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## Commander says AMCOM is off to a good start



GIBSON

By Skip Vaughn

The commander of Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal returns to his office after a

courtesy visit with the Huntsville mayor. There will be many such visits in the local community as Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson

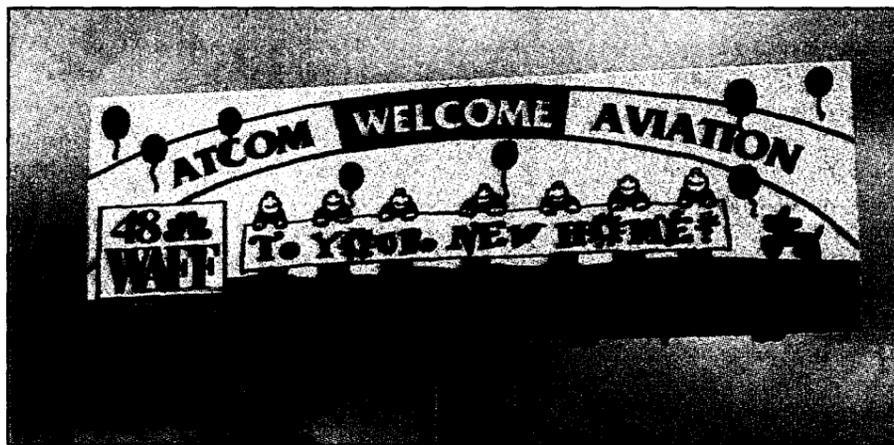
begins his tour here.

Besides meeting with Mayor Loretta Spencer, he has already thrown out the first ball at a Huntsville

Stars game. His daily schedule stays busy just as it was for Redstone's previous commanders. Gibson, who assumed command July 17, outlined his observations and goals during an interview with the Rocket on Aug. 25. The following is a text of that hourlong meeting in his office.

• **What are your observations from your first few weeks as commander of the Aviation and Missile Command?**

"I think my first observation would be that we are off to a very good start at merging these two mission areas into a single command. And my second observation would be that, both personally and speaking with the former ATCOM folks that came from St. Louis, we are fortunate to be coming to a



**WELCOME AVIATION WORKERS**—Gibson mentioned the welcoming billboards as an example of the friendly reception St. Louis workers have received from the local community. This billboard, designed by Lauren Cullen, 10, a sixth-grader at Lib-

erty Middle School, was unveiled June 11 on South Memorial Parkway near Leeman Ferry Road. Cullen won a poster contest open to youths across north Alabama to have artwork featured on about 50 billboards over three months.

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## Hospital converting to super clinic under DoD directive

By Kathy Harkleroad

Fox Army Community Hospital will undergo a major change after the first of the year. The hospital is converting to a "super clinic" and discontinuing inpatient services.

"This is being done as a Department of Defense directive," Col. David Deeter, the hospital commander, said. "And it is the result of a two-year study of small DoD medical facilities. It was determined that the cost of providing care in a MTF (military treatment facility) was greater here than on the economy, and the surrounding community facilities would be able to pick up the workload with no great impact."

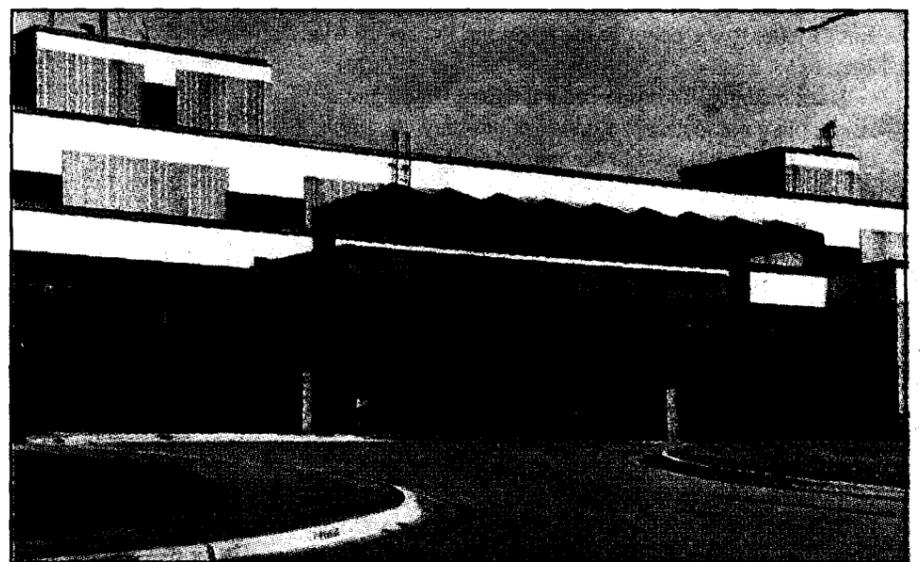
The inpatient census at Fox has been low for a

*'This is happening all over the country. The cost of running a ward with only one patient is nearly the same as one with 10 patients; and smaller hospitals across the country are feeling the impact.'*

— Col. David Deeter  
Commander, FACH

number of years; and recently there has been an average of three inpatients per day on the ward. "We have some days where we have no patients at all on the

ward, and other days we have as many as three. It is just not feasible to continue to staff the ward with nurses and clerks when the patient load is that small," Deeter



**CHANGES PLANNED**—Fox Army Community Hospital will convert to a super clinic and discontinue inpatient services.

said. "Because this is a hospital we are required to do that, whether we have anyone admitted or not."

Deeter said this was not an unusual situation when it came to smaller hospitals. "This is happening all over the country," he said. "The cost of running a ward with

only one patient is nearly the same as one with 10 patients; and smaller hospitals across the country are feeling the impact. Additionally, more and more of the treatments patients used to receive in the hospital are now being done in the outpatient and home setting."

While patients will no longer be admitted at FACH after Jan. 5, the impact to them should be minimal. The Tricare Prime cost share for inpatient care is \$11 compared to the MTF charge of \$9.50 and the sur-

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## Letters To The Editor

### Oktoberfest fee

I am writing this letter in advance of the upcoming Oktoberfest here on the Arsenal. I have attended both Oktoberfests held in the past and enjoyed myself and found them to be a positive event for both the Arsenal and the community. However, this year I noticed that there is a \$6 cover charge to enter the festival. I was told that this fee not only enables you to enter, but ride all the rides. With this I have a problem. Many of the adults who planned to go probably have no desire to ride the rides, but will still have to pay to do so. If my wife and I went, it would cost \$12 just to enter the festival. I find this exorbitant. A simple solution for those who have no intent to ride the rides? Charge \$2 or even \$3 for those people and an additional \$3 or so for those people who wish to partake in the rides and give those people wristbands as they do for alcohol, using a different color. I cannot help believing that this new \$6 entry fee will stop many adults from attending. It will me.

**Bob Mulkey**

*(Editor's note: The Directorate of Community and Family Activities provided the following response.*

*"Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to respond to you about the Oktoberfest coming soon to Redstone Arsenal.*

*"While we believe it is a priority to offer a large, clean, carnival with rides included in the admission price, we hope you would agree, the true attraction for Oktoberfest '97 is the German and American entertainment and the multi-cultural atmosphere. Also, included in the admission price, the world famous Memphis in May Barbecue, youth activities, free local cellular calls, with no charge for parking at the event.*

*"In comparison, a cover charge for entertainment locally is \$5 which doesn't include any of the aforementioned activities. The North East Alabama State Fair special night cost is \$10 per person plus \$2 for parking; the Lincoln County Fair, in the same timeframe, has an admission fee of \$4.50 plus a \$2 parking fee; and the Oktoberfest in Birmingham charges a \$5 admission fee for their street festival alone.*

*"In conclusion, we hope you'll agree, the all-inclusive daily admission price of \$6 for Oktoberfest '97 is a great value."*)

### Power of attorney

Redstone Federal Credit Union has in the past, and will continue to service to the best of our ability, the civilian and military personnel of the U.S. government who work or are stationed at Redstone Arsenal. However, I must take issue with Catherine M. Hunt's letter to the editor in the Redstone Rocket on Aug. 20.

Until recently, Redstone Federal Credit Union had a strict policy not to accept a power of attorney. In 1993, this policy was changed to accommodate the Redstone Arsenal personnel. However, because of the litigious nature of the society in which we all live, Redstone Federal Credit Union had to balance the needs of its members using powers of attorney with the safety and soundness of the Credit Union.

Specifically, since 1994, financial institutions nationwide have been sued for allowing transactions that were not specially stated in a power of attorney. Indeed, courts have stated that a power of attorney will be construed strictly, restricting powers to those expressly granted.

In 1994, upon advice of legal counsel, Redstone Federal Credit Union contacted the Judge Advocate General's office at Redstone Arsenal and pointed out an ambi-

guity contained in the general power of attorney. Specifically, clause 7 (b) titled "Fiduciary Powers" contained language that completely nullified the power of attorney. After several conversations with the Judge Advocate General's office, appropriate language was inserted.

Over the past three years, this language has appeared on almost every power of attorney received by Redstone Federal Credit Union. Indeed, the Credit Union has received powers of attorney from almost every base in the country with this new language. This language not only protects the Credit Union, but, it also protects the person using the power of attorney.

Lastly, let me personally apologize to Catherine M. Hunt and every person at Redstone Arsenal for any perceived harassment on the part of staff at Redstone Federal Credit Union. The board and staff at Redstone Federal Credit Union do not take your membership for granted, and have in the past and will in the future take every precaution to protect your account.

**Gerald E. Toland**  
President, RFCU

### See you later

With all the attention the new arrivals from St. Louis have been receiving lately, it feels a little strange writing this letter. But after careful thought, it was the best way I could think of to say the things I needed to say.

As most of you know, I am the wife of an active duty soldier stationed here on the Arsenal; and as a wife of a soldier, the time eventually comes around when you have to leave a duty station. For us that time is now. My husband and I are headed back to Fort Riley, Kan., in the next few weeks.

I have never been good at saying the word goodbye and try hard not to do it. When you are in the military, you tend to say "See you later" as you almost always end up seeing someone again at some point in your career. That is the reason for this letter—to say "See you later" to all those I have missed in the last few weeks.

My job has taken me into almost every organization on this Arsenal and my acquaintances and friends are many. I didn't just want to disappear without expressing my thanks, my gratitude and my wish for a good future. The problem was those friends and acquaintances are too many for me to do individually and to be honest with you there aren't enough tissues on the Arsenal to handle the tears that always seem to well up in my eyes.

To those I missed, I wish you well. You made my job so easy and more importantly made it fun. You taught me things about your jobs that I would have never guessed you do. You gave me a reason to tell a story and let the world know what you do and how important your job is.

To all the soldiers whose lives have touched mine during my travels, I thank you. It is because of you I have the deep sense of pride in our military that I do. You put in long hours training, being trained, doing more with less, pulling extra duty, making sure your watch is covered, and you deserve an extra pat on the back. You welcomed me into your world with open arms and explained things to me that were a mystery. You showed me (and the world with my articles) that the military isn't full of bad soldiers and there is such a thing as hard work, dedication and pride, even though the hours are long and the pay is never enough.

To the civilians I have met working side-by-side with those soldiers, and to those who support them, I thank you also. For without you, their jobs would be much harder, and sometimes unreachable.

To the community as a whole, I will miss you and will carry fond memories of Redstone Arsenal with me during my travels. As a military spouse you try hard not to get "too involved" in the community because you know eventually you will be leaving; but the community here made that very hard for me to do.

You will be seeing my bylines in the paper less and less and this is pretty much my last week at work. Next week my life will be filled with pre-inspections and getting my house ready for the packers and moving truck.

Take care, everyone, and keep up the wonderful work you are doing. I'll see you later.

**Kathy Harkleroad**

### Women's memorial

After two centuries of service by military women and 10 years of work by so many Americans, I am honored to be a part of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial. The Memorial is scheduled to open in less than two months and will house within its archives, the largest collection ever assembled on the history of America's military women. Women veterans from every generation, various backgrounds, service branches and occupations are urged to take pride in this long-awaited Memorial.

Women on active duty, in the Reserve, Guard and Health servicewomen living or deceased are to be honored. The Memorial will use their history to forever remind visitors of the timeless value of valor and steadfastness in moments of crisis and in times of victory. The time is now to sponsor a military servicewoman or to register yourself.

The initial exhibits will come from an astounding selection of memorabilia, letters and/or photos from around the world. Inspiration covering every era including the Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and women serving on land, sea and air today is vital. Items collected will be used to tell our history in a fashion worthy of the 1.8 million servicewomen in which the Memorial honors.

Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught is president of The Women's Memorial and will attend Dedication Day on Oct. 18 in Washington, D.C. (Arlington National Cemetery). Please call toll free (800) 222-2294 for further details on attending the dedication or to receive an application packet. You may also e-mail representatives: [wimsa@aol.com](mailto:wimsa@aol.com) or visit the website: <http://www.wimsa.org/pub/wimsa>.

