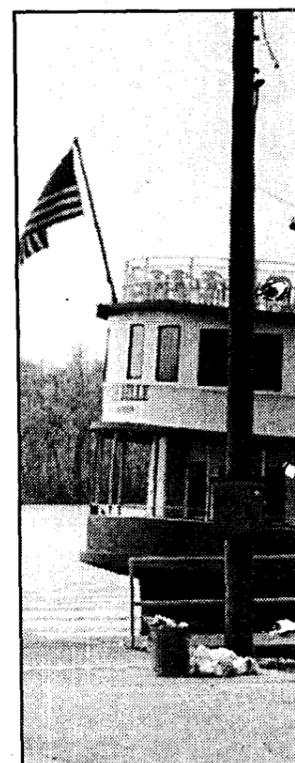
Among them was Schuyler Sampson, an operations research analyst with TMDE's business planning directorate, who brought his girlfriend, Patricia Fague, medical social worker for Huntsville BMA Dialysis.

"I'm having a marvelous time," Sampson said. "I think it's a great idea. I could wish it would last longer."

There was a prime ri



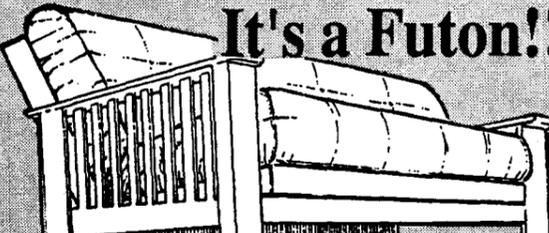
SOAKING UP RAYS — Pohner and her daughter, Raffensberger, enjoy their seats on deck.



ALL ABOARD— The recreation area on Si

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lunch and musical entertainment. Most folks just stood or sat on the deck and soaked in the rays during the smooth river ride.

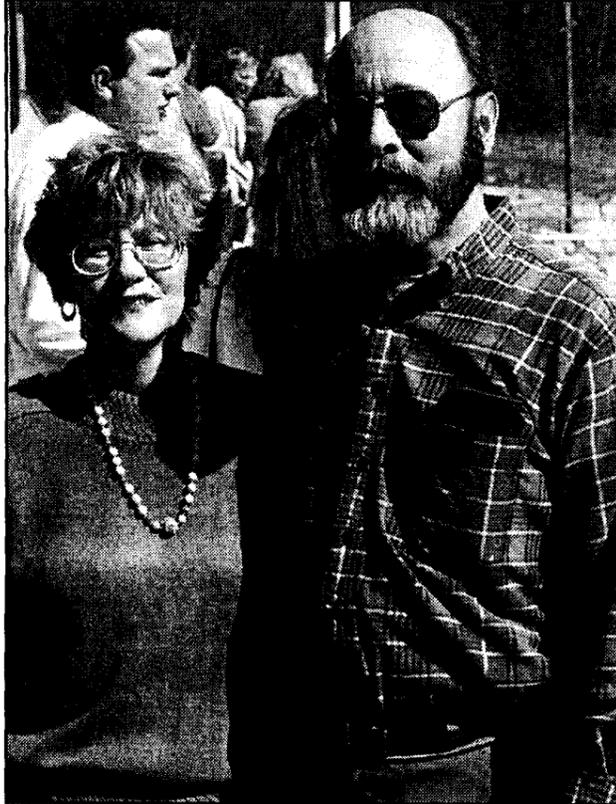
"It's a nice little outing," SFC Michael Malone, of 95th Maintenance Company (TMDE), said. "Good place to be for the first day of spring."

"I think it's great," Trudy Raffensberger, a supply technician for Logistics Support Activity, said. "Weather's nice. The food was excellent." She brought her husband, Edward, and her mother, Edna Pohner.

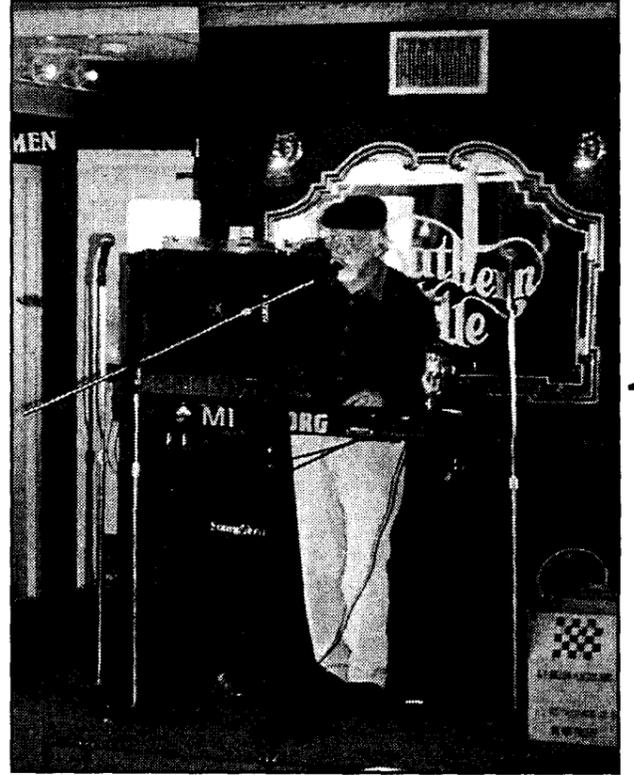
Tom Blackmon, a logistics management specialist for TMDE, has been on the cruise all three years along with his wife, Debbie, director of Marshall County

Chapter of the American Red Cross. "It's a good outing for the whole group," he said. "More like a family rather than an office atmosphere. I really enjoy it. Look forward to it every year."

