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Housing market booming with arrivals from St. Louis

By Julie Vaughn

Real estate sales in Huntsville are soaring as high as the rockets and missiles managed at Redstone.

And it's because of the St. Louis ATCOM-MICOM merger to Huntsville that the real estate market is healthier than anyone can remember.

The Huntsville apartment market and rental homes are becoming more and more saturated by the day. Some here predict that by summer, finding an apartment or rental house will be like stumbling across a needle in a haystack, said Realtor Sherry Dinges, president of the Huntsville Board of Realtors.

Some of those heading south are renting first, then plan to buy a home. But most St. Louis transfers are opting for home—especially new home purchases — many still under construction and already sold.

The ratio of those wanting to rent vs. buy is about five buying for every one renting, Dinges said.

"A lot of the people from St. Louis want something newer than they had there, particularly luxurious bathrooms," she said.



NEW HOME— McDaniel, left, and Dinges hammer a "sold" sign in front of a Madison home bought by a St. Louis family.

"Many of these people have been living in the same home for 20, maybe, 30 years, and just want something new.

"... In the 12 years I've been in real estate, this has been the busiest first quarter

I've ever seen."

Real estate sales are setting records for this period, normally the slowest sales time, of the year.

Realtors in Huntsville and Madison

County sold 187 more homes in January and February this year than during the same time last year, Dinges said.

And the increase in construction, rentals and sales aren't limited to the nearly 1,500 to 2,000 transfers, she said. Interest rates are lower than in recent years and even Huntsville residents are more confident about their jobs and the economy. That's enticing them to buy or build locally too, Dinges said.

"That's making people feel more stability and more comfortable in buying another home," she said.

As for those transferring from St. Louis, some already here and others set to arrive through October, for every one family seeking to rent, five others want more permanency.

"Based on the difference in housing prices in St. Louis and Huntsville, the people coming here are getting, I'd say, 20 to 25 percent more for their money here," Dinges said.

The real estate market in Huntsville and Madison County is changing by the day,

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Military child...

Ryan Markle, 4, son of Naval CB's E-6 Patrick and Paula Baker, plays on the sliding board at the Child Development Center. April is the Month of the Military Child.

Technical report publication method goes electronic at RSIC library

By Skip Vaughn

Engineers at Redstone can now submit their draft technical papers for publication electronically.

The result is faster, cheaper and more accurate, according to members of the Redstone Scientific Information Center.

Previously, the technical information division was part of the center support office at the Research Development and Engineering Center. When that four-member division moved to RSIC in October, it became part of a perfect marriage. The center already had electronic capabilities for storing massive archives of scientific and historical documents.

"It made sense" to combine the functions of generating reports and storing them, Sybil Bullock, the



FIRST PRODUCT— With a author; Jenkins, Chapman, and Barbara Waddell, editorial assistant in the technical information division.

RSIC director, said. "All these things could work together better for the government to merge these functions and use the existing infrastructure."

The technical information division has already created its first electronically-generated technical report. The 15-page report was submitted electronical-

ly, edited electronically and published electronically. It was also published in paper form to meet customer de-

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Local community reps get warm reception in St. Louis

By Julie Vaughn

It was a far different scene than a year ago in the Mississippi River city with the towering Gateway Arch.

St. Louis, Mo.: the sprawling city where an estimated 200 local community leaders, businesses and military descended recently for the second time.

About a year ago, perceptions about Huntsville, Ala., were, for the most part, myths, said Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce President Larry Waller, primary sponsors of the visit.

"Some of the questions asked back then by ATCOM employees seemed to want to embarrass Huntsville and this area," Waller said. "But this time, they were more focused, receptive and optimistic about their future here."

No tense slurs about Alabama natives at "Community Days." St. Louis residents uprooting their worlds there to Huntsville don't ask if "we wear shoes" anymore.

"At Community Days (this year) I asked people at one session if they had been to Huntsville on their own to check it out since the last time we'd been in St. Louis," Waller said. "About half raised their hands. I said, 'then I guess you know. The rumors about Huntsville aren't true.' I could see many of them nodding their heads (in agreement). And throughout the whole two days, this year, I didn't hear those kinds of comments anymore."

Some St. Louis residents mentioned, this second visit, "that we weren't exaggerating about what we told them about Huntsville and this whole area the first time."

This time, an estimated 1,300 to 1,400

ATCOM employees wanted specifics, not stereotypic generalities, Waller said. "I knew hundreds of them had been here on their own because I've personally talked to them when they came by (the Chamber) for brochures."

"There and here, I, and they, have talked about the quality of life here," Waller said. "They've noticed the good roads, good government, the infrastructure the cost of living here vs. St. Louis and the declining crime rate. All of that has to do with the quality of life."

Waller said many ATCOM, soon to be AMCOM, employees, who have been to the Rocket City to check it out, have mentioned to him how "clean" this city is.

"They've even said they were impressed with the upkeep of homes and lawns," he said. "They really like the mountains, the trees, hunting and fishing and just liked the

looks of our city.

"We tell them, 'We want you to be our neighbors. We genuinely want you to be a part of this community here.'"

However, the No. 1 concern of those merging with MICOM here is schools and the quality of education. Transfers of children's credits, private religious schools, the availability of programs for gifted children and what type sports and extracurricular activities could they expect, Waller said.

"I think we all talked to them about that," he added. "Real estate, a place to call home, also was a hot topic for questions."

And, perhaps, most importantly, Waller said, "Was that every member of the City Council and the mayor were there. St. Louis was impressed that so many officials would take the time out and cared enough to come and answer their questions."

Letters to the editor

Civilian referrals

Call me stupid, but I don't think I am the only person who has elevated hopes that the standup of AMCOM in October might finally allow employees at Redstone Arsenal internal movement and hopefully promotion opportunities. But, if you have been lucky enough to survive the downsizing efforts and being under this freeze and that freeze, there is still one giant obstacle in the way. That obstacle is CARES!

According to a recent briefing presented by Civilian Personnel Office concerning the transition to CPAC/CPOC, CARES would continue to be utilized for referral purposes at least until the year 2000 and all employees should keep their CARES package updated if they were interested in promotion opportunities. If you are one of those interested people, be prepared to run into a mountain of road blocks....

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: The Civilian Personnel Office provided the following response. "CARES was designed to operate on all types of computers (to include dumb terminals) without the need for any special software on the terminal. Therefore, it was not as user-friendly as systems designed to operate in a graphical user interface (GUI) environment which requires certain hardware and software. Even with these restrictions, over 15,000 applications were successfully submitted and evaluated, and nearly 700,000 knowledges were imported or evaluated in less than one year period of time. Employees had access to immediate feedback on the status of their applications, qualifications, knowledges, referrals, and selections. Employees were trained in CPO and in all serviced organizations to assist employees with CARES.

"In conjunction with the regionalization of civilian personnel servicing, the Army is planning to implement a new referral system, RESUMIX, which will scan resumes and determine applicants' qualifications and referrability. This system will likely not be implemented at Redstone Arsenal until September-October '97. In order to transition to RESUMIX, an interim system, the South Central Expedited Recruitment Program (SCERP), will be implemented in early April '97. SCERP will replace CARES. It is a paper-based job announcement system in which applicants self-certify their qualifications and task possession. Information should be distributed to the Redstone community this week on SCERP.")

Workers share informal reinvention talk with MICOM commanding general

By Cheryl Wise

On March 19, 1995, the Missile Command was designated as an Army Reinvention Laboratory. As a reinvention laboratory, we are testing innovative ways of doing business and waiving Defense, Army, and higher headquarters' Army Materiel Command regulatory requirements.

The first year as a reinvention laboratory was dedicated to training the work force on Reinvention. The training continues with the administering of the Redstone 2000 Institute's High Performance Skills course. The second year focused on the establishment and implementation of the MICOM Reinvention Laboratory Waiver Requests Program. To date, 31 waiver requests have been submitted from Team Redstone of which 16 have been approved by the commanding general, MICOM. Our third year will concentrate on implementing reinvention ideas from the work force and continue reengineering our business processes.

On March 26, a new reinvention initiative, "Strengthening the Linkage—Coffee with the General" program was held to kick off MICOM's third year as an Army Rein-



COFFEE WITH GENERAL— Link talks to the 13 attendees at the first "Coffee with the General," a Reinvention Lab program held March 26 in the Sparkman Dining Room. "We hope to have it on a

quarterly basis," Wise said. The event, with attendees selected randomly by organization, kicked off MICOM's third year as a reinvention laboratory.

tion Laboratory. The purpose of the program is to provide an informal forum to give the commander an opportunity to speak to the MICOM rank and file. The employees discussed good news items and concerns that impact them in the workplace with the MICOM Commander, Maj. Gen. James Link. A total of 13 randomly selected employees from across the MICOM community attended the first successful session; other sessions are planned on a quarterly basis in the future.

Employees that partici-

pated in the first Coffee with the General program session included Capt. David Goetz, Legal Office; Dr. Myra Gray, Research Development and Engineering Center; Mark Wolfson, Integrated Materiel Management Center; Wilma Freeman, Acquisition Center; Pam Keahey, Corporate Information Center; Theresa Johnson, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity; Marilyn Abney, Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity; Bertram Walker, Command Analysis Directorate; R. D. Davis, Weapon Systems Manage-

ment Directorate; Jane Johnston, Security Assistance Management Directorate; Patsy Gilliam, Resource Management Directorate; Claudia Lively, Personnel and Training Directorate; and Sue Clemmons, Intelligence and Security Directorate.

The Coffee with the General program administrators are Joan Baites and Danita Clarke of the Command Analysis Directorate.

(Editor's note: Wise is the MICOM reinvention team leader in the Command Analysis Directorate.)

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Child abuse prevention focus of monthlong observance

Child Abuse Prevention



By Kathy Harkleroad

April is "Child Abuse Prevention Month"; and Sal Riccardi, family advocacy program manager at Army Community Service, has plenty of good advice.

"Being a parent these days is not easy," Riccardi said, "and it doesn't matter what age the child is. Being a good parent takes a lot of patience, understanding, and most of all love."

Child abuse is a common problem and doesn't just involve physical abuse. "There are several types of abuse including sexual abuse, emotional abuse and neglect. All of these types of abuse affect not only the child, but the entire family," Riccardi said.

Riccardi, as does ACS, likes to focus on prevention of abuse, and works with the entire family who needs assistance. "We have several excellent programs here that will help families that feel they are having problems and need a little extra help," he said. "Our programs are not just limited to families who are having problems in the abuse department, everyone is welcome to participate."

