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Advanced air defense radar arrives for soldiers in field

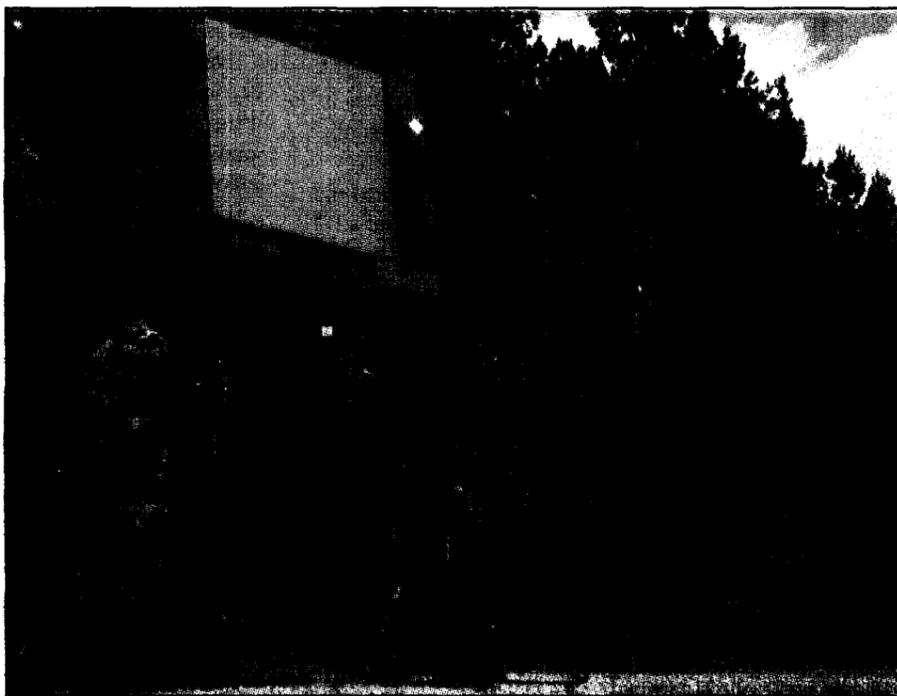
By Skip Vaughn

Developers of the Army's new air defense radar are seeing the results of their work: delivery to soldiers in the field.

The Sentinel radar was first fielded this summer to the 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Subsequent fieldings are scheduled through the turn of the century.

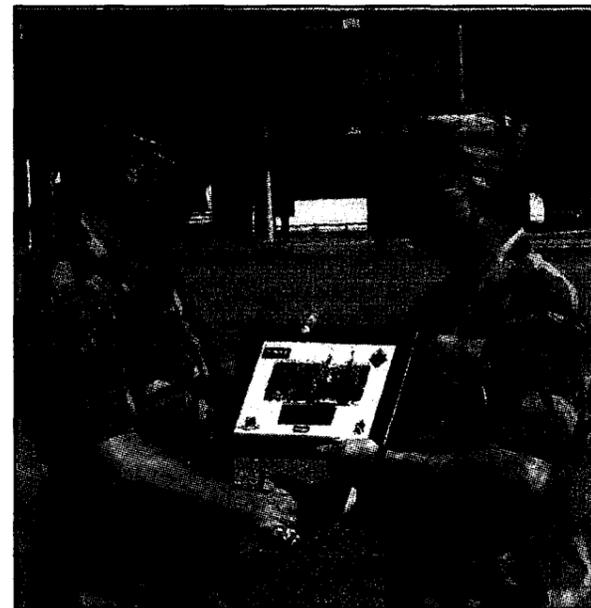
"We have a major fielding every quarter from this point until 2003," Clover Wakefield, logistics management specialist in Sentinel Product Office, said.

The 4th Infantry Division was the first of 10 active divisions that are getting Sentinel. Also slated to receive this radar are two armored cavalry regiments



RADAR SYSTEM— Sentinel is the Army's newest air defense radar.

and nine Army National Guard battalions. Eight of a total of 115 radars have been delivered so far. These include six at Fort Hood, and two to a training detachment at Fort Sill, Okla. The detachment, part of the Redstone-based



MILESTONE— Maj. Gen. Scott Wallace, left, commander of the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, accepts a plaque from Maj. Gen. David Gust, the program executive officer for intelligence, electronic warfare and sensors. This signifies the delivery of Sentinel from the materiel developer to the gaining commander.

Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, will use its radars to train Sentinel maintenance personnel.

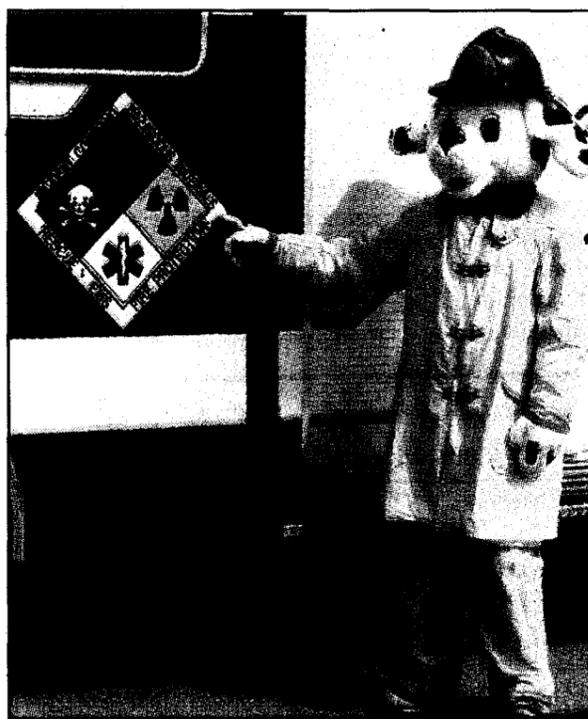
Fielding of Sentinel means "the most advanced air defense radar is now available to accomplish

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Electrical overload a major cause of fires on post



SPECIAL RESPONSE GEAR— Along with their special response vehicle, Redstone firefighters are equipped for rescues and hazardous material calls.



FOR THE KIDS— Sparky the fire dog will help entertain youngsters who visit the Redstone fire stations during Fire Prevention Week.

By Skip Vaughn

The most common type of fire on Redstone Arsenal is electrical, according to fire inspectors.

Electrical fires in the workplace account for probably 90 percent of the fires on post, the inspectors say. They stress fire safety year-round but particularly during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11.

"People plug in space heaters, coffee pots, things like that; and they use extension cords," fire inspector Art Murtha said. Such electrical use, along with the many office computers, helps overload circuits in older buildings.

"These buildings were built to specs that didn't ac-

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Letters To The Editor

Service work

As a military family geographically separated from our sponsor with little funds and a big emergency, it's great to get service that you can count on.

The service Rousseau Plumbing & Electrical Service provided me was timely, quality, and inexpensive compared to the numerous other establishments I conducted a price comparison with.

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**Margaret Smith
MEDDAC**

Firm believer

I'm a firm believer in the First Amendment, but your newspaper has certainly taken liberties with that particular addition to the Constitution. How can you call yourselves a serious publication when you print articles like the one titled "Healthy Weeds." You have compromised yourselves by creating a forum for people to whine about the most commonplace, inconsequential, trite and otherwise banal situations, then allowing them to hide behind a mask of anonymity. How do you people sleep at night? A person, NOT an employee of the Sparkman Center, drops in for an occasional lunch, spots a few weeds in the flower beds, creates an opinion about how things should be handled in the center, is worried the general isn't displaying enough concern about his flower beds, doesn't bother to contact building maintenance about it, writes to this paper asking you to withhold his name so no one will think badly of him. That's completely absurd! Please allow me to respond to the person's concerns.

Firstly, money is not the issue. In case you haven't noticed, we've just concluded a multimillion dollar building expansion and the building continues. Sometimes weeds get lesser priority than creating space for some 900 plus new employees who need office space in which

to operate. I feel quite certain the general has much more important issues to worry about than the botanical make-up of the flower beds outside his office. As to your suggestion of covering everything up with Bermuda because the effect of "mowed grass" gives you a warm fuzzy, I say take up golf; the scenery is spectacular! Moreover, why don't you have lunch while at the clubhouse since you don't work there either, and I'm sure the greenskeeper would enjoy the whimsical banter concerning fresh cut Bermuda.

My suggestion to you (whoever you are) is quit coming over for lunch if the scenery is so offensive. Quit raising issues if you don't have a practical alternative to offer. Finally, take a stand! Why are you so scared to stand up, identify yourself and voice an opinion openly? Are you afraid people will know who it was that mentioned such an inconsequential issue and mock you for the remainder of your career? If this issue is important enough to make you write to the editor of this publication, then it should also be important enough to have your name attached to the cause. The fact this paper will recognize such anonymous banalities with space in this column speaks poorly of this particular publication.

Robert J. Salinas

Helpful police

On Sept. 23, I did something pretty common and but really stupid. I locked my keys in my car!

Now, what am I supposed to do since my spare key is approximately 30 miles away at home? Another smooth move, huh?

Well, I contacted the Military Police and explained the situation to them and they were kind enough to send a DoD police officer to building 5250 to check out the situation and to see if he could help.

I have power locks and an anti-theft mechanism which was going to make it somewhat difficult to get into, even with a slim-jim device.

I signed off on the liability forms and he went to work. With great anticipation and much prayer (from me anyway), I watched him work for about 10-15 minutes and then bingo! He had succeeded and with no damage to my lock!

What a kind, courteous gentleman Sgt. William Pitts is. He was very professional and precise in his manners. Thank you sir, you are a credit to your profession!

Now, I wonder if I would be writing this letter if Sgt. Pitts had issued me a speeding ticket?

**Beverly Overman
Army TACMS-BAT**

Water usage

Iam interested to know who gives us the right here at the Sparkman Center and building 5681 to squander gallons and gallons of water onto the asphalt, into the gutter every single day, even when it rains?

Water, my fellow humans, is one of the precious gifts from our Creator, on which our very life depends. One doesn't need to go as far as Africa anymore, but only has to look in our own county to see water shortage consequences. So, why are we so irresponsible with our natural resources?

Please correct the sprinkler head settings and only water once a week for about two hours before 9 a.m., new plantings twice a week for only three to four weeks; and never in the heat of the day.

Never water every day because the root system becomes soggy—it kills—just as drought. To which wetness encourages fungus to grow, like mold and mushrooms, from which spores get airborne and can create havoc to our respiratory system.

I pray this letter brings an awakening to the delicate relationship between living things, their environment, and responsible use of natural resources; in this case, "a glass of water for us and future generations."

**Margot Sheaffer
IMMC**

PS Magazine cited for humor in Army maintenance

By Cheryl Casey-Walker

They're talented technical writers and editors and tenacious researchers, who share with the soldier a working knowledge of military maintenance and supply — by writing in an easy-to-read style with a sense of humor. Their technical expertise is expressed through the "voices" of several maintenance-savvy, colorful cartoon characters, including Connie, Bonnie and MSgt. Half-Mast.

They're the writers and staff of PS, The Preventive Maintenance Monthly, that's published monthly to a whopping 109,000 customers. Giving credit where credit is due, the PS Magazine staff recently won the Department of the Army, Commander's Award for Civilian Service, with individual certificates and medals presented for their collective efforts to inform today's soldier of vital information in an interesting, entertaining literary style.

This is not the first time the PS staffers' creative efforts have won them the Commander's Award. They earned the award in May 1991 for providing up-to-the-minute

maintenance and supply information during Desert Shield/Storm.

Before the PS staff writes, edits or directs the illustration of a single humorous, informative word, their thorough research ensures the information is current and valid. Additionally, they manage a Reader Service Program (responding to over 1,500 readers' requests for assistance in 1996), which requires innumerable hours of intensive research.

PS Magazine, with its Reader Service Program, has become a long-standing military hallmark, dating all the way back to June 1951 when it was first published to provide maintenance assistance to young, inexperienced soldiers during the Korean Conflict. Who says humor can't go a long way—at least, when it's functional humor? All the way from the Korean Conflict to Desert Storm and beyond. As in peacetime, spanning the globe with pertinent, effective information, the PS'ers likewise support the American soldier during a crisis—while bringing a smile or two to his, or her, face. Now that adds new meaning to the proverbial "Humor from the Far Side"!



PS MAGAZINE STAFF— From left are editor Jerry Hill, Glen Adams, Ken Crunk, Dan Andree, Wilma J. Fields, Bruce Cotton, Sue Ward-Moynihan, Richard Morris and Stuart Henderson. Not shown are managing editor Ray Hanson; Mike Franck, stationed at TACOM, Warren, Mich.; and Judy Wilson.

So, here's to the ingenious PS writing style. With all those great maintenance and supply tips, may those artistic wordsmiths keep our military equipment running

smoothly toward the 21st century, all the while entertaining us as we go.

(Editor's note: Casey-Walker is a technical editor at Logistics Support Activity.)

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Missile school honors its best instructors of quarter at event

By Skip Vaughn

Top instructors at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School share many qualities.

Lt. Col. Richard Ruffin, director of Missile Systems Training Department at OMMCS, described those qualities during the fourth quarter Instructor of the Quarter and Master Instructor luncheon. About 125 people attended the event held Thursday at the Officers Club.

Ruffin said master instructors share the following qualities: They strive to improve; they enjoy teaching; they're flexible in a changing environment; they can relate to their soldiers; they're well prepared; they're good at counseling; and they encourage students to do their best.

He encouraged all the OMMCS instructors to strive to become master instructors and the best they can be.

"We want all of our instructors to know that we do appreciate their efforts. Our instructors play a vital part to our nation's



QUARTERLY LUNCHEON— From left are Bolduc and Williams, two of the Master Instructor honorees; and Ruffin, the guest speaker.

defense," Ruffin said. "Our strength over other armies is due to the fact that we have the best-trained soldiers in the entire world."

Instructors of the Quarter included Capt. James Fitzgerald, CWO 2 Derrick Butler, SSgt. David Chapman, and Robert G. Woods.

