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Program executive office develops new aviation systems

By Skip Vaughn

The organization over various Army helicopter programs has settled into its temporary home on the third floor of Sparkman Center building 5300.

Program Executive Office for Aviation, newly arrived from St. Louis, will be moving to renovated building 5681 in early August. Some of its furniture has already been moved to that building.

"I'm very happy we moved here" to Redstone Arsenal, Maj. Gen. James Snider, the program executive officer, said. "I think it's going to be a great opportunity to take advantage of the great work force that's here to advance Army aviation into the 21st century."

"I am very pleased with the building we'll be moving into—5681. And I really would like to thank everybody involved in having the building ready for us ahead of schedule," Snider said. "And both the com-



PEO FOR AVIATION— Snider, shown as a one-star, was promoted to major general at Redstone on July 11.

munity and the workers on the Arsenal itself, the members of the command here, have been outstanding in accommodating us. I've had no complaints from my work force. In fact our

work force has been very complimentary about the move here and how well they've been taken care of."

The PEO's authorized strength is 366, including 313 civilians and 53 mili-



IN DEVELOPMENT— The Army's Comanche helicopter is now in flight testing.

tary. The office contracts out for about another 1,200 people who come from the various Army Materiel Command (AMC) commands and contractors.

About 100 of the PEO's civilians have arrived from St. Louis. "There will be probably about another 100 to 150 depending on who chooses to move," Snider said. "They will move between now and the end of November, but the bulk of

the people will be here at the end of September. And then we'll fill our (authorized) slots up as best we can by hiring."

The mission of the Program Executive Office for Aviation is "to modernize Army aviation at the least cost possible using acquisition reform to the fullest extent," he said.

The office, and the project offices under it, develops and produces modern

aviation systems which include Comanche, Longbow Apache, Kiowa Warrior, Cargo Helicopter (CH-47), and Black Hawk. "In addition we have responsibility for digitization of the modern aircraft, development of simulators—ensuring that our aircraft are ready for the 21st century. And also we have responsibility for aircraft survivability equip-

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Team Redstone launches home page for Aviation and Missile Command

During the change of command ceremony July 17, the Aviation and Missile Command flag wasn't the only thing unveiled that hot afternoon. On the third floor of building 5304, Redstone's chief webmaster and a member of the Redstone Web Consortium placed a new AMCOM homepage on-line at the exact moment when Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson took command of AMCOM.

Robert Brown, the Corporate Information Center's and Redstone's chief webmaster, initiated the project in April for various members of the Redstone Web

Consortium to develop a new concept for the upcoming Aviation and Missile Command web site.

This project was unique in several ways. First, Brown wanted to initiate this development effort from the "worker-level," developing concepts from the web talent pool at (then) MICOM. Second, he wanted to use existing resources without spending any taxpayer dollars. And last, the effort would be done "off the clock."

After examining several concept sites, Brown chose the current design by Claus Martel, a charter member of

the Redstone Web Consortium.

"Working with Robert (Brown) was a great experience," Martel said. "He never berated any of the proposed designs. I learned a lot from him. He's the best in the business."

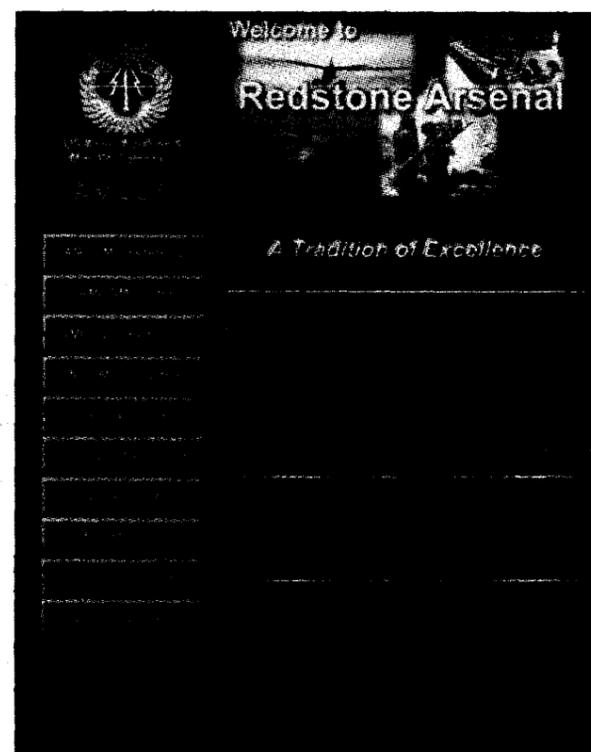
Work was then initiated to reorganize the former "Team Redstone On-line" to incorporate elements of the Aviation mission into the site. Submenu concepts were developed and approved.

"We changed the organization of the site to reflect the changes that AMCOM would bring," Martel said,

allowing for easy expansion and modification down the road.

The site was put on-line at 4:30 p.m. July 17 at the exact minute of the standup of AMCOM.

In an innovative and new approach, the new website will display for the first few weeks a short "slide show" recalling Redstone's historic past. The last slide says "Today, a new era begins... AMCOM" before automatically taking the visitor to the main menu. Martel said that the visitor can at anytime "click" the slide show to enter the main menu.



So far, the response to the new site has been posi-

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Inspector general's office adds noncommissioned officers

By Skip Vaughn

There is more of a military presence these days in the AMCOM Inspector General's Office.

Two noncommissioned officers, both new arrivals at Redstone, have joined the IG staff. MSgt. Anthony Dunn arrived May 23 from Korea; and SFC Freddy Hall got here June 25 from the former Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis.

The only other soldier in the office is the inspector general herself, Lt. Col. Winifred Turner. There are nine civilians with at least two more due to arrive soon from the former ATCOM in St. Louis— one in August and the other in October.

Dunn serves as assistant inspector general and NCO-in-charge. Hall, also an assistant inspector general, previously served as NCO-in-charge at ATCOM's office. The Aviation and Troop Command merged with the Missile Command to form the Aviation and Missile Command at Redstone.

"It's probably the most challenging job I've had in the Army," Dunn, formerly chief postal inspector for 8th Personnel Command in Yongsan, Korea, said. "I enjoy it because of the scope. We cover a lot of ground. We have to deal with every aspect of Army policy and the way it affects the people that are associated with it."

"I feel real good about it," Hall said. "I did this for a year and a half in St. Louis

and it's a big challenge. The reward is being able to work with soldiers and civilians and help them resolve their problems. But every day is different. It's nice to be able to come to work and know that you'll be doing something different. It's never the same every day."

Both have a good first impression of Redstone. "For a small installation, it has a lot for the soldier to do," Hall said, "with Huntsville being the closest city to the post."

"Redstone Arsenal's a great place to be assigned," Dunn said. "It's compact enough where you can get to know people. It's a full-fledged installation. The local community has a lot to offer. For a community this size, it's surprisingly cosmopolitan."

Hall, 40, from Little Rock, Ark., entered the Army in July 1979. He received a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1992. Hall's previous assignments include Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Belgium; the Military Entrance Processing Station, Little Rock; Central Army Group, Heidelberg, Germany; U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.; and ATCOM in St. Louis.

Hall and his wife, Tecolia, have a son, Anthony, 16, and daughter, Ashley, 10. The Halls have purchased a house in Harvest.

"I'm certainly glad to be here at Redstone Arsenal, be a part of Team Redstone,"



NEW ARRIVALS— Dunn, left, and Hall have joined the AMCOM Inspector General's Office.

Hall said. "I'm certainly impressed with community involvement here at Redstone; it's certainly the best I've ever seen in my Army career. I'm just glad to be a part of Team Redstone. And if things work out, we might look to retire here. It's certainly a great place to live, work and play."

Dunn, 44, from Miami, Fla., entered the Army in November 1977. He received a bachelor's degree in management in 1994 from the University of Maryland, European Division. Dunn's previous assignments

include Fort Knox, Ky.; Wiesbaden, Germany; Military Entrance Processing Station, Miami; Frankfurt, Germany; Oakland Army Base, Calif.; and Korea.

A widower Dunn has four children who reside in Miami: daughters Tona, 24, and Tarnicia, 23; and sons Anthony Jr., 21, and Napoleon, 10.

"I'm really happy to be here at Redstone," Dunn said. "I look forward to spending the best years of my Army career here."



Letters To The Editor

Swimming pools

After a three-year absence, we have returned to Redstone for a third tour. It is disappointing to see the changes— no movie theater, restricted hours at the bowling center, all the empty quarters, the closure of the NCO Club and Sports Haven — plus now I find out the pools will close on a daily basis Aug. 17 and will be open only the next two weekends.

Why is the pool closing before the children go back to school and in the hottest part of summer? The pools are not just there for school-age children, but for soldiers and parents with preschool children as well as the entire community. The current established schedule does not meet the needs of the Redstone community. While the other things cannot be changed, something can be done about the pool schedule.

Perhaps the pool schedule can be re-evaluated for next year's contract. Even if all the pools cannot remain open the full season, why not have at least one remain open or have a modified schedule opening in the afternoons?

Susan Carr

(Editor's note: Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided the following response. "Thank you for your comments and suggestions concerning pool scheduling to best serve the entire Redstone community.

"As in prior years, Redstone swimming pools close during the week our city and county schools reopen. Huntsville schools begin the new school year on Aug. 20.

"Redstone Arsenal pools will continue to remain open on weekends, through the Labor Day holiday, which is consistent with prior year's pool scheduling.")

Special person

We are writing this letter to thank a very special person who was always there to assist us with our records. It was very disappointing to discover that she was moved somewhere else. This letter is on behalf of all the NCOs of Delta Company.

Linda Olukokun has worked with us E-7s diligently. She ensured that all the information for our E-8 board was updated. We the noncommissioned officers of Delta Company felt privileged to have a special person as Linda Olukokun handling our records. She was always professional, knowledgeable and dedicated to work. Her attitude was always positive. We received service with a smile. Often times an NCO will miss his/her appointment and Ms. Olukokun will take you on her lunch break. She is always cooperative and ready to assist with whatever problems we had.

We would like to say to you, Linda Olukokun, wherever you are, we will miss you and we know God will bless you in whatever area you are transferred to. Thanks for all your patience and your dedication in serving us the NCOs of Delta Company.

**SFC Rita Hendricks,
SFC Luis Fontanez,
SSgt. Luis Ortiz,
SSgt. Michael Watson,
SSgt. Kelvin Colbert**

ATCOM wins value engineering awards

By Karim Abdian

ST. LOUIS— The ATCOM Value Engineering (VE) Office has announced that ATCOM nominees won U.S. Army Materiel Command VE Achievement Awards for fiscal 1996.

The ATCOM Maintenance Engineering Liaison Engineers Team of Art Ather, Ray Boland, Keith Clancy, John S. Glaeser, Larry Hoffman, and Clark Lemons won the Outstanding VE Team Award. The AMC VE Procurement/Contract Administration Team Award was awarded to Debra Dobbins, Laura Hart, Joanne Kennedy, Susan Pollman, Deborah Rumpf, Jill Schroeder, and Deborah Wagener of the Apache Attack Helicopter Division, Acquisition Center. The Aviation Program Executive Office received the VE Outstanding Achievement Award for Army Program Executive Offices while the Apache Attack Helicopter PM won the Program/Project Manager Office VE Achievement Award. The award for Outstanding AMC VE Contractor went to McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Systems.

Each year, AMC accepts nominations for special recognition awards acknowledging significant contributions to the AMC VE Program. Each recipient received a plaque and a memorandum from Gen. Johnnie E. Wilson, AMC commanding general, offering his personal congratulations.

(Editor's note: Abdian served as ATCOM's program manager for VE.)

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Take a night out against crime Aug. 5 at Redstone

By Kathy Harkleroad

Aug. 5 will be a night to remember for the Redstone community. That is the night Redstone Arsenal will join 9,000 other communities in celebrating National Night Out, an annual crime-prevention event.

The local observance, sponsored by Provost Marshal Office, will be held from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Youth Center.

National Night Out brings communities closer together and promotes police-community partnerships, safety, and violence prevention in a fun way. This is the 14th year for the national event, and the ninth year it has been celebrated on Redstone Arsenal.

Dale Markin, of Provost Marshal's Investigations Section, is coordinating the celebration here. As in the past there will be something for everyone; and many organizations are involved.

