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Video cameras connect system experts with soldiers in field

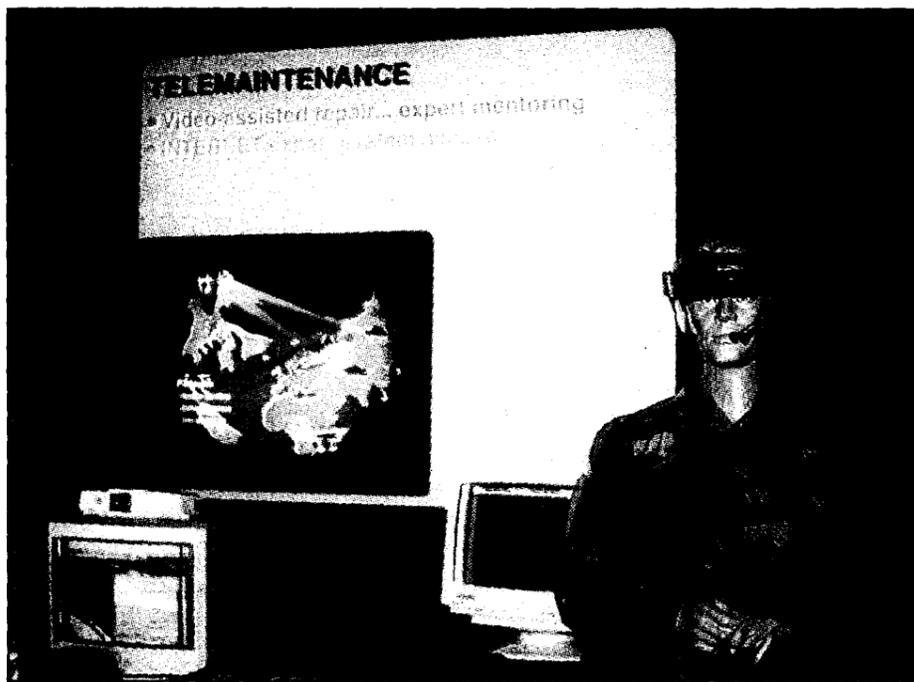
By Skip Vaughn

An Army tank breaks down in the field out in the middle of nowhere. It's not like the crew can call a local garage for help.

A new system managed by Redstone enables soldiers to transmit live images from the field to equipment experts elsewhere. The experts can tell them how to fix the hardware without having to travel to their site.

It's called telemaintenance. Right now the few users include Anniston Army Depot which is tied electronically with the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. They're using it to connect M1A1 battle tank users at Fort Irwin with equipment experts at the depot and logistics managers at Tank Automotive Command in Warren, Mich.

On Oct. 27 telemaintenance capability will be fielded with Patriot users at



TECHNOLOGY ON DISPLAY— Telemaintenance capabilities are exhibited at the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) 1996 convention in Washington, D.C.

the 2nd of the 43rd Air Defense Artillery Battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas. They will be tied with the Patriot system experts at Raytheon, the prime contractor at New

Bedford, Mass., and support center at Fort Bliss.

"Telemaintenance, in the broad sense, is technologies that assist maintainers in more effectively maintain-

ing their weapon systems," Kelvin Nunn, an engineer in the Logistics Laboratory at Integrated Materiel Management Center (IMMC), said. He serves as the tech-



PATRIOT RADAR— A soldier does repairs inside a Patriot radar while communicating visually and by audio with system experts elsewhere.

nical and team leader for telemaintenance.

Examples of telemaintenance include remote video capability where a maintainer can be prompted from a system expert located anywhere on troubleshooting or diagnostic procedures.

"In Patriot we're doing a test fielding as part of the Integrated Diagnostics Support System. We're fielding

this to a battalion of Patriots out of Fort Bliss. And then the Integrated Diagnostics Support System will be evaluated for its effectiveness; and if everything works well, it will be fielded to the rest of the Patriot fleets. There will be an independent evaluation of

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Study digests which Army meals really are ready to eat

By Dale James

In retrospect, the fact that you had to sign a release form promising in so many words not to sue anybody if you got sick — that and the fact this restaurant actually paid you to eat there — probably should have been a tipoff that this wasn't going to be a fine dining experience.

Actually, it wasn't a restaurant at all, but rather the Food Science Department on the campus of Alabama A&M University. More than three score people braved uncharted culinary territory recently to taste-test new MREs there.

Taste test

In military jargon, MRE

stands for Meals Ready to Eat. The soldiers who are expected to eat them have devised other, less charitable, interpretations of the MRE acronym. A number of participants in the Oct. 11 taste test were all too happy to share those alternate interpretations for those not already familiar with them.

Alas, Dr. John Anderson is all too familiar with most of them. But he got to hear most of them again, anyway. And, although he smiled politely at each new retelling, you could tell it hurt.

"I'd appreciate it," Anderson confided out of earshot of any taste-test participants, "if you didn't mention that stuff about

'road kill in a body bag' when you write your story. Everybody has heard that stuff already, and I don't think it's very helpful to just keep repeating it."

Our lips are sealed.

An associate professor at A&M, Anderson was in charge of the taste test. But don't call it a taste test. Officially, these things are

known as "sensory evaluations." Taste is just one criterion.

Participants graded each of five different samples on appearance, smell, taste, texture and overall acceptability.

"Over the last three years we've contracted to do several such sensory tests," Anderson said.

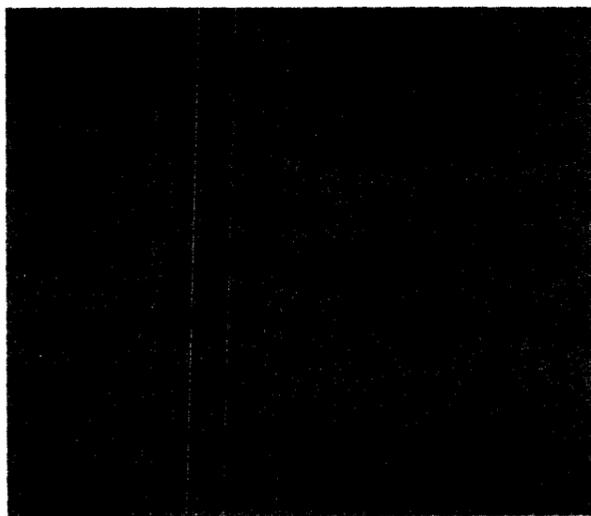
It's a thankless task. That's why the jokes still hurt so much. Sure, it's easy to take cheap shots at the way MREs taste. But you just try to come up with a meal that can survive extreme heat and cold and go everywhere a soldier goes and still be edible for up to three years and see if you can do any better.

The Food Science Department at A&M didn't actually concoct the MREs being tested. They merely contracted with the Army's Natick Research Development and Engineering Laboratories to conduct one of those sensory evaluations.

Together, A&M and the people at Natick are seeking to enhance the quality of military combat rations — specifically, in this case, chicken stew.

"This is a standard step in food product development," Anderson explained. "All food product goes through sensory testing at some point in its development. Military product is

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Letters To The Editor

Clean complaint

Like many, I was very pleased when I heard that the Service Center, Sparkman Center Complex, was going to have a cleaners (Sanders Cleaners). I have been pleased with the work performed by Sanders Cleaners until July. I took several articles of clothing to be cleaned around July 14. When I went to pick them up the next day, two dresses were not properly cleaned so I returned them. When they came back the second time, I accepted one of them, but returned the other. I went back three times before the other dress was finally returned to the service center. The dress looked clean, so I took it home and hung it in the closet. Approximately a week later, I put one of the dresses on and the dress fit fine, but the lining had shrunk. I then tried the other dress on and it didn't fit either. Both the dress and the lining had shrunk. I had worn both dresses the week before I sent them to the cleaners and they fit just fine. I was very disappointed that the dresses weren't clean and had to be returned (one of them twice), but to later find out that they no longer fit was even worse.

I went to the Service Center to complain and was told to call "Pat" at Sanders Cleaners. When I called, a lady answered and told me that Pat wasn't there. I left a message for him to call me. The next morning, I had a message on my answering machine that Pat had called. I was busy the remainder of the week and couldn't call him back. On Monday, Aug. 11, I called the cleaners and was told that Pat was on vacation but would be back on the 18th.