Master Instructors included SSgt. Arnold Bolduc, SSgt. Masao Williams; Eddy Campos and Francis Anderson, both of Fort Sill, Okla.; Joseph Stadler and William Thomas, both of Fort Gordon, Ga.

Freeman Holifield, chief of the staff and faculty divi-

sion in the Directorate of Instruction, said the winners were from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., Fort Gordon, Fort Sill, and Redstone Arsenal. "So they were recognized from all over," he said.

Sergeants major support local Habitat for Humanity

Members of the Sergeants Major Association helped support a volunteer effort to build houses for needy people in Huntsville.

They provided lunch Sept. 19 for more than 200 volunteers of Habitat for Humanity. These consisted of 122 bags of food plus 300 additional sandwiches and 16 cases of soft drinks.

The SMA members prepared the lunches then delivered and served them at the construction site. The volunteers built seven houses in seven days.

"We wanted to do our part in the community and provide support for the citizens of Huntsville that deserved to move in those houses," CSM Ben Sunday, a member of the Redstone Arsenal Sergeants Major Association, said. "There were a lot of other active duty and retired military personnel on site— some of them all seven days — to help build those houses."

People involved from the Sergeants Major Association included Sunday, Sgt. Maj. Graham and Beverly VanOostrum, retired CSM Jack Hoffman and CSM James George, all of whom prepared the lunches; Sgt. Maj. Dennis Smith, Sgt. Maj. Charlie Hardin, Sgt. Maj. Lewis Lockett, and Sgt. Maj. Bob McGee.

Other helpers from Redstone included Sgt. Maj. Gregory Jackson, of Corporate Information Center, who provided handheld radios to help communication between the houses; 1st. Sgt. Tracy Grindrod, who provided two tents for serving food and taking breaks; Sgt. Maj. Paramjit Sibia, of 59th Ordnance Brigade, who provided a bus driver; and SFC Christopher Black and SFC Walter Jones, both of Support Operations, who provided tables and chairs.

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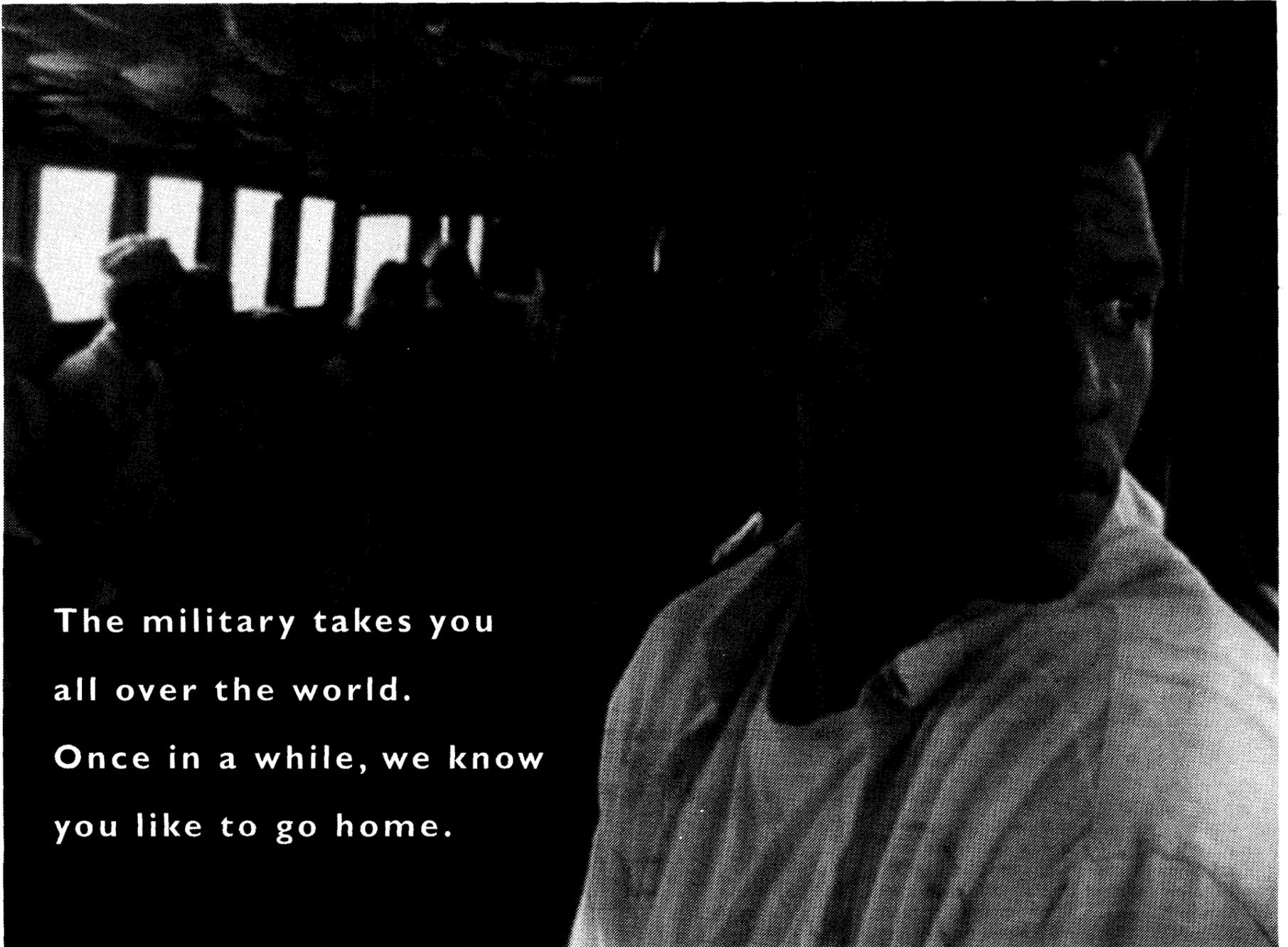
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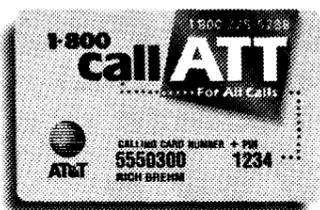
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Retiring executive logistician learned work ethic on farm

By Skip Vaughn

Linda Glasgow learned about work ethic while growing up on a tobacco farm in North Carolina. She used it throughout her federal career and became a member of the Senior Executive Service.

Glasgow retired last week as executive director of the Integrated Materiel Management Center for Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis. Her retirement ceremony was held Sept. 22 in the Sparkman Auditorium.

"Certainly Linda's professionalism, dedication and selfless service will be missed," Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, said.

Glasgow spent about 20 months at ATCOM. Before that she served for four years as principal deputy to the commander of the Joint Logistics Systems Center at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

"I've really had a lot of people who helped me in my career," Glasgow said. She said probably the biggest influence was her father, 77, who resides in North Carolina.

"I grew up on a tobacco farm. Tobacco farms are a good place to learn a lot of work ethic, hard work. And certainly my jobs have been a lot of hard work," she said.

She received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Campbell University, N.C., in 1965. In 1987 Glasgow received dual master's degrees from Webster University, St. Louis, in



GLASGOW

management and procurement & logistics. Additional studies include logistics and management courses from the Department of Army and Office of Personnel Management.

Her career in logistics began with the Army in 1965. Glasgow continued to work for the Army since then except for 1973-81 when she left to pursue the roles of mother and community volunteer. She returned to federal service after that eight-year break and achieved the elite rank of SES, "truly a remarkable achievement on Linda's part," Gibson said. He presented a Department of Army Certificate of Appreciation to Glasgow in recognition of her 24 years of service.

Glasgow and her husband, Lewis, have two sons: Neal, 29, and Jeffrey, 26.

"I'm going out to start a second career," she said

after the ceremony. "Have not accepted a job yet. I'm going to rest a little while and then go back to work, probably back in the northern Virginia area."

Animals get annual blessing at Bicentennial Chapel

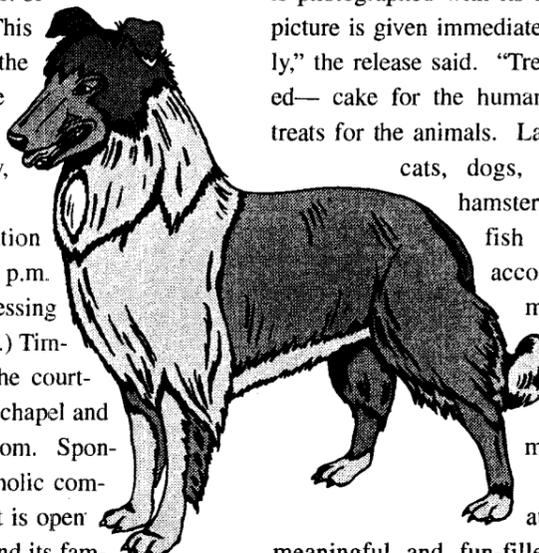
The Blessing of the Animals is held annually at Bicentennial Chapel in celebration of the Feast of Saint Francis. This year it will be on the actual day of the Feast of Saint Francis, Saturday, Oct. 4.

The celebration will begin at 2 p.m. with the actual blessing by Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy Teahan in the courtyard between the chapel and the Assembly Room. Sponsored by the Catholic community, this event is open to every animal and its family, both off post and on post. "Although the animals are well behaved, they must be leashed or caged for the comfort and safety of all," a prepared release from the chapel said.

"Each person and animal attending will receive a St. Francis medal. Each animal is photographed with its family, and the picture is given immediately to the family," the release said. "Treats are provided— cake for the humans, and animal treats for the animals. Last year horses, cats, dogs, birds, turtles, hamsters, rabbits and fish attended, accompanied by many humans. This year we are hoping for even more variety.

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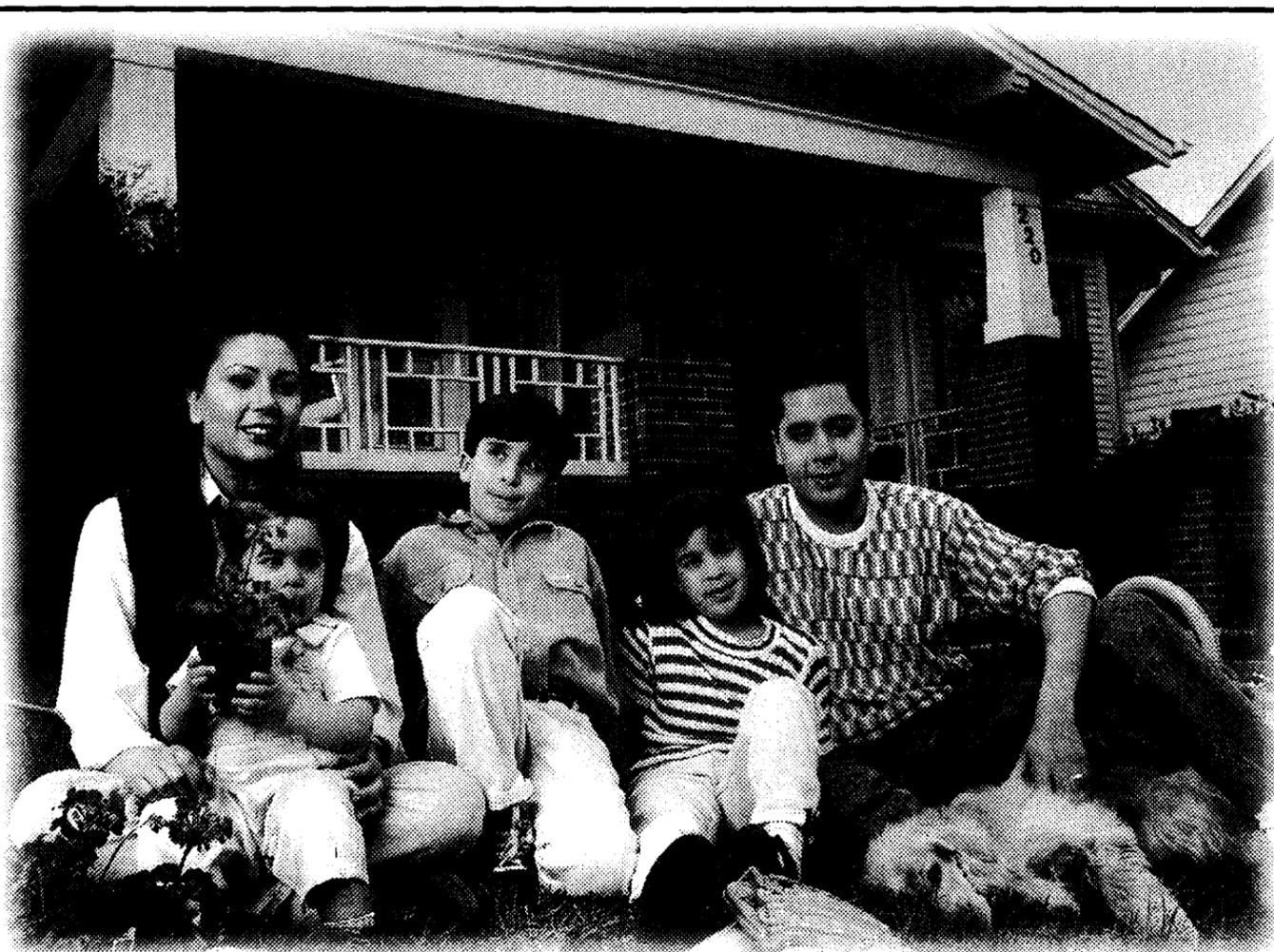
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Missile, aviation documents merge at technical library

By Dale James

The cardboard moving boxes fill one entire room of the Redstone Scientific Information Center, reaching halfway to the ceiling and spilling out into the adjoining hallway.

Paul Y. Fritts waded into the midst of the boxes, gazed about him and smiled a contented smile.

"As a librarian," he said, "this is job security."

The boxes contain some 38,000 scientific and technical papers — two tractor-trailer loads — documenting virtually every aspect of every Army aviation project for the last 40 years.

