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Foreign military sales team gets pat on back from DoD

By Skip Vaughn

Foreign military sales. The business of selling missile systems and other weaponry to our allies abroad. The Security Assistance Management Directorate alone does more than 40 percent of the Army's FMS work.

And the Security Assistance Management Directorate does its business well. So well in fact that the Defense Security Assistance Agency selected SAMD to test its new standard automated system for all the military services.

"SAMD was selected as an initial operational capability site for the Department of Defense services," Diane H. Brown, acting chief of the systems support branch, business management office at SAMD, said. "Each military department had its own automated system for processing foreign military sales business. These systems worked fine in supporting each service's requirements but cost almost \$40 million a year to maintain.

"Defense Security Assistance Agency

saw the need to design, develop and field a standard system to replace those unique military department systems. This new DoD system, which is currently being developed, is the Defense Security Assistance Management System. This unique system took the functional requirements of all the military departments and developed one system that all three services can use which consequently will bring down our maintenance costs tremendously." The developmental phase for the data

base was held the past two years. The Defense Security Assistance Management System's project management office, under Dr. Greg Cleva, selected SAMD on Jan. 23 as the initial operational capability site. Stated reasons included SAMD's past record with Army systems, its cooperation during the developmental phase, the technical infrastructure of Redstone, and its relationship with information management people.

"There will be 44 user sites all across the United States that will utilize this system when it becomes fully operational," Brown said. "Planned implementation is initially scheduled 28 June with follow-on revisions in September and October. Hopefully, 1 Nov. the data base will be fully operational."

Testing began April 21 and is to continue through full operational capability. Already there have been more than 600 suggestions from throughout the military services. Twelve major automated systems used by the various branches of the military were converted to the Defense Security Assistance Management System.

To accomplish this massive testing task, SAMD has a training room with 10 personal computers. Workers involved in this effort include Betty Sullivan, Teresa Williams and Jan Reed. Dianne Smalley, an Aviation and Troop Command worker in St. Louis, is also involved and will be moving to Red-

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Defense Military Pay Office will remain at Redstone Arsenal

By Skip Vaughn

The defense accounting office transfers to St. Louis on June 1 but the military payroll function stays here.

"The local DFAS (Defense Finance and Accounting Service) accounting office is closing at the end of May; and future accounting support will be coming out of St. Louis. Except that they leave behind what they call the Defense Military Pay Office," Col. Kent Miller, the director of resource management for the Missile Command, said.

Military pay office is currently located in the troop area in building 3209. About June 16 that office is to move to building 3467.

David Hooper will be chief of the defense military pay office effective June 1. That 13-member office will belong to DFAS Indianapolis.

"Basically they handle all military pay— transactions, problems, inputs, so on and so forth, and PCS (permanent change of station) travel for military," Miller said. "They do not handle TDY (temporary duty) travel for military or civilians."

Functions of the defense military pay office will include pay transaction input, military pay inquiries, PCS settlement payments, emergency payments, allotment payments, daily Electronic Funds Transfer and check payments, in and out processing, PCS advance payments, temporary lodging allowance and temporary

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Youngsters at remote Navy bases surf Internet

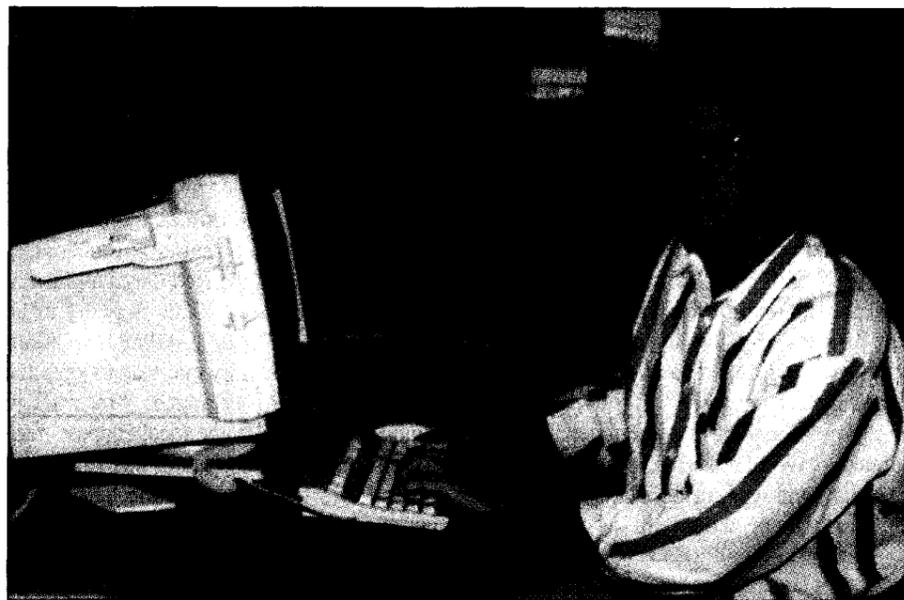
By Skip Vaughn

The Missile Command's Corporate Information Center is helping youngsters in remote Navy locations to surf the Internet.

CIC has installed Internet Multimedia Resource Centers at Guam and Pearl Harbor under a fee-for-service agreement with the Naval MWR (Morale Welfare and Recreation) Department. Limited assistance will be provided to 80 more sites worldwide under this agreement.

"We installed computer equipment and network equipment and established an Internet service provider in Guam and Pearl Harbor," Kevin Anderson, team leader of the regional integration team under interagency applications, Information Systems Directorate, CIC, said. "The purpose is to allow children of Navy employees to have Internet connectivity in order to increase their grade level."

Each multimedia center, a lab with personal comput-



TEAM LEADER— Anderson leads the regional integration team at Corporate Information Center.

ers, connects to Redstone Arsenal through the worldwide web. The labs are in youth centers and the library, places where youngsters might go after school. "There has been very positive acceptance from what we've heard from these two sites," Anderson said.

The Guam and Pearl Harbor sites were installed

in December 1996. "More sites are scheduled to be implemented. We're working on a site-by-site basis. The ultimate (goal) will be to have 85 sites up and running," Anderson said. "They won't all be to this detail. Some of them will be just a modem and a manual that tells them how to set it up."

Workers who helped install the first two sites included Anderson; and COLSA contractor employees Anne League, Kelly Jenks and Casey Underwood.

The remaining 80 limited sites should be on-line by September. Anderson plans to be at the next site,

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Letters to the editor

Donors of leave

I, Margaret E. Smith, am currently on the leave donor program. I have been sick for several months and on leave without pay. If you could spare any amount of leave, please contact MER (management employee relations). Thanking you in advance.

Margaret E. Smith
Secretary,
MEDDAC logistics division

AER walk/run

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Team Redstone who supported the Command Group's AER Fun Walk/Run on May 6. We had a tremendous turnout and raised a large chunk of change for the AER fund (specifically \$935).

We also had 28 door prizes which were awarded to the following people: Rozie Zarzour, Greg Rayford, Alan Perry, Judy York, Richard Nimon, Annie Powers, Joe Winston, Jackie White, Sharon Hoffman, Sabrina Miller, Kaye Campbell, Brenda Flora, Becky Haislip, Dewitt Palmore, Jim Meekins, Jeff Harris, Cindy Gill, Yong Willis, Refela Davidson, Carl Story, David Prince, Becky Miller, John Chapman, Jeanette Johnson, Capt. Jim Harrison, Haneef Shakoor, and CSM Ben Sunday. And the grand prize—a round of golf for four (including carts) at Cherokee Ridge Golf Course at Union Grove—went to Tommie Cutts.

We would like to thank the following sponsors who donated gifts: Publix Supermarket on Airport Road, Bruno's on Bailey Cove Road, Country Home Flowers and Gifts on Bob Wallace Avenue, Skill Lube of Madison County, Cracker Barrel of Madison, Pizza Hut of Huntsville/Madison County, Outback Steakhouse, Cherokee Ridge Golf Course, Home Depot, Southern Adventures, Gunter's Landing Golf Course, Kroger's on Drake Avenue, Camp-

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Again, we really appreciate all of the people who bought the tickets and helped a worthy cause. And a final thanks to Edna Dye who coordinated and motivated all of us.

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AER tops goal

On behalf of Redstone Arsenal and the 1997 AER Campaign, Chief Samuelson and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who participated in this year's AER Campaign. Without your help, we could not have exceeded this year's goal of \$40,000, with a handicap of a substantial reduction of personnel on Redstone Arsenal.

This year's campaign has been an extreme pleasure to participate in for myself as well as my husband. I can also say from attending some of the many fund raisers, that the creativity in organizing, planning, and implementing the various fund raisers has gone beyond all expectations.

We have also seen firsthand the joy on the faces of those who participated in these events. For example, the Bass Buddy VI fishing tournament was held on a very

cool and windy day. The fisherman were out on the river by 5 a.m.; and when we saw them come off the river at 3 p.m., they looked like they had been beaten to death, but were grinning from ear to ear as they brought their catch in to be weighed. It is hard to describe the look on the face of the big winner of the day who took home a prize of over \$1,000. We cannot describe the joy on the faces of all the walkers who crossed the finish line at the two Walk/Run-a-thons that were held on post.

We had 10 transitional soldiers who help put up tents, chairs, and tables for RDEC's Carnival type fund raiser. Again, I cannot describe the joy and surprise on their faces as I handed them a cake and explained, that I had won it for them on the cake walk. There was indeed a lot of excitement among those who won cakes and at bingo that day. Also, enjoying winning were the winners of door prizes at the different events such as the Barbecues, OMMCS

Mother's Day Package, Walk/Run-a-thons, Bowling Tournaments, just to mention a few. I am sure the same feeling will be present at the Golf Tournament, AER Jail, and the rest of the events that are still to take place.

The bottom line is, and I'm sure that I can speak for all when I say that it's not so much the winning—indeed that really doesn't matter at all—it's the joy of participating, participating in such a worthwhile cause as Army Emergency Relief.

We would also like to thank the various businesses in Huntsville that donated food and as well as merchandise in support of these AER fund-raisers.

Many thanks go to the civilians on Redstone Arsenal for their support, contributions, and willingness to participate in the AER events.

Without the efforts of all of "you", many needs could not be met. The Redstone's Army Emergency Relief (AER) is really "A Community Effort." Congratulations "TEAM REDSTONE."

Sharon Samuelson

Red Cross field office on post needs help to stay open

By Kathy Harkleroad

Soldiers around the world have always been stone's throw away from the Red Cross Office where they could receive assistance when it came to emergencies. But without your help, the soldiers on Redstone Arsenal will soon be miles away from help.

Due to budget constraints, downsizing, and restructuring the American Red Cross is looking at field offices a little differently. "In the past the field offices have been funded by our national office, and run by the local chapters," Barry Porter, Madison County chapter manager, said. "That conversion took place in 1988 and has worked out well, until now. We have received word that the national office will no longer fund the office, and is looking at forwarding the calls to a centralized location somewhere in the United States.

"We don't want that to happen," he continued. "We like having a presence on the Arsenal, and want to be available for those soldiers who need our help."