**Marilyn Henry**  
Persian Gulf War veteran

### Internet use

Please reference the Aug. 20 edition of the Redstone Rocket. This information is in response to a letter that was printed, "Use of the Internet." I submitted an article on the Internet to the Rocket that was printed in the same issue that carried the requester's letter. While my article was not submitted to address the specific concerns of the requester, my article answered the questions posed by the requester except for the question concerning obtaining a few stock quotes during the workday.

Regarding the stock quotes question, Department of Army guidance provides that an employee may check the stock market at a website but, as stated in my article, the employee should make the market checks before or after his or her work hours or during lunch or other authorized breaks.

**David C. Points Jr.**  
AMCOM Legal

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# New manager of Post Exchange puts customers first

By Dale James

Marshall Field built a department store empire by following the marketing dictum "give the lady what she wants."

As the new general manager of Post Exchange, Ken Barton would amend that philosophy slightly to read "give the military customer what she (or he) wants."

"Our mission," said Barton, "is to provide goods and services to the military community, their dependents and military retirees — and that's what we do. And we're proud of that."

The competition is tough. It's a retail jungle out there. In industry terminology, the United States is generally conceded to be "overstored" — that is, there are more retail stores than the marketplace will support.

In order to survive, a store must stay one step ahead of the competition. The post exchanges of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service are no different.

"Today's customer has

so many choices we have to be competitive," Barton said.

Post exchanges have responded to the selection and buying power of such marketplace gorillas as Walmart by attempting to kill the customer with service.

Boasted Barton, "I believe we have better customer service than you'll find in any store anywhere."

The level of customer service found in post exchanges is no accident. Each exchange employee attends sales associate certification training designed to teach product knowledge, as well as effective ways to identify and meet customer needs.

Ongoing employee and management training is provided to each post exchange via business television satellite.

To further meet the challenge of increased competition, the exchange system has modernized and streamlined its operations.

Purchasing is now done through one centralized system rather than at the local level as in years past. That

increases AAFES' buying clout, resulting in lower prices for its customers.

Computers enable merchandise to be unloaded, scanned and placed on display the same day, rather than having to be warehoused, inventoried and handled two or three times.

Computers are also utilized in the display of merchandise. Each post exchange is able to download "plan-o-grams" that suggest the most efficient utilization of floor space.

"We've become much more sophisticated in the way we operate," Barton said. "We're practically a paperless operation."

Post exchanges keep an eye on the competition through the use of market analysts.

"That's a fancy title for price surveyor," Barton explained. "They scan the newspaper ads and shop the competition to find out who's got the lowest prices."

Post exchanges receive no federal funding. Each post exchange must be self-



BARTON

sufficient. All monies generated by the exchange system, after salaries and expenses, are returned to the military services for use in morale, welfare and recreation activities.

Barton said that helps to foster a sense of community among post exchange customers not found in stores operating strictly for profit.

"In a sense, our customers are our stockholders," he said. "This is their store. They know that the profits are going back into the military community."

A 27-year veteran of the AAFES system, Barton once served a tour in the corporate offices but prefers the close contact with customers he enjoys as general

manager.

He recalled, "I started off as just a young guy going to school needing a job, and I ended up with a career."

Has he ever considered going over to the competition? Barton smiled, flashed an engaging smile, then replied, "Never. Never."

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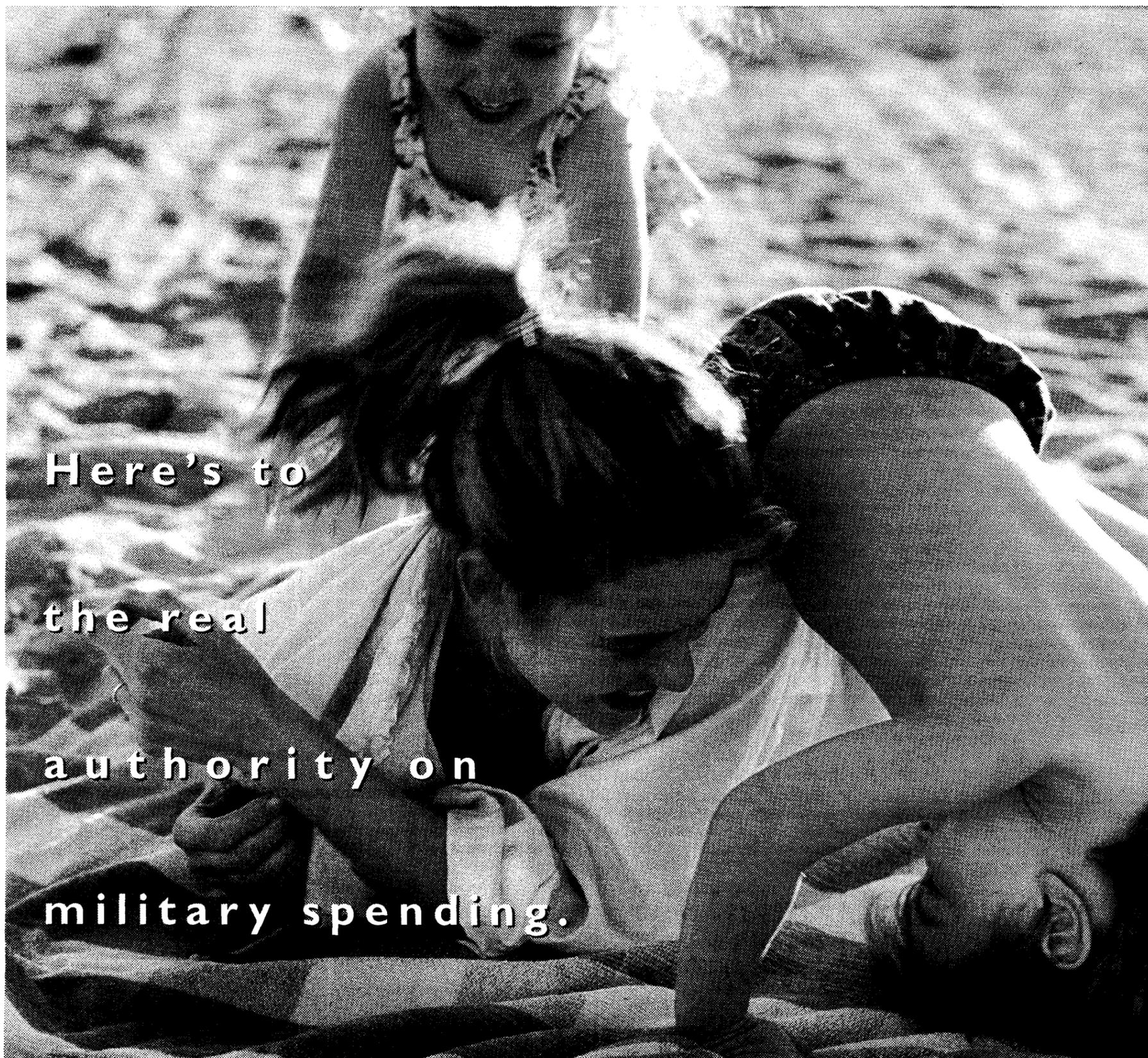
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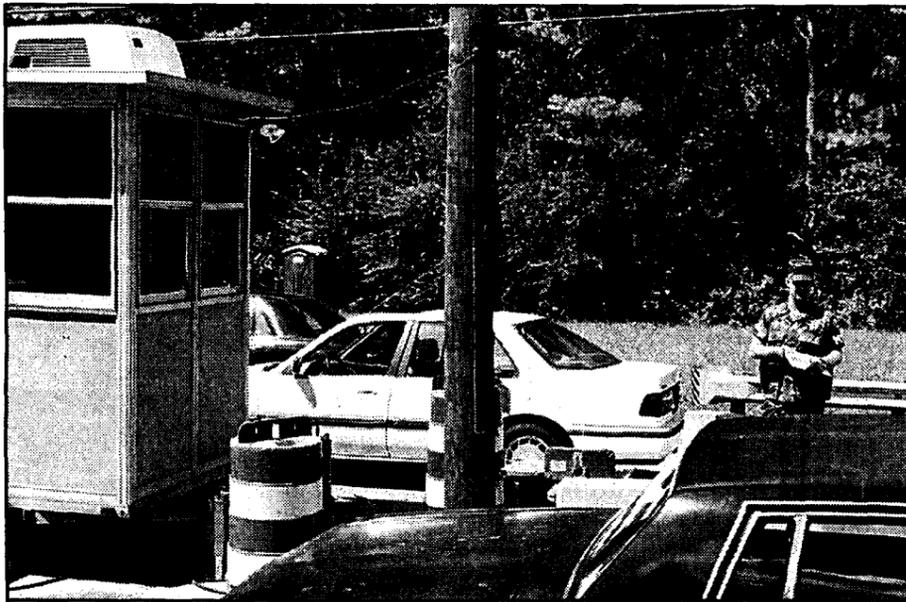
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**TEMPORARY GATE**— Military policeman Spec. Richard Griffin directs traffic at temporary gate 4 on Patton Road. If a guard needs to use the restroom (porta-potty in background), he or she must first summon a replacement guard from the MP station. "This is not the most efficient use of our limited resources," Morton Archibald, of the AMCOM Energy Team, says.



**PERMANENT DESIGN**—The permanent gate 4 will resemble this facility at gate 7.

## Customers benefit as design team gets more flexibility

By Morton Archibald

Give people a choice of repairing sewers, upgrading electrical service, or building a sexy, new office and they'll choose the new construction every time. No one wants to think about utility upgrades until the toilets don't flush or the lights flicker.

The Directorate of Public Works is charged with balancing the needs of upgrading the aging infrastructure with new requirements. The following new tools help DPW designers meet customer needs:

- Cradle-to-grave engineering keeps the customer involved in the design process.
- Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contracts provide design and construction options we've never had before.
- Increased local approval levels give the commander more flexibility to meet local needs.
- The new definition of repair lets us upgrade to meet current codes and

technology.

Cradle-to-grave engineering shifts more of the design burden from DPW to the engineering design firm. This frees DPW to do other work and begin to reduce the engineering backlog.

"IDIQ is another tool we can use," division chief Rick Lusk said. "We can use this new contract for design-build, or we can use the contract to build something the Engineering Division has designed. We cannot use the contract to design only. We have submitted 15 projects for year-end funding." The Mobile District of the Corps of Engineers administers the program. The replacement of the temporary structure at Gate 4 (Patton Road north of Neal Road) is an excellent example of an IDIQ project.

Increased local approval levels of Operations and Maintenance, Army (OMA) lets us build or upgrade infrastructure to a "complete and usable facility" with fewer constraints than in the past. The mainte-

nance and repair limits increased to \$2 million recently from the old limit of \$1 million. Incidental construction limits are now \$500,000 compared to the previous limit of \$300,000. We can now avoid the "Band-Aid" approaches we have used in the past. This can greatly reduce our maintenance costs, which as you know, saves jobs—OMA funds are used for both facilities repair, for maintenance, for operating costs, and for most AMCOM salaries.

The new definition of repair will let us upgrade to meet current codes and technology whenever we are repairing a facility. We can now upgrade heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) controls so they provide more comfort for the occupants while operating more efficiently and saving OMA funds. We can move walls and install modular systems to facilitate future changes that we all know will be coming.

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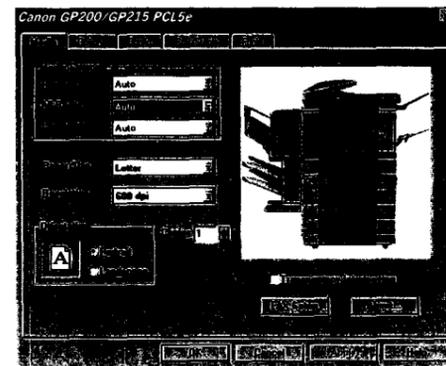
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# Contracting-out study planned in RSA Support Activity

By Dale James

The last time the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity conducted a study on whether or not to continue performing various job functions in-house, 456 jobs were contracted out.

That was in 1984.

Now a new study will determine whether or not to contract out for a total of 301 civilian job slots and 24 military slots. RASA currently is authorized to carry a total of 500 civilian job slots and 76 military slots.

The study, which is being funded by the Department of the Army, is expected to begin by Oct. 1. and take two years to complete.

According to Steve Carter, RASA executive assistant, the affected jobs are located

primarily in the areas of facility engineering, installation logistics, flight operations, decal and badging, and community and family activities.

"This is part of a government-wide push to develop its most efficient organization," Carter said. "In other words, we're trying to streamline our in-house functions to become more competitive."

He noted that RASA currently is conducting two smaller cost-comparison studies. One involves job slots in missile maintenance, which should be finished within a matter of weeks, and the other involves job slots in child care, which is due to be finished in fiscal year 1998.

He noted that other Redstone organizations are conducting similar studies.

