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## AMCOM security assistance team gets together early

By Dale James

They're not expecting any postseason bowl game invitations, but Security Assistance Management Directorate personnel are laying claim to bragging rights for being the first Redstone Arsenal component to "stand up" under the Army's new Aviation and Missile Command.

"We're official," confirmed Col. Jack Wolfe, SAMD director. "We've already had our organizational day."

Prior to the formation of AMCOM, the Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis and the Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal maintained separate SAMD functions. Now, boasts Wolfe, SAMD North, as St. Louis was known, and SAMD South have combined to become the first

fully operational unit under the new command.

At first glance, the move didn't appear to require a great deal of time or planning. AMCOM officially came into being July 17; organizational day for the new, combined SAMD was July 24.

In actuality, however, preparations for SAMD's historic move began as far back as 1995 with the BRAC, or base realignment and closure, recommendations, when the formation of AMCOM was first announced.

Wolfe credits his new deputy director, Gary Fryman, the former director of SAMD North, with smoothing over many of the potholes in the integration process before they could develop into deal-busting roadblocks.

"Right from the begin-



**FACILITIES RENOVATED—** Conners stands in front of the newly renovated SAMD facilities.

ning," Wolfe said, "Gary and I were determined to put aside any notion people might harbor about 'us' and 'them' and focus on 'we.'"

Wolfe and Fryman were confident they could mini-

mize any negative impact the move might have on SAMD's mission through the use of integrated process teams to work out differences in the way the two organizations operated.

They were much less sure about how to minimize the stress such a merger would exert upon the people under their respective commands.

Preparations to deal with the human factor shifted into high gear a year ago with the formation of open monthly meetings, or "town halls," designed to identify and eliminate potential problems. The meetings also helped lay to rest many of the rumors that inevitably accompany such a major undertaking before they could get out of hand.

Said Fryman, "The key to our success was open communication. With the monthly meetings, there was never any issue that went unaddressed for more than one month."

The most frequently asked questions from people in St. Louis, Wolfe re-

called, dealt not with technical aspects of the move but "with tornadoes, child care and schools."

Assuring folks in St. Louis that north Alabama possessed the technology to provide adequate warning of impending bad weather was relatively easy. Convincing them that area schools would provide their children with a sound education was far more difficult.

"Everybody had heard Alabama schools were among the worst in the nation," Wolfe said. "Thankfully, we were able to reassure them about the quality of Huntsville schools, which rank much higher than the state as a whole."

"We took a lot of time and a lot of pains to address those kinds of personal con-

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## New Comanche helicopter will upgrade recon fleet

By Skip Vaughn

The Army's aging fleet of reconnaissance helicopters will be replaced at the turn of the century by a new breed under development at Redstone Arsenal.

It's called the Comanche. The Comanche Program Office, under the Program Executive Office for Aviation, has moved to Redstone from St. Louis.

"Comanche is the next generation armed reconnaissance helicopter and it's designed to replace the current fleet of OH-58A and OH-58C Kiowas, and AH-1 Cobras," Brig. Gen. Joe Bergantz, the Comanche program manager, said.

This will fill the reconnaissance void created by the older OH-58s and AH-1s becoming obsolete. By the time Comanche is field-



**BERGANTZ**

ed, these helicopters will be nearly 40 years old, about twice the original design life.

Comanche is in the demonstration/validation phase of development. Its

prime contractor team, consisting of Boeing Helicopter from Philadelphia, Pa., and Sikorsky Aircraft from Stratford, Conn., has a joint program office in Philadelphia. A demonstration/vali-



**IN DEVELOPMENT—** Comanche is in the demonstration/validation phase of development.

dation contract for \$1.7 billion was signed in December 1996 for a five-year program.

The new helicopter will enter the next phase, engineering and manufacturing development, in 2001. It will enter low-rate production in the 2006 time frame with initial operational ca-

pability. "Another unique feature of this program is we're building six early operational capability aircraft for the user community, which is the aviation community, to do early user testing to develop tactics, techniques and procedures," Bergantz said.

There is one prototype at

the Sikorsky test facility in West Palm Beach, Fla. A second prototype is being built at Sikorsky's plant in Stratford and will be delivered to West Palm Beach where it should be ready to fly by September 1998.

"The first prototype is

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# Fox Army Community Hospital transforming to clinic in 1998

Last January, the DoD directed the Army Medical Department to close Inpatient Services at Fox Army Community Hospital. In response to this decision, Inpatient Services at Redstone will officially discontinue Jan. 5, 1998.

FACH will continue to service the community as a "Super Clinic" offering Primary Care services to current and anticipated Tricare Prime enrollees, and ancillary and consultative ser-

vices (e.g. Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Radiology, Laboratory, Surgery, and Gynecology) to all area beneficiaries. Funding is anticipated to be sufficient to provide these services at current capacity through at least fiscal 1998.

When the conversion to the Super Clinic takes place 34 civilian, including six physician positions and 27 military authorizations will be abolished. On July 21, an early-out window was

opened for FACH civilian employees. It is anticipated that through voluntary resignations, unfilled vacancies, and over hires, the number of employees actually separated will be fewer than 10.

"In terms of medical care, we are saving approximately \$1.5 million in closing inpatient services but we anticipate reinvesting a million dollars of those savings into our new Army health clinic," Col.

David Deeter, commander of Fox Army Community Hospital, said. "And inpatient services will be provided by military and civilian physicians at the civilian hospitals.

"The bottom line is: Even though our primary care capabilities are going to be downsized, the quality of those services and the quality and quantity of our ancillary and consultative services will be enhanced," Deeter said.

## Engine parts inspection should save \$66 million

By Karim Abdian

On July 24, Systems Research Laboratories Inc. of Dayton, Ohio contracted with the Army for the development of the software and tools to test critical high speed engine parts on the UH-60 (Black Hawk) helicopter.

Currently, a number of parts for this engine are

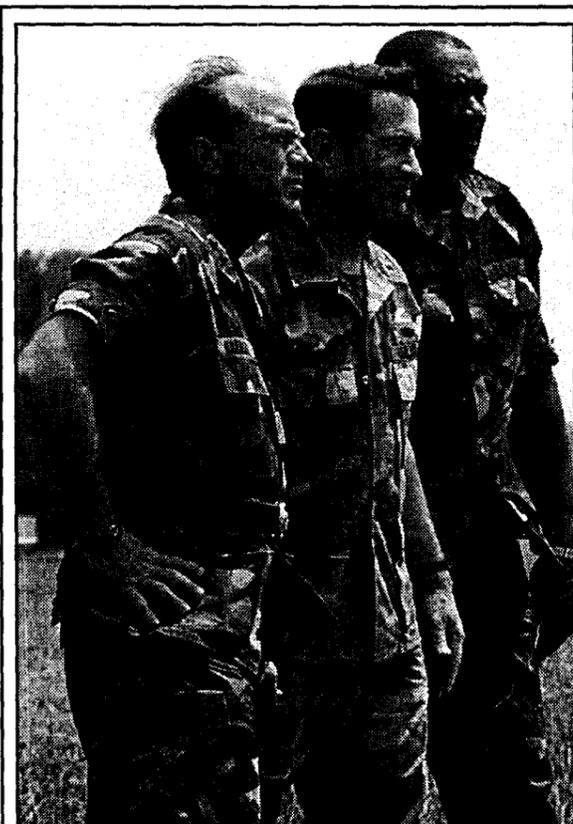
retired from service at specified intervals. The initiative develops computer controlled inspection procedures to identify and remove those parts that have deteriorated beyond safe operation rather than replacing them at specified hourly intervals. In addition, the new inspection procedure maintains the

safe operation of the engine. Retirement intervals for the parts are expected to increase by two to six times.

An initial investment of \$2.4 million is projected to produce a net savings of \$66.674 million over the next 10 years. Funds were provided through the ATCOM Operating and

Support Cost Reduction (OSCR) program.

(Editor's note: Abdian served as the ATCOM OSCR/VE program manager. He will assume duties as the science adviser to the 7th Army Training Command in Grafenwoehr, Germany later this month.)



### Reviewing the troops...

Maj. Gen. William Barron, left, commander of the 100th Division, Army Reserves, reviews training operations at Ammunition Supply Point-1 while visiting Redstone July 29. From left are Barron; Col. Gerald Luttrell, commandant of Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School; and CWO 3 Andrew King, officer in charge of ASP-1.

## Travel pay problems result from transition to St. Louis

By Skip Vaughn

The Redstone worker sounded desperate. He'd been waiting several weeks on his travel voucher refund and had trouble getting through by telephone to the finance office in St. Louis.

It turns out he's not alone. There have been complaints about slow service and a failure to communicate. Officials at AMCOM Resource Management Directorate say these are transition problems which should be fixed over time.

*'Be patient because the OPLOC (in St. Louis) is still growing to its full capacity and it has not reached it yet.'*

— Col. Kent Miller  
Resource management director

Travel pay moved with the rest of the accounting functions in early June from Redstone to St. Louis. Operating Location-St. Louis, part of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, includes a vendor pay and travel division.

"We assisted them in getting on-line with their part of RATS, the RATS (automated) travel system, and we think that is going OK right now," Col. Kent Miller, the director of resource management, said. "We have not had big problems although it's taking a little bit longer to get paid even with RATS.

"We are working with St. Louis to try to get them to staff up their travel office. They're still hiring people. They're working weekends, they're working overtime. We know the problems are there," Miller said.

Maj. Gen. James Link, then the commander of the Missile Command, sent a letter July 17 to Brig. Gen. Roger Searce, deputy director of DFAS in Washington, D.C., describing complaints from the work force and requesting assistance. "It takes time for transition," Miller said.

DFAS hired many Air Force people who are still learning the Army system, he added. Also, that operating location is

authorized 800 workers but is not yet fully staffed.

David Carter, chief of the systems management office at Resource Management, said the initial mailing procedure may have contributed to the problems. During the first month, Redstone's non-automated travel vouchers were collected, boxed and sent to DFAS in St. Louis. "During June we figured out we may have been part of the problem," he said. "So from July on, the traveler is sending the settlement voucher directly to OPLOC in St. Louis. We also gave them the telephone number they can call in St. Louis (DSN 490-2955/2957)."

Randy Gloyd, chief of financial management division at Resource Management, said the phone problems may have resulted from people calling to check on faxed vouchers and from leaving multiple messages.

Resource management officials believe that most of the slow settlements are occurring with the manual filing system, rather than the RATS automated system. There are about 7,000 users of RATS in 41 organizations, according to Gary Paseur, accountant in financial management division.

