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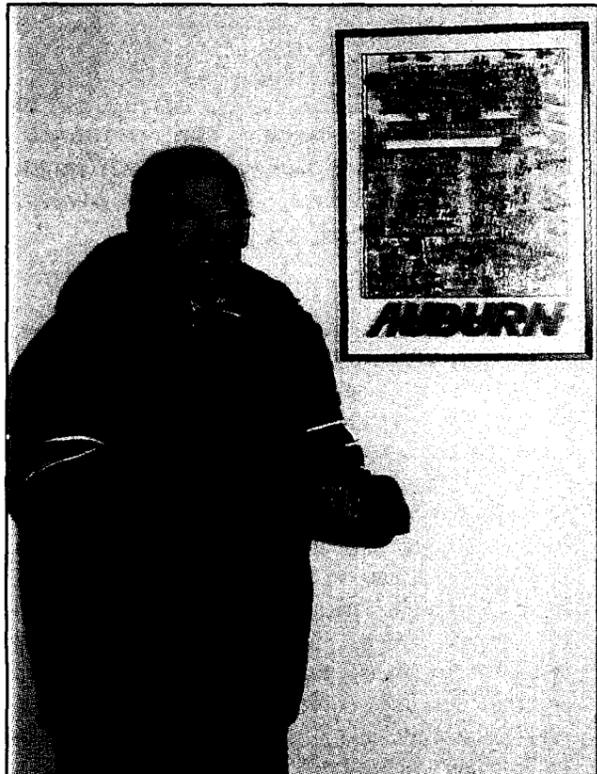
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WAR EAGLE— House, a 1959 Auburn graduate, is back where he can closely follow his favorite team.

Aviation RDEC's director returns home to Alabama from St. Louis

By Skip Vaughn

The move of Army aviation workers from St. Louis to Huntsville was like homecoming for Tom House.

House, executive director of the Aviation Research Development and Engineering Center, is a Birmingham native and 1959 graduate of Auburn University. He left this state in late 1959 and had never worked in Alabama until he returned July 15.

"I was pretty excited about coming back. Many fond memories of the state, although my family's no longer here," House said. "So many strong remem-

brances that I'm really enjoying reacquainting myself with the state although it's changed dramatically.

"The economic development of this state has been tremendous. And the very rural nature that I remember is not as prevalent."

House, 60, heads a research center which is the aviation counterpart of the Missile RDEC. "We're somewhat different from them due to the differences from aviation and missiles. The fact that the aviation systems are manned— or use pilots — puts a premium on flight safety. And these systems are continuously operating, whereas

missiles are much more concerned with shelf-life problems. In other words, they sit on the shelf; we operate all the time," he said.

"However, we've got very strong common support functions in areas such as software, simulation, test and technical data management. And we've been able to go to a concept of common support in these areas which has greatly enhanced aviation support during the move. We've chosen to integrate the organizations responsible for those functions under the Missile RDEC but the groups are responsible for support of both centers. So the Avia-

tion RDEC is now principally oriented toward the unique disciplines associated with helicopters, i.e., rotors, flight controls, airframes, drive systems, and crew stations."

The Aviation RDEC differs from its missile counterpart organizationally in that its technology development people are at two other locations. These include the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, about 225 people, at Fort Eustis, Va.; and the Aeroflightdynamics Directorate, about 125 people, mainly based at the NASA Ames Research Center,

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Expanded Oktoberfest opens Thursday at parade field here

By Skip Vaughn

Redstone's parade field will be the site for a four-day family festival beginning Thursday.

The third annual Oktoberfest, Sept. 11-14, promises fun for all with rides, entertainment, and German and American food. From 25-30,000 people are expected for the four days.

"It supports the Arsenal community. It's a great value for the dollar," Jay Foster, special events coordinator for Directorate of Community and Family Activities, said. "You pay a one-time price of \$6 which includes the rides all day long, entertainment all day long. And attendees will be able to leave and come back (the same day).

"It enhances the military/civilian relationship," he added. Everyone is invited to this public event. Cost is \$6 per day which includes the rides (as many times as desired), entertainment and parking. Children



GERMAN BAND— Die Mitternaechters performs at last year's Oktoberfest.

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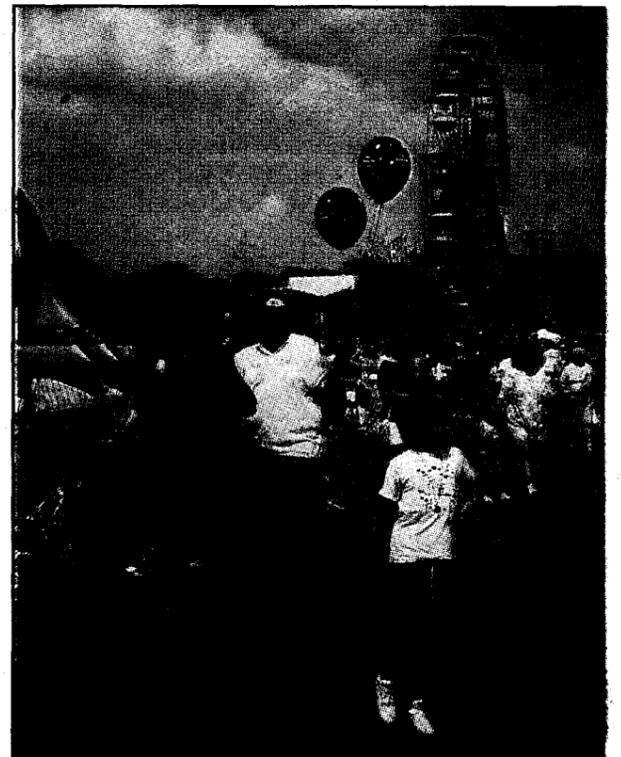
Activities include 20 carnival rides (children and adult rides), double midway with games of chance, German and American food, and German and American entertainment under a 100-by-140 foot tent. There will also be the Memphis in May Barbecue judging with the winners advancing to national competition.

Proceeds from Oktoberfest go back into the Arsenal's programs, Foster said. Interstate Amusements Inc., from New Smyrna, Fla., will provide the American food and the carnival.

Hours for Oktoberfest are: Thursday from 5-11 p.m. (with a two-hour block for special needs children from 1-3 p.m.); Friday from 5 p.m. until 2

a.m.; Saturday from noon until 2 a.m.; and Sunday from 1-10 p.m.

"Last year for the three-day period we had approximately 23,000. It was a three-day fest last year. It's been expanded to four this year. It's been such a great success we've expanded the hours," Foster said. "We added the additional day, plus the hours of the event



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Retiring aviation worker receives top civilian award

FORT EUSTIS, Va.— Henry Morrow, chief of Power Systems Division, Aviation Applied Technology Directorate (AATD), Fort Eustis, Va., recently received the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service Award from George Singley III, acting director, Defense Research and Engineering, Office of Secretary of Defense during his retirement ceremony held here.

The award is the highest one that a civilian can receive; and Morrow is the first employee in the history of AATD to receive one.

AATD is an element of the Aviation Research Development and Engineering Center, Aviation and Missile Command.

Morrow received the award in recognition for his

outstanding achievements and contributions to Army aviation throughout his employment with AATD and its predecessor organizations from Sept. 3, 1963 through Aug. 2. The propulsion technology efforts which were conducted under his leadership have provided Army aviation with the most advanced turboshaft engines in the world.

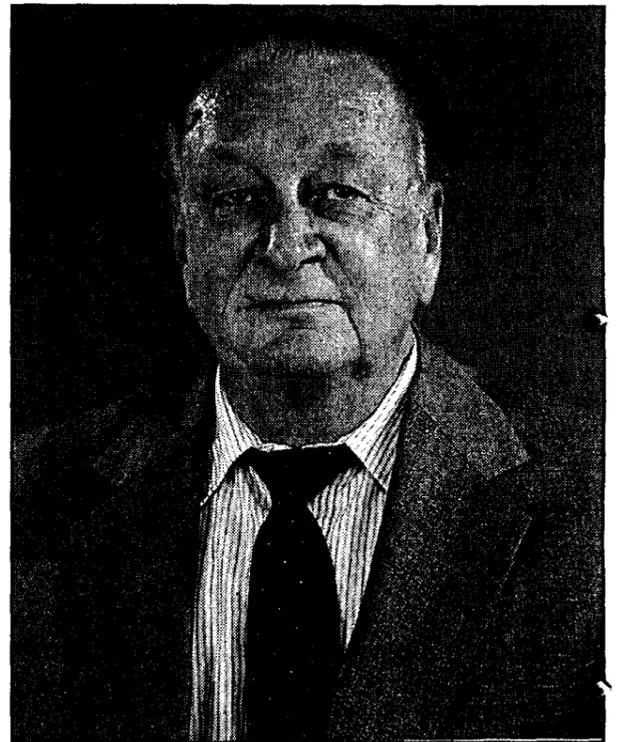
Under his leadership, notable achievements include the development of the 1500 Shaft Horse Power engine from which the T700 GE-700 engine was developed. This engine powers both the UH-60 Black Hawk and the AH-64 Apache helicopters. Other programs include Small Turbine Advanced Gas

Generator (STAGG), 800 SHP Advanced Turbine Demonstrator Engine (ATDE), Modern Technology Demonstrator Engine, Multi Purpose Small Power Unit, and three Joint Turbine Advanced Gas Generators programs. The T800 engine, which will power the RAH-66 Comanche helicopter, was created from technologies developed under STAGG and ATDE programs.