"The list of participants gets longer every day," Markin said. "And each will have a game or display booth for the public. We will also have lots of giveaways and prizes available, as well as food, information and just plain fun."

Participants include Redstone Airfield, the Redstone Arsenal Fire Department, the Redstone Arsenal Drug and Alcohol Prevention Center, and the Provost Marshal Office. The Child Development Center is also sponsoring a booth, as are the Officer and Civilian Women's Club and the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club. Partici-

pants also include the Marine Corps Detachment and Redstone Arsenal Youth Services.

The Huntsville Police Department will be there, as will a representative from the Madison Police and the Sheriff's Department. The FBI and ATF also plan to pass out literature; and the Huntsville CrimeStoppers will be there as well. The American Red Cross will participate again this year, and Channel 31 news will be doing a live shot from the grounds.

Activities include a visit from McGruff, mascot of the event, who will arrive via a Huey helicopter courtesy of the Airfield; games for children, face painting, musical entertainment, a baseball throw with speeds clocked by radar devices, K9 demonstrations, clowns, various crime prevention displays, and even food and drinks will be available at a nominal cost.

"I am just amazed at the participation from the community, both here on the Arsenal and in the surrounding areas," Markin said. "Everyone we have contacted is anxious to participate and lend a hand in bringing crime prevention awareness to the community. The best part is it's going to be fun, and a night where families can enjoy themselves and meet their neighbors."

Last year approximately 1,200 people attended the event, and Markin expects about that many this year. "The evening is one everyone looks forward to and is one where everyone has a good time," he said.

Markin said the attendance is a public



FASTBALL— A youngster has his pitch clocked by radar during last year's Night Out event.

show of support for crime prevention night. "This event is a worldwide one and we participate as do many other military installations. Last year we joined over 29.5 million people spreading the word about crime prevention. It shows there is a need to spread the information on preventing crime, and it shows the communities support their law enforcement organizations," he said.

Even if you can not attend the party the evening of August fifth, there is something you can do right from your own home to

show your support. "We are asking everyone to turn on their porch lights that evening as a sign of support," Markin said. "That is also done worldwide and shows everyone you are supporting the efforts of the evening."

There will be ample parking during the event; and Markin said extra patrols will be in the housing units during the event.

For more information, to sign up for a booth, or to donate prize items, call the Investigations Section at 876-3449/2090.

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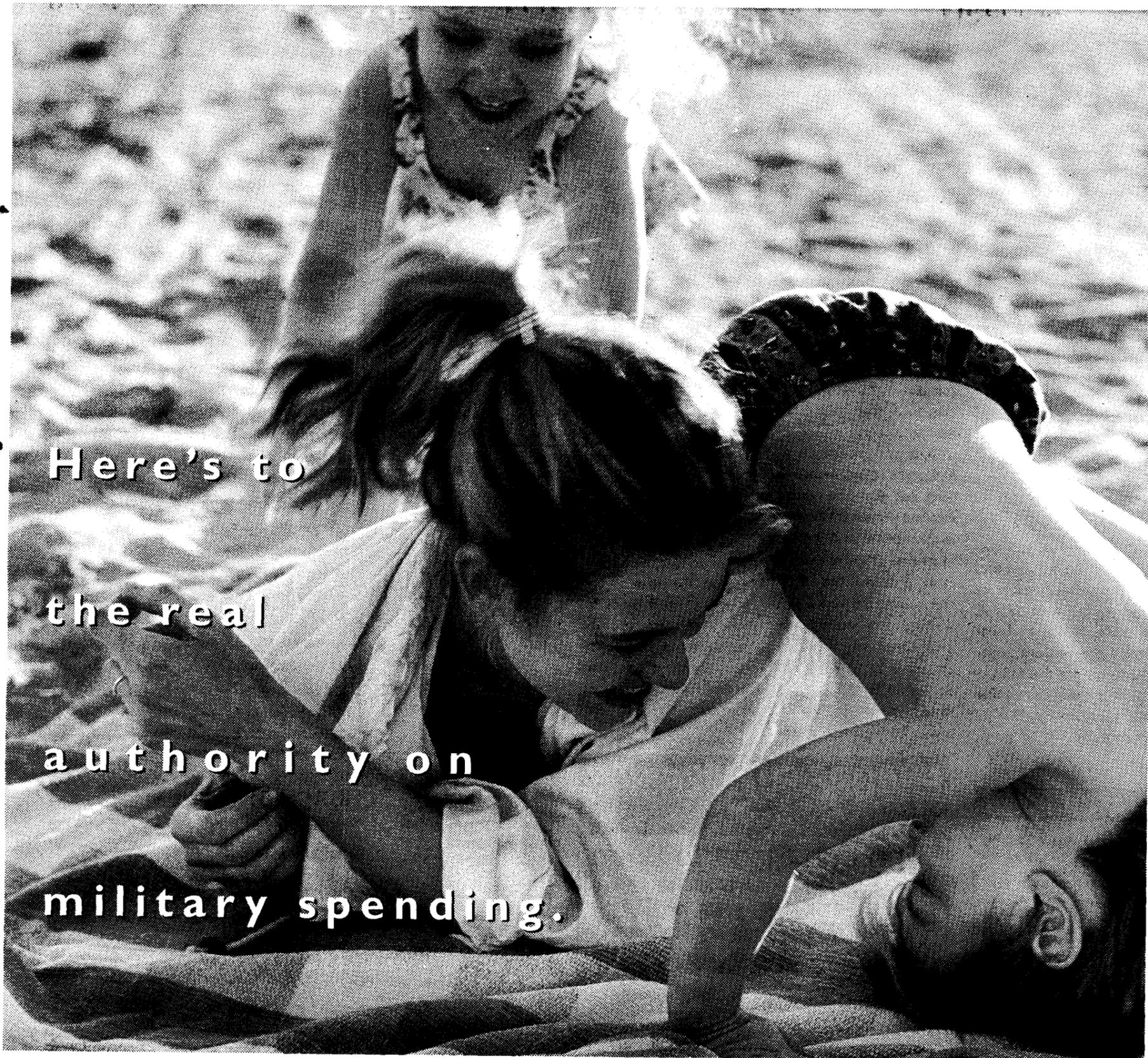
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Recruiters face increasing challenge to fill the ranks

By Skip Vaughn

Now that the Army's drawdown itself is winding down, recruiters are being asked to sign up more new soldiers.

This presents even more of a challenge today because of the many other choices available to young people. "Yes, fiscal year '97 is a challenge for us; but every year is a challenge for us," Col. Richard Durden, commander of the Army 2nd Recruiting Brigade based at Fort Gillem, Ga., said.

The Army hopes to recruit about 90,000 soldiers this year which represents a 22,000 increase over last year's goal.

"Since 1991 our mission had gone down tremendously due to the drawdown of the Army. But now that we have reached a steady state (495,000 soldiers), if one person goes out, one person has to replace that individual. That's why our mission has gone up by 22,000," Durden said.

His brigade, one of five in the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, is responsible for recruiting throughout the Southeast. It has 10 battalions with locations including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Durden visited his recruiters in Huntsville on July 21

About 95 percent of today's recruits are high school graduates and from 67-70 percent score in the upper mental category on their Army standard test. The other 5 percent, with general equivalency diplomas, must score in the top mental category.

"Our quality continues to look great," Durden said. "I can't tell you that young men and women are looking at the military as they have in the past. They're looking at more alternatives—college, joining the work force; we have more trade schools, more opportunity for different types of scholarships. So, we all compete for that same type of individual: high school graduate in the



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upper mental category."

The Army's selling points include \$40,000 to pay for college; an offer of \$65,000 for loan repayment; a \$12,000 bonus for those who select particular specialties; up to a \$2,000 bonus for those who enter particular jobs earlier; and more than a two-year enlist-

ment for some individuals.

Society, education, business and defense all ultimately benefit from Army recruiting, according to Durden.

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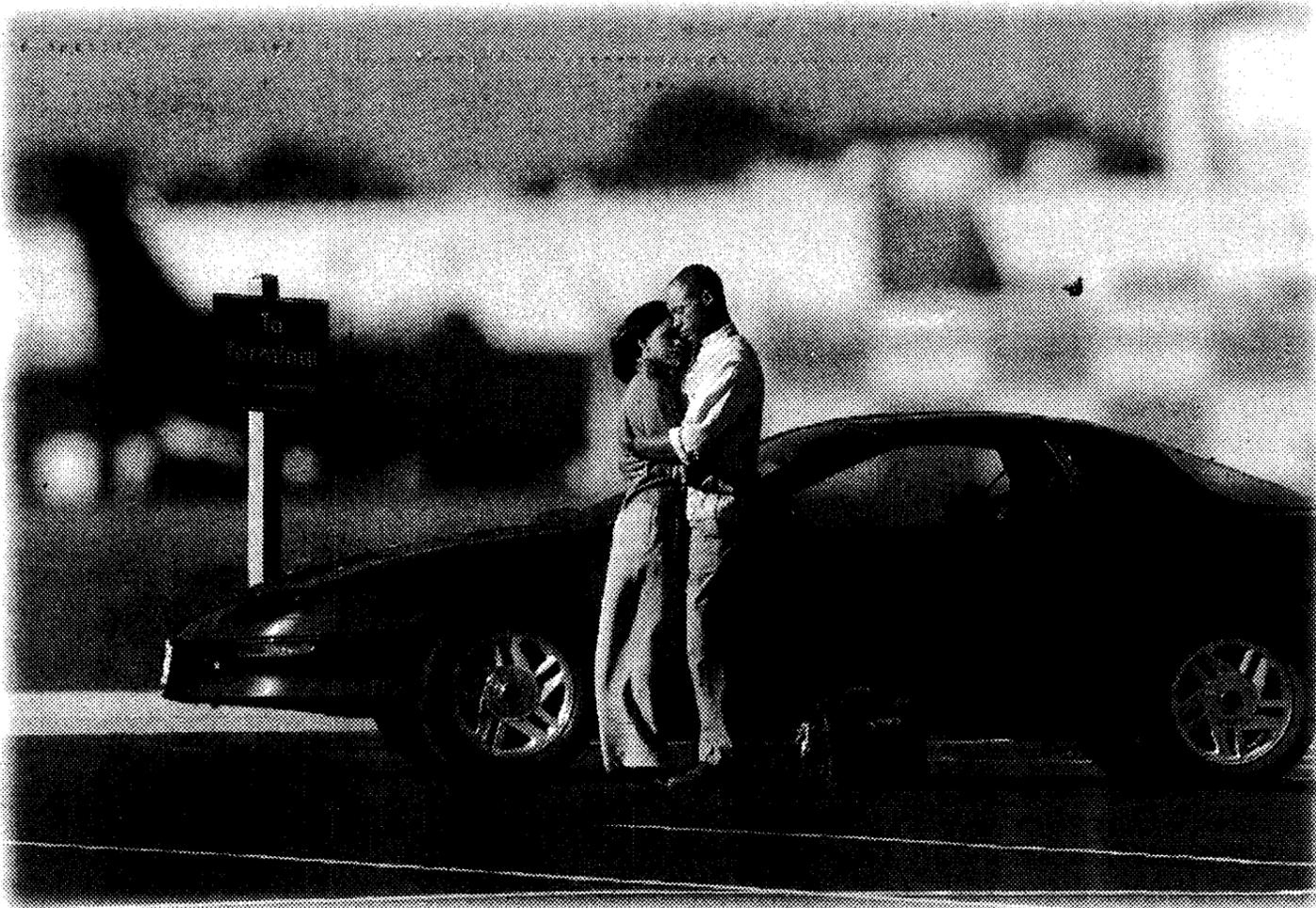
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WASHINGTON— The Defense Department in conjunction with the Armed Services YMCA and the U.S. Naval Institute held a brief ceremony July 23 to honor the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation General Library Chiefs for each of the military departments.

The ceremony was sponsored by the Armed Services YMCA as part of the close-out activities for this year's Young Readers Project and was hosted by Fred Pang, acting under secretary of defense for Personnel and Readiness.