On Aug. 18, I called again. It was obvious the lady had told him why I was calling. He informed me that those dresses were just fine when they left the cleaners and that he was sure if I would just try on the dresses they would fit fine. He also told me that nylon lining could not be shrunk (I called several other cleaners in town and none of them would verify this statement). I told Pat I had tried on the dresses and they did not fit. It was obvious the lining did shrink (one of the dresses had been cleaned numerous times, even by Sanders). Both dresses are expensive "Donna Morgan" dresses. I would not be so concerned if they weren't. In any case, Pat proceeded to tell me that I was the only person who had complained about Sanders Cleaners. He also told me that he personally cleaned both my dresses and that he did all the cleaning for Sanders Cleaners himself. He really must be related to superman. If he comes in early, goes to breakfast around 8 a.m., and then leaves around 11 a.m. every day, as the lady that answered the phone says, he sure cleans a lot of clothes in a short time.

Bottom line, Sanders Cleaners refuses to do anything about the dresses and Pat was very rude and hateful to me. I know absolutely nothing about cleaning, but I do know my dresses no longer fit. Both dress labels specify dry cleaning only. Is it possible that the dresses were laundered in lieu of cleaning?

I've talked to the Sparkman Service Center management and I definitely am not the only person who has complained nor am I the only person who has had clothes ruined by Sanders. I urge each of you to let them know if you're not satisfied. My warning to anyone that uses Sanders Cleaners is that if they ruin anything, they will not make it right. I also want to make it clear that my complaint is with Sanders Cleaners not the service center. The service center folks have been very nice throughout this ordeal.

Kay Adams
IMMC

(Editor's note: We contacted Pat Galyean, the owner of Sanders Cleaners, by phone and read him your letter. "Well, I don't understand the lady and the dresses didn't draw up. And they were properly cleaned," he said. "I

do my work and I do all the cleaning here; and we're a topnotch cleaners. I will pay for some (items) if I damage it. There was no damage to them and the dresses are absolutely fine; and there's absolutely nothing I'll do about it."

Teamwork

How does one manage a massive move and immediate growth potential in a local organization? The key will be to rely on the existing talent in the work force to make this a smooth transition. Teamwork is the key. By working together today, we will build a better tomorrow.

Most organizations want workers who are responsible, dedicated, and committed to their jobs. However, a majority of employers have a tendency to teach the skills to accomplish a job, when there is a person with the right attitude and ethic skills on board. Being able to be a team player is so important. Prepare yourself to be that person.

Every job is crucial because everyone is working at a faster pace and the IMMC needs productivity out of everyone to meet the AMCOM objectives. Most of the IMMC work force have been team players their entire federal careers. Some of my co-workers; however, sit and watch, not contributing to the team effort. This has been tough to take, especially in the IMMC, where we have been losing spaces, people and experience by each early-out processed. These early retirements make me work harder to get better qualified to contribute and support the team in some form or fashion. Therefore, every job, no matter how simple or small, is important.

New growth and changes in the way we do business are often seen as a threat to the organization and individual well-being. For decades most of us believed that a healthy economy and a strong growth in business could satisfy our needs and wants of a livelihood. Doing business a new way requires both the government and private sectors to streamline because the world and technology are being replaced at a pace never before experienced. Therefore, the government and businesses of the '90s and beyond requires everyone that is faced with new requirements and responsibilities to improve themselves to meet the objectives of the 21st century. I believe all of us can benefit personally and professionally by enhancing our skills and knowledge for future assignments.

In the recent reorganization, the final count of civilian spaces impact is not known. Most of the time when people are caught up in a military relocation program, only approximately 30 percent of the people move. However, the merge of MICOM and ATCOM brought over 1,300 people with families to Alabama. This is good news for Redstone Arsenal and the surrounding communities, but it also brings a challenge for management to find funds to accomplish this task and train the worker for new duties. The time is now for all of us to apply ourselves for the future.

Work teams have been assigned the responsibility to develop and analyze the organizational concepts to determine specific manpower requirements to meet AMCOM objectives for the present and future. Make yourself available to share your time, talents and experience by participating in special projects, classroom courses or train co-workers in the skills you possess. It does not make a difference how many positions are created by a strong growth, if the wage you receive keeps you stationary on the treadmill of life. To move forward you must keep yourself trained and not afraid to accept new responsibilities to enhance your federal career.

Jimmy Harbin
IMMC

Commander's letter: Red Ribbon Week drug awareness drive

During the week of Oct. 23-31, the Aviation and Missile Command will again actively support the National Red Ribbon Week drug awareness campaign. For the past nine years the Department of the Army has supported and encouraged military communities to become actively involved in this effort because it provides an opportunity to present a unified and visible commitment toward the goal of a drug-free America.

Redstone Arsenal will join with people from all walks of life throughout the nation who will be displaying red ribbons and participating in their individual communities in planned drug awareness activities. Our participation symbolically shows our support for continued vigilance in the effort to reduce the demand for drugs. It is an opportunity for us to demonstrate to our youth the importance of choosing drug-free, healthy lifestyles.

Our campaign motto this year is "Force of the Future—Drug Free." Our ability to continue our tradition of excellence demands that we succeed in achieving this goal. I urge all members of the AMCOM community to join the campaign. Red ribbons will be available throughout the community or can be obtained from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Office, building 3204, Little John Road, phone 876-2990.

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson
Commander,
AMCOM and Redstone

Aviation projects yield four contract awards

Year-end efforts resulted in the award of four contracts funded by the Reliability, Maintainability and Supportability (RMS) program and two contracts funded by the Operating and Support Cost Reduction (OSCR) program. The six projects are projected to have net savings in excess of \$248 million over the next 10 years.

The four RMS projects and investment for each were: OH-58 Mast Mounted Sight Central Power Supply (\$827,000); AH-64 Target Acquisition Designation System Azimuth Drive Actuator Improvement (\$212,000); AH-64 Pilot Night Vision System Elevation Belt Assembly (\$88,000); and the AH-64 Day Shroud Harness Modification (\$117,000). Ten-

year net savings from the four projects are estimated at \$71.580 million.

This was the first year of funding for the RMS program with AMCOM receiving a total of \$1.244 million of the \$21 million available for Army initiatives. Projects must compete with all other projects submitted with only the most promising ones receiving funds. The program funds projects which are designed to improve the reliability and maintainability of depot level repairables.

The other contracted projects are the UH-60 Engine Component Retirement for Cause (\$2.961M) and the AH-64 Main Rotor Blade Spar Repair (\$504,000). Anticipated savings from the two initiatives are \$176.972 million.

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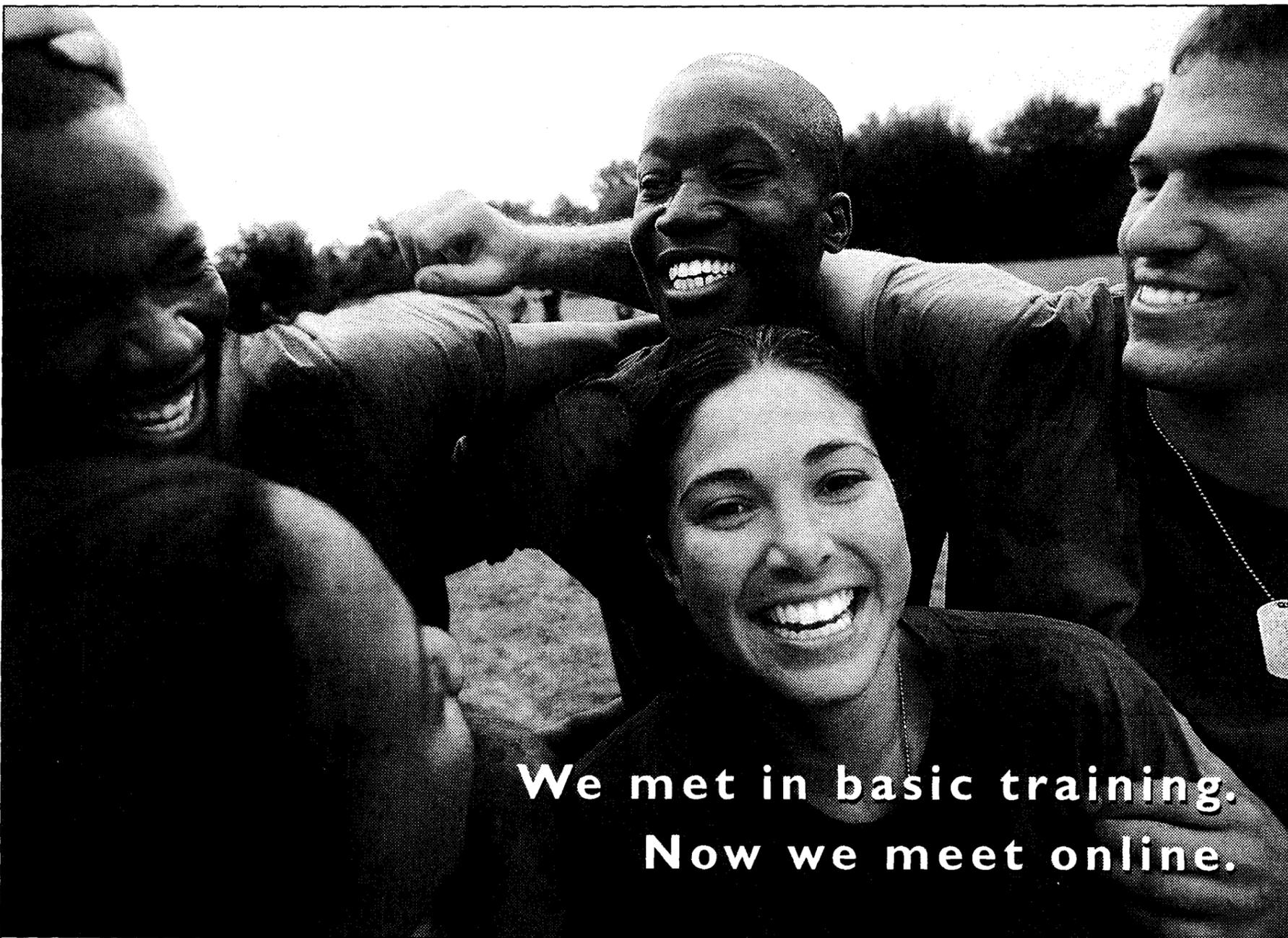
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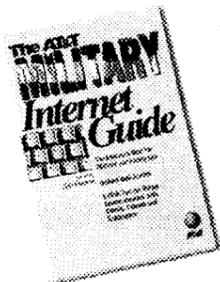
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Federal workers donate valuable time to annual area charity campaign