The avalanche of material is expected to keep Fritts and his fellow RSIC librarians busy filing and cataloging papers for some time to come.

The papers had been kept on file in St. Louis as an adjunct of the Aviation and Troop Command. Now that aviation and missiles have been joined into a single command, AMCOM, the scientific, technical and management information

from the two commands is being merged as well.

"It's a perfect marriage," declared Fritts.

RSIC director Sybil Bullock agreed.

"RSIC was designated years ago as the official repository for all Army missile information, dating back to the days of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency," Bullock said. "Now, with this new information, we have expanded that database to include aviation, as well."

"And we want the people from St. Louis to know their stuff is here."

The data on file at RSIC represents a resource of incalculable worth to the research and development community, according to Bullock.

A large portion of the collection from St. Louis is comprised of original technical reports that document each step in the life cycle of various aviation programs, from concept stage to contract funding to technical problems to actual fielding.

"This is not just a collec-

tion of isolated reports," Bullock emphasized. "It's a knowledge base that builds and is transferred to the next project."

As the Army's corporate memory for missile systems and now aviation, RSIC plays a vital role in the current corporate climate of downsizing and doing more with less.

Said Bullock, "Librarians are the historians of our society. If you have things written down, it prevents you from making the same mistakes over and over. It keeps you from having to reinvent the wheel. It's the whole foundation of our knowledge-based, information-based society."

The technical nature of much of the information on file at RSIC presents librarians there with some unusual challenges.

At a conventional library, most patrons seeking information on helicopters are able to find what they need through use of the familiar



NEW ARRIVALS— Fritts stands amid boxes of new aviation material which arrived at RSIC from St. Louis.

card catalog, with its subject, author and title divisions.

At RSIC, patrons are likely to need much more detailed information than a card catalog can provide. The exact degree of slant for optimum lift in beveled rotor blades, for example.

RSIC librarians help reduce the needle-in-a-haystack nature of such

searches through a system of exhaustive cross-indexing.

Said Fritts, "A call number is nothing more than a location device. The most important aspect of our job is the cataloging and cross-indexing of the information we have on file."

In their role as information managers, RSIC librarians must understand how

the information is used by the end customer in order to index it properly.

"When I started out in this job," confided Fritts, "I knew almost nothing about aviation or helicopters. But in the course of seven and a half years, you develop a certain expertise — although I still don't consid-

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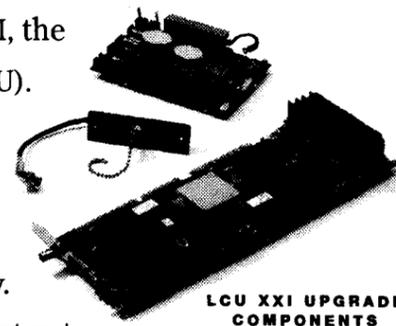
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Early detection prescribed for breast cancer prevention

By Barbara Anderson

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. What do you know about breast cancer? Did you know that one out of every eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime?

The first important fact to know about breast cancer is knowing that 70 to 75

percent of women who are diagnosed with breast cancer have no known risk factor other than their age and being female. Every woman should consult her physician to learn what may be her risk factors.

The second most important fact to learn about breast cancer is learning that early detection is a

woman's best protection. Early detection and prompt treatment help ensure the best opportunity to treat breast cancer successfully. When breast cancer is diagnosed and treated early, the five-year survival rate is more than 90 percent. Your life and your health, or the life of someone close to you, may depend on learn-



PROCLAMATION SIGNING— Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, signs a proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Looking on is Eileen Bailey, a community health nurse at Public Health and Education Center.

Text of proclamation

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, signed the following proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"Whereas breast cancer remains the second leading cause of death in women, early detection and treatment can save lives and necessitate an immediate effort to increase communication, education, and action for monthly self-breast examination, clinical breast examination, and mammography for all women. As October is

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it is an opportune time for everyone to learn about the risks of breast cancer and the importance of early detection and treatment.

"Therefore I, Maj. Gen. Emmitt E. Gibson, do hereby declare the month of October 1997 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and urge all military and their families and all civilians to take part in activities sponsored by Fox Army Community Hospital in an effort to save lives from breast cancer."

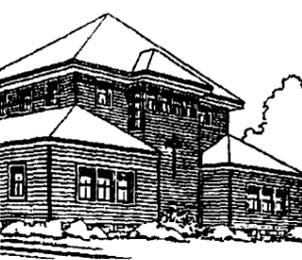
ing what you can do for the early detection of breast cancer.

Monthly breast self-examination, breast examination by a physician and mammography at appropriate intervals are essential

procedures for all women. Women over 20 years of age and older should perform breast self-examination monthly. Learning the right way to do breast self-examination is fundamental. Finding out the correct way

to do this monthly life-saving technique is as easy as asking your health care professional during your regular medical checkup. Women, ages 20-39, should
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Retiring associate director's contributions duly noted

By Dale James

The retirement reception already is just a memory. The congratulatory phone calls and drop-in visits from long-time colleagues have slowed to a trickle.

As Friday — the day Dr. Richard Rhoades officially retires — relentlessly approaches, an unstated "noted" hangs in the air of the offices of the Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center.

Subordinates have long known that whenever they hear the word "noted," it is Rhoades' subtle way of indicating either that he has heard and absorbed the relevant details of a presentation and there is no need to continue further or that he feels he already has enough information to make a decision.

In other words, it's time to sit down and shut up and move on to the next item on the agenda.

After Friday, the talk and activities surrounding Rhoades' retirement will have been "noted." After Friday, both Rhoades and the Aviation and Missile Command

will have entered a new era. Rhoades is RDEC's associate director for systems. But titles alone can't fully explain the extent of his contribution to the Army's mission worldwide and to the Redstone community in particular.

His resume is an embarrassment of accomplishments and awards — Presidential Rank awards, Civilian Service awards, MICOM and AMC Commander's awards, and on and on.

His fingerprints are on virtually every organizational design change the Army has implemented in the last 15 years.

But the man who has been so instrumental in bringing about so many far-reaching institutional changes insists he owes much of his personal success to luck.

A plaque on his office wall gives a clue to Rhoades' sense of self-deprecating humor and to the fact that he doesn't take himself or his role in the greater scheme of things too seriously. "No amount of training," the plaque reads, "can ever replace dumb luck."

"As associate director," Rhoades says, "part of my responsibility has been to act as a sounding board for younger engineers. To be a mentor, if you will. When I talk with these young people today, I'm always amazed at how focused they are on how their careers should go.

"I honestly never gave it a lot of thought, how my career would turn out. But I've been very fortunate — fortunate to have come along when I did and fortunate to have worked under some of the people I've had to the opportunity to work with."

As a young graduate student in the early 1960s, Rhoades seriously considered casting his lot with the Eastman Kodak Company.

"I had already been hired," he recalls. "I remember having a nice lunch with my boss to be ... I was all set. As I recall, my starting salary at Kodak was going to be about \$13,000 a year. I can remember thinking how \$20,000 would be an absolutely princely sum.

"Amazing how things change."

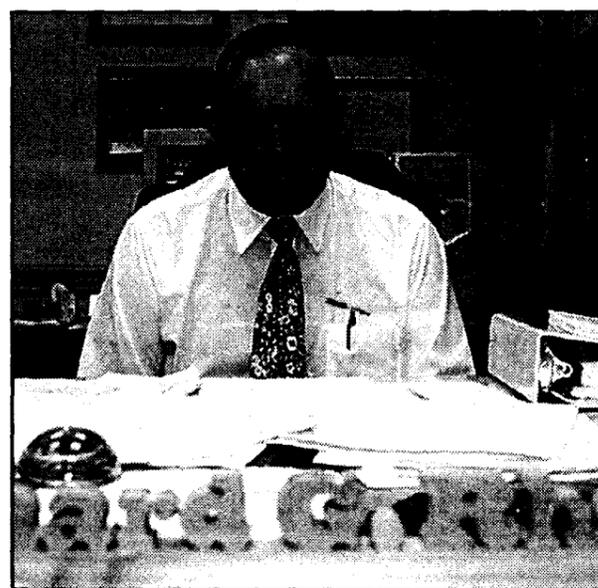
With his graduation,

however, Rhoades' student deferral ended and his career took the first of several unforeseen turns.

A chemical engineer by training, Rhoades was asked if he had any preference for where he wished to be stationed. When he learned of a program in which the Army "loaned" young officers with engineering backgrounds to Dr. Wernher von Braun's fledgling NASA, Rhoades jumped at what he saw as the chance of a lifetime.

"You have to remember," he says, "this was just after the time of Sputnik and Kennedy's famous speech about going to the moon. I knew Von Braun was here and it just seemed like an exciting place to be."

But before final details



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could be confirmed, funding for the program ran out. Rhoades found himself assigned instead to Redstone Arsenal as an Ordnance officer in what was

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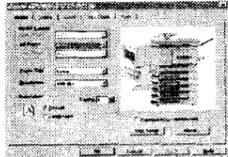
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Old tanks in front yard make conversation pieces

By Dale James

It's not difficult to find Chuck Williams' place of business these days. Just look for the World War II-vintage tanks parked out front.

"I tell people we're the only blue building on the whole street with two tanks in the yard," chuckled Williams, owner of C&J Welding.

Williams has agreed to help restore the tanks, 1941 model M3 Stuarts. From the looks of things, he has his work cut out for him.

The gun turrets are welded in place. The tracks are worn and in disrepair. The fenders, scavenged from the more familiar and more widely manufactured Sherman tank, are bent out of shape. The primary color is rust.

"They're a little rough around the edges," conceded Williams.

He pointed to several chinks in the armor of tank No. 156. "Lookahere," he said excitedly. "Here's where it took some shots. This one has been through it, for sure."

"Man! If this tank could talk, the stories it could tell."

Williams was contacted



RENOVATION PROJECT— Williams stands in front of a tank he's helping to restore.

by Randall Withrow, president of the Alabama Center for Military History, a non-profit organization which is working with the Alabama National Guard to restore the tanks.

Plans are to cannibalize one of the tanks for spare parts and to restore the other to its original condition and place it on display, according to Withrow.

"The objective," With-

row explained, "is to get that piece of history looking as much like it was the day it was built as possible. Then, hopefully, one day to build a museum to display it in."

"We have a lot of equipment, we just don't have any place to display it."

For his part, Williams said he took on the job as a challenge. Aside from plugging a few gun barrels over

the years, he's never worked on a tank before. "It's not everyday somebody brings you one of these to work on," he allowed.

Williams estimates his part of the restoration process will take 12 to 14 hours. As for how long the rest of it will take, he added, "I can't even imagine."

Since the tanks were unloaded in his yard,



VINTAGE VEHICLE— This Marine Corps photo shows a Stuart tank.

Williams said they have become quite a conversation piece for passers-by.

"People been coming out, climbing all over 'em," he said. "Sometimes I have four or five people a day stop by. I've even had people offer to buy it. 'Course, I tell 'em I can't sell it. It ain't mine."

Although a bad ankle has kept him from climbing up to the top of the turret, Williams admitted that he

has been able to resist the urge to do a little exploring of his own.

Pointing to the fenders, he confided, "They tried to doctor it up as a Sherman. But, man! This ain't no Sherman. The firepower they got today ... they'd a blowed this little feller all to pieces."

(Editor's note: The Alabama Center for Military History may be contacted at 880-1370.)

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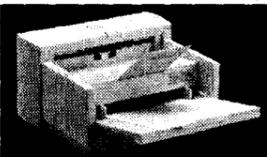
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Combined Federal Campaign continues through Nov. 7

By Dale James

The 1997 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign officially got under way Monday with a kickoff celebration and agency fair in Sparkman Auditorium.

This year's campaign goal is \$1,355,000, according to Dr. Herschel Love, chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee which manages the campaign.

The campaign, which is the only authorized charitable fund-raising drive in the federal workplace, runs through Nov. 7.

Love noted that national surveys indicate the No. 1 reason people give for not participating in the annual campaign is because no one asked them to.

"Well," he added, "this year we intend to ask."

Dr. Millard Fuller, president and founder of Habitat for Humanity International, was the keynote speaker. Habitat is one of more than 1,300 national and international agencies federal workers may designate to receive their CFC donation.

Fuller has received numerous awards for his work with Habitat, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award.

Since its humble beginnings in rural southwest Georgia 14 years ago, Habitat has grown to become a truly international phenomenon. Through the efforts of Habitat volunteers, more than 60,000 low-income families have received "a simple, decent place to live."

It is estimated that currently a Habitat house is completed somewhere in the world every 50 minutes.

Reflecting back on the changes that have taken place since Habitat's early days, Fuller said, "I think we're seeing the beginnings of a social movement on the same order of the civil rights movement and the suffragist movement of earlier years."

Recipients of Habitat houses must provide a minimum of 300 hours of "sweat equity" and make low monthly payments to cover the cost of building materials. Habitat charges no interest and makes no profit on the houses its volunteers build.

"We call it the Bible finance plan," Fuller said.

While Habitat was founded on overtly Christian principles, recipients are chosen without regard to religious affiliation, according to Fuller. He explained, "That's our understanding of God's love, that it has

no limits."

Habitat's most famous volunteer, perhaps, is former President Jimmy Carter. To illustrate Habitat's ability to span individual differences and to bring people of widely divergent viewpoints together in a common cause, Fuller told of attending one Habitat house building and seeing Carter and House Speaker Newt Gingrich working side by side.

"I think that pretty much represents the outer limits of the political spectrum," he quipped.

Fuller commended the efforts of the Madison County chapter of Habitat, calling it one of the strongest in the state. The local chapter has completed a total of 52 houses, including seven that were built last week in a "Blitz Build" campaign.

Twenty-two area CFC agencies — from the local chapter of Habitat to the Salvation Army to the Red Cross — took advantage of the kickoff to man booths in the auditorium lobby explaining their mission and their work to the Redstone family.