The ceremony recognized the important contribution libraries, librarians, and library staff make to the quality of life of our Armed Forces. The Young Readers Project was created in support of President Clinton's educational objectives, which this year stressed the value and importance of reading, computer literacy, and using the Internet. In support of the Office of the Secretary of Defense's quality of life initiatives, the project encouraged children in four categories to submit essays on the value and the importance of reading. MWR libraries and Department of Defense Dependent Schools around the world provided Internet access to children so that they could transmit their essay submission to the Armed Services YMCA headquarters in Springfield, Va.

The Armed Services YMCA views the Young Readers project as a program to strengthen reading skills among our young students; but equally important, it is a powerful tool to bring families together by encouraging individual and family reading. The breadth of the response to the essay contest was totally unexpected. There were over 4,200 essays submitted from families around the world. Many were from children living in military communities, but others came from isolated areas far from installation support networks, including embassies and other isolated assignments. (DoD release)

Army Community Service open house celebrates 32 years of serving military

By Kathy Harkleroad

Approximately 150 visitors helped Army Community Service celebrate 32 years of serving military families during ACS' open house Thursday.

ACS began as primarily a lending closet and emergency food locker for soldiers and their families; and it has grown and evolved based on the needs of the soldier.

Under the ACS umbrella are such programs as relocation assistance, the lending closet, newcomer's orientation, family member employment assistance, the exceptional family member program, Army Emergency Relief, family advocacy, Total Tots, and the education committee. ACS also administers a Space Camp scholarship program.

Col. Duane Brandt, the deputy post commander, welcomed the guests and spoke about the importance of the volunteer effort within the organization.



SPECIAL BIRTHDAY— Helping Helen Bergantz, Sue Paddock, celebrate Army Community Service's 32nd birthday are, from Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, Brig. Gen. Dan Montgomery and Phyllis Montgomery. left, Brig. Gen. Joe Bergantz,

Col. Clifton Broderick, chief of staff for Aviation and Missile Command, told of the services offered at ACS and how they support the readiness capabilities of the soldiers.

One of the first uniforms

worn by ACS volunteers was on display in the conference room, courtesy of Mary Walker, wife of retired Brig. Gen. Jerry Walker. The old uniform proved to be a conversation topic.

Acting at hosts during the celebration were Sue Paddock, ACS chief; Juanita Brandt, Sal Riccardi, Virginia Dempsey, Juanita Adams, Mary Breeden and Debra Jefferson, as well as several volunteers.

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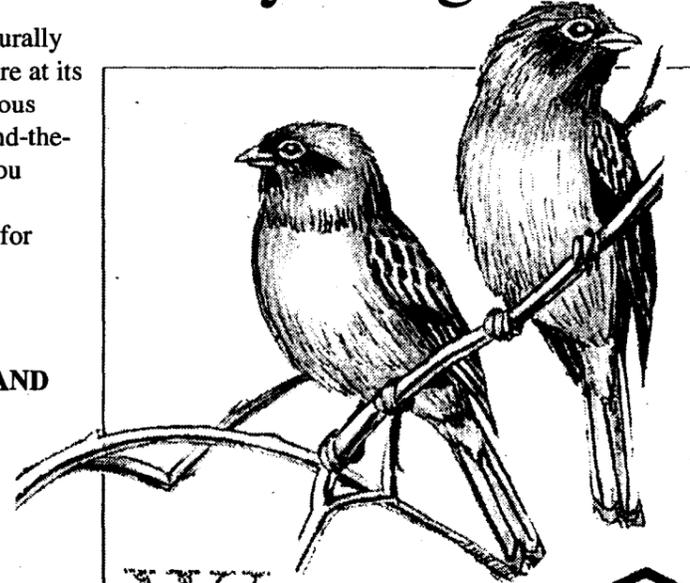
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THAAD team welcomes two new product managers

By Jeff Fawcett and Brian Gollnsneider

The Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) Project Office recently held two Change of Product Manager Ceremonies. Lt. Col. Mark Vaughn replaced Lt. Col. Mary Kaura as the BM/C3I product manager on July 7. Lt. Col. Michael Smith replaced Lt. Col. (promotable) Michael Perrin as the radar product manager on July 18.

Col. Lou Deeter, the THAAD project manager, presided over both ceremonies. Brig. Gen. Dan Montgomery, program executive officer for air and missile defense, presented Meritorious Service Medals to both outgoing product managers. Receptions were held in honor of each incoming product manager in the THAAD conference room after each ceremony.

Vaughn comes to THAAD from an assignment in Washington, D.C., where he served as a staff officer in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army and then as the Acquisition Corps colonel



RADAR MANAGER— Smith, the radar product manager, addresses attendees.

assignment officer. He was commissioned as an Infantry officer in 1979, graduating from the U.S. Military Academy, and also holds a master of science degree in space systems operations from the Naval Postgraduate School. Vaughn and his wife, Julie, have two sons, Thomas, 10, and Matthew, 8.

Vaughn, in his remarks

during the change of product manager ceremony, stressed several things. He was impressed with the team that Kaura had assembled and the work they had done and plans on continuing in the same direction. A second point he made was, "I've spent 18 years in the Army preparing for this exact assignment. I'm excited to be here and



ACCEPTING CHARTER— Deeter, left, presents to Vaughn the BM/C3I product charter.

pledge my total commitment to carry this mission through completion." Vaughn also said, "Of all the places that the Army has sent my family, Huntsville is the place that feels most like home. This is our second assignment here and we look forward to getting involved again in the com-

munity." Smith has been assigned on Redstone for about six months. He comes to THAAD from the National Missile Defense Program in the Ground Based Interceptor Office. Smith enlisted in the Army in 1979 and received an Officer Candidate School commission as

an air defense artillery officer in 1980. He has had assignments in New Mexico, Germany, Texas, and Saudi Arabia. He holds a bachelor of science Degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. Smith and wife, Linda, have two

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Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Center has hammer time

The Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Center's Energy Team received Vice President Al Gore's Golden Hammer Award recently for their innovative program saving energy dollars at Fort Polk, La.

"It's an honor to have this project and the team recognized," Bobby Starling, the Huntsville Center's energy program manager, said.

The Hammer Award recognizes work being done to make government work better and cost less, and symbolizes the efforts to "hammer away" at unnecessary bureaucracy and costly inefficiency.

The Fort Polk project was one of the team's technology specific projects using Energy Savings Performance Contracts. ESPC is an innovative partnership among Huntsville Center, a government facility and private industry. The Fort Polk team included the following agencies: Fort Polk's Directorate of Resource Management and Directorate of Public Works, Forces Command Headquarters, Huntsville Center, Corps of Engineers Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, Co Energy Group (contractor), and Louisiana State University.

As a part of their innovative energy solution, the team at Fort Polk used the constant temperature of the earth to heat and cool facilities at tremendous savings to the government.

"ESPC is a win-win situation," Starling said. "And Fort Polk is a shining example of how well this process works."

According to Starling, the contractor installed 4,003 new ground-source heat pumps in the family housing area at Fort Polk. Contractor investment: about \$18 million. Installation capital investment: zero. The payback: the installation gets new energy-efficient equipment saving energy dol-

lars and improving quality of life for soldiers; the contractor gets about 75 percent of realized energy savings over a period of several years. How much savings? The contractor's projected share over 20 years is about \$35 million.

Besides being the largest performance contract in Department of Defense and the largest ground-source heat pump project in the world, the Fort Polk effort changed industry standards for off-the-shelf heat pumps, Starling said. Because the contractor was purchasing such a large number of heat pumps, they were able to ask the heat pump manufacturer to reinvent the product line to an even more efficient level and change some of the specifications to simplify the installation. The manufacturer complied and now the improved models are available for consumers everywhere. "The ESPC process raised the bar a little higher in the industry— which means it's only a matter of time before other manufacturers follow," Starling said.

A ceremony was held at Huntsville Center to present each Huntsville Energy Team member with a certificate and Hammer Award lapel pin, and, of course, the beribboned and framed "hammer." Team members are Lynda Bonds, David Aldridge, Plyler McManus, Bobby Harman, Gerald Weber, Arkie Fanning, Starling and Adrian Gillespie (energy program manager for Forces Command), Margaret Simmons, Glenn McMaken and Houston Townsend.

"The program owes its success to these people who I have the distinct honor to work with everyday," Starling said at the Huntsville Center ceremony. "They're a highly skilled group, but it's not just ability, it's their attitude and capacity for customer-care that makes the difference."

Which is exactly the formula for the



WINNING TEAM— Members of Huntsville Center's energy team share the Golden Hammer Award. From left are Starling, Lynda Bonds, Arkie Fanning, Houston Townsend, Plyler McManus; and Col. Walter Cunningham, Huntsville Center commander.

principles of Gore's National Performance Review. Those principles include putting customers first; cutting red tape; empowering employees; and getting back to basics.

According to Starling, ESPC is practically an unlimited opportunity for savings. With the award of a billion dollar contract this summer, this innovative program will be available to every state in the union plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. It will be an option open to any government facility— it is not limited to Defense sites.

In fact, any government facilities such as state colleges, Veterans Administration hospitals, or even local city halls can take advantage of the benefits of ESPC and Huntsville Center's expertise in this program.

"This is an opportunity for installations and government agencies to save money that can then be used for other programs that substantially affect their missions," Starling said. (Release from Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Center.)



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Redstone Arsenal is Moving Van U.S.A. this summer

By Kathy Harkleroad

With the arrival of summer comes swimming pools, water sprinklers, kids home with mom, and moving vans. Yes, moving vans. Summer is the time when many military families pack up their belongings and move to a new duty station.

Margie Frederick, transportation manager for Northrop Grumman, said this is the busiest summer of moving she has seen in 20-plus years. "One of the major reasons business here has increased is we are handling the workers from ATCOM as well as processing the soldiers on and off the Arsenal," she said.

"We literally have them coming and going, and are booked solid through July and into August when it comes to making appointments with counselors," she added.

The transportation office handles both inbound and outbound moves of household goods, and is one of the first stops a soldier makes when arriving or departing Redstone. "This year it has been just a bit more hectic than usual because of the ATCOM move," Frederick said.

This office serves as liaison between the soldier and the agent for the moving company and handles all appointments and questions. "Most of the time a soldier's household goods will arrive before they go and the belongings are often put in a temporary storage until a delivery address is obtained. Quite often the soldier will also take leave before signing in at his new duty station and will send his belongings on ahead," Frederick said.

Once the soldier and his household goods are at the same place and a delivery address has been established, the transportation office will schedule a delivery time according to the soldier's request. "We can't guarantee a date, but we sure can come close to having the household goods delivered within 5-10 working days. A lot depends on the mover's schedule and how busy they are," Frederick said.

The aforementioned also applies to the moves occurring from St. Louis, and this has kept the transportation office busy.

Soldiers leaving the Arsenal visit the transportation office to schedule the pickup of their household goods, and depending on where they are going, to find what kind of move they will be participating in.

"There are special moves for soldiers going overseas which require special handling and there are several options a soldier can choose when moving within the United States," Frederick said. "We go over all the options of each kind of move and the soldier will ultimately make the decision as to what kind it will be."

Once a soldier, and preferably his spouse or authorized releasing agent, arrive at the transportation office for the appointment with the counselor, they learn what their entitlements are when it comes to having their household goods shipped. "I strongly recommend the soldier brings in their spouse or releasing agent to this meeting. After all, they need to know what is going on when and what needs to be done," Frederick said.

The personnel at the transportation



PACKING UP— Moving vans can be spotted all over the Arsenal this summer as soldiers and their families head to their new duty

office will schedule the packing and pickup dates of the household goods according to the soldier's requested schedule, if possible. "Right now we are encouraging everyone who receives orders to come in immediately and schedule their move," Frederick said. "Even if they are not due to leave until October, they need to come in now."

Soldiers have the option of requesting a certain moving company or requesting that a certain moving company not be used. "Soldiers can also request to have their household goods crated at the time of pickup, and I recommend it if the goods will be

stations. The transportation office is responsible for scheduling all in- and out-bound moves.

in storage for any length of time," Frederick said.