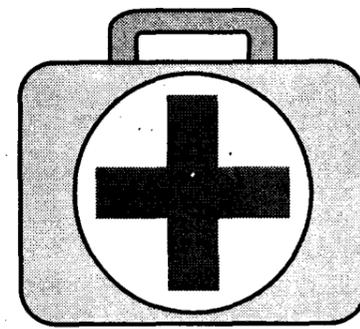
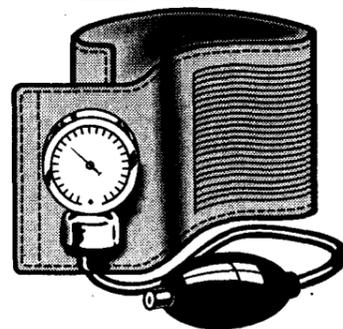
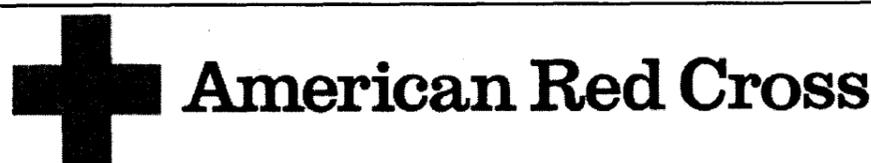
Porter said with the changes are coming about for several reasons including modernization plans and advances in technology. "A study was done and showed that 85 per-

cent of the calls received by the Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services can be handled over the phone. But we are concerned about the 15 percent that cannot be handled in that manner," he said.

While the soldier who needs the personal one-on-one contact will not lose that help, he will just have to seek it elsewhere. "Right now as it stands, if the field office is closed, the soldier who needs a personal visit will have to travel to our chapter office on Washington Street. That can be a long way when it comes to hoofing it or taking a cab," Porter said.

Merging the field offices and having the calls transferred to a centralized location is a national trend in the Red Cross and is not unique to Redstone. "This is going to be happening on military installations nationwide, and there is only one way to keep the offices open," Porter added. "In order to fund the offices, we, the local chapter, need to raise the funds to sustain that office. In order to do that, we need the help of the community."

The office at Redstone Arsenal is staffed by two paid workers as well as volunteers. According to Porter, it will take approximately \$25,000 per year to maintain the of-



ice for the upcoming year.

How can you help keep the office open? Porter said the answer is simple. "The easiest way to help fund the office is to choose the Red Cross on the CFC form, another way is to participate in any fund-raising events the Red Cross has, like Hoop it Up, or the Walk for Life events."

If the field office is closed on the Arsenal, all of the work handled and processed there will be transferred to the chapter office downtown. "We have the volunteers

and staff here to handle the workload, we would just like to maintain as much of a presence as possible on the post," Porter said. "We have been there for years and years, and we are a part of that community. We don't want to see that diminish in any way."

Blood donor services and life-saving skill classes will still be offered on the Arsenal and are not in danger of being phased out. Fox Army Community Hospital will also maintain the volunteer force.

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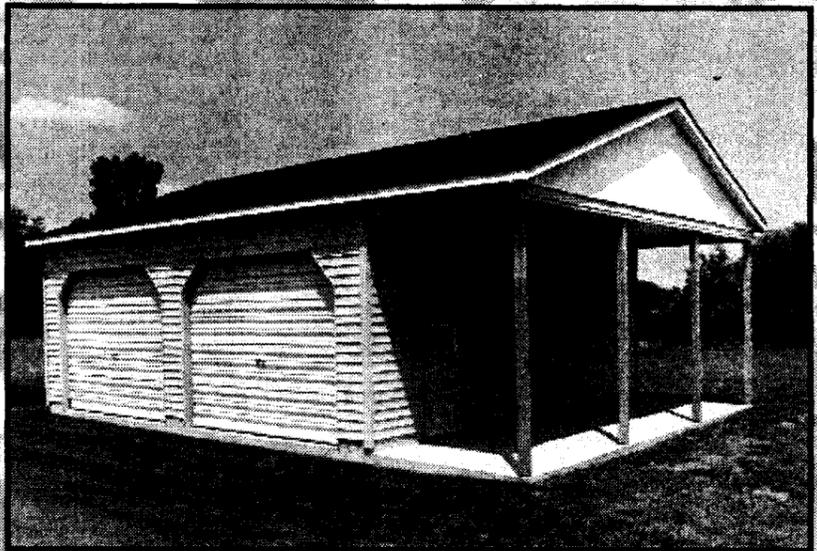
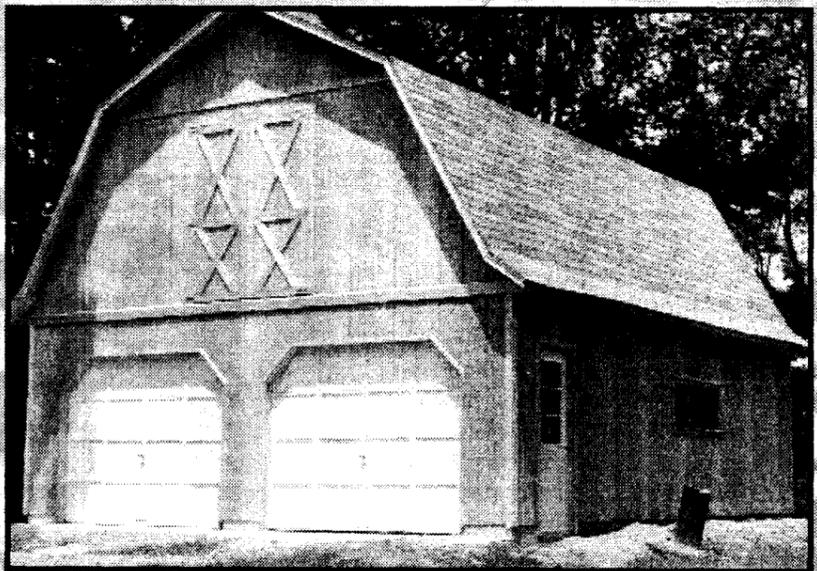
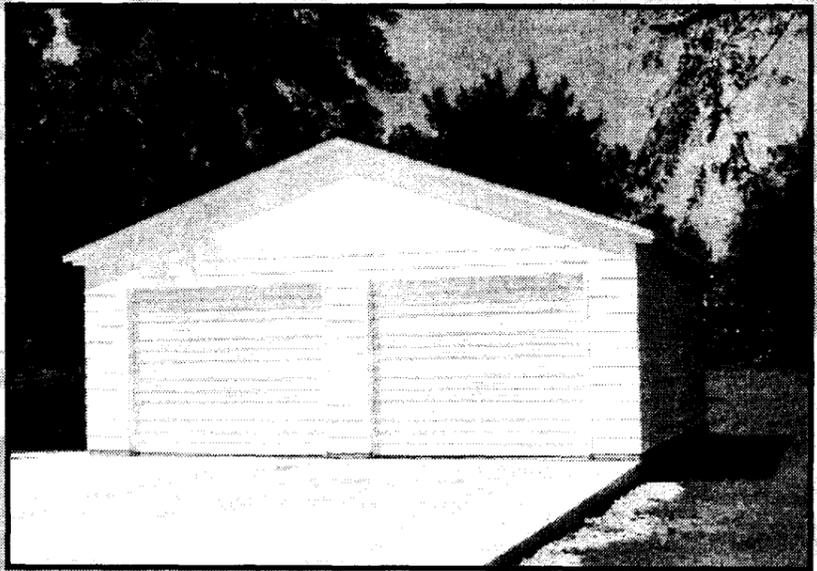
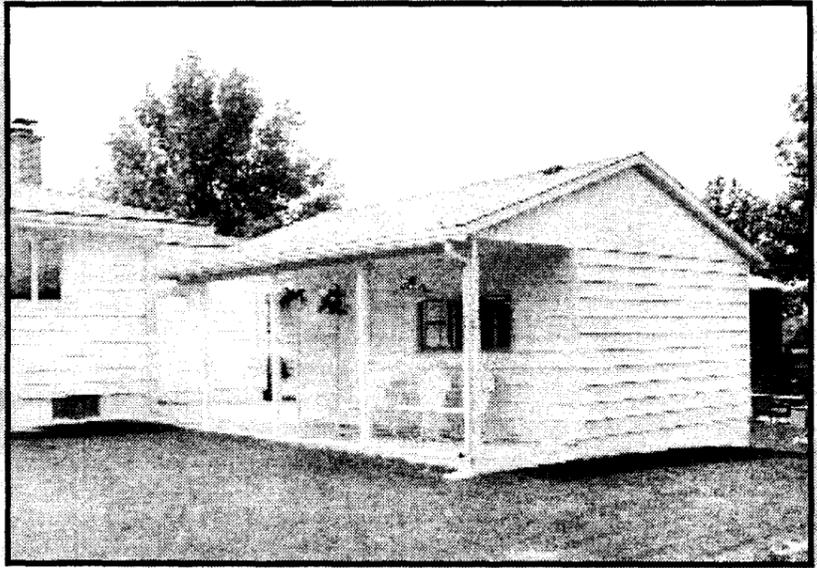
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Parking a pet peeve for some Redstone Arsenal drivers

By Julie Vaughn

Parking's a pain in the circling steering wheel.

For some, more than others, at Redstone.

Despite the upcoming influx of St. Louis workers, no expansions are under way or planned at any Arsenal parking lot, said Bobby Noles, the post's traffic manager.

"I don't know what we could do to expand some of the parking lots," he said.

Many at Redstone have complained that either they can't find a parking space, or, there are too many specially marked parking slots, and, that some of those choice spaces are abused.

Noles explained how parking spots are assigned.

"There is a pecking order for parking," he said. "Handicap spaces are top priority.

Next, it's official vehicles. Next, it's customers or visitors."

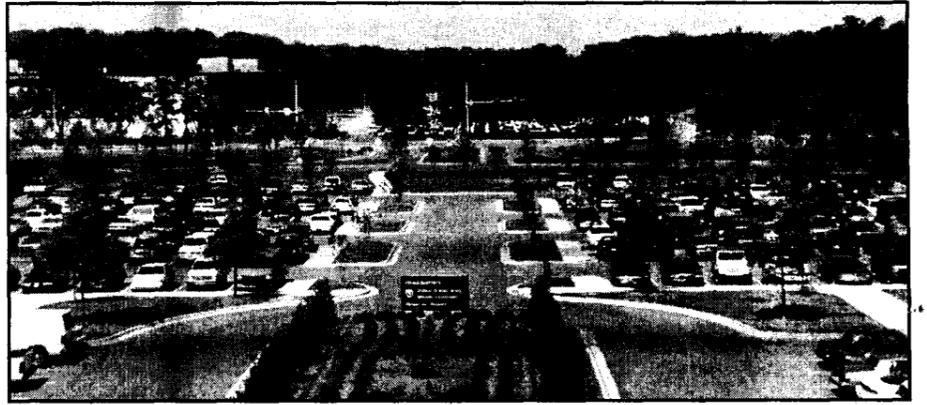
The other prime spaces go to those in carpools and ranking management officials, Noles said.

The federal American Disabilities Act requires that for every one parking space, another has to be a designated handicap space, he said. "For example if you have 100 parking spaces, 25 by law have to be handicap spaces."

No more than 10 percent of all parking spaces at any particular building are marked for management, Noles said. Of each 100 parking spaces, he said, no more than 10 slots can be saved for the ranks.