"If everything flows quickly through the downloading, they can get paid the same

day" through RATS, Paseur said. "I would say within 3-4 work days, they should be. But they are having some hiccups at their end (in St. Louis)."

People have complained that it takes 4-6 weeks to get reimbursed for travel expenses through the manual method. Those who have waited six weeks for a settlement should probably refile.

"File your voucher early," Miller advised. "If you have access to RATS, use RATS. If you have to file a manual voucher, file it early. Follow up on it in a week or two. If you get no satisfactory answer within 4-6 weeks, you may need to refile. And be patient because the OPLOC (in St. Louis) is still growing to its full capacity and it has not reached it yet."

Kathy Losse, of Operating Location-St. Louis travel, is to be here Aug. 11-15 to help any St. Louis workers with questions concerning the filing of their permanent-change-of-station vouchers. She will be in building 5300, work station 53C100 (third floor), phone 842-9275. The operating location will have others visiting every other week through November to help with PCS vouchers.

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# Young students spend summer as science apprentices

By Skip Vaughn

Promising high school and college students gain valuable experience each summer as apprentices in Army laboratories here.

The Army benefits by giving possible future scientists and engineers a taste of government work. Some in fact have pursued government science and engineering careers since the program began in 1986.

"We're pretty confident there are mutual benefits for everybody," Dr. Katie Blanding, academic affairs officer under Weapons Sciences Directorate, said.

Thirty-four high school students, from grades 10 through graduating seniors, have completed the 1997 DoD Science and Engineering Apprentice Program (SEAP) at Redstone. They worked, under the guidance of mentors, at least eight weeks this summer in laboratories and research facilities. The introductory program for first-year students was eight weeks. Those returning for subsequent years could work for eight, 10 or 12 weeks at their mentor's option.

Nine college students are still here for varying duration under the College Apprentice Program which lasts 10-12 weeks. The college program is the sequel for students who completed SEAP in previous years and are majoring in a technical field at a university.

All participants had to write a paper on their research this summer. Each high schooler presented his or her paper and competed for an award in physics, chemistry, computer science, or engineering.

"You have done outstanding work," Blanding told the students during the SEAP awards program held Thursday. "You are all winners. You should be proud of yourselves. And parents in the audience, you should be proud of these young people."

Awards for first, second and third place in each category included medallions and savings bonds of \$100, \$75 or \$50. Truman Howard, director of Weapons Sciences Directorate at RD&E Center, presented the awards.

"I want you to know how pleased we are that you decided to spend your summer with us," Howard told the students. "We hope as a result of your experience here that some of you will consider government laboratory as a possible career choice."

Winners included the following:

- \* **Computer science**— Aaron Mosher, who graduated from Bob Jones High School this year and will attend the University of Alabama-Huntsville.
- \* **Chemistry**— Andrea Grisham, who graduated from Decatur High this year and will attend the University of Miami (Fla.).
- \* **Engineering**— Jao Ou, a graduate of Grissom High who will attend Duke University.



**AWARD WINNERS**— From left are Mosher, Grisham, Ou and Cornelius.

- **Physics**— Christopher Cornelius, who graduated from the Alabama School of Math and Science in Mobile and will attend UAH. One proud mom, Stephanie Daffin, said her son Ryan's research project will save the government about \$14,000 over three years with his improved inventory control process. Ryan Daffin, a junior at Lee High School, worked at Unmanned Ground Vehi-

cle Joint Project Office under the guidance of his mentor, Mike Whittier. Daffin received an honorable mention in engineering for his project. Raghava Dasarathy, 15, a junior at Huntsville High, won second place in computer science. "I think it was fun," he said, describing his summer here. "It was enjoyable. I learned a lot."

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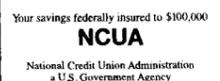
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# Base Supply Center celebrates grand reopening

By Kathy Harkleroad

It's official. The Base Supply Center has reopened under the new management of Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind.

The facility, formerly the contractor-operated Self Service Supply Center, had a grand opening ceremony Aug. 4. The ribbon cutting event included a promotional drawing for prizes.

Guests took the opportunity to sneak a peek at the new items in the warehouse available for sale, and marveled at the addition of new items and customer service. The bins and shelves were filled with paper of all kinds, notebooks, office supplies, labels, anything to help an office run efficiently.

Billy Sparkman, regional manager of the Institute, was on hand to greet customers as they entered the door, as were several other honored guests. Each received a warm welcome and a guided tour was conducted through the facility.

"We are really looking forward to this adventure and we are going to strive hard to meet all of our cus-



**ONE STOP SHOPPING— Personnel on post now have a new and improved location to visit when it comes to obtaining office supplies. The new warehouse officially opened for business Aug. 4 with a ribbon cutting and open house.**

tomers' needs," Sparkman said. "That includes everything from the moment they enter our store till the time they leave."

This is not the first business venture of this type for the Institute and, according to Sparkman, it is the way of the future. "We have stores located in several locations in Alabama, and nationwide our headquar-

ters is expanding to other states with the same type of business."

The store at Redstone will offer door-to-door delivery, and according to Sparkman will be expanding its delivery in the near future.

Vickey Barnett, manager of the Base Supply Center, said the drawing winners Aug. 4 included: Judy

Christopher, from TMDE Region 2, who won a footrest; and Gloria Scott, from Corporate Information Center, who won a backrest.

The warehouse is located on Cottonwood Road, building 8022. It is open Monday through Friday. Orders may be placed by calling 876-5762 or by visiting the location.

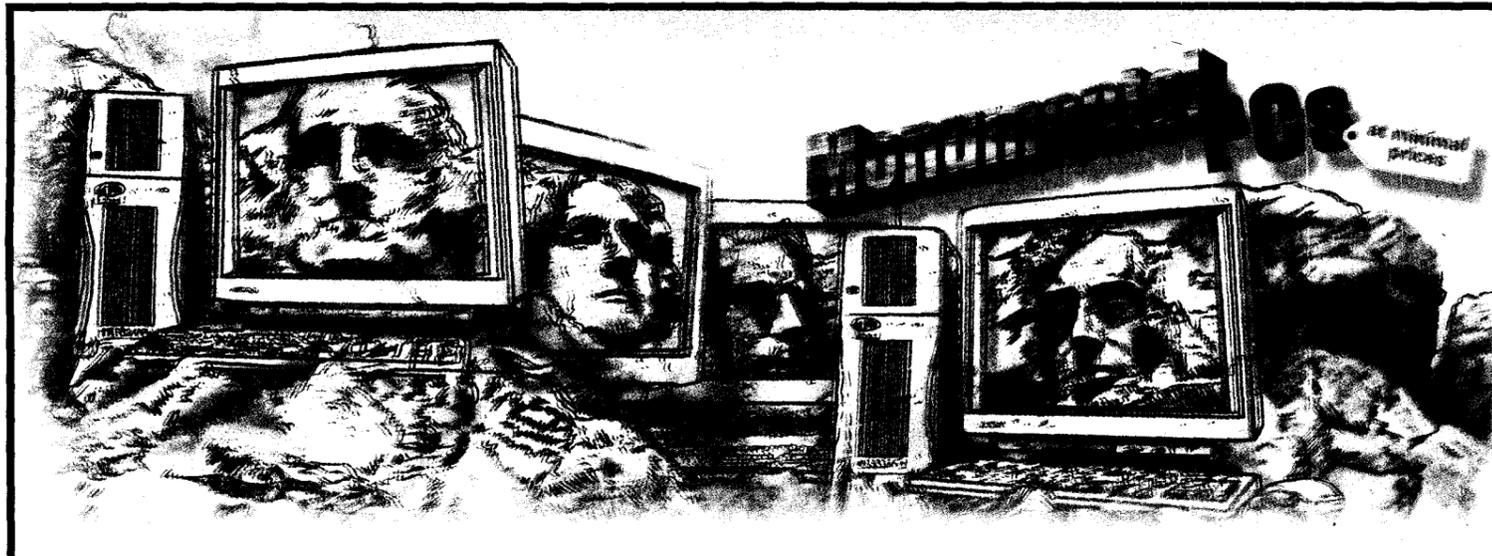
# Congress OKs new healthcare test for military retirees

WASHINGTON— The Department of Defense expressed its pleasure Aug. 1 with the news that the Congress has approved a limited demonstration of Medicare Subvention as part of the current budget reconciliation legislation.

"Improving access to military health care for Medicare-eligible military beneficiaries is important to the Administration, and a congressionally-authorized Medicare subvention demonstration project is an important step toward achieving that goal for our beneficiaries," Secretary of Defense William Cohen said.

Edward D. Martin, acting assistant secretary of defense for health affairs stated, "We are delighted with the outcome of this Congressional action; it provides us the ability to enroll and care for more of our Medicare-eligible beneficiaries in Tricare." Demonstration details will be announced shortly.

Congressional approval Aug. 1 of a Medicare Subvention demonstration project will allow the Department to show how it can improve access to military health care on a test basis for those beneficiaries who are now eligible for Medicare. Today, most Medicare-eligible military retirees may not enroll in Tricare, the Department's new managed health care delivery system; they receive care only on a space-available basis and access to all of the care they may need may not be available when they need it. With Medicare Subvention, these patients may enroll in Tricare and be assured of the right care at the right time. (DoD release)



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# Redstone Marines tackle community project in Decatur

By Kathy Harkleroad

They came, they saw, they chopped wood, picked up trash, and cleared a path in Decatur. The Marine Corps Hawk platoon took to the shores of the Tennessee River and helped build a new river walk.

Approximately 70 Marines donned bright yellow T-shirts as they walked along the river and chopped trees, cleared brush and did what it took to prepare the site for mulch and further improvements.

According to Marine SSgt. Charles Purcell, the Marines not only enjoyed themselves, but many used it as a learning experience as well. "We had many young Marines out there who had never used equipment like we were. At first they were a bit hesitant but after they realized they could use it to destroy something, they had a good time," he said with a smile.

The Marines lined the riverbanks and cleared approximately 60 truckfuls of brush and debris as they cleared the path, inching their way to their final destination. They began work at 7 a.m. and finished about 2:30 p.m. "We wanted to work during the cooler part of the day and not have to worry too much about the heat factor," Purcell said.

The Marines also got quite a bit of support from the community, as local businesses turned out in force to support them. "Local businesses were kind enough to feed us throughout the day, and supplied us with anything we needed," Purcell said. "We had large companies donate food, as well as smaller restaurants. The best part was seeing the people who came by and waved or honked their horns as we worked. It is not often you see that kind of response from the general public."