There are some restrictions when it comes to moving household goods; and these include weight and unwanted guests. "One of the biggest problems we have in the South is bugs. Moving companies refuse to move household goods that have bugs and we stress that to the soldier," she said. "Quite a few families really don't think about it and have to delay their move until the pests are gone. It's better to get rid

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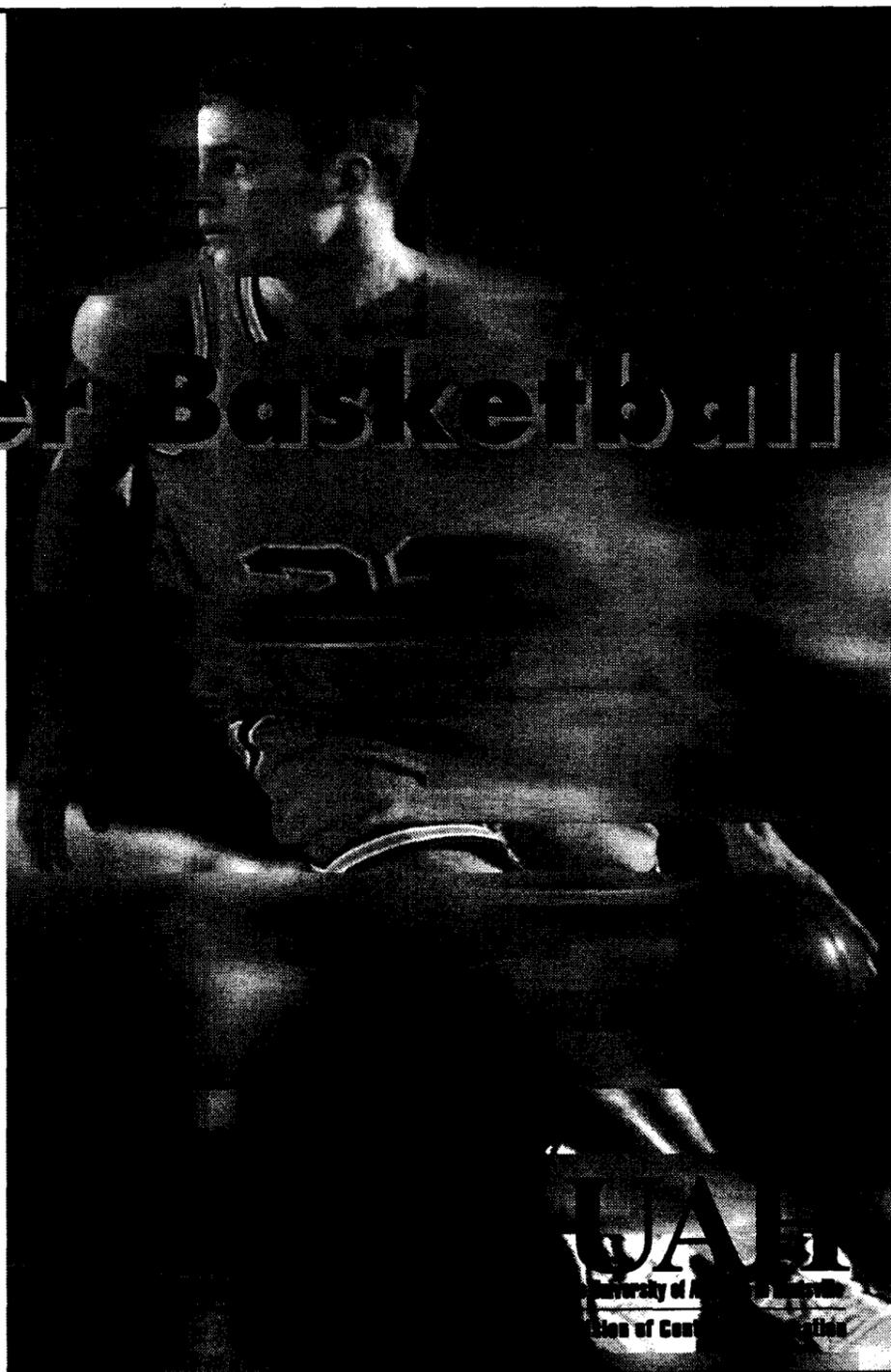
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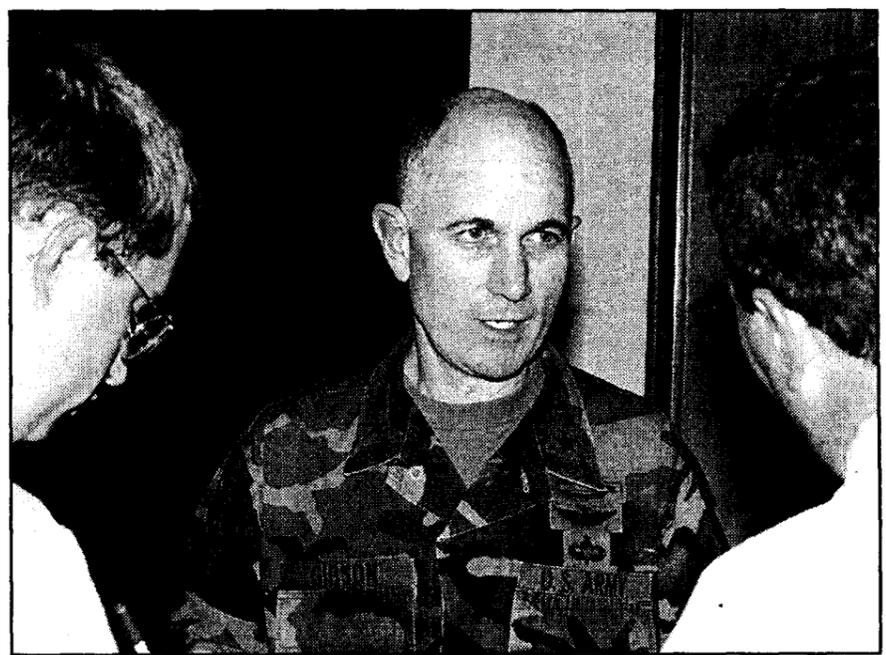
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"The Internet is growing in popularity with customers because it allows them to compare prices at home. Second, many durables translate well into this medium, which provides detailed graphics as well as ample space to provide product information. The demographics of our military customers places them high in computer literacy categories.

"AAFES began development of our World Wide Web home page in early 1996. Since then, we've established an all-services catalog home page and started design of a product delivery system for our customers. Currently, users can view exchange locations, use the tabloid browser, offer comments and suggestions, and receive general customer information. In addition, they can go on-line and view more than 1,500 items that have been selected from our all-services catalog merchandise assortment, which is updated weekly. This service is

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Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, the new commander of Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, talks to reporters after the AMCOM change of command ceremony July 17.

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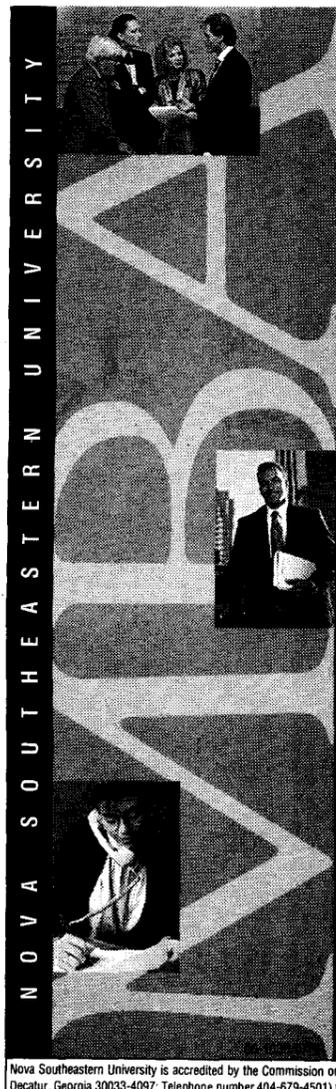
By Karim Abdian

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Added savings for the year may arise from two other projects that are due for delivery late in fiscal 1997. They have the potential to save an additional \$918,000. This would bring the total savings for the year to \$81.726 million or 233 percent of the goal. *Editor's note: Abdian served as ATCOM OSCRVN program manager.*

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Armstrong assumes command of Melvin Price Center garrison

Lt. Col. Keith Armstrong has assumed command of the Charles Melvin Price Support Center, Granite City, Ill., which now reports to Redstone Arsenal.

The center, previously part of the Aviation and Troop Command, held a change of command ceremony July 9. Armstrong assumed command from Lt. Col. Allan Chong.

The center's mission is to provide administrative, logistical and recreational support to all branches of the armed forces in the greater metropolitan St. Louis area. ATCOM has merged with the Missile Command to form the Aviation and Missile Command at Redstone.

In addition, the center supports about 75 military and governmental agencies.

"U.S. Army Garrison On Your Side.... Working Smarter" is the motto of the U.S. Army Garrison Charles Melvin Price Support Center.

The garrison's land size in Granite City is about 686 acres. It maintains a total of 1.5 million square feet of enclosed warehouse storage space and 685,000 square feet of open storage space for its customers.

The garrison's name is in tribute to the late Charles Melvin Price, U.S. representative from Illinois' 21st district. To honor his outstanding support of the military, Congress dedicated the support center in his name.

The center has 164 family housing units of which 100 went up in 1990, including two general officers' quarters. Moreover, the garrison has a newly renovated 50-soldier-capacity barracks and is fully capable of providing all the necessities needed to make the single soldiers feel right at home. For believers, there is a conveniently located chapel offering various worship services to support the needs of servicemembers and their families.

There is an Army Community Service Center, the most important support agency for the Army family; and it provides programs to help families should emergencies arise.

A modern Child Development Center is available on the garrison with the capacity to handle up to 56 children. A Youth Center with the capacity of 104 is also available. It has a complete after-school computer and homework center to assist children in their educational studies.

Also, the center maintains a variety of leisure activities for all ages, ranging from a Community Activities Center, Arts and Crafts Shop and an Auto Craft Shop. The garrison has a nine-hole golf course, an eight-lane bowling center, an outdoor swimming pool and a physical fitness center.

The center has two major shopping facilities, a

Post Exchange and Commissary. They co-locate adjacently to one another near the post's center for their customers' convenience. In addition the center has a library containing a wide selection of current reading material. Next to the library is the Education Center. There are numerous educational opportunities available in the bi-state area. The Education Center provides counseling to assist soldiers in pursuing their civilian education.

The staff members' No. 1 goal is to provide the best possible service to their customers.



CENTER CEREMONY— Attending the change of command ceremony for Melvin Price Support Center are, from left, Phyllis Gigante-Chong; Lt. Col. Chong, outgoing garrison commander;

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THAAD radar gets pointers from West Point cadet

By Brian Gollsneider

West Point. The U.S. Military Academy. These phrases conjure up names like Eisenhower, MacArthur, and Bradley from the school's history; military leaders who have made great sacrifices for our nation. West Point graduates have certainly made tremendous military contributions to the defense of the United States but there are many aspects to the development of these leaders. The THAAD Project Office recently became acquainted with the academic aspect of West Point by sponsoring Cadet Dustin Schrock from June 14 to July 3.

The U.S. Military Academy was founded in 1802 at West Point, N.Y., and given the mission of developing Army officers who also had good engineering skills. In 1802, the United States was going through a period of tremendous expansion and officers frequently had to defend settlers and solve substantial engineering challenges. West Point still performs its development

mission and has established a program called Advanced Individual Academic Development (AIAD) to enhance academic opportunities for cadets.

AIAD is a voluntary three-week program offered to engineering majors during the summer prior to their senior year. About 10 percent of the cadets participate in the program. Its purposes are to enrich the cadet's academic experiences, to gain an appreciation of the acquisition process, and to represent West Point to the public. The program has been around for many years under various names and the author of this article participated in the program at Ft. Monmouth, N.J., in 1984 when it was called Voluntary Summer Training.

The THAAD Project Office has been involved with the AIAD program since October 1996 when West Point put out its first call for summer 1997 projects. THAAD has made a significant commitment to the program, putting together a project proposal for West Point's approval,



SCHROCK

appointing a sponsor for the cadet before and during his time in Huntsville, and also paying the cadet's TDY costs. West Point matched up the project with the inter-

ested cadet's academic background and the THAAD Radar Product Office was fortunate enough to make the approved project list.

For the project itself, Schrock observed several tests performed at Florida International University in Miami on a prototype heat transfer unit and worked closely with the lead engineers on the study. He reviewed design drawings, materials tests, and test plans. The project is a study in the effectiveness of composite materials to perform heat flow inside of the antenna elements of the radar. It has immediate applicability to the development of the radar and is a challenging, self-contained project that is able to be finished within three weeks. In fact, the conclusions that Schrock reached are being reviewed now for possible incorporation into the radar.