The number of management spaces is determined by union agreement, according to Noles.

"There are literally thousands of parking



BIG LOT— Despite a large lot, finding a parking space can be a headache some days at the Sparkman Center.

spaces on post," he said. "And everyone wants to park right at the door of the building they're going to."

Noles, traffic manager for the past 16

years, said he does not believe the St. Louis workers coming to Redstone, or those already here, will be any more inconvenienced than now.

Accounting office closure brings changes for travelers

The closure of the defense accounting office here June 1 will signal the beginning of a different way for Team Redstone to conduct its financial business. One of the most significant and noticeable impacts will be in the area of TDY travel.

Travelers who are not currently using the locally developed Reengineered Automated Travel System (RATS) will encounter some changes in the processing of their travel vouchers.

On June 1, the MICOM Resource Management Directorate will take over the processing of manual travel vouchers for Team Redstone travelers who are not using RATS. Vouchers and supporting documentation (orders and receipts) will be submitted to RMD at the same location currently operated by DFAS; that

is, at building 8027 (phone 876-7660). From there, RMD will transmit the vouchers and other supporting documents daily via overnight mail to DFAS-St. Louis for processing and payment. No payments of any type will be made at Redstone. All payments will be made by check or electronic funds transfer (EFT) from St. Louis. The preferred and quickest method of payment for all travelers is EFT. Checks can get lost in the mail and are very difficult and time-consuming to replace once lost. Employees desiring to set up travel EFT should contact the travel office in building 8027.

Personnel currently using RATS will file travel claims on-line as they do presently and payments will be made via check or EFT from St. Louis DFAS. Organizations desiring to be put on

the RATS system, which is much faster than the manual voucher system, should call Michelle Robbins of the Corporate Information Center at 842-8205. The St. Louis DFAS Center is supporting the RATS system.

On April 11, Maj. Gen. James Link issued a new policy concerning travel advances to the MICOM community. MICOM has adopted the Army Materiel Command goal of eliminating all travel advances from government funds.

For all travelers using MICOM funds, the chief of staff must approve travel advances, which will be issued only in instances of emergency or where travel cannot be accomplished without an advance of funds.

Employees are encouraged to obtain an American Express Government Travel Card (AMEX GTC) for official travel. Previous grade restrictions on obtaining travel cards have been lifted, so every soldier and employee of the Army can

have a card. Cards are used at various automated teller machines (ATMs) to obtain cash as well as to pay for hotels, rental cars and airlines. In addition to the travel card, card holders can obtain AMEX travelers checks in increments of \$1,000 to retain as a ready travel advance in the event of an immediate mission requiring travel. The checks are not billed to the card holder until they are cashed and are automatically replenished by AMEX as they are used. Individuals

and supervisors interested in applying for travel cards and or checks should call the MICOM AMEX program coordinator, Aaron Walker, at 876-9990.

Use of the RATS system, combined with EFT and AMEX cards and travelers checks will ensure that employees can continue to perform mission-essential travel in the most efficient manner and ensure timely reimbursement for their expenses. (Resource Management Directorate release)

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Young Marines program in Huntsville continues to grow

By Deborah Barros-Smith

Aug. 15, 1996 set history in Alabama when 22 young recruits began the first North Alabama Young Marines Boot Camp in Huntsville.

The Young Marine Company began because of the vision of one Marine, 1st

Sgt. Michael Black. The newly formed group would be run similar to the program of the Big Brother Association, Black said. It would offer educational programs on Drug Awareness and the effects drugs have on the body and mind, teaching that there is a God, to love and respect their community and country as well as their elders, also

helping to increase self-esteem among the recruits and cultivate their leadership qualities.

The North Alabama Young Marine Program is the only one in Alabama and the neighboring states of Mississippi and Georgia.

This is not the first endeavor that Black

has undertaken with young people. He also coaches basketball, baseball and soccer along with working with a local Cub Scouts group which keeps him busy. He still wanted to do more, however. "I wanted something better for kids. I wanted to teach them

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RD&E associate director wins award from UAH alumni

Dr. Richard Rhoades, associate director for systems at Research Development and Engineering Center, received the Outstanding Leadership in Government Award from the UAH Alumni Association on April 18.

This award is given to an individual in local, state or national government who has displayed leadership and support to University of Alabama-Huntsville. Rhoades was chosen for several reasons, including his strong belief in the importance of higher education.

For many years, the accreditation of the graduate school at UAH was tied to the availability and utility of the Redstone Scientific Information Center. Rhoades has always supported and championed the capabilities and credentials of RSIC. He has been a driving force at keeping RSIC at a high level of funding to assure a high level of support from a funding partner—

the Marshall Space Flight Center. Through the efforts of Rhoades, UAH has enjoyed a long history of accreditation for its graduate school at a reduced level of capital investment.

Rhoades has a BCHE and PhD from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and master's in management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a Sloan Fellow. He has published many articles on propulsion and management and holds two patents on propulsion inventions.

His awards include the Presidential Rank Award for Senior Executive Service, 1986, 1988 and 1991; and Exceptional Civilian Service Award 1983 and 1993. Rhoades was also selected as 1996 Executive of the Year by the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of Professional Secretaries International. (Release from Research Development and Engineering Center.)



UAH AWARDS— Recipients of awards at the 22nd annual UAH Alumni Association celebration include, from left, Mark C. Smith, John Severn, Antonia Morgan, Todd Whetstone, Cheryl Williams Scarborough, Rhoades, and Yongke Thio.

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Fox Hospital officials encourage you to take advantage of this new service. The Advice Nurse system can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Appointments can be scheduled from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays. (Fox Hospital release)

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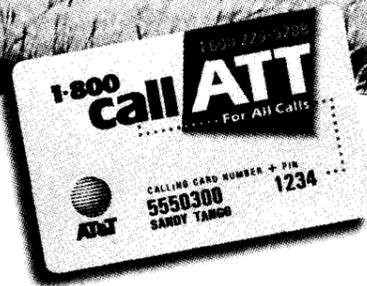
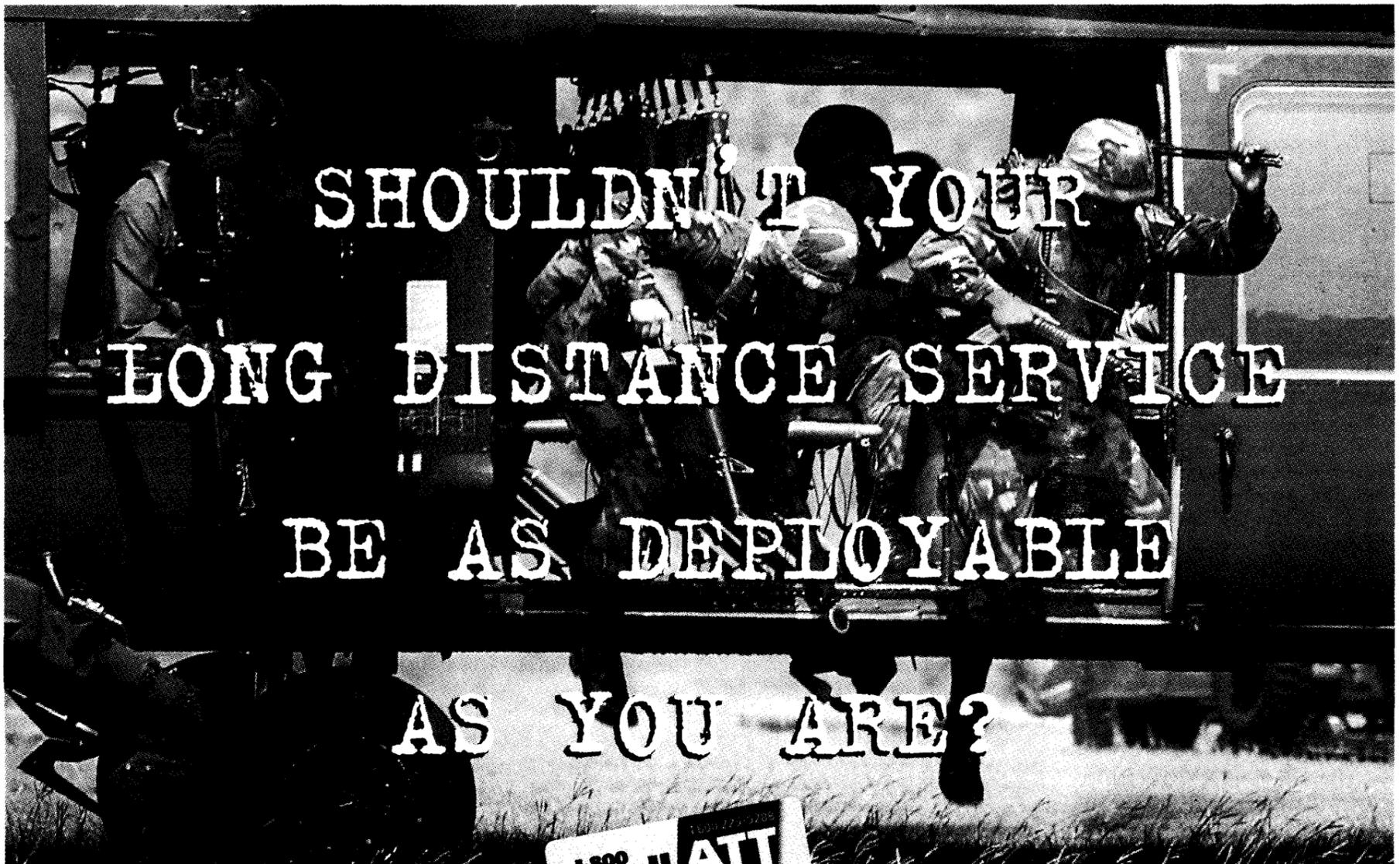
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NCO Academy leaders find fulfillment in difficult task

By Kathy Harkleroad

The NCO Academy is a place where many soldiers eventually pass on their way to being promoted. They attend basic and advanced courses at the Academy.

Soldiers learn basic leadership in subjects such as how to conduct physical training tests, how to do evaluations, how to teach classes, effective Army writing, marksmanship, military leadership courses, Army Family Team Building and sexual harassment to name a few. The core classes are three to four weeks long and then the students are off to the technical tracks in their respective departments.

While the Academy is divided between basic and advanced courses, there is a common thread that runs throughout. It is the dedication, leadership and professionalism of the Small Group Leader.

Those SGLs are the soldiers who lead the classes, ensure each soldier who attends the courses graduates, involves the students in the community for the short time they are here, and serves as mentor, teacher, counselor and friend.

At the NCO Academy, there are seven SGLs. Not all are permanently assigned to the Academy, but are in a "Q" slot, which means they return to their normal duty assignments when classes are not in session. When their services are needed, they return to the classroom.

Becoming an SGL is not easy. Certain requirements must be meant, interviews with the command must be passed, and much personal time must be forfeited. Sounds tough? The seven SGLs at the Academy might say yes, but they will also tell you it is a job where the rewards outweigh all else.