Carter explained that in deciding whether

or not to contract out certain jobs, the government actually competes with contractors in the bidding process.

"For that reason, it's different from any other kind of contract," he said.

The study will determine the government's cost to perform each individual job function. The study's findings are subject to protest.

"There's always opportunity for protest through proper channels by the government employee as well as the contractor," Carter said.

Government employees who dispute the study's findings can appeal through their union. Contractors can appeal to the Government Accounting Office.

Government employees who find their job contracted out also have the right of first

refusal if the contractor deems their position essential.

Said Carter, "The contractor is only obligated to give a position to those skills he deems necessary."

Normal RIF rights also apply. Said Carter, "Of the 456 workers who were contracted out in 1984, not one of them was forced out the gate."

Carter urged everyone to cooperate fully with the study process.

"It's imperative that the employee list the full workload for which he is responsible," he said. "Don't withhold information on any workload you're doing. If you withhold that information, the contractor's going to be bidding on a lesser workload."

# Safety program set Sept. 11 at Sparkman Center Auditorium

The Aviation and Missile Command will celebrate a Safety Stand Down Day on Sept. 11. This Stand Down Day will support Gen. Johnnie Wilson's initiative on the importance of a proactive safety program throughout the AMC community.

The event will kick off with a presentation in the Sparkman Auditorium for all AMCOM supervisors, managers and safety representatives. The event will be highlighted by two guest speakers who will share their experiences as to the importance of safety in the workplace.

The first scheduled

speaker is Maj. Gen. Clyde A. Hennies, who is currently the adjutant general for the Alabama National Guard and whose previous assignments include serving as the commanding general of the U.S. Army Safety Center and director of Army safety. He will be sharing his experiences and perspectives as a leader as he talks about leadership and personal responsibility.

The second speaker scheduled to address this forum will be Capt. Al Haynes, the pilot of the United Airlines DC-10 flight that lost hydraulics and crash landed in Iowa in 1989. He will be discussing the importance teamwork

plays in safety. He will address the five factors that allowed 184 people to survive the crash. These include communications, preparation, execution, cooperation and luck.

AMCOM organizations have been planning programs tailored to address those workplace safety issues which affect their employees and have the greatest impact on their organization. Organizations with hazardous activities

have been asked to review their Hazard Analysis and Standing Operating Procedures. All organizations have been asked to perform a safety walkthrough of their areas and design specific awareness programs to meet their needs.

In the afternoon, there will be a choice of three different presentations in the Sparkman Center Auditorium. As well as activities in their own organizations, these presentations are open

to all employees.

At 1 p.m., there will be a presentation on Emergency Plans for the Sparkman Center. The main focus will be on Bomb Threat Awareness. However, fire and severe weather procedures will also be addressed.

At 2 p.m., Capt. Ellis Andrew from the Provost Marshal Office will present driver safety training. The theme of his presentation will be "There are Choices."

At 3 p.m., Lt. Col. Debra

Metzger-Donovan from MEDDAC will talk about Ergonomics. The discussion will focus on the importance of good body mechanics as it relates to ergonomics, and a practical, common sense approach for implementation in the workplace.

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# Retired military folks will have their annual day here Sept. 13

By Kathy Harkleroad

Retirees and those who are close to retiring from the military can once again take advantage of free information at Redstone's annual Retiree Activity Day event.

About 40 organizations have united to offer free information to guests gathered at the Sparkman Auditorium at 8 a.m. Sept. 13.

"We really look forward to this event," Phil Fredrich, retirement services officer at AMCOM, said. "And there will be something for everyone. We will have representatives from organizations both on and off post who will have informational packets as well as someone there to answer any questions the retirees might have."

Participants include Fox Army Community Hospital, Army Community Service, the Veterans Administration, VA Outpatient Services, Morale Welfare and Recreation, the American Red Cross, The Retired

Officers Association, Social Security, American Legion, Tricare, Senior Center, and the planned Redstone Retirees Village, among others.

"As with last year we have gathered organizations that pertain to retirees and we are looking for a good crowd as well," Fredrich said. Last year more than 600 people gathered for the daylong event and took advantage of the free information and services.

Retired Maj. Gen. James Pennington, president of the National Association for Uniformed Services, is the scheduled guest speaker. His group is the largest representing retired military of all branches and widows, according to Fredrich. Pennington is to discuss such topics as pay, medical and dental benefits, tax bases, hospital closures and reductions overall.

"He is the man who knows. He is as close to it as you can get and is up there next to where the laws

are made," Fredrich said.

A lunch will be served; and tickets are required for the meal. The turkey dinner, complete with all the trimmings, will cost \$5.50 at the door.

Retiree Activity Day is free and open to everyone. Fredrich encourages active duty members nearing retirement to also attend. "We all end up there eventually, and this is a terrific opportunity to hear about what is going on and how it will affect them," he said.



**ACTIVITY DAY—** More than 600 people attended last year's Retiree Activity Day which included free screenings and information booths at the Sparkman Center.

## Space/rocket museum has admission special

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center is offering reduced price admission to active and retired employees of Redstone Arsenal, Marshall Space Flight Center, as well as civil service engineers, through Sept. 30. Proper identification is required for admission.

The reduced admission price is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child ages 3-12. Regular admission price is \$14 per adult and \$10 per child ages 3-12. Children 2 and under are admitted free of charge.

"This special temporary price is designed to encourage the local military and NASA community to visit our newest exhibit titled 'The Rocket City Legacy,'" Jim Johnson, museum director, said. "The exhibit emphasizes the role of Huntsville in the space program and puts into perspective the contributions made

by Redstone and Marshall."

The Rocket Center Legacy, a 3,800 square foot exhibit, opened in June. It is the first phase of an overall museum renovation plan which will continue through 2000.

Space Center hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Center is located on I-565 at exit 15. For more information, call 837-3400. (U.S. Space & Rocket Center release)

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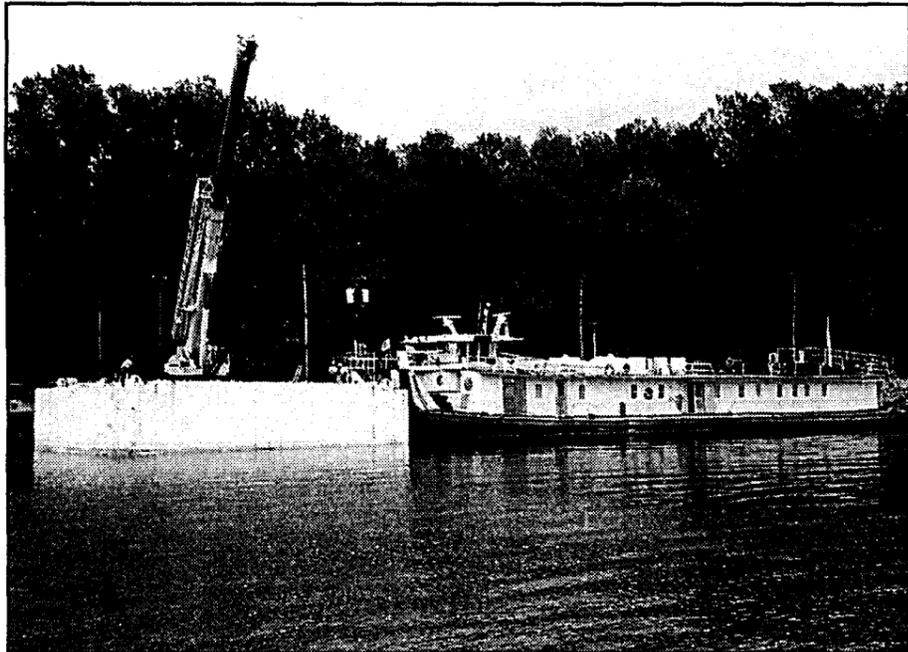
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# New STARS arrive by barge at Redstone Arsenal in August



**AT THE DOCK**— The solid rocket motors arrive at the NASA dock on Redstone Arsenal.

By Gerda Sherrill

In August, 12 sets of decommissioned Polaris solid rocket motors made their way across the ocean from Couplort, Scotland, to Mobile Bay, Ala., and then up the Tennessee Tom Bigbee Waterway to the NASA dock on Redstone Arsenal.

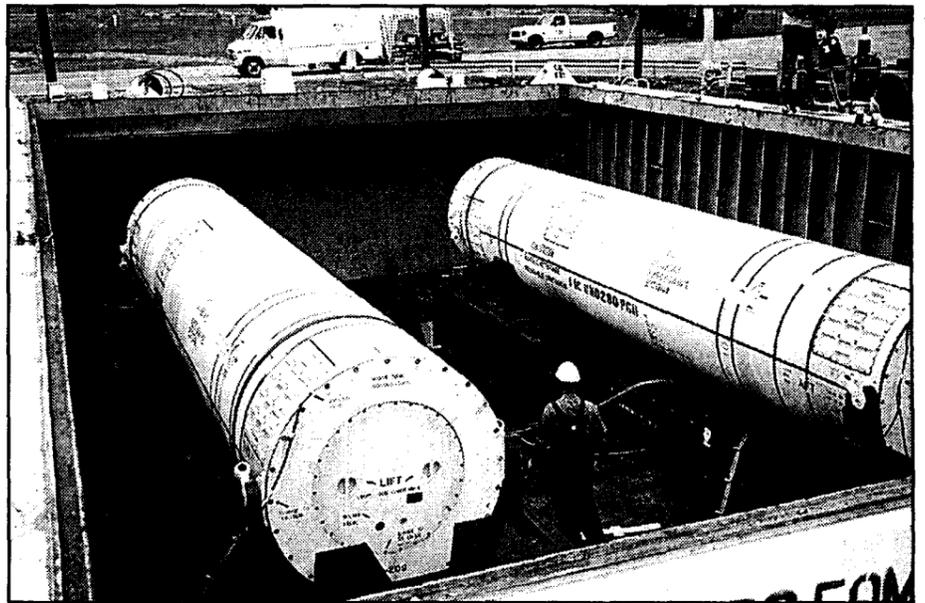
The motor sets belong to the Space and Strategic Defense Command and the Department of Energy and will be used for the command's Strategic Targets System, an intermediate range ballistic missile target system developed for the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization's National Missile Defense program. SSDC manages all maintenance aspects for the

STARS propulsion system and is the target executing agent for this system.

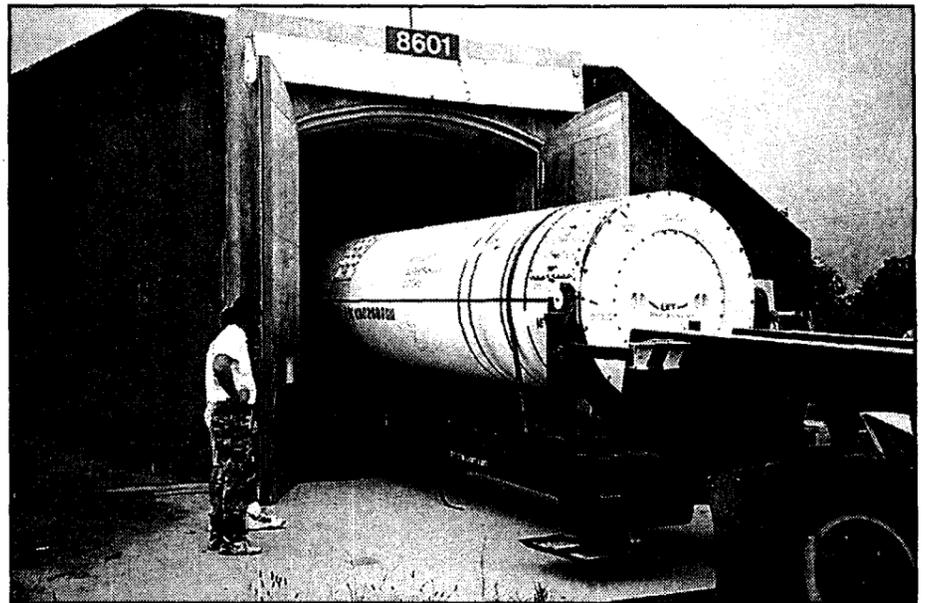
These solid rocket motors, consisting of a first and second stage, were packaged in a liner on missile erection trailers, then loaded on barges in Scotland, and the barges were loaded on a mother ship for the ocean crossing. After arrival at Mobile Bay, the barges were unloaded and then pushed up the Alabama waterway by tugboats. From Redstone, the rocket motors can now be moved to any launch site when and where needed for the nation's NMD program.

This acquisition has been in the making for the past two years, through a joint

venture between the command's Strategic Targets Product Office, managed by Lt. Col. Taylor Jones, and DoE's Sandia National Labs. "This certainly was a Herculean logistics effort," Jones said, "and brought some powerful target systems to Huntsville."