The project was part of the United Way National Day of Caring and is a day Purcell has participated in several times in the past. "My wife got me hooked on doing this each year and would take a day of leave to help out. This year when I approached my commander, he insisted that the whole platoon get involved," he said. "The response was terrific and everyone benefited from it."

Purcell said he was not sure what project the Marines would undertake in the coming year, but would like to see it as a big one. "My boss would like to see us build a house for Habitat for Humanity, and that would be quite an accomplishment. But we will wait and see how that develops, and we'll be on the look out for other large projects that we as a platoon can take part in," he said.

# Boeing Company has begun its operations with newly revised organizational structure

WASHINGTON— Boeing Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Phil Condit announced Aug. 4 that with the merger of the Boeing Company and McDonnell Douglas Corp. now completed, the new Boeing has begun operations as a single company.

"This is a historic day," Condit said. "Boeing is now the largest aerospace company in the world. We have a strong balance of commercial, defense, and space capabilities, customers in 145 countries, a business backlog of more than \$100 billion, and a

future with extraordinary potential for discovery and achievement."

Condit and Boeing President Harry Stonecipher began the day with a satellite broadcast seen live by approximately 150,000 employees at more than 50 locations, followed by a news conference at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum.

"This day really belongs to the more than 220,000 men and women of the new Boeing. They brought us here and it will be their talent and dedication that will

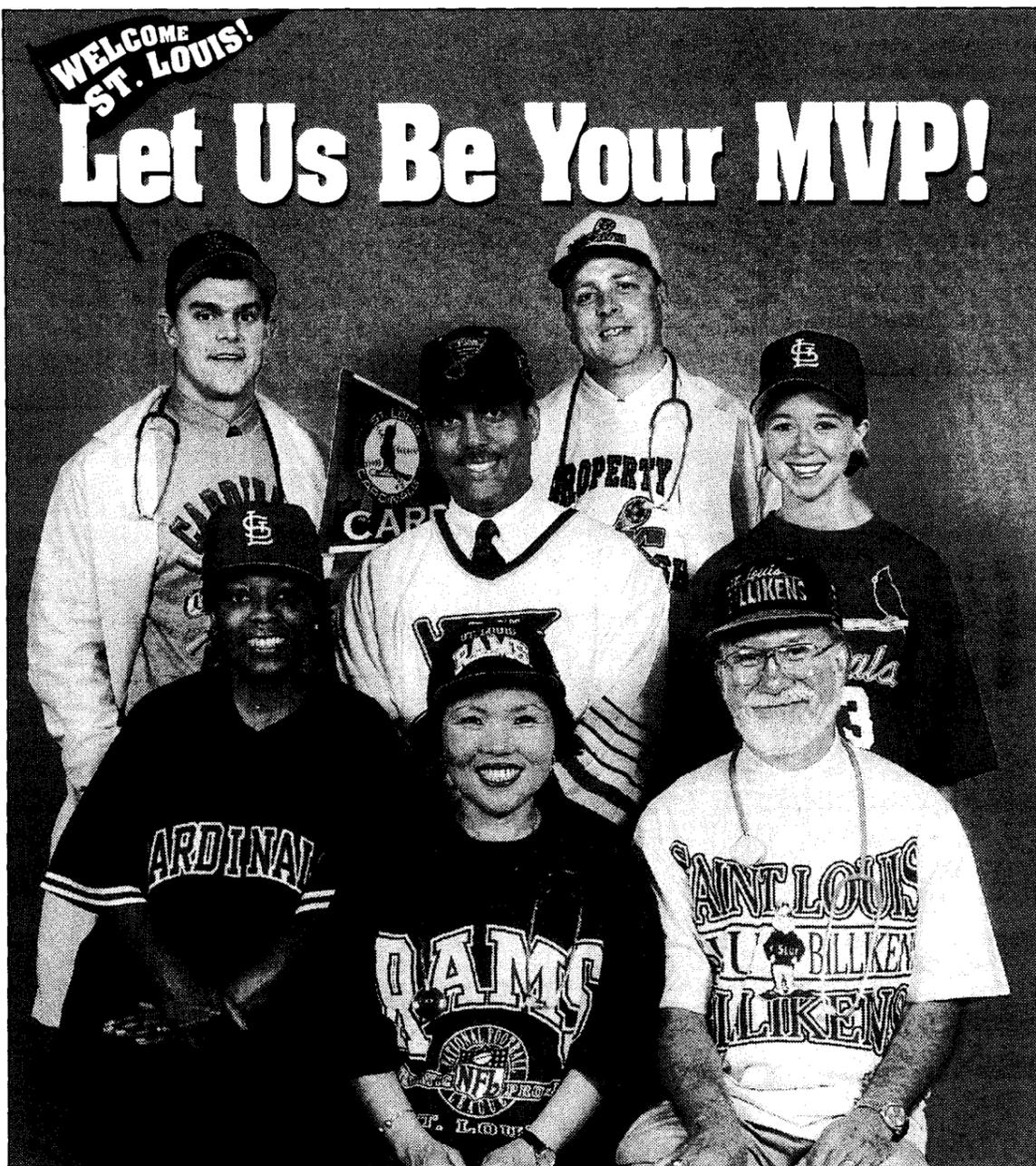
determine our future," Condit said.

"The job of finding the best way to organize the company involved complex and detailed considerations on many levels, and of course, numerous sensitivities," he said. "That's why it was so important to stay focused on the one objective that matters most: to do what's best for our customers in meeting their needs and expectations, and best for all of us in creating the most opportunities we can for Boeing people and the company."

Condit announced new

organization and leadership assignments for the Boeing Company. All changes went into effect Aug. 4.

A new organization, the Information, Space and Defense Systems Group (ISDS) has been formed. Alan Mulally, formerly president of the Boeing Defense & Space Group, is president of the new group. Condit said, "ISDS provides a splendid way to support our commercial, defense and civil customers with a team approach that will deliver outstanding integrated aerospace solutions." (Boeing release)



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cerns. So people would know we do wear shoes and we don't all sit on the porch and play banjos."

Apparently that emphasis paid off. Asked about their impressions of the South prior to transferring here from St. Louis, logistics management specialists Marie O'Boyle and Pat Jones laughed.

"Cows," said Jones.

"The sticks," said O'Boyle. "No shopping malls. Nothing to do."

The reality, they hastened to add, has proved to be much less daunting.

Both Jones and O'Boyle expressed appreciation for the extra effort expended by their new hosts to make them and the others from SAMD North feel welcome.

The decision to leave their homes and uproot their families from a life to which they had grown accustomed, they added, was not made easily.

"Most people," O'Boyle explained, "had spent their whole lives in St. Louis. We had always thought Aviation was too big, too important to ever be closed down."



**LEADERSHIP—** SAMD leaders include Fryman, left, deputy director, and Wolfe, director.

Said Jones, "We would like to thank the people here for their hospitality. I have to admit, we might not have been as friendly in St. Louis."

One of the ways in which the SAMD South team helped to ease the transition was through the creation of a newcomers guide for the Huntsville area.

The booklet included testimonials and recommendations from SAMD South personnel on where to bank and shop and which doctors

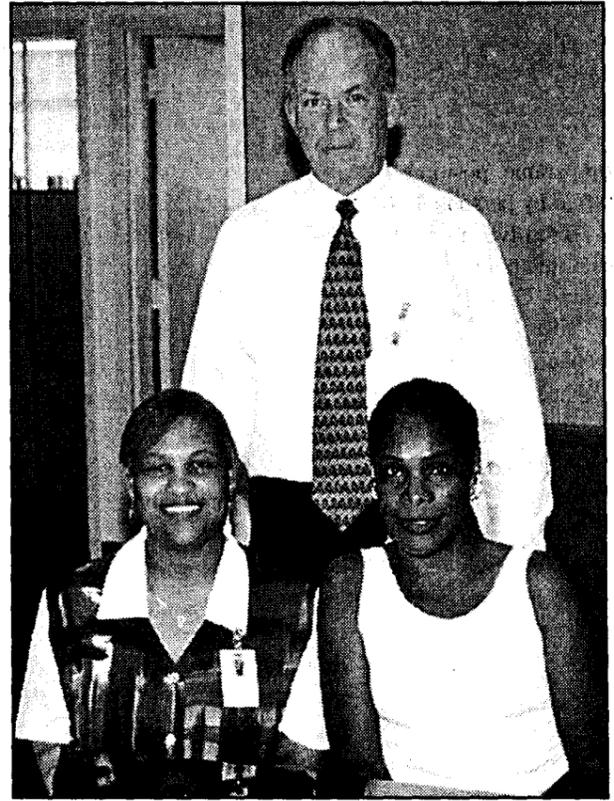
and other professionals they preferred.

Because of Wolfe's efforts to ramrod the booklet's publication despite legal concerns that it might appear the Army was endorsing one commercial business over another, it was affectionately dubbed "the colonel's 'Ya'll Come' book." With its practical advice and down-to-earth tone, the book quickly became a prized possession for anyone considering the move south.

Chuckled Wolfe, "The lawyers didn't like it worth a darn, but the people from St. Louis told us they loved it."

If they so desired, St. Louis transferees were assigned a personal sponsor to acquaint them with their new surroundings. Where possible, families were paired with families and singles with singles.

Dr. Rex Conners, chief of SAMD's business man-



**FROM ST. LOUIS—** Jones, left, Jim McKern, standing, and O'Boyle, right, are SAMD people who transferred from St. Louis.

agement office, affirmed that dealing with people's perceptions of impending change is often just as important as dealing with the reality.

Although not often voiced, one of the issues affecting how SAMD South personnel viewed the

process involved what effect the influx of newcomers might have upon their chances for promotion.

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comparable positions within the two commands often staffed by personnel of different rank or grade.

To resolve those differences, the new command has utilized temporary promotions and cross-leveling. That process, Connors added, remains ongoing.

"There's still a few burps," he said. "I guess you could say people are still waiting to see, 'Are you really going to do what you said you were going to do.'"

Another area of concern involved what facilities the newcomers would use. A variation on the time-honored "who gets the corner office" rivalry.

SAMD North team members expressed dismay when first shown the unused — and admittedly somewhat dilapidated at the time — facilities that were to be their new home.

Among the building's flaws, the air conditioning didn't work.

Through the auspices of RASA, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, the building was completely remodeled, with new phone lines, new lights, new wiring and new ceilings, and new windows installed.

And — less than 24 hours before the first transfers arrived — the new air conditioning system came on line.

"It's still not up to Sparkman Center standards," Connors deadpanned, "but it's a lot better than it was."

The task of preparing for the newcomers was made more difficult, Connors added, by the fact that it was not known how many St. Louis personnel would actually make the transfer until virtually the last minute.