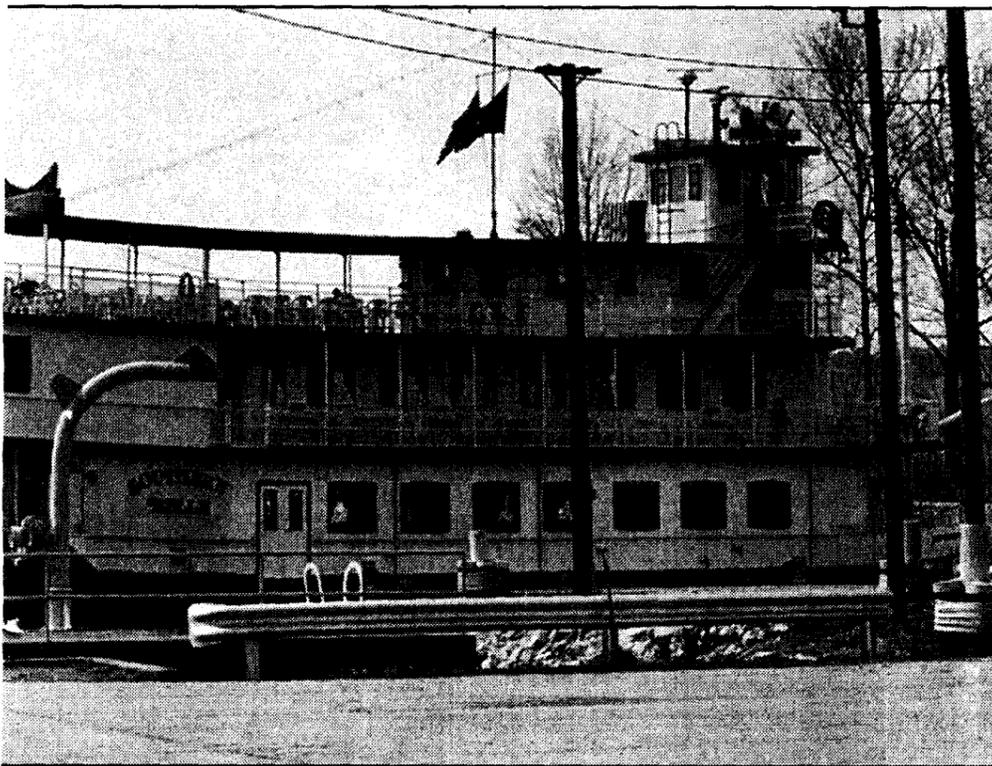
Lewis Hughes, an equipment specialist for Integrated Materiel Management Center, took the opportunity to renew old friendships. He worked at TMDE from 1991 until November 1995; and he's now providing matrix support to TMDE. "I'm really enjoying it," he said, referring to the cruise. "It's a positive for me because I get the opportunity to see a lot of people I haven't seen for a while."



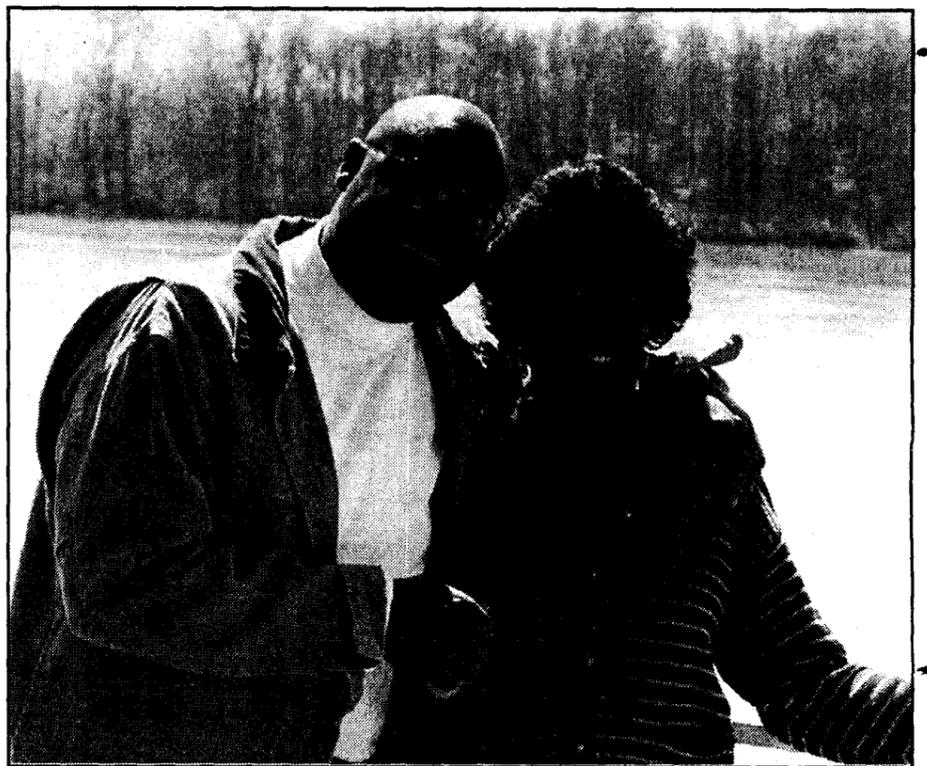
NICE OUTING— Fague, left, and Sampson enjoy the cruise together.



MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT— Tony Goggins, the riverboat's entertainer, sings contemporary, easy-listening music.



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GOLF COURSE DAY— Representatives from Cobra, Spalding and Ram companies will demonstrate their golf clubs during "demo day" at Redstone Golf Course from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. For more information, call 883-7977.

CHALLENGER RENOVATIONS— The Challenger will be closed until April 1 so new carpet can be installed in the ballroom. There will be no bingo during that period. The barber shop will be open normal hours. For more information, call 837-0751.

SPRING CAMPS— Registration is under way for School Age Services Spring Camp and Youth Services Spring Camp, March 31 through April 4. The youth-services spring camp (call 876-KIDS) is for pre-teens and teens. Parents of children who are not currently enrolled in Child Development Services who wish to enroll their children in school-age-services spring camp (call 876-6595) must register through central enrollment registry in building 113.

BASEBALL, SOFTBALL & T-BALL REGISTRATION— Ages 4-18; register now at Youth Center, building 3148; active-duty, retired military, DoD and DA family members are eligible to participate; practice begins in April; regular season is May through June. For more information or if you have interest in coaching, call Missy Richards 876-2255.

OUTDOOR RECREATION— Outdoor Rec has outdoor storage available for boats, RVs, etc. Prices: up to 19 feet, \$7 per month; 20 feet and up, \$9 per month. Reserve your space today by calling Missy 876-4868.

MONTH OF MILITARY CHILD— April is the Month of the Military Child. For information about scheduled events, call Shelley McDonald 876-7952.

New tax changes and advice offered for 1996 year

By Joseph M. Hamilton

It's income tax time again. Soldiers need to begin filing their 1996 federal and, where required, state income tax returns. This article points out new tax changes and provides some simple tips for 1996 tax returns. The federal filing deadline is Tuesday, April 15.

General tips

Use the pre-addressed, peel-off labels and double check your arithmetic before mailing your return. The peel-off label comes with the tax package in the mail. It lists the taxpayer's name, address, social security number, and other bits of information that helps the IRS in processing the return quickly.