Schrock is from Aledo, Ill., and entered West Point in June 1994 directly out of high school. His interests

include philosophy and karate. He is pursuing a mechanical engineering degree and graduates in May 1998. He has the distinction of earning the Superintendent's Award each semester with at least a B average in the military, physical and academic disciplines. Last summer he attended Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga., and Cadet Troop Leadership Training at Fort Sill, Okla. He hopes to be commissioned as an aviation officer.

West Point has come up with a program that benefits everyone. The THAAD Project Office is excited about its involvement and is looking forward to continuing its support by sponsoring more cadets next year.

(Editor's note: Maj. Gollsneider is an action officer in the THAAD Radar Product Office.)

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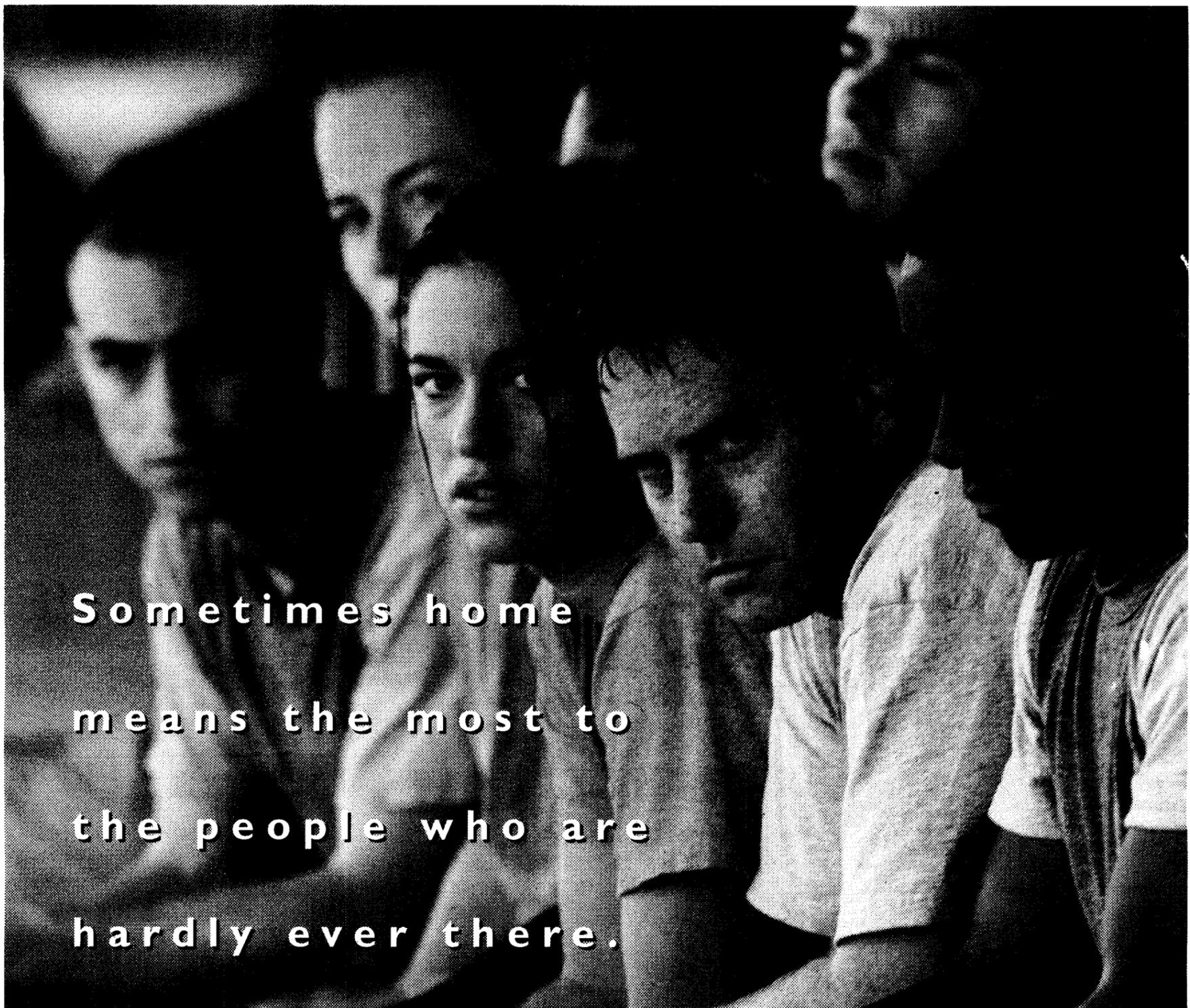
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Sports & Recreation

Motorcycle riders' courses slated for Team Redstone

By Sandra Jackson

Motorcycles have long been a popular means of recreation and transportation in the United States. Many members of Team Redstone share in the enjoyment of this activity. In an effort to promote motorcycle safety, the AMCOM Safety Office will be sponsoring Motorcycle Rider's Safety courses. These courses will be taught by Montevallo State College and will be provided free to military and civilian personnel stationed on Redstone Arsenal. You must have a valid driver's license and at least one year of riding experience (preferred) to par-

ticipate in this course.

Prior to registering a motorcycle on post, each motorcycle operator is required to satisfactorily complete an Army-approved motorcycle safety course. If you have registered a motorcycle on post during the past two years, you are encouraged to attend this class as soon as possible. This course will be required prior to renewal of your current registration.

Soldiers at all times and civilian employees on post or on government business while riding a motorcycle are required to wear a properly fastened, Department of Transportation (DOT) approved helmet.

Proper eye protection (clear goggles or a face shield attached to the helmet), full-fingered gloves, long trousers, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, high visibility garments (bright color for day and reflective for night), and leather boots or over the ankle shoes must also be worn. It is important to note that Alabama state law requires motorcyclists wear helmets while operating or riding on a motorcycle.

Regardless of how much experience a rider may have, this class addresses vital safety issues which will be of great benefit. The first course is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 2 from 8-noon (classroom portion)

and 1-5 p.m. (riding portion) at Drake Technical College, 3421 Meridian St. A second course is scheduled for Sept. 20. Space is limited to 12 students per class and is offered on a first come, first served basis. To sign up, go by the Army Education Center located in building 3222. If you would like more information, they can be contacted at 876-9761.

The AMCOM Safety Office urges you to enjoy the open roads on Redstone Arsenal and always remember to ride safe.

(Editor's note: Jackson is an installation safety specialist at AMCOM Safety Office.)

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- **Bingo**— The Challenger Bingo Activity presents Fabulous '50s Bingo Night, Aug. 22. For more information, call 837-0751.

- **Fall soccer registration (Youth Services)**— Now through July 31 for ages 4-18. The cost is \$20 per child; and season play will begin in August. Sign your child up at building 3148 from 1-7 p.m. For more information, call 876-2255.
- **Child care providers**— Child Development Services is seeking Family Child Care Providers. If you would be interested in providing in-home care, please go by building 113 and get an application. You will have a training period and will be required to follow the certification proce-

- dures to qualify as an FCC Provider. For more information, call 876-3704.
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Sports & Recreation

Redstone Rockets team selected for Army Ten-Miler

Members of Redstone's team for the Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C., have been selected after tryouts held on post.

They include the following: Skip Vaughn, AMCOM civilian, team coach; Rocky Glidewell, SSDC civilian (59:24 qualifying time); Maj. Michael Callahan, Army TACMS-BAT Project Office (1:01:32); Capt. Morris Brodrick, OMMCS (1:06:45); Alexander Steel, Army civilian spouse (1:06:52); 2nd Lt. Charles McPhail, Headquarters & A Company 832nd (1:08:26); Col. William S. Johnson, Dental Clinic Command (1:08:31); MSgt. Josephine Venanzi, Readiness Group (1:18:19); Jean Grotophorst, Army TACMS-BAT Project (1:24:25); 2nd Lt. Carrie Webb, Hq & A Co. 832nd (1:29:21); and Judy Ann Mulkey, Army civilian spouse (1:35:48).

The 13th-annual Army Ten-Miler will be held Oct. 12 near the Pentagon. The largest 10-mile race in the United States, it is widely recognized as one the nation's premier races and a high point in the Army's year.

Co-hosted by the Military District of Washington and the Association of the United States Army, the race is open to all ages and abilities. Proceeds from the race benefit soldier and soldier-family programs.

"This year's race continues the great tradition of the Army Ten Miler," race coordinator Paul Banta said. Banta is with MDW, which is conducting the race this year independently from the Headquarters Army Recreation Services. "We are excited about making the race the best one yet," Banta said.

Troop softball

Here are the standings for unit-level softball as of July 24:

Eastern Conference

	W	L
Marines	4	1
B Company 832nd	2	4
Hq & A Company	1	4
MEDDAC	1	4

Western Conference

	W	L
Readiness Group	5	1
D Company 832nd	2	1
C Company 832nd	3	2
HHC MICOM	2	3

Runway Run 5K lands Aug. 9 at Huntsville Airport

Our new arrivals from St. Louis—the ones who like to run anyway—might be interested in the upcoming Runway Run 5K at Huntsville Airport. After all, they can just get off their plane and start running with the crowd.

The Huntsville International 5K Runway Run will be held at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Huntsville International Airport. The TAC-certified race will actually be held on the west runway.

All entrants will receive race logo T-shirts. The top three finishers in each age division will win special commemorative trophies. In addition, the first place overall and masters winners will also receive two roundtrip airline tickets good for travel anywhere in



TAKEOFF— This will be the scene again Aug. 9 at Huntsville International Airport.

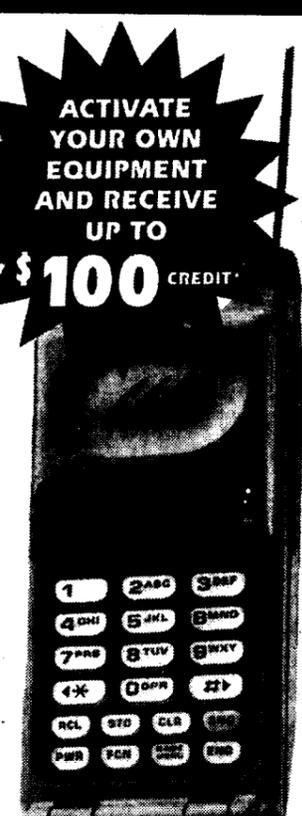
the continental United States.

All registered runners will also be eligible for a drawing for several airline ticket pairs to be given away during the awards ceremony. Airline ticket drawings are courtesy of Ameri-

can Airlines, Delta Air Lines, COMAIR, Northwest Airlin, US Airways and US Airways Express. A corporate team division is also available. Post-race refreshments will be sponsored by Pepsi-Cola, Purity Dairies and Sheraton Four

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Curcio accepts charter of UGV joint project office here

By Skip Vaughn

They stood at parade rest in formation, 30 strong in the hot sun, these members of the Marine Corps Detachment.

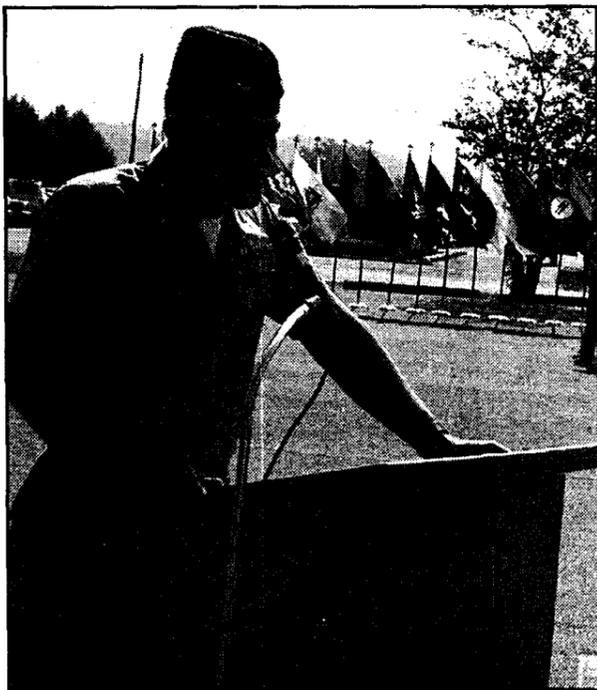
The occasion Friday was pure Marine. Two Marines were exchanging command of the Unmanned Ground Vehicles/Systems Joint Project Office.