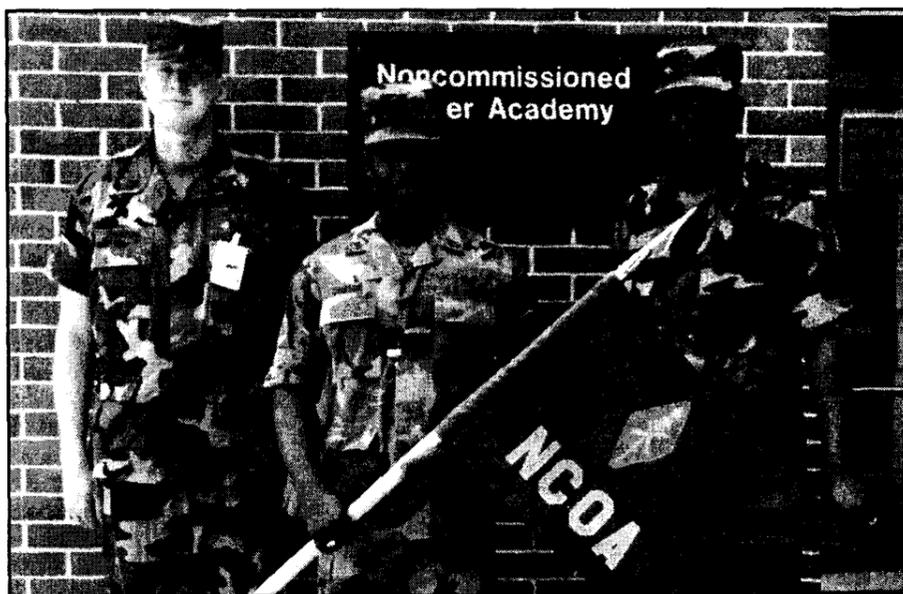
SFC Jerry McIntyre has been assigned to the academy for the last four years, and has enjoyed it so much he doesn't want to leave. "I came here four years ago as a temporary instructor, and liked it so much I stayed," he said. "I really enjoy training staff sergeants the right way of doing things... not just the way it is done in the field."

McIntyre teaches the advanced classes at the Academy and also enjoys dealing with those soldiers who are senior NCOs or well on their way to becoming one. "The hardest thing—really it is more frustrating than hard—is to have an NCO come here and expect them to know certain things about leadership. Because of the rank structure and reorganization, many units are top heavy, and as a result many senior NCOs have not had the opportunity to hold a leadership position," he said. "It is like teaching them from square one."

McIntyre said there is no easy part to being a SGL; it involves long days, much dedication, concentration and a drive to succeed. "My days start at 4:30 a.m. and I'm out there with the students doing PT. I stay with them throughout the day, and am here after hours for those who need help, want to talk or just need an extra word of encouragement," he said. "Each class also has a class project and quite often involves weekends, and I am right there with them. We are a team. We start the course together, and we end it together."

SSgt. Julian Johnson leads the basic classes at the academy and has been there for the last two years. He volunteered for the position after he completed his advanced classes and has not regretted his decision.

"Being a SGL is a very demanding job,



LEADING THE WAY— Small Group Leaders are the core at the NCO Academy and are responsible for training each soldier that passes through the doors. Three of the seven SGLs at the Academy include, from left, SFC Reggie Johnson, SSgt. Julian Johnson and SFC Jerry McIntyre.

but one that has quite a bit of personal satisfaction. There is nothing like seeing all of your students participate in the graduation ceremonies at the end of the course,"

Johnson said. "When you start with 10 and end with 10, you know you have done your

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Gulf War vets have improved access on web site

WASHINGTON—GulfLINK, the World Wide Web site, has a new interactive electronic mail capability. The feature allows Gulf War veterans and the public to communicate directly over the Internet with the Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses.

"This is one more way that we can reach out to Gulf War veterans," said Benard Rostker, special assistant for Gulf War Illnesses. "This new e-mail capability is an important feedback mechanism for us to communicate with Gulf War veterans and for veterans to ask us questions and provide valuable feedback on such things as our case narratives — the first being the demolitions operation at Khamisiyah, which is already published on the GulfLINK site."

This new feature, Rostker said, is a further reflection of an open process that allows Gulf War veterans and all concerned people a chance to review the investigative efforts under way.

The GulfLINK Web site was established in August 1995 to provide immediate on-line access to medical, operational and intelligence documents from the Gulf War that might help the Defense Department better understand the nature of illnesses experienced by many veterans.

The e-mail capability can be accessed through the Internet at the following address: <http://www.dtic.mil/gulfink>. From this site, click on brostker@gwillness.osd.mil.

Besides the GulfLINK Web site, several toll-free numbers are available to Gulf War veterans to report information or to receive a medical evaluation. The Gulf War incident hotline number, 1-800-472-6719, can be used to report information related to experiences from the war.

People still on active duty experiencing health problems they believe might have resulted from their service in the gulf can call the Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation Program at 1-800-796-9699. Those separated from the service who have health concerns can call the Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-800-PGW-VETS (749-8387). (Arnews)

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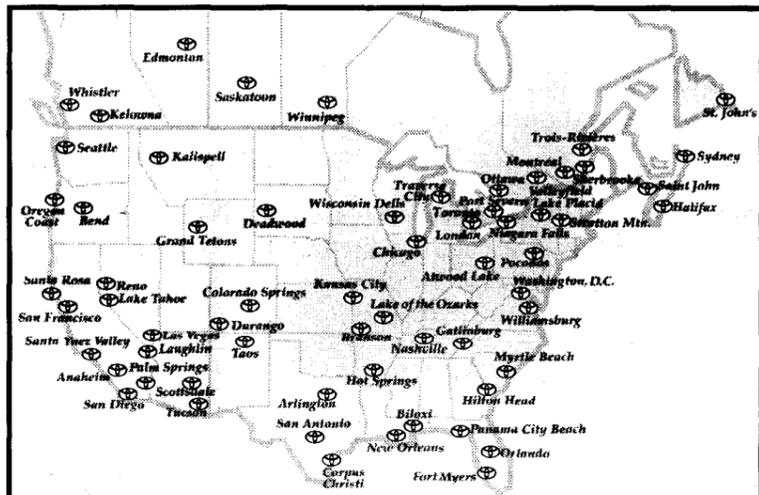
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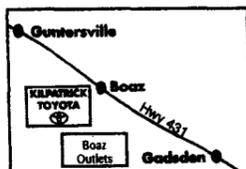
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Local team captures statewide problem-solving title competition recently

By Julie Vaughn

Maj. Matthew Donohue and his young team went for the gold—and got it.

Donohue, co-coach of Monrovia School's "Odyssey of the Mind" creative problem solving team, recently won first place in statewide competition. The team will represent Alabama in the World's Final Competition at the University of Maryland next month.

Now, the team of sixth-graders is raising money to compete at the national level, Donohue said. They are selling tickets for a basket of "Beanie Babies" and a portable radio-compact disc player.

Odyssey, an international program, challenges each six-member team to solve five separate spontaneous problems without the help of their coaches.

This year, the choices included building an android, recreate scenes that interpret the use of ancient artifacts or to build a load-bearing structure from balsa wood and test its strength.

"We chose to work on a problem solution building an android and presenting him in an original, humorous eight-minute skit and we earned enough points in design and engineering to win and go onto the world finals."

Donohue's team first won regional competition at

Jacksonville State University in March. Last month, the team won the coveted state prize.

"One of the most important things is that you can't buy a solution to the problems you're given," Donohue said. "The team can spend only \$100 on costumes, props and everything else. They do their own makeup. I can't drill even one nail for them. They have to do it all themselves, including their own costumes."

"We teach them to sew and they do it all themselves," Donohue said. "The skits, everything are both creative and analytical. We deal with background, colors, contrast, songs,



WINNING TEAM— Donohue poses with his Odyssey of the Mind team which he helps coach.

dances and choreography." Representatives from 49 states will compete in early June in Maryland as will others from 30 countries.

"There will be 14,000 participants. This is big time competition we're in for the first time." For information about

Odyssey or to make a donation to the team call Donohue 864-0969 or Cindy Cook, co-coach, 539-8819.

MARINES

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things, take them camping and hiking. I had heard of the Young Marines program from a friend and decided to learn more about it. Six months later we started one here in Huntsville," he said.

Once the program began, Black became concerned with whether he would have the help and support needed to keep it going. "The other fear I had was who would step up and keep the program going when I received my next orders to go to another station. I would like the program to continue and grow throughout the state. To do this I knew I would need to have strong volunteers and Marine staff in place. I had the vision but I knew I could not do it alone. It can't be a one-man program," he said.

When the unit was organized, there were three staff members: Black, commanding officer; Maj. Michael Langley, adviser; and James Edwards, adjutant pay master. Three other Marines have been recruited to the staff: SSgt. Michael Martin, executive officer; Sgt. Justin Bullington, drill instructor; and Cpl. Christopher McBride, physical fitness officer. Civilian volunteers who have joined the ranks include Rebecca Martin, fund-raiser officer; Jeff Willis, supply officer; Deborah Barros-Smith, public affairs officer; Carol Kincaid, historian/photographer; Cassandra Small, awards

officer; and Christine Willis, records and pay master.

There are 17 Young Marines ranging in age from 8-16. They include a first sergeant, four corporals, six lance corporals, and six privates first class. There are also nine new recruits.

The group has already participated in the Toys-for-Tots annual campaign; the Veterans Day Parade; Christmas Parade; and camping on Redstone Arsenal where they learned to construct shelter halves, how to make a Swiss seat for rappelling, the construction of a single and double rope bridge and how to cook over an open fire. They are working toward the Community Service Ribbon and certification in CPR and basic/advanced first aid.

The young Marines' responsibilities do not end at their weekly meetings. They must carry them into everyday life. "I counsel them on a regular basis. If a parent calls and tells me that his or her son/daughter is having problems with disrespect, either at home or at school, or problems with keeping their grades up, we meet with them privately offering encouragement while reminding them that in order to be promoted in rank they must be a Young Marine 24 hours a day," Black said.

Working with the Young Marines has proven to be a challenge. Offering volun-

teer time, giving encouragement, teaching various basic and advanced courses, planning for and taking trips and participating in community activities has been rewarding for the staff as well as the youth. Without financial support from the community, however, the program would not survive.

The North Alabama Young Marines program is supported by the Local Marine Corps League/Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment which was named for two Marines who died for their country. The detachment donated \$500 which helped get the program started and has agreed to

give a contribution every three months.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary contributed \$250 and donated a silk screen to help make Young Marines T-shirts. Mullins Restaurant donated \$250 and offered 220 acres of land for future camping and outing trips.

Black is being transferred to Minnesota. The staff and youth will miss him and his family. Because of his vision and hard work, the North Alabama Young Marine Program will continue to grow.

(Editor's note: Barros-Smith is public affairs officer for the Young Marines.)

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Army looking at billions in future savings from BRAC process

WASHINGTON— The Army announced April 21 that it is now saving more money than it's spending on Base Realignment and Closure and now expects to save about a billion dollars a year on installation operating costs.

The Army is in the ninth year of a 13-year plan to realign or close installations. According to Army BRAC officials, the reduced costs of operating Army infrastructure permit the service to, "invest in our soldiers and those installations we are keeping to ensure we continue sustaining an effective force capable of carrying out the Army's mission."