Each of these efforts has provided revolutionary improvements in rotorcraft systems performance in the areas of extended range and payload capabilities, significant reductions in specific fuel consumption and increased specific power and power-to-weight ratios. These significant strides in

the propulsion area have provided a dynamic new technology base which will benefit the Army for many years to come. The results of these technologies conducted under Morrow's direction have and will continue to have a profound impact on Army rotorcraft capabilities essential for superior combat effectiveness on the battlefield.

During his 34-year career, Morrow received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, American Society of Mechanical Engineer Honorary Fellowship Award, and Army Aviation Association of America's Bronze Order of St. Michael. (Aviation Applied Technology Directorate release)



MORROW

AAFES: Burgers must meet stringent standards for safety

Recently there has been a great deal of news about the safety of hamburgers. Army and Air Force Exchange Service operates 149 Burger King restaurants worldwide. "We are writing to assure you that the hamburgers we serve at Burger King are safe, and to explain the reasons why they are safe," an AAFES release said.

"We flame-broil our burgers, cooking them thoroughly, in accordance with

the stringent standards that the Food and Drug Administration has established. To guarantee that this process works every time, we use digital electronic thermometers to verify broiler temperatures, and we build our flame-broilers so as to make it impossible for one of our crew to accidentally remove a burger before it is fully cooked," the release continued.

"Burger King restaurant managers and crew receive

extensive training on safe food handling and preparation. AAFES operators and trained field staff from Burger King comprise a team of almost 600 quality assurance people who provide oversight and supervision to ensure that these safety procedures are being followed, all day, every day, with every burger.

"As for the companies

we buy our burgers from, our standards are just as stringent as our cooking procedures. We buy only from processors approved and inspected by the U.S. government. We demand that our suppliers live up to the highest standards, even more stringent than the U.S. Department of Agriculture. When they don't live up to our standards, we act quick-

ly. This was the case last week when Burger King voluntarily recalled burgers made by Hudson Foods. This action affected about 25 percent of our CONUS restaurants, where it was 24-48 hours before Burger King could re-supply them with product from other sources.

"Although there was absolutely no indication that

any of the beef Hudson Foods supplied us was unsafe, we complied with the recall. The trust and confidence you have in us every time you visit one of our restaurants is more important than any loss of business.

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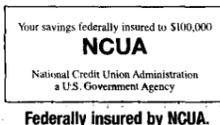
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Fox Hospital customer service cited in DoD survey of treatment facilities

By Dale James

Patients at military treatment facilities (MTF) express higher overall satisfaction with the health care they receive than do their civilian counterparts who visit civilian physicians.

to document patients' experiences with health care providers in MTFs. The survey focused on satisfaction with clinics, medical care, access, quality of care and interpersonal relationships.

problems, advice on how to avoid illness, and the amount of time spent with the patient.

Edward D. Martin, acting assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said, "This survey will provide valid, reliable and timely information on access, quality of care and interpersonal relationships. We believe such never-before-available information is vital to focusing our numerous efforts to improve management of the Military Health Services System."

The survey is being mailed each month to about 75,000 patients, randomly identified from records of the Composite Health Care System and the Ambulatory Data System.

The approximately 2,100 military clinics in the United States that see more than 200 outpatients per month are participating. MTFs receive monthly reports, based on the previous three months of data. Higher levels in the chain of command receive reports quarterly. All written comments are forwarded to the MTFs.

Said Martin, "One of our top priorities in military health care today is to focus on those things that will cause our patients to want to choose military medicine."

"To do that, we must know what our beneficiaries think about their health care, from the details of a specific visit to the more general perspective of how the system is responding to their needs. We need to hear what we are doing well and what needs improvement."

The surveys are being conducted by United Healthcare and its subcontractor, National Research Corporation, under contract with DoD. The surveys allow the military medical system to compare its patient satisfaction within the system, as well as with other health plans nationally and locally.

Civilian comparisons come from interviews National Research Corporation conducts each year with 130,000 enrollees in health maintenance organizations.

Fox Army Community Hospital was recognized for outstanding achievement in customer service in the small hospital category.

That's according to a survey released recently by the Department of Defense.

Awards based on survey results were presented at a recent Tricare conference to each Service medical center, hospital and clinic. Fox Army Community Hospital was recognized for outstanding achievement in customer service in the small hospital category.

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The area which received the highest edge over civilian ratings was interpersonal relationships. On a five point scale, MTF providers were rated a half point higher than the civilian sector (4.0 or very good vs. 3.5 for civilians). Survey questions in this area ask about how the provider related to the patient, courtesy, attention to what the patient says, personal interest in medical

Federal civilian pay rises 2.3 percent in January 1998

By Douglas J. Gillert

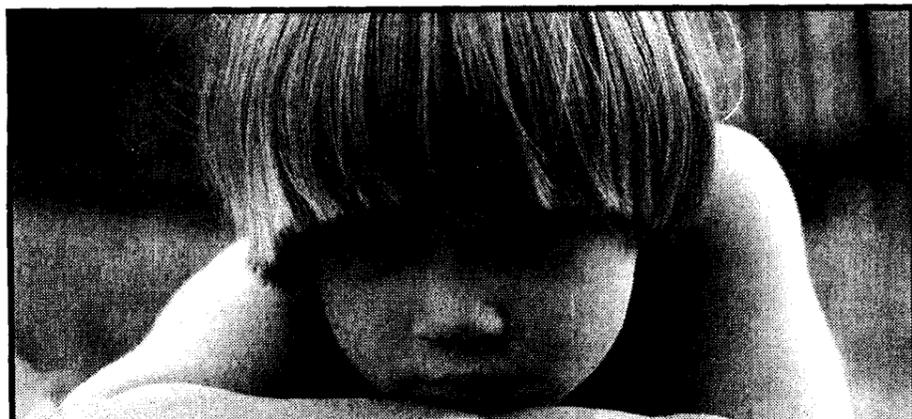
WASHINGTON — President Clinton authorized a 2.3 percent federal pay raise nationwide and an average locality increase of .5 percent.

Civil Service employees under the General Schedule pay system will receive at least a 2.3 percent pay raise Jan. 1, 1998. Depending on where they work, they may receive an additional locality pay adjustment.

Executive Schedule, Senior Executive Service and Federal Wage System employees receive increases based on other provisions of law, according to the Office of Personnel Management. Decisions on 1998 pay increases for those plans will be made later this year.

By law, General Schedule employees could have received a higher locality adjustment. However, Title 5 of the U.S. Code, which authorizes locality adjustments, also allows the president to present Congress an alternative plan consistent with budget constraints and "economic conditions affecting the general welfare."

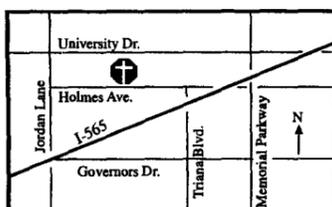
Thirty-one metropolitan areas in the United States qualify for locality increases designed to narrow the gap between federal pay and salaries paid by private sector employers in those areas. Two areas, Hartford, Conn., and Orlando, Fla., were added this year. (American Forces Press Service)



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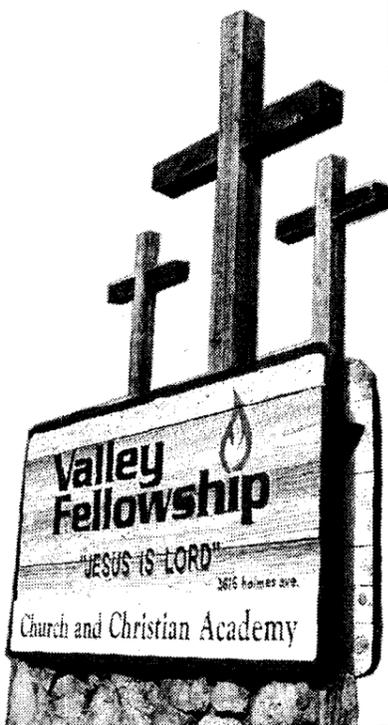
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1997 charity campaign a labor of love for coordinator

By Dale James

The countdown clock to the start of the 1997 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is ticking, but at the moment Dr. Herschel Love is having trouble even locating his desk amidst a paper sea of brochures, pamphlets and posters.

"Pardon the mess," Love tells a visitor. "Once we get these brochures out, it won't be quite so cluttered around here."

"Here" is the office of the CFC, one half of an exceedingly modest building sitting just outside Redstone Arsenal's Gate 8. Stacks of campaign literature lie piled about the cramped two-room office — in chairs, atop desks and on the floor.

Love is chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC), which is responsible for disseminating information on the campaign to each of the more than 16,000 workers in the 37 area federal agencies that participate in the CFC here each year.

Established by Executive Order in 1961, the CFC is the only authorized charitable fund-raising drive in the federal workplace. The campaign allows federal employees and military personnel to set aside a portion of their pay through payroll deduction or by cash contribution to designated health and welfare charities.

The LFCC manages the details of that campaign. And there are lots of details.

Sighs Love, "This is a year-round thing. We start in January and go all year round. Now, with the campaign about to start, it's been non-stop around here."

The LFCC consists of one employee from each federal agency in the Tennessee Valley. Says Love, "If this were a company, I would be the CEO and they would be the board of directors."

An engineer with the Research Development and Engineering Center, Love is also the LFCC's only full-time loaned executive. Eight additional loaned executives will assist with the actual campaign, which runs from Sept. 29 through Nov. 7 this year.

"This is kind of an OJT situation for the loaned executive," Love says with a smile. "Until I came on board, I didn't realize just how involved and intricate this whole operation is. It's intensive and extensive at the same time."

In addition to developing training materials and distributing information on the campaign, the LFCC reviews each of the 159 local agencies included in the U.S. Office of Personnel Management-approved list of charitable organizations. Employees may designate that their contribution go to as many as five different agencies.

The list also includes 1,316 national and international agencies, up from 1,226 last year.