Col. Jeff Kotora, the UGV project manager since May 1993, retired after 28 years in this proud corps. The incoming project manager, Col. Ken Curcio, previously served as director of Marine Corps ground programs in Quantico, Va.

The UGV project manager reports to Army Brig. Gen. Robert Armbruster, deputy for systems acquisition at the Aviation and Missile Command. "Colonel Kotora is absolutely a fine example of the firm foundation in the Marine Corps of high quality officers," Armbruster said. The general also welcomed Curcio who he has known the past several years during Curcio's tour in Quantico.

"Obviously we're excited about having this kind of office in Huntsville and also at AMCOM," Armbruster said.

Curcio, 49, a native of Portsmouth, Ohio, served in Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm as executive officer with the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. He served in Beirut, Lebanon as part of the Multinational Peacekeeping Force. Curcio is married to the former Sharon Stanton of Devon, Pa.



NEW ARRIVAL— Curcio delivers remarks after becoming the UGV project manager.

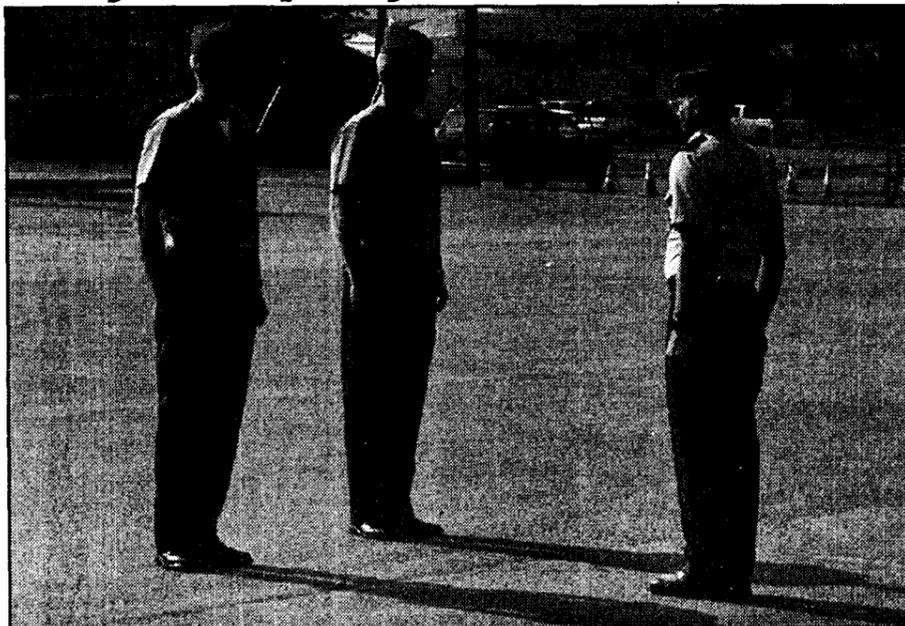
"My wife, Sharon, and I are very pleased to become a part of Team Redstone," Curcio said.

Kotora, a native of Milwaukee, Wis., joined the Marine Corps in March 1969 and was trained as a rifleman at Camp Pendleton, Calif. His early assignments included service as a forward observer and fire direction officer with 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, and as a naval gunfire liaison officer in Vietnam. He

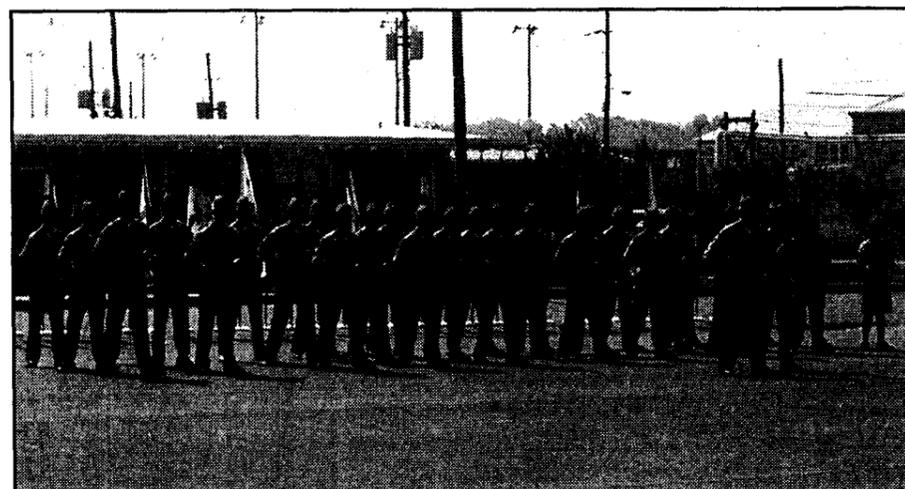
and his wife, Linda, have three children. The Kotoras plan to stay in Huntsville.

"You meet a lot of outstanding people over the course of a career and I've certainly had that privilege as well," Kotora said.

The change of project manager ceremony was followed immediately by Kotora's retirement ceremony during which he received the Defense Superior Service Medal.



ATTENTION— From left Curcio, Kotora and Armbruster stand at attention during the change of project manager ceremony.



THE FEW, THE PROUD— Members of the Marine Corps Detachment participate in the UGV ceremony.

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Cohen: United States must engage in world affairs

By Linda D. Kozaryn

WASHINGTON — The goal is simple: create a more stable, democratic, prosperous world with fewer threats to American interests.

To reach this goal — a security vision for the 21st century — America must engage in world affairs, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen told the World Affairs Council in San Francisco July 21.

Although some would like to avoid foreign entanglements," Cohen said, "America cannot walk away from the world. ... We cannot afford to ... zip ourselves into some form of continental cocoon and watch events unfold on CNN."

Engagement includes strengthening the U.S.-Japan alliance by updating

defense guidelines and maintaining a strong relationship with Korea, Cohen said. It includes enhancing alliances in Southeast Asia, a region that will soon overtake Europe as America's second-largest export market.

It also includes "working with China where we can, disagreeing where we must and doing what we can in a very firm, clear-eyed fashion to ensure China contributes to the tides of economic dynamism and cooperation and trust that are filling the Pacific Basin," Cohen said.

America's ties to Europe are now expanding through its membership in NATO. NATO's Founding Act with Russia, signed in May, and NATO-Ukraine charter, signed in July, pave the way for cooperation and consul-

tation with the former Soviet states, Cohen said. The Atlantic alliance also recently opened its doors to three new member candidates: Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic.

New ties among these European nations make America more secure, Cohen said. As history has shown, "when Europe is safe, America is more secure. When peace in Europe is threatened, its storms will touch the shores of the United States."

Cohen noted while thousands of Americans fought and died defending freedom in Europe twice in this century, no American blood has

been shed fighting for any European nation in the last 50 years. NATO has not been attacked, and no NATO nation has ever attacked another, he said.

"So you can see that by spreading stability, prosperity, ending regional conflicts, regional aggression, we have a much more cost-effective foreign policy, not to mention a much more humane foreign policy," Cohen said.

During a recent trip to Ukraine, Cohen said, he visited a NATO Partnership for Peace exercise involving U.S. forces from the California National Guard, Ukraine and nine other for-

mer Warsaw Pact nations.

"They were all gathered on what used to be the largest Soviet military training ground in Europe," he said. "It was an inspiring sight to watch these countries parade across the ground in front of me, marching to their own national anthems. This is an area that had once known the footfalls of troops from one-half of Europe who were training for war with the other, and yet that day, I saw forces from all over Europe who had come to train for peace."

Expanding NATO offers security and stability to nations that have suffered

greatly from five decades of Soviet oppression, Cohen said. The enlargement process is also causing nations to improve their relationships with each other and fix disputes that, in the past, would have led to major conflict.

By engaging in world affairs in the Far East, Europe and elsewhere around the globe, Cohen said, America can help create "a new century that isn't defined by conflict, but by cooperation and not by its perils but by its promise." (American Forces Press Service)

Rock the Square slated Aug. 8-9

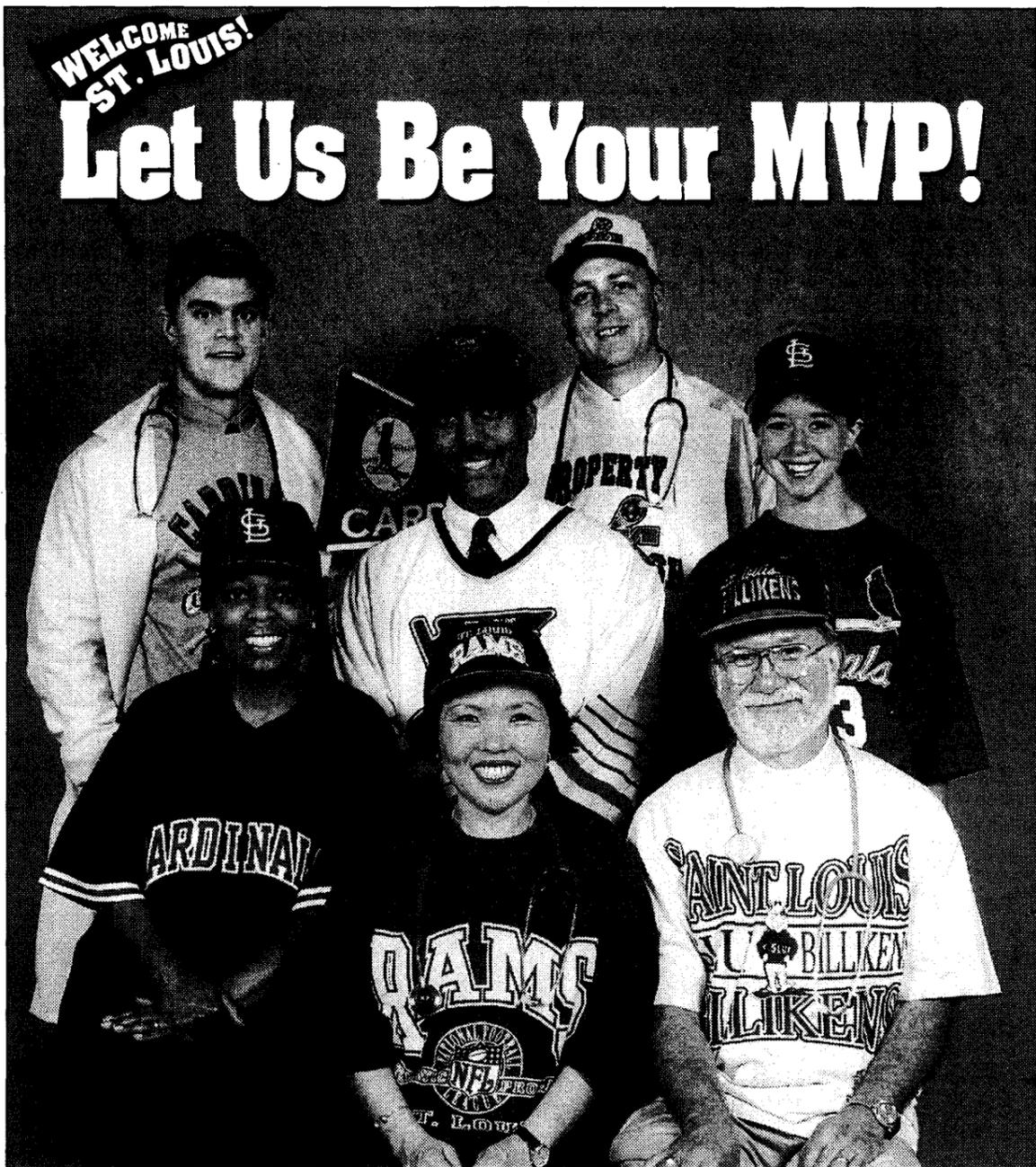
Newcomers will eat free on Aug. 9 at this year's Rock the Square festival in Huntsville.

The Aug. 8-9 festival includes open air musical concerts and a variety of entertainment outside the Madison County Courthouse downtown.