"The most difficult part of any move like this is always accommodating the unknowns," he said.

Despite such headaches, Connors expressed satisfaction with the outcome thus far.

He estimated that the percentage of personnel who transfer as the result of BRAC-ordered closings averages roughly 20 percent. By contrast, more than 60 percent of SAMD North personnel have accepted transfers south.

Said Connors, "I've participated in other BRAC changes before, and compared with those this was a love fest."

# SAMD sells weapons systems to America's allies

By Dale James

The stated mission of the Security Assistance Management Directorate is to oversee the sale or transfer of military weapons and supplies to foreign nations.

In actual practice, however, the role of SAMD goes far beyond the mere transfer of hardware.

"Our business is supporting the president's national security policy," explained Col. Jack Wolfe, director.

Should the president decide, for example, that it is in this country's best interest to provide missile systems to Saudi Arabia to bolster its presence as a deterrent to aggression in the Middle East or helicopters to Colombia to aid in that nation's battle against South American drug lords, SAMD implements that decision.

Most sales come about when a country indicates an interest in a particular weapons system. If the State

Department and HQDA approve the sale, SAMD then provides the prospective buyer with a price and availability list.

Assuming the terms are mutually agreeable, SAMD issues a letter of offer and acceptance and acts to represent the interests of its "customer" with the various weapons systems manufacturers.

"We're the agency that pulls it all together," Wolfe said.

Ordering a weapons system is not unlike ordering a new automobile to be delivered from the factory with a specific set of options.

It just takes a lot longer and costs a lot more.

A fully equipped Patriot missile battalion, for example, can run as high as \$900 million and take as long as four years to deliver.

And just as the delivery price of a new automobile can vary widely from the sticker price, depending

upon which options a customer chooses, the same is true of weapons systems.

Said Wolfe, "Most countries want to tailor what they buy, to keep their dollars in their own country as much as possible."

Thus a country might opt to manufacture certain components of a particular weapons system itself, lowering the final purchase price.

Wolfe noted that SAMD is prohibited by law from either making money or losing money. However, through the successful completion of weapons systems transfers the agency is responsible for generating literally hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue — and that, Wolfe pointed out, means jobs.

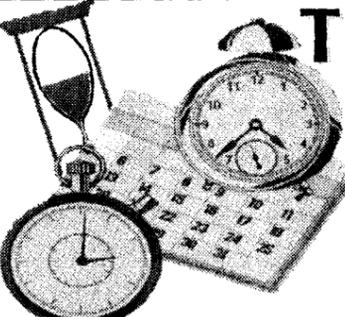
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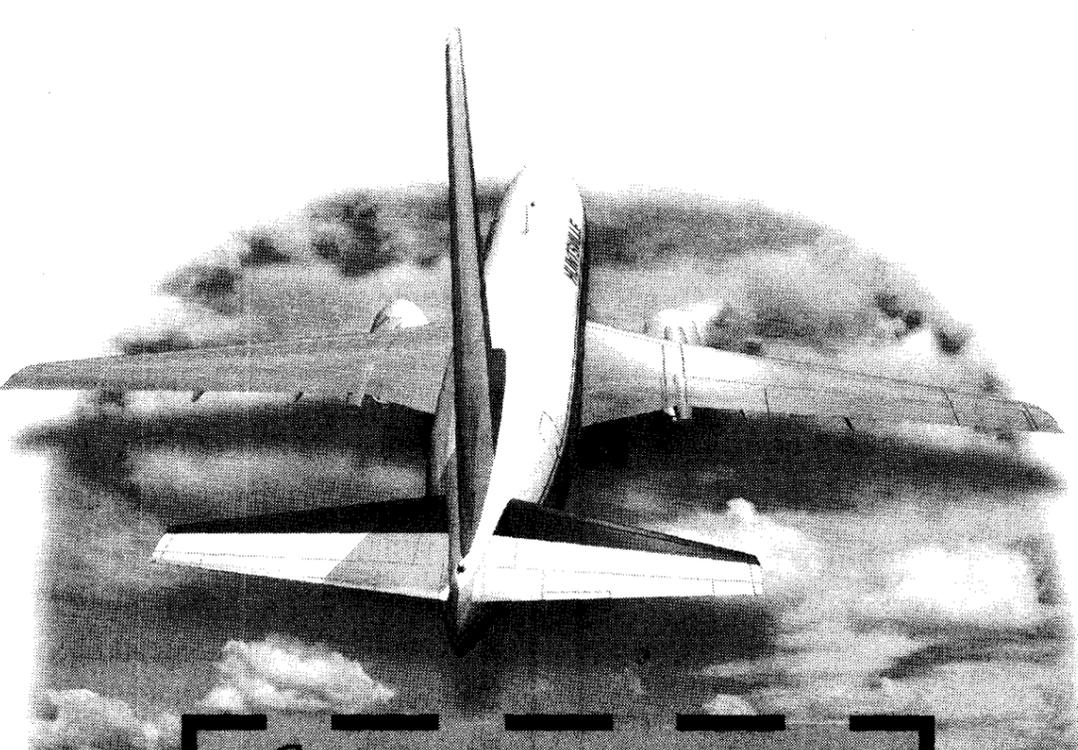
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# Resource management director retiring to Florida

By Skip Vaughn

The director of resource management will be missed by many members of the Aviation and Missile Command.

Col. Kent Miller is retiring Sept. 30 after 26 years of Army service. He became the resource management director in July 1994.

"I look at it as an adventure," Miller said, referring to retirement. "An opportunity to grow in other directions and to get some new variety and new challenges, to explore the private sector which I've never been involved in before."

Miller, 47, plans to move to Orlando, Fla. "I don't have a (career) plan really. I'll probably look in the financial area, in the area of financial management," he said.

A native of White Bear Lake, Minn., he attended the University of Minnesota where he was in ROTC. He graduated in 1971 with a

bachelor's degree in business administration and a commission as a second lieutenant. Miller also holds a master's degree in business administration from Minnesota. His military assignments included two tours in Germany and several tours in the U.S.

Miller previously served as a program budget officer in the office of the assistant secretary of the Army for financial management at the Pentagon.

His wife, Rory, is a pediatric nurse practitioner working under contract at Lyster Army Hospital at Fort Rucker. A retired Army nurse, she will be joining him in Orlando. The Millers have two sons: Kent III, 23, a certified public accountant in Baltimore, Md., and Jason, 21, a student majoring in emergency medical services at Northern Virginia Community College.

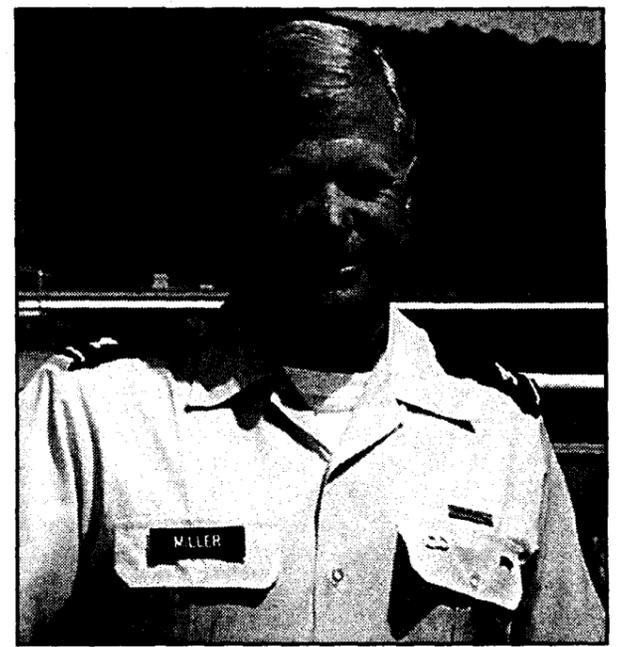
"I've enjoyed my tour with Team Redstone and

met a lot of wonderful people," Miller said. "There's been a lot of changes over the last three years with this assignment. The command has undergone a lot of changes" with its transition to the Aviation and Missile Command.

"I know the command will succeed because the people here are outstanding. Everybody has been real supportive of me during my time here and I know they'll support my successor. Everybody here has a can-do attitude which I know has been beneficial."

His successor is Col. Joe Young, inspector general for the Army Materiel Command in Alexandria, Va. Young will assume this position in mid-September.

"This assignment for me is really the highlight of my career and I really feel fortunate to be assigned to this command and this job," Miller said. "I feel like a coach who's won the Super Bowl and gone out. I feel like I'm going out at a high point, and I'm happy to be able to do that. And I'm very fortunate to have been here."



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# Military retiree dental plan gets delayed

By Douglas J. Gillert

WASHINGTON — Military retirees will have to wait a little longer for a dental plan. Responding to concerns from the dental care industry, Congress wants DoD to consider changing from a single national premium to a local or regional rate schedule.

Because the program was designed to be fully supported by premiums and member cost-shares, DoD health officials consider the industry concern fair and supportable.

"It's probably a good way to go," said Jean Storck, principal deputy for

health services financing. "Our only concern is that we're going to delay offering the benefit for several months."

Storck said it's impossible to know how much premiums will be or how much they will vary across the nation. "We're waiting for the contract bidders to tell us," she said. She said she doesn't foresee any other changes to the previously announced plan.

Under the plan, military retirees and their families will gain access to low-cost dental insurance similar in scope to the active duty

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# Redstone school buses prepare to roll again

By Dale James

Pushed for time in the morning? Redstone Arsenal offers parents of school-age military dependents and DoD civilian dependents a helping hand getting the kids off to school.

For children living on post, the Arsenal provides school bus transportation to three Huntsville city schools, as well as a number of special education and magnet school programs.

According to Kimberly Pugh, contracting officer representative for school bus services, the three city schools are: Westlawn Middle School, Williams Elementary and Butler High School.

Pugh noted that parents of children in kindergarten through fifth grade who live off post and who wish to send their children to Williams Elementary may drop off and pick up their children at the School Age Services child care building between the hours of 6 a.m. and 5 p.m.

School Age Services is located in building 3400.

"We don't go off post and pick them up. They have to bring them to the School Age Services build-

ing," Pugh said.

Children who wish to attend Williams Elementary but who live outside that school's district must obtain a waiver from the Huntsville City School Board.

According to Pugh, the Arsenal operates 17 school bus routes, servicing some 430 students living on post.

The special education and magnet school programs serviced by the Arsenal include the Academy of Science and Foreign Languages, the Academy for Academics and Art, Lee and Johnson high schools, Jones Valley Elementary, the Center for Developmental Learning, and Delta School.