During the kickoff, the loaned executives, LFCC members and keyworkers who volunteer their time to make the campaign possible were recognized for their efforts.

A special presentation was made to Crystal Todd, who wrote the winning slogan for this year's campaign. Her slogan, "Hope Is In Our Hands," was chosen from more than 300 that were submitted.

Love also announced that Jim Flinn, director of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, has issued a campaign challenge to Dr. William McCorkle, director of the Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center.

After some deliberation, it was decided that the director of the center with the *lowest* per capita contribution will kiss a pig at the campaign awards ceremony in December.

Love brushed aside McCorkle's protestations that he understood it to be a barbecued pig and promised to monitor the situation closely as the campaign unfolds.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul Vicalvi set the tone for the kickoff during his invocation, when he said, "We have been blessed with a great nation. Sometimes we take that for granted. Lord, help us to be a giving people, and we can give because we have been blessed."

LOGSA worker receives award from professional group

A member of the Logistics Support Activity has been recognized as the "1997 Logistician of the Year."

Jerry Muszik, a LOGSA employee in the Acquisition Logistics Center, received the award Sept. 23 from the International Soci-

ety of Logistics- SOLE.

He has been a member of Society of Logistics Engineers since 1983, a senior member since 1988, and a lifetime member since 1993. Muszik has been affiliated with the Tennessee Valley Chapter since May

1995.

He holds the SOLE Certified Professional Logistician designation and has served as chapter vice chair for special events. In addition to local participation, he was active in the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter as chap-

ter chairman and several other offices. Muszik has also served on committees of SOLE International and was managing editor of the Logistics Spectrum Quarterly Journal of SOLE and managing editor of the SOLEtter.

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27 October 1997 - 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.

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Polish Americans celebrate their heritage in October

By Edward Krolkowski

October is designated as "Polish American Heritage Month" and during this time period everyone is invited to learn about the history and culture of the Polish people.

This year Polish communities in the United States, as well as the people of Poland, are observing the millennium (1,000 year anniversary) of the martyrdom of St. Adalbert (Polish: Sw. Wojciech), Patron of the Polish nation. The millenary fell on April 23 and is viewed as a time of jubilee not only for the people of Poland, but also for the entire Christian flock of Central Europe. The evangelizing activity of St. Adalbert is not only the foundation of the Christianization of the nations of Central Europe, but also the very basis of their statehood.

Vojtech (Polish: Wojciech) Slavnik was born, one of seven princely brothers, at Lidice in Bohemia (present day Czech Republic) about the year 956. As a child, he was sent to Magdeburg, Germany for 10 years of education in theology. After completion of his schooling, Vojtech was confirmed by Adalbert, Bishop of Magdeburg. In his honor he took the bishop's name for his own. Upon his return to Prague in 981, he was ordained a priest. The following year Detmar, Bishop of Prague, died and Adalbert was chosen to succeed him as the next bishop. Adalbert tried to improve the standards of church life but found little understanding among his countrymen. In 988, he left Bohemia to lead the life of a monk in a monastery near Rome. Adalbert was a deeply religious ascete who preferred the seclusion of a

monastery over worldly life. In 992, the Pope ordered him to return to Prague, where he was drawn into growing feuds between the Prince of Bohemia and the Slavniks. In 995, while on a visit to Rome, he received word that almost all of his family was murdered by Prince Boleslaw II of Bohemia. Adalbert abhorred the idea of returning to Prague as its bishop. The Pope offered Adalbert an alternative: missionary work amongst the pagans. He accepted the Pope's offer and decided to go amongst the Prussians, a non-Slavic people inhabiting the Baltic coast east of the Wisla River.

Adalbert first traveled to Poland in 996 where he was well received by Prince Boleslaw I, ruler of Poland. Prior to traveling to Prussia, Adalbert visited Gdansk to baptize the inhabitants. Poland, as a nation, had accepted Christianity 30 years earlier with the baptism of Boleslaw's father, Prince Mieszko I, however the word had not been spread to all parts of the realm. In April 997, Adalbert along with his two younger brothers sailed from Gdansk eastward to Prussia. Prince Boleslaw provided a detachment of armed guards to accompany Adalbert's party. They landed near the present city of Elblag (present day Poland) where Adalbert sent the guards back to Boleslaw. On April 23, 997, Adalbert was speared to death by the Prussians near the village of Truso (present day Poland). His brothers were spared and returned to Poland. Polish Prince Boleslaw ransomed Adalbert's body from the Prussians by paying them an amount of gold equal to the weight of the body. Adal-

bert's body was brought back and buried in the Cathedral of Gniezno, in Poland.

When hearing the news of Adalbert's death, Holy Roman Emperor Otto III initiated a petition for canonization of Adalbert. In this endeavor he was backed by Prince Boleslaw of Poland. In 999 their efforts paid off as Pope Sylvester II proclaimed Adalbert a saint. In March of the following year, Otto went on a pilgrimage to Gniezno to visit the grave of St. Adalbert. However he came not only to pray at the tomb of his saintly friend, but to assess Poland's strength. The Empire had first come in contact with Poland 45 years earlier and did not have much knowledge of these people. Prince Boleslaw received

Otto with the honor and magnificence befitting a Roman emperor. Otto, seeing the glory, power and riches was impressed and decided that Poland should be treated as an equal to his country. During the visit, Otto took the Imperial diadem from his brow and placed it on Boleslaw's head as a sign of friendship and union. He also presented Boleslaw with the spear of St. Maurice. Taking note of all these events, the Pope, later in that same year, endowed the city of Gniezno with an archbishopric and the cities of Kolobrzeg, Krakow, Poznan and Wroclaw with bishoprics.

In 1038, Prince Brzetyslaw of Bohemia invaded Poland and briefly captured the city of Gniezno. During that short period, he had his soldiers remove St. Adal-

bert's body from the cathedral and take it to Bohemia. Eventually, part of St. Adalbert's remains were returned to Gniezno in the next century.

On April 23 of this year, the leaders of the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and the Ukraine assembled in Gniezno to honor St. Adalbert. This was followed by Pope John Paul II's pilgrimage in June.

In order to fully understand how Adalbert's life and death affected the state of Poland, one must look at the situation prior to his arrival. In the 800s, the tribes of people living in this area united under the leadership of one leader, Ziemowit, and they began

to be known as Polanie. They were a pagan people believing in deities and mysticism. The Polanie lived in a world somewhat insulated from Christian Europe until the year 955. At that time the German King (later Holy Roman Emperor) Otto I had his army cross the Elbe River to attack the Lusatians and Veleti, Slavic tribes living in the area between the Elbe and Odra Rivers. As they marched eastward, they eventually ran into an organized army and a system of defenses: the Polanie. The Polanie were ruled by Mieszko I and he was quick to realize that for his nation

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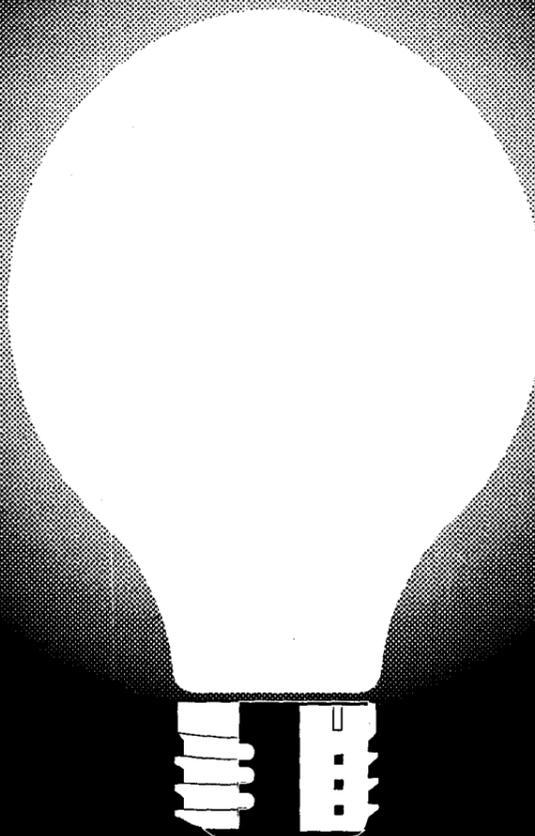
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SAFETY AWARD— Maj. Gen. Gibson presents the AMC award to Pottratz at the weekly staff meeting.

Safety engineer gets award from headquarters for outstanding work

By Skip Vaughn

The AMC system safety professional of the year for 1996 works at the Aviation and Missile Command.

Bill Pottratz, a safety engineer, received the award presented by headquarters Army Materiel Command. According to the plaque inscription, it was "for his outstanding contributions to the AMC system safety program. His efforts reflect the highest level of system safety professionalism."

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, presented the award Sept. 24 at the community weekly staff meeting.

"I feel honored," Pottratz said later. "There's been a lot of people; they give out an award every year. I think I'm the first person from Redstone to win it so I feel very proud of that accomplishment."

Pottratz, 37, from Indianapolis, Ind., began his government career in 1983 in the AMC intern training program at Texarkana,

Texas. After a year there, he worked at the Depot Systems Command in Chambersburg, Pa., for three years. He arrived at Redstone in 1987.

He received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Purdue University in 1983.

Pottratz works in the AMCOM Safety Office which has grown to about 30 members with the addition of new arrivals from St. Louis. John Frost is chief of that office.

"I wouldn't have been able to receive this award without the support that I got from John Frost and also from the other people in the Safety Office, learning from them over the years," Pottratz said.

He and his wife, Kathy, reside in Madison with their three children: Lynn, 9, Joe, 7, and Bethany, 5. Asked about his hobbies, he said, "I run; and I end up coaching children in various sports like softball, baseball and soccer— depending on the season."

Home buying/selling workshop series scheduled

If you are buying or selling a home, make plans to attend any of the free home buying/home selling workshops set for October and November.

Army Community Service (ACS) Relocation Assistance Program has partnered with the Huntsville Board of Realtors and area real estate professionals to present the workshop series. The sessions are free and open to the Redstone community. The classes are provided for information and education only and do not represent official government endorsement or sponsorship of any individual or company.

Videos on home buying/selling topics are also available for free check out through ACS. Titles include working with a real estate agent, selling your own home, moving with children, negotiating and staging your home for sale.

To register for the classes call

Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, at 876-5397; or stop by ACS in building 3491. Classes will be held in building 3447, the RASA Development Center.

Here are times and topics:

- **Buying a Home**— Sherry Dinges, president, Huntsville Board of Realtors, 1 p.m. Oct. 14, 9 a.m. Oct. 21, and 1 p.m. Oct. 28.

- **Selling a Home**— Jim McWhorter, certified residential broker, 1 p.m. Oct. 14, 9 a.m. Oct. 21, 1 p.m. Oct. 28; Sherry Dinges, president, Huntsville Board of Realtors, 9 a.m. Nov. 4 and 1 p.m. Nov. 10.

- **Buying vs. Renting**— Jim McWhorter, certified residential broker, 9 a.m. Nov. 4 and 1 p.m. Nov. 10.

- **Real Estate Legal Issues** — Michael E. Brodowski, attorney at law; 2:30 p.m. Oct. 14, 10:30 a.m. Oct. 21, and 2:30 p.m. Nov. 10.

- **Overcoming Mortgage Obstacles** — Randy Warren, mortgage company

branch manager, 10:30 a.m. Oct. 16, 2:30 p.m. Oct. 28 and 10:30 a.m. Nov. 13.

- **Home Inspections**— Mike Dove, state registered professional home inspector, 9 a.m. Oct. 16 and 9 a.m. Nov. 13.

- **Pricing and Staging Your Home** — Doris Sisk, certified residential specialist and certified residential broker, 10:30 a.m. Nov. 4.

- **Mortgage Products**— Martha Bradas, loan officer, 9 a.m. Oct. 23, 1 p.m. Oct. 30, 1 p.m. Nov. 6, and 9 a.m. Nov. 20.

- **Closing on a Mortgage**— Brenda Kenchel, loan officer, 11 a.m. Oct. 23, 3 p.m. Oct. 30, 3 p.m. Nov. 6, and 11 a.m. Nov. 20.

- **Consumer Advocacy for Home Buying/Selling**— A representative from the Better Business Bureau, 2:30 p.m. Oct. 14, 10:30 a.m. Oct. 21, 10:30 a.m. Nov. 4, and 2:30 p.m. Nov. 10. (ACS release)

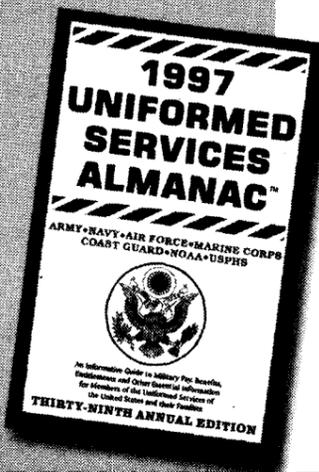


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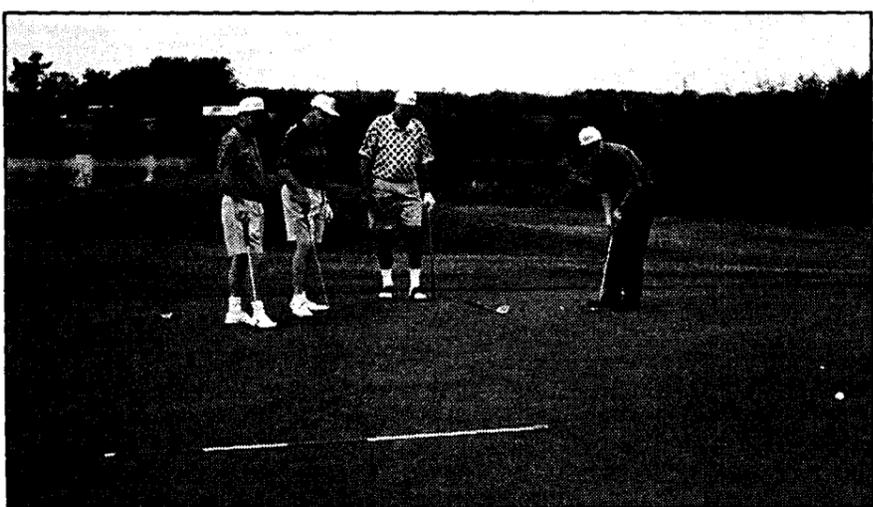
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PEO Tournament ...