"We'll feed our new friends barbecue ribs, shrimp, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, some cajun cooking and top it off with homemade ice cream," John Cockerham, festival organizer, said. "We want to show them what north Alabama has to offer as far as food, entertainment and even organizations they can get involved in this community."

Cockerham and his all-volunteer team, with support from the city of Huntsville and Madison County, have planned a two day event full of live musical entertainment, dancers, magicians, clowns, arts & crafts and a children's "Do Wa Ditty" parade. "We'll have something for the whole family," Cockerham said.

Rock the Square is scheduled Friday, Aug. 8 from 5:30-10 p.m. and Aug. 9 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Tickets for free food to newcomers can be picked up at the information booth 4-5 p.m. Aug. 9 at the west side of the square.



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Recruiting results released for first half of fiscal year 1997

WASHINGTON — Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy, Fred Pang, announced recruiting results for the first half of Fiscal Year 1997. Through March 1997, the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force met their non-prior service (NPS) recruiting goals; the Army achieved 91 percent of its goal. Although the Army missed its March recruiting objective, we expect all Services will meet year-end recruiting objectives. Thus far, the Services have 86 percent of their annual recruiting goal of 207,284 recruits in the Delayed Entry Program (DEP) or shipped.

Recruit quality remains strong. Through March 1997, 92 percent of recruits were high school diploma graduates (HSDGs), and 70 percent of recruits scored in the upper half of the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT Categories I-III), while only two percent of new recruits scored in the lowest acceptable category (AFQT Category IV). DoD-wide, these proportions are

down two percentage points for HSDGs, up one percentage point for Category I-IIAs, and up one percentage point for AFQT Category IV.

Although the Army shows a slight fluctuation in NPS recruit quality, with HSDGs at 87 percent, down from 93 percent; and Category IV recruits at 4 percent, up from 2 percent last year, its NPS recruits in Categories I-III increased from 66 to 69 percent. Army NPS [DEP + accession] quality is above DoD benchmarks: 91 percent HSDGs and 69 percent scoring above average on the enlistment test. The quality of Army entrants with prior service is high: 96 percent HSDGs, 71 percent I-IIAs, and only 1.4 percent scoring in AFQT Category IV. The Army anticipates meeting its end-strength through a combination of recruiting and other personnel actions such as increased retention and lowered attrition.

New recruit demographics continue to show diversity in social representation.

Compared to the same period in FY 1996, the proportion of Black recruits remains at 20 percent. Representation of Hispanic recruits is strong (10 percent). The representation of Other minorities (e.g., American Indians, Asian-Pacific Islanders) increased from 5 to 6 percent. Department-wide, the proportion of female recruits remains steady (18 percent) — the Air Force accessed the greatest percentage (29 percent). Compared to last March, the proportion of female accessions in the Navy decreased the most (16 to 13 percent).

Pang emphasized that recruiting success is vital to the all-volunteer force and to the Nation's security. "We are committed to adequate investments in recruiting and advertising to ensure that the pool of young men and women interested in the military will be sufficient to meet Service personnel requirements in the future." (DoD release)



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Shelton nominated as next chairman of joint chiefs

By Linda D. Kozaryn

WASHINGTON — President Clinton nominated Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton July 17 to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Shelton, who goes by the nickname "Hugh," currently is commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. Once confirmed by Congress, he will succeed Army Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, set to retire at the end of September after nearly 40 years of military service.

As chairman, Shelton will be the senior ranking member of the armed forces and will serve as the principal military adviser to the president and the secretary of defense.

At a ceremony on the White House south lawn, Clinton called Shelton "the right person for the job, ... for our troops, for our security, the right man for our country."

"Over more than three decades of service to our nation, he has distinguished himself as a decorated soldier, an innovative thinker, a superb commander. From Vietnam to Desert Storm, he has proven his skill and courage in combat."

Clinton said Shelton's experience as Special Operations Command commander gives him a unique perspective for the new century's challenges — "from war fighting to peacekeeping, from conventional threats to newer threats like the spread of weapons of mass destruction and terrorism."

While commander of XVIII Airborne Corps, Shelton helped plan Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti. As joint task force commander of the operation, he oversaw the shift from a forced entry to a peaceful arrival. His leadership personified "the best of America: strong and skillful with great sensitivity and no nonsense," Clinton said.

"Our mission in Haiti was a model of effectiveness, flexibility and safety. It proved that our military's will to defend peace is as great as its ability to prevail in war. And thanks in large measure to Gen. Shelton's determined leadership, America got a tough job done and helped the people of Haiti return to democracy's road."

Shelton has always shown exceptional concern for the men and women under his command, Clinton said. "He's led a platoon, a company, a battalion, a brigade, a division, a corps, a unified command. But he always remembers the individual soldier, sailor, airmen or Marine."

"Gen. Shelton has the knowledge, judgment and experience to advise Secretary [of Defense William] Cohen and me on the very best way to defend our interests and to protect our men and women in uniform."

Shelton told the president he is both humbled and honored by his nomination. He thanked God, his family and the thousands of servicemembers who have supported him throughout his career.

"With this honor comes the awesome responsibility of ensuring that our armed forces remain trained, ready and equipped to deal with the threats and dangers of today as well as an uncertain future," he said. "This is a responsibility that I accept without hesitation or reservation, and I certainly look forward to continuing to serve along beside America's best — the great men and women of our armed forces who serve proudly and selflessly." Following the ceremony, Cohen said Shelton's warfighting experience, diplomatic skill, global perspective and human touch were important factors in his decision to recommend the general to the president. "I'm confi-

dent that Gen. Shelton's leadership, experience and skill will serve him well as he meets this new challenge," he said.

In a statement released by the Pentagon, Shalikashvili said Shelton is the right officer to lead the armed forces into the 21st century and called him a "consummate military professional; a decorated combat veteran and a superb leader." "Gen. Shelton has the proven skills, the broad experience and, most importantly, the dynamic vision required to ensure our military forces remain the best in the world," he said. (American Forces Press Service)

DoD develops paintless aircraft technology

WASHINGTON— The Joint Strike Fighter Program, a Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps initiative, together with the 3M Corp. and the Boeing Co., has developed technology to replace exterior paint on military aircraft, creating the first military "paintless aircraft."

"The paintless aircraft technology represents an environmental breakthrough for the military that has the potential to save the Defense Department billions of dollars. The new technology will significantly reduce hazardous materials, cut fuel costs, and improve corrosion protection," said Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security Sherri W. Goodman at a press conference July 17.

The majority of all hazardous materials associated with aircraft comes from painting and depainting. The Joint Strike Fighter expects to save in excess of \$3 billion for the life cycle of the fleet.

Robert Pirie, acting assistant secretary of the Navy, who joined Goodman at Naval Air Station Patuxent River said, "The Joint Strike Fighter initiative has afforded the Navy the opportunity to take a proactive role in finding new ways to reduce hazardous materials disposal costs. And it has the added benefit of teaming the Navy and Marine Corps with other Services and industry in doing so."

The first "paintless aircraft" is currently being

flight tested on an F/A-18 at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md.

Rear Adm. Craig Steidle, director of the Joint Strike Fighter Program and Tad McCall, deputy assistant

secretary of the Air Force for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health also joined Goodman and Pirie today at Naval Air Station Patuxent, Md. (DoD release)

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daughters, Michelle, 22, and Jaclynn, 14, and have just recently become proud grandparents.

Smith was pleased to recognize several distinguished visitors attending the radar change of product manager ceremony that he had worked with on previous assignments and who are now stationed on Redstone. "It means a great deal to me to have you take time out of your busy schedules to watch one of your former soldiers climb the next rung of the ladder." Smith also said, "I want to thank Lt. Col. Perrin for leaving me a great product but even more a great organization filled with a group of consummate professionals. I consider this assignment as a great opportunity to practice what I've learned over the past few years and I pledge to continue to support the Radar Project personnel and field a quality product to the user community."

Kaura is now attending the U.S. Army Senior Service College Fellowship in

Austin, Texas. Perrin is now stationed in the Pentagon and has a follow-on assignment at the Defense Contract Management Command, New York.

The THAAD program is developing the upper tier system for protecting the theater wide area against tactical ballistic missiles. THAAD will have the world's first endo- and exo-atmospheric interceptor when finished, which provides the capability for multiple shot opportunities against both the shorter range and the high velocity longer range theater missile threat set. Major upcoming events in the program schedule are Flight Test 08 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., at the end of 1997 and entering the engineering, manufacturing, and development (EMD) phase of the development cycle, projected for second quarter of fiscal 1999.

(Editor's note: Jeff Fawcett and Maj. Brian Gollsnieder are members of THAAD Project Office.)

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ive. "We haven't had any complaints. We've received a bunch of e-mail from people telling us that they like it," Martel said.

The best part of the project was that it was accomplished off the clock, he said. "We took some ideas, exchanged a lot of e-mail between Gadsden and Rogersville, and got it done without any impacts on (Brown's) or my missions."

Concurrent with the launch of the AMCOM website, three new sites debuted: Personnel and Training Directorate (www.redstone.army.mil/pt/); Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Prevention and Control Office (www.redstone.army.mil/adapcp/home.html); and the Equal Employment Opportunity Office (www.redstone.army.mil/eeo/).

The web address for the site is: www.redstone.army.mil.

(Editor's note: The Team Redstone Web Consortium provided this article.)

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ment," Snider said.

Its challenges include keeping these aviation programs on track and meeting milestones for the larger programs: Comanche and Longbow Apache. Comanche is in development, flight testing. Longbow Apache is now in production. Another major challenge of the program executive office is to ensure that it meets the requirements for digitization of its aircraft.

"We meet the challenges by working together as a team— PEO Aviation, AMCOM (Aviation and Missile Command), and industry," Snider said.

Most of its systems are helicopters. The PEO is also responsible for aircraft surviv-

ability equipment which includes electronic countermeasures to counter enemy threats. It has a program management shop called the Aviation Electronic Combat office which is responsible for infrared and radar warning devices and jammers. That office also develops and produces aviation radios in conjunction with the Communications Electronics Command out of Fort Monmouth, N.J.

"PEO Aviation will continue to modernize and digitize the aviation force," Snider said. "I think that what we'll see in the future is great synergy obtained when the Comanche and Apache are fielded together, and provide the Army a very dominant capability."

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of them even before packers get there."

Other restrictions include perishable goods, explosives, plants, fresh fruits or flowers, building materials, and pets.

Speaking of pets, Frederick has some advice to anyone who is moving. "Make sure you separate items that you want the movers to pack and the items you are taking with you. And most importantly, confine your pets. We recently had a cat slip into a crate and it was not discovered until two weeks later," she said. "Luckily the cat had

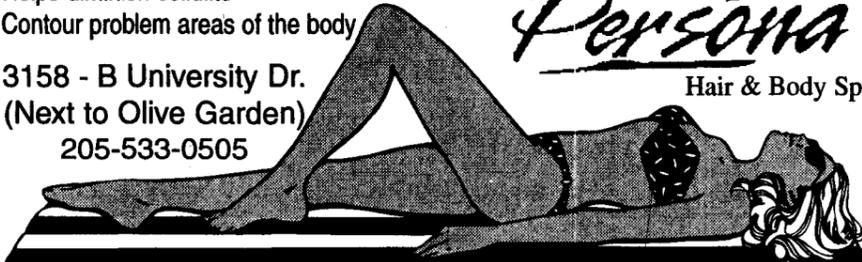
survived the trip; and we strong recommend pets are located elsewhere during the time the movers are there."

Moves within the continental United States can be done one of two ways: with a moving company or a Do-It-Yourself (DITY) move. When the soldier decides to use a moving company, everything is taken care of and packed. With the DITY move, the soldier is responsible for obtaining transportation, packing and unpacking the goods. A combination move is also allowed.

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New international strategy sends SF soldiers to Africa

By Carol Jones

FORT BRAGG, N.C.— About 60 Special Forces soldiers from two battalions of 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) here left Pope Air Force Base for Senegal and Uganda on July 19 as a part of a new humanitarian and peacekeeping strategy.

They were accompanied by about 60 soldiers from 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (A), 4th Psychological Operations Group (A) and support elements from XVIII Airborne Corps. Only 60 U.S. soldiers will be deployed to each African nation.