"We had a lot more that applied," Love says, "but not all of them were approved."

To be approved for inclusion in the list, an agency must meet strict OPM guidelines, including governance by a volunteer board of directors, annual outside audits and administrative costs that do not exceed 25 percent.

Administrative costs for the LFCC totaled less than 6 percent of the \$1,353,086 raised locally by the CFC last year. That compares with a national average of just over 8 percent. The majority of LFCC expenses go toward printing materials, training volunteers and auditing contributions.

"Every penny has to be accounted for," Love emphasizes.

One reason the LFCC is able to maintain such a relatively low overhead, he adds,



CFC OFFICE— Love, standing, is chairman of the LFCC; and Kit Carlton is a loaned executive from the Acquisition Center.

is because of the extensive support provided to the campaign by Aviation and Missile Command. For example, this year's campaign kickoff celebration will be held in Sparkman Auditorium.

"If we were to hold that off post, we would have to pay for that," Love notes.

Among the most popular activities during last year's campaign were the tours of various local charitable agencies arranged by the LFCC.

"The tours were very successful," Love says. "They give people a chance to see how their money is actually being put to use."

Even though he has accompanied numerous such tours, Love says he contin-

ues to be impressed with what he sees.

"It makes you realize that there is a great need out there, and that the agencies that receive this money take good care of it," he says. "We get a lot of bangs for the buck at each one of these agencies."

He pauses, then adds, "Every time I go to one of these agencies, it's a learning experience for me. I always come away with my heart just a little bit bigger."

Love shifts several stacks of papers on his desk and locates the particular piece of paper he's looking for. On it is this year's campaign goal of \$1,355,000.

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Safety program slated Thursday at Sparkman Center Auditorium

The Aviation and Missile Command will celebrate a Safety Stand Down Day on Thursday. 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 pm., 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.

While directed by Gen. Wilson to AMC organizations, all Redstone Arsenal tenants have been invited to join AMCOM in this event. (Safety Office release)

Technology improves for countermine operations



TRANSFER CEREMONY— Accepting a plaque commemorating the technology transfer are, from left, Bill Adams, technology director DCD Fort Leonard Wood; Steve Thibadoux, chief of technical management, UGV/S

JPO; Al Nease, chief of Wright Labs; Gaylon Branam, deputy project manager, UGV/S JPO; Lt. Col. Jon Moneyhun, product manager for vehicle teleoperation capability, UGV/S JPO; and Capt. Walt Waltz of Wright Labs.

The Unmanned Ground Vehicle/System Joint Project Office, the U.S. Army Engineer Center and Wright Labs (USAF) have conducted a transfer of semi-autonomous area clearing (countermine operations) technology.

This software was originally developed for Wright Labs for use in EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) type operations and was successfully demonstrated on a teleoperated M-1 with full frontal rollers (Panther II) during Enforce '97, an exercise held in April at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

The Panther II (developed by UGV/S JPO for the Engineer Center) is a planned upgrade to the Panther currently being used to support countermine operations in Bosnia. The operator teleoperates the perimeter of the area to be cleared, defining the Panther's area of operation. The area clearing software takes over and the Panther II automatically clears the area, freeing the operator to perform other duties. (Release from Unmanned Ground Vehicle/System Joint Project Office)

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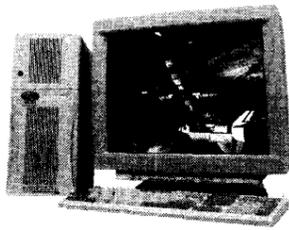
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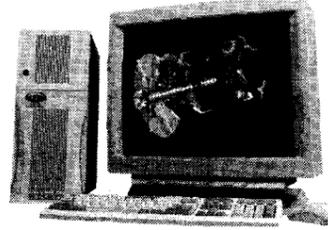


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Patriot Project worker earns her doctorate at UAH

By Dale James

Clara Denise West hasn't bought a vanity license plate that reads "Dr" yet, but she could. She's earned it.

A lead test engineer with the Patriot Project Office, West received her doctor of philosophy degree in systems engineering from the University of Alabama-Huntsville in May.

It wasn't easy. In fact, West will tell you, "it was hard. Very hard. Very, very hard."

She sighed, "I was constantly never getting enough sleep. I would start studying at night, and the next thing I knew the sun would be coming up and it would be time to go to work."

The Patriot Project Office is in the midst of one of its largest upgrades since the system was fielded. West works in the General Engineering, Testing and Evaluation Division, which supports one of the major elements of that upgrade.

While juggling studies with her job responsibilities proved to be a daily challenge, West said her biggest challenge is as the single mother of two children.

"My son and my daughter are what kept me in it,"

she admitted. "There were plenty of times I wanted to quit — and would have quit — but I was determined to be a good role model. I wanted my children to see that once you make a commitment, you're obligated to see that commitment through no matter what.

"If I had quit, how could I have done that?"

As if that were not enough for one woman, West is also preparing to be ordained as a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

"I didn't really want to pursue my doctorate, but, for me, it was a case of being obedient to God's will for my life," she explained. "I don't really understand all the things I believe He's called me to do, but I do believe there is a purpose behind it all."

West ticked off the names of numerous people who have helped her along the way, singling out three in particular: Dr. Bruce Fowler, deputy director of the Advanced Systems Concepts Office; Dr. Richard Wyskida, her faculty adviser at UAH, and her mother.

"My mother kept my children fed or they might have starved to death by now," said West.



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"Dr. Fowler," she continued, "was my mentor. I went to him whenever I was having trouble or whenever I needed encouragement, which was often. Had it not been for Dr. Fowler, I would not have made it through UAH."

West confessed to struggling with ambivalent feelings toward Wyskida.

"He was the most difficult adviser I've ever had — and the best," she said. "He would give you just impossible assignments —

assignments that could not be completed in a week — and insist that you complete them in two days."

But if Wyskida was demanding, he also proved to be good training for what lay ahead.

West's thesis, "Statistically Based Approach for Predicting Stockpiled Missile System Reliability," weighs in at a hefty 302 pages. Even more daunting, to some, than the task of compiling such a weighty tome is the requirement that

doctoral candidates "defend" their thesis orally before a panel of professors in their chosen field.

"In hindsight, I'm grateful for what Dr. Wyskida tried to do for me," West said. "When I went into my defense, I really wasn't worried. There was nothing they could ask me that Dr. Wyskida had not already asked."

She smiled, then added, "Now, whatever challenge I face, I know I can handle it. I survived Wyskida."

U.S. force deploying this month to assist in Bahrain

WASHINGTON— An air expeditionary force consisting of about 20 aircraft and associated support personnel and equipment will deploy during mid-September to Bahrain in support of Operation Southern Watch.

The 366th Air Expeditionary Wing will deploy with F-15Es and F-16s from the 366th Wing, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.

Deployment of the 366th AEW was based upon consultations between the governments of Bahrain, the United States and other states in Southwest Asia. This deployment augments existing U.S. forces in the region while validating our capability to rapidly reinforce in-place forces. The deployment also assists in improving U.S. interoperability with Gulf Cooperation Council partners in the region. (DoD release)

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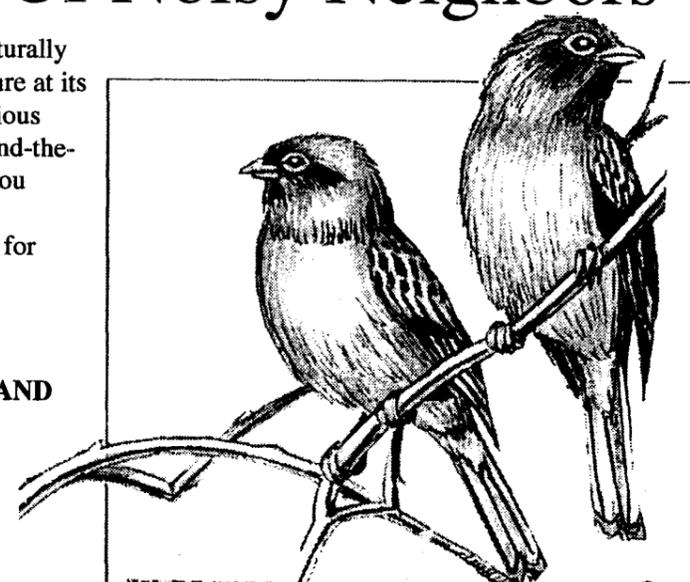
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Cost-cutting program here hits goal for fiscal 1997

By Skip Vaughn

The former Missile Command achieved its goal for fiscal 1997 with about \$1 million in cost-cutting initiatives for missile parts.

Higher headquarters gave major subordinate commands the authority to spend \$1 million to fund secondary item improvements during fiscal '97. Under the Operating and Support Cost Reduction program, these commands sought ideas for cutting costs of secondary items through re-engineering, redesign or replacement projects.

Ideas requiring investments above \$100,000 had to be approved by higher headquarters, Army Materiel Command. MICOM requested and received a waiver to exceed that local approval limit.

As a result, "MICOM was successful in spending the million dollars this year. We couldn't say that last year," Dorothy Downing, former point of contact for Team Redstone OSCR, said. "And this success is largely attributable to AMC granting MICOM a one-time authority to exceed the \$100,000 local approval limit."

One project was approved locally for more than \$100,000: an improvement for the Stinger Standard Vehicle Mounted Launcher. "And the amount of that initiative was \$460,000 and that was the key to our success," Downing said.

The eight funded projects for fiscal 1997 included the

following: Stinger SVML interlock switch, \$460,000; TOW field test set, \$98,000; TOW power supply unit, \$82,000; Patriot oscillator crystal, \$93,000; Patriot canister, \$77,000; Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle mission control unit, \$47,000; JTUAV air vehicle, \$85,000; and JTUAV radio frequency cables and connectors, \$52,000.