About 100 golfers competed in the Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense tournament Friday at Redstone Golf Course. Putting on hole 9 on Meadowview are, from left, Bob Hayden; A.Q. Oldacre, deputy PEO; Bill Brigheld Friday at Redstone Golf Course.

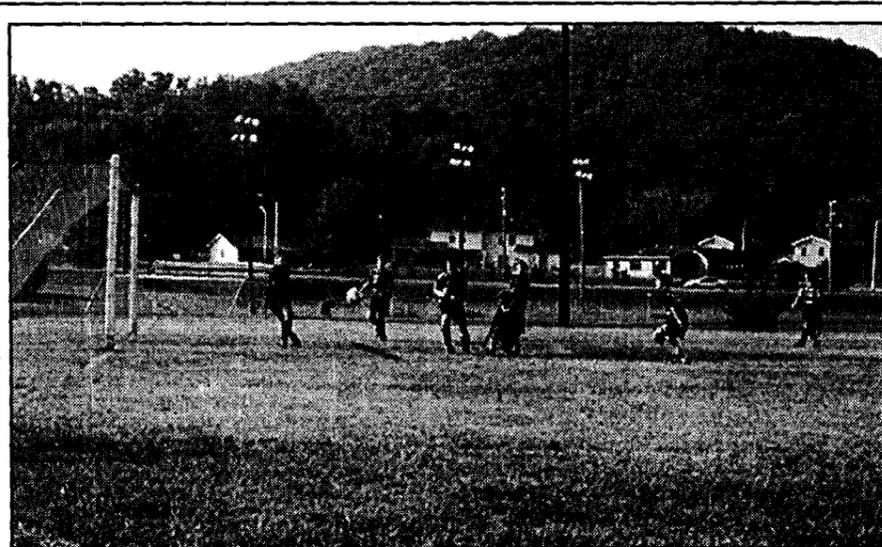
RASA bowlers keep on rolling

The Hooters team extended its lead in the RASA Bowling League three weeks into the season.

As of Sept. 23, after week three of a 15-week season, the Hooters team led with 10 points won and two points lost. Roll Tide was in second place at 7-5 followed by Strike Force, 5-7; Just Havin' Fun II, 5-7; Has Beens, 5-7; and Four for Kids, 4-8.

Last week's top scorers included:

- Men— John Howard 636 scratch series, Howard 225 scratch game, Chuck Petit 588 handicap series, and Ron Berry 220 handicap game.
- Women— Elke Mullen 436 scratch series, Christal Siebert 167 scratch game, Lisa Wright 565 handicap series, and Faye Yates 202 handicap game.



Soccer...

The Redstone under-12 youth soccer team gives a winning effort Sept. 20 against a team from downtown. Its season continues through early November.

Army boxers to compete in police championship set for St. Louis

ALEXANDRIA, Va.— The Army's top boxers, many who are members of the Army World Class Athlete Program, will compete in the U.S. National Police Athletic League Boxing Championship, Oct. 6-11, in St. Louis, Mo.

More than 100 of the top Olympic-style boxers will converge for six days of competition.

Slated to compete are:

Sgt. Bradley Martinez, (106 lbs.); Spec. John Medina, (112 lbs.); Spec. Hong Gu (125 lbs.) Spec. James Webb, (139 lbs.); Pvt. Steven Vandewalle, (147 lbs.); Sgt. Shaheed Shakir, (156 lbs.); PFC Michael Coker, (156 lbs.) and Sgt. Julius Fogle (165 lb.). All are assigned to Fort Carson, Colo.

Team coaches are Sgt. Byron Moore and Staff Sgt.

Harry Washington.

A minimum of six boxers from the championship will be selected for the Copenhagen Cup in Denmark, in November. (Arnews)

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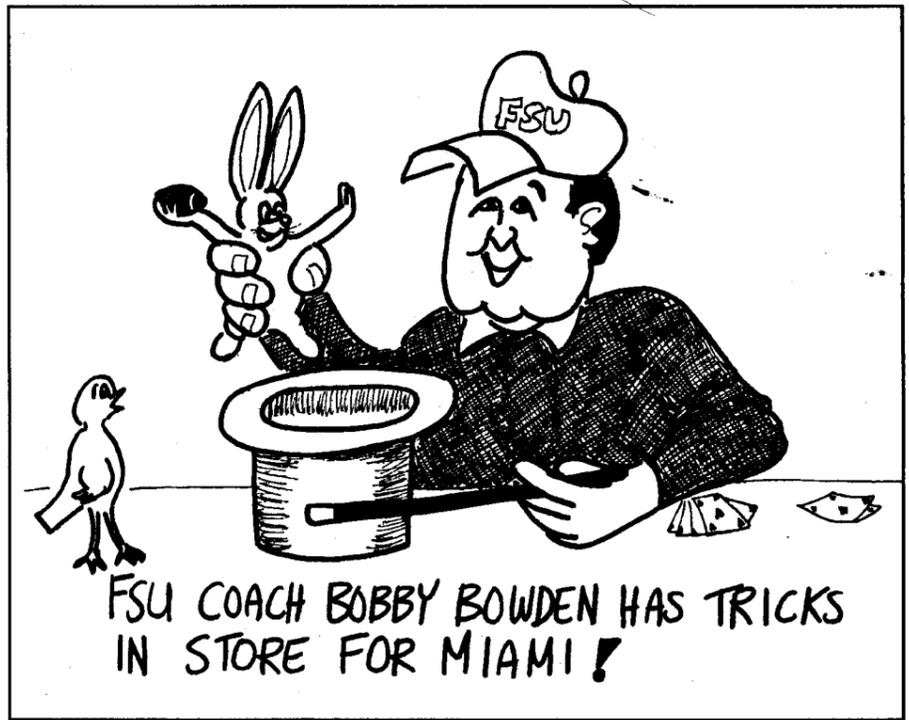
Florida State favored to blow past Miami Hurricanes

By Skip Vaughn

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

- Miami at Florida State—**FSU**
- Alabama at Kentucky—**Bama**
- Auburn at South Carolina—**Auburn**
- Morehouse at Ala. A&M—**A&M**
- Valdosta St. at North Ala.—**UNA**
- Jacksonville St. at Middle Tenn. St.—**MTSU**
- Army at Tulane—**Tulane**
- Citadel at Air Force—**Air Force**
- San Diego St. at Arizona—**Ariz.**
- Ariz. State at Washington—**Wash.**
- Arkansas at Florida—**Fla.**
- Texas Tech at Baylor—**Tex. Tech**

- Georgia Tech at Boston College—**Ga. Tech**
- Utah State at Brigham Young—**BYU**
- California at Louisiana Tech—**Calif.**
- Texas-El Paso at Clemson—**Clemson**
- Texas A&M at Colorado—**Tex. A&M**
- Hawaii at Colorado St.—**Colo. St.**
- Duke at Maryland—**Md.**
- East Carolina at Syracuse—**Syracuse**
- Miss. St. at Georgia—**Georgia**
- Houston at UCLA—**UCLA**
- Penn State at Illinois—**Penn St.**
- Michigan at Indiana—**Mich.**
- Iowa at Ohio State—**Ohio St.**
- Iowa St. at Missouri—**Mo.**
- Furman at Western Carolina—**Furman**
- Oklahoma at Kansas—**Okla.**
- Kansas St. at Nebraska—**Neb.**
- Louisiana St. at Vanderbilt—**LSU**
- Louisville at Southern Miss—**So. Miss**
- Memphis at Cincinnati—**Memphis**
- Minnesota at Michigan St.—**Mich. St.**
- Ole Miss at Tennessee—**Tenn.**
- North Carolina at TCU—**North Carolina**
- Wisconsin at Northwestern—**Wis.**
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Reserve dental program scheduled to begin today

WASHINGTON— In early September, enrollment information and applications were mailed to more than 780,000 members of the Selected Reserve describing a new benefit called the Tricare Selected Reserve Dental Program (TSRDP).

The enrollment package will provide details about this all-new, low-cost voluntary dental program which will be available, beginning Oct. 1, to Selected Reserve personnel of all branches of the military services who live in the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"Our primary concern is for the health of all our deploying forces," said Dr. Edward D. Martin, acting assistant secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. "Providing dental insurance for the Selected Reserve is a very significant step toward ensuring their dental health and very importantly, achieving the dental readiness of early deploying Reserve personnel," Martin said.

Humana Military Healthcare Services Inc. (HMHS) is the contractor for this program and will conduct the mailing. The

TSRDP enrollment package will explain the program and will include an application form, a benefits brochure, a postage-paid reply envelope and a toll-free telephone number which Reserve and National Guard personnel can call if they have questions. Eligible personnel will be able to enroll at any time. However, those who have returned their completed application and prepayment by September 20 could be covered for dental insurance services as early as Oct. 1.

Reservists who want to enroll in the plan must have at least 12 months of service remaining, and must initially enroll for 12 months. After the initial 12-month period, Reservists may enroll on a month-to-month basis as long as they remain eligible and pay their premiums.

"Readiness has always been priority one. This is an affordable benefit that will significantly increase the dental health readiness of our Selected Reservists," said Deborah R. Lee, assistant secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. "I would highly encourage all eligible personnel to take advantage of it."

The Department of Defense will be pay-

ing 60 percent of the monthly premium. Enrollees will only pay \$4.36 per month. In return for this premium, Reserve and National Guard enrollees will receive covered diagnostic, preventive and emergency services, with no additional out-of-pocket costs. For covered restorative services, E-4s and below will pay a 10 percent cost share and E-5s and above will pay a 20 percent cost-share. For covered oral surgery, E-4s and below will pay a 30 percent cost-share and E-5s and above will pay a 40 percent cost-share. There is no deductible for the TSRDP, but the maximum benefit available is \$1,000 per enrollment year for covered services.

Humana Military Health Care Services is establishing a network of dentists throughout the TSRDP-covered geographical area. Although Reserve and National Guard enrollees may use any licensed dentist, there will be several advantages to using network providers. All network providers have agreed to accept the program's payment for covered dental services as payment in full. There will be no "balance billing" for covered services and the

network providers will also file all claims. The enrollee will be responsible only for paying the applicable cost-share.

If a non-network dentist is chosen, the enrollee may be balanced-billed, meaning the enrollee will have to pay the difference between what the plan pays and what the dentist normally charges for the service, plus the cost-share. Non-network dentists may also require enrollees to file their own claim forms.

Active Guard/Reserve (AGR), and Selected Reserve members on extended active duty (beyond 30 days), active duty members, retired members, members of the Standby Reserve, Retired Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve and family members are not eligible for this plan. The plan is also not available to Reservists living in Europe, Asia or areas outside the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The toll-free number at HMHS to call about the Tricare Selected Reserve Dental Insurance Program is 1-800-211-3614. (DoD release)

Defense Information Systems Agency supports Korean exercise

ARLINGTON, Va. — Troops training in 1997's Exercise Ulchi Focus Lens in Korea had access to a new tool that improved their warfighting abilities.

The Global Command and Control System Common Operational Picture debuted as the primary situational awareness tool for a major exercise in Korea. Thirty-five Defense Information Systems Agency personnel fielded system applications and hardware, according to U.S. Forces Korea and Combined Forces Command officials.

Agency personnel also

fixed infrastructure problems, as the commands were to adopt the tool for real-world operations after the exercise. The U.S. Forces Korea Global Command and Control System architecture proved flexible enough to support both this exercise and real world

operations.

Ulchi Focus Lens, a biennial exercise, exercises and validates procedures used to execute command and control and integration of U.S. and allied forces

throughout Korea. It also tests and evaluates command, control and communications system capabilities and data communications. Ulchi Focus Lens is one of several DoD training

exercises conducted to sharpen and build teamwork and joint war fighting skills. Information technology and the joint warfighting team's ability to share a common operational picture are inte-

gral elements of these exercises. (American Forces Press Service)

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Cohen orders aviation stand down, services expand it after mishaps

By Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary William S. Cohen ordered the military services to stop training flights for 24 hours so those who work on and fly military aircraft can focus on making flying safer.

Cohen's Sept. 17 order was in response to a spate of unrelated accidents. Even with these accidents, DoD expects fiscal 1997 to be among the safest on record.

"Perfection is impossible, but that is our goal for aviation safety," Cohen said. "Every member of our aviation community is working for zero accidents. The lives of our aircrews and passengers are very precious, and each loss is a great tragedy."

The stand down will take place at the discretion of the services, but must be completed by Sept. 26. Cohen's order covers fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters.

While Cohen's order does not affect operations, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps aviation commanders

said they hope to make the stand down as broad as possible and will include squadrons flying operations. Units flying over Bosnia, Iraq and Korea, for example, will stagger their stand downs so the missions can continue.

The Army has not finished its guidance, but Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said it will be largely similar to the other services.

The stand down comes after a cluster of crashes. The Air Force lost an F-117 stealth fighter Sept. 13 at a Baltimore air show. The apparent collision of a German air force transport and a U.S. Air Force C-141 Starlifter off the coast of Africa Sept. 13 killed 33, including nine Americans. A Marine Corps F/A-18 Hornet fighter crashed off the coast of North Carolina Sept. 15, killing the two-man crew. A Navy F/A-18 went down in Oman Sept. 14. Finally, two New Jersey Air National Guard F-16s collided over the Atlantic Sept. 16; one crashed into the sea, the other made it

back to land.

Pentagon officials said they do not believe there is a common thread running through these accidents. "It is a cruelty of statistics that we have clusters [of accidents] from time to time," Bacon said Sept. 18.