By Dale James

Charles Scott doesn't mince words when it comes to the worth of Combined Federal Campaign volunteers.

"Without volunteers," declared Scott, "the Combined Federal Campaign wouldn't work. It would cost too much to raise the money."

Scott is vice president of the 1997 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign. As the agent for the Principal Combined Fund Organization (PCFO), the voluntary organization selected to manage the campaign, he is also the only non-federal campaign worker and the only one who is paid.

"All the rest," Scott added, "are volunteers."

"Without volunteers, the Combined Federal Campaign wouldn't work. It would cost too much to raise the money."

— Charles Scott
CFC vice president

There are literally hundreds of CFC volunteers. Within each of the 37 area federal agencies that participate in the CFC each year, there are solicitors, who call on people one on one and assist in filling out pledge cards; monitors; and financial chairs.

Assisting them are nine loaned executives, federal employees who have been "loaned" to the CFC for the duration of the campaign, which runs from Sept. 29 through Nov. 7.

effort to create interest in the campaign.

"Last year," recalled Scott, "we had an agency that brought in a dance group from the senior center."

Ken McCormick is a staff engineer at the Missile and Space Intelligence Center. He also serves as a financial chair for this year's campaign. This is his first year as a CFC volunteer.

"I've always given to the CFC," McCormick said, "so when they asked me to be

the financial chair I said sure."

Among the activities McCormick helped to organize for fellow MSIC employees were bus tours of several local CFC-approved agencies.

"The tours were well received," McCormick said. "You get to learn about the different agencies, what they do and how the money they receive from CFC helps them accomplish their mission."

While special fund-raising activities help to raise money and stimulate interest in the campaign, the backbone of each campaign are the individual pledges — the vast majority of which are made by payroll deduction.

Jan Sigman is a claims representative at the Huntsville office of the Social Security Administration. She's also a veteran CFC supporter and volunteer. And she's a strong advocate of the payroll deduction option.

"I've been giving to the CFC since I came in with the federal government in 1976, and I've been a volunteer since 1984," Sigman said. "I like it because it's a once-a-year thing, and you're not bothered with people soliciting all year long."

"And I like having payroll deduction because it's a

totally painless way to give. You don't see that money, so you don't even feel it."

Because of the nature of their work, Sigman said she and her fellow employees understand better than most the need that exists for the services provided by many CFC-approved agencies.

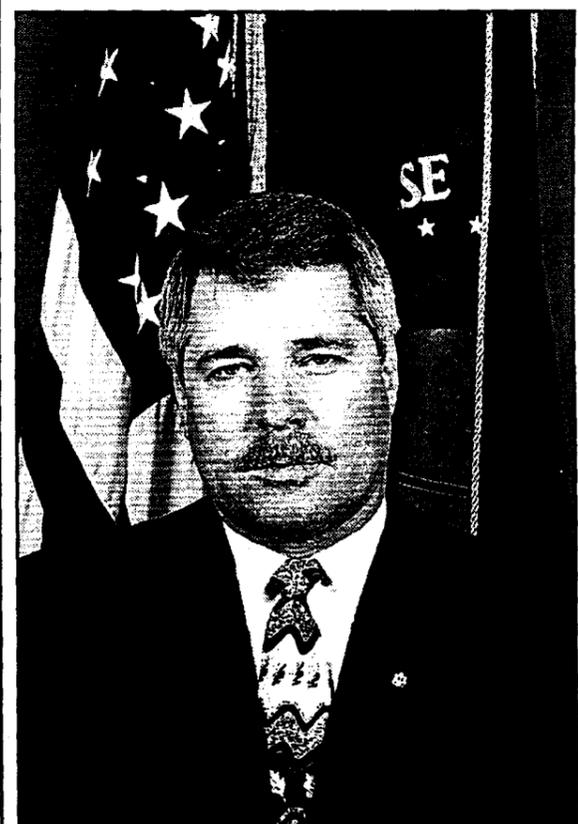
"Look," she said, "we're a public service agency. We're on the front lines here. In fact, I use the catalog of CFC agencies as a resource guide for people who come in here to file claims."

She told of how, as part of this year's campaign, her fellow workers invited a representative from Hope Place to speak.

"She had a tape of a little 5-year-old girl placing a 9-1-1 call. In the background you can hear her mother being physically abused. It's things like that that just tug at your heart strings," Sigman said.

Sigman said the CFC is important for another reason.

"Charity is big business," she explained. "Through the CFC we raise over \$1 million locally each year. I think that says a lot for the government workers in this area. And I think it sends a strong message to those people who still think we don't do anything but sit around with our feet up all day."



THOMPSON

MSIC safety officer elected council chairman for

Robert Thompson, safety officer for the Missile and Space Intelligence Center, has been elected chairman of the Central Southeast Federal Safety and Health Council for 1997-98.

The council was chartered in 1994 by the secretary of labor under the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The charter empowers the council to assist participating federal establishments in providing safe and healthful places and conditions of employment.

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CENTCOM's Hall named sergeant major of the Army by chief

WASHINGTON— On Oct. 13, CSM Robert E. Hall was named to be the 11th sergeant major of the Army. Hall's assignment is effective immediately.

Army Chief of staff Gen. Dennis J. Reimer announced Hall's selection during the Sergeants Major Conference at the 1997 annual meeting of the Association of the U.S. Army here.

Hall told about 100 NCOs gathered for the conference that the chief of staff has upheld the NCO corps as the backbone of the Army.

"He expressed great confidence in the ability of NCOs to do that," Hall said. "I promise to dedicate 100 percent of my time, effort, energy and prayers for you and for the soldiers in the Army."

"I'm absolutely humbled by this opportunity. I ask you in the next few days to seek me out, tell me what your concerns are. We'll work this together ... that's the way I intend to work it, I haven't forgotten where I come from."

Hall succeeds CSM Gene C. McKinney, recently reassigned to the Military District of Washington.

In announcing Hall's selection, Reimer said the number of NCOs qualified for the assignment made the decision a difficult one, saying, "That's a tribute to the quality of the NCO Corps."

The chief also thanked Command Sgts. Maj. Jerry T. Alley Jr., U.S. Army Forces Command, and James C. McKinney, Training and Doctrine Command, for standing in as acting SMA over the last eight months.

"This is not a part time job," Reimer said, adding that he "cannot be more pleased by the performance of both NCOs."

Hall will be Reimer's personal adviser on all

enlisted-related matters, particularly in areas affecting soldier training and quality of life. As the Army's senior enlisted representative, he will be an extension of Reimer's eyes and ears and will provide him an enlisted perspective on issues.

The SMA devotes the majority of his time traveling throughout the Army observing training, and talking to soldiers and their families. He sits on a wide variety of councils and boards that make decisions affecting enlisted soldiers and their families and is routinely invited to testify before Congress.