According to the IRS, as simple as these items sound, they are the cause of thousands of errors each year. Errors such as checking the wrong filing status, failing to sign the return, making math mistakes, and omitting necessary documents are common errors that delay taxpayers' refunds. The IRS must correct the errors or obtain the documents before processing the return.

Always include your W-2 forms and, if retired, your 1099R forms with your tax return. Avoid using your end of the month December 1996 Leave and Earnings Statement.

What form to file

What form should you file? There are three forms: 1040EZ, 1040A, and 1040.

• 1040EZ. The 1040EZ Form may be used by both single soldiers AND married couples, who file jointly, and who have no dependents. The income which may be reported is limited to income from wages, and up to \$400 in interest income. The total taxable income may not exceed \$50,000.

Dividend income may not be reported on the EZ form. No itemized deductions are allowed on Form 1040EZ. The standard deduction may not be taken. The Earned Income Credit for childless couples may be taken on line 8 of the 1040EZ Form.

• 1040A. The 1040A Form is the so called "short form" and it can be used by married soldiers and almost everyone else with less than \$50,000 in income. The 1040A Form can be used for the following types of income: wages, dividends, interest, unemployment compensation, pensions, social security benefits, and IRA distributions.

No itemized deductions are permitted; however, the following adjustments or credits may be entered on the 1040A Form: payments to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), a credit for child care expenses, a credit for the elderly, and a earned income credit. It is possible to apply part of any refund to any estimated tax payments

for 1997.

• 1040. The 1040 Form, the "long form," is for incomes over \$50,000 and for those who want to itemize all deductions, or for anyone else who wants to use it. Also, taxpayers must use a 1040 Form if they have any amount of self-employment income, rental income, foreign earned income, or if the taxpayer wants to claim moving expenses.

New this year. Both 1040A Form (line 31) and the 1040 Form (line 60) have a new section where the taxpayer may enter his or her bank account number if they want their refund to be sent directly to their bank account. A separate form is no longer required to send refunds to your bank account.

Stationed overseas

Those who like to file their tax return at the last minute should know that soldiers stationed outside the country on April 15 are allowed an "automatic extension" to June 16 to file their returns for the previous year. But interest on any tax due to the government must be paid from April 15. If you file late, write on the top of your 1040EZ, 1040A, or 1040 — "Overseas on 15 April 1997 — member of U.S. Army."

New combat zone exclusion

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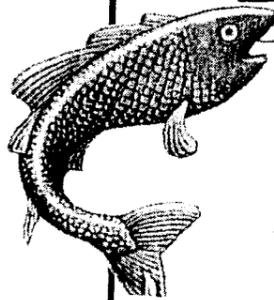
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Sports

Simmons, Sandoval survive chilly Brotherhood 5K Run

By Skip Vaughn

Temperatures in the 30s with a windchill of about 18 may have hurt the attendance for the Brotherhood Run 5K held March 15 near Pagano Gym.

Nevertheless, the eighth annual road race did attract more than 260 participants including five military units. "Officially 175 runners participated in the run; however, there were 263 participants that actually crossed the finish line. There were some units that ran unofficially," Maj. Maurice Dawson, executive officer for 832nd Ordnance Battalion and chairman of the run's sponsorship committee, said.

C Company, 832nd won the team category. B Company placed second while

Headquarters & A Company took third. The other participating teams were D Company and HHC 59th.

Pvt. John Simmons, 20, of C Company, was the overall winner in 18:19. SSgt. Audrey Sandoval, 27, was the first female finisher in 24:25.

"It was chilly," Dawson said. "That may have contributed to some of the times being slower, and also more participants not showing up on race day because of the weather."

Again this year the event was sponsored by the Sergeants Major Association; and proceeds will benefit the units' Family Support Groups.

Here are the overall and age group winners:

• **Male:** Overall— John Simmons (18:19).

19-under— Curtis Leslie (18:48), Alberto Valezquez (20:24), Joseph Dutka (20:40). 20-29— Simmons (18:19), Jason Lodge (20:31), Anthony Leyba (20:31). 30-39— Marty Clark (18:24), Premas Liverpool (18:29), Alvin Jackson (18:36). 40-49— Forrest Callicutt (19:11), Tommie Batts (19:59), Paul Bryant (20:08). 50-over— Larry Shelor (20:14), Golden Bertram (21:36), Louis Davis (21:44).

• **Female:** Overall— Audrey Sandoval (24:25).

19-under— Megan Harmon (32:10), April Hilton (42:24), Elizabeth Nissen (46:02). 20-29— Sandoval (24:25), Tanika Liverpool (24:47), Melissa Forsgren (26:47). 30-39— Judy



CHARLIE HORSES— Members of the winning Charlie Company team include: kneeling Simmons, left, and Pvt. Frank Hernandez; and standing, from left, Pvt. Kevin White, Pvt. Jeremy Johnston, Pvt. Joseph Dutka, Pvt. Brandon Sellers, PFC William Smithson, Pvt. Loren Bymer and PFC Brian Lawrence. Not pictured are Pvt. James Olson and Pvt. Alberto Velazquez.

Mulkey (25:25), Veronica Jennifer Bryant (27:32), over— Linda Toliver Edmiston (26:39), Lisa Kathleen Meehan (27:49), (32:58). Smith (29:23). 40-49— Mary Murphy (30:18). 50-

Dragon basketball team slays the competition

The Devastating Dragons remain the rulers of the troop sports castle.

Delta Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion won the post championship in basketball once again. The Dragons won the Christmas preseason tournament, went 16-0 in the regular season, and took the end-of-season tournament.

Members of the team include CWO 2 Marvin Booker, CWO 2 Derrick Butler, SFC John McLean, SFC Donald Hicks, SFC

Marvin Hankins, SSgt. Darrell Booze, SSgt. Rampaul Hollington, SSgt. William Phillips, SSgt. William Simmons, SSgt. Quintin Thompson, SSgt. Eric Todd, Sgt. David Ramos, Sgt. Stephen Seymour; Sgt. Anthony Johnson, assistant coach; and SSgt. Rickey Cook, head coach.

The Dragons also won last year's basketball title and the overall Commanders Cup sports trophy.

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zone — a "qualified hazardous duty area" for those who served in Operation Joint Endeavor. This includes Bosnia, Herzegovina, Croatia and Macedonia. For both the existing Persian Gulf area combat zone and the new zone in the former Yugoslavia, enlisted persons may exclude all military pay, and officers may exclude up to \$4,254.90 per month.