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# Soldier DNA specimens collected for central file

By Dale James

The deadline for soldiers assigned to units on Redstone Arsenal to have a DNA specimen collected or on file is Sept. 30.

The DNA specimens are to be kept in a central repository in accordance with the Army's new casualty identification policy, according to Capt. Mark Hickman, chief of clinical support for Fox Army Community Hospital.

Hickman said a DNA specimen requires two samples, a blood sample and a cheek swab. The samples are then forwarded for fil-

ing, along with the individual's fingerprint and demographic information.

The decision to keep DNA collections on file came about as a result of the December 1985 crash near Gander, New Foundland, in which 256 service personnel lost their lives.

Explained Hickman, "They had a very hard time identifying the remains of those soldiers."

The task of identifying the remains was made even more difficult because the soldiers were carrying their dental records, which were destroyed in the crash.

Hickman downplayed any concerns that the DNA samples will be used for any other purpose than for casualty identification.

"This is strictly for remains identification," he emphasized. "No one here is analyzing DNA samples — that's a common misconception. All we're doing here is collecting them."

DNA is the "blueprint" of gene structure. A person's gene structure is just as unique to that individual as his fingerprints.

Although the order affects only soldiers, Hickman also urged any civil-

ians who anticipate being deployed in the field to have a DNA specimen taken.

DNA specimen collection can be done at the hospital laboratory or units may arrange for onsite specimen collection as part of a Soldier Readiness Processing or other readiness exercise.

Units desiring to schedule an SRP are asked to coordinate their efforts to avoid unnecessary duplication.

Hospital lab hours are from 7:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

## Redstone worker faces porn charge

A Redstone photographer faces a federal charge of one count of possessing child pornography.

John David Phelps, 38, of Danville Road in Decatur, was arrested Aug. 26 by federal agents. The FBI's investigation included searches of Phelps' office and his home.

Phelps appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Paul Greene on Aug. 26 and was released on a \$500 bond.

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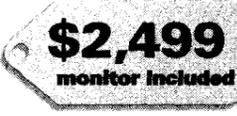
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geons and physicians at FACH are now allowed to treat patients at Huntsville Hospital, so there will be a little or no professional charge there as well.

Because of the study and subsequent downsizing at the hospital, there will be fewer personnel authorized. According to Deeter, by keeping some people as over-hires and providing others with early-out incentives only a small layoff will be needed to reduce the staff. "The study determined we needed fewer people, specifically 27 fewer military and 25 civilian positions would have to be eliminated," he said. "With the use of VERA/VSIPs (early-outs) and the keeping of overhires, we will only have to RIF (reduction-in-force) six employees."

Deeter said the impact of the downsizing will not be felt by the beneficiary because there will still be ample physicians to handle the patient load. "We are committed in our agreement with Tricare Prime to provide services to 15,000 enrollees," he said. "Even with the downsizing of the Primary Care and Internal Medicine clinics, we will be left with 10 physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants to care for those enrollees."

Deeter also said even with the downsizing and upcoming changes at Fox, the impact is "going to be zip" on Prime enrollees and on other services. "In all actuality while we will be working with fewer employees, we will be doing business more efficiently," he said. "I know that may seem a little strange to say that, but the answer is really quite simple. We are creating teams, which will include a physician, nurse and clerk, and two treatment rooms will be provided to the team. Patients will be able to see the same physician each time, and all in actuality it will be much like a physician's office downtown. It will just be located within the super clinic."

Every other service with the hospital will stay the same and that includes the pharmacy. Prescriptions will still be dispensed at no charge to beneficiaries; and services in radiology and the lab will also continue on a no charge basis. "There will no changes within the ancillary services located in the hospital. We will continue to fund the pharmacy as in the past," Deeter said. "As before, all medicines will be free to any beneficiary with the proper prescription."

# Sgt. Maj. of the Army McKinney awaiting his fate as pretrial hearing concludes

By Thomas E. Mani

WASHINGTON— The sexual-misconduct case of Sgt. Maj. of the Army Gene C. McKinney is now in the hands of Col. Robert L. Jarvis of the Military District of Washington.

Jarvis, MDW's deputy chief of staff for logistics, presided over the Article 32 "pretrial" hearing on Fort McNair on charges preferred against the Army's highest-ranking enlisted soldier. The hearing began June 25 and concluded Aug. 25 with starkly divergent depictions of the six servicewomen whose testimony would be the core of the government's case against McKinney should the charges go to court-martial.

To the defense, the women are liars and opportunists. To the government attorneys presenting their case, they are heroes. That was the gist of final arguments Aug. 25, summing up 27 days of public hearings

filled with testimony by more than 50 witnesses and legal maneuvering in and out of the hearing room.

Jarvis must review a stenographic record of some 6,000 pages of testimony and dozens of exhibits—ranging from McKinney's official file and sworn statements to email messages and phonebillings—before he issues his report and recommendations to Col. Owen C. Powell, commander of the Fort Myer Military Community.

Powell preferred the charges against McKinney and appointed Jarvis to investigate them.

The time normally expected for an investigating officer's report is 15 days, but most Article 32 hearings are over in less than a day, according to Judge Advocate General

attorneys, who say there are no limits to Jarvis in the time he takes with his report.

Jarvis can recommend court martial, administrative disposition or dismissal of the charges. He said he would make the transcript and report available as a package to the parties after he submits it to Powell.

McKinney's lawyers have asked Jarvis to note that they may need more than 10 days to make responses and objections.

Jarvis' report will not be made public by the government until after the final disposition of the charges, when it could be obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, according to MDW spokesperson Kim Walz.

Should Powell consider a general court martial appropriate, as urged by government counsel Lt.

Col. Michael Child in his closing argument, he would need to refer the case to MDW's commanding general, Maj. Gen. Robert F. Foley. The defense has asked that the charges be dismissed, which would be within Powell's authority.

Leaving the hearing at noon Aug. 25, McKinney walked over to waiting reporters.

"I am quite pleased with the way my defense team came across," he said. "As you know, the investigating officer has all the information in his hands he has to make a decision. ... Once that is made we will develop the next piece of it." (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Mani is editor of the Pentagram, Military District of Washington, and writing on special assignment for the Army News Service.)

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# Redstone Arsenal NCO/S/Soldie

By Kathy Harkleroad



SSgt. Mark Jordan



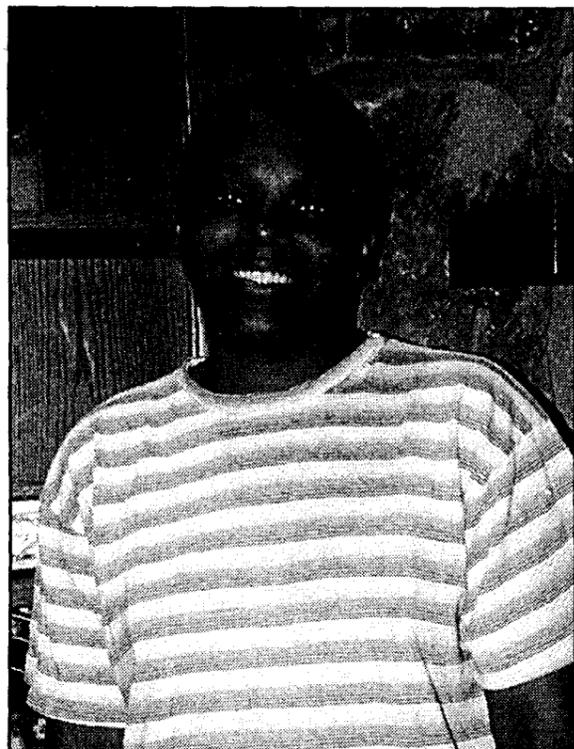
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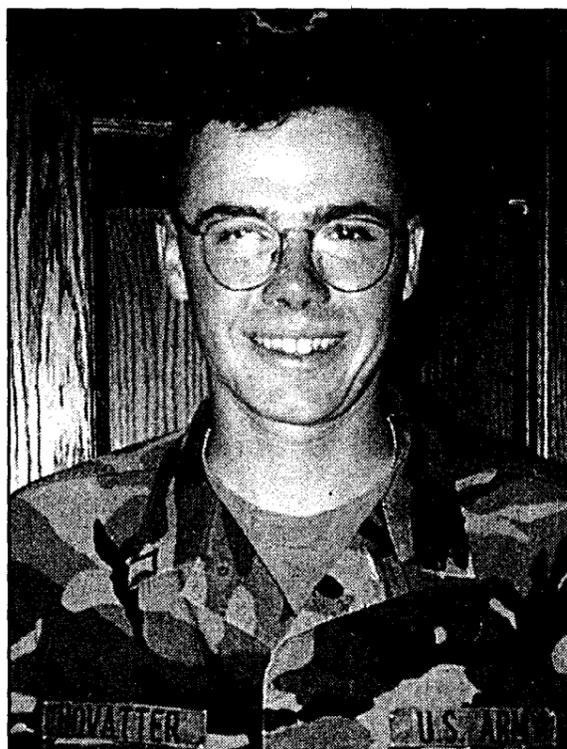
Sgt. Olga Samuels



Spec. Glenn Slaton



Spec. Tashia Chaderton



Pvt. Chet Hovatter

It won't be long before Redstone's award-winning soldiers find out the recipients of this year's big prize.

The Post Soldiers of the Month and NCOs of the Quarter will learn Sept. 18 who has won this year's Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year titles. Competition was held Aug. 27-28 at the Officers Club. The winners will be announced Sept. 18 at an 11 a.m. luncheon in the Officers Club.

Unlike past years, the competitors had to do more than just appear before a selection board. "In the past it was just the selection board. This year we expanded to encompass the Total Soldier concept," CSM Ben Sunday, the AMCOM command sergeant major, said.

The five events included a physical fitness test, an Army common tasks test, land navigation, a 50-question multiple choice test on common Army subjects, and the selection board.

"Then the soldier who had the most points won," Sunday said. "It was all based on their desire and knowledge of common Army subjects."

Each soldier had to face the selection board and answer questions concerning military terminology, etiquette and other military subjects. They were also judged on the wear and appearance of their uniforms and were required to give a class or demonstration on specific subjects.

The luncheon is open to the public, and everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets are required and can be obtained from committee members including SSgt. Marcia

Harris (HHC AMCOM) 876-1101 and SFC John McLean (832nd Ordnance Battalion) 842-2277; or by calling Sunday 876-1874.

The following is a brief description of each soldier:

### Pvt. Jason Galvez

Galvez, assigned to R Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, is an Advanced Individualized Training student. He is learning to be a combat electronic missile systems repairman. He has been in the Army for seven months.

Galvez feels appearing before the board is important for any soldier and he felt this experience has helped him in several ways. "Right now I know more about the Army than another soldier at my level and I did it to better myself," he said.

In his spare time, Galvez enjoys playing his guitar, practicing jujitsu and studying for the board.

### Spec. Glenn Slaton

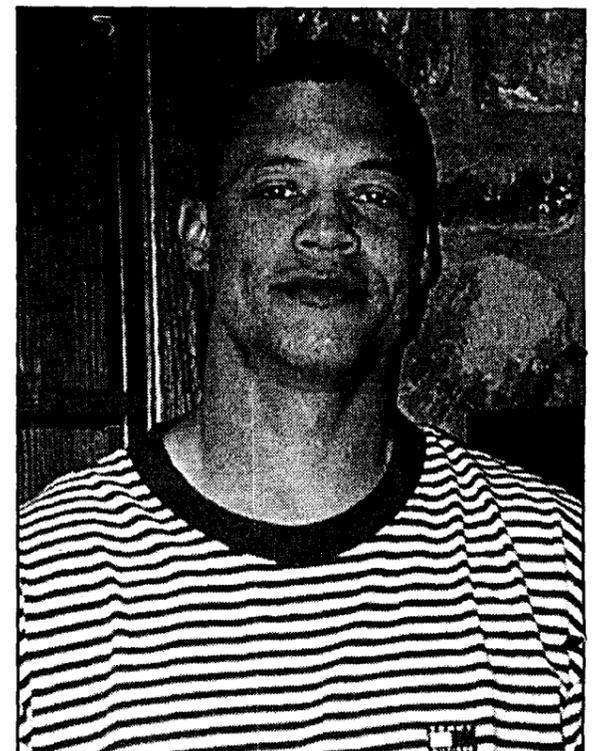
Slaton is assigned to HHC AMCOM and works at the Provost Marshal's Office. He has been in the Army for two years.

Slaton feels appearing before the board is an asset to any soldier's career but did it for more personal reasons. "I wanted to appear before the board to show people that our squad is squared away, contrary to what people say about Redstone soldiers," he said.

In his off time, Slaton can be found participating in all kinds of sports, especially football and basketball.

### Pvt. Chet Hovatter

Hovatter is assigned to B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion and has been in the Army for six and a half months. He is studying to be a combat electronic missile



Spec. Eric Brown

# r of Year hopefuls await word

systems repairman.