Downing said she believes this command was the only one in AMC to meet its \$1 million objective for fiscal 1997.

The Army Materiel Command has advised it will fund two projects submitted in fiscal 1997 in early October (fiscal 1998). These two projects are: Patriot PAC-3, \$1.01 million; and Patriot Exciter, \$983,000.

The Operating and Support Cost Reduction program, formerly under the Integrated Materiel Management Center, moved in May to the Research Development and Engineering Center. It's new point of contact is Alan Greene in the industrial operations division under System Engineering and Production Directorate.

"With the command emphasis and the support that the program is getting over in RDEC, the program is headed for bigger and better things," Downing said. "They've got several projects working for the FY '98 programs."

Downing served with the OSCR program since 1993. She helped with the program's transition from May until Sept. 1 before returning

to the Integrated Materiel Management Center. Her next assignment will be as an aviation Integrated Logistics Support manager.

"I want to thank all the organizations for their support in making MICOM one of the most outstanding commands in cost reduction," she said. MICOM had the largest project funded in fiscal 1996 for Supply Management Army OSCR — \$2.24 million for Stinger launcher electronics assembly/interface electronics assembly. This command also had the largest project

funded in fiscal 1997 under the Reliability, Maintainability and Supportability program— \$3.5 million for Avenger control electronics.

Total savings from the SMA-OSCR and RMS programs exceed \$200 million over a 10-year period, according to Downing.

In mid-July the Missile Command merged with the Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis to form the Aviation and Missile Command. The former ATCOM also had a successful OSCR program.



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Military retirees will have their annual day here Saturday

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. Saturday.

"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 that 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.

Exercise Central Asian Battalion '97 set

WASHINGTON— The longest distance airborne operation in history will take place this September over Kazakhstan when U.S. forces will train with troops from central Asia and other countries, including Russia and Turkey, during Exercise Central Asian Battalion (CENTRAZBAT) '97.

During this exercise, more than 900 military personnel from six countries will combine with more than 500 U.S. military troops to hone their skills in peacekeeping and humanitarian assistance. The exercise will be held in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, and Chirchik, Uzbekistan during Sept. 15-21.

This exercise will be conducted in the spirit of Partnership for Peace by the Norfolk, Va.-based U.S. Atlantic Command (USACOM), and will be hosted by the countries of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. The staff of USACOM has been working closely with the Army's

82nd Airborne Division and the defense ministers of all participating countries to coordinate the exercise.

The purpose of the exercise is to enhance regional cooperation and increase interoperability training among NATO and Partnership for Peace nations through the practice of combined peacekeeping and humanitarian assistance operations. The exercise will center on a role-playing scenario where the combined forces will monitor an imaginary border dispute between two fictitious nations. Training will involve forces from Asian countries traveling to the United States for refresher parachute training with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. Upon completion of the training, the combined forces will fly non-stop to Kazakhstan where they will conduct a parachute drop of troops and equipment. (DoD release)

Clinton names Hamre to Protection Panel

WASHINGTON — President Clinton named Deputy Defense Secretary John J. Hamre to the steering committee of the Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection, White House officials announced Aug. 27.

The commission was set up in July 1996 to examine physical and cyber threats to key U.S. infrastructures, such as telecommunications, energy, banking and finance, transportation and emergency services. The commission will develop a national protection strategy. The steering committee is made up of senior administration officials who oversee the

work of the commission on behalf of the Cabinet-level Principals Committee.

Prior to taking office as deputy defense secretary July 29, Hamre served as DoD comptroller. He previously served 10 years as a staff member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, where he was primarily responsible for the oversight and evaluation of procurement, research and development programs. He served for six years in the Congressional Budget Office, rising to the position of deputy assistant director for national security and international affairs. (American Forces Press Service)

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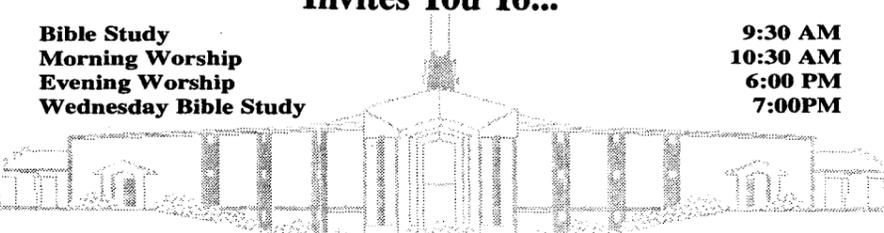
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Defense Department revises web policy guidelines for users

By Douglas J. Sijfert

WASHINGTON — A new DoD policy sets guidelines for establishing and maintaining a publicly accessible DoD information service on the Internet's World Wide Web.

The policy was signed July 18 by Clifford Bernath, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, and Anthony Valleta, acting assistant secretary of defense for command, control, communications and intelligence. It spells out what you can and can't do in the Internet information medium.

The policy is posted on DefenseLINK, the DoD home page, at www.defenselink.mil. It stipulates all DoD web sites must:

- Make information fully and readily available, consistent with legal requirements, unless its release would cause security problems;
- Provide a free flow of general and military information to servicemembers and their families; and

• Not classify or otherwise withhold information to protect the government from embarrassment or criticism.

The policy requires DoD web sites to support provisions of the Freedom of Information Act in "letter and spirit."

"These are the same tenets that guide the DoD public information program worldwide," said Air Force Capt. Jim Knotts, deputy for technology integration, DoD public affairs.

The more detailed attachment to the basic memorandum is worth reading by every DoD user and must reading for information managers and web masters, Knotts said. The attachment spells out many legal requirements of DoD web sites, for example, omitting the graphic logos of certain web software components used in building web sites.

"Many DoD web sites

display logos of recommended web browsers or document readers, and that's illegal," Knotts said.

The three most common logos found on DoD web sites are for Netscape, Microsoft Internet Explorer and Adobe Acrobat, he said. These should be displayed as text only.

Section 4.1.1 of the attachment states all DoD components establishing web sites must ensure:

- Management oversight and regular functional review of the web information service;
- Operational integrity and security of the computer and network supporting the service;
- Validation of the accuracy, consistency, appropriateness and timeliness of all information placed on the service;

• Registration of the service with the Government Information Locator Service, known as GILS (the registration process is explained on DefenseLINK under "Search"); and

• Funding, equipping, staffing and training necessary to develop and maintain the service.

A big issue for the Internet worldwide is privacy, and this memorandum addresses the issue with the intent of protecting customer privacy on DefenseLINK and other DoD web sites. Basically, the directive prohibits organizations from

identifying individual users and their usage habits, such as other sites visited or e-mail addresses, except for authorized law enforcement investigations. The directive requires a Privacy and Security Act notice be published on every DoD web site warning users of the consequences of attempting to alter or erase information on the web site.

Recognizing that some organizations have legitimate reasons for gathering statistical data on web site visitors, the memorandum tells them how to inform users their visits are being recorded. "We talked to other federal and legal agencies to make sure we aren't violating any statutes,

particularly the Privacy Act, and that sites that do collect visitor data properly alert the users in writing on the home page," Knotts said.

"The Internet, in particular the World Wide Web, offers an unprecedented opportunity for the Department of Defense to communicate with the American people," Bernath and Valleta state in the July 18 memorandum. "With those opportunities also come new challenges. This policy document addresses ... important issues related to the use of the World Wide Web as a medium for providing public information to a global audience." (American Forces Press Service)

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ing going on at AMCOM and Marshall and TVA-Browns Ferry," he sighs, "we've really got a challenge."

And the clock is ticking.

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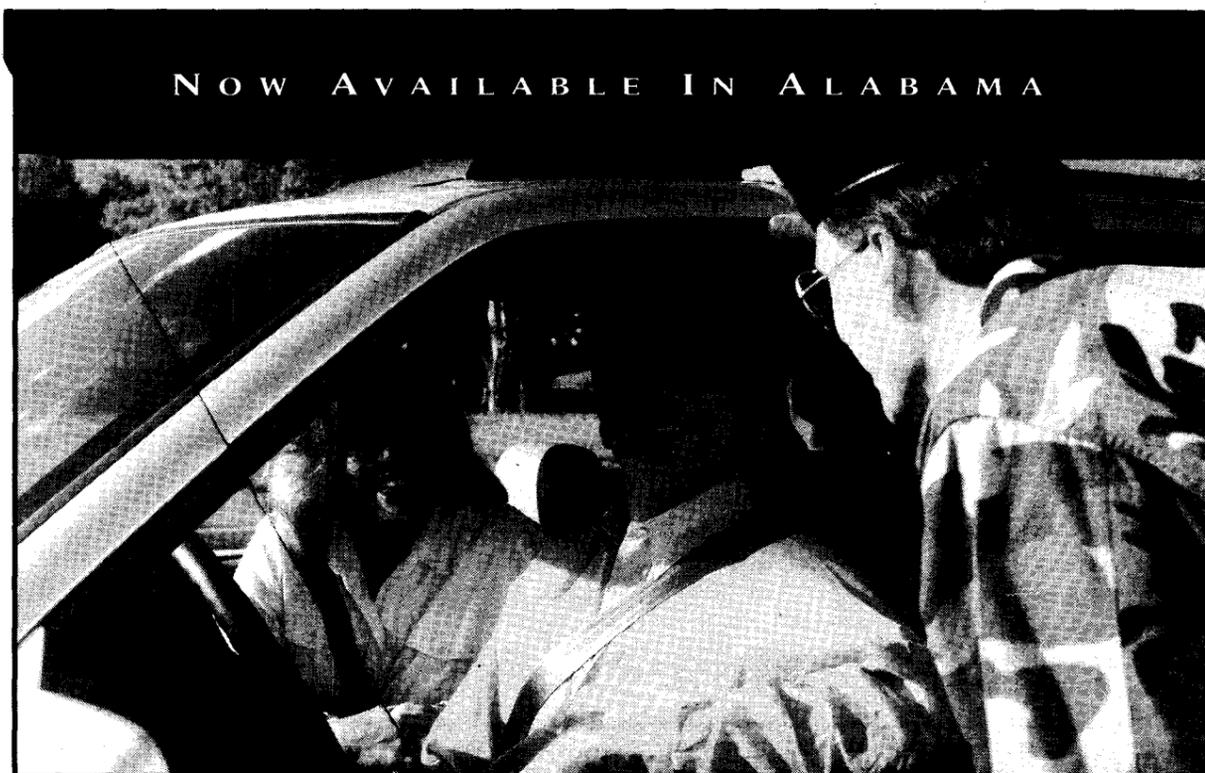
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General's driver makes sure he never runs out of gas

By Dale James

Sgt. Larry Penn had never personally met a general until he started driving for one.