There is no tax computation to make on the tax form. The exclusion is done automatically on the servicemember's W-2 Form prepared by military finance offices for soldiers who were stationed in the combat zone. In addition, members who were stationed in a combat zone may delay the filing of their tax returns for 180 days after leaving the combat zone. Hospitalization as a result of injury in a combat zone may further extend this period.

Child care credit

For soldiers who must hire a babysitter or place their children with a child care provider because both spouses work, the child care tax credit may save you money. A credit reduces your actual tax, dollar-for-dollar.

This differs from a deduction, which reduces the income before it is taxed. This credit may be taken by taxpayers even though they do not itemize deductions. The child care tax credit applies to those who must pay for the care of their children

who have not reached their 13th birthday in order for both parents to work or look for work. The credit can also apply if the care was paid to take care of the taxpayer's disabled spouse, or other qualifying disabled dependent.

The actual amount of the credit is limited by a mathematical formula which includes the amount of the money paid to the provider and the amount of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income. For example, if the adjusted gross income exceeds \$28,000, then the maximum child care credit can not exceed \$480 for one dependent or \$960 for two or more dependents, regardless of the amount of the actual child care expenses.

The child care credit may be claimed by single parents and certain married couples, who lived apart during the tax year, if certain restrictions are met. This credit is computed on the 1040A Form at Schedule 2, or on Form 2441 for those who file a 1040 tax return. The name, address and Social Security number of the person who provided care for the child must be listed on your tax return.

Personal exemptions

New amounts this year: The personal exemption for yourself, spouse, and children is increased to \$2,550 per person for 1996 tax returns. The new standard deduction amounts this year are: single taxpayers — \$4,000; married filing jointly — \$6,700; married filing separately — \$3,350; and

head of household — \$5,900.

Social Security numbers

There is a requirement to list the Social Security Number for

all children claimed as dependency exemptions regardless of age. However, you do not need to list the SSN for children born in December 1996. The IRS will most likely disallow any exemption claimed for a child if you fail to list the child's SSN beside the child's name on your 1040 or 1040A Income Tax Returns.

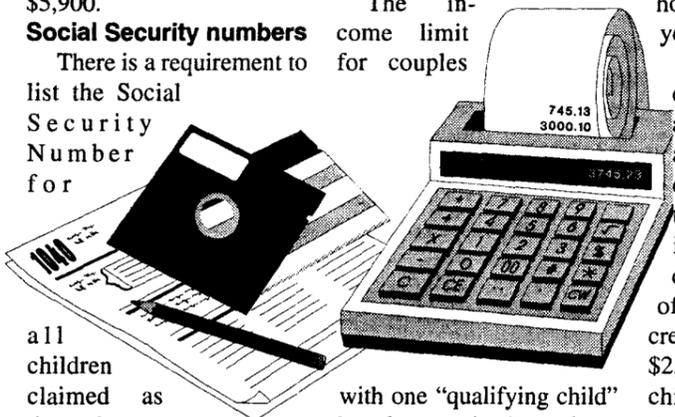
If your child does not yet have a Social Security Number you need to file Form SS-5 (9/89), an "Application for Social Security Card" with the Social Security Administration to receive a number. The IRS does not normally issue Social Security Numbers. Forms SS-5 may be obtained from the Legal Assistance Office.

Earned Income Credit

The Earned Income Credit reduces the taxpayer's actual tax, dollar for dollar, for certain low income taxpayers. In addition, taxpayers will receive a "refund" if the EIC exceeds their tax liability. The EIC is a positive credit; it is paid to the taxpayer even if

no income tax is owed.

The income limit for couples



with one "qualifying child" has been raised to those couples with an "adjusted gross income" under \$25,078. For families with two or more qualifying children, the ceiling is incomes under \$28,495. "Adjusted gross income" for this purpose includes base pay, Basic Allowance for Quarters (BAQ), Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS), and combat pay. Also, childless couples who earned less than \$9,500 and who are between 25 and 65 years of age may qualify for the EIC.

A "qualifying child" is a taxpayer's child, grandchild, stepchild, adopted child or foster child who is under 19 years of age, or under 24 years old if a full time student, or any age if permanently and totally disabled. The "qualifying child" must live with the taxpayer for more than six months in the taxpayers main home in the United States, or main home overseas if the taxpayer is a military person on extended active duty outside the U.S. Foster children must have

been a member of your household for the whole year.

The amount of the EIC depends on the exact amount of income. The amount of the credit is computed from the EIC table in the tax booklet instructions. For 1996, depending on the amount of income, the maximum credit could be as much as \$2,152 for families with one child, or \$3,556 for more than one child. For married taxpayers without a child, the maximum credit can be up to \$323.

In order to claim the EIC, taxpayers may use any filing status, EXCEPT married filing separate. Both 1040A and 1040 filers use Schedule EIC to claim the credit. Childless couples, who file Form 1040EZ, may claim the EIC on line 8 of the 1040EZ Form.

Moving expenses

Certain reasonable expenses incurred in moving to a new job (PCS) in calendar year 1996 are deductible as an adjustment to gross income on line 24 of Form 1040. In past years, moving expenses could only be claimed as an itemized deduction on Schedule A.

The new rules permit the taxpayer to claim moving

expenses without having to itemize deductions, but Form 1040 must be used. However, Form 3303 will still have to be filled out and attached to the 1040 Form.

Generally, reasonable expenses are limited to those which exceed any government allowances or reimbursements for the expenses of: the cost of moving household goods and personal effects; and the cost of travel and lodging expenses from the old home to the new home.

Unfortunately, those indirect moving expenses, such as temporary living expenses, pre-move house hunting trips, and expenses of selling a residence are NO LONGER DEDUCTIBLE.

Free tax assistance

For free income tax preparation and assistance, contact your Unit Tax Adviser or Legal Assistance Office. Also, at some installations, free electronic filing is available to soldiers, family members and retirees who are due a refund on their federal tax returns. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Hamilton is an attorney with the Fort Belvoir, Va., Legal Assistance Office. This article originally appeared in the Belvoir Eagle.)

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Medals OK'd for humanitarian, contingency operations

Department of Army has announced approval of the Humanitarian Service Medal for two separate missions in 1995 and 1996.

The first is the Combined Joint Task Force Marathon Pacific, June 13, 1995 to Oct. 17, 1995, in which humanitarian assistance was provided to Chinese migrants on Wake Island. The HSM was approved for those members who participated at the scenes of the relief efforts in a direct, "hands-on" fashion. Specifically precluded from eligibility for the HSM are individuals who planned or performed normal duties at sites geographically removed from the disaster area.

The second is for Joint Task Force "Assured Response" in Liberia for those per-

sonnel who provided humanitarian assistance and were assigned to the operation during April 8, 1996 to Aug. 12, 1996.