Reimer said the overriding factor in his decision to appoint a new Sergeant Major of the Army at this time is the well-being of soldiers.

"The soldiers of the United States Army deserve a full-time sergeant major of the Army who can forcefully serve as an advocate for their interests," Reimer said, "and advise Army leadership on all matters pertaining to enlisted soldiers."

For the past three years, Hall has served as command sergeant major for the U.S. Central Command at MacDill AFB in Florida. He is a 29-year veteran and a graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy's class 26 at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Included in his awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters.

Hall and his wife, Carole, have three children, Mrs. Apra Rose of Hinesville, Ga., Rea and Jason. (Arnews)

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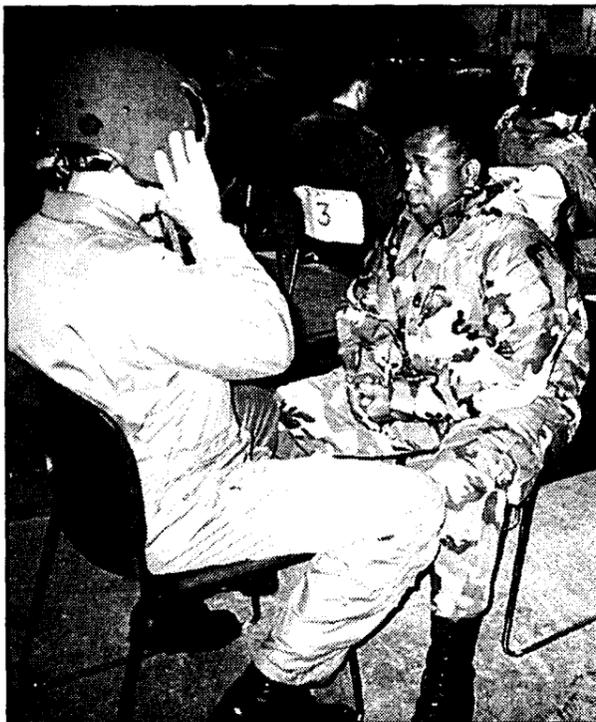
Army aviators getting new and improved helmet

Army aviators as far north as Fairbanks, Alaska, have received the latest headgear.

Fielding of the new aviator's helmet, the HGU-56/P, took a team to Fort Wainwright, Alaska, in August. Members included Karen Thompson, logistics manager for PM Aircrew Integrated Systems; Ray Whitaker, logistics support contractor with LME; and SFC Lonnie Stanford, IMMC, TPF Branch. On Aug. 26 they began inventory, fitting and fielding of the new helmet at Fort Wainwright.

Aviators from Fort Richardson and Fort Greely flew into Fort Wainwright to get training and pick up their helmets and repair parts. CIF personnel, Marge Gallentine and Robert Shriver assisted with clothing records while CWO 2 David Crooker, ALSE officer, provided people to assist with inventory, measure and fit aviators.

"Aviators were sched-



FITTING SESSION— An aviator tries on the new helmet while Stanford looks on.

uled for fitting each day by unit," Thompson said. "Most seemed very anxious and pleased to be getting a new, lighter and safer helmet. Approximately 200 helmets were fitted during three days and the repair parts were divided among

the three Alaska locations." The HGU-56/P helmet replaces the SPH-4 and 4B aviator's helmet. More than 6,000 HGU-56/P helmets have been fielded to active Army units with fielding expected to be completed by June 1998.

Contracting-out studies slated for TMDE and CIC

The Aviation and Missile Command intends to conduct a three-year study of several functions within its Test, Measurement, and Diagnostic Equipment Activity to determine if it would be more cost effective to contract out for the work.

This command also intends to conduct an 18-month study of several functions within its Corporate Information Center to determine if it would be more cost effective to contract out those services.

The TMDE study will consist of a detailed cost-comparison analysis of 787 positions related to calibration of test, measurement and diagnostic equipment (TMDE) in the Primary Standards Laboratory at Redstone Arsenal and in its TMDE Support Regions at various military installations and depots worldwide. The study will consider 132 positions here.

The Corporate Information Center study will consist of a multifunction, detailed cost-comparison analysis of 24 CIC positions related to electronic communications equipment, visual information support and records storage, and administrative services.

Both studies will be conducted in compliance with Section 2461 of OMB Circular A-76 and will include an in-house cost

estimate for these functions based on a most efficient and cost effective organization.

A later decision whether or not to contract out for these services will be made only after the cost-comparison analysis is completed and only if the solicitation of firm bids/offers indicates that contracting is more cost effective to the government. The Army will announce the results of the cost comparison when the study is completed.

Should contracting prove to be more economical, displaced employees will be given the right of first refusal for employment openings with the contractor in positions for which they are qualified. Displaced career and career-conditions employees will be registered in the priority placement program and will be offered preferential consideration with the Department of Defense and other federal agencies for vacancies for which they are qualified. Other placement assistance may also be provided through retraining for other federal jobs, soliciting the cooperation of other federal agencies in accepting employee referrals, and requesting assistance from the Department of Labor and state employment services in locating positions in private industry.

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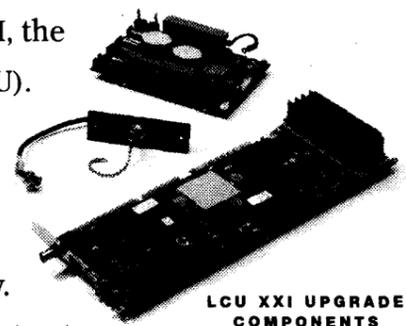
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Thrift Shop proceeds help local community agencies

By Debra Valine

Everybody loves a bargain. It's hard to resist getting the item you want at a greatly reduced price. When you shop at the Redstone Arsenal Thrift Shop, that's what you get. Bargains. And the proceeds go to help financially-needy organizations.

"This is the best store on the Arsenal," said Kathryn Barthold, a regular Thrift Shop customer. "It is where everybody should shop first, particularly if you have grandchildren. We keep drawers at home filled with clothes we buy at the Thrift Shop for each of our nine grandchildren."

"Most thrift shops are an extension of the Officers Wives Club or the NCO Wives Club," said Nancy Goss, the manager of the Thrift shop at Redstone Arsenal for more than five years. "They sponsor scholarship programs for military family members. We are not extensions of those clubs. We do give to the Space and Rocket Center for their scholarship program, but we concentrate on anyone who falls under the 501(C)3 guidelines put out by the Internal Revenue Service."

Goss explained that the 501(C)3 basically includes any agency that is not government- or federally-funded. "If they have access to federal funds, we cannot assist them." She said the



PICKING UP DIRT— David Webster and Jom Sum Webster shop for a vacuum cleaner at the Thrift Shop.

IRS spells out that these agencies can include those with educational purposes, schools, social and recreational clubs. She said the Thrift Shop gives money to several local churches, Meals on Wheels, Christmas Charities, and Army Community Service's family assistance programs. She said the IRS is very specific about who can receive the funds. To date for 1997 the Thrift Shop has given \$19,153.97 to 76 local agencies.

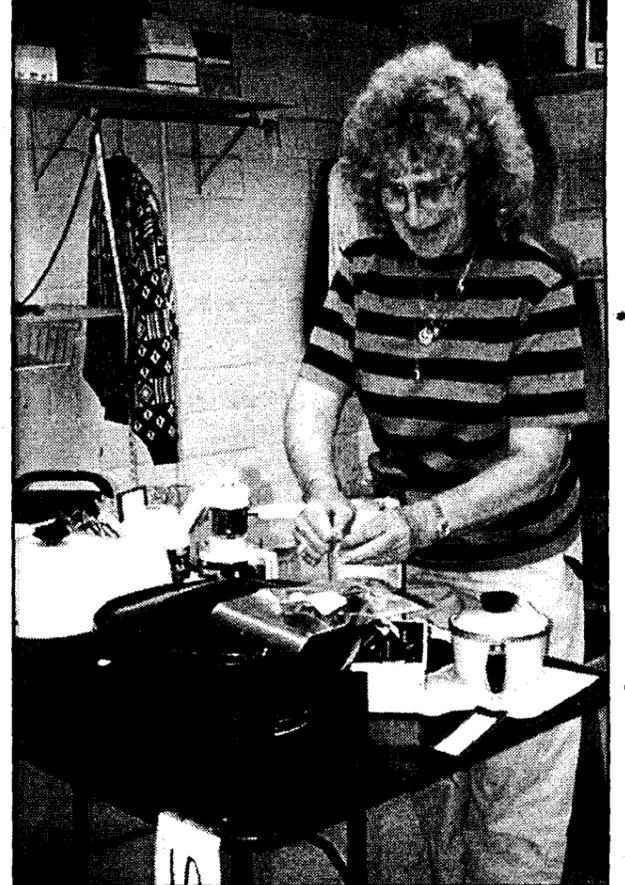
"We give out financial assistance quarterly, and we are approaching the last

quarter of the calendar year," Goss said. "When an organization applies for money, they have to tell us what the money will be used for; we keep their request on file in case the IRS contacts us."