Hovatter was named the Battalion Soldier of the Year. He said appearing before selection boards only betters a soldier and helps with future promotions.

He is active in sports during his off duty time and can be found playing volleyball and softball for the company.

**Spec. J Marcus Adams**

Adams, assigned to HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade, works in the Command Group. He has been in the Army two years.

Adams volunteered to appear before the board and took his mission seriously. "I wanted to not only memorize the answers, but I wanted to learn them and use them in my military career. I look at the board as a stepping stone in my career and wanted to prepare for the NCO promotion board as well," he said.

When he is not pursuing his studies at Columbia University, he can be found working on his computer or lifting weights.

**Spec. Keith Neville**

Neville, assigned to HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade, works in the mailroom. He has been in the Army for four and a half years.

Neville had an ulterior motive when it came to appearing before the soldier of the month board: He wanted to win the prize money so he could buy an engagement ring for his fiancée. He now wants to win the Soldier of the Year award to pay off the wedding band. The other reason he appeared before the board was to prepare himself for the promotion board.

When not visiting his fiancée, he can be found attending classes at Calhoun Community College, playing

soccer or softball and making wedding plans.

**Spec. Eric Brown**

Brown, assigned to HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade, is a personnel management specialist. He has been in the Army seven years. He joined the Army in 1987, served until 1992 and left to return to school. He re-enlisted several years later.

Brown appeared before the selection board to better himself and prepare for the promotion boards. He said he has always wanted to appear before the board and felt the pressure. "Two of my section members had previously won and it was up to me to continue the trend," he said.

Brown spends most of his free time with his wife and two young children.

**Pvt. Thasha Boyd**

Boyd, assigned to the 95th Maintenance Company, has been in the Army for 11 months.

She is an achiever by nature and appearing before the selection board was an easy decision for her. She thinks all soldiers should take the opportunity to appear before the boards, to not only better themselves, but to also experience new things. "You are introduced to many new things while not only preparing for the board, but also when appearing before it," she said.

Boyd likes to spend her free time listening to music or reading.

**Spec. Tashia Chaderton**

Chaderton, assigned to HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade, works at the command headquarters in the S1 shop. She has been in the Army for two years.

She said she would encourage other soldiers to ap-

pear before the board to help build self-confidence and to set an example for other soldiers. "That is why I volunteered to go and I believe it helps make me a well-rounded soldier," she said.

During her off time Chaderton can be found spending time with her husband and young son, as well as playing basketball, reading, or singing.

**Spec. Kevin Hornback**

Hornback, assigned to HHC AMCOM, is Brig. Gen. Willie Nance's driver. He has been in the Army for six and a half years.

Hornback feels any soldier should take advantage of appearing before the selection board for several reasons. "The most important reason is the experience they will gain when it comes to working under pressure," he said. "There is definitely

quite a bit of pressure involved." The other reason he feels it is important is for the information they will learn which can be used throughout their careers.

When not at work or studying for boards, Hornback can be found playing with his two young children and spending quality time with his wife.

**Sgt. Olga Samuels**

Samuels, assigned to Medical Department Activity, works in the pharmacy at Fox Army Community Hospital. She has been in the Army for six years and eight months.

Samuels said every soldier should appear before at least one selection board because "regardless whether you win or lose, you gain ex-

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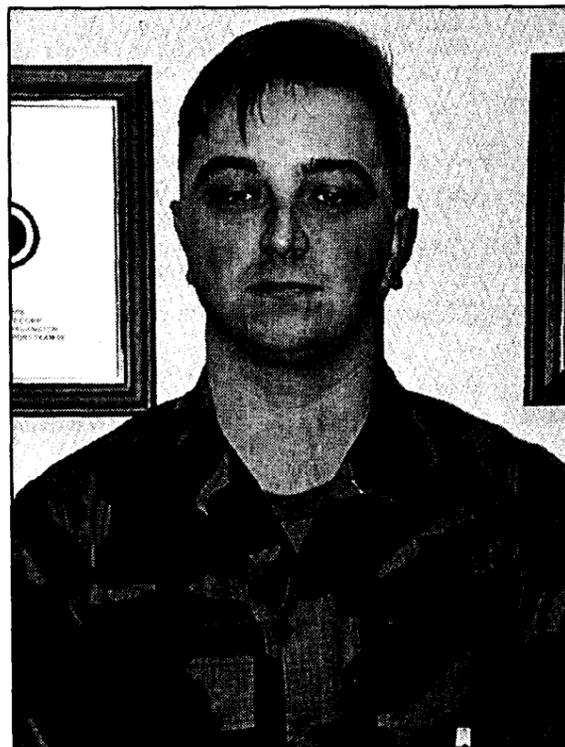
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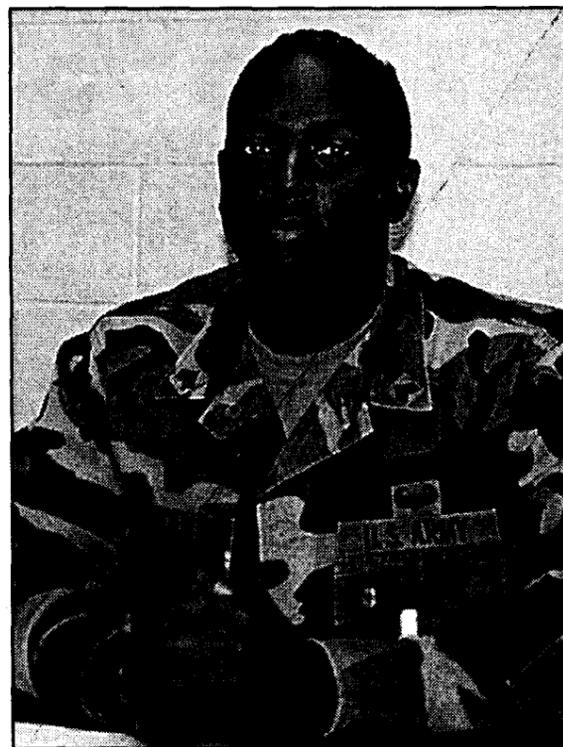
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**Sports & Recreation**

# Redstone Golf Course undergoes facelift starting in November through fall 1998

By Dale James

William "Chip" Enlow wheels the golf car to an abrupt halt near the first tee on the old front nine of Redstone Golf Course and gestures toward the flag fluttering gently in the afternoon breeze several hundred yards distant.

"A year from now," Enlow promises, "you won't recognize this place."

That's because the bucolic scene stretching before him is slated to undergo a dramatic \$660,000 facelift.

Contractor bids are set to be opened in September and construction is due to begin around Nov. 1. The renovated course should be ready for play by the fall of 1998.

The project, which has been approved by the House Armed Services Committee, is fully funded by non-appropriated funds.

The work is part of a series of upgrades to Redstone's golf facilities which began in 1988. The first project consisted of the addition of a new nine-hole course located south of Goss Road.

Other projects included a new pro shop and restaurant facility and a tunnel for golf

cars to pass under Goss Road. The renovation of the original nine holes is the final phase of the process.

The original course was built in 1959. Nine more holes were added in 1964 to make it an 18-hole course. With the addition of the new course, the total now stands at 27 holes.

"The old course," says Enlow, Redstone's resident pro and manager, "was actually designed by an engineer who was stationed here with the Army Corps of Engineers. Nobody even knows his name anymore. He was probably just an avid golfer who missed the game."

The pressure of managing a modern golf facility takes its toll on Enlow's game, as well.

"Probably 75 percent of my day is spent in strictly managerial activities, just trying to keep the boat afloat," sighs Enlow. "I'm fortunate if I get to play golf once a week."

In addition to the day-to-day operations (more than 37,000 rounds of golf have been played at Redstone thus far this year), Enlow oversees course maintenance and the management of the on-site restaurant facilities. He also does the

purchasing for the pro shop.

He estimates that anyone wishing to take up the game can expect to shell out around \$400 for clubs, bag, shoes and Tiger Woods logo golf shirt.

"Of course," he adds, "you could spend a lot more. A lot more."

As the resident pro, he also finds time to squeeze in half a dozen golf lessons each week. In fact, Enlow claims he can have almost anyone playing and enjoying the game with just "seven or eight" lessons.

"After that," he adds, "it's just a matter of practicing. The fundamentals are not difficult to learn. The difficulty comes in being able to perfect those skills."

He does issue one cautionary note to anyone contemplating taking up the game of golf: learn how to handle humility. You'll need lots of it.

Reflects Enlow, "I don't care how often you play, every time you go out it's a different game. I've been playing this course for 21 years and I can still hit a

shot occasionally and find myself someplace I've never been before. That's what makes this game so interesting.

"You can be at the top of your game one day and humbled the next."

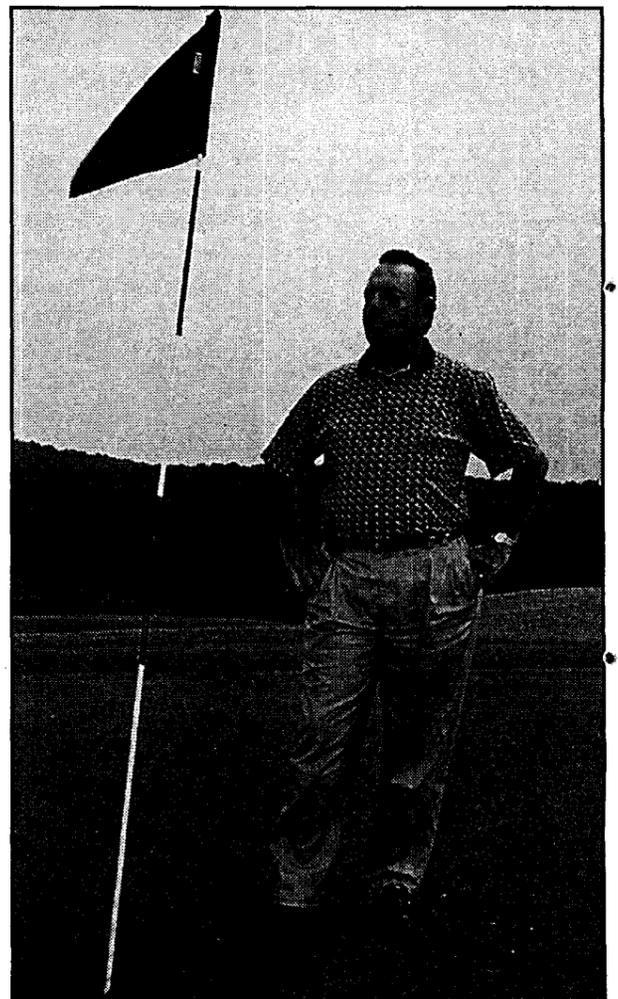
Enlow isn't sure if he was 11 or 12 years old when he took his first swing at a golf ball, but he does remember that "it just kind of took."

He played on his high school and college golf teams ("back during Arnold Palmer's heyday") and entered all the local tournaments.

"My dad was an avid golfer, so I guess that's where it comes from," he says.

Enlow credits his father with teaching him the fundamentals of the game, and father and son often played together — an experience the younger Enlow still recalls as being "intimidating."

"I never played my best golf when I played with my father," Enlow says. "And, strangely enough, neither



ENLOW

did he. For my part, I think it was a case of trying too hard. I wanted to impress him. I wanted him to be proud of me."

Enlow came to Redstone in 1975. Except for a 20-month hiatus in the mid

'80s when he thought he wanted to do something else with his life, he's been here ever since.

Now, he says, "I can't imagine doing anything else."