Also on Feb. 24, 1997, the Southern Command Network and the U.S. Army Headquarters Commandant were approved for inclusion as participating units sharing in the award of the Joint Meritorious Unit Award to Headquarters, U.S. Southern Command during the period Feb. 1, 1994 to Oct. 15, 1995.

On Dec. 30, 1996, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award to Headquarters, U.S. Atlantic command, for exceptionally meritorious achievement from Nov. 1, 1994 to Sept. 30, 1996. Sub-units which share in

this award include Atlantic Intelligence Command; Special Operations Command, Atlantic; Cruise Missile Support Activity; Joint Training and Analysis Simulation Center; and the Information Systems Support Group.

The president on Aug. 8, 1996 approved an amendment to the executive order that established the Armed Forces Reserve Medal. The order authorized award of the AFRM to members of the reserve components who on or after Aug. 1, 1990 performed active duty service in support of a contingency operation. The mobilization ("M") device was approved in 1993 by the secretary of defense to recognize the "special sacrifice in service to the nation" of re-

serve component personnel who volunteered or were called to active duty in support of mobilization or contingency.

Effective immediately, commanders are authorized to award the AFRM with "M" device to qualified personnel who were mobilized during the Persian Gulf War, Operation Restore Hope, Somalia, Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti, and Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia.

For more information about any of these awards call Charles Ham, chief of the personnel services branch at Military Personnel Office, 842-0879.

TRADOC's CG: Number of DUIs still 'an alarming statistic'

FORT MONROE, Va.— There were more than 780 cases of Training and Doctrine Command soldiers and civilian employees cited for driving under the influence of alcohol during fiscal year 1996.

In a letter to commanders of TRADOC installations and schools, Gen. William Hartzog, TRADOC commander, said, "This continues to be an alarming statistic and demands leader attention and aggressive preventive action.

"No benefit is derived from drinking and driving," Hartzog said, pointing out that such behavior endangers not only the drunk driver, but many innocent people.

"It can also ruin a soldier's or civilian's promising career," he stressed.

The number of DUIs in TRADOC during FY 96 was more than 200 fewer than the

FY 95 figure of 984. The rate of DUIs per 1,000 soldiers was 1.15, better than the Army rate of 1.68. But these figures are not cause for celebration among TRADOC leadership.

The quarterly total of TRADOC soldiers caught driving under the influence has shown a decline from the first quarter of FY 96. That decline corresponds to a drop of about 2,500 in the soldier population on TRADOC installations between the fourth quarter of FY 95 and the same period in FY 96.

"One of the reasons for that decline is that soldiers realize that a DUI will kill their careers," said Maj. Terri Kohler, of the TRADOC provost marshal's office. "Military Police are conducting more sobriety checkpoints on installations, too."

It is important to analyze crime statistics to find causes, but it's also necessary to understand the impact on innocent victims, families, careers and mission accomplishment, said Col. Bob Baldwin, TRADOC provost marshal.

"Our DUI statistics are a perfect example," he said. "They are below the Army average and show a decline in TRADOC. But over 780 drunk driving incidents is way above the tolerable level. The command cannot tolerate these high numbers."

A significant reduction in DUIs will take a dedicated and personally involved effort by the entire population of each installation,

according to John Siemann, chief of TRADOC's alcohol and drug abuse prevention control program.

"Commanders must educate their soldiers; soldiers must care for fellow soldiers. The entire chain of command, to include civilian employees, family members, teenagers, clerks at Class Six stores, for example, must work together as prevention advocates in keeping soldiers from drinking and driving," he said. (TRADOC News Service)

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Congressional visit is good time to convey Army story

McLEAN, Va.— It's a balancing act for members of Congress: representing constituent interests back home while doing what's in the best interest of the nation. Soldiers, civilians, retirees and their family members are constituents where they live and work as they serve their country. Tell your story!

Maj. Gen. Morris J. Boyd, chief of the Army's office of legislative liaison, carried that message to the 1997 Army Family Action Plan Conference held here March 10-14. Boyd was one of several key Army staff whose presentations educated and informed AFAP delegates as they went about the business of reviewing and prioritizing this year's 66 issues.

"Our challenge is to make sure the member [of Congress] knows the Army's role in national defense. We've got to tell our story internally to DoD and convey that to Congress," Boyd said. "Warfighting soldiers, training, families are every bit a 'big ticket' item as ships." Added to the challenge is the fact that there are 60 percent fewer members with any military service than in previous years.

The Army's Office of Legislative Liaison staff works at packaging issues, interpreting congressional output to the Army and explaining the Army's mission to congressional staff. "Our 'cards and letters' team answers 36,000 inquiries a year. In our 'glad you asked' section, we've got to be spring-loaded when a congressman calls and asks about a specific issue, ready with a response that is time-

ly and accurate," Boyd said. Looking at legislative outcomes of the 1997 Defense Authorization bill, Boyd told delegates to "look at the glass as half full — not empty." He cited the 3 percent military pay increase, the restoration of \$475 million dollars into the defense health program, \$20 million for the New Parent Support Program, and \$35 million for impact aid for dependent school children. "In fact, the glass is probably more than half full," he said.

Boyd described the current atmosphere on the Hill: more oversight, tendency to compromise, and a more pragmatic, bipartisan approach. He outlined current and emerging concerns of Congress such as campaign finance and tax reform, balanced budget, education and the impact on the budget of the Quadrennial Defense Review.

"Absent on the agenda is defense, he pointed out." In a study of Americans asked what items in the budget should be cut, the majority said don't cut Social Security and Medicare. More than half questioned said the military budget should be cut. In view of this, defense spending is unlikely to increase in the near future, he said.

But we have friends on the Hill, said Boyd, referring to the members of the Senate Armed Services Committee Personnel Subcommittee and the House National Security Committee Morale, Welfare, Recreation Panel. "They are foursquare behind family

programs," Boyd said.

The important thing is to educate committee and panel members, package the message and "tell them what we're all about so they have an idea of our value to the nation." Boyd offered suggestions on how to do that, stressing the importance of speaking with one voice. "Forums like [AFAP] help us focus our concerns," he noted.

Make sure the family component is part of the agenda when a representative visits the installation, he suggested. "Sit around with a cup of coffee and talk about real issues. Working with Congress is all about interpersonal relationships — establishing trust. Clearly, an active outreach program is a step in the right direction," Boyd stressed.