Depending on the needs of the family, assistance is offered in the form of parenting classes, stress management and anger management classes. "It could be the family is going through a tough financial time and taking it out on the children. In that case we offer budget counseling. It just depends on the family's needs as to what type of assistance they need," Riccardi said.

Once a case of abuse is reported, the team at ACS goes into action and the situation is assessed. "The current trend is to keep the child at home as long as possible, vs. the old (remedy) of immediately taking the child away. The abuse

has to be extreme before a child is removed from the home," Riccardi said.

"At one time or another, every parent has given some kind of abuse to their children. I am not saying that is right, but it happens. The difference is when a parent knows there is something wrong, and corrects it, versus the parent who continues to abuse the child and not seek help," he said.

The best way a parent or caregiver can prevent child abuse in any form is to look at the situation and try to determine what is causing the abuse. "Sometimes people just need a break and walking away from the situation is one way of preventing child abuse," Riccardi said.

"I think budgeting child care, even if it is only one morning a week, makes all the difference. If that is not possible, then we have the Total Tots program where respite care is available," he added. "Volunteering is also a good way to get out of the house and be with adults, and most of the time child care is provided for volunteers."

Riccardi also mentioned the possibility of setting up a babysitting co-op and trading services with a neighbor or friend when it comes to finding inexpensive child care. "Lots of churches offer free child care in the form of Mommy's Day Out or a similar program. They also offer classes where both the child and parent participate in the program which is beneficial to both of them," he said.

The bottom line is parents shouldn't wait until a case of child abuse is reported to seek help. "We have so many programs available to parents here as well as booklets and brochures that can be free for the asking," Riccardi

said.

Riccardi also said it is up to the public to help prevent child abuse, and this can be done quite easily. "It can be very uncomfortable to watch the mistreatment of a child by an adult out of control," he said. "Take for instance a trip to the supermarket, you might be walking down the aisle or stand-

ing in line when you witness a situation where the parent is really overstressed and the child is misbehaving. There are things you can do."

He suggested striking up a conversation with the parent to direct their attention away from the child. "You can say something like 'My child has gotten upset like that also,' or 'Children can

really wear you out, can't they?' and offer your assistance," he said. "You can also divert the child's attention if they are misbehaving by talking to the child and make sure you praise them when the first opportunity arises."

Riccardi said to make sure to avoid negative remarks or looks to the par-

ent as they could increase the parent's anger and could make matters worse. "Sometimes all it takes is an understanding smile, or a kind word to alleviate the situation."

For more information on the classes offered at ACS, and other child abuse prevention methods, call 876-5397.

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Public updated on ongoing environment cleanup work

By Skip Vaughn

About 50 people attended a meeting last week to update the public on ongoing environmental cleanup actions at Redstone.

The Technical Review Committee meeting provided updates on seven sites undergoing remedial action. These include earthen cap and cover, three projects; excavation and removal, one project; and groundwater pump and treat, three projects.

"We have a very active environmental program," Mike Hubbard, director of the Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning, said. His organization conducted the meeting March 26 in the Sparkman Auditorium.

Redstone Arsenal's past activities dating back to World War II had an adverse environmental impact which is being addressed by ongoing cleanup efforts. Some 87 sites on post are undergoing either some type of remedial treatment or investigation. Of these, 38 are in the site investigation phase and 49 are in the remedial investigation/feasibility study phase.

Speakers included Fred Moser from the Savannah District of the Corps of Engineers; Whitt Walker, chief of the installation restoration division at Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning; and Steve Arendale, of the Mobile District Corps of Engineers, who works in the area office at Redstone.

"The main mission (of the installation restoration program) is to protect the environment. That's what we are set up for," Walker said.

Past TRC meetings were held June 7, 1994, Dec. 7, 1994 and June 29, 1995. About 60 people attended a public availability session held off post Sept. 10, 1996.

Technical test center director honored for career work

By Skip Vaughn

The Army missile community loses one of its top senior executives with the retirement of Larry H. Johnson.

Johnson, director of the Redstone Technical Test Center, received awards Thursday in recognition of his 38 years of government service. "We're very, very proud of you and we're going to miss you," Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, told him.

Johnson received the Superior Civilian Service Award and other honors from Maj. Gen. John Longhouser, commander of the Test and Evaluation Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., during the retirement reception at RTTC. "I give Larry Johnson an awful lot of credit because of what he has done in the last 38 years in selfless service to his country and his nation," Longhouser said.

"The Army is losing an outstanding member of the Senior Executive Service and civil service," Ray Pollard, civilian deputy and chief engineer for Test and

Evaluation Command, said. "And the Army can ill afford to lose people like that as we move into the 21st century."

Johnson, 61, is a native of Crowell, Texas. After graduating from college in 1959, he joined the Army where he served for 39 months as a military test engineer in the Test and Evaluation Directorate at Redstone Arsenal. After completion of military service, he worked for a short time as an engineer trainee with Standard Oil of California and then returned to Test and Evaluation Directorate as a civilian test engineer in 1962.

In 1976 he transferred to the Hellfire Project Office as an engineer in the product assurance and test division. In 1978 he was promoted to chief of the test branch in the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) Program Office where he served for three years during system research and development. Johnson returned to the Test and Evaluation Directorate in 1981 and was promoted to chief of the firing test division over the missile flight and rocket motor static test facilities. In 1982 he



JOHNSON

was selected as deputy director for the Test and Evaluation Directorate where he served until his selection as director (an SES position) in October 1989. In October 1990 the Test and Evaluation Directorate transitioned to the Test and Evaluation Command as a major Army test center. Johnson was designated director of the new organization, the Redstone Technical Test Center.

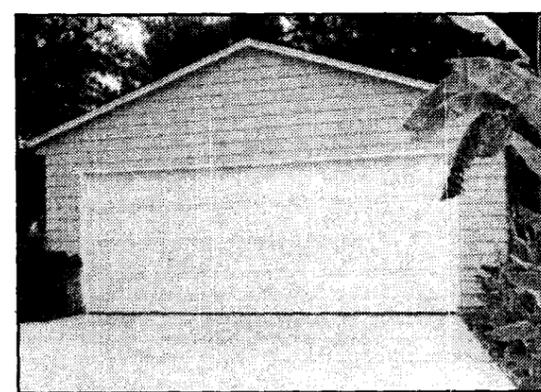
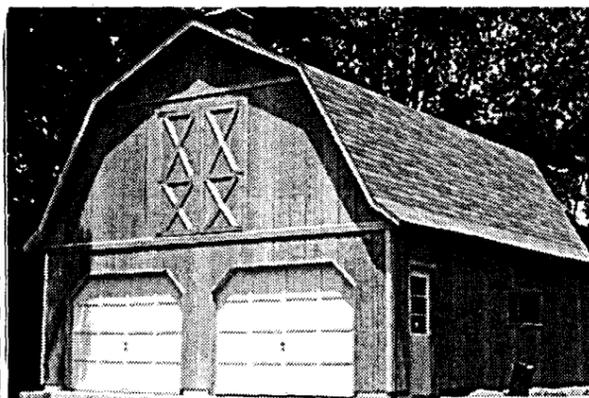
"This has been a rather tough decision to wrestle

with, to decide to retire, for me as well as my friends," Johnson said.

Asked about his plans, Johnson said, "Right now I have no definite plan. I'll just go out and see if there's something I like. If not, I'll just go fishing."

Johnson and his wife, Peggy, reside in Decatur. Their son, Greg Johnson, and daughter, Carol Dumbacher, are both married and engineers at the Research Development and Engineering Center. They have two grandchildren.

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Transition center continues to assist servicemembers



PLANNING MOVE— Discussing the move this summer for the transition center from building 3433 to 3710 are, from left, Peterlin, Spencer and Winston.

By Skip Vaughn

The Missile Command has remained committed to serving soldiers in transition, despite the end of ACAP here from loss of Army funding last December.

To fill the void from the end of Redstone's Army Career and Alumni Program, the Military Personnel Office has created a Transition Center. The center, currently located in building 3433, will move sometime this summer to the Military Personnel Office building 3710.

Plans are to offer in the same location the transition point, military retirement services and the retention/reenlistment office which are currently in building 3708.

"The goal is when you move them to 3710 to have a centralized transition center to service all your active duty military, civilians and family members," Maj. Karen Peterlin, the installation adjutant general, said.

With the center's limited staffing, only active-duty military— regardless of service — are being served at this time. But with the new Aviation and Missile Command configuration after Oct. 1, a civilian is to

join the staff to serve civilians and family members.

The transition center is assisting servicemembers who are preparing to leave the military. Lewis Spencer, deputy adjutant general, said its services include the following: individual transition briefings; an individual transition plan; a transition checklist; the Defense Outplacement Referral System (DORS), a computerized register for people leaving the service early which goes to thousands of potential employers nationwide; and a monthly preseparation briefing. The briefing, currently two days, includes speakers from throughout Redstone and classes on resume preparation and job search. "So, it's kind of an all-in-one" briefing, Spencer said. The preseparation briefing is normally held on Tuesday and Wednesday in the third week of each month in building 3433, room 145.

The transition center also includes printed material on job searches, resume preparation, etc., which is available to its patrons. It has a self-help computer lab which individuals can use to access job search bulletin boards, the Department of Army transition bulletin board, and the federal job

bulletin boards from Office of Personnel Management.

"Because of the continuing downsizing of the military force and civilian force, we felt it absolutely necessary that we continue to the best of our ability to provide transition services to those that are leaving the military as well as the civilian work force," Joe Winston, chief of the military personnel services and emergency operations division at the Personnel and Training Directorate, said.

Col. John Planchon, director of Personnel and Training Directorate, endorsed the concept of continuing to provide transition services. The transition center began in early January.

"The command remains committed to providing quality service to soldiers and their family members to begin a second career," Peterlin said.

Phillip Paschel and Jeanie Sharpe provide transition counseling. Servicemembers within 180 days before leaving the military should call the transition center 955-6490 for an appointment.

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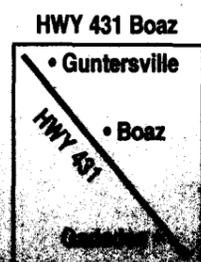
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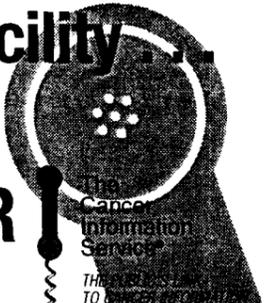


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Total Tots program meets temporary child-care needs at Redstone

By Kathy Harkleroad

It happens to most parents at one time or another: There is an immediate need for child care, yet no one around to help. This may be especially true for military families who are separated from relatives and away from close friends.