According to Goss, the application process is simple. An agency sends in a letter of request, the letter addresses what the money will be used for, how much money the agency is requesting, and who gets the check. The deadline for this quarter is Oct. 31. After the Thrift Shop receives the requests, the committee

meets in November to review the requests and decides who will get money for that quarter. The checks are presented in December.

"If these organizations plan ahead and submit their requests ahead of time, we could better plan," Goss



TAGGING IT— Evelyn Sherman tags items being consigned at the Thrift Shop.

said. "For instance, if an organization knows it will need money in the spring, they should apply now so that we have time to process the request instead of wait-

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Here are the energy contest rules

This contest is open to anyone who works or lives on Redstone Arsenal except DPW employees and members of the AMCOM Energy Team.

Two bicycles will be awarded to the winners. The first place winner may choose which of the two bikes he or she wants.

All entries must be received by the AMCOM Energy Office no later than noon Oct. 30. Entries may be hand carried to room

209, building 111; hand carried to the Sparkman Information Desk, building 5300; faxed to 955-8456; or e-mailed to osborn@redstone.army.mil

Entry forms may be reproduced locally. Additional forms may be obtained from the Energy Office, room 213, building 111, phone 876-0110.

The winners will be two with the most correct answers. In the event of a tie, the winners will be

selected by a drawing.

Kenny Barton, the PX manager, will announce the winners at 11 a.m. Nov. 4 in the hallway outside the Sparkman Center Cafeteria, building 5302. If there is a tie for either first or second place, a drawing will be held at that time. You need not be present to win.

Test your energy IQ with this contest

Answer the following questions and return your contest entry to the Energy Office:

1. What waste product is the easiest to recycle?
a. Paper b. Aluminum
c. Plastic d. Steel
2. What waste product is recycled most?
a. Paper b. Aluminum
c. Plastic d. Steel
3. The U.S. generates more than half its electricity from what energy source?
a. Coal b. Natural Gas
c. Nuclear material d. Oil
4. In what city do we find the largest building-mounted photovoltaic (PV) system today? PV technology converts the sun's energy into electricity.
a. Phoenix b. Houston
c. Atlanta d. San Diego
5. What country produces the most coal?
a. Russia b. United States
c. China d. Great Britain
6. Which country is the world's second largest crude oil exporter after Saudi Arabia?
a. Kuwait b. Norway
c. Mexico d. Russia
7. What country is no longer a member of OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries)?
a. Qatar b. Ecuador
c. Venezuela d. Indonesia
8. Which state is sometimes referred to as "The Saudi Arabia of Wind Energy?"
a. North Dakota b. Nebraska
c. Kansas d. Oklahoma
9. In U.S. commercial buildings, for what is electricity used most?
a. Heating b. Cooling
c. Lighting c. Computers
10. By the year 2010, energy consumption will increase the most in which sector?
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Everyone has the power to help save energy resources

By Morton Archibald

Soon after World War II ended, New Zealander Tom Nealey sailed to a remote island in the South Pacific. He lived there for seven years using only energy he produced himself. He punched no time clock, he followed no schedule and he had no boss. That almost seems like an ideal life.

Who among us does not admire the Amish for their pure lifestyle? Except for a little kerosene for lighting, they use only energy which they produce themselves or which they harness from their farm animals. (Remember the movie "Witness"?)

As much as we might admire the idea of living all by ourselves on some tropical paradise, as much as we admire the Amish, few of us would like to live with no source of external energy for very long. We wake up each morning to music from a clock radio or to a soft, electronic beep. We cook our breakfast in microwaves and drink coffee from our electric coffee makers. We drive to work in vehicles which consume fossil fuels every mile we drive which were produced with no small amount of energy along roadways which were built with no small energy outlay. We work in brilliantly lit cubicles or offices usually using computers, faxes, telephones and a variety of other energy consuming devices. When the power goes out, all work stops. We go home to cook again, watch TV and listen to the stereo. We depend on energy for our very existence.

Another harsh reality is that our current energy sources are dwindling. Dinosaurs are no longer dying to make new oil sources. Coal is a finite

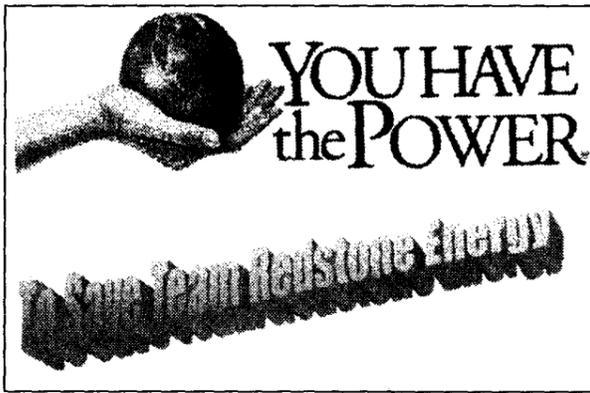
supply. Atomic power has special environmental considerations. We have plenty of energy resources to last our lifetime and that of our children, but what about our grandchildren? What about their children?

With few adjustments, we can maintain the lifestyle to which we have become accustomed and still conserve enough to meet the needs of future generations.

The president has mandated that the government lead the way in conserving energy for future travelers aboard "Spaceship Earth." Executive Order 12902 mandates that government facilities reduce energy consumption by 30 percent from the 1985 baseline by 2005. Through replacement of inefficient facilities, renovation of existing equipment, and energy awareness Redstone Arsenal is below our established glide path.

President Bill Clinton announced an initiative of placing a million solar energy systems on the roofs of American homes, businesses, schools and government buildings by 2010. Solar systems—once limited to the American Southwest—are now viable in most of the United States. Atlanta is considering setting a goal of being known as "The Solar City." An interactive teleconference on Oct. 29 will detail the solar initiative.

AMCOM has established an energy team with three engineers from the Directorate of Public Works and the energy monitors from the Arsenal's 10 biggest energy users. The team met for the first time by direction of the DPW, but members decided on their own to continue meeting. The Energy Team will focus on simple, practical things that Team Redstone members can do to save



energy. The team will also prepare accurate input for the Energy Awareness Group which Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, AMCOM commander, chairs.

DPW has initiated a number of energy conserving projects that have already reduced consumption at Redstone Arsenal.

We will continue in these efforts, but the best energy saving initiatives can be offset by careless workers or by those who do not understand how systems work. The Energy Team will help ensure that building occupants use new systems to their maximum potential.

Gibson's "Commander's

Letter" of Aug. 28 offered us five simple things we can do to save energy. Anyone who works in an office at Redstone can use these to reduce our energy consumption. Little individual savings add up quickly with as many office workers as we have at Redstone.

You have the power to save Army energy here at Redstone.

- Try your hand at the Energy IQ Contest. It is open to anyone who works or lives on Redstone Arsenal or Marshall Space Flight Center. The Post Exchange has donated two display bicycles with minor defects. One is a mountain bike, and the other is a hybrid bike. The Spring City Cycling

Club—105 years old this year—is repairing the bicycles to ensure they are in peak condition and will donate helmets. Both bicycles are suitable for commuting to work. See the contest rules on page 10.

- Read Gibson's "Commander's Letter" (Oct. 8 issue of the *Redstone Rocket*) and see how many of the "five simple things" you can use to save energy.

- Suggest other ideas and report obvious energy waste by calling the Energy Hotline at 876-0110.

Working together, we can make a difference.

(Editor's note: Archibald is the team leader of the AMCOM Energy Team.)

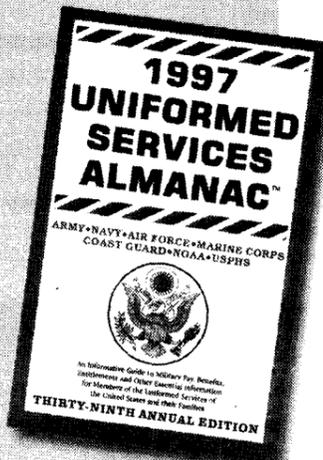


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Counselors play a vital role in the EEO program as they establish an open channel through which employees may raise questions, discuss problems and obtain answers relative to Title VII issues on an informal basis. Title VII issues include discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, sex (to include sexual harassment), national origin, age or handicap.