Parents who have questions concerning the bus routes or who wish to register their children may call Kimberly Pugh 842-9831 or Carl Pack 876-3938.

# People...

The following members of Close Combat Anti-Armor Weapon Systems (CCAWS) Project Office received an award recently:

- Barbara Blackburn, Special Act
- Sherwood Byam, Special Act
- Janice Churchey, Special Act
- William Ditto, Special Act
- Theresa Gopher, Special Act
- Arthur Guttensohn, Special Act
- Betty Herrin, Special Act
- Karen Lambert, Special Act
- Petra Meadows, Special Act
- Todd K. Miller, Special Act
- Michael Parmenter, Special Act
- Elizabeth Petty, Special Act
- Judith Polly, Special Act
- Mark Sweeney, Special Act
- Tanya Thomas, Special Act
- Sheila Thompson, Special Act
- Julia Vaughn, Special Act
- Richard Wootten, Special Act
- Beverly Douglas, Performance Award
- Betty Herrin, Performance Award
- Sharon Irwin, Performance Award
- Karen Lambert, Performance Award
- Judith Polly, Performance Award
- John Switzer, Sick Leave Conser-

- Cindy Magnusson, Performance Award
- Donna Clark, Service Certificate
- Judy Littrell, Service Certificate
- Phillip A. Roberts, Service Certificate
- Virginia Stevenson, Service Certificate

### JTUAV Project

The Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (JTUAV) Project Office honored the following individuals at a recent awards ceremony:

- Mona Atkins, Letter of Appreciation
- Jeff Bagwell, Sick Leave Award
- Marsha Cagle-West, Employee of the Quarter, On-the-Spot, Performance Award, Special Act
- Steve Capps, On-the-Spot, Sick Leave Award
- Roger Clark, Letter of Appreciation
- Doris Dam, On-the-Spot
- David Easterling, May Employee of the Month, Employee of the Quarter
- Bruce Fowler, Letter of Appreciation
- Tanna Herchenhahn, Performance Award

- Ronald McClung, Sick Leave Award, 25-Year Service Award
- Patricia McInnis, April Employee of the Month, Sick Leave Award
- Jim Miller, Sick Leave Award
- Kieron Morkin, 20-Year Service Award
- David Morrison, Sick Leave Award
- Linda Payne, Sick Leave Award, July Employee of the Month
- Teresa Pruitt, Performance Award
- Dennis Radford, Letter of Appreciation
- Odeal Richardson, Letter of Appreciation
- Bill Smithson, June Employee of the Month
- John Sundberg, Sick Leave Award, 25-Year Service Award
- Ann Thomas, Sick Leave Award
- Phillip Tucker, Sick Leave Award
- Carole Worsham, March Employee of the Month, Sick Leave Award
- Mary Jane Yost, Sick Leave Award
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# Spot those pesky ticks to keep them from bugging you

By Cherie Miller

The wet spring and hot, dry weather the past few weeks have made the Tennessee Valley a haven for a variety of insect pests. Besides being a nuisance, some of these insects can carry diseases which are harmful to both humans and animals. One insect pest of major concern is the tick.

Ticks are blood-feeding parasites of birds, animals, and humans. There are over 850 species of ticks of two distinct types: hard ticks and soft ticks. Soft ticks have tough, leathery, pitted skin with no distinct head. They are uncommon and often found in caves and on birds. Hard ticks have a hard smooth skin and an apparent head. These ticks are found in the woods and on humans and animals. Hard ticks are associated with most tick-borne diseases in the United States. Common hard ticks in the Tennessee Valley are the dog tick, black-legged tick, lone star tick, and the brown tick.

Ticks can carry disease germs in their bodies which they transmit to humans and animals when they bite. Ticks stay attached to the host by using a dartlike anchor with backward curving teeth which grip into the skin. They also secrete a cement that hardens and helps hold the tick onto the host. The tick slices open the skin with the anchor, inserts the head under the

skin and engorge themselves on the blood. Hard ticks are slow feeders and can take several days to finish a blood meal. They can extract up to 8 milliliters of blood during a feeding and can take up to 100 times their body weight in blood. They concentrate the blood during feeding and return much of the water back to the host.

Not all ticks carry disease organisms, so getting a tick bite does not mean that disease will follow. However, you should look for signs and symptoms of tick borne diseases following any tick bite. The common tick borne diseases include Lyme Disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and Human Erlichiosis.

Lyme Disease is the most common tick-borne disease in the U.S. It has spread rapidly with an increased number of cases in the southeast where it is usually transmitted by the black-legged tick and the lone star tick. The common symptom of Lyme Disease is a "bull's eye" rash around the site of the bite which appears three days to three weeks following the bite. The rash will have a clear center with a red ring outside that. Other symptoms include fever, chills, headache, and fatigue. Rarely fatal, Lyme Disease can cause significant pain and discomfort if allowed to progress.

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF), despite the

name that describes its origin, is now abundant in the Southeast where the main vector is the dog tick. RMSF symptoms include fever, chills, muscle aches, bloodshot eyes and headaches with onset about 3-14 days after the tick bite. A spotty rash may occur on the feet and hands in 2-3 days. RMSF can be treated with antibiotics, but can be fatal when left untreated.

Human erlichiosis was identified in 1986 and has been found predominantly in the Southeast where its vector, the lone star tick, is prevalent. Symptoms appear in 1-21 days (average 7) and resemble RMSF without a rash. Symptoms can be mild to severe and several deaths have been reported.

Prevention is the key to

avoid tick bites. Ticks like long grass and brush where they can attach to humans and pets as they walk by. Keep lawns mowed and remove brush and other vegetation near your home. Discourage wild animals from coming on your property as they are often vectors for ticks. If you must be out in wooded areas use a commercial insect repellent effective against ticks. In addition, wear long pants with the legs tucked into socks or boots and a long sleeve shirt tucked in. Light colored clothing will allow you to spot ticks more easily. Check every few hours for ticks if you are in the woods for a long time. After returning, remove all clothing and check your body carefully, paying spe-

cial attention to hairy or warm, moist parts of the body.

If you do find a tick, remove it by using a tweezers to grasp the tick's head and pull back slowly and steadily. Avoid pulling the tick out sharply as this may tear off the body parts and leave them imbedded in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouthparts like you would remove a splinter. Consider saving the tick in alcohol or freeze it in a pill vial or plastic bag. In case symptoms appear, identification of the tick may be important.

After removing the tick, wash the wound site with soap and water and apply an antiseptic. Avoid crushing the tick with your fingers as this will transmit any dis-

ease organisms to your hands. Also, wash your hands with soap and water after removing the tick and clean the tweezers with alcohol.

Ticks, unfortunately, are here to stay. But by following these preventive measures, you can make sure that ticks are one thing that won't be 'bugging' you this summer!

For more information on ticks and tick-borne diseases call the Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Community Hospital, at 842-0196.

(Editor's note: Miller is environmental health/hospital safety specialist at Fox Army Community Hospital.)

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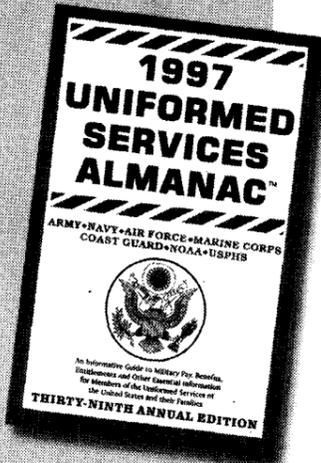
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# Night Out against crime a

By Kathy Harkleroad

Mother Nature cooperated and as the temperatures cooled, the crowds gathered at the Youth Center and took part in the National Night Out against Crime Prevention event Aug. 5. The Provost Marshal's Investigations Section sponsored the evening.

"I believe this was the best Night (Out) ever," coordinator Dale Markin said. "We have taken a conservative guess that well over 1200 folks visited throughout the evening and took part in the many events that were offered."

Vendors lined the exterior of the Youth Center and visited booths sponsored by several agencies on the Arsenal, as well as some off the post. Children were given crayons, coloring books, Frisbees, balloons, pencils, rulers, toys and all kinds of things during the evening and went home with a bag full of goodies.

Door prizes were given out during the evening and were sponsored by several agencies, including Pizza Hut and Post Ex-

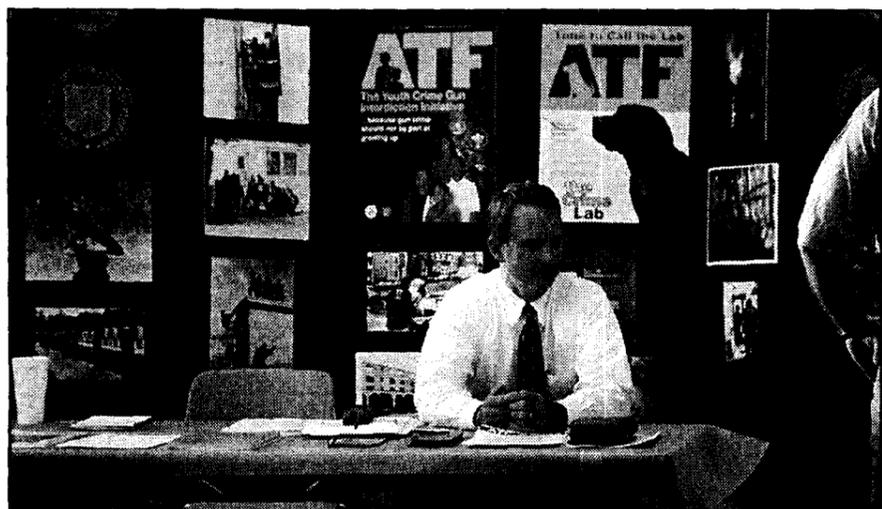
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**WHO IS THAT?—** The Redstone Arsenal Fire Department brought out Pluggy, the remote controlled fire hydrant, to educate children on fire prevention as well as entertain them during the evening. Pluggy is operated by a fireman who is out of view and who manipulates the character around a limited area. This little girl was trying hard to figure out how Pluggy worked and was in awe at his every movement.



**CRIME DOG—** McGruff, the national mascot for crime prevention, paid a visit to the Arsenal Aug. 5 during the National Night Out Against Crime event. McGruff meets two new friends, Ben and Clara Butler, children of Maj. Steve and Linda Butler.



**CRIME PREVENTION—** Several members of the community joined the evening and participated by having information readily available for participants. The Department of the Treasury Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms distributed information on regulations and information on the Bureau. Children were also sworn in as ATF Honorary Jr. Special Agents after taking an oath.