Military families have an option they can use for short-term and emergency child care, the Total Tots program through Army Community Service. Sponsors include the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club, the Officer and Civilian Women's Club, the chaplains, the Thrift Shop and other contributors.

The Total Tots program is Army people helping Army families with short-term child care services; and it provides round-the-clock care. "It is there for those who need it, when they need it," program manager Sal Riccardi said. "We look at each case individually and each case is kept confidential, and we offer other services as well if the need arises."

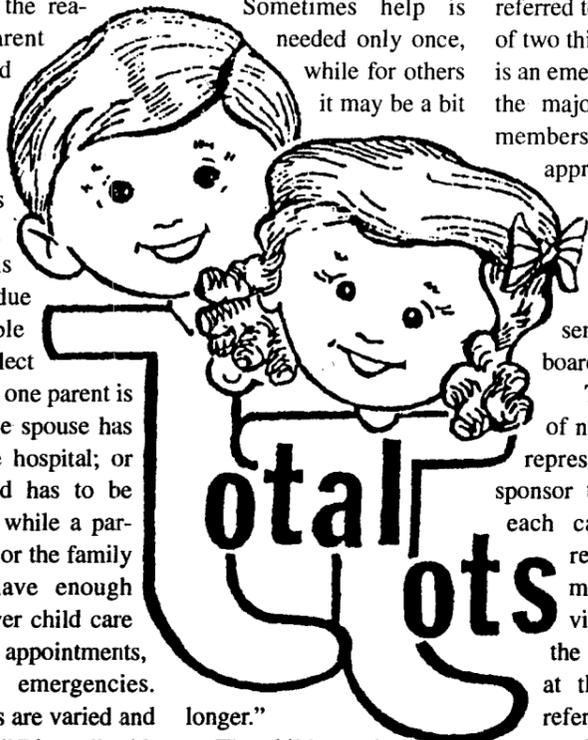
Some of the reasons a parent might need the assistance of the Total Tots program is respite care; if the child is in danger due to possible abuse or neglect in the home; one parent is away and the spouse has to go in the hospital; or another child has to be hospitalized while a parent is away; or the family does not have enough funds to cover child care for required appointments, classes or emergencies. "The reasons are varied and very diverse," Riccardi said. "But the bottom line is we are there if they need us."

During fiscal 1996, some 20 families were helped with approximately \$5,000 spent in child care. "The cost of child care is incredible, and we may help a family for a period of months," Riccardi said. "As I mentioned before, we evaluate each situation and work on a case-by-case basis.

Sometimes help is needed only once, while for others it may be a bit longer." The child care is provided by a division of Child Development Services and could include care at the Child Development Center, or in the home of a family child care provider on the Arsenal. "All of the care is provided for here on post," Riccardi said, "although we have had an exception in a extreme case."

Once a case has been referred to the program, one of two things happens. "If it is an emergency I will reach the majority of the team members by phone for approval," Riccardi said. "If it is a case where it can wait a little while, it is presented at the monthly board meeting." The board consists of nine volunteers and representatives who sponsor the program. As each case is reviewed, referrals are also made for other services that might help the family. "We look at their budgets and refer them to budget counseling if necessary, for example," Riccardi said. "We also look at other circumstances that might be helped with some of the services we offer."

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Armbruster returning to MICOM as deputy for systems acquisition

Brig. Gen. Robert Armbruster will soon return to the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.

Armbruster, the deputy commander of Space and Strategic Defense Command, has been assigned to deputy for systems acquisition at MICOM. Approved by the Army chief of staff, the announcement was made March 24; and Armbruster's report date will be determined.

Armbruster served as project manager for Close Combat Anti-Armor Weapon Systems before receiving his star Nov. 12 and going to SSDC in Huntsville.

He was named the Army's project manager of the year for 1995.

Armbruster was born in Rockville Centre, N.Y., on June 27, 1949. He graduated from West Point and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Military Intelligence Corps in 1971.

He has held a variety of military assignments. Armbruster served as a tank platoon leader in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, commanded A Company, 7th Radio Research Field Station in Udorn, Thailand, and was an associate professor of mathematics at West Point.

His first acquisition assignment was as chief, Signals Development Laboratory at Vint Hill Farms, Va. Subsequently within the Program Executive

Offices for Fire Support and Tactical Missiles, he served as the assistant project manager for development, Multiple Launch Rocket System; product manager, MLRS sense and destroy armor; product manager, multipurpose individual munition; and product manager, Longbow Hellfire. He became the CCAWS project manager on June 17, 1993.

Armbruster holds a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, a master's of science degree in industrial engineering from the University of Arizona, and a professional engineering license from Virginia. His

military education includes the normal military officer schools, the Thai Language School at the Presidio of Monterey, Training with Industry at Martin Marietta, Orlando, Fla., the Defense Systems Management College Project Manager's Course, and the Senior Service College.

Armbruster is married to the former Vicky R. Roman from Panama City Beach, Fla. Formerly the deputy project manager for Air-to-Ground Missile Systems, she has been selected to be the deputy program executive officer for tactical missiles.



ARMBRUSTER

SAMD organization bids farewell to retiring worker



AWARD PRESENTATION— Judge, left, receives an award from Dr. Rex Conners, chief of the business management office in Security Assistance Management Directorate.

Fred Judge of SAMD is retiring after 40 years of government service.

Judge, a supervisory international ADP program specialist at Security Assistance Management Directorate, was honored during his retirement reception held Thursday in building 7613.

A native of Franklin County, Tenn., Judge began his career in March 1957 in the Redstone Anti-Missile Missile Systems Office. He served in the Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency until 1962 when he trans-

ferred to Marshall Space Flight Center.

Judge, 59, returned to the Army in 1968 in the Directorate of Arsenal Support Operations and served as an analyst there until 1978. He worked in the Procurement and Production Directorate from 1978-90 and in the Product Assurance Directorate from 1990-93. He worked at SAMD since early 1993.

Judge and his wife, Elizabeth, have two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren.



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Vaccination required for all pet animals at Redstone

By Anthony Caudill

Ahh, spring... fresh air, blooming flowers, singing birds, fleas, ticks and mosquitoes. Fleas ticks and mosquitoes? These little guys can turn your pets' daily life into something unbearable. There is a light at the end of this tunnel, however. Several new products are available to help prevent all three of these little pet peeves.

We all know how fleas and ticks can be a pain, but mosquitoes, you say? Why, these flying menaces can mean death to your dog! They can carry heartworms to your dog and, without testing, this can go undetected until it's too late. Yet, this is so easy to prevent. Monthly preventatives are available with a prescription to ward off a heartworm infection before it can start. Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

The Redstone Arsenal Veterinary Clinic would like to remind you to have your pets tested, vaccinated and registered. Vaccination and registration are required for ALL animals living on post with you. We are located in building 3543 and are open for active duty and retirees daily from 8-11:30 and 1-3:30. Vaccinations and sick calls are on an appointment-only basis. For an appointment or more information, call 876-2441.

(Editor's note: Spec. Caudill, of the Veterinary Clinic, provided this article.)

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

Worldwide ammunition conference coming to Huntsville community April 8-11

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School is once again hosting the Worldwide Ammunition Missile and Test Measurement and Diagnostics Equipment (TMDE) conference. The Ammunition Conference will be held April 8-11 at the Holiday Inn- Madison Square; and the TMDE conference will be held April 8-10 at the Von Braun Center.

"We are very excited about hosting the conference," conference coordinator Lt. Col. Richard Ruffin said. "We have hosted them in the past but, due to several reasons, haven't in the last three years. This year we geared back up and have gotten a great response from the ammunition community and expect over 300 people to attend. Once the word got out that we were doing it again, the response was overwhelming."

Experts from all branches of the military, Air Force, Marines, Navy, and Army will be attending the conference and some will come from as far away as Japan, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Korea and Hawaii. "We also have attendees coming from

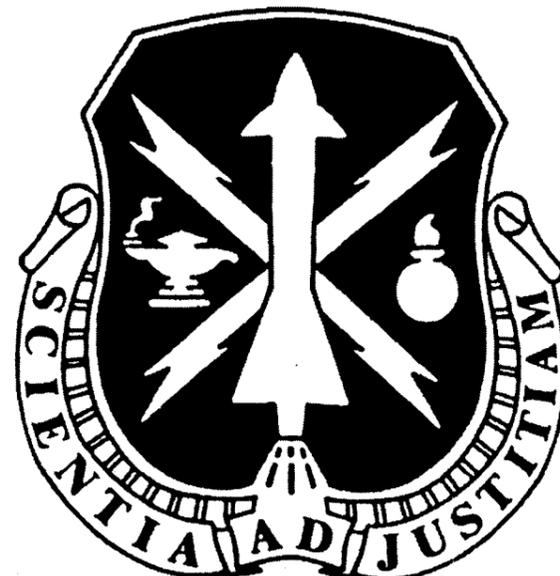
all parts of the United States as well," Ruffin said.

Attendees will hear speakers on all aspects of the ammunition field and will hear updates as well. "The main purpose of the conference is to publish updates on doctrine, logistics, equipment modification, future goals and force structure," Capt. Richard Ratliff said. "Briefers will include personnel from the Army as well as the Air Force and Navy."

Numerous displays are also set up at the Holiday Inn for attendees and will include both board displays and static displays. "Several of the organizations attending are bringing their own displays, and we have many organizations here on the Arsenal who are also setting up displays," Ratliff said.

Also on the agenda for the conference attendees is a trip out to the Ammunition Supply Point where demonstrations will be held on new pieces of equipment. "We will have the new Explosive Ordnance Disposal robot, the new solar shed storage for ammunition, and several other demonstrations going on," Ruffin said.

Topics during the confer-



ence include the health of the Ordnance Corps, an OMMCS update, future ammunitions, PERSCOM update, Ordnance Force Structure update, unique item tracking, Patriot IDDSS Telemaintenance, Joint EOD Research and Development Efforts, Combat Development Update, and missile future concepts.

While space is limited for the conference, there is still some space available. "We welcome anyone who would like to attend, but do require they contact us before the conference," Ratliff said. "They can reach me at 876-9171 for

more information and reservations."

The conference will conclude with the annual Ordnance Ball April 12.