So far the Army has closed more than 80 percent— 91 of 112— of the stateside installations tagged to close. At many of the installations, environmental remediation continues beyond their official closure dates. The Army plans to complete the remainder by 2001, as the law requires. However, officials said, the Army is accelerating the process where possible to reduce infrastructure costs and help local communities recover as soon as possible.

Overseas the Army has completed more than 95 percent of the installations scheduled for return to their host nations. The Army is closing seven of every 10 installations in Europe and one of every five in Korea.

The Army's goals and strategies include accelerating installation closures and realignments, assisting the affected communities in facilitating reuse, all the while protecting against any adverse impact on Army readiness.

The Army is able to execute the strategy, officials said, by following the law and supporting the President's Community Reinvestment Program, which emphasizes early reuse in support of creating jobs. The five-part program, announced in 1993, speeds economic recovery of communities where military bases are closing by investing in people, industry and communities.

"We expect our installations to be available more quickly for economic redevelopment," the Army's release said.

Such redevelopment or reuse, the Army said, includes:

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- More than 2,500 jobs have been created at Fort Devens, Mass., where Gillette is building a major distribution center and the Bureau of Prisons is establishing a regional prison medical center.

- Detroit Diesel is turning the Tooele Army Depot Consolidated Maintenance Facility in Utah into a remanufacturing hub.

- The University of Colorado is acquiring the medical center at Fitzsimons Army Hospital.

- The University of California has established a new campus at the former Fort Ord in Calif.

- Cameron Station, Va., has been sold to a local developer to build townhouses and condos.

The Army continues to work with communities to convert military bases to public and private uses, officials said. For example, just last year, the Army completed an economic development conveyance of the large maintenance facility at Tooele Army Depot, Utah, for use by Detroit Diesel. The company has hired local residents to rebuild engines, thus aiding in the area's economic development by creating jobs.

Large parcels of property also were conveyed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., and Fort Devens, Mass. Army BRAC officials also are working closely with local reuse authorities to conduct cost-effective cleanup efforts consistent with local reuse plans and prudent expenditure of resources.

The Army is accelerating all BRAC actions to obtain savings and return assets to the private sector as quickly as possible. All of the 77 closures associated with BRAC '88 and five closures approved by the '91 Commission already have occurred. This fall, the Army will close Vint Hill Farms Station, Va., the only closure recommended by the '93 Commission.

The Army has closed nine of the 29 installations recommended by the '95 Commission and will close the following additional installations later this year: Fort Chaffee, Ark.; Fort Pickett, Va.; Baltimore Pub-

lications Center, Md.; Stratford Engine Plant, Conn.; Fort Totten, N.Y.; Detroit Tank Plant, Mich.; and Fort Missoula, Mont.

BRAC represents a global effort, with overseas reductions that began in 1990, accounting for about two-thirds of the Army's BRAC reductions worldwide. Most of the Army's overseas reductions are in Europe, where the Army is closing or realigning 622 sites, going from 858 installations to well under 300.

In Korea the number of installations is dropping by 20 percent, with 21 closures and four realignments. (Arnews)

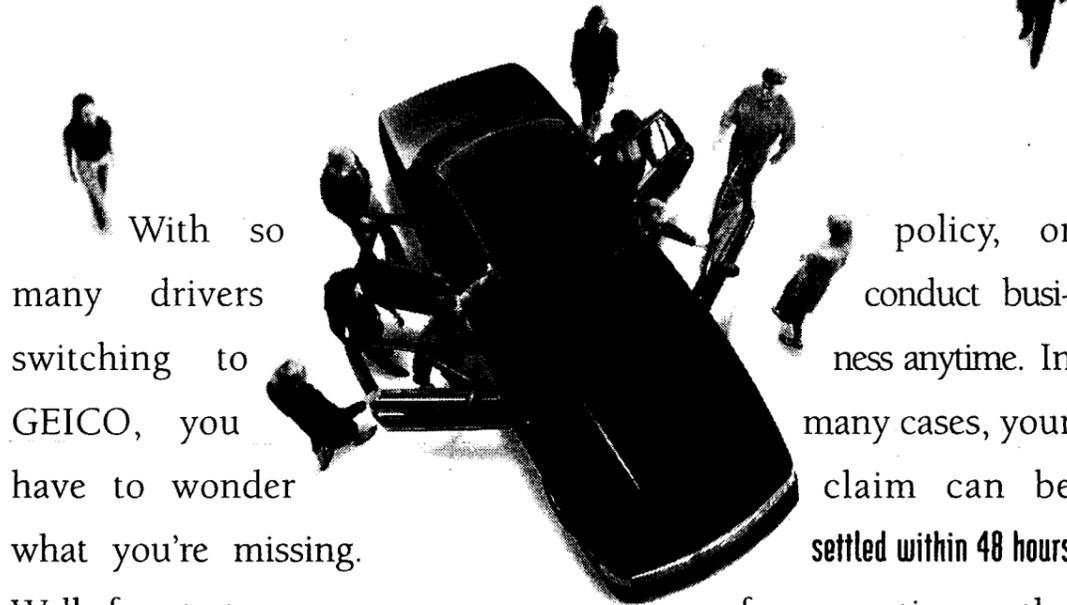


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Matkin family roots run deep at Redstone Arsenal

By Skip Vaughn

Not every family has a mountain named after it— even if the name gets misspelled.

Madkin Mountain on Redstone Arsenal is named for the Matkin family whose roots here go all the way back before the Civil War. The family's tradition in this area continues today with Brian Matkin and his wife, Brenda, working on modern Army systems.

Brian Matkin is chief of the concepts and analysis division in the AMC Smart Weapons Management Office. Brenda is an RF (radio frequency) seeker engineer in the Missile Guidance Directorate at Research Development and Engineering Center.

Brian's father, William Jordan Matkin Jr., visited the Matkin family cemetery on post for the first time Friday.

"My father was born about a quarter of a mile from here in 1889," William said. "And his father before him was William Blunt Matkin, who came to this area sometime prior to the Civil War and settled right here on this property. My grandfather was about 5 years old (when they moved here) prior to the Civil War. And they had immigrated here from North Carolina."

William Blunt Matkin had several older brothers who stayed here with their father just a few years before leaving for Texas when the Civil War started.

William Blunt Matkin stayed in this area and raised a family of four children, including William Jordan Matkin Sr. "My dad was the only boy in the family," Matkin Jr. recalled. "He had three sisters and he had been a businessman in Madison County during most of his life. When he was 50 years old, he bought property in Morgan County and started farming over there in the Lacey's Spring area."

Matkin Jr., 81, joined the Navy after finishing high school in 1936. He bought property in Lacey's Spring in 1940; and he moved back to this area from California in 1954. Matkin Jr. came to work at Redstone in 1955 and retired in 1976 from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

"It's been called Madkin Mountain since I guess the first Matkins moved here," he recalled. A road in Lacey's Spring is also named after the family: Matkin Cove Road.

Brian, 48, was born in California. The oldest of four boys and a girl, he and his family returned to Alabama when he was 6.

"I have very little recollection of Redstone back then," Brian said. "I started coming to Redstone when I was a teen-ager periodically with my father. And I got to go into shops where he worked."

Brian served in the Air Force from 1968-72, spent a year and a half in Vietnam, and



FAMILY CEMETERY— Visiting the Matkin family cemetery on post are, from left, Brian; his father, William Matkin Jr.; and his wife, Brenda.

is a disabled veteran. He came to work at Redstone in 1976 as an Army engineer and has been here ever since.

Brian is a sergeant in C Battery, 1-203rd Air Defense Artillery, Alabama National Guard. He said he joined the National Guard to better understand the systems he's been developing over the last 20 years, and

the real-life situations associated with them.

It just so happens that the Matkin family cemetery is near the air defense training site used by his National Guard unit on the northeast side of the post.

"Our roots are here in this area," Brian said. "We're not just passing through. We're gonna be here awhile."

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job."

Johnson pretty much lives his job, as he resides in the barracks, and students have been known to seek him out at all hours for extra help on homework assignments. "The information we teach to them is important information and is all to standard. It is information they have to learn and understand or they won't graduate," he said. "It is my job to make sure each of the students understands, learns and retains that information, no matter what it takes."

Johnson believes it takes a special person to be a SGL. "This job isn't for everyone. It is like being a drill sergeant, it's just there. You may not see it, but others do, and the drive has to be there in order to succeed."

SFC Reggie Johnson is new at the Academy and is on loan from the EOD Training Department. While only a few EOD basic and advanced classes are conducted each year, the SGL from the EOD department is only on temporary assignment to the academy.

"This is the first time I have ever done anything like this, but have found that I really enjoy it," Reggie Johnson said. "So far this is my third week of the first class, and I'm pretty much still learning my way around."

"I only teach the advanced courses to EOD soldiers and I get to hear what is being done in the field. Being at Redstone, EOD soldiers sometimes are left out of the loop when it comes to the way things are done in the field; and I can hear what is going on, and take that back to the training department where hopefully that information can be used."

Reggie Johnson feels that the hardest part of being an SGL is getting the students to pull together as a unit while they are here. "You have to understand EOD soldiers live and work in a different environment than other soldiers. EOD units are typically quite small and only number between 12-15 soldiers. It is easy to quickly become a family and you learn how your team members work," he said. "It is hard to take soldiers from around the world and place them in a classroom environment for four weeks and expect them to work together immediately."

He was surprised though at how quickly that happened with his class and was quite pleased. "They had to pick out class goals and this class chose 'Everyone passes' and 'Learn from each other.' It was real nice to see them pull together so quickly and work as a team."

SSgt. Dan Poole, SFC Philip LaBoy, SSgt. Gregory Brown and SSgt. Timothy Capers are also SGLs and are either permanently assigned to or on loan to the Academy.

Second coffee with the general slated for May 22

By Danita Clarke

The first "Strengthening the Linkage— Coffee with the General" session was a success. This reinvention initiative was held March 26, kicking off MICOM's third year as an Army Reinvention Laboratory.

Thirteen randomly selected employees from across the MICOM community were able to discuss good news items and issues affecting their work environment with the MICOM commander, Maj. Gen. James Link, in an informal session. Link expressed his appreciation with the session and is committed to continuing these on a quarterly basis.

The second Coffee with the General session will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. May 22 at the Sparkman Center executive dining room in building 5302.

If you would like to participate in this program, you



REINVENTION UPDATE— Cheryl Wise, the MICOM reinvention team leader in the Command Analysis Directorate, updates members of the Community Labor-Management Partnership Council on the command's reinvention efforts. Reinvention initiatives include the Coffee with the General sessions.

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name, and telephone number. If you have previously volunteered to participate in the program, you do not need to resubmit your name.

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(Editor's note: Clarke is an engineer in the Command Analysis Directorate.)

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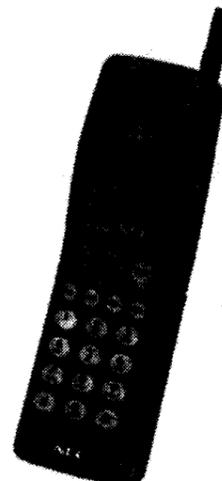
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Fox Hospital pharmacy services continue for military retirees

By Suzette Baker

Military pharmacies have been in the news quite a bit lately, and the concern about retirees receiving certain medications is a hot topic. For the last two weeks there have been articles in *The Huntsville Times* concerning a retired master sergeant at Eglin Air Force Base who set off a storm of protests from military retirees across the nation when he could not get his medication filled at the military hospital there.