The counselor serves as a bridge between the employee and management, and is responsible for gathering facts and assisting the employee in the resolution of situations which have been interpreted as discriminatory. The counselor should possess the characteristics of empathy, objectivity, resourcefulness, honesty and a personal commitment to promote equal job opportunity for all persons. A counselor should be able to communicate effectively with persons of different races, sexes, national origins, ages and economic, cultural and educational backgrounds.

Counselors are expected to communicate with persons of different levels, including those who hold key management positions in the command. They must gather and analyze a variety of pertinent facts and opinions concerning controversial issues, submit a clear and concise report with solid recommendations, and act equitably in arriving at problem resolution.

Prospective counselors will be interviewed by the EEO staff. If selected, the employee and his or her organization will be notified of the selection. New counselors are required to attend the Basic (five-day) Counselor's Course. The course is conducted at this installation with no cost involved. Satisfactory completion will result in Department of Army certification.

Interested employees should contact their supervisor. Nominations are being accepted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, (AMSAM-EO), building 5300, room 5130. For more information, call Becky Miller 876-8946 or Kate Love 876-8015.

Mills takes reins of Marine Reserve unit in Huntsville with ceremony October 3

Maj. William Mills III assumed command of Kilo Battery, 4th Battalion, 14th Marines, Huntsville, in a ceremony Oct. 3 at the Marine Corps Reserve Training Center.

Mills succeeded Maj. Thomas Giovanelli who commanded the unit for two years. Giovanelli, a Birmingham resident, will become the fire direction officer at 4th Battalion, 14th Marines in Bessemer.

Giovanelli said the tradition of excellence within the unit and the creation of outstanding young Marine NCOs will continue under Mills' direction. Giovanelli is employed as an investment officer with AmSouth Bank in Birmingham.

Mills has served two years as executive officer of Kilo Battery. "I'm excited about the challenge before me and I look forward to carrying on the tradition of excellence through leadership," he said. Mills is a self-employed contractor in Cordova, Tenn.



COMMAND CHANGE— Giovanelli, center, receives the battery colors from the battery first sergeant prior to presenting them to Mills, right, during the change of command ceremony.

Capt. Michael T. Ford is the new executive officer. Although originally from Huntsville, he now resides in

Tampa, Fla. Ford served as an enlisted Marine during the mid- to late- 1980s in Kilo Battery before receiving his

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Veterinary clinic serves pets within military families

By Debra Valine

Many of today's families include pets. When the families travel from one installation to another, the pets travel along with them. The veterinarian at Redstone Arsenal Veterinary Treatment Facility wants to remind everyone that they have seven days to register their pets once they arrive here.

"You have to register your pets with the veterinary treatment facility within seven days of your arrival," said Dr. (Capt.) Tim Williams, the post veterinarian. "And after that, it is an annual requirement to verify registration. One reason we require this is that stray animals are brought to us. If the pet has been registered with us and is wearing a tag, we can contact the owners. We are only allowed to keep stray pets three days before we have to do something with them. If you have a lost pet, you should check with us first."

Another reason for keeping track of pets is that the public health mission of the vet facility keeps track of zoonotic diseases — those diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans. The facility handles rabies prevention and tracks bite and scratch reports.

"Taking care of the animals is what gets all the attention, but it is really the smallest part of our mission," said Williams, who also travels to Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., to treat animals there. "If you are authorized treatment at military medical treatment

facilities, then you are authorized to use the vet clinic as well. Military working dogs, mascots and government-owned horses get first priority for treatment."

Military veterinarians are not new. There have been veterinarians associated with the military since cavalry days when farriers would take care of the horses. Since that time, the role of the military veterinarian has changed to include taking care of family pets, food inspection and veterinarian public health. According to Williams, the Army is the only service that currently has veterinarians on staff. He said the veterinarians are DoD executive agents and they are subject to being stationed anywhere.

"The majority of people in vet services are actually food inspectors," said Sgt. Kenneth Edmonds, a trained food inspector at Redstone. "On an Army installation, the food inspectors check operational rations (MREs), troop issue, food vendors, commissary stock and commercial inspections. For the other services, the Army provides the initial inspection and then the preventive medicine personnel take over."

The vet clinic, which is operated by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division, is open five days a week at building 3543. The hours are Monday from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday 8-11 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. The clinic is closed weekends and holidays. Animals may be seen by appointment only. The clinic also runs an evening

vaccination clinic once a month from 4-6 p.m.

Services available include vaccinations, parasite control, health certificates, limited outpatient treatment and pet adoption. No surgical or emergency services are available for privately owned pets. In case of emergency, you should contact a civilian veterinarian of your choice. Likewise, there are no boarding facilities at the veterinary treatment facility.

To schedule an appointment or find out more about the services offered by the veterinary treatment facility, call 876-2441 or stop by the facility.



LET ME SEE— Spec. Anthony Caudill and Dean Durning hold chocolate labrador retriever on a recent visit to the Redstone Veterinary Treatment Facility. Williams checks the ears of the

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Chapel stained-glass window a tribute to POWs, MIAs

By Dale James

It's not your typical stained-glass window.

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Retired Col. Art Ousley is just as direct, just as blunt in his explanation of what it all means.

"If you haven't been there," growled Ousley, "you don't understand. You can't really feel for it. Well, those of us who have been there, we don't forget things like that. We don't forget friends. We don't forget comrades. We don't forget our POWs and MIAs.

"And we don't forget what those people went through."

Ousley is president of the Bicentennial Chapel Society Historical Society, which raised the money not only for this final, most provocative window but for all the stained-glass windows in the chapel.

Most depict scenes honoring America's original 13 colonies. In the front of the chapel is a depiction of a scene familiar to every school-age child, Gen. George Washington's famous crossing of the Delaware River during the long dark night of the winter at Valley Forge.

Ousley recalled how the group arrived at a theme for this latest effort.

"We made a study with Chaplain William McAllister, who was chaplain at the



DEDICATION PLANNED— This stained-glass window at Bicentennial Chapel will be dedicated Nov. 10.

time, about what best we could do with the funds we had left. We decided on a theme honoring the POWs and MIAs from our last three really big conflicts — World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

"There were some of us — quite a few, actually — who had friends — very close friends — who had been either POWs or MIAs in those wars. In fact, one of my very dearest friends was in the (Bataan) Death March."

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul Vicalvi, Redstone Arsenal's current chaplain, will help to dedicate the new window

Nov. 10 during the 10 a.m. worship service, when it will be officially presented to AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson.

He attempted to explain the power that the POW-MIA theme still exerts over those in the military.

"I think," Vicalvi said, "for those in the military, just to know it is still a concern if we were ever to go to war again is a comfort. Just to know there's no cutoff date on people's concern, that people are always going to be concerned ... I think it helps."

Flu shots prescribed for staying healthy throughout the year

Did you know that a flu shot can keep you on the job? According to a New England Journal of Medicine research article published in October 1995, employees who get flu shots in October or early November have 25 percent fewer episodes of upper respiratory illnesses than those who do not get a flu shot. They also take 43 percent fewer days of sick leave from work and make 44 percent fewer visits to the doctor for respiratory illnesses.

The article's conclusion: "Vaccination against influenza has substantial health and economic benefits for healthy, working adults. All people who wish to avoid illness are encouraged to consider vaccination."

Influenza can lead to serious complications. But even if there are no complications, it sure does make you feel bad. It can temporarily put you out of commission and land you flat on your back. Common sense preventive measures include frequent hand washing, keeping fingers away from eyes and nose, not sharing eating and drinking utensils, and when possible, avoiding direct contact with cold and flu germs.

There are two antiviral agents on the market that are effective only against Influenza A. Please note, they are no substitute for the flu vaccine. However, these agents can be used as an adjunct to vaccinate high-risk persons during the time it takes to develop protection following vaccination, and in unvaccinated persons, reduce the spread of infection. Antiviral agents are also used for those with flu shot contraindications.

Each year, 20 to 30 percent of the population get the flu. There is no vaccine for

the common cold, but fortunately there is for influenza. Who should receive the vaccine? People at high risk for flu and its serious complications, such as individuals 65 years of age or older and anyone who has a serious long-term health problem with heart or lung disease. Healthy individuals who want to decrease the likelihood of flu should receive the vaccine, too. The people of earlier epidemics and pandemics could certainly have benefited from vaccinations. Today, we have the flu vaccine, let's put it to good use!