The TMDE conference is also being held in the continuing effort of keeping past and present Integrated Family of Test Equipment (IFTE) users informed on current activities and long-range plans. Various types of IFTE equipment and support tools will be demonstrated. Last year there were 14 contractors and five government exhibits on display. More are expected this year.

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Surgery a team effort at Fox Army Community Hospital

By David Cancelada

The surgical team at Fox Army Community Hospital consists of the Surgery Clinic, OR/Anesthesia, and the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit. This team cares for the surgical patient from the time he or she enters for their surgical consultation to when they return for a post-operation visit.

Currently, two military general surgeons are assigned as full-time medical staff for the surgical team. They are the specialists that primary-care physicians, such as family practice and internal medicine, refer patients requiring surgical consultation. The Surgery clinic accepts consultations for all Tricare-eligible and Medicare-eligible military beneficiaries, not only from primary-care physicians at Fox Hospital, but also from civilian primary-care physicians caring for military medical beneficiaries elsewhere.

The scope of general surgery offered is immense and covers a wide range of surgical diagnoses and procedures. The most common diagnoses that the general surgeon treats include any surgical condition affecting the gut such as colorectal cancer, gallbladder disease, appendicitis and medically refractory reflux; as well as breast cancer, abdominal wall hernias, thyroid and parathyroid tumors. Ambulatory surgical procedures include colonoscopy and upper endoscopy where a lighted scope is used to view the colon, esophagus and stomach for diagnosis and treatment of surgical diseases such as colon cancer and polyps. The majority of intra-abdominal surgery, such as gallbladder removal and anti-reflux procedures, is accomplished laparoscopically (through a scope) by the general surgeons at Fox Hospital.

The surgical team encounter begins in the Surgery Clinic where you are greeted by the clerical staff which includes Alma Hager, Elles Craig and Diann Larry. The Surgery Clinic boasts an excellent nursing staff which assists the physician during exams, as well as provides patient education concerning any surgical diagnosis or procedure. This team of nursing professionals includes Mary Bailey, Dorothy Ledet, Joan Taylor, Maurita Hughs and Fatima Deschamps. The clinic has available a Patient Education Room stocked with brochures, pamphlets, teaching aids, videocas-

ettes and most recently a state-of-the-art computer video system focused solely on breast cancer. The clinic dedicates one afternoon a week for consultations concerning breast disease. The Surgery Clinic also has a tumor board registrar, Pauline Ocomy, who follows those patients who have been diagnosed and treated for cancer at Fox Hospital. She helps manage a monthly Tumor Board meeting at Fox Hospital where oncologists and radiation therapists from Huntsville Hospital and Columbia Medical Center meet with the general surgeons to participate in the total care of the patient. Bailey, head nurse of the clinic, is also a certified stomal therapist and wound care specialist who dedicates one afternoon a week toward the management of chronic or complex wounds.

The evaluation by the general surgeons consists of a directed history and physical exam complemented by X-ray and lab studies as needed. These complementary studies are ordered via a state-of-the-art computer system which links the entire hospital and will soon be linked to all hospitals within the Defense Department worldwide. If your consultation results in a recommendation for surgery, you are then counseled by the surgeon concerning the procedure and its risks and prepared for surgery with the aid of the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU).

The PACU is where the patient is seen pre-operatively by the nursing staff caring for the patient immediately before and after surgery. They perform pre-operative studies to include bloodwork and EKGs and ensure the patient is prepared for the upcoming surgery in all possible ways to include mentally, emotionally and administratively. This important staff—consisting of 1st Lt. Sandra Lopez who is the head nurse, Melissa Barbosa, SSgt. Brenda Payne, Lora Ridings, Nerveleene Porter, and Sgt. Sondra Scott — monitors the patient during the critical hours after surgery as the patient recovers from surgical stress and the effects of anesthesia. They also help provide telephonic followup with patients at home within 24-72 hours of their surgery to ensure that no immediate complications are occurring.

Once in the Operating Room, the patient is cared for by dedicated profession-

als who have worked and trained at some of the best medical centers in the United States. Critical to a safe surgery is the anesthesia care provided by Lt. Col. Edith Van Evera and Capt. Paris France-Parsons. The operating room nurses and technicians who ensure that the operating room environment is safe and runs smoothly during the surgery and assist the surgeon during the procedure include Maj. Kathy King who is the head nurse, Capt. Oscar Rivera, Donna Groce, Sue Wargo, Spec. Francisco Hurtado, Spec. Jerry Ross, Spec. Geraldo Moreno and Fatima Denham. King is also the infection control nurse for Fox Hospital which places her in good position to ensure that standards are strictly adhered to in the operating room. Also

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SURGICAL TEAM— Kneeling are Maj. David Cancelada, left, and Maj. James T. Fox. Standing in front row, from left, are Donna Groce, Sue Wargo, 1st Lt. Sandra Lopez, Mary Bailey, Dorothy Ledet, Capt. Paris France-Parsons and Lt. Col. Edith Van Evera. In middle row, from left, are Capt. Oscar Rivera, Sgt. Sondra Scott, Nerveleene Porter, Lori Ridings, Fatima Denham, Elles Craig and Pauline Ocomy. In rear row, from left, are Spec. Francisco Hurtado, Spec. Jerry Ross, Spec. Geraldo Moreno and Maj. Kathy King.

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Redstone Arsenal represented at Army family conference in Virginia

By Kathy Harkleroad

Capt. David Estes, of the Staff Judge Advocate's office, represented Redstone in the 14th Army Family Action Plan Planning conference held March 10-14 at Fort McLean, Va.

The purpose of the planning conference is to review issues that were raised at the installation level during the family symposiums. While Redstone did not have any issues raised to the DA level, Estes did represent the Arsenal serving on the Force Support work group.

"The planning conference is set up much like the family symposium we had here," he said. "There were seven categories: entitlements, family support, housing/relocation, medical, soldier, civilian and youth. After each of the groups met and discussed the issues, the outbrief was held and the most important issues were listed.

"I really enjoyed myself there and learned quite a bit on how things actually work at that level," he added. "It was also very interesting to



AFAP BACKBRIEF— Estes, left, briefs Judy Link and Ivy Downs on the actions taken at the Army Family Action Plan Planning conference held in Fort McLean, Va. He represented the Arsenal during the conference and served on the Force Support work group.

see the issues that were raised, and how policies were revised."

Top issues at the conference included the implementation of a military savings plan, dislocation allowance for retiring soldiers, Army Family Team Building Program resources,

Special Supplemental Food Program for WIC OCONUS Personnel, and deployment medication.

Estes said he thought it was very interesting as to the five most valuable services the delegates voted on. "The top service was medical, then commissary,

dental, child care and ACS (Army Community Service) followed," Estes said.

Representatives included 57 soldiers, 69 spouses, eight youth, two retirees and six civilians. Subject matter experts were also available in each work group.

Local Boy Scout council cites MICOM engineer

A MICOM worker has received a top award from the Tennessee Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Laverne Spearman received the Silver Beaver Award for serving his community through Scouting, church and school.

Spearman is an engineer with the metrology and calibration laboratory of the Missile Command's Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment (TMDE) Activity.

The council recently held its 59th annual presentation of the Silver Beaver. Spearman was among nine recipients this time.



SPEARMAN

TEAM

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included under the OR is the endoscopy suite which is run by Wargo and equipped with state-of-the-art endoscopy equipment and computer-video system for the performance of colonoscopies and upper endoscopies.

As for the surgeons who perform the procedures at Fox Hospital, they are Maj. David Cancelada and Maj. James T. Fox.

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(Editor's note: Maj. Cancelada is a surgeon at Fox Army Community Hospital.)

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Technical info specialists study RSIC computer system

By Julie Vaughn

They came to Redstone from as far north as North Dakota to Louisiana in the Deep South.

Six technical information specialists were here March 25-26 to learn about the Redstone Scientific Information Center's state-of-the-art computerized integrated library system.

Although they'll be using it for different purposes than at Redstone, the theory is the same. The library system is capable of cataloging, circulating and retrieving materials, assigning call numbers and interlibrary loan and acquisition.

"They want to see how we use it so they can improve their own services and operations," RSIC Director Sybil Bullock said. "We got it in 1990 and it's been upgraded eight times since then. It's one of the best commercial systems on the market for handling technical reports, collection



DIRECTOR— Bullock is director of the Redstone Scientific Information Center.

of information, including reports, books, etc."

The Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division may use the integrated library system for its own purposes of storing and

retrieving information. The survey researches environmental resource management, matters involving wildlife, fish and other



RSIC VISIT— Emalee Craft, center, sits in front of a computer monitor at Redstone Scientific Information Center. Surrounding her are technical information specialists from the Department of the Interior's Geological Survey.

aquatic life throughout the United States.

The survey wants to use the same type system as Redstone's _ only with dif-

ferent types of information and materials. BRD science libraries are located at many of its science centers.

The Library Automation

Plan will, at some time in the future, be available on the Internet with a broader range of information.

Robertson pleads guilty to sexual misconduct

By Karen Drown

WASHINGTON— A former company commander at the Army's Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., was sentenced to three years of confinement, total forfeitures and dismissal from the service at a court-martial March 20.

In accordance with a pre-trial agreement, Capt. Derrick Robertson, 30, formerly commander of A Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, will serve four months of the three-year sentence. He pleaded guilty to a violation of a general regulation for having sex with a female trainee; to consensual sodomy; to adultery; and to two specifications of conduct unbecoming of an officer, one for fraternization and one for offering the victim an inappropriate discharge from the Army.

Robertson pleaded not guilty to rape, forcible sodomy, indecent assault and obstruction of justice. His case was scheduled for trial in May, with motions to be argued this week. However, after the government and defense came to a pre-trial agreement, the motions arguments were canceled and the guilty plea hearing and sentencing was held March 20. The agreement itself was signed March 17.

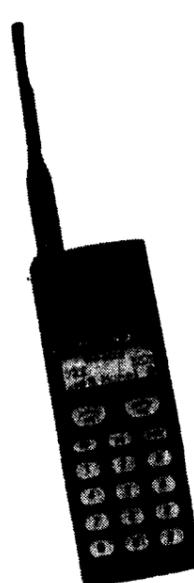
As part of the agreement, Robertson agreed to waive all motions and to be tried by a military judge. He also agreed to a six-page stipulation of the facts in the case, which the judge used to find him guilty and determine an appropriate sentence. In exchange, the government agreed to disapprove any confinement in excess of one year and to suspend any confinement in excess of four months.