Retirees who utilize Fox Army Community Hospital (FACH) don't have to worry about that problem. While there are some military hospitals imposing restrictions on pharmacy benefits, FACH does not. Medications on FACH formulary are offered to all patients—that includes retirees of all ages, active duty soldiers and dependents. This formulary augments the Tri-Service Formulary (TSF) which is managed by the Department of Defense (DoD) Pharmacoeconomic Center (PEC). The TSF is a list of core agents that must be available in all Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) to eligible beneficiaries presenting a valid prescription. Selection of agents for the TSF is based primarily on the most cost effective therapy in the context of overall DoD health-care costs.

The Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), Dr. Edward D. Martin, has stated that restrictions are permitted only for valid clinical reasons, specialty, care, or protocols published by the PEC.

On the FACH formulary, there are certain drugs that do require prescriptions written by a specialist instead of a general practitioner. Without the proper physician signing the prescription, patients will be denied the medication. For example, Prilosec, Zoloft, Prozac, Tagamet, and Propulsid can only be dispensed when prescribed by a specialist. A complete list of the medications that are included on the formulary can be picked up at the hospital pharmacy, and includes those medications that require a specialist's signature.

The pharmacy budget encompasses the largest part of the entire hospital's budget altogether. Therefore, through formulary management, the hospital is able to conserve funds rapidly if necessary.

There have been many changes going on, both within the military health care system, and at FACH. While some of the changes at FACH have been major, in the long run it is our patients who have benefited. Recently the pharmacy implemented a phone-in refill system that is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Prescriptions that are phoned in before noon have a guarantee of being ready for pick up the following day. A second phone line is also in the process of being installed, which will allow even more patients to call in their refills and if you are in a bind and can't get to the pharmacy the following day, don't worry. All medications

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Unmanned aerial vehicle folks hold AER auction with unique items

The Army Emergency Relief campaign got a \$620 boost April 24 from a "white elephant auction," cookout and 50/50 split raffle sponsored by members of Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office.

Dana Osborne, administrative assistant who serves as the project office's AER coordinator, organized these events with the help of Mona Atkins, administrative officer.

A variety of interesting items were donated for the auction by JTUAV workers. These included baked goods, roaring dinosaur bed slippers, beanie babies, and a life-size poster of cost analyst Jim Miller. In all, more than 200 items were donated by JTUAV workers and support contractors. Col. Michael Howell, the project manager, served as the designated auctioneer assisted by Jeff Bagwell,



ADMIRING POSTER— Howell, the designated auctioneer, studies the life-size poster of cost analyst Jim Miller.

program analyst in the budget division.

Bruce Fowler, test division, donated his time and grill for the cookout. The project office workers en-

joyed not only the food but the fellowship.

The fund-raising activities were sponsored by Osborne and endorsed by Howell and John Sundberg,

the deputy project manager. The event was held at the project office building, 4901 University Square, Suite 1.

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Sports/Recreation

Hoop it up for American Red Cross on May 31, June 1

By Kathy Harkleroad

The American Red Cross is calling all soldiers, civilians, kids, weekend warriors and couch potatoes who enjoy basketball to participate in the fourth annual 3-on-3 Hoop it Up fundraiser.

"Anyone can play, regardless of age, sex, skill level, weight or experience," Barry Porter, chapter manager for American Red Cross, Madison County Chapter, said. "Last year we had 2,000 players in over 30 divisions and expect at least 40 divisions this year."

Teams of three players (one substitute) each are divided into divisions according to skill level, age, and experience and play on half-courts in the parking lot of Joe Davis Stadium.

"This is such a great way to come out and have a good time, as well as raise money for the American Red Cross," Porter said. "The event just grows and grows more each year, and we are looking forward to yet another terrific weekend."

The entry fee for each team is \$88, which isn't bad when you consider that is \$22 per player and each will receive a T-shirt, a water bottle, and other items; as well as have a chance to play at least three games of basketball. All of that, in addition to helping the Red

Cross which helps others in need.

Special events showcasing basketball skills will also be located throughout the parking lot, and will include the Pepsi 10-foot slam jam, the Redstone Federal Credit Union 3-point shootout, and the Kroger 9-foot dunk contest. Additional prizes will also be awarded at those events.

The men's and women's top division winners will represent Huntsville in the regional competition with a chance to earn a trip to the Hoop it Up world championship this fall.

Hoop it Up is one of the major fund-raisers for the American Red Cross and raises money for the Madison County Chapter. The proceeds support the Red Cross efforts to provide disaster relief, services to military families, CPR and other life-saving skills training, and to recruit blood donors to meet the needs of north Alabama.

Registration for the event just involves picking up an application at any area Pizza Hut, Kroger's, Amoco Stations, and Foot Locker Stores. You can even call the American Red Cross at 536-0084 and one will be mailed to you.

Registration deadline is May 23, and the event will take place May 31 and June 1. Volunteers are needed for

court monitoring duties, sentry duties, refreshment duties and to help keep the courts clean.

"Any volunteer who works a six-hour shift will also receive a T-shirt and water bottle, as well as lunch," Porter said. Anyone wishing to volunteer can obtain more information by calling the Red Cross (536-0084).

In conjunction with Hoop it Up, a Sports Celebrity Memorabilia Auction will be held at the Jaycees Building, May 30 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

"We have two season tickets to the Alabama Crimson Tide's home games that will be available at the auction, as well as lot of other items," Porter said. Some of those items include a basketball autographed by Bob Knight and Meadowlark Lemon; baseballs signed by major leaguer and former Butler High School player Jimmy Key; a baseball bat signed by Jose Canseco and



ALL WELCOME— As last year's event shows, everyone is invited to participate in the American Red Cross annual Hoop it Up.

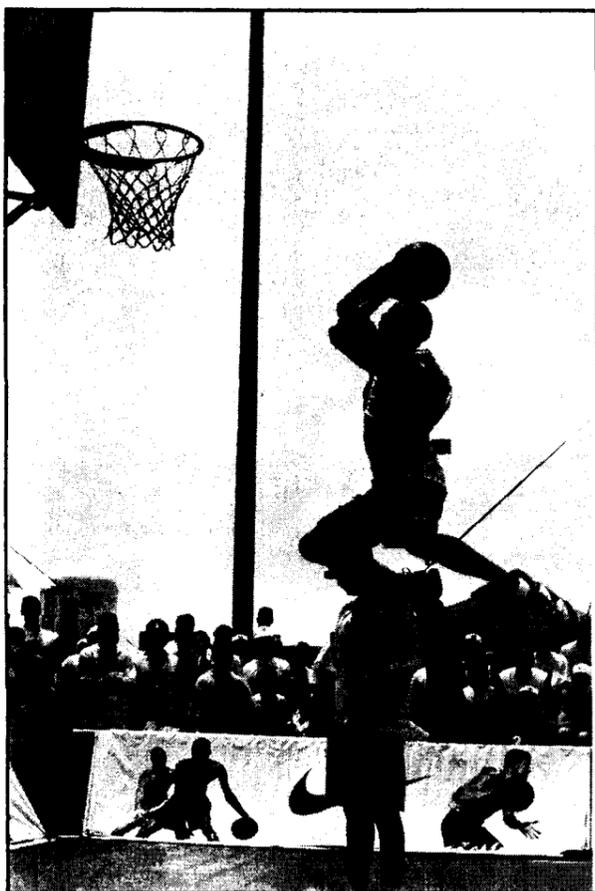
numerous photographs autographed by celebrities Shaquille O'Neal and Troy Aikman to name a few.

"We also have tickets for the sold-out Campbell's Soup Ice Skating show,"

Porter said. Tickets for the auction are \$5 each and participants will receive \$10 in sports money at the door to be used toward the bids. Some bids will be silent, and some items will have

minimum opening bids.

Tickets can be purchased at the Red Cross office located at 1101 Washington St. or by calling 536-0084 ext. 220.



UP AND AWAY— Former Alabama A&M basketball player Dirk Williams soars for a spectacular slam dunk to the delight of spectators last year.

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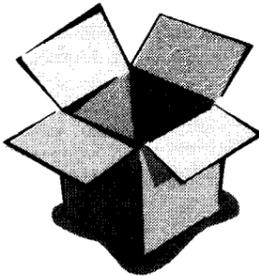
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Jax State Show Choir performs for savings bond kickoff

The Jacksonville State University Show Choir will perform Thursday in the Sparkman Auditorium for the 1997 U.S. Savings Bonds' Campaign Kickoff Rally.

The show choir is to perform the National Anthem and "God Bless the USA" in addition to other popular songs during the annual 9:30 a.m. event. Other scheduled participants include Maj. Gen. James Link, commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal; and Col. Kent Miller, director of resource management.

Jane Rice Holloway, former Miss Alabama and director of the show choir, said interest in the group is at an all-time high, with more students than ever auditioning for positions. The choir will perform at numerous stops throughout Alabama and

Georgia during its May tour.

"The show choir serves as a group of student-ambassadors for the university, and it's interesting to note that of the 26 members, only half are music majors. The other students come from a wide variety of majors, and we're very proud of them. Their hometowns include 15 cities in Alabama and Georgia," Holloway said.

She said the show choir set a new record for the number of performances given in 1995-96. Performances included productions at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center Concert Hall and at district meetings of civic clubs.

The Savings Bonds Kickoff Rally is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. The Jax State Show Choir will also



IN CONCERT— The Jacksonville State University Show Choir performs at a recent event.

sing on Thursday at the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) picnic at 11:30 a.m., at the NASA's Savings Bond

Kickoff Rally at 1:30 p.m., and at the Jay State Alumni meeting at Ditto Landing at 6:30 p.m.

Benning only federal agency nominated to receive Presidential Quality Award

WASHINGTON— The home of the Army's foot soldier is the only federal agency nominated to receive the 1997 Presidential Award for Quality.

The 10th Annual National Conference on Federal Quality will honor Fort Benning and the eight finalists during an awards ceremony July 10. The conference is held in Washington, DC.

Officials said this is the third year in a row the Army has won the award. The Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal, N.J. was sole winner of the Presidential Award for Quality in 1996, and the Tank-Automotive Research Development and Engineering Center, Warren, Mich., won it in 1995.

Subject to the approval of President Clinton, organizations receiving this award are recognized for having significantly improved their overall performance and for demonstrating a sustained trend in providing high quality prod-

ucts and services to customers.

The vice president traditionally presents the award at the conference.

Army finalists in this year's PQA competition included Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Ill.; U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command Logistics and Readiness Center, Fort Monmouth, N.J.; and U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command Acquisition Command, Fort Monmouth.

Fort Benning's quality management division chief, Sarah McLaney, points to her post's "people, key leaders, and customer focus" as key reasons for the Infantry

Center's nomination. She also said Fort Benning's senior leadership is personally involved in creating and sustaining customer focus and providing direction.

According to officials, Fort Benning's accomplishments include:

- A unique partnership with the surrounding com-

munities of Columbus, Ga., and Phenix City, Ala. The tri-community partnership resulted in the establishment of the Civilian Military Council and the Tri-Community Quality Council, both particularly innovative approaches which have fostered the development of exemplary support pro-

grams for soldiers and their families.