This was all new to 1st Sgt. Elijah Jones Jr. from Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz. In 18 years of Army life, this was at his first AFAP conference. The fact that so few members of Congress have any military experience impressed him. "A lot of the guys [in Congress] have no military background, so when an issue about the military comes up, they can't really relate. It's hard to relate if you've never been there — That's kind of hard for us." (Arnews)

ST. LOUIS

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Louis native and single. She lives in an apartment in southeast Huntsville. "Everyone's been so welcoming," she said. "It's almost like culture shock when people say, 'hello, how are you?' You go in a store and people are very welcoming. You're greeted when you walk in. Southern hospitality does exist."

Lenoir, 35, already knew about Southern hospitality since he grew up in Mississippi. He was born in Chicago but moved to West Point, Miss., when he was 10. At 15 he moved to Jackson, Miss., where he completed Jackson State University. After more than a year in Memphis, he went to

work for what was then the Troop Support Command in St. Louis in 1985.

Lenoir, single, lives in an apartment in Madison and is house hunting. "Haven't found anything yet. There's a lot of homes on the market," he said.

Kaelin, 35, is a St. Louis native and single parent. She said she doesn't worry as much about letting her 10-year-old son, Jeremy, out of their apartment as she did in St. Louis. They reside in Madison where Jeremy is a fifth grader at Liberty Middle School.

"It's a nice school," Kaelin, who is house hunting, said. "The teacher has been very helpful. And I like their rules, regulations. They're a little bit stricter here than they were in St.

Louis."

Solari, 40, is a native of Granite City, Ill. She and her husband, John, have two daughters: Nicole, 7, a first grader at Morris Elementary; and Michelle, 3. They reside in an apartment in Huntsville and are buying a house in Harvest. "You can get a lot more house for your money here (than in St. Louis)," Solari said. She also likes Morris Elementary.

All four of these newcomers plan to stay, at least as long as they have a job here. And their advice to St. Louis workers trying to decide whether to move? Come on down, they advise. Lenoir borrows a slogan from the Nike sports shoe company, "Just do it."

CHANGE

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than 2 percent of those who score in Category IV can join the Army.

In addition to expanding the market for alternative High School Graduate credentials, the Army is raising the number of prior-service enlistments accepted from 4,000 to 8,000, and has shifted its original accession mission to correspond to seasonal peaks. By decreasing winter and spring missions and increasing those in summer and fall, recruiters leverage the current high school senior market and can better meet their annual mission.

Recent increases to the Army recruiting budget will enable the Army to implement a number of initiatives to help recruiters meet accession requirements while maintaining soldier quality.

The enlistment bonus budget has been increased by \$32 million. In addition the Office of the Secretary of Defense has authorized the Army to extend its maximum bonus payment from \$8,000 to the \$12,000 limit authorized by law.

OSD has also authorized the Army exclusively to increase its maximum benefit for the Army College Fund from \$30,000 to \$40,000. This ties in with another recent Army incentive increasing the maximum

amount of College Loan Repayments from \$55,000 to \$65,000. These increases will help keep up with current inflation and provide an attractive package for new recruits.

Finally, a \$15.9 million increase to the current Army advertising budget will help recruiters highlight these new incentives.

"Clearly the message we're trying to get out is that the Army is hiring," said Vollrath. (Arnews)

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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."

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.

Retirement ceremony— The quarterly retirement ceremony will be held 4 p.m. April 17 at the Post Parade Field. Rehearsal is 7 a.m. April 16 at the parade field. If you wish to participate in the ceremony, call SFC Walter Jones of Support Operations 842-2500 by April 4.

Red Cross blood program— March 27 from 7-noon at 5250, Bertha Childress 842-0356. March 28 from 8-noon at SSDC

(Wynn Drive), Al Longhi 955-3693; from 7:30-noon at Corps of Engineers, Linda Merschman 895-1580, and from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 4505, Linda Keel 955-0900.

Environmental meeting— The Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning will hold a Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting from 2-4 this afternoon in the Sparkman Auditorium. This meeting is open to the public, and everyone is encouraged to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to update the public about ongoing environmental cleanup activities on the Arsenal. Reservations are not necessary. For more information, call Pam Rogers of the MICOM Public Affairs Office 842-0561.

Garden plots— Planting season will soon be here. There are two gardening areas located on post: Vincent Drive and Wesson Circle. A meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. Friday at building 111, room 143 for everyone interested in garden plots. Applications and assignments will be made at that time on a first-come, first-serve basis. Garden plots are available to all active duty residing on or off post and retired service-members. For more information call MSgt. Leuthold, Housing NCO-in-charge, 955-6526.

Contract managers scholarship— Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association may award up to two scholarships of from \$500-\$1,000 each to assist deserving college students pursuing a degree related to contract management. Applicants for the Leonard J. Crosby Memorial Scholarship should meet the following criteria: currently enrolled in a degree program (undergraduate or graduate); in good standing at one of the institutions of higher learning offering courses in the Huntsville area; pursuing a degree in acquisition, contract or procurement management; and attaining at least a 3.3 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Applications are due by May 16. For more information, call Nancy Curtis 772-3243 or Lindsey Bayer 882-0294.

Quarterly post run— The CG's Quarterly Post Run will be held at 5:30 a.m. April 22 at the post parade field. In support of this event, the Child Development Center will open at 4:15 that morning. For more information, call SFC Walter Jones 842-2500.

Commissary observance— The Commissary will be closed March 30 in observance of Easter Sunday. This will allow the employees to be with their families on this special day.

Newcomers orientation— The Newcomers' Orientation will be held April 8 at 8:30 a.m. in building 3447. Attendance is mandatory for newly-arrived, active duty personnel permanently assigned to Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is offered at the Child Development Center. To register call Mary Breeden 876-5397. Current shot records are required. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a bus tour of Redstone Arsenal. For more information call Breeden, Relocation Assistance Program manager, 876-5397.

Head Start program— Applications are being taken for the Community Action Agency Head Start program for fall 1997. Eligibility is open to 4-year-olds only on or before Sept. 1. For more information, call CAA at 851-9804 or 851-2246. Applications will be taken Monday through Friday from 8-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. at 3516 Stringfield Road. A letter will be sent to each child on the waiting list to update the files. All waiting list children files need to be updated and include: 1997 pay stub, 1997 physical (if Medicaid), 1997 dental (if Medicaid), and an updated blue slip. For more information call Virginia Dempsey, Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program, 876-5397.

Barbecue fund-raiser— A spring barbecue pork buffet, to benefit the Army Emergency Relief campaign, will be held Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rhythms, building 114.