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# Sports & Recreation

## Picker likes Auburn over Va., Tenn. over UCLA

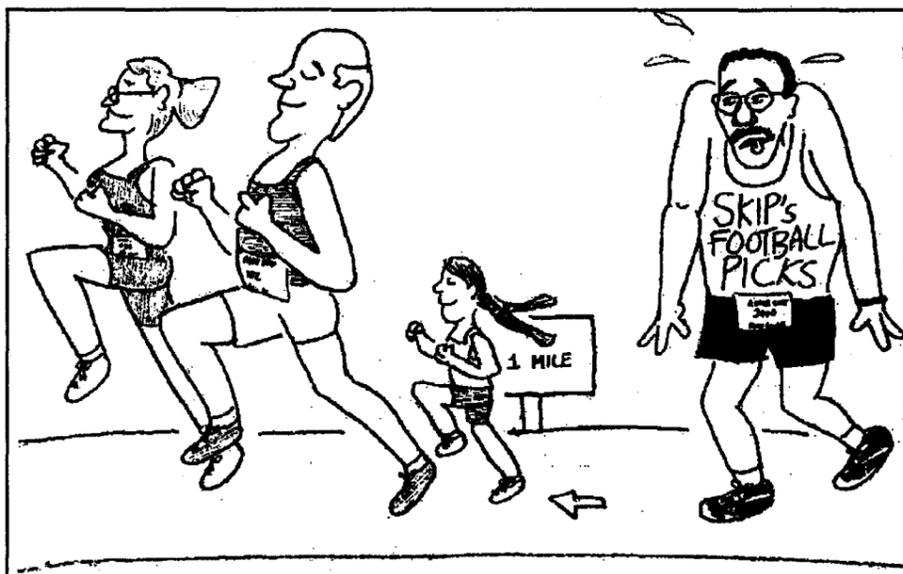
By Skip Vaughn

Here are Skip's Picks for selected college football games this week:

- Auburn at Virginia—**Auburn**
- North Alabama at Ala. A&M—**UNA**
- Jacksonville St. at Southwest Missouri—**SW Mo.**
- UAB at Memphis—**Memphis**
- NE Louisiana at Arkansas—**Ark.**
- Tennessee at UCLA—**Tenn.**
- Central Michigan at Florida—**Fla.**
- Kentucky at Miss. State—**Miss. St.**
- Texas-El Paso at Louisiana

- St.—**LSU**
- Southern Methodist at Ole Miss—**Ole Miss**
- Central Florida at South Carolina—**SC**
- Air Force at Rice—**Air Force**
- Arizona at Oregon—**Oregon**
- Marshall at Army—**Army**
- Baylor at Fresno State—**Baylor**
- Boston College at Temple—**BC**
- Washington at Brigham Young—**Wash.**
- California at Houston—**Houston**
- Colo. State at Colorado—**Colorado**

- N.C. State at Duke—**N.C. State**
- East Carolina at West Virginia—**W. Va.**
- Florida State at Southern Cal—**Fla. State**
- Georgia Tech at Notre Dame—**ND**
- Southern Miss. at Illinois—**Illinois**
- Indiana at North Carolina—**UNC**
- N. Iowa at Iowa—**Iowa**
- Iowa St. at Wyoming—**Wyoming**
- Texas Christian at Kansas—**TCU**
- Kansas State at N. Illinois—**KS**
- Utah at Louisville—**Utah**



- Navy at San Diego State—**SDS**
- Northwestern at Wake Forest—**N'western**
- Syracuse at Oklahoma—**Syracuse**
- Okla. State at SW La.—**Okla. St.**
- Pittsburgh at Penn St.—**Penn St.**
- Rutgers at Texas—**Texas**
- San Jose St. at Stanford—**Stanford**
- Purdue at Toledo—**Purdue**
- Cincinnati at Tulane—**Tulane**

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- **Fun run/talk walk**— The Redstone Arsenal MWR and HHC AMCOM invites the Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville communities to a 3.4 mile Fun Run/Talk Walk in conjunction with the Oktoberfest on Sept. 13 from 9-11:30 a.m. The event will start and finish at building 3708 (the Reenlistment and Transition Point). Food and beverages will be served. For more information, call SSgt. James DeCourley 842-2631.
- **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- Ladies; Thursday night- LOGSA Mixed; Friday morning- Officers' Wives; Friday night- Mixed; Saturday morning- Youth League; and Sunday night- Mixed. For more information, call Rocket Lanes 876-6634.
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Sports & Recreation

# Former Olympic sprinter has a higher goal in mind now

By Skip Vaughn

Flashback to 1976, the Olympic Games in Montreal, the finals of the women's 100 meter dash. One of the eight competitors is a young lady representing the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Her name is Rita Hendricks. They call her "Flash" because this member of the Flying Tigers from Jackson State University can fly. She takes the blocks along with Evelyn Ashford of the United States and the other runners.

Besides making the 100 meter finals, Hendricks has already qualified for the finals in the 200 and 400. The gun fires. She charges out of the blocks along with Ashford and the others. Hendricks finishes the race in fifth place, but something dreadful has happened: her hamstring popped. Her Olympics is over.

Fast forward to 1997. SFC Rita Hendricks, 43, is a master instructor in the



**TRUE WINNER—** Hendricks wears one of the two gold medals she won at the All-Army meet in Europe in 1983.

stock control and accounting section in the Munitions Training Department at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. She's 20 pounds heavier, 20 years older and with bursitis in her hip that limits her exercise regimen to daily walks at a brisk

pace. She no longer dreams of Olympic gold, but she has a higher goal now.

"Everything you do in this world is corruptible," Hendricks says. "My goal in life is to strive for an incorruptible crown. That's what you get from God.

"Learn from your past

and press on to the market of high call," she says. Hendricks believes her true goal will be found in heaven. But on this earth, she wants to teach computers to deaf children when she leaves the Army. She is uniquely suited for this goal: Her 15-year-old son, Edward Rowe, is hearing impaired.

Hendricks doesn't like to dwell on the past; she thinks it's best to learn from your experiences and use them in the future. That's why she didn't tell her soldiers about how she was in the documentary on Evelyn Ashford which was telecast this year.

She didn't tell her soldiers that the speedster crossing the finish line in the Olympic 100 meter final, the one with the Afro who is in obvious pain from a torn hamstring, was her. Ashford took the silver medal, and Hendricks went home disappointed. But that was the past.

"It was a good experience," she says. "It was challenging."

That Olympic challenge pales in comparison to the challenges that awaited her. She would become a single parent, the mother of a hearing impaired child, having to juggle the demands of the

Army— teaching and duty — with the needs of her home. In 1990-91 she would serve in the Persian Gulf War as an ammunition specialist with the 3rd Armored Division. Running a race in Montreal? That's nothing compared to serving up ammunition for your fellow combatants in the life or death reality of war.

Life has never been easy for Hendricks. She was the seventh of 14 children — six girls and eight boys — of Agatha Rueble and Edward Hendricks. She

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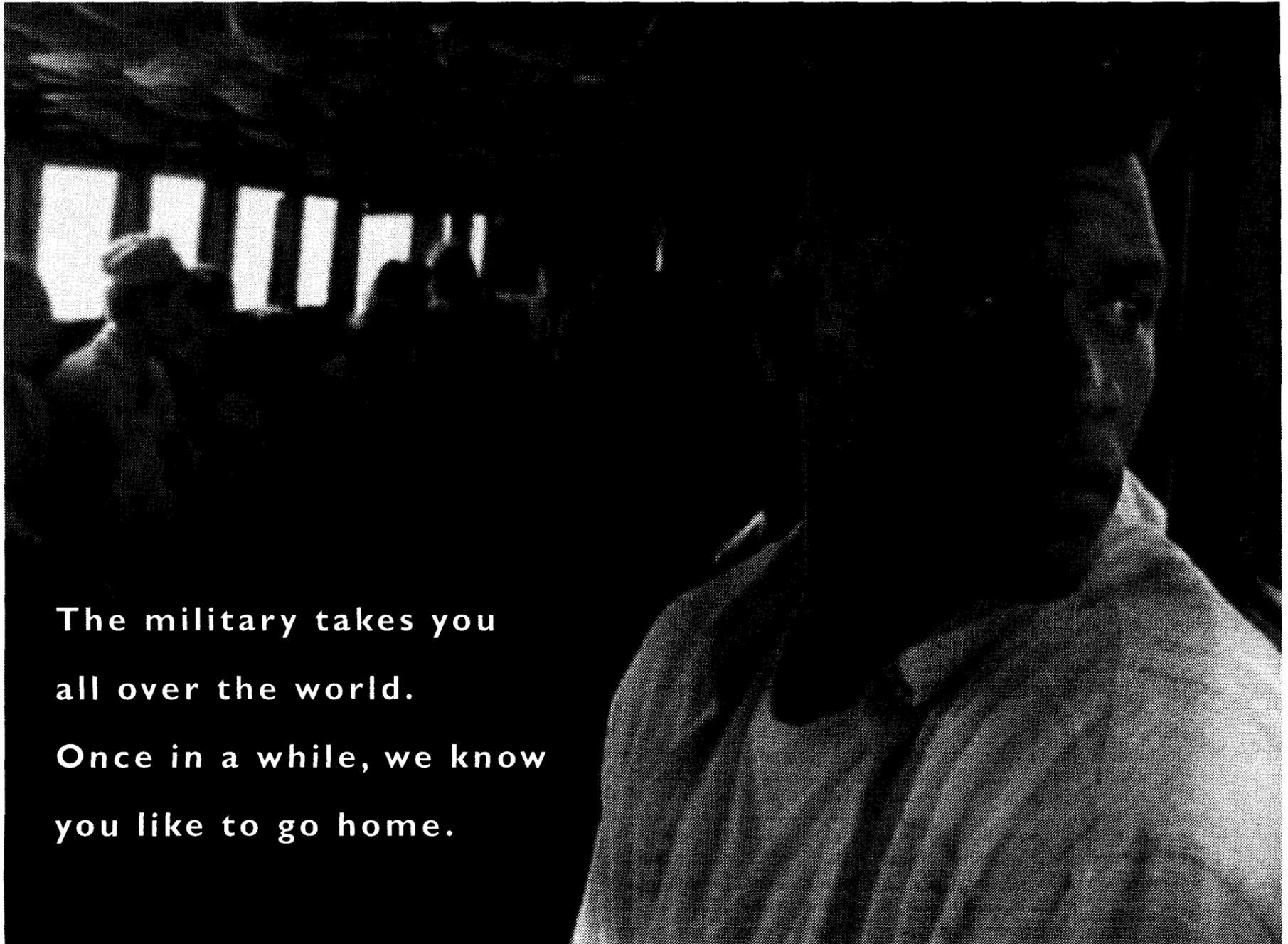
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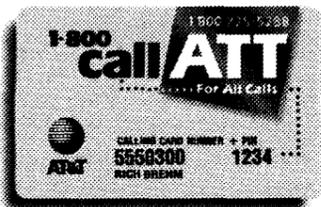
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community that has extended the warm hand of friendship. We are truly blessed to be moving onto an installation where we have great facilities to work in, and to a community where there is obviously a very friendly relationship between Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville and Madison County."

• **How complete is the merger of ATCOM and MICOM?**

"The merger is, from a people moving standpoint, over 50 percent complete, if you just judge it on the number of people who may move from St. Louis to Redstone. From a command reconstitution standpoint, we are probably less than 50 percent. But, the plan is progressing very smoothly. So far we have not seen any degradation to the mission support that we provide to our many customers."

• **What changes do you plan to make in the operations of this command?**

"I would say at the outset, at this juncture, I'm not aware of any major changes that I will make. There will be some process changes, but not any major thrust changes. Any other changes—and quite frankly there may be some — will result from the AMCOM Executive Steering Committee offsite which is scheduled for Sept. 4-5 at Arnold Air Force Base in Tullahoma, Tenn."

• **What are your immediate goals as commander?**

"I have a tendency to address goals and priorities by breaking them into two categories: first, over-arching goals; and second, specific goals. Under over-arching goals, I

really have two: first, to take care of people. And then the second goal is to continue to accomplish the aviation and missile missions—to continue to perform the missions that were formerly provided by ATCOM and MICOM.

"The second group of goals— specific goals — I really have three of those: first is to activate and re-engineer AMCOM. And the second is to ensure the readiness of the Army systems for which AMCOM is responsible. That one is very important because AMCOM is responsible for eight of the Army's 16 highest priority systems which are referred to as 'SORTS systems.' Those are the 16 systems that the Army tracks on a monthly basis; the status of those systems is used to indicate the materiel readiness of the Army.

"The third goal under the specific goals would be to stand up the Deputy for Systems Acquisition to include the movements of the various systems into and out of AMCOM. This deputy for systems acquisition is a new concept and so that's why we are focusing on it.

"I would call those my immediate and mid-range goals."

• **What are your long-range goals as commander?**

"The long-range goals will be developed at the AMCOM Executive Steering Committee offsite. The intent is to finalize our mission statement, and to develop our corporate vision, strategy and goals."

• **What are your observations about the local community?**

"My observation about the local community is that, one there is a great relationship between Huntsville, Madison County and the Arsenal. And second, that the people are

very friendly and have made the arrival of the St. Louis folks very easy. For example, the City of Huntsville established the One-Stop Assistance Center (at Parkway City Mall to assist newcomers). Another example would be all the billboard signs that 'Welcome our friends from St. Louis' and 'Welcome the former ATCOM workers.' Both those efforts and the friendly efforts of local people have made a warm impression on the former ATCOM employees. I guess the final observation would be that the people are not only very friendly but are genuinely patriotic."

• **What is the primary mission of this command?**

"Of course the primary mission of this command is to provide the three core competencies that are not only AMCOM core competencies, but they're also Army Materiel Command's core competencies. They are acquisition excellence, logistics power projection, and technology generation and application for missile and aviation units and customers. That's one way to look at our mission. Another way to look at our mission is to provide the soldier with leading edge technology and spare parts. What I'm really saying there is: the right part in the right place at the right time in the right quantity at a reasonable price.