• A Quality Executive Steering Team (QUEST) to determine how data and information are selected and managed. By listening to its stakeholders, the organization shares information and data with customers, suppliers, soldiers, and employees

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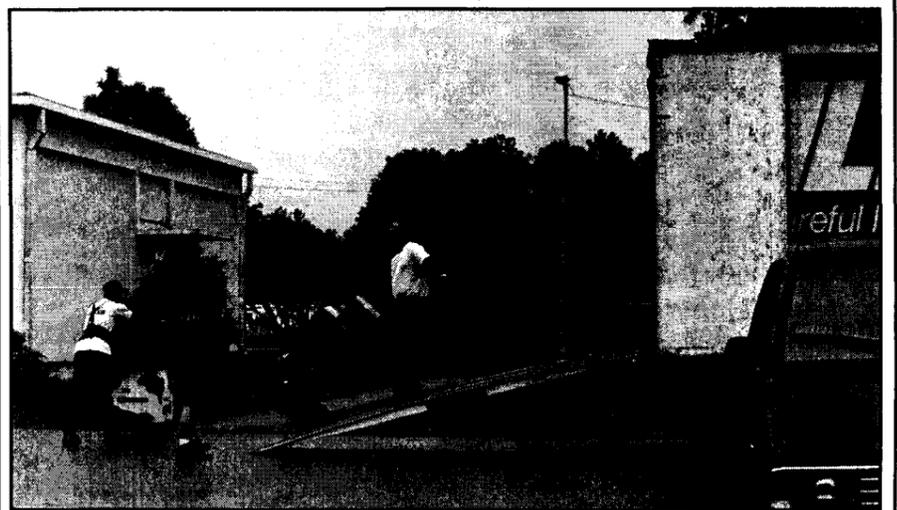
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Nurses week...

Nurses at Fox Army Community Hospital hold a barbecue Thursday to celebrate National Nurses Week, May 5-12 for all the hospital staff. From left are Nervalene Porter, Mary Bailey, Lorrie Ridings, Maj. Debbie Betts, and Donna Groce.



ATCOM equipment arrives...

Audiovisual, conference-room equipment from the Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis is delivered by moving van Friday at building 4489 on Martin Road. The equipment, from ATCOM's Information Management Directorate, is part of the merger with the Missile Command. "This was from building 103 (at ATCOM) primarily," Landa Pennington, move coordinator for the Corporate Information Center, said.

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ments.

- QUEST implemented Benning's comprehensive strategic planning model. Strategic planning is well developed and understood throughout the organization. Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis, and the key business drivers are integral to the planning process. The involvement of key process owners, community leaders, and partners ensures that the strategic plan considers all factors critical to the installation's success.

- Cost-effective delivery of trained and ready Infantrymen and officers.

- A safe and healthy work environment. One example is the "Follow Me to Fitness" program which recognizes and encourages health and well-being.

- Several of Fort Benning's military personnel services were cited Best-in-Class by the Training and Doctrine Command in 1996.

- A two-tiered complaint management process to ensure that customer complaints are resolved.

The Presidential Award for Quality recognizes federal organizations that have attained the highest levels of quality management throughout their organizations, said Capt. Bernard Banks, a staff action officer in the office of the Army's chief of staff. Quality management is a way of life, he said, forging partnerships between management and rank and file employees to achieve goals and produce quality products or services using resources in the most

efficient manner possible.

"We want all Department of the Army employees, military and civilian, to think about new ways we can better conduct our business," Banks said. "[That involves] continuously improving processes through eliminating non-value added functions, reengineering, or reinventing; empowering employees to take responsibility for their actions, make decisions, and take calculated risks; and seeking to do something better for the Army, its soldiers and taxpayers."

"Everyone who's taking an active role in quality managements responsible for saving taxpayer money. The amount of money saved each year is in the millions of dollars. By doing business smarter all DA employees benefit by creating funds that can be used for numerous projects [such as] barracks and housing renovations."

The President's Quality Award Program was created in 1988 and is administered by the Office of Personnel Management. The program offers both the Presidential Award for Quality and the Quality Improvement Prototype Award (QIP). The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, Logistics and Readiness Center, Fort Monmouth; U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal; Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas; and U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center, Warren, Mich. are past recipients of the QIP Award. There are no QIP Award winners nominated for 1997. (Arnews)

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Another new initiative in the pharmacy and one that will be well received by patients is the new drop-off counter for new prescriptions. Those patients who do not need their medications the same day can drop their prescription off and pick it up within two weeks.

Other major happenings at FACH include the conversion of the emergency room to an urgent care clinic, as well as the emergence of FOXCARE. Many patients believe that their pharmacy benefits will disappear as we change. The pharmacy at FACH will continue to provide services for all beneficiaries, as will the laboratory, radiology and physical therapy.

Another change for some FACH patients is the

emergence of the Tricare Health Benefit. Patients are able to obtain medications that the pharmacy at the hospital does not stock, through network pharmacies in town or through mail order by paying a small co-pay.

The mail order program that most folks are unaware of covers Champus eligible patients who have a permanent address on the Deers system in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, the New Orleans area of Louisiana and the Millington area of Arkansas.

Additionally former Champus beneficiaries who now are Medicare eligible and reside within certain Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) zip codes or who were reliant on the Military Treatment Facility before closure are covered. Most medications prescribed by your doctor that are covered by the Champus program are also covered.

If you have any questions on eligibility, covered drugs or enrollment call 1-800-557-8857. If you have any questions about FACH please feel free to call Cathy Collins, patient representative, 876-8621.

(Editor's note: Baker is chief of the Pharmacy Service.)

SURF

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the Recruit Training Center at Great Lakes, Ill., June 15-21. The 80 upcoming sites will be limited, he said, which means "It'll be purchasing them a modem and helping them get connected to the Internet."

An Army worker for seven years, Anderson said installing the first two sites is "one of the best things I can see that I've done in the Army because it's helped kids."

"I think it's opened up minds, kids' minds, to the

world of the Internet where they normally wouldn't have had that—particularly in Guam, particularly on a remote island. The same with Great Lakes, it's considered a remote area," he said. "The children at these bases don't have the same standard of learning facilities that they might have in the more populated states.

"It's been a great experience. I've worked with a lot of smart people, both within CIC and the Navy. And it's been a team effort by all parties involved."

Take a Kid Fishing event draws more than 20 youngsters for fund day on Tennessee River

By Kathy Harkleroad

Kids, young and old alike, gathered at the Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Center April 26 and tossed lines in the Tennessee River in hopes of catching the largest fish.

Beverly Martin, AAFES representative, said the day was a huge success and everyone had fun. "The kids were the only ones allowed to fish, but had to be under the supervision of an adult," Martin added. "We had winners in all age divisions and everyone walked away a winner."

James Ward was the grand prize winner of the day and after tossing in his line and reeling in a four pound catfish went home with a new 13-inch color television.

Other winners included

Matthew Brewer in the four and under age group; David Allen, Samuel Thomas, Eric Foster and Kyle Durst in the five to 10 years old category; Song Foster, Willie Allen, Gregory Jackson, Nina Stutzman and Joshua Bass were winners in the 11-18 years old category.

Each of the children won prizes that included boom boxes, fishing supplies to include rod, reels, and tackle boxes, walkmans, gameboys and movies.

Winners of ten dollar prize certificates included Greg Jackson, Eric Foster, Samuel Thomas, Booby Statesman, Jessica Hudson, Shawn Gelpi, Anastasia Bidard, Dennis Stokes, Jessica Kennermore and David Beirns.



CATCH OF THE DAY— James Ward was the winner of a 13" JVC color television after reeling in the largest fish of the day. Ward's fish weighed in over four pounds and didn't put up too much resistance. Ward is shown proudly holding his catfish.

SAMD

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stone.

SAMD's mission is to sell missile systems to U.S. allies, subject to approval from higher headquarters. In fiscal 1997 the Missile Command did \$852 million in foreign military sales or 42 percent of the total \$2.04 billion Armywide. Total case value for SAMD represents \$13.9 billion. Brown said this total will rise by \$6.1 billion with the arrival of business from the Aviation and Troop Command.

Col. Jack Wolfe is director of SAMD; and Lt. Col.



TRAINING ROOM— Members of SAMD who will be working test problems and reporting on the new data base include, from left, Elteaser James, Teresa Williams and Jan Reed.

Raymond Hayes is deputy director. Its work force of

192 is to grow to 284 with the creation of the Aviation and Missile Command.



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Redstone Arsenal Provost marshal K9 officers earn distinguished graduate honors at courses

By Kathy Harkleroad

The Provost Marshal Office has the cream of the crop staffing the K9 kennels. All three officers recently attended courses, and all three took home top honors.

Kennel master Jack Rush brought home the title of Distinguished graduate after attending the military working dog trainer/supervisor course earlier this year. He also completed the course in less time than was allotted and maintained an average of 98 percent throughout.

Officer Arthur Underwood attended the military working dog handler course and took home the title of Top Dog for his outstanding



TOP DOG— Officer Roy Smith, left, took home the Top Dog award at the Military Dog Handler Course earlier this year. Officer Jack Rush, kneeling, also

achieved in exceptional handling abilities. Under-

wood has worked with military dogs for the last 10 years and has had plenty of practice. "I really enjoy working with the dogs and only wish more humans would listen as well as they do," he said smiling.

Underwood attended classes that taught how to handle a working dog on patrol for humans, narcotics and explosives. Six weeks were spent on patrol issues and six weeks on detection issues.

Officer Dan Smith also attended the same course, but at a different time and brought home the Distin-

guished Graduate title. He advanced through the course in six weeks and returned home early. Smith maintained a 100 percent average throughout the course and worked with "green" dogs throughout the course. "We had the newest dogs to the unit, ones that had just been purchased and had received no training at all," Smith said. "It was quite an experience, to say the least, but they learned."

All three officers are assigned to the K9 section of the Provost Marshal Office.

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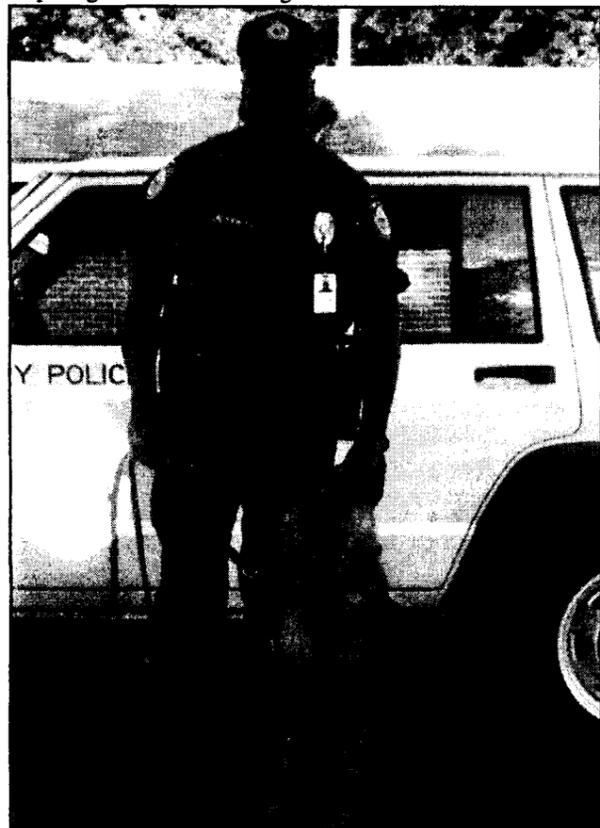
Continued from page 1 lodging expense payments, military pay debt collections, and midmonth and end-of-month payments.