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The entire Redstone community is invited to enjoy a barbecue pork lunch in an outdoor setting at the Rhythms Lounge. The menu includes barbecue pork, western baked beans, spanish cole slaw, fresh vegetable tray, rolls and iced tea. The chef is Lee Hicks. Cost is \$8. Purchase your advanced tickets at the Officers Club from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or at Rhythms after 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 830-CLUB.

Volunteer opportunities

— There are several volunteer opportunities available at the Youth Center during the week of March 31 to April 4. The Youth Center needs volunteers with golfing skills, crafting skills, and computer skills to guide youth age 13 to 18 during Spring Break. The activities planned include basic golf techniques, tips and practice; crafts in multimedia such as drawing, painting and pottery; and operation of the computer lab. Hours are mostly morning, but vary by activity. If you are interested in volunteering in these areas, or would like more information, call Marian Caudle (Youth Center) 876-5437.

Easter Egg hunt— Folks of all ages— from kids to the young at heart — are invited to an after-dark Easter Egg Hunt at 6 p.m. Saturday

in Vincent Park on post. This event is sponsored by the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Committee. Participants should bring their own flashlight and a basket or bag for eggs. Prizes in the Easter eggs are to include gift certificates and other goodies. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. For more information call Sgt. Michael Coman, president of the BOSS Committee, 955-6144.

CFC applications— Applications for the 1997 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign will be accepted April 10 through May 9. By federal regulations, only human health and welfare agencies recognized by the Internal Revenue Service under 26 U.S.C. 501 (c)(3) and for which contributions are tax-deductible, are eligible for admission. For more information or to obtain an application call Charles Scott, vice president of Tennessee Valley CFC, 536-0745.

Free seminar— Dr. Mark Maier, a UAH assistant professor, is to speak on "From bits to thoughts— the theory of information" Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, 225 Church St. This free seminar is sponsored by North Alabama Chapter of the World Future Society, the Education Directorate of Huntsville Association of Technical Societies (HATS),

and the Chamber of Commerce Small Business Development Center.

Youth tennis— Youth Development Association will conduct a tennis coaches and volunteers workshop from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at Rime Village Apartments near Cummings Research Park off University Drive. Anyone interested in working with youth tennis players is invited. "Parents, don't forget to register your children early for YDA's 1997 Spring Break Tennis Clinic, March 31 through April 4 at Brahan Spring Park." For more information, call Al Garrett 464-9906.

Simulation workshop

The Sensors Directorate of Space and Strategic Defense Command invites you to participate in the Blue October Workshop III on April 8-10 at the Intergraph facilities in Huntsville. The theme of the workshop is Modeling, Simulation and Visualization in a Windows NT Development Environment. The workshop will include presentations of the Blue October Beta 2.0 release capabilities, demonstrations of the Blue October engineering codes, demonstrations of other Windows NT Models and Simulations, and detailed training sessions on the use of Blue October. The complete workshop agenda is at:

<http://www.ssd.army.mil/ssdc/workshop.html>. Respond via e-mail with your interest in attending to: Don Morgan (morgand@ssdc.army.mil) or John Nichols (john_nichols@qr.com).

Food recall— The Curtice Burns Foods company has issued a nationwide recall of all "Tropic Isle" brand frozen coconut produced in Costa Rica. The recalled product is packed in 12 and 6 ounce polybags, and is distributed by Southern Frozen Foods of Georgia, a division of Curtice Burns Foods. There is no code on the package. The country of origin is printed on the back of the package, above and to the right of the statement that the product is distributed by Southern Frozen Foods. Only the Tropic Isle coconuts marked as coming from Costa Rica are being recalled. Consumers who have purchased Tropic Isle coconut produced in Costa Rica and distributed by Southern Frozen Foods are urged to return it, unopened, to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may call 1-800-270-2743 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Modernization workshop

A workshop on Modernization Through Spares will be held May 28-29 at the Sparkman Auditorium.

The objective of this workshop is to examine the status of the MTS program and its synergistic effects when combined with other acquisition reform initiatives. The University of Alabama in Huntsville Research Institute is providing the overall administration of the workshop. For more information call the UAH Research Institute 890-6343, extension 234.

AER car wash— The 95th Maintenance Company will hold a car wash in support of the Army Emergency Relief campaign Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Burger King parking lot. All donations collected from this event will be given to AER. For information call Sgt. Leonard 876-3922 or CWO 2 Romine 842-8593.

German Easter service

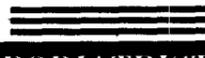
— Community of Faith Lutheran Church, in Madison, will conduct a German Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. March 30. This traditional German service will be performed completely in the native language by Rev. Harry D. Smith, a 49-year veteran theologian, scholar, and ordained pastor within the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The German community of Madison County along with German nationals at the Arsenal are encouraged to attend this

unique cultural event. Community of Faith is located at 8871 Highway 20 West in Madison (between Wall-Triana and Hughes Road).

HHC MICOM soldiers

HHC MICOM policy requires that all soldiers assigned/attached to HHC MICOM, with duty in or around the Redstone Arsenal area, be administered their Army Physical Fitness Test by the HHC MICOM training section personnel. The HHC MICOM training section will administer physical fitness tests at 5:30 a.m. at the company area on the following dates: April 2, April 9 and April 16, with a makeup day in May to be announced. If you are due/overdue a semiannual APFT, this is your opportunity to meet your regulatory physical fitness requirements. If you are eight months or more overdue for an APFT, you need to take one risk flagging action. For more information about this policy call Capt. Davis, company commander, 842-7090 or the training section 842-2625.

Rock auction— Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society will hold its annual Rock Auction at 6:30 p.m. April 7 at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Rough stones, specimens, cut stones, finished jewelry and miscellaneous items donated

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Veterans office— The Veterans Office at Redstone Arsenal has changed its hours of operation. The new hours for the Transition Center Veterans Office, building 3433, room 146, are 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Staff personnel are on site to assist veterans/family members in the following areas of veterans benefits: Veterans Preference, VRA Appointments, SMOCTA, and Federal Employment. For more information, call the Redstone VA Office 876-6195 or 955-6785.

Land Trust hikes— As part of "Spring Burst" and the Huntsville Land Trust's 10th anniversary celebration, the land trust has planned a series of hikes for you and your family. The hikes scheduled for April include: Three Caves, April 5; Fagan Springs, Wildflower and Botany, April 12; Old Railroad Bed, April 12; Huntsville Mountain, April 12; Earth Day, April 19; and Wade Mountain, April 19. The 10th anniversary celebration will be held May 3 at the Three Caves property. For more information, call the land trust 534-5263.