Even with these crashes, fiscal 1997 will be among the safest years on record, according to DoD officials. With little less than two weeks left in the year, they said, the accident rate should be about 1.5 major accidents per 100,000 flying hours. In absolute numbers, DoD lost 54 aircraft through Sept. 18. In fiscal 1996, it lost 67.

"As I said many times, every accident is one accident too many," Bacon said. "But we're working very hard to make aviation as safe as possible. We've made great progress over the last 10 years. We'll continue to work on it." (American Forces Press Service)



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er myself as knowledgeable as an aviation engineer by any stretch of the imagination."

Computers have made the indexing process easier and also made the material on file at RSIC available to a much wider base of customers.

RSIC even maintains its own web site at <http://rsic.redstone.army.mil>.

Bullock pointed out that while only

about 700,000 of the 4 million or so items on file at RSIC are classified, there are distribution limitations on many other items.

"We don't control that process," she added, "we just manage it."

Because of the unique nature of the information RSIC manages, workers there have fielded some unusual requests over the years. Fritts recalled one gentleman who called trying to locate the field manuals for a particular model of helicopter that the Army no longer even fielded.

Said Fritts, "He had purchased the helicopter at a surplus sale and needed to know how to put it together. It was still in the original crates."

During her 10 years at RSIC, Bullock can remember only one instance in which a caller succeeded at playing stump the librarian.

"In all that time," she said, a note of pride creeping into her voice, "we've only had one person who asked us for something that we couldn't find — and he still loves to tell the story."

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Senate confirms Shelton as next joint chiefs chairman

By Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON — The Senate unanimously confirmed Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton Sept. 16 as the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Shelton takes the position Oct. 1. He succeeds Army Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, who retires Sept. 30.

During confirmation hearings, Shelton, chief of U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., said his most important consideration was the welfare and readiness of the men and women who make up America's armed forces.

"Allow me to reaffirm my dedication to the great men and women in uniform who guard our freedom 365 days a year," he said before the Senate Armed Services Committee Sept. 9. "Those great Americans have performed brilliantly during

more than 50 operations and joint task force deployments since the end of the Cold War."

Shelton called American service members the backbone of U.S. national security strategy and said they deserve unwavering support. DoD must create "a work environment that allows our members to reach their full potential and reinforces their confidence and that of the American people in our institutions and traditions," he said.

Shelton expects to set high professional standards for service members and promote an atmosphere of respect, openness, responsibility, integrity and fairness.

Shelton, 55, told legislators he wants no "fair fights when our forces are committed." This means DoD must move ahead with plans for modernization. "If America is to retain the

ability to protect its interests into the 21st century, we owe it to our people to provide them with the best tools possible to do the job." He told the committee this means DoD must recapitalize and reach the \$60 billion level for modernization. He said he supports further rounds of base closures to help reach this level.

Shelton also addressed operational and personnel tempo issues. He said part of the problem with these issues may be self-imposed. In the past, he said, training exercises were important to keep readiness of units up. Since the end of the Cold War, most deployed units are doing their jobs in real

world settings. Scheduling training exercises, in addition to deployments, drives per tempo up and, in fact, may work against readiness.

"[Current Chairman Army Gen. John M. Shalikashvili] in fact reduced the numbers of joint training exercises by 15 percent in the 1998 to 1999 time frame," Shelton said. Officials are looking at further reduction through 2001 to try to reduce personnel tempo.

Shelton said he fully supports NATO enlargement. He said NATO has given 50 years of peace to a troubled continent, and the addition of 300,000 service members from Hungary, Poland and the Czech

Republic will help the rest of NATO in terms of burden-sharing. "But the real value, I think, will be in bringing them into an environment that will increase the communication, the coordination and hopefully, therefore, the cooperation among them and the other NATO members," he said.

He told legislators, the world is more volatile, complex and unpredictable than during the Cold War. "We had basically a bipolar world [during the Cold War] and two superpowers that could exert influence to a greater degree than any one particular country can today," he said. "I think as part of the Quadrennial Defense Review strategy,

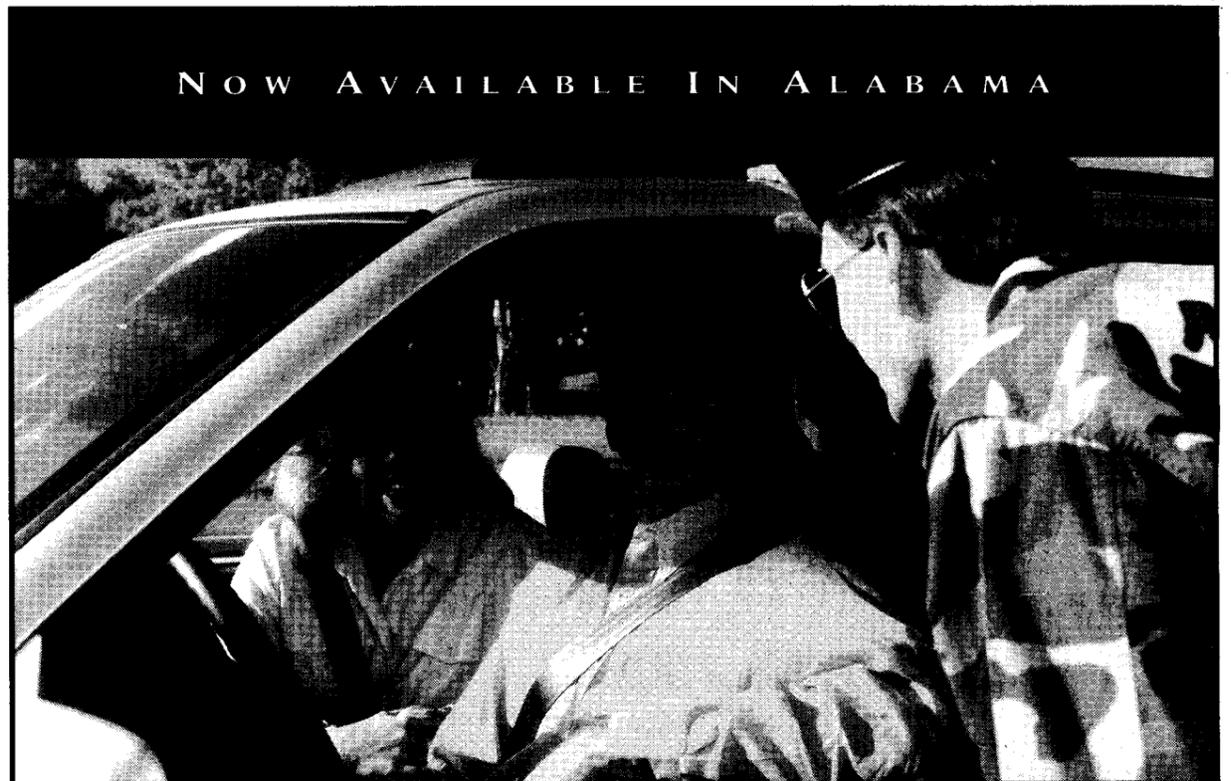
when we look at the shaping peace, we fully realize that peacetime engagement and being involved on a global basis would be the right way to go as part of our strategy."

Shelton praised Shalikashvili. "Gen. Shalikashvili has provided superb leadership and clear direction in helping to guide our military through a period of unparalleled military activity," Shelton said. "[He] leaves to America the world's finest fighting force and a joint vision that puts us on the track to achieve our goal of full-spectrum [military] dominance well into the next century." (American Forces Press Service)




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then the physical sciences lab.

He little suspected at the time that the assignment would last for the next 34 years.

Rhoades found his new work both exciting and challenging. At the time the Army was in the midst of developing the Lance, one of the few liquid-propelled missiles in its arsenal. It was the kind of hands-on, cutting-edge technology that every young engineer dreams of working with.

Rhoades left the military after two years, but stayed on to become a civilian propulsion research engineer. He quickly rose to become director of propulsion.

Rhoades' career took another significant shift when he was selected in 1977 to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a Sloan Fellow.

His studies there would give him the theoretical underpinnings to understand what goes into managing a large high-tech organization.

From that time on, he became less and less involved in the technical aspects of his work and more and more involved with the management aspects — a development he still views with mixed feelings.

"If you're trained as an engineer, I think you always retain an interest in the technical aspect," Rhoades says. "Every now and then I get to run a Red Team and tinker with the technical end of things, but that's been less and less over the years."

"But don't misunderstand. There are plenty of things to stay interested in when you're trying to run a 2,000-person organization with as many things going on as we have going on around here."

In 1981 Rhoades was one of three people being considered to head up RDEC. The other two were Bob Black and William McCorkle. All three were top men in their field, vital to the Missile Command's mission.

It was the kind of winner-take-all competition which all too often results in the losers resigning to seek positions elsewhere.

McCorkle recalls what happened. "We were both candidates for the same job," McCorkle says of his longtime friend.

"But instead of playing politics and trying to get the job himself, Dick encouraged me to take it. I told him I would — if he would take one of the associate director posts."

McCorkle was eventually selected as director and Rhoades as one of his two associate directors. The other was Black.

Rhoades credits Lt. Gen. Robert Moore,

then head of MICOM, with some pretty smooth management moves in pulling off such a coup.

Chuckles Rhoades, "By choosing Bill, he got all three of the people who were candidates in the front office. If he had made any other choice, I don't think things would have worked out that way. I'd call that a pretty smooth move — which is probably why he was a general."

Through the years McCorkle and Rhoades have formed a tight-knit working relationship, with McCorkle focusing on technical development and Rhoades on customer relations issues.

"We kind of function as 'Mr. Inside' and 'Mr. Outside,'" Rhoades says with a smile.

Gradually over the years, Rhoades' role has expanded far beyond the confines of Redstone Arsenal. He has played a key part in the fundamental restructuring of the Army's science and technology organizations.

He chaired the ad-hoc group that brought AMC's Vision 2000 downsizing concept to reality through the Base Realignment and Closure Commission process and the tri-service implementation panel responsible for quality improvement initiatives for DoD laboratories.

Quips Rhoades, "The Army has apparently felt they ought to be paid back for that

year they sent me to MIT by using me as a management consultant."

Rhoades has already accepted an offer to head the Research Institute at the University of Alabama-Huntsville following his retirement. He also plans to follow in his father's footsteps and do some teaching.

Reflecting back on a life spent in the defense industry, Rhoades is proud of his achievements and grateful for the opportunities he has had. If he harbors any regret, it is chiefly for those things he leaves undone.

But at a time when the military and the defense industry as a whole face increased pressures to downsize and to "do more with less," there is another burden that he shares with those he is about to leave behind. One he feels shouldn't be.

"There's always been a stigma attached to this business — to dealing with weapons that are intended to, well, to kill people," Rhoades says. "And I accept that."

"But I guess I have always believed that one of the most important challenges that I or any citizen of this country could meet is to play a part in keeping the American people free."

"And I make no apology for saying I'm proud to have met that challenge."

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FIRE SAFETY

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count for that (extra electrical use) in the early 1950s," Murtha said.

From Jan. 1 through Sept. 25, Redstone firefighters received 1,615 calls for assistance. Most were fire alarms. Fire damages on post have declined compared to last year, according to Fire Chief Thomas Stephens.

The theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is, "Know When to Go! React Fast to

Fire!"

"Know to exit the building when the fire alarm rings and know where their place of assembly is because if they're not at their place of assembly then we're gonna have to go look for them," Stephens said, giving advice to citizens. "At home don't leave your cooking unattended. Don't smoke in bed. In the office, make sure all your coffee pots are unplugged. And don't use extension cords. If you need an outlet, you need to call in for a work order and have one installed."

The Redstone Fire and Emergency Ser-

vices has four stations and 46 people. The fire stations already have tours scheduled for local school children during Fire Prevention Week. To schedule a children's tour, call 876-7005.

"There are several tours already set up for the month of October," fire inspector Jim Hughes said.

Fire Prevention Week was inspired by the Great Chicago Fire of Oct. 9, 1871, which claimed more than 250 lives and

destroyed 17,430 buildings. The main reason for fire prevention is to save lives, Hughes said.

Preventing fires should be a year-round effort and not just confined to an annual observance, according to Dave Reed, a fire protection specialist with Army Materiel Command. "Fire prevention is an ongoing thing. It's a consistent educational process and it just doesn't stop for that week," he said.



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Squier: National Guard a key defense player for future

By Bob Haskell

WASHINGTON— Fostering relations with the active Army to make the Army National Guard a key national defense player in the 21st century will become a paramount concern for Col. Michael Squier in early November.

That is when the 51-year-old career Guardsman from Boise, Idaho, will become deputy director for the 367,000-member Army National Guard.

Squier will succeed Brig. Gen. William Bilo who will step down on Oct. 31 after holding that job for four years.

"I commend Brig. Gen. Bilo for his superb vision and leadership contributions to the Army National Guard for the past four years," stated Lt. Gen. Edward Baca, Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

Army Secretary Togo D. West Jr. named Squier to the Army Guard's number two position in August. Squier is expected to be promoted to brigadier general by the first of next year, pending Senate confirmation.

"I hope to improve the relevancy of the Army

National Guard, especially our combat arms," said the infantry officer. Squier intends to be an advocate for the Army Guard's 54 state organizations at the National Guard Bureau in Washington.

"My most important job will be to act as a spokesman for our constituents - the states," added Squier. He has been learning the ways of Washington since September 1978 when he reported to the Army Guard's Mobilization Readiness Division as a staff officer.

He has been the chief of staff for Maj. Gen. William Navas, director of the Army National Guard, since last September. He spent the previous year as Baca's executive officer.

Squier has a diverse background. He is as highly regarded by associates for his modesty as for his attention to detail. He was the first commander of the Army's Equipment Maintenance Center for Europe that was established in 1988. That center is now managed exclusively by the Army Guard in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

He has also been deputy

chief of public affairs for the bureau and chief of the Army Guard's Readiness Division.