- This year, the flu vaccine will be given at the Post Theater, building 3712.
- Immunizations for active duty soldiers only is Oct. 29 from 5 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Military retirees, family members (ages 17 and up), and DoD civilians: Oct. 30 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Oct. 31, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Nov. 3, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Nov. 4, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Nov. 5, 7-noon.
- Evening hours for family members (ages 17 and up), retirees, and DoD civilians at Fox Army Community Hospital: Oct. 30, Nov. 3 and Nov. 4 from 5-7 p.m.

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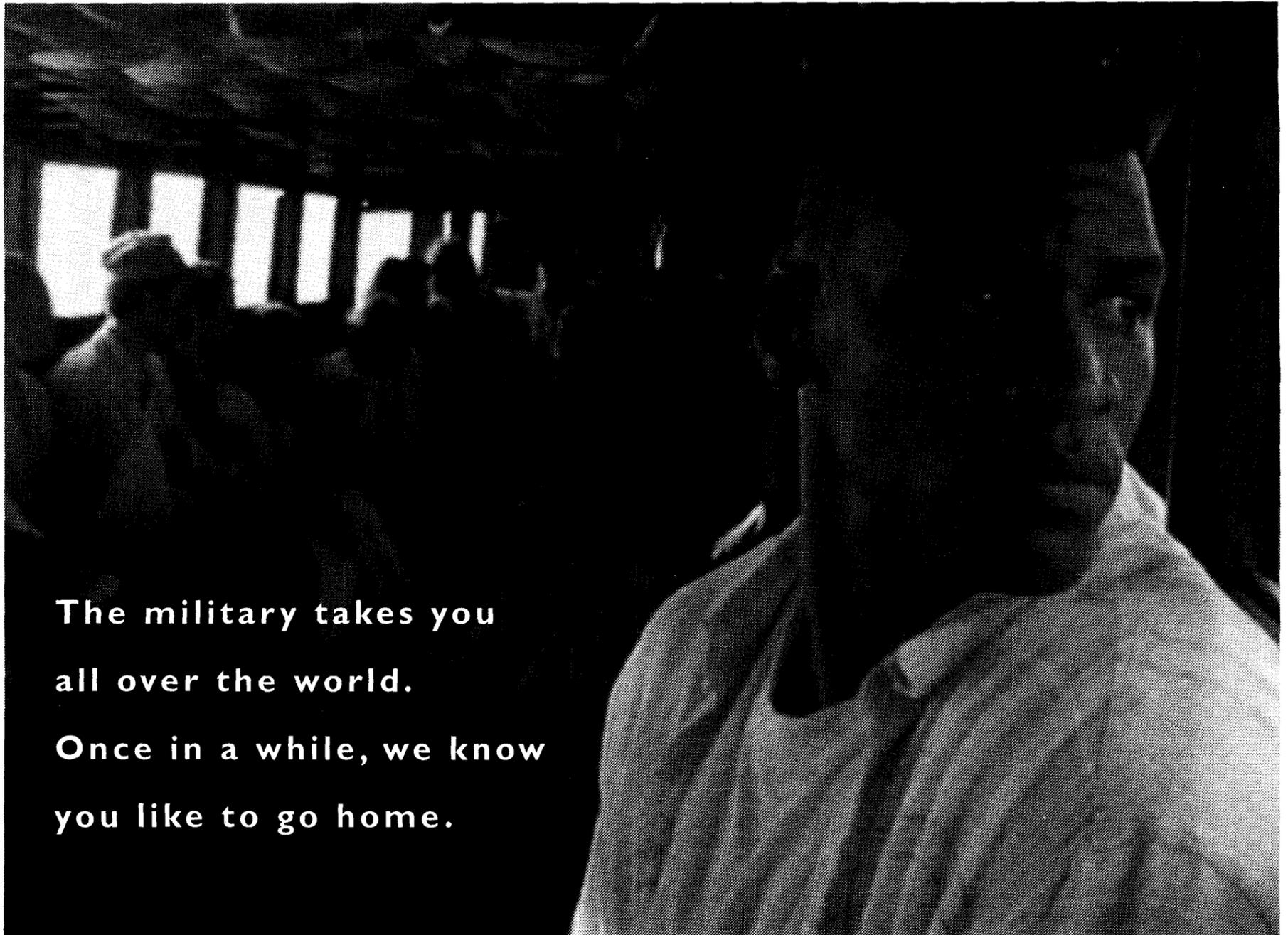
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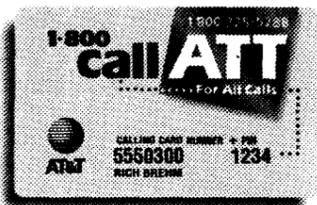
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All-around craftsman has no plans of slowing down

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Leon Bradford, of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, leads a double life. By day he is a logistics management specialist for lasers in the land combat directorate. By night and weekends, he has several guises: electronics whiz, woodworker, painter, golfer.

Bradford's high energy extends beyond his work life. Since he lost his home in 1974 due to a tornado, he has been building furniture. "I don't make anything to sell. I make things for my relatives or friends I know," he said. "I will make something until everybody has one and then I will start on something else."

Bradford's designs show an original diversity with unique, set shapes. His themes are as impressive as his imagination. His work is a conscious effort to produce objects of culture and beauty.

He spends 2-3 hours a night and weekends working on his wood projects at the craft shop on post. The craft shop, building 3615, is open to anyone affiliated with Redstone Arsenal:



ORIGINAL PAINTING— Among Bradford's paintings is this landscape of mountain and stream meadows.

Department of Defense civilians and spouses, military, retirees, or contractors. Hours of operation are 1:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5-9:30 p.m. Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. It only costs \$1.50 an hour; and they have all the wood and tools right there for people to use.

A large part of Bradford's success has been a result of his courage to try things he has never done before. About 2-3 years ago, his minister's wife asked him to do something

art-wise for a convention. He built a miniature replica of their church, with lights, pews, windows and a steeple. It's still on display today at the church.

Another one of Bradford's hobbies is oil painting. "I never took a lesson," he said. "Perhaps this is one of the most interesting of all my endeavors."

His desire for painting began at age 16. He did not know what his talent was, so he decided to experiment. He knew he wanted his art to be enjoyed.

"I would paint whatever



ENTERTAINMENT CENTER— Bradford stands next to the home entertainment center which he designed and crafted himself.

I could find laying around," Bradford said. "My mom still has some of my original works of art in her house today."

Bradford's oil paintings have a freshness, spontane-

ity and ebullience. He works on several paintings at once and a row of easels holds the various pictures at diverse angles and in different stages of completion. He manages to take a basi-

cally anonymous style and make it into something unmistakably his own.

Bradford has logged many miles in job-related

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Halloween should be scary, but safe experience for kids

By Debra Valine

It's trick-or-treat time again and those little ghosts and goblins will come knocking on your door looking for goodies. So be prepared!

Oct. 31 is Halloween, and trick-or-treat hours at Redstone Arsenal have been set for 6-8 p.m. It is important that everyone — not just trick-or-treaters — keep safety in mind. If everyone practices Halloween safety, scary things can be fun.

The Provost Marshal Office is working in conjunction with the Child Development Center to ensure that children are aware of Halloween safety through a class given to all children enrolled at the CDC.

During the class, Sgt. Melynda Dugdale, the crime prevention officer at Redstone, gives the children important safety tips about costumes, tricks to see in the dark, traffic safety rules and smart safety tips to help make the evening a pleasant one. She also distributes trick-or-treat bags and safety literature to the children.

She advises the children to wear costumes that include reflective materials so that they can be seen more easily, wear shoes that fit, have an adult check them for fire safety, and to make sure long costumes won't make them trip.

"Instead of wearing a mask, wear face paint because the masks sometimes make it difficult to see," Dugdale said. "If you are wearing a mask, take it off when you cross the street so that you can see both ways. And make sure your mask fits. Also, use a flashlight. It not only helps you see where you are going, but it helps people driving cars see you, too."

Dugdale reviews basic traffic safety rules that she reminds children they should always follow: Stay

on the sidewalks; cross only at corners; look in all directions before crossing; walk, don't run; and never go into the street from between cars.

Ask your parents to go with you, she said. Walk with other friends, go only to homes of people you know, and stay on the porch — never go inside.

"I teach each and every class at the child development center Halloween safety," Dugdale said. "We feel this is really important." But for Dugdale and her fellow police officers, Halloween safety does not end with the classes.