Now, as Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson's official driver, he's grown accustomed to being around the big brass. Sort of.

"When they first asked me how I'd like to be a driver for a general in St. Louis," said Penn, "I was like, whoa! A general's driver! I mean, I'm from a small town in Virginia. I'd never even met a general before."

He recalled his first meeting with Gibson.

"I was outside the building, waiting for them to come down," he said.

Was he nervous? "Sure. Of course."

Gibson quickly put the young soldier at ease, however.

Said Penn, "He just walked up to me and shook my hand and said, 'Hi.' Just like a regular guy. Then he asked me what my name was and where I came from and we just started talking."

That was nearly one year ago. And if being in the presence of all that Army brass has yet to become old hat during that time, Penn said he's at least grown more comfortable with the idea.

Penn originally trained as a Pershing missile crewmember. When the Pershing was phased out, he was reclassified as a wheeled-vehicle driver, or 88Mike.

Prior to shuttling the



PENN

general on his appointed rounds, Penn drove a Humvee, a deuce-and-a-half, a 5-ton truck, a C-HETT ("it hauls the heavy equipment like M-1 tanks"), and a 60-passenger bus.

Does he consider himself a good driver? "Of course. Of course."

Is the general ever guilty of being a backseat driver? A long pause. "No comment."

While Penn does not perform any actual maintenance on the command vehicles, he is responsible for such preventive maintenance tasks as checking the oil.

Has he ever run out of gas while driving the general? A look of genuine horror. "Definitely not. Definitely not. Ooh! Definitely not. You don't want to do that. No-no."

Being an integral part of

a general's day-to-day activities has been an eye-opening experience for this enlisted man.

"Before I started driving," Penn admitted, "I always thought generals just kind of drove around and played golf all day. I didn't realize their schedule is as hectic as it is."

Penn said he was initially attracted to the Army for a number of reasons.

"I've always wanted to be a soldier," he said. "But I guess the main reason is because I saw the Army as a physical challenge."

As a child, Penn suffered from severe asthma. He still recalls the humiliation he felt at not being able to keep up with classmates as they ran daily warmup laps around the school gymnasium floor.

He explained, "I had to drop out after one lap

because of shortness of breath."

Eventually, Penn outgrew the worst of his asthma symptoms. But it took years of dedication and disciplined physical effort to increase his stamina.

"I already had the mental discipline from the way my parents raised me," he said. "The Army has helped me with the physical discipline."

Penn said he enjoys his duties as driver and urged any soldier who gets the opportunity to be a driver to "go for it."

"To me," Penn said, "it's a position of honor and privilege to drive for one of the top officials in the armed services. It's a position I feel like a lot of soldiers don't get the opportunity to do, and the few that do should take it."

Worth repeating...

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— Chinese Proverb

"Never discourage anyone who continually makes progress, no matter how slow."

— Plato

(428-348 B.C.)

Greek philosopher

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— Theodore Roosevelt

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"Beware of false knowledge; it is more dangerous than ignorance."

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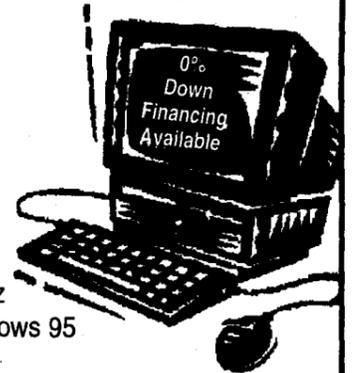
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Central Command chief talks anti-terrorism at conference

By Linda D. Kozaryn

WASHINGTON — "Street smarts." That's what Central Command's new commander says U.S. troops need to counter terrorism.

"I grew up on the streets of South Philadelphia," Marine Corps Gen. Anthony C. Zinni said. "I survived. I knew around which corner or down which alley I should not go. We have to create that kind of street smarts in our people because in the end, that's more valuable than all the walls, all the standoff distances and all the physical aspects of security we can create."

Speaking Aug. 21 at DoD's worldwide conference on anti-terrorism in San Antonio, Texas, Zinni said awareness is key and military leaders need to educate service members. "The most important part is going to be what's between the ears of that service person, what they see and realize, what they sense and report," he said.

Zinni replaced Army Gen. H. Binford Peay in August as the regional commander responsible for U.S. interests throughout the Middle East and Africa. His area of responsibility includes 20 countries from Pakistan through the Arabian Gulf and Red Sea states to the Horn of Africa. U.S. troops serve in 15 countries under Central Command's watch.

World attention turned to Saudi Arabia in November 1995 when five Americans died in a terrorist bombing of a training center in Riyadh. In June 1996, a massive

terrorist bomb demolished the Khobar Towers housing complex in Dhahran, killing 19 U.S. service members and injuring hundreds of others. The attacks triggered a DoD-wide force protection campaign.

Zinni, a 30-year veteran Marine, is no stranger to force protection or anti-terrorism. Following the 1983 Beirut barracks bombing that killed more than 240 American military personnel, he was put in charge of the new Special Operations and Terrorism Counteraction Section at Marine Corps headquarters.

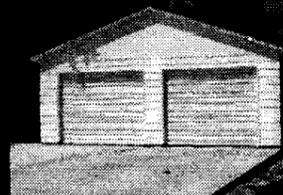
"What struck me when I got into that job was how little prepared we were for this," he recalled. "What struck me more was how much the threat had very rapidly grown. We were faced with some tremendous security challenges."

Understanding the threat is crucial to countering terrorism, Zinni said. While terrorists used a large truck bomb at Khobar Towers, future attacks may involve chemical or biological weapons. Zinni said terrorists may soon gain access to "bugs and gas" and other weapons that could cause tremendous problems. Capabilities can change and so can terrorist tactics, he said.

In the past, terrorists were satisfied to take a great deal of risk for a small return, Zinni said. "Now the terrorists in our region seem to want the big target, the big attack. But what if they're willing to take greater risks, commit greater forces and accept

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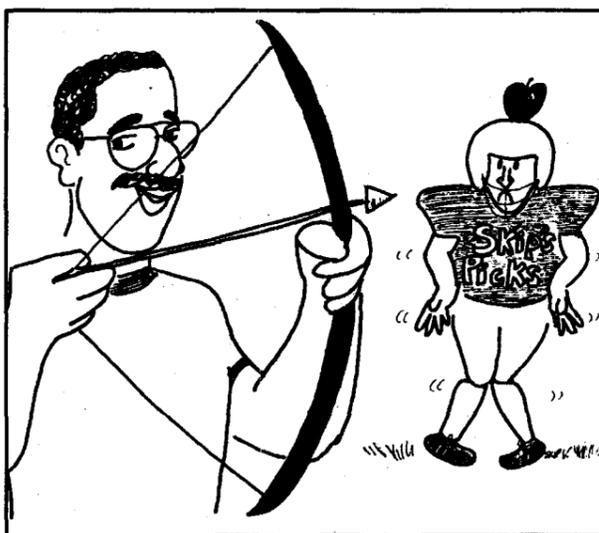
Ga. Bulldogs should beat Gamecocks between hedges, picker predicts

By Skip Vaughn

Skip's Picks got off to a good start with an 8-0 record Aug. 30 followed by a 31-8 mark last week.

The season record stands at 39-8 for 83 percent. Here are my predictions for selected games this week in major college football:

- Alabama at Vanderbilt—**Bama**
- Arkansas at SMU—**Ark.**
- Ole Miss at Auburn—**Auburn**
- South Carolina at Georgia—**Ga.**
- LSU at Miss. State—**LSU**
- Ala. A&M at Clark Atlanta—**A&M**
- North Ala. at Southern Ark.—**UNA**
- Jacksonville St. at Sam Houston St.—**Sam Houston**
- Ala.-Birmingham at Arizona—**Ariz.**
- Ariz. St. at Miami—**Miami**
- West Virginia at Boston College—**W. Va.**



- Clemson at North Carolina St.—**Clemson**
- Colorado at Michigan—**Colorado**
- Colo. St. at Utah St.—**Colo. St.**
- Duke at Northwestern—**N'western**
- Wake Forest at East Carolina—**EC**
- Maryland at Florida St.—**FSU**
- Fresno State at Okla. St.—**OSU**
- Wyoming at Hawaii—**Wyoming**
- Pittsburgh at Houston—**Houston**
- Illinois at Louisville—**Louisville**
- Tulsa at Iowa—**Iowa**
- Iowa St. at Minnesota—**Minn.**
- Memphis at Mich. State—**Mich. St.**
- Rutgers at Navy—**Navy**
- Stanford at North Carolina—**See PICKS on page 18**

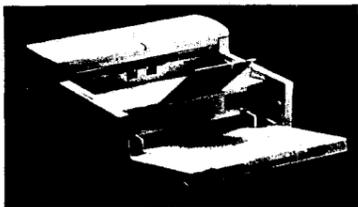


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Bulldogs bite opposition in local flag football league during summer season

By Skip Vaughn

They average about 225 pounds. They're big, mean and nasty. And they won't let you take a free shot on their quarterback.