"I'm honored to have been selected for this demanding position from among many highly qualified people," said Squier.

"There are significant challenges facing the Army National Guard today and in the future," Squier added. "I am proud to have the opportunity to face these challenges and to help shape our future."

Squier was commissioned as an ordnance officer in 1965. He has also served as an infantry officer. He holds a business management degree from the University of Maryland. He has completed Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

He and his wife, Phyllis, live in Manassas, Va.

"I join the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Army in extending congratulations to Col. and Mrs. Squier and their family," said Baca. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: MSgt. Haskell is with the National Guard Bureau public affairs office.)

POLISH

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to stand equal with the other countries of Europe, conversion to Christianity was a requirement. This was reinforced by Mieszko's wife, Dabrowa, who was a Czech princess and already baptized as a Christian. In 966, Mieszko and his court were baptized as Christians. This act also was symbolic for his entire nation, as Mieszko was insistent that all inhabitants of his realm convert. By this act, Mieszko avoided the fate of another pagan, Western Slavic people who came in contact with the German nation, direct absorption into their empire or extermination through conquest.

Even though Poland's ruler converted his realm, Poland was still placed in a subordinate role to the German Empire through the Church. In the society of that time, church life was a very important influence. All parishes in Poland were part of the Bishopric of Magdeburg. With Polish churches tied to the bishop, the German Empire still had a strong influence in Polish affairs. When Pope Sylvester granted Poland its own archbishopric and bishoprics, Poland's ties to Germany were severed and it was now linked directly to Rome, similar to the other major countries in Europe.

The final act required was to have Poland's ruler acknowledged as a king. At that time, a Christian ruler would not be recognized as one unless receiving authority from the church. Thus Boleslaw, though ruler of Poland, was not considered to be a king because he lacked the

Pope's approval. When Emperor Otto III proclaimed Boleslaw an equal to himself, the Pope along with the other Christian countries of Europe took notice. Boleslaw eventually was crowned as a king by Polish bishops (presumably with the approval of the Pope) on Easter Sunday in 1025. This final act legitimized the existence of the Polish nation in the eyes of the church as well as amongst the other rulers in Europe. The evangelization and martyrdom of St. Adalbert was the spark that brought all the forces required to establish the foundation of the state.

When visiting the Cathedral of Gniezno today, one first notices at the entrance to the cathedral the Gniezno Doors. They are a massive pair of cast bronze doors installed around the year 1170. Made in Poland, they contain 18 bas-relief panels representing the life of St. Adalbert. The Gniezno Doors represent the highest level of European art of the time. Inside is the Altar of Confession where the sarcophagus of St. Adalbert is placed, under an imposing gold baldacchino. The sarcophagus was created in 1622, consisting of a wooden casket carved in the full recumbent relief of St. Adalbert and covered with chiseled and hammered silver. Inside the sarcophagus is the actual reliquary, a cedar case with a hinged lid and metal fittings. Inside the reliquary rest the bones of St. Adalbert.

(Editor's note: Krolkowski is an architect who worked at the Directorate of Public Works before transferring to the Corps of Engineers in Savannah, Ga.)

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CANCER

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have a physical examination of the breast by their physician or nurse practitioner every three years. Women 40 and older should have a physical examination of the breast once a year by their physician or nurse practitioner. However, most breast abnormalities are discovered by women themselves through monthly breast self-examination. Don't delay calling a physician if you find a lump or a suspicious change in your breasts.

Mammography is essential to the early detection of breast cancer. Mammography

is a low-level X-ray of the breasts. Modern mammography can reveal small breast cancers up to two years before they can be felt. Women should have a screening or baseline mammography by age 40. Yearly mammography is now recommended for all women age 40 and older. About 18 percent of all breast cancers occur in women 40 to 50 years old. Breast cancers found through mammography of women in their 40s were smaller and at an earlier stage than cancers found in women who did not have mammograms.

Fox Army Community Hospital wants you to learn more about breast cancer. Mark your calendar for one or more of these events: On Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., the Fox Army Community Hospital

Radiology Department is opening their doors to everyone in celebration of National Mammography Day. This is your chance to tour the mammography facility, visit the display booths, watch some mammography videos, and ask questions of the staff. Another opportunity you will not want to miss is the "Breast Cancer Awareness Symposium" at the Sparkman Auditorium on Oct. 27, from noon until 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments and door prizes. This is your opportunity to visit our display booths, hear presentations on the nature of breast disease, as well as hear some personal perspectives from breast cancer survivors. Everyone is welcomed to both events.

All military beneficiaries (ID card hold-

ers) will want to attend the "Breast Cancer Screening Day" at Fox Army Community Hospital, Oct. 28 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The screening will include instruction on breast self-examination as well as a clinical breast examination by a physician. A mammogram can be done the same day, if appropriate, by a physician's order. Participants can just walk into the Surgical Clinic, no appointment necessary, and ask for this important examination.

For information about any of the Breast Cancer Awareness Month events, call Barbara Anderson, Public Health and Education Center, 842-0196.

(Editor's note: Anderson is a community health nurse/health educator.)

SENTINEL

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their mission," Lt. Col. Tim McKaig, the Sentinel product manager, said.

"This is the culmination of a successful test program and production," he said. "We awarded the production contract in January 1995."

The radar's mission is "to support the protection of our maneuver forces and critical assets within the division from the air threat," McKaig said. "It provides air track data to command and control centers, and cues short-range air defense weapons."

Sentinel consists of two major components: the antenna transceiver group

and the Humvee group. The radar detects airborne targets and reports the position and velocity of those targets to command and control centers and the weapons.

It costs about \$2.5 million per radar. Contractors include Hughes Aircraft of El Segundo, Calif., which builds the radar; and Allied Signal of Baltimore, Md., which makes a major component called the interrogator. The Humvee group modifications are done by Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.

Sentinel replaces the Forward Area Alerting Radar (FAAR) which was retired in the early 1990s. Its advantages over FAAR include "greater range, greater reliability, better maintainability, and it's

more survivable," McKaig said.

The development effort began with source selection in December 1991. The radar was formerly called Ground Based Sensor until it became Sentinel in October 1996.

A ceremony for the first unit equipped was held Aug. 14 at Fort Hood. The event was "impressive, touching, and made me proud of our organization, our system and our accomplishment," Ruth Ann Burton, a program analyst in Sentinel Product Office, said. The 37-member office in Huntsville, joined by eight support contractor employees, is under the Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors at Fort

Monmouth, N.J.

Initial fielding marks "the first major milestone that the product office has to accomplish in order to hand the soldiers the hardware," Wakefield said.

"I think all of our goals as government employees should be to work for a common goal of handing off the very best hardware that we can to soldiers who are the users," she said.

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United States will not sign international land mine ban

By Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON — Saying his responsibility for the security and safety of American service members is paramount, President Clinton announced Sept. 17 the United States will not sign the Oslo treaty banning anti-personnel land mines.

"As commander in chief, I will not send our soldiers to defend the freedom of our people and the freedom of others without doing everything we can to make them as secure as possible," Clinton said during a White House news conference.

The United States asked for two concessions in the land mine treaty. First, U.S. negotiators asked for a nine-year transition period to phase out anti-personnel land mines. Second, the United States wanted an exception made for the demilitarized zone dividing the Korean Peninsula.

Clinton said the anti-personnel mines along the DMZ are a key part of the U.N. defense against the 1.5 million-man North Korean army. He pointed out the mines are deployed where they are no danger to civilians and do not create the problem the treaty is meant

to solve in the rest of the world.

He said the United States already does much to eliminate deaths and injuries from land mines, which some experts peg at around 25,000 per year. In 1996, he banned U.S. "dumb" anti-personnel mines — those that do not deactivate after a set period of time. "In the months since I ordered that ban, the United States has destroyed 1.5 million of these land mines," he said. "By 1999, we will have destroyed all the rest of our stockpiles — another 1.5 million."

He said DoD has led the world in removing existing land mine menaces. Since 1993, the United States has spent \$153 million removing land mines from 15 nations. "These efforts are paying off," he said. "In the areas of Cambodia where we've been active, the death rates from land mines has dropped by half. In Namibia, the casualty rate has fallen by 90 percent."

These efforts have cost lives, the president said. The C-141 Starlifter that apparently collided with a German aircraft over the South Atlantic over the weekend had just ferried a special

forces demining unit to Namibia.

Clinton said even though the United States will not sign the Oslo treaty, it will continue efforts to ban anti-personnel mines. He has directed DoD to develop alternatives to the weapons so by 2003 the United States can end use of smart, self-destructing mines. He wants these alternatives in place in Korea by 2006, the time period U.S. negotiators asked for during talks in Norway. "In short, this program will eliminate all anti-personnel land mines from America's arsenal," he said.

Clinton also appointed retired Air Force Gen. David Jones, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as a personal adviser to ensure the job gets done. "[Jones] has demonstrated a concern for the safety of our troops second to none, and in recent years, he's been a powerful, eloquent voice for banning land mines," Clinton said.

Finally, the United States will increase funding by 25 percent for worldwide demining efforts. In fiscal 1998, the United States plans to spend \$68 million on these efforts. (American Forces Press Service)

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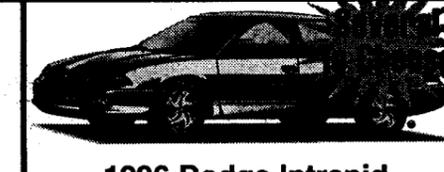
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Montgomery GI bill— Public Law 104-275, enacted Oct. 9, 1996, authorizes Veterans Education Assistance Program (VEAP) participants who were on active duty Oct. 9, 1996 the opportunity to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill. A participant has been defined 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.

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.

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: 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.

Transition assistance— The Military Personnel Office operates a Transition Center for military personnel leaving the service (all branches of service) for ETS, retirement or other reasons. Transition assistance is also provided to military retirees, veterans, DoD civilians, spouses and children (18 and older) of all categories. Services include transition/career/job counseling and computers are available for use in writing resumes, practice interviewing, job searches in

America's Job Bank, the Transition Bulletin Board, the Internet and a multitude of other job references on the Internet. Resume and other user friendly software are already loaded on the computers. If you have questions about preparing for or finding employment or just have some questions about transitioning, call the Transition Center (building 3710) at 842-0870 or 955-6490. Although walk-ins are accepted on a case-by-case basis as space and time permit, you will generally need an appointment to see a counselor and use the computer lab. Call for your appointment today.

TRADOC IG visit— A team from the Training and Doctrine Command Inspector General's Office will

conduct an assessment Oct. 6-9 of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. The assessment team will conduct sensing sessions and interviews with soldiers and civilians at Redstone Arsenal. The team will conduct two open sessions, where anyone can come in and talk with the TRADOC IG on Oct. 7 from noon-12:55 and from 5-6 p.m. in building 3301, room 111. The TRADOC IG will also conduct sensing sessions with family members and retirees Oct. 7 from 5-6 p.m. Any family members and retirees interested in attending these sensing sessions should call MSgt. Vickery of the OMMCS IG's office 842-6850.

Southern University alums— Huntsville Chap-

ter of the Southern University Alumni Federation is sponsoring a bus trip to the Southern University/Jackson State game Oct. 18 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Jackson, Miss. Cost is \$90 which includes travel, one night lodging (based on double occupancy), and one ticket to the game. For information and reservations, call Charlton Sample 539-1629 or Adrienne Webber 922-1204 by Oct. 1.

Walkathon— The North Alabama Alzheimer's Association Memory Walkathon of three miles will be held Oct. 4 at 9 a.m. at Spragins Hall, located on University of Alabama-Huntsville campus. There are prizes for both individual and team sponsorship donations. For more information, call the Alzheimer's

Association 880-1575.

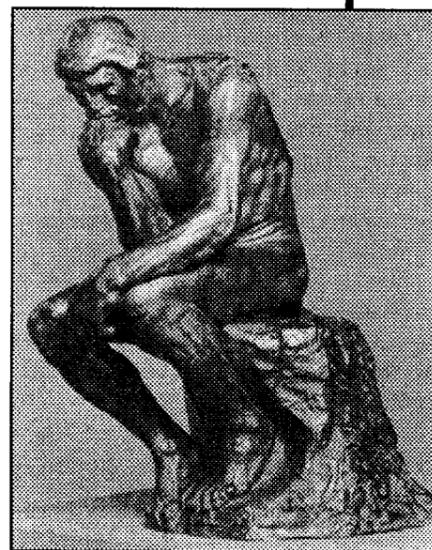
Huntsville newcomers— "Bloom Where You're Planted!" is the theme for the Huntsville Newcomers' 1997 installation ceremony and luncheon Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. at the Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. Newcomers to the Huntsville area are invited to join in this day of food and fun. For more information, call Pat Dugan 464-5726 or Mary Stams 880-2594 by Oct. 7.

Sci-fi convention— North Alabama Science Fiction Association will hold its 16th annual convention Oct. 17-19 at Four Points Hotel by Sheraton located at the Huntsville/Madison County Jetport. For more information, call Ron Lajoie 461-3064.

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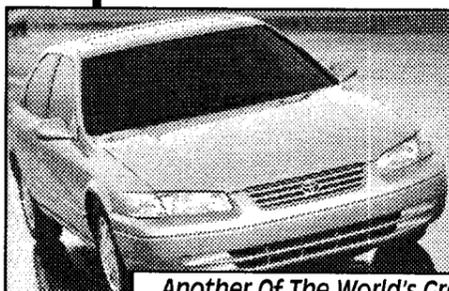
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Gospel singing— Praise '97 will be held at 6 p.m. Oct. 4 at Woodville School Gymnasium. There is no admission charge.

Newcomers orientation — The Redstone Arsenal Newcomers' Orientation will be held Oct. 7 from 9:30 a.m. until noon at building 3447. "Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned to Redstone. Spouses are strongly encouraged to attend." a prepared release from Army Community Service said. The orientation includes speakers, information booths, a bus tour of Redstone and free child care. To register for free child care, call Mary Breeden 876-5397.