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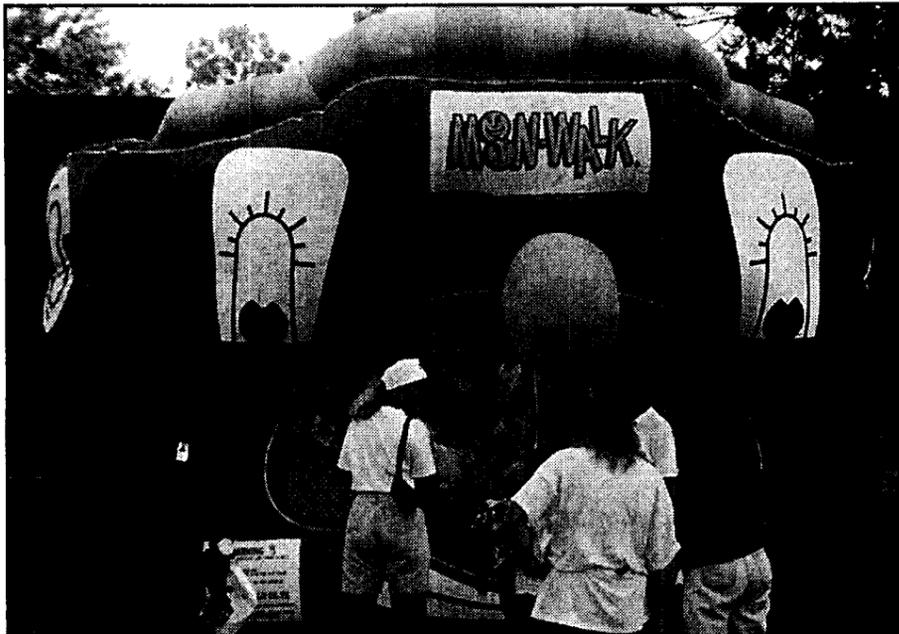
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courtesy of the Airfield; games for children, face painting, musical entertainment, a baseball throw with speeds clocked by radar devices, K9 demonstrations, clowns, various crime prevention displays; and food and drinks were available at a nominal cost.

**HELPING OUT—** The Redstone Arsenal Provost Marshal's K9 section participated in the evening by conducting a demonstration on how the dogs are used to assist the officers in apprehending criminals. The demonstration is always a hit at any gathering. SSGT. Dwight Atkinson is shown with Ben as they prepare to show the audience how a dog can help in an arrest or apprehension.



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# Huntsville senior women's tennis team places second in southern sectional

A Redstone worker led a tennis team of senior women from Huntsville which placed second in a regional tournament.

Linda Baumbach, a management analyst with Defense Megacenter Huntsville, was captain of a 3.0 team of senior women representing the state of Alabama. Competing against teams from other states in their rated playing level, it finished second in the Southern Sectional U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) tournament held July 31 to Aug. 3 in Chattanooga.

Her team had won the state competition held in June in Birmingham. Jill Burt, chief scientist of the Missile and Space Intelligence Center, was also a member of this team. Play consisted of three doubles matches for each event, with two or more wins required to win the match.

→ The 3.0 Women's Senior event in Chattanooga



**WELL REPRESENTED**— Members of the Huntsville team include: kneeling, from left, Jill Burt, Sue Schoen and Donna Payne. Standing, from left, are Georgia Schneider, Gail Ruggiero, Glenda Waller, Linda Baumbach, Brenda Swanner and Margaret Leone.

included 10 teams: Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina, North Carolina, Arkansas, Mississippi, Georgia, and two teams from Louisiana (A and B).

Two divisions of five

teams each were formed; and round-robin play determined who met in the finals. Baumbach's team beat every other squad in its division: Louisiana B (3-0), Arkansas (2-1), North Car-

olina (2-1), and Kentucky (2-1). It lost to Tennessee 1-2 in the final.

All members of Baumbach's team participated in the tournament and each brought home at least two wins.

## MWR highlights...

Morale, welfare and recreation activities include the following:

- **Fabulous '50s night**— Aug. 22 brings Fabulous '50s Night at the Challenger. Doors open at 5 p.m., and bingo cards go on sale at 5:30. Quarter and regular games. There will be door prizes, drawings for those who come in 1950s clothing; halftime twist and Hula Hoop contest. For more information, call 837-0751.
- **Officers Club**— An International Beer Tasting will be held Aug. 22. Tickets are \$6 per person at the door, 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 830-2582.

- **Hispanic Night**— Aug. 23 at the JOC; D.J., dancing, and more; 9 p.m.-1 a.m.; \$3 cover charge per person. For more information, call 830-2582.

- **Oktoberfest III**— Oktoberfest returns to the Redstone Arsenal parade field Sept. 11-14. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this fun activity. For more information, call 876-3030.

- **Bowling lanes**— Fall leagues are forming at Rocket Lanes. These include Monday night- Officers Mixed; Tuesday night- RASA Mixed; Wednesday night- IMMC Mixed; Thursday morning-

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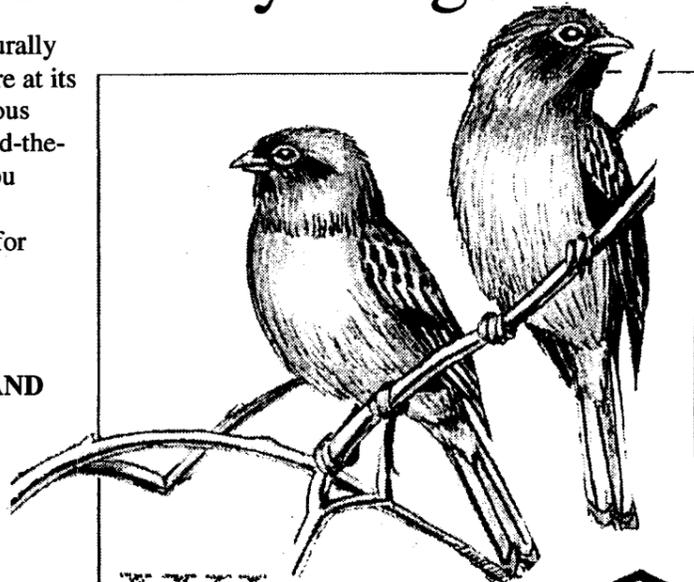
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# Navy researchers make organ transplant breakthrough

WASHINGTON— U.S. Navy medical researchers have reached a significant milestone in medicine's search to find away to prevent "mismatched" transplanted organs from being rejected.

U.S. Navy physicians Capt. David Harlan and Lt. Cmdr. Allan Kirk tested a novel medical therapy that seems to prevent the rejection of transplanted organs—even transplanted organs that are completely mismatched. While the precise mechanism preventing the organ rejection remains unclear, the researcher's data suggests the immune system is "re-educated" to leave the transplanted organ alone.

Currently, individuals in need of a transplant must wait for an organ from a suitably matched donor. After receiving the transplant, individuals must take anti-rejection medications for the rest of their lives to prevent the organ from being attacked by their own immune system and destroyed. Anti-rejection

drugs often have significant unpleasant side effects and increase individual's susceptibility to infections and tumors. These drugs are also expensive.

As part of their research, the Navy team transplanted very mismatched kidneys into non-human primates and treated them with the new therapy for 28 days after the operation. No other therapy, including the use of anti-rejection drugs, was administered. Six months later, the primates are robust and suffering no significant side effects. The short course of the therapy appears to be long-lasting, precluding the use of daily medication to prevent organ rejection.

The expected lifespan for primates with a mismatched kidney transplant that receives no treatment is less than ten days.

A summary of the team's

research is in the Aug. 5 issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science and on the Academy's Homepage at <http://www.pnas.org>.

Navy doctors routinely conduct basic, clinical and field research directly related to military requirements and operational needs. This research is often done in partnership with other branches of the armed forces, universities and private industry, and has influenced the civilian and military practice of medicine.

Harlan and Kirk's research stems from earlier Navy work that suggests some immune responses could be turned "off" or "on" at will. Controlling this off or on response are T lymphocytes, or T cells, which play a key role in the immune system by fending off infectious agents. However, these T cells also recognize "invading" transplanted organs, and the immune response directed by the T cells ultimately leads to organ rejection.

This recent milestone was reached when the research team observed that T cells have two distinct "senses" to "sniff" out the intent of any invader, such as a transplanted organ. One sense very specifically recognizes invaders. This first sense can detect even subtle differences in tissues or organs.

However, simply recognizing an organ as an invader appears insufficient to alert T cells to call an all out attack. For T cells to become alerted, they must not only recognize the invader as foreign, but must

also have other T cell sensors simultaneously triggered. These latter sensors are called "costimulatory receptors." The researchers' therapy allows the immune system to recognize the transplanted organ, but prevents costimulatory receptors from sounding the alarm to attack the invading organ.

According to the United Network for Organ Sharing, which tracks organ transplant data, almost 4,000 Americans died in 1996 as they waited for a compatible organ donor. Many thousands more have decreased quality of life while they wait for an organ match or suffer from anti-rejection drug side effects.

Harlan and Kirk believe

that in addition to preventing organ transplant rejection, their research may provide help for immune system illnesses ranging from the relatively innocuous but annoying hay fever to severe and potentially life threatening illnesses such as multiple sclerosis and lupus.

Harlan and Kirk work at the Naval Medical Research Institute (NMRI) in Bethesda, Md.

Others collaborating on this project include Dr. Tom Davis and researchers at NMRI, transplant surgeon Dr. Stuart Knechtle and his colleagues at the University of Wisconsin - Madison and scientists from the Navy's civilian partner organizations. (DoD release)

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## DoD reviews 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy law

By Linda D. Kozaryn

WASHINGTON — Defense officials are reviewing DoD's policy on homosexuals in the military.

Under the direction of Fred Pang, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, officials are looking at two major policy elements, Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said here Aug. 8.

The first element is the number of people discharged every year because they've either announced they are homosexuals or because officials discovered they are homosexuals, Bacon said. "That number has risen over the last several years, and we want to understand why it's risen."

The second part of the study is looking at specific charges made by the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network and other groups about inappropriate investigations, Bacon said. "We want to find out if those allegations are correct or not."

The study's goal is to determine if the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy is clearly understood by enlisted members and officers — particularly commanders — and whether it's being consistently and fairly enforced throughout the military, Bacon said.

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen directed officials to conduct the review now that the law has been in effect for about three years and data are available, Bacon said. The intent is not to change the law, he said, but to see how well it's understood and implemented.