They're the members of the offensive line for the B Company Bulldogs flag-football team. And they tuned up for the upcoming season here by playing in the summer flag-football league downtown.

The Hooter Dogs, sponsored by Hooters Restaurant, finished second in the five-team league in Huntsville. They had a 4-2 record in the All-Star football league held July 13 through Aug. 17. It was eight-man flag football, a

competitive league with plenty of hitting on the line.

"We had the best offensive line in the league," 2nd Lt. Bryan Sopko, the 225-pound center, said. "Our offensive line averaged about 225 pounds. And they're all in Bravo Company. And they're all playing in the post league this fall."

He handpicked his guards on that three-man line: Pvt. Brian Jahay, the 223-pound left guard; and Pvt. John Meyer, the 226-pound right guard.

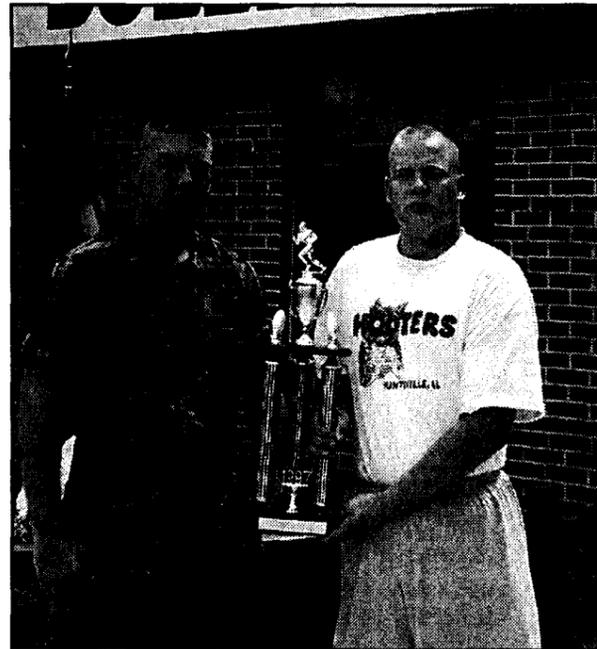
"We had a solid front," Sopko said. "Our quarterback had all the time in the world."

The Hooter Dogs, who also had members from

other units and a Redstone civilian, lost 35-34 to the Warriors in the championship game Aug. 17. The final game's Most Valuable Player was Darryl Barnes, the Dogs' wide receiver and defensive back. Barnes, who works at the dining facility, caught three touchdown passes and passed for another TD. So, he contributed to four of the Dogs' five touchdowns in the championship.

In the second week of the season Drill Sgt. George Landreth, the tight end, caught three touchdown passes in the Dogs' 22-13 win over the Dream Team. Landreth was named league MVP for week 2.

Members of the Hooter Dogs included Sopko, Jahay, Meyer, Barnes, Landreth, quarterback Jerry McIntyre, cornerback Julius Tolbert, running back/linebacker Marvin Hankins, wide receiver Stacy R. Jones; middle linebackers Erick Clark, James Ross and Alvin Walters Jr.; defensive end Todd McAllister, cornerback Premas Liverpool, wide receiver William Ehrich, defensive end Jeremy Kirchner, and wide receiver Derrick Butler.



RUNNERUP TROPHY— Sopko, left, Jahay hold the second-place trophy which the Hooter Dogs won in the summer league downtown.



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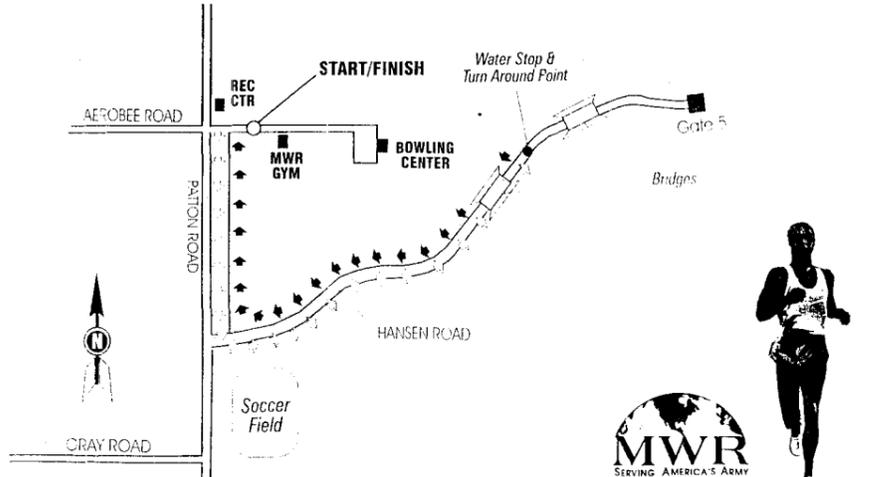
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U.S. forces support SFOR raids in Bosnia in August

By Linda D. Kozaryn

WASHINGTON — U.S. Apache and Black Hawk helicopters provided overhead security Aug. 20 as NATO troops raided five civil police facilities in Banja Luka, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and netted up to 3,000 illegal weapons.

"The U.N. is both stunned and appalled by the enormous quantity of weapons being illegally held in Banja Luka police stations," said Liam McDowell of the U.N. International Police Task Force. "In one police station alone, the weapons cache included hundreds of fragmentation grenades, machine guns, rockets and rocket launchers, a large array of explosives and much more besides. These are not the tools of a democratic police force."

About 300 NATO Stabilization Force troops from the British sector met no resistance when they entered police headquarters, three police stations and the police academy at the request of the U.N. police task force. International authorities asked for NATO's help after acquiring evidence of widespread human rights violations, said

Navy Capt. Mike Doubleday, Pentagon spokesman.

"This comes under the rubric of creating a secure environment and supporting the International Police Task Force," Doubleday said at a Pentagon briefing Aug. 21. "The basic goal of SFOR units is to create this secure environment that will enable civilian authorities to do the work they must do to ensure Bosnia can get on its feet as a country."

During the early morning raid, SFOR troops discovered assault and sniper rifles, machine guns, thousands of rounds of ammunition, mines and explosives. Some of the weapons are outlawed by the Dayton peace accord and others exceed amounts civil police are authorized to maintain, Doubleday said.

Some weapons confiscated were more likely to be found in a movie thriller or in the hands of terrorists, said Alex Ivanko of the International Police Task Force. SFOR troops found "a couple of items that actually belong more in a James Bond movie than in a police station — 12 booby-trapped

pens, C4 plastic explosives and one U.N. license plate," he said.

Under the Dayton agreement, the U.N. task force oversees the restructuring, training and equipping of local police. It also investigates alleged human rights abuses by local police and recommends removal of abusive police. Task force members are unarmed.

In an investigation two days before the raid, task force authorities uncovered highly sophisticated listening equipment at a civil police station. Evidence indicated police were eavesdropping on local government officials, constitutional court judges and international agency officials, a U.N. official said. Hundreds of tapes were removed from the police station, according to U.N. representative Simon Haselock.

"The United Nations can confirm they have unequivocal evidence of serious criminal activity being conducted in the main Banja Luka police station," said task force representative McDowell. "This includes the bugging of the (Republic of Srpska) president's communications."

A week before the raid, about 12 U.S. helicopters — Apaches, Chinooks and Black Hawks — U.S. F-16 and United Kingdom Jaguar fighter jets participated in an air assault exercise about 100 kilometers north of Pale, Bosnia. SFOR troops practiced conducting airmobile assaults and inspecting weapon storage sites with local military and civilian officials. DoD officials said the exercise was one of four conducted in the last three months, and more are planned.

More than 8,200 U.S. forces are in Bosnia as part of Operation Joint Guard. About 4,000 more support the NATO mission from Croatia, Hungary and Italy. About 3,000 U.S. troops are currently deploying to replace troops scheduled to leave.

Some incoming troops will supplement existing forces during Bosnian municipal elections Sept. 13 and 14. Most deployments and redeployments will be frozen during September and will resume about Oct. 1, DoD officials said. (American Forces Press Service)

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greater casualties on their part to get fewer of us. We've seen that happen in the past." Preventing this type of attack would be almost impossible."

In the aftermath of the Khobar Towers bombing, Zinni said, Central Command spent hundreds of millions of dollars improving security. But, he noted, resources are limited. "It's a zero-sum game. It [force protection] comes at the expense of something else. If we take the measures we have to take, it [resources] will come out of some other capability. We have to be careful where we place these resources, what we're doing to our other missions."

Accomplishing the mission is the overarching goal, Zinni said. Force protection is but a part of that mission. Whether they're enforcing

sanctions on Iraq or protecting U.S. allies and the flow of oil in the Persian Gulf, military missions involve risk, he said. "We are in a risky business. It's risky in training. It's risky when we're preparing to deploy. It's risky when we are deployed. ... In my position, virtually every day, we measure risk."

Commanders today work with limited resources and in some cases an overextended military, Zinni said. They have to weigh operational tempo and the effect on people and equipment. As a result, they are "pushing that operational risk — that acceptable amount — further and further out," he said. "That's where [commanders in chief] lose sleep and get more gray hairs. We live on beepers."

Force protection must be balanced against operational needs, Zinni said. "It would be easy to cancel a mission, to shut down an operation, to build tremen-

dous walls and fortress ourselves overseas and not interact with the people we're there to help or to curtail a very important operational function that protects our interest in a region.