UNCF banquet— The 19th annual United Negro College Fund banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Von Braun Center, North Hall. Scheduled speaker is Maynard Jackson Jr., an attorney and former mayor of Atlanta. Jennifer Holliday, an award-winning recording artist and Broadway performer, is to entertain. Jonathan Slocumb,

"the prince of Christian comedy," is scheduled master of ceremonies. Tickets are \$35; and corporate tables are available. For ticket information, call the development office at Oakwood College 726-7201.

Essay contest— My-Website Inc. is sponsoring a children's essay contest called "My-GI." In 50 words or less, children should explain what they miss most about their military parent when duty calls the military parent away. Entries must be received by the first of the month, beginning April 1, and should be sent to: My-Website Inc., Attn: "My-GI," P.O. Box 77687, San Francisco, Calif., 94107. Beginning April 15, My-Website Inc. will give away a website-a-month for three months. Winning entries will be announced on the news page at <http://www.my-kids.com/>. For more information, call (800) 638-5382.

Book sale— The Post Restaurant Fund will hold a "Reading is fun" book sale from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 14-16 at the Sparkman Cafeteria. Everyone is invited. "Huge savings on all types of popular books." Proceeds will go toward the Post Restaurant Fund. For more information, call Bill Bullen 876-8741.

Union meeting— AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. April 14 in building 3202 (Union Office). Election of officers for AFGE Local 1858 will be held there that day from 6 a.m. until the polls close at 5:30 p.m. There was no winner of the attendance prize in March. In April the prize will be \$250. For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

AER bake sale— The Corporate Information Center bake sale for Army Emergency Relief will be

held 7-11 a.m. Thursday at Sparkman building 5300, first floor, between 5301 and 5302. For information call SSgt. Tammy Surratt 876-1101 or D.J. Roberts 876-9079.

Summer jobs— Now is the time for teens 16 and older to start preparing for the 1997 Youth Job Fair. Army Community Service will sponsor a preparational workshop to help teens get ready for the job fair/job hunting April 15 from 6-8 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148. Topics will include tips for completing application forms, how to dress for success, and interviewing techniques. Guest speakers from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, and Nonappropriated Funds Personnel will discuss employment opportunities. This workshop is open to teens of active/retired military and DoD civilians. To register for the workshop, call Debra Jefferson 876-5397.

Toastmasters— Communicators Toastmasters Club

4562 meets today from 11:30 to 12:30 in building 5304. For more information, call James Marr 837-5282 (extension 2214).... Redstone Toastmasters meets each Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Morrison's Cafeteria in Madison Square Mall. For more information, call Joe Jones 461-0476.

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

Waterfowl fund-raiser— Alabama Waterfowl Association will hold a fund-raiser for summer mallard release program at 6 p.m. May 3 at the Rustic Lodge. There will be dinner and an auction of art, hunting equipment, etc. For information call Jerry Davis 259-2509.

Travel film series— The Kiwanis Club of Huntsville will present its final program of the travel and adventure film series titled "Hungary— Land of

Promise" at 7 p.m. April 1 in the Huntsville High School Auditorium. The presentation is to be hosted by Phil Slayton, travel lecturer. Admission is \$5 at the door for those not holding season tickets.

Fox Army Community Hospital— To prepare for the transition in services from an emergency room to FOXCARE extended hours clinic, services at Fox Army Community Hospital will be curtailed today and Thursday, March 27. The hospital will close for the day at noon Friday, March 28. With the exception of the emergency room, all areas to include the Pharmacy will be closed. The emergency room will continue to see emergency patients all day.

Calhoun College— Calhoun Community College will conduct registration for its 1997 spring quarter from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Chasteen Student Center on the Decatur campus. While registration is only being conducted at the

Decatur campus, students may register for classes to be held at any of the college's campuses. Spring quarter classes begin April 7. Late registration will be held April 7-9 at both the Decatur and Huntsville campuses. For more information call the Huntsville/Cummings Research Park campus 890-4700, the Decatur campus 306-2500, or the Redstone Arsenal extension site 876-7431.

Environmental meeting— The Redstone Arsenal Technical Review Committee will meet this afternoon from 2 until 4 in the Sparkman Auditorium. The committee consists of members from the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, and other state, federal and local agencies. The meeting is open to the public. The TRC meetings are hosted by MICOM's Environmental Management and Planning Office, which is responsible for the Installation Restoration Pro-

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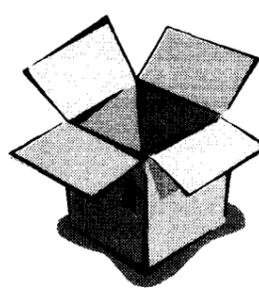
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gram. The meeting is being held to update attendees on cleanup progress at five locations: the Open Burn/Open Detonation area; a sanitary landfill near the center of Redstone Arsenal; the area of a solvent spill in the old Thiokol facility area; caps on two arsenic waste pond areas; and excavation of a septic tank in the Thiokol area. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

Special Forces recruiting— A Special Forces recruiting team will conduct briefings March 31 at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. in building 3440, the OMMCS conference room. Potential candidates should be prepared to take the APFT on April 1. Interested enlisted soldiers and officers are invited. For more information, call SSgt. Demetria Cunningham 876-6813 or SFC Larry Henderson 876-7387.

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 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.

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Baseball bat. Copperhead 27 inch, 17 oz., used 1/2 season. Paid \$85, sell for \$35. 650-0076.

Bathroom cabinet base and marble top. 37x21, \$100. 2 BR carpet, good cond., you remove, \$100. 881-6118.

Brother word processor, used very little, will take \$100. 883-6894.

Burgundy '90 Suzuki VX800L motorcycle. Less than 2K mi., 1 owner, never laid down. 2 full face matching helmets, extra side mirrors, \$3,000. (205) 233-7677.

Butcher block style heavy wood living room suite. end table, coffee table, entertainment center, honey oak finish. \$400. 650-5146 after 6 pm.

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Cub Cadet, 18 Hp. lawn and garden tractor, 46" mower deck with bagger attachment, hydrostatic drive, hydraulic lift. \$4,000. 420-8338.

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8'x7' garage door, all hardware and trim. New, replaced door with window. \$110. 721-0563.

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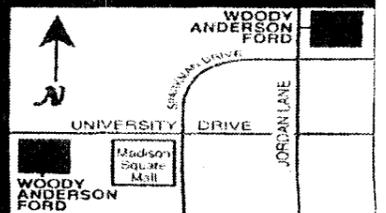
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