About 850 service members were discharged for homosexuality in fiscal 1996, according to DoD

officials. Junior enlisted (E-1 to E-4) made up 90 percent of the separations. Of those discharged, about 76 percent left after admitting they are homosexuals. About 23 percent were discharged for committing a homosexual act. About 83 percent had less than five years in service, and 93 percent were younger than 30.

Section 654 of 10 U.S. Code, enacted in November 1993, states "the presence in the armed forces of persons who demonstrate a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts would create an unacceptable risk to the high standards of morale, good order and discipline, and unit cohesion that are the essence of military capability."

The law requires discharge of service members who engage in homosexual conduct, which includes homosexual acts, statements demonstrating a propensity or intent to engage in such acts, or homosexual marriage or attempted marriage, DoD officials said.

The law prohibits inquiries or investigations solely to determine a service member's sexual orientation. A commander must initiate an investigation, however, upon receipt of credible information that a service member has engaged in homosexual conduct.

The policy review, expected to be completed by the end of the year, is one of three ongoing reviews regarding sexual conduct in the military. DoD officials are reviewing mixed-gender training, provisions governing good order and discipline, and rules governing adultery. (American Forces Press Service)

## Pentagon guard tackles gun-wielding intruder

By Linda D. Kozaryn

WASHINGTON — Pentagon officials here recently got a taste of the threat U.S. forces face around the world from those who use violence to achieve their goals.

Defense Protective Service Officer Christopher Freeman stopped a man wielding a handgun and carrying 130 rounds of 9 mm ammunition from entering the Pentagon Aug. 5.

DoD officials hailed Freeman as courageous, well trained, decisive and quick moving. "He did exactly what he was trained to do and he did it extremely well," said Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon. "He was an example of training and courage coming to the fore all at once."

At about 8 a.m., Bacon said, Raymond S. Maestas, 36, of West Covina, Calif., approached the guard desk

at the Pentagon's mall entrance. He said he wanted to speak to the "admiral in charge." He then asked to talk to the "vice admiral about a car theft."

When he failed to show an identification badge, Freeman told Maestas to step to the side. As Freeman went around the desk to talk to him, Maestas pulled a Beretta pistol from his knapsack. The gun later proved to be loaded; the knapsack held 12 clips with 120 rounds of 9 mm ammunition.

Security Aide Marvin Fraser, Freeman's partner on the desk, was already on the phone calling for backup when he saw the gun. Freeman then saw the gun and wrestled Maestas to the ground. The incident was over in a matter of minutes.

Maestas was taken into custody and interviewed by Pentagon officials and the FBI. Security officials later

learned Maestas had tried to enter through another entrance and had tried to drive his car through a security checkpoint. He was turned away at both, Bacon said. Maestas was arraigned the next day and charged with assault.

Within an hour of the incident, explosive ordnance disposal specialists with bomb-sniffing dogs and a robot searched the rental car Maestas had been driving. They found no other weapons.

Freeman is one of 220 Defense Protective Service officers who guard the Pentagon. Security officials will conduct a routine review of the incident, Bacon said.

"The protective service people did exactly what they're trained to do, and the system worked," he said. (American Forces Press Service)

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# U.S. Military counterdrug mission under review

By Linda D. Kozaryn

WASHINGTON — DoD pulled U.S. troops from patrols along the U.S.-Mexican border while defense officials review the role of military troops in counterdrug activities.

"The entire policy is under review," Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said July 29. "That review has several elements to it. One is whether it's appropriate for military troops to be involved in border patrol activities."

If deemed appropriate, he said, "what are proper operating procedures for them? What's the proper relationship between them and the [U.S.] Border Patrol and other law enforcement agencies? Another question is, do they have adequate legal protec-

tion?"

DoD expects to complete the review within the next month or so, Bacon said. In the meantime, he said, DoD officials decided to suspend the patrols.

The review was sparked by a May 20 incident in Texas in which Marines killed a local 18-year-old man who allegedly fired at them. DoD officials said this was the first time a member of the military shot a U.S. citizen during a drug surveillance mission.

Bacon said the incident raised the issue of whether U.S. forces are liable to civil or criminal action for performing their jobs under the rules of engagement and procedures assigned by the military. "That's something that domestic law enforcement agencies are looking at, and it's something

we want to look at as well," he said.

About 240 troops support local law enforcement agencies along the nearly 2,000-mile border. At any one time, Bacon said, about 24 soldiers and Marines in teams of three or four patrol the border. Working from two or three observation points, they report suspicious activity to local law enforcers. "The troops do not apprehend people," he said. "They provide information to others."

The patrols are only a small part of the military's support to counterdrug operations, Bacon said. The military also provides intelligence, surveillance, electronic listening and engineering support. The suspension affects only those troops on border patrols, he said.

"The military is very committed to providing support to the war on drugs," Bacon said. "We provide between \$800 million and \$1 billion worth of support a year. "We perform mainly reconnaissance, listening and observation activities.

U.S. forces provide information used by law enforcement agents in seizing illegal drugs, he said. A recent drug bust in the Caribbean, for example, which netted several tons of illegal drugs, was due to information provided by U.S. forces, Bacon said.

"We estimate that every dollar of DoD money spent on supporting the border operation yields about \$40 in seizures of illegal drugs, so we think we're playing an important role," Bacon said. (American Forces Press Service)

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concentrating on air vehicle development— qualifying, testing, and expanding the flight envelop," Bergantz said. "The second prototype will be dedicated to mission equipment development. That is the sensors, the weapon systems, and the navigation and communication systems."

Comanche's primary function will be to serve as a reconnaissance platform, to perform reconnaissance and security missions. It will also have light attack and air-to-air combat capabilities.

"It'll be primarily used in air cavalry squadrons and attack helicopter battalions. The Special Forces are also interested in it," Bergantz said. "And we hope as the aircraft draws near fielding that the Marine Corps would be interested."

Asked about foreign interest, he said, "Potentially some of our allies may want it, too."

The fly-away cost for one Comanche helicopter is \$14.85 million. The T-800 engine, government-furnished equipment, is built by a contractor called Light Helicopter Turbine Engine Company which represents a joint venture between Allied Signal and Allison Engine Companies.

Comanche is designed to be complementary to the Apache attack helicopter. It will seek and find targets and then be able to engage those targets itself and hand them off to Apache.

"Its survivability is greater than previous helicopters because of built-in low signature features. For example, it has lower infrared and radar signatures," Bergantz said. "What that allows is it can get closer and engage an

enemy without being detected. They don't know it's there— won't show up on their radar, won't show up on their infrared— so he can get inside the threat's weapons envelope without being detected.

"It's also designed to be quieter," he added. "The other thing it's designed to do is to help with the information dominance piece of future battle. In other words, it will be able to take information from different joint platforms— like JSTARS, the AWACS, satellites, unmanned aerial vehicles, as well as other fighter aircraft and helicopters — and be able to pass that information around the battlefield to artillery, air defense, armor and infantry units."

It should be able to adapt to changing technology in electronics. "Another key part is the mission computer— takes all the informa-

tion in from the sensors, from the infrared sensor, from its electro-optics — and then in the future we'll have a radar," Bergantz said, "and fusing the information together to allow the pilots to identify the targets in adverse weather and at night. And this is important because that way you know for sure that the target you're going to shoot is an enemy target. You want to preclude fratricide."

Comanche program office is authorized 81 people, but has 57 on board.

"Now that the hiring freeze (from higher headquarters) has been lifted, we're in the process of trying to fill some of these vacancies," Bergantz said. Its mostly civilian staff, including six officers, works in the Sparkman Center and will move by early November to newly-renovated building 5681.

Bergantz, the program manager since June 16, previously served as senior military assistant to the under secretary of defense for acquisition at the Penta-

gon. A 12-member advance party from the program office arrived from St. Louis in April; and most of the rest of the office got here in July.

Darrell Harrison is deputy program manager; Billy Miller, business manager; Michael Richey, technical director; and Charlie Reading, logistics director.

"We've found the people down here to be very helpful and most cooperative and we're pleased with the way our settling in is going," Bergantz said.



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**Human remains recovered in North Korea by U.S. team**

WASHINGTON— Four sets of skeletal remains believed to be those of American soldiers lost during the Korean War have been recovered in Unsan County, North Korea. The remains were excavated during a 20-day field operation by a joint U.S.-North Korean team which had been conducting joint excavations in the northwestern part of North Korea, about 50 miles southwest of the Yalu River.

The U.S. team from the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii and the Department of Defense had been conducting excavations in an area where several hundred Americans are known to have been lost in fierce combat between U.S. and Chinese forces.

The human remains were returned to American control in a repatriation ceremony Aug. 4 at Panmunjom. They will be taken to the CILHI where forensic process-

es will seek to establish the identifications of the Americans.

This is the second time U.S. specialists from the Defense Department's POW/Missing Personnel Office and CILHI have entered North Korea. In July 1996, a similar joint team located the remains of an American soldier, also in Unsan County. Those remains were subsequently identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

In an agreement signed by the United States and North Korea in June, both sides agreed that further joint recovery operations will be conducted in September and October. North Korea also agreed to allow a U.S. archival team to review American-related records in Pyongyang's military museum. That team arrived in North Korea on Aug. 2. (DoD release)

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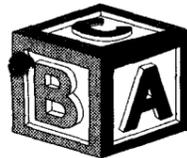
year. New members will be required to pay the first four months' premiums when they enroll and must enroll for two years. Excluding exams and cleanings, they must pay a \$50 annual deductible before cost-share payments kick in. After paying the deductible, they will be billed 20 percent of cost for restorative care and sealants and 40 percent of cost for other services.

The company selected to

provide the services will send information and enrollment forms to prospective members. Enrollees will receive a listing of participating dentists.

Storck said DoD will announce additional details, including the start-up date, once the contract is awarded. (American Forces Press Service)

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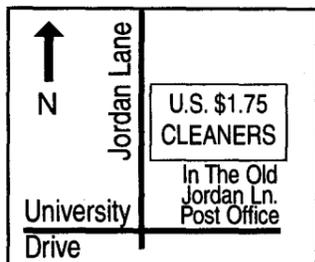
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**Self-help center**— The Self-Help Center, building 3500, is reviewing all DD Form 577 signature cards for persons authorized to withdraw materials and equipment from Self-Help (excluding housing occupants). The signature cards currently on file will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

**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 name, address, work and home telephone numbers, military unit or place of employment, status— i.e., active duty, retired military, civilian employee or contractor — and a brief statement of reasons for wanting

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**Long-term care insurance**— On Aug. 21 from 11-noon at building 5304, room 4253-57— note location change — 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.