"Leading edge technology is that portion of our mission which will build the future Army; it's the modernization of today's Army into the future Army. Spare parts to the user is that portion of our mission which sustains the readiness of today's Army. So, our mission is to focus not only on the near-term Army but also the future Army."

• **How can AMCOM best achieve that**

**mission?**

"I think in general we achieve those missions by continuing to focus on those things that were routinely focused on by ATCOM and MICOM. And we measure the achievement of the mission with performance metrics. For example the readiness of the SORTS systems that I mentioned earlier, supply availability, administrative lead time and procurement lead time. There are a whole host of metrics that we use to measure our performance. Those are just examples."

• **What do you expect from the AMCOM work force?**

"First of all, let me say that my observation is that we have a highly professional and dedicated work force. And so my expectations are really summarized by six themes or values: First is integrity, second is loyalty, third is team players, fourth is selfless service; fifth is accountability— by that I mean, an honest day's work for a day's pay; and the sixth and last one is focus on our customers."

• **What message would you like to give to Team Redstone?**

"The message that I'd like to give Team Redstone is that I feel very fortunate to have been selected by the Army leadership to command Redstone Arsenal and the Aviation and Missile Command. Second, I look forward to working with AMCOM and the many tenant organizations to continue in the fine traditions of those that have come before me and that is to provide outstanding mission support to our many customers and to enhance the quality of life for our soldiers, civilians and family members."

# HOPEFULS

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periences." She said the board has given her the chance to meet other soldiers on post not associated with the hospital and gave her the opportunity to experience a few other areas.

When not at work, she can be found in a store as she loves to shop. She also likes to travel and spend quality time with those she loves.

SSgt. Mark Jordan

Jordan, assigned to HHC AMCOM, works at the Provost Marshal's Office. He has been in the Army for eight years.

Jordan volunteered to appear before the NCO of the Quarter board to improve himself and to improve his chances for promotions. "I have lots of soldiers come to me for answers and by studying for the board, I at least know where to look for the answers if I don't know them," he said.

SSgt. Brent Grove

Grove, assigned to D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, has been in the Army for six and a half years.

He believes every soldier should take advantage of the selection boards and has been involved with them for years. "Appearing before boards can only be benefi-

cial to a soldier," Grove said. "The biggest challenge a soldier has is finding the time to study. That can be the hardest part."

When he isn't studying for boards or going to college, he can be found spend-

ing time with his family.

SSgt. Michael Coman

Coman is assigned to the 95th Maintenance Company as the personnel service NCO. He has been in the Army for 10 years.

Coman is no stranger to

selection boards after winning the NCO of the Quarter board twice. He credited his success to studying hard, being prepared, and being brief and to the point. According to Coman, every soldier should use the

boards to their advantage to learn more about the career they have chosen.

In his free time Coman can be found playing with his son, working out, or attending college classes.

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# GOAL

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was born and raised in St. Croix, Virgin Islands. Hendricks was only 8 when she started running in the Police Athletic League which would take her throughout the Caribbean Islands for competition each summer. She got discovered by a college scout at the Gainesville, Fla., relays in 1973. She had five scholarship offers for track but chose Jackson State University in Mississippi because her sister Denise was already there on a basketball scholarship. Denise is now a cardiologist in Mississippi.

Hendricks thrived as a member of the Jackson State Flying Tigers who more than held their own in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. Their toughest competitors were Grambling State University and Prairie View. "Sometimes we'd win, sometimes they'd win," Hendricks recalls.

In 1976 she decided to run for her homeland, the U.S. Virgin Islands. Her coach at Jackson State was not amused— after all she had a full four-year scholarship at a college in the U.S.A.

"It was hard getting there," Hendricks says about qualifying for the Olympics. She had to compete against runners throughout the Virgin Islands— in St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John — and then go to the Olympic Trials in Eugene, Ore., where the qualifying standard was 11-flat for the 100.

She made it to Montreal and was fast enough to make it to the finals in all three of her events. "But I only competed in the final in one (the 100 meters) because I tore a hamstring, so I couldn't go to the other

ones," she says. "I was able to finish the race but I finished hurt. I completed the race."

After the Olympics, Hendricks was a physical education teacher in New York City from 1977-81 for junior high and high school. She coached a team from Christ Crusaders Academy in the 1979 Colgate Games; and four of her girls on that team earned track scholarships in upstate New York. "They're out of school now, make me feel old," she says.

Her athletic career wasn't over— not by a long shot. She joined the Army in 1981. And two years later, Hendricks represented the 21st Support Command in the U.S. Army Europe 1983 Track and Field Championship in Berlin.

Flashback to 1983, the track in Berlin. Hendricks is a mother now and her best times— 11 flat in the 100, 21.9 in the 200, and 52 flat in the 400 — are probably behind her. But here she is taking the blocks in the biggest Army track meet in Europe which drew competitors from the Army, Air Force, civilian world and Germany.

"But I had trained hard enough," she says. "I knew most of the people there were military and hadn't run (competitively). So I said I'm not going to let 'em beat me. So I got out there and put my heart into it."

Hendricks won the 100 in 11.2, finished second in the 200 in 23.3, and won the 400 in 54 flat. Seven years after her disappointing finish in the Olympics, Hendricks had her gold medals.

# Announcements

**Quarterly retirement ceremony**— The next Retirement Ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at the post parade field. Rehearsal will be held at 7:15 a.m. Oct. 22 at the parade field. If you wish to participate, call SFC Walter Jones of Support Operations 842-2500.

**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.

**AUSA 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 Beville Center on the UAH campus. A reception and exhibition starts at 6:30 p.m., and the auction at 7:30.

**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 multiple 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."

**Rehabilitation theater**— The Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Department of Fox Army Community Hospital is sponsoring the Covenant Players from 2 to 3 p.m. Sept. 22 at the old Post Theater on Patton

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# Announcements

Continued from page 21 Road. There is no charge and the presentation is open to the public. The Covenant Players is an international repertory theater company based out of Los Angeles. "The Players perform 6-7 plays (2-30 minutes each) that are very dramatic, challenging and sometimes quite humorous," a prepared release said. The themes at this presentation will incorporate substance abuse, anger management, self-esteem and family communication. The purpose of the program is to challenge and provoke thought. Professionals in the field of mental health, addictions and wellness are encouraged to attend. Also, encouraged to attend are individuals with a loved one experiencing issues with substance abuse. Telephone confirmation is encouraged by calling R. Paul Stock 842-9900.

**Logistics engineers**— Society of Logistics Engineers (SOLE) is sponsoring a trip to the Saturn Plant in Spring Hill, Tenn., on Sept. 12. The first 30 people who register will be able to attend. The all day tour will

provide a tour, via tram, of their entire Production Facilities, lunch, and an afternoon Logistics Overview of Saturn operations. Depart Huntsville via bus at 7:30 a.m. and return approximately 5 p.m. Cost is \$75 per person. Form 1556s may be used for Government personnel. For registration and more information, call Keith Dicken, Vice-Chair, Training, at 837-4482 or via email at kdicken@uwohali-com.

**IG team visit**— A team from the Department of the Army Inspector General office will be conducting an Assessment of Medical Treatment Facility Downsizing at Redstone Arsenal Sept. 9-10. This assessment will focus on the effectiveness and impact of medical treatment facility downsizing. Specifically, the team will look at the responsiveness, availability and accessibility of healthcare (Tricare and Champus) and will conduct sensing sessions with military, family members and retirees. This forum will provide a unique opportunity for retirees and family members to express their views to higher head-

quarters. Evening sessions are planned so retirees and family members may attend. If any retirees or family members are interested in attending these sessions, call Beth Jorgensen, AMSAM-IG, 876-9704. Call to get your name on the list early because space is limited.

**Thrift shop**— The Thrift Shop has immediate openings for the positions of bookkeeper and part-time cashier. Applications may be picked up at the Thrift Shop; and further information may be obtained by calling 881-9807.

**Retired colonels/captains**— Retired colonels/captains with their spouses and widows of retired colonels and captains are invited for cocktails and dinner Sept. 6 at the Officers Club. Reservations are required. These semiannual "Gatherings of Retired Eagles" are strictly social affairs to renew acquaintances and meet other retired O6's from the Tennessee Valley. If you would like further details or an invitation, call 880-6701.

**Habitat for humanity**—

Internationally known theologian, author and speaker Dr. Ronald Sider is scheduled guest minister for Habitat for Humanity's "Building on Faith" worship service. The non-denominational service, open to everyone, will be held 4 p.m. Sept. 21 at Fellowship Presbyterian Church on Meridian Street in Huntsville. Habitat for Humanity has already built 43 houses in Madison County, and has challenged the community to help build 10 houses in 10 days during September. For more information, call 533-2282.

**Dove hunting**— All civilian employees as well as full-time contractors working on Redstone Arsenal who are eligible to participate in hunting activities should be aware that dove hunting opportunities are now available on a limited basis. A special use permit will be available for the 1997 hunting season that will allow civilian and contract employees of Redstone Arsenal the opportunity to hunt dove for the first two weekends of the season.

The permit fee will be \$15, with all proceeds from this special use permit going back into wildlife management. Permits for dove hunting will be sold by Outdoor Recreation staff simultaneously with other required hunting permits and cannot be purchased separately. Dove hunting for civilian and contract employees will be restricted to hunting area 48 where sunflowers, brown top millet, milo, and corn have been planted. All questions concerning the special dove hunts should be directed to Outdoor Recreation 876-6854 or David Nixon, installation wildlife biologist, 842-6489.

**Resource managers**— The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 11 at the Trinity Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road. Col. Ronald Hyatte, commander of Logistics Support Activity, is to speak on worldwide resources and LOGSA support to the soldier. Cost is \$8 for members, \$9 for non-members. For reservations

call Cherry Hovik 876-3590.

**Meritorious unit award**— On Oct. 30, 1996, USEUCOM Joint Analysis Center Security Activity was awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious achievement from Oct. 1, 1991 to Oct. 1, 1993. Only those members of the armed forces of the United States who were present at the time and directly participated in the aforementioned service or achievements for 30 days or more, or for the period cited if less than 30 days, are authorized to wear the JMUA ribbon. Personnel must be assigned and/or attached by official orders to the joint unit or task force receiving the JMUA, either as individuals or as members of an assigned or attached unit. Any military personnel who feel they may be eligible should request an appointment with the Officer Management Branch (officers) or the Personnel Services Branch (enlisted) of the Military Personnel Office to determine eligibility.



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more information, call 837-0382 or 881-3168.

**Officer/civilian women**— The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold a Welcome Coffee honoring Mary Gibson, wife of the commanding general, from 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 4 at the Officers Club. All members are invited to this tea. Cost is \$5. Child care will be available. For more information, call Linda

Leonard 890-0771.

**CWF council/Jam tickets**— The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is offering advance tickets to Big Spring Jam, Sept. 26-28 at \$15 for a weekend pass. Tickets will be sold at the gate for \$10 for each night, so this is a savings of \$15. You can get your tickets at the Rustic Lodge from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday or by con-

tacting any of the following CWF Council members: Debbie Bearden, building 112, room 220; Steve Fisher, building 5300; Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck, building 5687; Rachael Remy, SSDC on Wynn Drive; Jim Bowne, building 5300, room 5145; Winslow Hill, building 5300, room 5465; Cheryl Youngmans, building 5307; Maxine Goff, building 5307; Gary Bell, building 4488, room A220;

Jean Evans, building 5300, fifth floor; Calvin Boone, building 4488, room A227; Pat Daily, building 5250, room A234; Jane Greer, building 5302, room 23W132; or Donald Cook, building 7611, room 315. "Your Civilian Welfare Fund Council is proud to bring the Big Spring Corporate Ticket Program to the Redstone civilian community," a prepared release said. "Only checks can be

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**Fun run/talk walk**— The Redstone Arsenal MWR and HHC AMCOM invites the Redstone Arsenal and

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# Announcements

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Huntsville communities to a 3.4 mile Fun Run/Talk Walk in conjunction with the Oktoberfest on Sept. 13 from 9-11:30 a.m. The event will start and finish at building 3708 (the Reenlistment and Transition Point). Food and beverages will be served. For more information, call SSgt. James DeCourley 842-2631.

**Union meeting**— AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting Sept. 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Union Office, building 3202. The attendance prize for September will be \$500, but you must be present to win. All collective bargaining unit employees are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

**Synagogue weekend**— Etz Chayim Conservative Synagogue, 7709 Bailey Cove Road will have a weekend of family fun, food, song and prayer Sept. 5-7. "Help us welcome our new rabbi, David Englander," a prepared release said. Events include the following: Milchig potluck supper and Shabbat services, 6:30 p.m. Friday; morning services followed by a Kiddush luncheon, 9:30 a.m. Saturday; new members social followed by an adult study group (babysitting available), 8 p.m. Saturday; and "Hebrew In-A-Day" Course, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call Michelle

Lapidus 880-3297 or Sandra Drake 259-3252.