"If we do that, then we will have conceded the battlefield to the terrorist. The trick is to be able to accomplish your mission and within as much reasonable risk as you can take still protect the force. If you build the ideal fortress over there, you probably will not be able to carry out the mission."

Most of Central Command's 1,200 security assistance people, for example, work in high-threat areas, Zinni said. They have to travel and interact with local military and civilian officials. "All that puts them at risk. We try to minimize that risk, but we can never eliminate it."

It's up to field commanders to take all reasonable measures to protect their

forces, Zinni said. He said the military must avoid creating a "zero defects" mentality, using 20-20 hindsight to evaluate commanders' decisions. "I want to be sure commanders who make reasonably good judgments, who are still able to execute their missions, have my backing and my support."

Since force protection needs vary, Zinni said, he opposes dictating prescribed standards. "I have no problem with submitting my standards for approval or concurrence up the line, but you cannot have one standard that's going to fit everybody," he said. "You cannot in some places even afford the kinds of physical security measures that would be [needed] worldwide."

"I have served in Korea. I have served in the European Command. I'm trying to imagine someone putting in a 1,200-foot standoff in a place like Yongsan or at some kaserne in Heidelberg.

You can't do it. The host nation wouldn't let you do it. The expense would be too great. We have to be reasonable about this. There will be risk."

U.S. forces have been and are being targeted, he said. U.S. officials have thwarted some attacks, he said. Commanders must include this threat in their risk equation, Zinni said.

"The fact that we have had no incidents in over a year is not because there aren't people out there to

get us — or looking for the opportunity — it's because so far, thank God, we have done the right

things to be able to protect ourselves," he said. "More importantly, we have done all those right things and never lost a beat in our mission, in the demonstration of our resolve to our allies, and in the commitment we have to our national interests." (American Forces Press Service)

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Reeder to leave Pentagon office after four years of service

WASHINGTON— Under Secretary of the Army Joe R. Reeder is leaving office after four years to return to the private sector.

The former Army Ranger will end his service prior to Oct. 1 or upon confirmation of a successor, if sooner.

In his resignation letter to Secretary of the Army Togo West on Aug. 25, Reeder explained he had decided to go ahead with plans that he had made this spring to resign at the end of the fiscal year.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity the

President and the Senate gave me in November 1993 to work for America's soldiers and with many dynamic leaders, in uniform and civilian," Reeder wrote to West. "I cannot adequately express my respect for their professionalism, fortitude and selfless service.

"The Army in which I served from 1970 to 1979 was highly professional. Today's Army is the best in our nation's history ... I want to thank all those who wear the Army uniform, and those who support our soldiers, for what has been a rare privilege."

In responding to Reeder's request to resign, West wrote: "All of us who have served with you in the Army family appreciate your efforts on behalf of our soldiers. You have worked tirelessly, and our soldiers, their families, and our country have been the beneficiaries."

Reeder's performance was "outstanding," according to Secretary of Defense William Cohen.

"You can be amply proud of your many achievements, which have improved the effectiveness of the U.S. Army and the lives

of those who serve in it," Cohen wrote in his letter to Reeder.

As Under Secretary of the Army, Reeder has been involved in the areas of soldier issues, acquisition reform, commercial and recreational reuse of closed and realigned Army facilities, foreign military sales, financial management, and liaison with Congress on a host of issues. He has traveled extensively to visit Army installations and deployed forces throughout the world, and assist commanders and soldiers. (Arnews)

Mustard agent exposure case narrative released by DoD

WASHINGTON— The Defense Department released Aug. 28 the latest case narrative related to the Department of Defense's ongoing investigation into Gulf War illnesses. Case narratives are part of the Defense Department's continuing effort to inform the public of its efforts to better understand the nature and possible causes of the illnesses being experienced by many Gulf War veterans.

The narrative released Aug. 28 focuses on the reported mustard agent exposure of a soldier who was exploring enemy bunker complexes March 1, 1991 in Iraq. Considering all available evidence to date, the narrative assesses it was "likely" that the soldier was exposed to mustard, a chemical warfare agent, when entering a bunker in Kuwait. No other symptoms of exposure to mustard agent were reported by the sol-

dier's unit or other units in the area.

"Case narratives are not intended to be final reports," said Bernard Rostker, special assistant for Gulf War illnesses. "This is an interim report on what we currently know about a specific report of mustard agent exposure." Other narratives about key events and issues surrounding the Gulf War experience are being prepared and will be released as soon as they are completed. These reports, as well as future narratives, along with the documentary evidence and personal interviews will be posted on the GulfLINK Internet site (www.gulflink.osd.mil).

In addition to informing the public, narratives are intended to open up a dialogue with Gulf War veterans who may have additional information or who can clarify these events. These individuals are encouraged to

call the Gulf War incident hotline at 1-800-472-6719.

Gulf War veterans experiencing health problems are encouraged to receive a free health screening through the DoD's or Department of Veterans' Affairs health registries. Those individuals still on active duty, military retirees, or those affiliated

with the Reserve components can arrange a medical examination through the Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation Program at 1-800-796-9699. Those no longer affiliated with DoD, including reserve personnel, can arrange a medical examination through the VA's Persian Gulf Registry at 1-800-749-8387. (DoD release)

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Mountain View, Calif., and with a small operation at NASA Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.

The Aviation RDEC has about 550 people total, including about 200 slots here. Some of its former members are moving into common support function jobs under the Missile RDEC.

"Of the approximately 260 Aviation RDEC personnel that were anticipated to move, 142 are already here with the remainder to arrive over the month of October and the first week of November," House said. Most will move into newly-renovated building 5681, with selected people matrixed to the deputy for systems acquisition in new building 5308 at the Sparkman Center.

"My No. 1 goal is to re-establish the aviation engineering mission here at Redstone as soon as possible," House said. "Movement of the RDEC will complete approximately 1 Nov., and I anticipate having as many as 30 critical vacancies which we hope to fill from some cross-leveling of assets inside AMCOM and selective outside hires. We're also faced with a critical problem caused by several senior AVRDEC personnel who have chosen not to move; filling of these positions in a timely manner is essential if we are to be successful."

House, who graduated from Birmingham's Phillips High School, entered Auburn University in September 1955. He received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Auburn in August 1959. His government career began in 1963 as a project engineer for cargo handling systems at what was then the Transportation Research and Engineering

Command—a predecessor of the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate — at Fort Eustis. House progressed through an array of positions there, culminating as chief of the aircraft systems division in 1980. From there he was selected for his current position in January 1989 and moved from St. Louis this summer to join the Aviation and Missile Command.

His wife, Karen, will move in September and become a contracting specialist in the AMCOM Acquisition Center. He has two children from a previous marriage: Doug, 35, and Anne, 32, both of Washington, D.C., where Doug owns a consulting firm.

House is an avid golfer and a licensed amateur radio operator.

The Alabama returnee is impressed with Redstone Arsenal. "It's a world class facility and we're very lucky that we've got full use of many of the Missile RDEC capabilities in simulation and software engineering. I think these two areas are going to substantially enhance the AVRDEC's capabilities," House said.

"I've been impressed for years with the community spirit demonstrated by Redstone Arsenal. I think we'll both enjoy the benefits of, and add value to, Team Redstone."



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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.

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

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 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.

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.

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.

Federal retirees— The National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Sept. 13 at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments start at 9:30 a.m., and the program at 10. Joy Kessler and Michelle French, Professional Dental Association instructors, are to speak on current changes and improvements in adult dental care as well as dental insurance coverage. For more information, call 837-0382 or 881-3168.

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

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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.

Belly dance classes— Basic and intermediate Belly Dance Classes are held Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. at Powerhouse Health and Fitness on Highway 20 West in Madison. Classes run for six-week sessions and fees are \$30 per session or \$6 per class. For more information, call Amanda 882-1563.

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, avia-

tion, 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 a list of the par-

ticipating employers, stop by the Transition Center, building 3433, room 144. For more information, call Jeannie Sharpe 955-6490.

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.

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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.

Professional development— Florida Institute of Technology is conducting a Professional Development course titled Local Area Networks. Local Area Networks begins Sept. 16 and meets from 5-9 p.m. for four Tuesdays. Cost is \$595 per course. Registration is open to all area residents. Government employees receive a 10 percent discount. For more information call 881-7878 or visit the FIT office in building 5304, room 4326.

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.

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 Management 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.

Hunter orientation— A mandatory Hunter Safety Orientation will be held 4:30-6 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711 on the following dates: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Oct. 30 and Nov. 13. All individuals are required to attend this class or by computer before they will be allowed to purchase a permit to hunt on Redstone Arsenal. The orientation is also available at all Learning Resource Centers on computer. Please call in advance to ensure availability of terminals. For hours and locations, call 876-9416.

PX news— Retiree Day annual celebration at Post Exchange will kick off at 9 a.m. Saturday. There will be free gifts to the first 500 customers. At 9 a.m., enjoy the performance of the "Way Out of Line" line dancers from Huntsville Senior Center. Register to win a \$100 prize gift certificate and many other prizes. "Join us and many of your friends at the PX for a great day," a prepared release said.

Caring house— The Caring House, a community service program of Hospice Cares Inc., is a bereavement center for children and youth. The Caring House provides a safe place for children and their families to cope with death and share their grief with others. Groups offered at The Caring House serve ages 3-18. Groups for parents or other

adult caregivers meet simultaneously with the children's groups. All programs are offered on a continuous basis. There are no charges for services. For more information call The Caring House, 2225 Drake Ave. Suite 20, Huntsville 35805, 882-2734.