In the military, the judge sentences the accused without knowing the sentence limitation agreed to in the pre-trial agreement. Once the sentence is announced, the accused is entitled to receive the sentence adjudged by the court, or the sentence agreed to in the pre-trial agreement, whichever is less. The dismissal from service and total forfeitures are not affected by the agreement in this case.

The victim in the case has not withdrawn or recanted any of the information she provided in her earlier statements to investigators, to counsel and to the Article 32 hearing officer. The government accepted the defense's offer as a proper disposition of the case after full consideration of all the facts and circumstances. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Drown is a public affairs specialist at the APG Public Affairs Office.)

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Missile school recognizes instructors of the quarter

By Skip Vaughn

The officer who heads munitions training here credits his early instructors with helping him progress in his career. Lt. Col. Edward Fletcher looked back while congratulating the OMMCS master instructors and instructors of the quarter.

"I've been on the receiving side of a lot of good training," Fletcher said during the awards luncheon held March 25 at the Officers Club. "It's been folks like this that have allowed me to meet that challenge.... I've simply been a good listener to all the master instructors and instructors of the quarter."

The second quarter fiscal 1997 honorees included two instructors of the quarter and

10 master instructors. Fletcher, director of the munitions training department at Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, was guest speaker for the luncheon which had about 100 attendees.

Honorees included instructors of the quarter: Sgt. Michael Wangler, NCO, and Clarence O. Jackson, civilian, both of Fort Gordon, Ga.; and master instructors Jackson, Capt. Michael Grojean, SFC Patrick Johnson, SSgt. Karl Knudson, SSgt. Howard Middlebrooks, Sgt. David Ramos Jr., Barbara A. Collins, Christopher Kitchin, Laura Stephey and Gary Vahrenwald.

"We are proud of you," Freeman Holifield, chief of the staff and faculty development division, told the honorees.



TOP TEACHERS— OMMCS instructor honorees for the quarter include: front row, from left, Johnson, Kitchin, Stephey, Ramos, Grojean and Jackson; and back row, from left, Middlebrooks, Wangler, Collins and Knudson.

MPs are 'pillars of support' wherever the action is worldwide

By Susanne Aspley

CAMP DOBOL, Bosnia— The 984th Military Police Company is a sturdy pillar of support within Task Force 1-26. Their missions are synchronized with hot issues and significant events throughout Bosnia. After upholding peace and security for nearly nine months, the soldiers will go home in April.

The Colorado-based MPs are wherever the action is. Recently, they provided 24-hour presence in the villages of Gajevi and Mahala during the introduction of Serbian Police. Joint patrols with the Russians near Jusici were also successful. As the unpredictable Brcko Arbitration unfolded, the MPs were assigned to observe, detect, and

detour any mass movement headed toward the city.

"The atmosphere now is definitely less hostile and tense than it was when we first arrived. Originally, the Serbs did not like us. Then we proved to them that we are here to help," said SSgt. Marko J. Hakama, 2nd squad leader, 4th Platoon.

Initially, the MPs were tasked to assist, set up and monitor the national elections in Srebrenica, Republic of Srbska. They patrolled mass grave sites to ensure the Serbs followed the Dayton Peace Agreement. Also accomplished were numerous storage site inspections, security patrols near Sarajevo and gate duty in Tuzla Main.

PFC Jeanene DeMarc, 4th Plt., now usu-

ally participates in three patrols daily near Camp Dobol. Her squad stays alert for unusual movement or activities. Reflecting on the validity of U.S. involvement in Bosnia, she said, "I'm glad we are here. God forbid, there may be a time when we may be in a similar situation, in need of help. Someone else might have to step in for us."

DeMarc mentally prepared for the devastating sights she sees from the turret before she came to Bosnia. "I believe the real casualties are the children. No one deserves this. I can't image what it was like

here when these houses were blown up... the screaming, crying, no where to run." DeMarc said. "But the biggest thrill is seeing the children wave and smile, lining the road as our trucks roll past." DeMarc, 30, is from Syracuse, N.Y.

At Fort Carson, the unit concentrates on post law enforcement, training/exercises, and details such as parades and ceremonies.

"This has been an interesting experience," Hakama said. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Spec. Aspley is with the 364th MPAD.)

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GUEST OF HONOR— Shelby receives a memento from Brig. Gen. Montgomery, left, and Brig. Gen. Nance.



SHOWBAND— The 82nd Airborne Division Showband performs during the Dining Out.

Redstone PEO teams hold their inaugural dining-out

(The first Dining Out of the Program Executive Offices, Tactical Missiles and Air and Missile Defense was held March 21 at the Officers Club. This is to become an annual event.

Hosted by Brig. Gen. Willie Nance and Brig. Gen. Daniel Montgomery, the evening provided an opportunity to bring the two PEO teams together to establish and expand friendships, as well as recognize the achievements of both organizations. Nance and Montgomery both expressed their gratitude and that of the soldiers to the approxi-

mately 240 guests, both military and civilian, for providing premier weapon systems to the armed forces.

Sen. Richard Shelby, the guest speaker, addressed the accomplishments of the last Congress and stressed the importance of the missions of the PEOs in research, development and modernization.

Shelby reflected on the recent trend in defense spending and the threat it imposed on the military's technological lead. He congratulated the audience on their outstanding accomplishments and ability to ef-

fectively manage programs despite a constrained budget.

Shelby concluded that it was the responsibility of Congress to ensure the military had the resources needed to accomplish the mission; and he said he will do all he can to ensure our national defense remains intact.

Among the attendees were Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer and Madison Mayor

Chuck Yancura.

The entertainment for the evening was provided by the 82nd Airborne Division Showband from Fort Bragg, N.C.

The PEOs hope this will be the first of many memorable Dining Outs and that attendance will grow when PEO, Aviation becomes a part of this community.

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Month of Military Child events scheduled on post

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

- 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.
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- Deborah Kopinski, Special Act
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Commentary: the insanity of cults and mass suicides

By Julie Vaughn

How in a civilized world, could it happen. Why would 39 supposedly intelligent people drape their faces with black or purple shrouds? And purposely die. All lying face-up on their backs lying on what looked like prison bunk beds.

The mass suicides of the San Diego, Calif., cult was pure insanity.

Depressed, desperate people stop their own heartbeats everywhere— everyday. But when almost three dozen warm bodies plan—and execute themselves together, it's not simply a tragedy, it's a twisted conspiracy.

I think the nation finds it hard to believe that members of the cult, living in a multimillion-dollar mansion went from there to visit space aliens. Why would anyone want to die, merely to go to "another world" if it exists, or another dimension.

Experts say the comet may have been their sign to signoff.

I believe, like David Koresh in Waco, Texas, they looked, searched, craved for a reason to go up in smoke. His last sure statement to the world. He took his wife

and young children, many who were biologically his through other young women, young girls.

Sure, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms made mistakes from the second they raided that compound.

ATF agents KNEW Koresh was ready for them and they went for it anyway. The element of surprise is what police work is— whether it's getting a speeding ticket or kicking in a drug dealer's door.

But Koresh, and members of the San Diego cult wanted, if not someone— something — else to blame for leaving a world we all have to live in. I find it disgusting— yet psychologically fascinating. And I've read everything about those and other mass suicides I could get my hands on.

Remember cult leader Jim Jones. He and his 900-something followers drank Kool-Aid, mixed with a tasty dose of cyanide. I was only 17 then, and, again, read every newspaper, magazine I could get my hands on.

Why? Because I wanted to know why. I never found any rational reason I was searching so hard for. I didn't find it.

That was my first hint a

teen-ager looks so hard for. I didn't know then that I would become a news reporter and that my college degree would be in journalism.

Looking back now, that curiosity to know, to understand, what happened with and to Jones in South America may have driven me to a reporting career.

Since then, I still wonder what thoughts go through the minds of people like Koresh, Jones and the 39 dead in San Diego. Even Ted Bundy. His excuse for torturing and killing unsuspecting women was exposure to pornography at a young age.

Sure. From his grave, I'd like to hear him explain that to the mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers of those he murdered in cold blood.

I've interviewed many a killer in jail and in prison— even more than several convicted police officers. Ironically, most took one, maybe two lives, not a dozen or even hundreds.

And they generously spared themselves— at least they thought they did. Even though many killers don't take their own blood with them, when they take the breath from someone else, the states will take it from them.

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Commentary: Women capable of serving in combat roles

By Kevin Gainer

The first U.S. female combat pilot, Navy Lt. Kara Hultgreen, 29, died Oct. 25, 1994 while attempting to land her malfunctioning F-14 Fighter Jet onto an aircraft carrier. This incident was not only unfortunate because of the tragic loss of a remarkable young woman, but also because of the typical knee-jerk reaction expressed by some of the male pilots who do not want to see women flying combat missions.

These flyers initially viewed this tragedy as an "I told you so" situation. They seemed to feel that this one accident offers indisputable proof that women cannot cope with the pressures of such critical operations. Of course, for obvious reasons these men will not publicly voice their opinion; but sexism, like racism, is far more damaging in its covert form.

I suppose the male-bonding mystique of risking one's life in the line of duty does not seem so macho when females do likewise. The infantry offers physical challenges so rigorous that soldiers openly boast how difficult their tasks are on even the most seasoned male troop. However, fight-

er jets are not 50-pound assault weapons that need to be carried across a field, nor are they slicing hand weapons that require brute strength; rather, they are sophisticated multimillion-dollar flying platforms with advanced avionics and state-of-the-art missile systems. Most of these fighters are capable of destroying targets far beyond visual range.

Even in close air support operations or air-to-air engagements, a pilot's ability to survive has more to do with proper training and mental alertness than with muscle power.

Females generally possess greater physical dexterity and coordinative responsiveness than us poor males; go to any dance hall or aerobics class for immediate proof. Females are more patient when performing intricate tasks or conducting operations requiring meticulous planning. Furthermore females are intuitive; they always seem to be at least one step ahead of their bewildered male counterparts.

Critics may argue that women lack the "killer instinct" and physical aggression required to triumph in battle. These naysayers are



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most likely confusing air combat with mud-level trench fighting. If the superior strength of men (in most cases) could be nullified, women would probably best us there as well. Upon average, women have quicker reflexes and have a much greater range of motion which gives most of them the fluidity of movement prized by any expert Martial Art trainer.

Speaking of the Martial Arts, the lightning-quick hand trapping techniques and simultaneous block-

strike movements demonstrated so magnificently by the film star Bruce Lee were devised by a woman. During the Ming Dynasty a petite, young Chinese girl named Yim Wing Chun defeated a much heavier and stronger Japanese Samurai with her own fighting style. She was able to counter the warrior's overwhelming strength with superior speed and suppleness of move-

ment. In the end, the Japanese champion was left partially paralyzed and totally blind.