The international strategy, called the African Crisis Response Initiative, anticipates a partnership between African and non-African countries to build and improve crisis response capabilities, according to a Department of Defense statement.

An effort to promote stability in the region, ACRI provides a unique opportunity to improve capabilities of African militaries, making them better prepared to conduct limited humanitarian or peacekeeping operations. The State Department and the Department of Defense coordinated the ACRI strategy with African nations.

Although 3rd SFG supported 30 missions in Africa in the last year, some SF soldiers say this is, indeed, a unique opportunity.

"For us, it's the size, we usually deploy as a detachment of 8 to 12 men," said SFC Jeffrey Wright, who recently returned from Senegal. "This one has 60 soldiers going. You have support elements in place. And, you also have a battalion's worth of Senegalese."

Wright is the operations sergeant with Company A, 1st Battalion. "There's not so much difference as far as what we do on a day-to-day basis, it's on a grander scale."

Using the train-the-trainer concept, SF soldiers will work with a cadre of soldiers, who will in turn train their own nations' military. Eight to 10 battalions of African soldiers will learn skills to enhance African states' capabilities to operate together in an humanitarian or peacekeeping operations.

"We're shooting for getting several countries in the African continent trained up on peacekeeping and humanitarian relief," Wright said. "So if some crisis does happen there, we can get several battalions, if need be, to work off the same sheet of music with defined standards of tasks that need to be done."

During eight previous deployments to Africa, Wright worked in Malawi, Guinea and Sierra Leone.

"Senegal has been doing peacekeeping operations since the '60s," he said. "This is not a strange animal for them. This will, however, be different for the Senegalese. We'll try to get all their command and control elements, all their support units to go with a battalion and deploy as a major composite unit to certain areas where ever a crisis may be in Africa, along with other nations' battalions."

"So what we teach in Senegal has to be parallel with what's being taught in Uganda, and what's being taught in other countries," said the seven-year SF veteran. "This way, when a crisis does happen and all the battalions come together, we don't have one battalion working with one standard and

another battalion working with another."

The SF soldiers plan to train African soldiers to enhance basic and collective unit skills. Current information estimates 750 Ugandan and 600 Senegalese soldiers are to be trained individually and in elements up to battalion level.

Basic ACRI training objectives include improving existing soldier skills, refining combat support and combat service support units, and developing brigade-level command and control capabilities. Additionally, a significant training focus will be placed on civil-military operations, human rights and law-of-land warfare.

An A-team will evaluate foreign soldiers' reaction to different scenarios to see how they respond. SSgt. Yllan Maxwell, a SF communications sergeant with Company B, 1st Bn., said reactions to scenarios such as how their trainees respond to an ambush while escorting food somewhere reveal skills needing improvement. One A-team typically evaluates four companies at a time instead of a whole battalion.

"Our mission is clear cut — 100 percent training," he said. "Usually, depending on what country you're going to and how long you've been training in the country, the country may request something like a non-commissioned officer training course or an all-medical event. That's pretty easy for us because we have NCOs and medical guys on the detachment."

"The peacekeeping operations and humanitarian aid, we cover that," Maxwell said. "But we usually don't cover it as in-depth as we are now. We can train up to a

battalion with one A-team. Usually, we train company-size elements, we train them based on what the country needs are."

During the two and one-half years he's been a SF soldier, Maxwell deployed to Africa four times in 18 months.

"We'll be training in military tasks," he said. "So if the country, say Senegal in this case, decides a platoon needs medical training and engineer training, we can handle that. We bring all the materials needed. If there's an infantry battalion, we train them in light infantry tactics."

Special Forces soldiers from 1st and 3rd Battalions started preparing for the deployment two months ago. Soldiers in 1st Bn., are going to Senegal, and 3rd Bn. left for Uganda. Both units are due to redeploy in about eight weeks.

"We're taking a lot of the events that took place in Somalia and Bosnia and using lessons learned from that as background for some of our training," Wright said. Research materials from the United Nations, other manuals and peacekeeping doctrine are sources used by the SF soldiers for in-depth peacekeeping training.

Each African nation participating in ACRI conducted either peacekeeping or humanitarian assistance operations within the last five years on the continent. About 5,000 African military members from seven nations will be trained, according to information released by the Department of Defense. The strategy has strong U.S. government support because enhancement of

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Announcements

Apprenticeship program— Department of Army has designated Aug. 1 as the ending date to phase out Army Apprenticeship Program (AAP) worldwide programs. This is a last chance call to all current enrollees to submit their AAP documentation verifying on-the-job work experience. Soldiers unable or unwilling to complete their required hours in the AAP will receive a partial letter of completion. All soldiers who are currently enrolled in an AAP should call the Education Center office here 876-0080 or wherever their AAP records are kept on file for a current status report.

Quarterly retirement ceremony— The next Retirement Ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. Oct. 16 at the post parade field. Rehearsal will be held at 8 a.m. Oct. 15 at the parade field. If you wish to participate, call SFC Walter Jones of Support Operations 842-2500 by

Oct. 3.

Newcomers orientation— The Army Community Service Newcomer's Orientation will be held Aug. 5, building 3447. Attendance is mandatory for newly-arrived military personnel permanently assigned to Redstone Arsenal. Family members are invited to attend. Free child care is provided at the child Development Center. In order to use the child care facility, you must have either a shot record or the yellow shot card. For more information, call Mary Breeden 876-5397. The orientation begins at 8:30 a.m. and includes speakers, information booths, and a bus tour of Redstone.

Hunter certification— Anyone born on or after Aug. 1, 1977 must show proof of completion of a state-certified hunter education course prior to purchasing their hunting license.

To accommodate the Redstone community, Outdoor Recreation will sponsor a certification class at building 3711 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Aug. 2, 16 and 23. The 24-hour course will include hunter responsibility, wildlife laws, wildlife management and identification, firearms safety, archery, muzzleloading, basic survival, first aid and range practice. Goals of the hunter education program include increasing awareness of the importance of hunter-landowner relations, hunter behavior, reducing accident rates and increased knowledge of basic wildlife management concepts and wildlife laws. You must attend all three class dates. To preregister call Bill Kerlin or Gail Glass 876-4868 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Retirement planning seminar— A Retirement Planning Seminar has been scheduled for Aug. 12-14 for employees who are

within five years of retirement. Each session will begin at 8 a.m. in the Rocket Auditorium and will last about four hours. Spouses may attend if desired. Topics to be discussed are: OPM/Federal Retirement System including Civil Service Retirement System and the Federal Employees Retirement System, Social Security Benefits, Legal Affairs, Health and Life Insurance, etc. For more information call Syleria Jarmon 876-4369, in the South Central Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) Training and Career Management Branch, or Claudine Robinson in the Retirement Office 876-3902.

Self-help center— The Self-Help Center, building 3500, is reviewing all DD Form 577 signature cards for persons authorized to withdraw materials and equipment from Self-Help (excluding housing occupants). The signature cards

currently on file will expire Sept. 30. Persons with signature cards on file should call the Self-Help Center at 842-6987/8259 for information on updating their cards. Prompt attention to this matter will ensure continuous service from the Self-Help Center.

Civil War program— David Smith, a Cincinnati businessman and amateur historian, will present a program titled "John C. Pemberton and Joseph E. Johnston: They Didn't Like Each Other Much" based upon Pemberton's unpublished manuscript. This free program, open to the public, will be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 14 in the Trillium Room of the Burritt Museum and Park's Administration Building. Sponsors include the Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table, the Burritt Museum and Park, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. For more information call the Burritt Museum and Park 536-2882, or the Tennessee Valley Civil War Round

Table 883-8098 or 971-9201.

Motorcycle safety class— The AMCOM Safety Office is sponsoring a "Motorcycle Safety Class: Experienced Rider Course" at no cost to AMCOM employees (military and civilian) who are motorcycle riders on Redstone Arsenal. The class will be held Saturday at Drake Technical College from 8-noon (classroom portion) and 1-5 p.m. (riding portion). The course will be offered on a first come, first served basis. To sign up, go by the Army Education Center at building 3222, phone 876-9761. Be prepared to present your security badge and/or your military ID when you sign up.

Outdoor recreation volunteers— Outdoor Recreation will be accepting applications for volunteers Aug. 1-15. Those eligible persons interested in applying should submit a written request to William Moreland, chief of Outdoor Recreation, stating their

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Financial assistance— The Redstone Arsenal Thrift Shop is accepting written requests from organizations seeking financial assistance. Written requests outlining the group's ongoing programs, reasons for requesting help, how the funds would be applied, point of contact to include a name and mailing address where check should be mailed and telephone number of individual who could answer any questions to justify the donation requested, should be mailed to The Thrift Shop, Attn.: Welfare Chairman, Building 3657, Redstone Arsenal 35898. Applications should be received by Aug. 8 requesting donations from all community organizations that fall with-

in the 501C Accounts (non-profit organizations and donations to be used for the recreational and educational purpose arena). All donations requested will be considered for approval by the end of August; and the checks will be mailed by Sept. 15 to the approved organizations. New requests have to be made each time. "We would like to thank the community for letting us help them in their time of need," the Thrift Shop said in a prepared release. "Solicitations from the community are welcome and our welfare contributions will be decided upon and approved in August, November and April of each year."

Long-term care insurance— On Aug. 21 from 11-noon at building 5303, room 3147, there will be a free informational seminar on long-term care and long-term health care insurance. To register for this seminar, call the Wellness Center 955-6844.

Education conference— The 1997 STEDTRAIN (Science Technology Edu-

cation Training) conference will be held Aug. 1-2 at Cedar Ridge Elementary School in Decatur. Theme is "The Next Step" in taking the classroom into the Information Age. This event is free, but everyone attending must register. To register call (205) 552-3020.

Florida Tech— Florida Institute of Technology is conducting registration for the fall semester. More than 10 master's degree programs are available. For more information call 881-7878 or visit the FIT office in building 5304, room 4326.

German culture— The Friends of German Culture will have its annual Summerfest at Monte Sano pool on Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. Cost for this barbecue picnic is \$10 for adults, \$5.50 for children. Also this year, the Monte Sano Homeowners Regulations require a \$2 per person cash entrance fee payable upon entering the park pool. Those wanting to attend should call Peter Cox 883-1005 by Aug. 1.

Base supply center— The Base Supply Center,

building 8022 on Cottonwood Road, will have its grand opening ceremony at 1 p.m. Aug. 4. The center, formerly the contractor-operated Self Service Supply Center, is reopening under management of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind.

Speakers bureau— If any AMCOM/PEO/AVRDEC/SAMD employee would like to join the AMCOM Public Affairs Office Speakers Bureau, please call Margaret Banish-Donaldson, DSN 788-0558 or commercial (205) 842-0558. We are looking for volunteer speakers who are ready to talk to grade or high schools, colleges/universities, civic groups/organizations, etc., about the Army, their work, travels, experiences and/or hobbies.

Missile/aviation symposium— AUSA and AAAA are jointly sponsoring a symposium Aug. 13 at the Von Braun Center highlighting the missions of Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles and PEO-Aviation. Scheduled keynote speaker is Lt. Gen. Paul Kern, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the

Army for research, development and acquisition. Morning presentations highlight PEO-Tactical Missiles; and afternoon presentations focus on PEO-Aviation. Opportunities exist to display Tactical Missiles and Aviation-related exhibits. The charge for a 10-by-10 space is \$300 for non-AUSA/AAAA members, and \$200 for AUSA/AAAA corporate members. For details call Rick Schwartz 883-0195 or Ron Paulus 837-5273. There will be a shotgun-start golf tournament Aug. 12 in conjunction with the symposium; fee is \$40 per player. Call Burt Turner 461-6140. The conference coordinator is Jodi Weiner 837-3999.

CFC campaign— Eight loaned executive have been selected for the 1997 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign. They include Dr. Herschel Love (RDEC), Michael James (LOGSA), Karen Oliver (MSFC), David Hargett (TMDE), Faye Jernigan (IMMC), Floyd "Kit" Carlton (Acquisition Center), Kelli Newberry (MSIC) and Willa Williams (TVA-BF).

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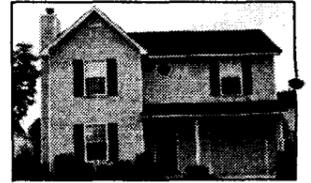
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