Retiree Update— Cost is too prohibitive for continued publishing of the semi-annual Retiree Update and mailing to the 30,000 retirees within the north Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia and Mississippi area, according to Phil Fredrich, retirement services officer for AMCOM. The purpose of the Retiree Update is to keep the retirees in the area supported by the AMCOM Retirement Services Office informed of subjects concerning their wellbeing. They now have the opportunity to view the AMCOM Retiree Update on the AMCOM homepage on the Internet. It should be updated monthly. The address is http://www.redstone.army.mil/rso/retiree_update.html. "If you have a friend who is a retiree, irregardless of service, and does not have Internet access, a copy of the Retiree Update will be provided at the AMCOM Retirement Services Office, building 3708, Redstone Arsenal," Fredrich said.

Job search workshops— If you are considering looking for employment in the civilian sector, start preparing now for the Oct. 9 Job Fair. To assist you,

Army Community Service will conduct job search workshops Sept. 16 and 23 from 9-11 a.m. and Sept. 18 and 25 from 1-3 p.m. The workshops will briefly cover civilian resume preparation, job application tips, and interview techniques. The workshops will be held at ACS, building 3491 on Honest John Road. Seating is limited so call Debra Jefferson 876-5397 to register.

Philippine-American association— The Philippine-American Association of Alabama will hold its 10th anniversary-induction ball Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Research Park, 5903 University Drive. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12.50 for children 10 and under. For more information or tickets, call Gloria Vergara 533-8056 (work) or 882-0722 (home).

Air defenders— Alabama Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association will hold its annual dinner dance Sept. 20 at the Officers Club. Social begins at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7. Lt. Gen. David Heebner, assistant vice chief of staff, U.S. Army, is scheduled speaker. Cost for members and their guests is \$27 per person; for non-members, \$37 per person or \$64 per couple. Persons wishing to attend should call Linda Crutcher 722-

4260 or fax 722-4617 by close of business Sept. 12. Please provide Officers Club, VISA, Mastercard, or Diner's Club card numbers when calling.

Theatre group— Theatre Huntsville inaugurates its premiere season at the Von Braun Center Playhouse with the fast-paced farce "Lend Me a Tenor," a comedy by Ken Ludwig. Opening night is Friday. Evening performances are 7:30 on Sept. 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20. A matinee will be 2 p.m. Sept. 14. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$8 for students and senior citizens 65 and older. Tickets are available at TicketLink by credit card by calling 1-800-277-1700, at the VBC box office or the Playhouse box office one hour before performances.

Fiber guild— Huntsville Fiber Guild, celebrating the anniversary of its 20th year, will hold its annual membership tea— open to the public — from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens, 4747 Bob Wallace Ave. For more information, call 772-2409.

Technical society— Huntsville Association of Technical Societies (HATS) has arranged for Mary Allen, an experienced parliamentarian, to conduct "A Parliamentary Procedures"

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Management group—The Hi-Tech Valley Council of the National Management Association will hold its first 1997-98 quarterly meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Huntsville campus of Calhoun College. This meeting will include a tour of the facility and provide a kickoff for the NMA Certified Manager program for 1997. For reservations and information, call Peggy Stephens 722-6636.

Redstone soldier/NCO of year—The Redstone Arsenal NCO and Soldier of the Year Appreciation Luncheon will be held Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. in the Officers Club. This year's luncheon offers a choice of beef stroganoff with noodles or fried chicken with mashed potatoes. Each entree is accompanied by a vegetable, dinner roll, and drink (water, iced tea, coffee, etc.) and ends with dessert. The cost for the luncheon is \$7. A vegetable plate option is also available for the same price. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the following: SFC McLean 842-2277 (832nd Ordnance Battalion representative); SSgt. Harris 876-1101 (HHC AMCOM representative); Sgt. Zemcik 876-2598 (59th Ordnance Brigade representative); or Sgt. Harjo 955-9005 (HHC AMCOM representative).

Base supply center—The AIDB Base Supply Center, building 8022, will be closed for year-end inventory Sept. 29-30. This is a change for those accustomed to the store closing

for the entire week. Also, effective Oct. 1, all memorandums to set up new base supply accounts or to allocate additional funds, must be sent to Finance and Accounting. All correspondence should be directed to the attention of Pam Hunt or Elaine Cahill at building 8027. This change in procedure will ensure that the funds issued will be committed to the various accounts. For more information, or to find out what the new base supply store has to offer, call 876-4011.

Secretaries group—Redstone Arsenal Chapter, Professional Secretaries International (PSI) will hold its regular monthly luncheon meeting 11 a.m. Sept. 16 at the Officers Club. Membership is open to all government-employed office professionals. Membership chairman is Marilyn Dale 876-8564.

Saturn plant tour—The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics (SOLE) had to postpone its Sept. 12 trip to Spring Hill, Tenn., due to lack of participation. Those who did register are still registered for the rescheduled tour Oct. 31. Call now for reservations. The tour will cover the Saturn production facilities, lunch, and a briefing on innovative Saturn logistics. Participants will be bused to the plant, stopping for breakfast en route. The departure time will be 7:30 a.m., and the group will return by about 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$75 per person. The first 30 people who make reservations will be able to attend. No shows at departure time will not have their fee refunded; so if cancellation is necessary, it must be made by Oct. 24. For more information or to register call Keith Dicken, vice chair for training, 837-4482.



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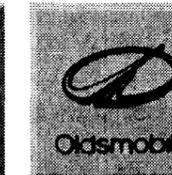
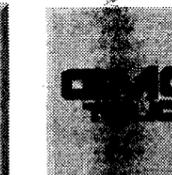
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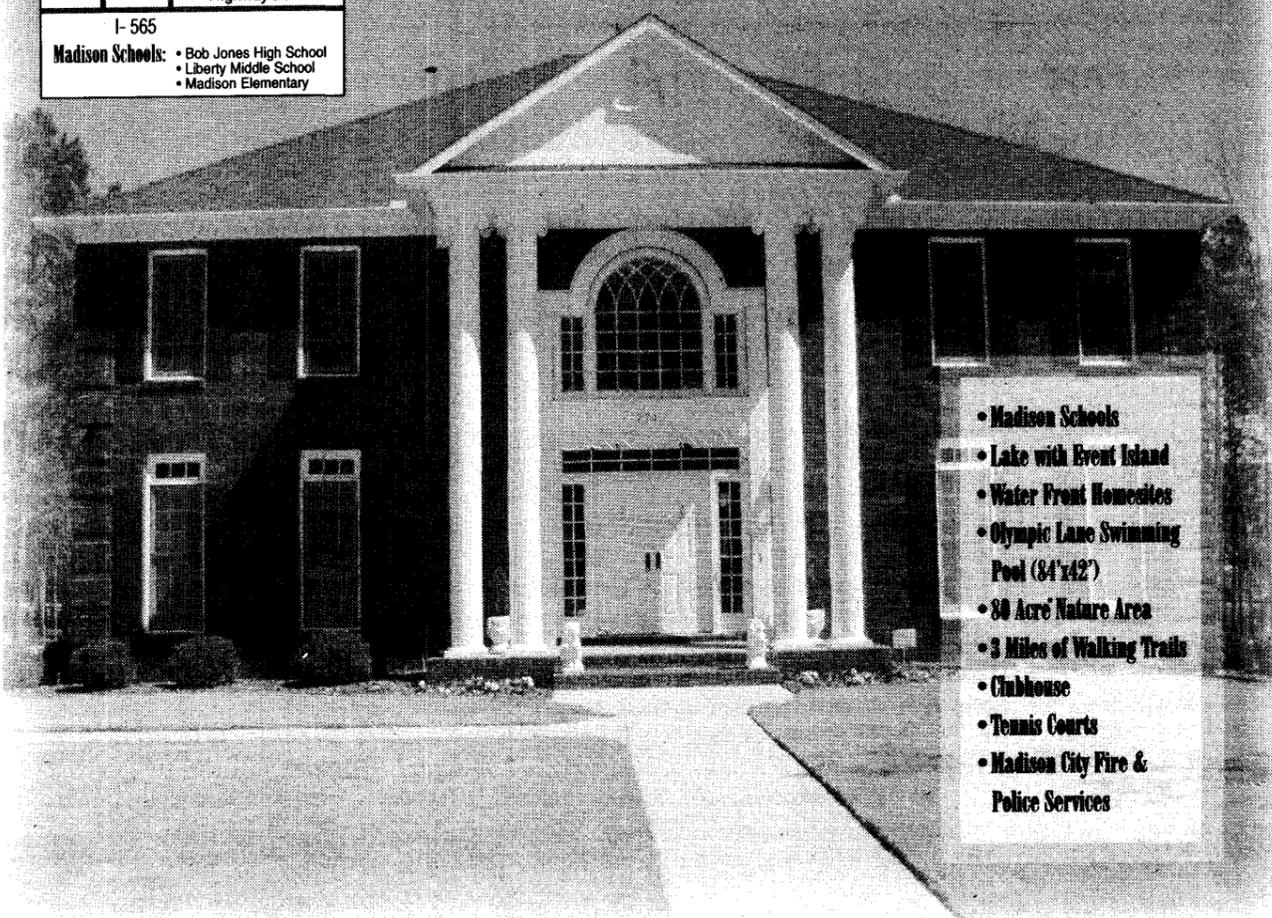
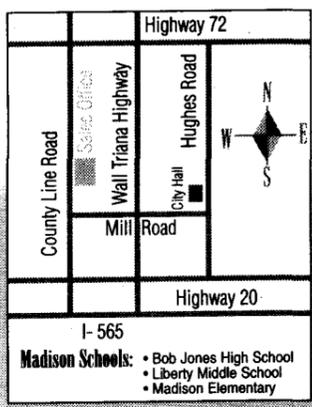
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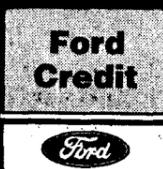
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