The final argument some may state about women engaging in aerial combat is that their bodies cannot take the physical stress. Oh why would any man want to open up this can of worms?

The fact of the matter is that no aircraft in existence can produce enough G-forces to compete with even 30 minutes of child-bearing labor. The only physical trauma that can possibly allow a man to experience even a fraction of the pain of childbirth is a groin injury. Fortunately neither are common occurrences aboard modern fighter aircraft.

With all that I have said about the qualifications of women as fighter pilots; being a man, I can still understand why so many of us still feel uneasy about females functioning in such roles. We must ask women to please forgive us for our anachronistic attitudes. Our initial views about their roles in combat are chivalrous at best.

As males, we simply cannot bear the thought of our mothers, daughters, sisters or wives subjecting themselves to the horrors of warfare. We are American men who grew up with the idea that women are sacred and should be protected at all costs. In just about every conflict this nation has undertaken, men have received battlefield inspiration by simply thinking of their loved ones (mainly women) in danger. Whether they were the Southern belles of the Civil War or the Hollywood starlets of World Wars I and II, women have always helped male soldiers focus on a concrete reason for fighting.

The possibility of any enemy soldier abusing an American female servicemember both terrifies and infuriates us. However, we must come to the realization that even in the worst of situations, the emotional resiliency and inner strength of our females are legendary. American women can hold their own any-

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Golden Knights assist jump by former President Bush in Arizona

By Tina M. Meek

WASHINGTON— U.S. Army Parachute Team members were part of history in the making as they helped to train and assist former President George Bush for his accelerated free-fall jump March 25 in Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz.

"The Golden Knights are the best," were the words of the 72-year-old former president after his successful 12,500-foot descent and landing on Phillips Drop Zone.

Bush's jump was like any other accelerated free-fall student's. He performed the jump himself, but initially a Golden Knights and U.S. Parachute Association jump master were on each side holding Bush's harness to ensure his stability during the 120-mile-an-hour free fall. After Bush deployed his parachute, the jump masters released him.

Golden Knights team members involved in the presidential jump were SFC Andy Serrano, jump master; SSgt. Ken Kassens, team photographer; and Lt. Col. Danny Greene, team commander.

For Serrano, the pressure was on as he was one of two jump masters responsible for holding onto Bush during his 8,000-foot accelerated free fall, stabilizing him and ensuring the deployment of his parachute.

"I have never been under this kind of pressure before — being responsible for the president. I could not leave any room for mistakes. My job was to maintain control, keep him relaxed and make sure he was aware," Serrano said.

A relaxed George Bush helped to ease Serrano, but it wasn't until Bush's parachute deployed and his pic-

ture-perfect landing when this Golden Knight finally felt relief.

Kassens, who shot video footage and photos during the jump, was impressed with the former president's jump and relaxed state.

"President Bush did a great job. He displayed good air awareness. He was aware of his body position, aware of his altitude, he knew where his jump masters were and he obviously knew where the cameramen were because he gave us a big smile," said Kassens who was one of three photographers during the jump.

According to Office of George Bush spokesman, Jim McGrath, Bush's jump fulfilled a promise he made nearly 53 years ago to make a successful parachute jump just for fun.

The former Navy pilot's only other jump took place Sept. 2, 1944 when he was shot down by Japanese fire and forced to bail out of his Avenger torpedo bomber during a bombing run off of Chichi Jima in the Pacific theater. Bush paddled against the current for hours to avoid capture and was rescued by a U.S. submarine.

"He was the only president to ever jump," McGrath said before the jump. "This jump today is a personal jump. Yuma is the best spot in the United States to jump and the Golden Knights who are helping to train and assist President Bush are elite. President Bush is completely at ease and he has complete confidence in his instructors."

Plans and execution for the former president's jump were a team effort by the U.S. Parachute Association, the Parachute Industry Association, the Golden Knights and Yuma Proving

Ground. Handling media relations were members of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command. Golden Knights team members were involved at Bush's request.

"President Bush made it very clear that he wanted to jump with the Golden Knights. He said, 'I want to do the jump with the Golden Knights because I have a lot of respect for them and I'd feel safe with them,'" Greene said.

The Golden Knights and USPA provided Bush with accelerated free-fall training, which included simulator, hand signals, body position, landing and worse-case scenarios, such as equipment malfunctions, aircraft emergencies and obstacles.

Bush has previous ties with the Golden Knights from 1989 when four team members jumped into his inauguration. Kassens was one of those parachutists to take part in the inaugural occasion.

"That was a very memorable event and one that I certainly will never forget. I hold President Bush in very high regard. I served in Desert Storm and I really respected him as commander in chief. It was certainly an honor, not only to have jumped for him, but with him as I did today," Kassens said.

The impact of that jump in 1989 has been with Kassens ever since, not only in memory, but in one of the 1,000 Points of Light, a small flashlight with the presidential seal, he received at the inauguration.

"I still have that Point of Light and carry it with me all the time. I had the opportunity to show it to President and Mrs. Bush, and tell them that I was one of the Golden Knights who jumped into his inauguration. He was pretty thrilled about that and Mrs. Bush was really impressed," Kassens said.

The Golden Knights are the Army's premier parachute team. Headquartered at Fort Bragg, N.C., the team travels throughout North America and the world performing at numerous air shows, state fairs and competing in various national and international competitions.

The team currently holds both the U.S. national and world championship titles. The Golden Knights have established a remarkable record in parachuting competitions, capturing 105 U.S. national titles and 23 world championship titles. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Meek is with the U.S. Army Recruiting Command.)

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where; especially in the cockpit of a fighter jet. Skeptics and chauvinists who choose to stand in their way would be wise to remember that "hell hath no fury..."

(Editor's note: Maj. Gainer, chief of air defense artillery operations at the Readiness Group, wrote this article two years ago and it was subsequently published at a prior duty station. Today, he writes, "While serving as a public affairs officer for the U.S. Army European Command in Heidelberg, Germany, I was approached by a Newsweek Magazine reporter who wanted me to voice my opinion concerning women functioning as fighter pilots. Naturally, I was flattered that a nationally recognizable periodical was interested in publishing my thoughts, but later I found out that the editor was only interested in using my title to stir up an already controversial issue. You see, as a command spokesperson, anything that I said or wrote reflected directly upon the four-star commanding Army general. So, instead of Newsweek my article appeared in a rather obscure local command journal in 1995. However, in the wake of the current situation at the Citadel and at other male-dominated defense based institutions, this two-year-old article is still quite relevant.")

MARKET

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Dinges said. "For so long, it's been a buyer's market and I'd say by summer, it will be a seller's market. This is a very healthy housing market now.

"And properties are now selling at 98 and 99 percent of the list price," she said. The prices haven't really risen, but what people are getting for them is."

Ken McDaniel, president of Ken McDaniel Homes Inc., said, "We're definitely seeing these same trends and the increase in demand. I'm busier now than I have been in at least three or four years and I expect it to only get better."

McDaniel was voted 1997 Builder of the Year by the Huntsville-Madison County Builder's Association.

Dinges added that the competition between realtors here is not "cut throat. There's more than enough business to go around. If there's much competition, it's between the towns and counties here."

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Reimer supports investigators in ongoing harassment probe

By Gerry J. Gilmore

WASHINGTON— "I don't ever think we're in a 'no-win' situation because we're going to do what's right [during investigations of alleged sexual misconduct and harassment]," Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis Reimer told reporters at a March 13 Pentagon "STAND-UP" news conference.

Armywide investigations into alleged sexual misconduct and harassment activities are "thorough and fair," Reimer said, referring to allegations made by five women who have accused Army investigators of attempting to coerce them into signing statements saying they had been raped.

The women, four of whom are soldiers and one a former soldier, made their allegations public during a March 11 news conference near Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Four of the five women said they actually engaged in consensual sex with male Aberdeen drill instructors or training cadre, and were not raped. The fifth woman said she was neither raped, nor had she engaged in sex with Aberdeen drill sergeants or cadre.

"The allegations are serious and they bother me because they imply wrongdoing by other soldiers," Reimer said. "What we have to do is to stay the course in terms of a thorough and fair investigation. That's what we intend to do."

The Aberdeen press conference was sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Some of the women said they felt "berated" during questioning by CID investigators and that their rights weren't respected.

NAACP president, Kweisi Mfume, speaking at the Aberdeen news conference, questioned the conduct and methods used by Criminal Investigation Command in-

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— Gen. Dennis Reimer
Army chief of staff

investigators while questioning the women soldiers at Aberdeen. He has also called for an independent investigation of the Army's sexual harassment/misconduct issue.

Reimer said he believes the Army should continue to manage the current investigations into alleged sexual misconduct and harassment incidents. He also praised the work of CID's investigators.

"I think the integrity of the investigation is still intact. I think the training that CID personnel were given before they started [the investigation] was good," Reimer said. "The quality of the people we have in CID is good. I have total confidence in them. I have no indication that there's any wrongdoing, other than the allegations, and we will deal with those at the proper time."

"I'm not aware of any 'pressure-tactics' at all ... I'm not familiar with the individual cases, obviously. I'm sure that the investigators were thorough in their investigation and that they asked questions to determine what really took place. That's their job. They are supposed to be thorough and fair and I have every

confidence that they were.

"We all [will] review those allegations [made by the five women]. What we don't want to do ... is affect the military justice system. At the proper time, it'll be determined whether those allegations are true or not," he added.

Some observers believe the NAACP may be concerned about the alleged sexual misconduct and harassment incidents at Ab-

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Redstone community members turned out in droves to enjoy the barbecued pork lunch that benefited the Army Emergency Relief campaign. Master chefs from left were Bob Brown, Chip Cates,

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rassment incidents at Aberdeen because the 14 soldiers charged there so far are African-American, while most of the victims are white. To Reimer, that is a non-issue.

"My own opinion is that this is not as much a matter of race as it is of right and wrong. We have not monitored it from that [RACE] standpoint. We have monitored it from the right and wrong standpoint and that's what we'll continue to do," he said.

Acts of rape and consensual sex between superiors and trainees in a training environment are both wrong in the Army's eyes. The act of rape involves an actual or implied use of physical force to threaten a victim with injury or death, military legal authorities said. Although rape is the more severe crime, consensual sex between superiors and trainees is also punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice

"There's a definition of rape that has to be met," Reimer said. "[And] there's something very, very wrong about a superior/subordinate relationship, particularly in a training environment. When sexual misconduct [in the form of consensual sex] occurs, that's wrong and that's what we have to deal with. But, there's a difference between that and rape.