**Military job fair**— A military job fair— for all active duty, DoD personnel, veterans, National Guard, Reserves, retirees, and their families — will be held Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Civic Center in Montgomery. The fair is sponsored by Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana in conjunction with the Military Transition Assistance and Army Career Alumni Programs in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee with co-hosts Maxwell-Gunter Family Support Center's Transition Assistance Program and the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce. Bring a resume and market your skills to many employers who have employment opportunities in career fields such as management, medical, electronics, aviation, computer, finance and accounting, law enforcement, human resources, construction, administration, engineering and transportation. The Military Personnel Office Transition Center is soliciting persons interested in attending this job fair, and if interested in transportation to the fair. Deadline for notification is Sept. 10 by close of business. For information call Jeannie Sharpe 955-6490.

**Volunteers wanted**— Huntsville Council of Fashion Designers (HCFD)

needs volunteers to serve on its planning committee for the charity event "Designers Against Breast Cancer- '98 Spring Gala." The '98 Spring Gala is scheduled to take place the last Saturday in February, with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. HCFD will hold its first committee meeting at 6 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Madison County Public Library's Auditorium. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, call 539-0001 or the local American Cancer Society office 536-1855.

**Children's carousel**— An authentic turn-of-the-century, children's carousel is now in operation at Madison Square Mall. Children may ride the carousel for a nominal fee; accompanying adults ride for free.

**Sparkman fitness center**— If you attended an orientation between October 1994 and now and never picked up your membership card, please pick it up at the Sparkman Fitness Center. If you have questions about your card, call the center 313-6091.... Sparkman Fitness Center members have four weeks to claim lost and found items.

**Officer/civilian women**— The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will have its membership signup Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the

Officers Club. Light refreshments will be served. All spouses of active duty and retired officers, active duty and retired officers, active and retired employees or spouses of federal government employees grade GS-9 and above are invited. For more information, call Ronnie Lineham 464-0105 or Linda Barker 883-1596.

**Museum tour guides**— Are you interested in the visual arts? Would you like to share that interest with others? If so, the Huntsville Museum of Art Docents may be just the group for you. Docents are volunteer guides who lead museum tours for both children and adults. The next general docent meeting is 9-11:30 a.m. Sept. 15. For more information call Deborah Taylor, education director, 535-4350.

**Playmornings**— The Army's New Parent Support Program is starting playmornings beginning Sept. 10 from 9-11 a.m. at 1220-B Lacrosse Drive. All moms with children 6 and under are welcome. Come meet other moms, make new friends, and learn how to make parenting fun. This program is open to all military families. For more information or to register, call Karla Dunnigan 876-2798.

**Carport/yard sale**— The

Family Housing Fall Carport/Yard Sale is scheduled for Oct. 4 and 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. This is a great opportunity for some of us to dispose of those things we no longer need and for others to pick up a bargain. Successful shopping and selling to all.

**Child safety**— Blockbuster Video and the Madison Recreation Department will be offering a free video recording of your child for emergency purposes. Records the child's mannerisms, voice and appearance. Sessions are scheduled 7-9 p.m. Sept. 18 and 1-5 p.m. Sept. 21 at Dublin Park. For more information, call 772-9300.

**Flu shots**— Huntsville Hospital will give flu shots 7-9 p.m. Oct. 16 and 7-9 p.m. Nov. 5 at Dublin Park, 8324 Old Madison Pike in Madison. Cost is \$5.

**Bowling league**— The Friday Night Mixed Bowling League at Redstone Lanes needs one full team, and one lady bowler. Bowling begins Friday at 6:30

p.m. For more information, call Naomi Hodges 883-2612 or 533-0915 between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. You may also call the bowling lanes 881-1780. The league is open to military and non-military.

**Women singers**— Huntsville Heritage Chorus/Sweet Adelines, the second-place small chorus for region 23, is an educational organization for women singing four-part barbershop harmony. Women interested in membership are invited to visit rehearsals. "We promise you an evening of fun, friendship and music," a prepared release said. Open auditions and rehearsals are held 7 p.m. every Tuesday at Madison Christian Church, 1400 Hughes Road. "Seeking new director. Directing experience preferred, but not required," the release said. Call 837-0876 or 232-9339.

**Professional development**— Florida Institute of Technology is conducting a Professional Development course titled Local Area Networks. Local Area Net-

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**Cholesterol education** — Getting your cholesterol checked on a regular basis is vital in the fight against heart disease, the Wellness Center said in a prepared release. This informative lecture will help you understand your cholesterol readings and better educate you on the subject. The Cholesterol Education lecture will be held from 11-noon Sept. 18 in building 5301, room 1148. To register call 955-6844. Education lecture will be held from 11-noon Sept. 18 in building 5301, room 1148. To register call 955-6844.

**Red Cross office** — The American Red Cross Office, in building 3491, has changed its hours of operation to Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. "The soldiers and their families are very important to the American Red Cross and the reduction in the hours of operation at Redstone Arsenal will not affect the American Red Cross support to

the military forces," a prepared release said. To contact the American Red Cross during the hours the Arsenal Office is closed, call the Madison County Chapter 536-0084. The American Red Cross is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to service the armed forces worldwide. For more information call Barry Porter, chapter manager, 536-0084, ext. 222; or Kaye Young McFarlen, director of emergency services, 536-0084, ext. 311. To contact the American Red Cross for armed forces emergency services call the Redstone Arsenal Office, building 3491, 876-3381/4427; or the Madison County Chapter, 1101 Washington St., 536-0084.

**Marine Corps league** — The Marine Corps League will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 9 at the American Legion on Drake Avenue. All former and current Marines are invited. For more information, call 881-2619.

**Logistics achievement award** — The 1997 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award Luncheon/Ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 16 at the Officers Club. The following individuals have been nominated for this prestigious award: James L. Flinn III, director of Integrated Materiel Manage-

ment Center; Wendell E.S. Holmes, of System Support Division, JTUAV Project Office; Carlos B. Kingston, chief of Logistics Division, MLRS Project Office; Paulette N. Lacy, chief of Logistics Division, Sentinel Product Office; John T. LaFalce, chief of Requirements Team, Logistics Support Directorate, IMMC; Dianne B. Landtroop, director of Missile Logistics Directorate, Acquisition Center; and Sheila M. McCord, of Depot Programming and Budgeting, BMD, IMMC. The nominees will be recognized during the ceremony; and Ernest A. Young, deputy to the commanding general, AMCOM, will announce the winner of the 1997 award. Tickets for the event are \$8.80 each and are available in each directorate office of the IMMC or from Diane Stephens, LAISO, 955-8719, Brandy Hoffman, Sentinel Product Office, 895-3629; Patricia

Jackson, MLRS Project Office, 876-3779; Vickie Harrison, JTUAV Project Office, 895-4322; or Becky Moore, Acquisition Center, 876-1762. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Anne Hughes, IMMC, 876-1757.

**Operations research group** — Redstone Arsenal-Huntsville Military Operations Research Section (RAHMORS) will meet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Regimental Room of the Officers Club. Dr. David Hugus of Aerojet is to speak on "Analysis Methods." For more information, call Martha Knott 876-3251.

**Toastmasters** — Tennessee Valley Toastmasters Club meets the first and third Thursday at 7 p.m. at Morrison's Cafeteria in Madison Square Mall. For more information, call Noel Donlin 859-0034 or Anne Hughes 881-8707.

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'96 Geo Metro. 3 dr., 5 sp., air, stereo, dual air bags, 49 mg. 28K mi. \$6,895. (205) 586-0633.

'95 Mustang GT conv. 5.0/auto, loaded, red w/tan leather, Mach 460 CD/cass. 17" alum. wheels, new tires, exc. cond. \$19,500. 830-2707.

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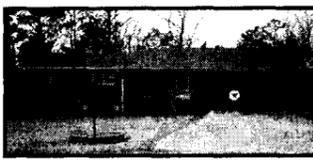


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Little Tykes octopus merry go round, tree house, picnic table, red and yellow car. \$110 takes all. 721-7022.

Motorhome. '88 Allegro 27.5' fully self contained. New exhaust manifold (stainless steel), brakes, refig., microwave, exc. cond. Reduced, \$19,500. 883-8059.

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Moving. Sofa sleeper queen, \$179. Full \$135. Recliner, \$129. End tables, \$49 ea. Table lamps from \$47. Exc. cond. 534-9615.

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'97 CBR 600 motorcycle, 4000 KM, \$6,700. 726-0140.

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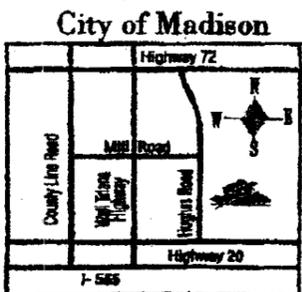
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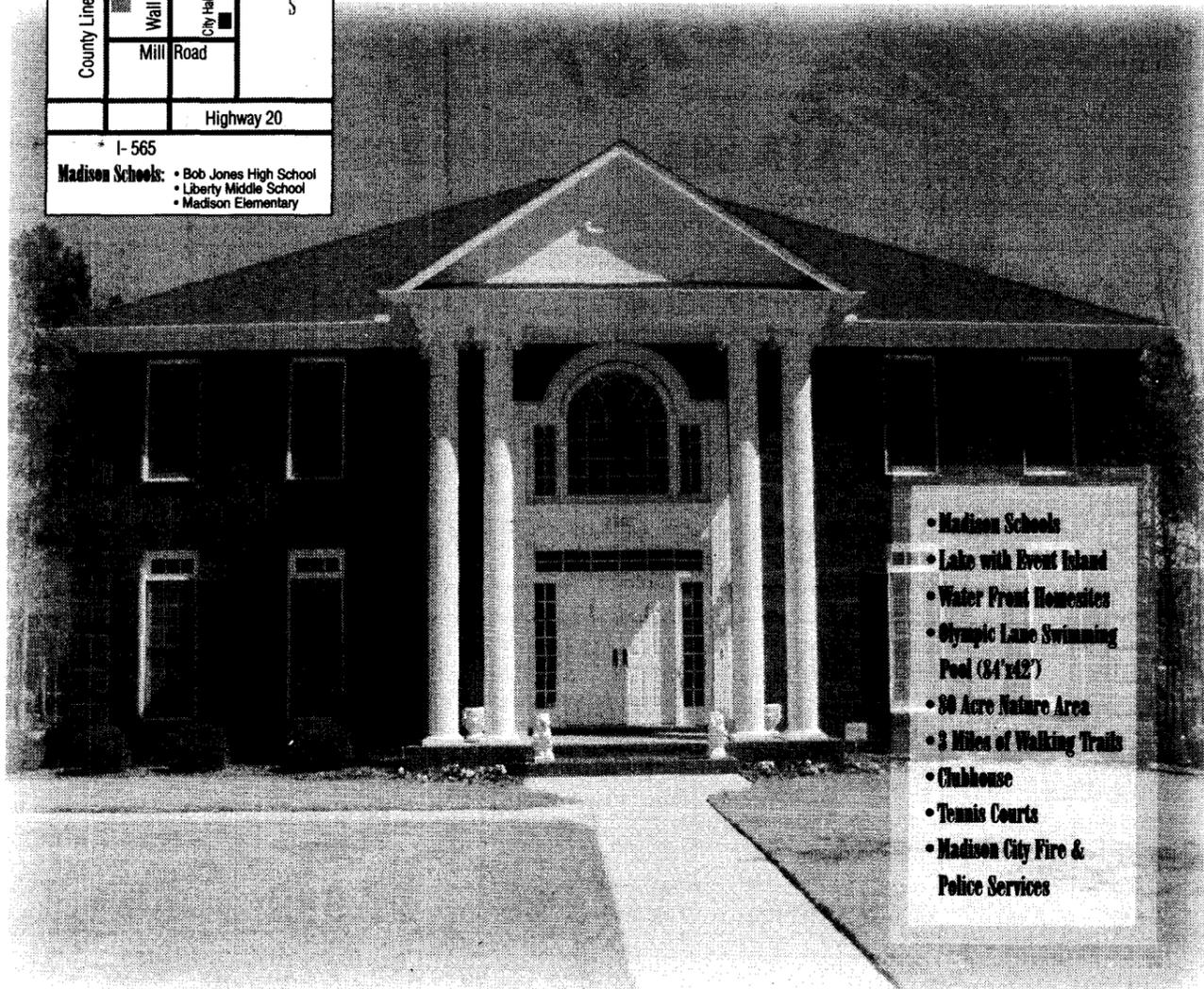
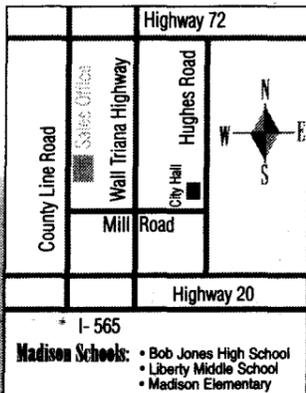
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