Weigh down workshop — Weigh Down Workshop is a "weekly Christian Bible Study for those interested in learning how to lose weight through the Word of God," a prepared release said. Under the direction of the Protestant Women of the Chapel, this event is held at Bicentennial Chapel. Cost is \$53 for a 12-week course. It is limited to 20 ladies. "Sign up for this unique program beginning in October," the release said. For more information, call Susan Rawls 883-0144.

Taste testing— Men and women with military experience are wanted to perform taste testing of current and improved MRE (Meals Ready to Eat) chicken stew entrees. "We have scheduled to offer this sensory testing at the Alabama A&M University food sensory laboratory on Oct. 11," a prepared release said. "For your effort, we will pay you \$20 if you call and register your willingness to participate. Eligible participants include recently retired military personnel, Reserve personnel and current military personnel (off-duty on the day/time of the testing). Contact us by calling 851-5445 and leave a message with the receptionist (or by voice mail) giving your name, telephone number(s), full mailing address, branch of service, years of service, and indicate the best time to receive a call back."

Volunteer fair— The Volunteer Center of Huntsville and Madison County will hold a "We Care" Volunteer Fair to introduce newcomers to volunteer opportunities in the community. This event will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 9 in the Sparkman Center courtyard. Non-profit organizations will showcase their mission giv-

ing Arsenal employees and family members an opportunity to sign up to volunteer. For more information, call Sharon Darty 539-7797.

Olmstead scholarships

— The U.S. Total Army Personnel Command (PERSCOM) Olmstead Scholarship Selection Board convenes annually to select seven of the Army's top captains to present to the

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SAMD golf tournament — Security Assistance Management Directorate will sponsor a morning golf scramble Oct. 17 at Redstone Golf Course. Cost is \$40 which includes 18 holes, one-half cart, lunch, prizes and a donation to Combined Federal Campaign. For reservations call Linda Nelson 313-0891 or John Warren 313-6933.

832nd military stakes — The 832nd Ordnance Battalion will hold its annual Military Stakes Competition from noon to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 10 at the battalion quadrant behind building 3440. The competition is open to all unit-level companies and detachments assigned to Redstone Arsenal. The competition includes the following events: basic rifle marksmanship, drill and ceremonies, common task testing, and obstacle/confi-

dence course. For more information, call MSgt. Fencher 955-6555 or SSgt. Gilpin 842-2234.

Female soldiers — Active Duty female soldiers are required by AR 40-501 to have a Modified Annual Exam for Women on an annual basis. This includes a breast examination by a medical provider, a pelvic examination, and a Pap smear. If you are 40 or older, a mammogram is required every two years to age 50 then yearly. During their birth month, female soldiers are notified by SIDPERS of this requirement. If you have been notified of this requirement or if it has been more than one year since you have had an annual exam, call 955-8888 and follow the prompts to schedule a routine appointment.... The Public Health and Education Center (PHEC) at Fox Army Community Hospital is offering classes on the importance of Pap screening and mammography in terms of saving lives. Female soldiers who have been identified as

not meeting the requirements for their annual exams are notified through their company commanders of the scheduled times for this class. If you have been identified as needing this class and believe that your exams are up to date, please notify PHEC at 842-0196 and provide the documentation showing that you have had these tests done. PHEC staff look forward to working with the commanders and female soldiers to maintain the readiness of the force at Redstone Arsenal, a prepared release said.

Resource managers — American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 9 at the Trinity Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road. John Evans, certified speaking professional from Charleston, S.C., is to speak on "How to Survive and Thrive in Climates of

Uncertainty." Cost is \$8 for members, \$9 for non-members. For reservations call Cherry Hovik 876-3590.

Synagogue — Huntsville Conservative Synagogue, 7705 Bailey Cove Road, has the following upcoming events: a reception for the new rabbi, David Englander, Oct. 1; Kol Nidre service at 6:15 p.m. Oct. 10; Break-the-Fast Dinner, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m.; Babysitting for Yom Kippur, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 11; and Simhat Torah Celebration-Parade of Torahs, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 881-6260.

Fox Army Community Hospital — The Surgery Team at Fox Army Community Hospital will present a Breast Cancer Awareness Symposium at the Sparkman Auditorium on Oct 27 from noon-3 p.m. Presentations on the nature of breast

disease, breast surgery and the role of radiation therapy and chemotherapy in breast cancer treatment, as well as personal perspectives from breast cancer survivors from Fox Army Community Hospital and Huntsville Hospital will be offered.

Hispanic Heritage Month — The Hispanic Heritage Month Fiesta will be held Oct. 9 from 2-4 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711. The scheduled speaker is Art Murillo, founding executive director of the Hispanic Resource Center & Information Clearinghouse in Houston, Texas. The theme will be "Educational Excellence: Building Opportunities for our Youth." Also planned is music provided by Luis Treveno, and a food tasting.

Boating safety course — The Coast Guard Auxiliary in Huntsville is offering

a Boating Skills and Safety Class which starts at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 9 at Redstone Arsenal in Stillwell Hall, building 3305, room 115. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 890-2220 (days) or 830-6621 (evenings).

Just chillin' — Parents and youths are invited to the North Alabama "Just Chillin'" Night at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Von Braun Center Arena. Admission is free and there will be free food, door prizes and no homework. The doors open at 5; and so come hear the sounds of "A Female Dynamo Super Performer," Tanganyika. The presentation will feature performances by city and county high school students and guest speaker Tyrenda Williams, America's 1997 Junior Miss.

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PTA will hold its annual Fall Carnival from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 24 in the Williams School cafeteria. "The evening will be filled with food, fun and festivities for the young and young at heart," a prepared release said. "Come join the fun while supporting the Williams Elementary PTA and the children of our school." For more information, call Cindy Stevison 722-9167.

Benefit golf tournament— The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold its annual Pineapple Open Golf Tournament on Oct. 18 at Redstone Golf Course. Deadline to enter the four-person scramble will be Oct. 13. Cost is \$37 for Redstone course members, \$50 for non-Redstone course members. Entry fee includes golf, cart, door prizes, food and contributions. A portion of the entry fee is a tax-deductible char-

itable contribution. Prizes awarded for closest to the pin and longest drive. A new 1997 SC2 Saturn Coupe, donated by Saturn of Huntsville, will be the hole-in-one prize. Team prizes are determined by number of entries. Proceeds from this tournament help support the needs of the greater Huntsville And Redstone Arsenal area through the Officer and Civilian Women's Club. Entry forms can be found at the Redstone Golf Course; or for more information, call Linda Leonard 890-0771.

Child development services— Public notice is hereby given that Redstone Arsenal Child Development Services, which includes the Child Development Center, School-Age Services and Family Child Care, will sponsor the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the State Department of Education, Child and Adult

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Commissary day— The Commissary will be closed Oct. 22 for its annual Employee's Organizational Day. "This event affords the opportunity for commissary employees to receive needed training and to socialize and enjoy a day of fun-filled events that serve to build morale and team spirit," a prepared release said.

Town hall meeting— The next Redstone Arsenal Community Town Hall Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Oct. 7 in the Bicenten-

nial Chapel Assembly Room. Town hall meetings are open to all residents, retirees and employees authorized to use Redstone community facilities. Tentative topics include housing and VOQ renovation, fall planting, carpool/yard sale, fire prevention, hourly child care, quality of life non-housing renovation projects, and the New Parent Support Program. Team Redstone staff will be on hand to address questions or concerns from the community.

Found property— The following items were found adjacent to Pagano Gym on Snooper Road: weed eater, 10 inch, electric grass trimmer, yellow/green in color, and a Rockwell electric lawn edger, green in color. To claim this property the owner should contact the Provost Marshal Office, Investigations Section, building 3421 on Gray

Road, phone 876-2090/3449.

Logistics society— The International Society of Logistics, better known as SOLE, has installed the following newly-elected board members: Norm Myers, chairman; Louise W. Cooper, vice chair for administration; Anita Williams, vice chair for membership; Paul Smith, vice chair for operations; Jimmy Hill, vice chair for professional development; Jim Schaaf, vice chair for publicity; and Charles Slyker, vice chair for training. The appointed positions include Douglas Barclay, historian; James Sharp, managing editor of Challenger Newsletter; Emma Louise Cooper, recording secretary; Mark Hopple, sergeant at arms; and Col. Clifton Broderick, adviser. The Tennessee Valley Chapter is identifying all SOLE members who transferred from St. Louis.

If you transferred or want information about SOLE and membership, call Norm Myers 464-0583.

Masquerade ball— Big Brothers and Big Sisters of North Alabama invites you to its inaugural Halloween Masquerade Ball, Oct. 31 from 8 p.m. until midnight at the Huntsville Depot Roundhouse. Musical entertainment will be provided by Ground Level Sound. Tickets are \$25 in advance (\$30 at the door) and include heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer, cigars and costume prizes. Tickets can be purchased by credit card by calling Big Brothers/Big Sisters office 880-2123.

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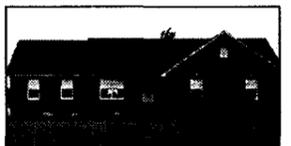
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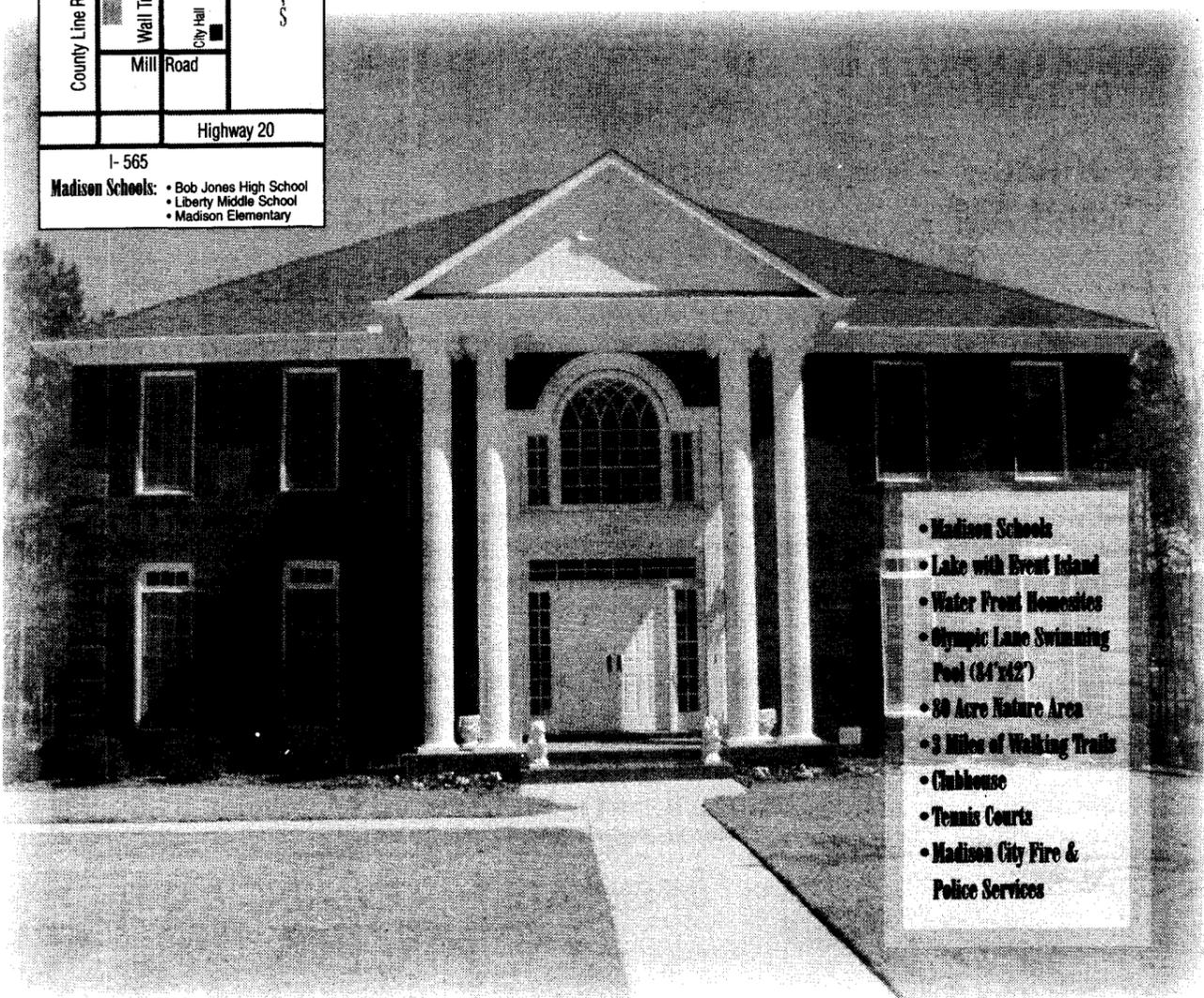
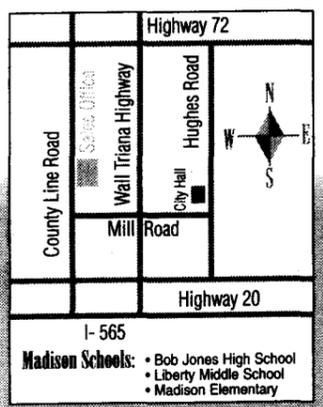
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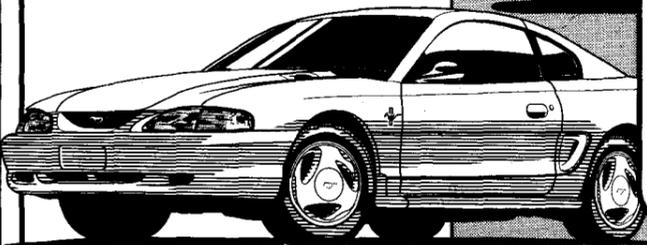
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