"I think that's one of the issues, and that's why the investigators asked a lot of questions to determine what really took place. Ninety-eight percent of our drill sergeants just do a tremendous job; they accomplish a small miracle [transforming civilians into soldiers]. But, you have to be always cautious about ... the relationship between a drill sergeant and a trainee."

As a former basic training company commander, Reimer knows about the training environment. He worked closely with drill sergeants and trainees. Sexual misconduct and harassment, he said, won't be tolerated in the training base, or in the rest of the Army.

"I have a great deal of respect for the drill sergeants and for what they do ...," Reimer said. "I think there's obviously an issue of accountability on the chain-of-command ... we'll have to look at that, the proper people [will] look at that. That's ongoing right now.

"We're trying to be as thorough and fair as we possibly can. That's been our goal from the very outset of this and that's what it continues to be. We're going to get some ebbs and flows on this one, I'm sure ... but, in the end I think we'll stand by the military justice system and the fairness of our procedures." (Arnews)

(Editor's note: The Army Hot Line phone calls reviewed by the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command as of 5 p.m. March 1 resulted in 1,188 hotline complaints — some callers made more than one allegation during their phone call. Of these complaints, 386 have been closed; 251 were referred to other Army agencies (provost marshals, commanders, etc.); 297 resulted in ongoing CID criminal investigations; and 254 are still in the preliminary inquiry phase. Information provided by Criminal Investigation Command.)

Cornum gets JCS award for excellence in medicine, including research grant

By Harry Noyes

SAN ANTONIO, Texas— Lt. Col. Rhonda L. S. Cornum — surgeon, scientist and Gulf War hero — has been named the Army recipient of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Award for Excellence in Military Medicine.

The award, funded by the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Armed Forces Foundation, includes a \$50,000 research grant. One recipient is named annually from each of the military medical services.

Cornum, a senior resident in urology at Brooke Army Medical Center, plans to use her grant for clinical

testing of the use of Absorbable Fibrin Adhesive Bandages inside the body to control surgical bleeding.

"I am flattered and excited," she said. "I think we will be able to accomplish a lot of good both for military applications and civilian spinoffs."

The controlled tests will be done on a form of prostate surgery in which heavy hemorrhaging often occurs. If proven in this clinical setting, AFABs could be used during surgery on combat wounds. Bleeding remains the primary preventable cause of death in casualties.

The research will begin during her urology residen-

cy, which includes work at Brooke and the Air Force's Wilford Hall Medical Center. If necessary, she will continue the research at her follow-on assignment, Cornum explained.

Cornum was perhaps the world's best-known military surgeon in March 1991 when she returned from captivity in Iraq with both arms in casts.

She had been badly injured and captured the previous month when the search-and-rescue helicopter on which she was serving was shot down while searching for a downed Air Force pilot. Five of eight crew members died.

Despite Iraqi brutality and her injuries, Cornum focused on the medical care for the two other soldiers who had survived the crash, advising the Iraqis on their treatment.

Cornum had volunteered for deployment to the Gulf while serving as a flight surgeon at the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory, Fort Rucker, Ala., where she had been chief of several different sections and had won the Armywide Flight Surgeon of the Year Award in 1990. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Noyes is with the public affairs office, U.S. Army Medical Command, and writes for the MEDCOM Mercury.)

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The initial report, written by engineer Mike Danesh, is titled "PAC-3 Missile 30-Year Life Cycle and Streamlining." Danesh, of the RD&E Center, is assigned to the Patriot Project Office. His January paper is a summary of actions undertaken to ensure that the Patriot PAC-3 missile will meet the users' requirements once it has been fielded.

Danesh published an earlier paper in 1995 and can see the benefits of the elec-

tronic method. "It was shorter turnaround time" for this publication, he said. "That's the way to go. This (electronic method) is the future and we have to go this way."

Linda Jenkins, an editor in the technical information division, electronically published the PAC-3 report. Referring to the electronic method, she said, "I find it challenging. So far I've enjoyed it. It's a lot to be learned but it's the wave of the future."

The technical information division processes about 300 publications a year, including technical reports and special publica-

tions. Donnette Smith, team leader of the division, said she sees that number increasing with the faster electronic method.

Previously, paper copy would be sent over, edited and then forwarded to a contractor for scanning, returned to the editor for review and then sent to a printer. The new method means reports can be written electronically, edited electronically and published electronically. It's faster,

more accurate and "costs are dramatically less because of the time and labor involved in handling it the other way," Bullock said.

"I think it's going to be great," Peggy Chapman, an editor in the technical information division, said. "Once we receive all the training and everything begins to move more smoothly. I think it's going to be wonderful. It's a little intimidating right now but that's to be expected."

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This event is open to everyone. Proceeds will benefit the Army Emergency Relief fund.

Registration ends at close of business April 15. Your pledge of \$2 registers

you as a part of the team. You may solicit pledges from others. The pledges you raise will go toward assisting soldiers and their families during times of hardship.

Register today by filling out the accompanying registration form and bringing it to: Judith Jackson, building 4488, room D352, phone 842-7320; Shannon Hall, building 4488, room C341, phone 876-3932; Martha Bedwell, building 4488, room C351, phone

876-1180; or Maj. Ann Booth, building 4488, room C315, phone 876-4588.

You will receive sponsor pledge forms. The second step is to raise pledges; step three is to lace up your walking/running shoes and come to the event with your completed pledge forms; and step four is to collect pledges. Turn in your pledges the day of the event. Remember, you can save yourself time and effort by collecting donations as you sign them up.



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Two more APG drill sergeants charged

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md.— Two U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School drill sergeants had charges preferred against them here March 24.

SSgt. Wayne Gamble, 36, C Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, has been charged with desertion, sodomy, assault, violation of a lawful general regulation and a general charge including adultery, indecent language and indecent acts.

The charges against Gamble involve a total of 14 female soldiers. The incidents allegedly occurred between January 1995 and October 1996.

SFC Ronald Moffett, 30, B Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, was charged with cruelty and maltreatment, violation of a lawful general regulation and general charges including indecent assault, adultery and indecent language.

Four female soldiers allege that incidents involving Moffett occurred between January and December 1995.

Gamble and Moffett are currently performing duties with U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground. Officials there said the charges are allegations at this point, and that the ac-

cused are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Ten OC&S personnel have had charges preferred against them since November. One of the 10, SSgt. Nathanael Beach, was referred for an Article 15 proceeding, the results of which are under appeal.

Capt. Derrick Robertson will serve one-year confinement, and was sentenced to dismissal from the service and total forfeiture of pay and benefits.

SSgt. Delmar Simpson was scheduled to begin court-martial pretrial hearings March 31.

Gamble and Moffett join SSgt. Herman Gunter, SFC William Jones and Staff Sgt. Vernell Robinson Jr., in awaiting court martial. No dates have been set.

Two other NCOs, SFC Theron Brown and Sgt. Tsiach Chestnut Jr., have requested and received discharge in lieu of court martial.

Six other OC&S personnel have received Article 15 hearings. Two were found not guilty, three were found guilty of some charges and charges were withdrawn against one other.

Four additional OC&S cadre have received written reprimands. (Arnews)

RASA bowling league

Here are the standings for the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity DCFA (Directorate of Community and Family Activities) Bowling League as of March 25 for week 11 of 16:

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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."

Retirement ceremony— The quarterly retirement ceremony will be held 4 p.m. April 17 at the Post Pa-

rade 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 com-

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

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.

HHC MICOM soldiers— HHC MICOM policy requires that all soldiers assigned/attached to HHC MICOM, with duty in or around the Redstone Arse-

nal 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.

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 as-

sist 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.

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 in-

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AER racquetball shootout — Sponsored by Personnel and Training Directorate, the Racquetball Shootout—a fund-raiser for Army Emergency Relief — will be held April 5-6. Sign up at the Fitness Center or Pagano Gym. There will be a \$5 entry fee. The shootout will be double elimination: A Class and B+C Class. There is a pretournament meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Fitness Center. First prize is a Ektelon Regent Racquet; and second and third place will receive a trophy. For more information, call Sgt. Williams 876-4252.

Bass tournament fundraiser— Bass Buddy VI, a

fund-raiser for Army Emergency Relief, will be held April 26 at Wheeler Lake, Decatur Harbor, from "safe light" until 3 p.m. There is a \$1,000 first prize guaranteed (provided that a minimum of 30 boats compete.) For information call Gary Wilson 955-6816 (work) or 772-3732 (home).

Homemade quilt rack raffle— A homemade quilt rack raffle, to benefit Army Emergency Relief, is being sponsored by Weapon Systems Management Directorate. This quilt rack was finely crafted out of Knot-ted Pine by WSMD's own Jerry Simmons. This rack is comparable to racks made by the Emperor Clock Company valued at \$129.50. Raffle tickets can be purchased in building 5300 from any of the following WSMD AER committee members for \$1 a chance: Hazel Gilmore 876-9856, Sandra Johnson 876-7102, Mike Goggans 876-5685, Becky Akin 876-1791, Cindy Keeton 876-1165, Shellia Battles 876-2228 or Stan Williams 876-0164. Drawing of the winning ticket will be at 2 p.m. May 13 in building 5303 (second floor).

AER book sale— Command Analysis Directorate is sponsoring a book sale to raise money for Army Emergency Relief. The book sale will be located in

building 5302, inside the Sparkman Cafeteria on April 21-25 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. All books have been donated and all proceeds will go to AER. For more information, call Corinne Campbell 876-9001, Vickie Hill 313-0354, Liz McWhorter 842-7770, Roxann Arrington 313-0376 or Renny Leonard 995-7936.

AER barbecue— Sponsored by Weapon Systems Management Directorate, barbecue plate lunches include barbecue pork (from Greenbriars Barbecue), buns, potato salad, beans and coleslaw. Tickets may be purchased from WSMD AER committee members for \$5 each. Plates will be served April 24 at building 5303, second floor. For more information call Hazel Gilmore 876-9856, Sandra Johnson 876-7102, Mike Goggans 876-5685, Becky Akin 876-1791, Cindy Keeton 876-1165, Shellia Battles 876-2228 or Stan Williams 876-0164.