"They will have very little cash in that office. They will only be paying basically by check or Electronic Funds Transfer; so, soldiers should have a bank account and they need to have the bank name, address and their account number when they go there," Miller said.

A briefing on Defense Military Pay Office customer service will be held at 1:30 this afternoon at the

post theater on Patton Road. There will also be personnel from Operating Location-Orlando, which provides finance and accounting support for the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, and people from Operating Location-St. Louis which will receive the accounting function from the Defense Accounting Office- Missile Command.

The final day for making check and/or electronic funds transfer payments at DAO- MICOM is May 22, according to Charles Harper, defense accounting officer.



TOP DOG 2— Officer Arthur Underwood was named the Top Dog when he attended a separate military working dog handler course and is pictured with his dog Jimmy. Jimmy rides with Underwood throughout the Arsenal and is a patrol narcotics dog.

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Car wash/cookout brings big bucks for AER drive here



AER CAR WASH— Col. John Holly, project manager for Army TACMS-BAT, participates in his project office's annual cookout/car wash Thursday for Army Emergency Relief.

The Army TACMS-BAT Project Office held its annual car wash/cookout fundraiser Thursday for Army Emergency Relief. Once again, it was a success—raising more than \$1,300.

The idea was simple: Bring your car to be washed and have lunch while you wait. The weather cooperated and there were plenty

of customers. If not attracted by the weather, they couldn't miss the smell of grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and baked goods.

Project office members began washing vehicles at 9:30 a.m. and didn't stop until almost 2:30 p.m. Even some project office retirees joined in this event.

In addition to this fund-

raiser, Beverly Overman of the project office sold bow pins for AER.

Altogether, the project office has contributed \$1,891 so far to Army Emergency Relief. The workers express their appreciation to the Redstone and Huntsville community for supporting their fundraising event.



Fun Walk/Run...

The Fun Walk/Run fund-raiser for Army Emergency Relief, sponsored by the Command Group staff offices, begins May 6 on the running trail near the Sparkman Center. It had about 245 registrants and raised \$935 for AER.

Announcements

Redstone dining-in— The Team Redstone Dining-In has been rescheduled to June 7. All active duty officers are invited to this year's event at the Officers Club. For information call 1st Lt. Sandra Lopez 955-8616.

PEO golf tournament— The Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles will sponsor a four-person scramble golf tournament May 23 with a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start at Redstone Golf Course. This event is open to all MICOM and contractor personnel. The \$30 per person fee includes green fee, cart, lunch and prizes. Any interested teams should sign up by May 16. Entrants will be limited to the first 32 teams. For more information and rules, call Bob Kirby 876-8791 or Lee Hendricks 876-8126.

Team Redstone picnic

The 1997 Team Redstone Organizational Day is scheduled for June 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreation Area. Rain date is June 27. The many activities include a softball, volleyball and horseshoe tournament; live entertainment for the adults along with several static displays from OMMCS; and bingo, run by the Civilian Welfare Fund, at the Rustic Lodge. A shuttle will transport bingo players to the lodge from the picnic area. There will be many activities for the children. A sack lunch and drinks will be provided free of charge to all attendees. There will be many door prizes to give away with the grand prize being a pair of roundtrip air-

line tickets to anywhere in the continental United States. The grand prize is donated by Carlson Wag-onlit Travel. "Please mark your calendar to join all the fun and activities that will be available." For more information, call Pat McCrary 876-3577.

Post run— The CG's Quarterly Post Run will be held May 21 at 5:30 a.m. at the Parade Field. In support

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of the run, the Child Development Center will open at 4:15 that morning. For more information call SFC Walter Jones, of RASA Support Operations, 842-2500.

Preseparation briefing

— The next preseparation briefing will be held May 20-22 at the Transition Center, building 3433, room 145. The briefing has been changed to a three-day format and is oriented toward resume preparation and job search. The Alabama State Employment Service, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, will prepare and present the job presentations May 21 and 22. It is mandatory that all military personnel who are leaving the Army within the next 180 days attend this briefing unless they have attended a previous briefing. To make an appointment to attend the briefing, call Jeannie Sharpe or Phillip Paschel 955-6490.

Swimming pool season

— Redstone swimming pools are scheduled to open at 11 a.m. May 24. Season swim passes are on sale at Youth Activities (building 3148), Recreation Center (building 3711) and Outdoor Recreation (building 5129). Cost is \$30 for season single person pass and \$40 for the season family pass. Daily passes are \$2 and must be purchased as you enter the pool. For more information on season swim passes, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868. Swimming lesson information may be obtained from Youth Services 876-

KIDS.

Sergeants major— The Sergeants Major Association will have its monthly breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Thursday at the Radisson Suite Hotel on South Parkway. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Maymi 876-4160.

Women owned business

— A no-charge "Federal Dollars and Sense—Women Owned Business Symposium"— sponsored by the Small Business Administration, Missile Command, the Women's Economic Development Council, and the Northeast Alabama Small Business Development Center — will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday in the Sparkman Auditorium. Speakers will cover a variety of subjects of concern to Women Owned Businesses. Sherrye Henry, SBA's assistant administrator for women business ownership, is the scheduled keynote speaker. She is to present an overview of women business ownership from the Washington perspective during a luncheon at the Officers Club. Luncheon cost is \$12; and luncheon registration is required. Registration forms can be obtained from the SBA and the Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization offices in building 4488 at MICOM, or from the NEAR-SBDC at the Chamber of Commerce building in Huntsville. For more information on the symposium, call Ralph Massey 876-4513.

Blood pressure month

— May is National High Blood Pressure Month. Hypertension (high blood pressure) affects 1 in 6 adults and causes thousands of deaths annually. The Public Health and Education Center will conduct blood pressure screening May 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sparkman Center. For more information call Eileen Bailey, registered nurse, 842-0145 or 876-8831.

Red Cross blood program

— May 16, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at building 4752 (NASA), call Janie McCray 544-7552. May 22, from 7-noon, at building 5250, Bertha Childress 842-0356; from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Sparkman/LOGSA building 5307, Keith Sidwell 955-0720. May 23, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SSDC (Wynn Drive), Al Longhi 955-3693; from 7:30-noon at Corps of Engineers, Linda Merschman 895-1580; and from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 4505, Linda Keel 955-0900.

Prayer breakfast

— The monthly non-denominational prayer breakfast sponsored by the IMMC will be held May 20 from 7-7:30 a.m. in the Sparkman Cafeteria (east end). Scheduled speaker is Brenda King. "Everyone is welcome and invited to join us for a season of praise, prayer, and fellowship."

Modernization workshop

— The Systems Engineering and Production Directorate will hold the

Modernization-through-Spares Workshop, May 28-29 at the Sparkman Auditorium. There is no charge for this workshop; and contractor participation is encouraged. The Systems Management and Production Lab at University of Alabama-Huntsville is providing the overall administration of the workshop. For more information, call Gary Maddux 890-6343 (ext. 223).

Stray pet policy

— Stray dogs and cats on Redstone Arsenal will be picked up and brought to the Veterinary Treatment Facility, building 3543. There they will be held three working days for their owners to claim. A stray pet fee of \$5 per day will be assessed. Animals not claimed after three working days will then be available for adoption. For more information, call 876-2441 (Monday through Friday from 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m.).

Teen-age parents

— North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence will hold a free workshop for teen-age moms and dads from 8:30 a.m. to noon June 14 at 1515 Sparkman Drive. To register call Janet Despenza 722-9632.

Joint luncheon meeting

— Huntsville CALS Interest

Group— along with ADPA/NSIA, SOLE and AFCEA — will co-sponsor a luncheon May 22 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Officers Club. Scheduled speaker is Paul Bogosian, acting program executive officer for aviation. Cost is \$9 for members, \$11 non-members. For reservations call Jim Neiers 650-4601, Mike Davis 837-5282 (ext. 1302), or Pam MacClendon 833-7721 by close of business Friday.

Asian Pacific month

— Asian Pacific American Month is celebrated during May. A festival will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday with entertainment— ethnic dancing, singing, etc. — in building 3712 (old post theater), followed by a food tasting in the Recreation Center, building 3711. There is no charge. Time spent attending this event will not require the use of leave but must be cleared with supervisors. For more information, call Kate Love 876-8015 or Jackie White 876-3591.

Dental clinic

— The Dental Clinic Command will be closed Thursday from noon-4 p.m. for annual training, May 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for organizational day, and from May 23-26 for Memorial Day weekend. All individuals needing

emergency treatment may call 876-8564 on Thursday until 4 p.m. Emergencies during all other times should be directed to 955-8888 for assistance.

SSDC anniversary

— Activities to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Space and Strategic Defense Command include the 14th Army Band from Fort McClellan in concert at 6 p.m. May 19 at Big Spring Park; and Huntsville Stars Buyout Night, May 23 at 7:05 p.m. For more information, call the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce 535-2031.

Surplus sale

— A sealed bid sale of government surplus will be held May 23 at Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office. Property may be inspected from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 20-22; the bid receipt deadline is 9 a.m. May 23; and the bid opening date is May 23. To view materials for sale or for more information report to building 7415 on Warehouse Road, or call Edmund Russell 955-0297 or Donna Davis 842-2570.

Graduate outreach

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Breast cancer awareness— A Breast Cancer Symposium will be held from 9-noon May 31 at the Sparkman Auditorium. The symposium is directed toward increasing public knowledge of breast cancer and is open to the public. For more information, call 876-4228.

Business seminar— NorthEast Alabama Regional Small Business Development Center (NEAR SBDC) will sponsor a seminar on "Creating Loyalty Among Customers" from 8-noon May 20 in the Chamber Auditorium, 225 Church St. The seminar will be conducted by the Northeast Small Business Development Center. Cost for the seminar is \$25 for chamber members, \$40 for non-members. To register call 535-2061.

Air defenders— Alabama Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association will hold its luncheon May 27 at the Officers Club. Social period begins at 11:30 a.m., with lunch at 11:45. Brig. Gen. Meunier, general man-

ager of NAMEADSMA, is scheduled speaker. Cost if \$7 for individual and corporate chapter members, and \$8 for non-members. Persons wishing to attend should call Deborah Silvia 722-4399 by noon May 22.

Army family team building— Can your family function if you are TDY or separated for a week, a month, or longer? Army Family Team Building (AFTB) can help. A free personal skills workshop will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at building 3447, Zeus Drive. The first level of training will provide basic personal skills and knowledge that is vital to the military family. The second level of training will enhance leadership, management, and relationship building skills. Free on-site child care is available; and lunch will be provided. To register call 876-5397.

Parent advisory council— The Child Development Services PAC (Parent Advisory Council) will meet at 11 a.m. May 20 in the Bicentennial Chapel Activity Room. All parents with children in any CDS program (CDC, FCC, School Age, etc.) are encouraged to attend.

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