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**Newcomers coffee**— The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold a newcomers coffee Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at the home of Phyllis Montgomery at 5 Wadsworth Drive, Redstone Arsenal. All eligible members who are new to the area are invited to attend. For more information, call Renee S. Gardiner 837-1289.

**Red Cross blood program**— The Red Cross blood schedule for August is as follows: Aug. 14 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Sparkman Center building 5300, conference room, Cathy Rowe 842-8675 and Betty Graham 842-9044; and from 7-10:30 a.m. at building 5250, Bertha Childress 842-0356. Aug. 15 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 4752

(NASA), no appointment necessary, Janie McCrary 544-7566. Aug. 22 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SSDC (Wynn Drive), room 1C400, Al Longhi 955-5901 (tentative); and 7:30-noon at Corps of Engineers, Linda Merschman 895-1580. Aug. 29 from 8-noon at 6260, Cathy Brooks 876-0351.

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

**Workshop on moving**— "Moving is a Family Affair" is a one-night workshop to be held Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. at Hope Presbyterian Church at the intersection of Bailey Cove and Weatherly Roads. Counselors from The Key Pastoral Counseling Center will conduct the workshop which is open to the public. It should be especially meaningful to anyone who has recently relocated to the Huntsville area, i.e., fami-

lies and individuals moving to Redstone from St. Louis. For more information, call the church office 881-4673.

**Smoking cessation class**— The new Public Health and Education Center at Fox Army Community Hospital will be offering Evening Smoking Cessation Classes starting Sept. 9 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. These classes will be held at Fox Army Community Hospital in the Executive Conference Room. This is a 10-week class designed to help you quit smoking. These classes are free and open to military beneficiaries and Civil Service workers. Call 842-0196 to register, or Eileen Bailey 842-0149 for more information.

**Church performance**— "The Masterpiece," an award-winning stage production, will be performed at 7 p.m. Aug. 23 at First Baptist Church, 600 Governors Drive. Admission is free. "The Masterpiece" combines dance, theater and technical effects to recount

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the epic tale of good, evil and the fight for mankind," a prepared release said. Preschool childcare by reservation; call 535-9411 by Aug. 15.

**Military personnel office**  
— The Military Personnel Office will close at 11 a.m. Thursday for its annual Organization Day Picnic. Normal operating hours will resume Friday.

**Boating safety course**  
— Are you aware of the many new requirements imposed on Alabama boaters by the Alabama Boating Safety Reform Act of 1994? The Coast Guard Auxiliary in Huntsville offers a Boating Skills and Safety Class which it says is ideal for the whole family to take to qualify for the new Alabama boating operator license and could lower insurance premiums for boaters who take it." A material fee will be collected on the first night of class which begins at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 14 at Redstone in Stillwell Hall, building 3305, room 115. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 90-2220 (days) or 830-621 (evenings).

**Retired officers**— The Retired Officers Association (TROA) will hold its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Aug. 27 at the Officers Club. Col. David Deeter, commander of Fox Army Community Hospital, is to speak on retiree health care at FACH and Tricare." For more information call William L. Kelly, retired chief warrant officer, 881-2323.

**USA art auction**— The

Association of the U.S. Army will have a benefit exhibition and auction of fine art from throughout the world Sept. 6 at the Bevill Center on the UAH campus. A reception and exhibition starts at 6:30 p.m., and the auction at 7:30.

**Thrift Shop**— The Thrift Shop has an immediate opening for a part-time bookkeeper, approximately eight hours per week at \$7 an hour. The applicant must be knowledgeable of Windows 3.1 and above, and the QuickBooks Financial Program. Applications may be picked up at the Thrift Shop. For more information, call Nancy Goss 881-9807.

**Hospice cares**— In addition to its care of the terminally ill, Hospice Cares Inc. offers the following services to the community at no charge: Solace Program, for those who are struggling to cope with a serious illness or who have a loved one who is seriously ill; Grief in the Workplace, which provides consultation and support when grief impacts the workplace; Caring House, a bereavement center for children and youth; Grief Support Groups, and Education Programs. For more information call Hospice Cares Inc., 2225 Drake Ave., Suite 14, 880-9898.

**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.).

**Barbershop quartet**— Huntsville Chapter of the Society to Preserve and Encourage Barbershop Quartet Singing in America meets every Thursday night at 7 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 12901 Bailey Cove Road. Visitors are welcome, especially if

they like to sing. For information call the secretary 883-4456.

**Tennis clinic**— A free tennis clinic, open to girls in grades 5-8, will be held 5:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 18, 19, 25, 26 and Sept. 8 and 9 at Lee High School. Aileen Finley, tennis coach for Ed White Middle School, is scheduled instructor for this clinic sponsored by Girl Scouts of North Alabama. Call 883-1020 to register.

**Professional secretaries**— Redstone Arsenal

Chapter of Professional Secretaries International (PSI) will hold its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Aug. 19 at the Officers Club in the Twickenham Room. All government-employed clerical office professionals are invited to attend. For more information, call Ellen Mahathey 876-4396 or Donna Dickey 955-4399.

**Memphis tour**— Join the Recreation Center Sept. 6 on a tour to Memphis, Tenn., to see the Titanic Exhibition. Experience the drama and see the artifacts

from the wreck of the great Titanic. The exhibit is being held in the Memphis Pyramid on the banks of the Mississippi River. The cost for the tour is \$26.50 for adults and \$21 for youth ages 5-16. Cost includes transportation and admission. Seating is very limited. To sign up stop by the Recreation Center, building 3711 after 1:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday or after 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Recreation Center

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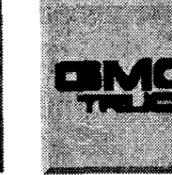
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 ation Center is located near the corner of Patton and Aerobee, next door to the old Post Theater. Call 876-4531 during the aforementioned signup hours for more information.

**Free seminar—** NASA Technology Transfer is the topic of a free seminar scheduled 11:30 a.m. Friday at Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce, 225 Church St. Scheduled speaker is Harry Craft of Marshall Space Flight Center. Sponsors include North Alabama Chapter of the World Future Society, the Education Directorate of the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies, and the Chamber of Commerce Small Business Development Center. For more information, call Les Johnson 772-7214.

**Southern University alumni—** Huntsville Chapter of the Southern University Alumni Federation will hold a fellowship breakfast at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Golden Corral. All Jaguar alumni and current students who reside in the Huntsville/Madison County area are encouraged to attend. RSVP to Kathy Fails 730-7193 or Paul Hillard 544-2016 by Thursday.

**Montgomery GI bill—** Public Law 104-275, enacted Oct. 9, 1996, authorizes Veterans Education Assistance Program (VEAP) participants who were on active duty Oct. 9, 1996 the opportunity to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill. A participant has been defined as anyone with a VEAP account balance greater than zero on Oct. 9, 1996. An extensive effort is under way to notify each eligible soldier. In addition to mul-

iple methods of notification, leave and earnings statements from March to September will contain a message to soldiers in an effort to find all eligible personnel prior to the expiration of this opportunity Oct. 8. Anyone believing they meet the aforementioned criteria should report to the Army Education Center, building 3222 any Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for information. Failure to enroll in the Montgomery GI Bill by Oct. 8 will forfeit all claims

to this opportunity in the future. "There will be no exceptions," a prepared release from the Education Center said. "Hurry! There is less than 60 days remaining to take advantage of this opportunity."

**HHC-AMCOM day—** HHC-AMCOM will have a unit Organizational Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at Vincent Park. For information call SFC Kanas 842-2404 or Spec. Killingsworth 876-8850. All are welcome to attend.

**Florida Tech—** Florida Institute of Technology, offering more than 10 different degrees in management, is conducting registration for the fall semester. All classes are in the evenings from 5-8 in building 5304. For more information, call 881-7878 or stop by the office room 4326.

**Transition assistance workshop—** The Military Personnel Office is sponsoring a three-day Transition Assistance Workshop, Aug. 26-28. It is mandatory that

all military personnel who are leaving the service within the next 180 days attend one of these scheduled workshops unless they have attended a previous workshop. The workshop will be held in building 3433, room 145. To register call Jeanne Sharpe 955-6490.

**Officer/civilian women** — The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will have its fall signup coffee Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Officers Club. Any group, crafter, or organization

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**Prostate cancer screening** — Dr. Amit Chakrabarty, a specialist in adult and pediatric urology, will offer free Prostate Cancer Screening from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 23 at Madison Multispecialty Center, 8160 Highway 20 West (next to Intergraph) in Madison. "Subsidized PSA testing (\$10 only)," a prepared release said. This screening is for all males above 50, African-Americans above 40, and those with a family history of prostate cancer above 40. By appointments only; call 772-6660.

**Fox Army Community Hospital** — Fox Army Community Hospital will hold its Organization Day on Friday. FOXCARE Team 3 Clinic, for urgent and same day care, will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. for scheduled appointments. Triage advice nurses will be available 24 hours a day at 455-8888 or 1-800-223-9531. The Pharmacy will be open. All other clinics will close at 11 a.m. If you have an emergency, dial 911 or go immediately to the nearest emergency room.

**Army band** — The Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce welcomes AMCOM and Army Aviation and presents the 389th Army Band, "AMC's Own," in concert at 7 p.m. Aug. 17 at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Free tickets were available at the AMCOM Public Affairs Office. The band will also perform for the public at noon Aug. 18 on the front lawn of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

**832nd Battalion day** — The 832nd Ordnance Battalion will have an Organizational Day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 22 at Vincent Park and Pagano Gym. The day will be filled with many recreational activities, including a Commander's Cup Competition among the companies and the Marine Corps Detachment in basketball, volleyball and softball. There will also be kiddie games for younger children and a picnic-style lunch. In the event of inclement weather, the Organizational Day will be held in Pagano Gym and the Recreation Center. All Battalion family members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Aviation systems courses** — In the continuing effort of Redstone Associated Universities (RAU) to present opportunities for graduate studies, it is pleased to announce that the University of Tennessee Space Institute from Tullahoma is now making available graduate level programs in Engineering Management, Aviation Systems, and Aerospace Engineering at Redstone Arsenal under RAU. These offerings are the first result of the Advanced Studies Fair that was held in June at the Sparkman Auditorium. Further announcements will be made as more courses from other universities become available. The courses will be offered via a combination of distance learning and videotapes for the fall semester. Periodically, live sessions with instructors will be conducted. Registration and more information can be obtained from UTSI representatives from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 18 in room 4342/44, building 5304, at the Sparkman Center. For more information, call Dr. Max Hailey (615) 393-7264 or Brice Bible (615) 393-7528 at UTSI.

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