Civilian softball league — The Civilian Welfare Softball League organizational meeting will be held this afternoon at 1:45 at the Recreation Center on Patton Road. Anyone wanting to express their opinion on anything pertaining to the

league for this season should attend. "We need to be well represented in this meeting because if we do not show more interest in the league, it could fold in the near future." For more information, call David Taylor 876-3744.

Contract managers— Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association and the Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold a joint luncheon at 11:30 a.m. April 10 at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road in southwest Huntsville. Ronald Davidson, the assistant secretary of defense for budget and national vice president of ASMC, is to speak on "A look into the federal budget." Cost is \$8 for members, \$9 for non-members. The public is invited. For reservations call 533-3954.

Surplus sale— A local sealed bid sale of government surplus property will be held April 11 at the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office. Inspection dates are April 8-10 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Bids must be submitted by 3 p.m. April 10. To view material for the sale or for

more information, report to building 7406 on Warehouse Road or call Edmund Russell 955-0297 or Donna Davis 842-2570.

Planetarium show— The Von Braun Astronomical Society will sponsor a "Comet Hale-Bopp update" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. Dr. David Hathaway is to present the program. Admission for VBAS members is free with membership card; \$2 for adults (12 and up); \$1 for children age 6-11; and free for children 5 and under. For more information, call Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

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

Scuba explorers— The SEAS (Scuba Explorers and Adventurers Society) will meet at 7 p.m. April 10 at Mr. Gatti's Pizza on University Drive. For more information, call Theresa 876-2968 (work) or 518-9843 (home).

aries— Redstone Arsenal Chapter of Professional Secretaries International will hold its monthly luncheon at 11 a.m. April 15 at the Officers Club. Membership is open to all government employed secretaries and office professionals affiliated with Redstone Arsenal. The membership chairperson is Ginnie Glazner 895-3846.

Tricare briefings— Tricare Service Center conducts briefing and question sessions for enrollment in Tricare Prime on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Enrollment benefit packets are available from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Applications to enroll in Tricare Prime can be turned in during those hours.

Head Start recruitment — Applications are being taken for Head Start recruitment for fall 1997. To be eligible, children must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 1997. Applications will be taken until all spaces are filled. For more information, contact Community

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Heart association dance — The American Heart Association and Dance Alabama present "Swing into Spring Dinner Dance," Saturday at the Von Braun Center, East Hall. Social starts at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7, and dancing at 8. This black-tie event features Bob Powers and Julia Gorchakova, U.S. rhythm champions. Tickets are \$40 per person. For ticket information, call the American Heart Association 536-0400 or Bill Short 858-0102.

Ordnance ball — The 185th anniversary Ordnance Ball will be held April 12 at 6 p.m. at the Officers Club. Cost is \$21 per person for this formal event. RSVP to 2nd Lt. Lynn Bailey 876-6697.

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'89 Mazda 626, 5 Sp., good cond. \$4,900 obo. 837-0776 or 837-9650.

'89 Pontiac Grand Am. 1 owner, exc. cond., very clean, asking \$3,700. 864-0329.

'88 Ford Ranger XLT, good cond., bedliner, 5 Sp., long bed, no air, black/silver, 104K mi. \$2,600. 728-5731.

'86 Bronco II 4x4, red, new alum. alloy wheels and tires. Inside cab touch, 4x4, great shape. \$3,500. (205) 728-2397 (Grant, AL).

'85 Olds Delta 88 Royal 4 Dr., air, AM/FM/Cassette, PW, PD, full size spare. \$1,400. 842-8245 or 883-9086.

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New Listing! Southern Inspired stunning home-on 2 acres. This home is a special buy priced to sell. 28 ft. GR. family gathering gourmet kitchen oak cabinets, specialized appliances, built in microwave, huge pantry, tri-level home with dual living space, full kitchen, living and bedroom space in basement, also upstairs for additional bedrooms, two kitchens, two laundry rooms, 57 ft. porch, 22 ft. garden room, storage areas abundant, four car garage, plus additional two-car carport. Are you of the opinion that this is an extraordinary home? Home and 2 acres priced to sell quickly in Arab area. 5 years old.

Arab area: Beautiful brick home with lots of space for everything includes: 3 huge BR, 2.5 BA, formal LR, formal DR, super sized FR with toe toasting FP, cook's kitchen with double ovens, dishwasher and lots of cabinets, large laundry room with sewing area, double garage with electric openers, farm has some fencing plus barn on approx. 3+/- acres. Priced \$99,900.

ARAB AREA: Warms your body plus your soul! Garden spot-rich soil, formal room plus family space comprise this charming brick home. Pride of ownership shows. 3 BR, 2 BA, kitchen gleams with new white appliances, cozy FP, double garage, fenced playground, nice workshop, bonus space makes home extra good value. # 895.

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SURPLUS PROPERTY AUCTION

BOEING - HUNTSVILLE
2 BIG DAYS- APRIL 4TH & 5TH
** 1000's OF ITEMS SELLING ABSOLUTE **
FRIDAY 10AM- 1990 Dodge Van-2 Hyster Gas Fork Lifts-6Battery Lifts-Pallet Jacks-Powermatic 20" Band Saw- Doall 26" Band Saw-Mig & Plasma Welders-Tool Grinder-1" Wood Shaper-5 HP Compressor-Trane Liquid Chiller-Tube Bender-8'x5' Surface Table-Inspection Tools-Survey Transits-200+ Sections of Pallet Racks-Parts Room Fencing-6'x8'Shed, Rolls of Wire-AC Line Conditioners-Transformers-Breakers & Boxes-Electrical Supplies-Electric Motors-Platforms-Dollies-Fiber Optic Items-TONS OF METAL.

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CALL FOR PICTURE BROCHURE- Or visit the WEB <http://www.auctionweb.com> (Exclusive Sales Co.)
Directions: From I65 take exit 340 (I565 Huntsville Exit). Go 8 miles to Exit #8, Wall Triana, go south 4 mi., follow Auction Signs. From US 231 Huntsville take I565 west 9+ mi. to Exit #8, Wall Triana, go south 4 mi., follow Auction Signs.
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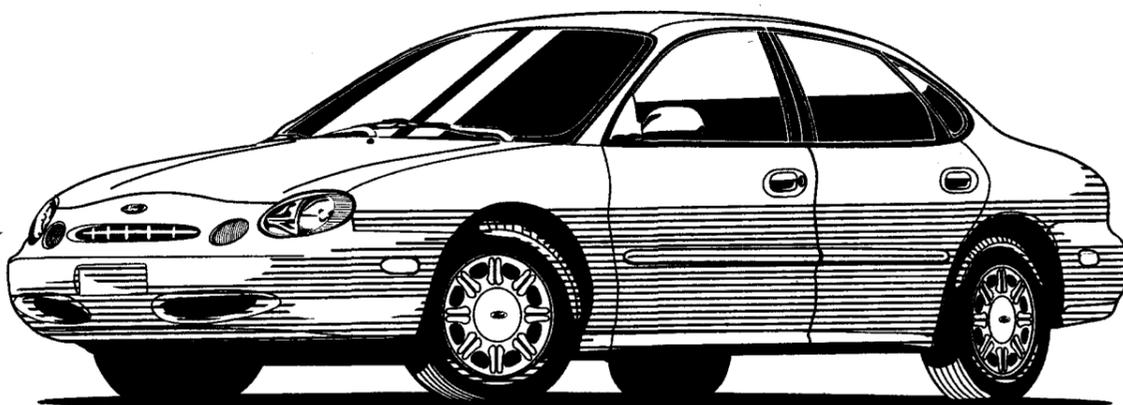
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TAX TIME

April 15th Tax Deadline

Lease a '97 Taurus

with \$1,000
Cash Down or
Trade in Equity



\$259 a month

24 Month Lease, 12000 miles
a year plus taxes and fees
plus 1st months payment
and security.

'97 Taurus
As Low As \$15,988
or Lease - \$1,000 Cash Down

'97 Ranger XLT
\$1,000 Cash Down
or Trade In Equity



\$259 a month



\$129 a month

All Rebates Applied

<p>RQ719A '94 GEO TRACKER Convertible, 4 Cyl., Automatic, Air, Tilt Steering, Cassette Stereo, Teal \$9,950</p>	<p>RP1217 '96 FORD MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE Ford Program Car, V6, Auto, Air, PW, PL, Cassette, Alloy Wheels, Red \$17,950</p>	<p>L7T1350A '96 FORD EXPLORER 4 Dr., 2WD, XLT, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, Cassette, Air, White \$21,995</p>	<p>7T1250A '95 SATURN SL2 4 Dr., Auto, Air, PW, PL, Power Sunroof, Rear Spoiler, Cassette Stereo and More! Blue \$12,750</p>	<p>RP1208 '96 FORD ESCORT LX 4 Dr., Auto, Air, Cassette, Ford Program Car, Green \$10,500</p>
<p>SELECT '96 FORD TAURUS GL'S 4 Dr., Auto, Air, PW, PL, Styled Wheels. 6 To Select From Program Cars \$13,995</p>	<p>RP1224 '95 MUSTANG 6 Cyl., 5 Sp., Air, Cassette, Rear Spoiler, Alloy Wheels, Red \$12,495</p>	<p>RP1177 '96 LINCOLN SIGNATURE SERIES Leather Interior, Fully Loaded Factory Program Car, White \$27,500</p>	<p>L7T1083A '96 CHEVY TAHOE 4 Dr., 4WD, Loaded, Local Trade In, Red \$27,995</p>	<p>7F496B '95 Chevy C-10 4x4 P/U Z71 Off Road Pkg., Custom Craft Conversion, Local Trade In, Loaded, White \$19,995</p>
<p>L7T1167A '95 FORD F150 V8, Auto, Air, Cassette, Flareside, Running Board, Bed Rails, Red \$16,500</p>	<p>RP1229 '97 F150 XL, 4x4, V8, Auto, Air, Cassette, Program Truck, Only 8,800 Miles, White \$19,995</p>	<p>6T619D '90 CHEVY SUBURBAN 2500 Series, 3/4 Ton, Silverado, Loaded, Blue/Silver, Only 53K Miles, Ready To Tow \$14,500</p>	<p>7T631A '97 MUSTANG COBRA Leather, Local Trade, Only 3000 Miles, White, Loaded \$23,995</p>	<p>6F1160A '97 SATURN SC1 2 Dr., Auto, Air, Cassette, Sunroof \$13,995</p>

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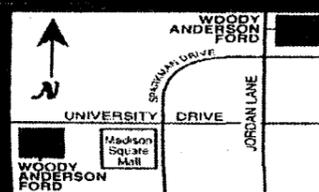
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