"It is my plan to go into the housing areas about 4 p.m. on Halloween and park a vehicle and stay outside the entire time," she said. "Other officers will accompany me at that time. Last year was a real big success."

While the police officers are working to ensure Halloween is safe, parents can help.

"I would like to appeal to the parents to make sure the children are supervised out there," Dugdale said. "This not only ensures the children are safe, it cuts down on any mischief the children may try to get into."

"We take Halloween seriously," she said. "We have such a small population here and everyone knows everyone. Speed limits in the residential areas are 20 mph. We are asking drivers to lower it just for that time that the children are trick-or-treating."

"We beef up our foot patrols in housing, and our vehicle patrols," said Capt. Ellis Andrew, the Redstone chief of police. "We double up during that timeframe for the children's safety."

Another precaution available for parents is X-raying of candy at the Radiology Department at Fox Army Community Hospital.

"We will be X-raying

candy from 7-9 p.m.," said Sgt. Rod Emerson, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the Radiology Department. "When you get to the hospital, enter through the old ER — Fox-care 3. Someone there will be able to direct you to radiology."

Emerson said the Radiology Department has offered this service for the past several years, and they have never found any foreign objects in the candy. "We just offer this as a precaution. We want everyone to have a safe and happy Halloween."



COLLECTING GOODIES— Sgt. Melynda M. Dugdale, the crime prevention officer for Redstone Arsenal, provides trick-or-treat bags as she explains Halloween safety to children at the child development center. From left the children are Dominique Mortimore, Diimond Mortimore, Tanner Moren and James Bond.

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Sports & Recreation

Alabama, Auburn favored for conference wins on road

By Skip Vaughn

Skip's Picks in the Oct. 8 issue resulted in a 29-11 record, bringing the season totals to 178-62 for 74 percent. Here are my predictions for selected games this week in college football:

- Alabama at Ole Miss—**Bama**
- Auburn at Arkansas—**Auburn**
- Kentucky at Georgia—**Georgia**
- Central Fla. at Miss. St.—**MS**
- Vanderbilt at South Carolina—**SC**
- Ala. A&M vs. Ala. State—**A&M**
- Henderson St. at North Ala.—**UNA**
- Nicholls St. at Jacksonville—**Nicholls**
- Air Force at San Jose

- St.—**AF**
- Arizona at Wash. St.—**Wash. St.**
- Colgate at Army—**Army**
- Baylor at Iowa St.—**Baylor**
- Boston College at Notre Dame—**ND**
- Texas Christian at Brigham Young—**BYU**
- California at UCLA—**UCLA**
- Clemson at Maryland—**Clemson**
- Colorado at Texas—**Texas**
- Tulsa at Colo. St.—**Colo. St.**
- Wake Forest at Duke—**Duke**
- Memphis at East Carolina—**EC**
- Florida St. at Virginia—**FSU**
- E. Tenn. St. at Furman—

- Furman**
- San Diego St. at Hawaii—**SDS**
- Houston at Louisville—
- Houston**
- Purdue at Illinois—**Purdue**
- Indiana at Iowa—**Iowa**
- Nebraska at Kansas—**Neb.**
- Kansas St. at Oklahoma—**Okla.**

- Temple at Miami—**Miami**
- Michigan at Mich. St.—**Michigan**
- Wisconsin at Minnesota—**Wis.**
- Missouri at Okla. St.—**Okla. St.**
- Northwestern at Ohio St.—**Ohio St.**
- Oregon at Southern Cal—**USC**
- Washington at Oregon St.—**Wash.**
- Pittsburgh at Rutgers—**Pittsburgh**
- Tulane at Southern Miss—**SM**
- Texas A&M at Texas Tech—**A&M**
- New Mexico at Utah—**New Mexico**
- Virginia Tech at West Va.—**W. Va.**

LOGSA golfers have competitive tournament Oct. 15

Thirteen teams made up of more than 50 golfers from the Logistics Support Activity met at the Redstone golf course Oct. 15 to compete in the LOGSA golf tournament.

Competition was fierce with two teams tying for first place at par and five teams tying at third with one under par. Contests were also held for longest drive and closest to the pin.

Team 12, made up of Jay Lasher, Jim Harrison and Jim Basta, and Team 13,

Jim O'Keefe, Robert Peyton, Dan Andree and Karen Moore, tied at 72 for first place. Close behind them with 73 were teams 1, 5, 9, 10 and 11. Team 1 was made up of Bob Gilliland, Jack Belanger, Ed Nyberg and Carol Nyberg; Team 5, Glen Roark, Bill Polly, Steve Tesh and Norma Roark; Team 9, Phil Preston, Linda Thompson, Ken Crunk and Royce Reit; Team 10, Joe Ketron, Linda Bailey, Chuck Slyker and Bill Cooper; and Team 11,

Jim Higgins, Gary Wallace and Judy Wilson.

Linda Thompson won the longest drive for the women while Phil Preston

had the longest drive for the men. Closest to the pin on Meadowview was Linda Thompson. Closest to the pin on Whispering Pines

was Jim Higgins. Jerry Hill, the tournament organizer, reported all scores.

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Sports & Recreation

Redstone team wins fourth place award at Ten-Miler

By Skip Vaughn

WASHINGTON — More than 11,000 people took advantage of a perfect day for running Oct. 12 at the 13th annual Army Ten-Miler.

Among the many teams competing in various categories was a contingent from Redstone Arsenal, the Redstone Rockets. The Rockets competed in two categories: all-comers and women's open.

Redstone won fourth place in the all-comers category with a total time of 4:03:16 for its top four runners. Fort Sill, Okla., won with a 3:55:22 followed by 3D Army Fort McPherson, Ga., in 3:55:43; Fort Detrick, Md., 4:00:14; the Rockets, 4:03:16; and the Bayou Runners, 4:08:44.

Times for Redstone's top runners included John "Rocky" Glidewell, 40, from Space and Strategic Defense Command, 58:37; Maj. Michael Callahan, 37, Army TACMS-BAT Project

Office, 1:00:05; 2nd Lt. Charles McPhail, 25, Headquarters & A Company 832nd, 1:00:35; and Capt. Morris Brodrick, 30, OMMCS, 1:03:59.

Other members of Redstone's team included Alexander Steel, 40, Army civilian spouse, 1:05:33; Col. William S. "Sam" Johnson, 44, Dental Clinic Command, 1:07:31; Skip Vaughn, 42, team coach, AMCOM Public Affairs, 1:11:01; 2nd Lt. Carrie Webb, 22, Hq & A Company 832nd, 1:17:08; MSgt. Josephine Venanzi, 36, Readiness Group, 1:18:27; Judy Mulkey, 36, Army civilian spouse, 1:21:58; and Jean Grotophorst, 42, Army TACMS-BAT Project, 1:30:52.

The overall winner of the race was 2nd Lt. Dan Browne, 22, who graduated from West Point last spring and is completing officers' training in Fort Lee, Va. He set a course record of 47:44.

Defending women's champ Chris Udovich, 31,

an Army nurse stationed in Honduras, won in 56:58, cutting more than 90 seconds off her 1996 time.

Some 11,035 people registered for the race, making it the country's largest 10-mile road race for the eighth consecutive year. This event is co-hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) and the Military District of Washington.

Gresh Downs, 67, of Huntsville, finished third in the 65-69 men's age group with a 1:16:29.



THE ROCKETS— Members of the Redstone Rockets team pose before leaving for the starting line. In foreground, from left, are Rocky Glidewell, Josephine Venanzi, Jean Grotophorst and Carrie Webb. In back rows, from left, are Michael Callahan, Charles McPhail, Judy Mulkey, Skip Vaughn, Alexander Steel, Morris Brodrick and Sam Johnson.

'97 Commander's Cup competition concludes with racquetball

By Debra Valine

Racquetball, the final event in this year's Commander's Cup competition, got under way Oct. 14 at the Redstone Arsenal Fitness Center. The championship matches will be played today. Seven units have teams competing.

Going into the racquetball tournament, B Company 832nd led the Marines by a mere 1.1 points in the Commander's Cup standings, according to Joe Reed, a recreation assistant at Pagano Gym. B Company entered the tournament with 345.2 cumulative points; the Marines had 344.1. D Company 832nd was third in the Commander's Cup standings with 327.1. D Company fell out of the running for the cup with a second-round loss to C Company 832nd.

As of Thursday, the Marines were blasting through the winner's bracket of the double-elimination racquetball tournament while B Company 832nd fell to the loser's bracket at the hands of HHC 59th.

Other games played in the tournament saw the Marines beating HQ & A and HHC 59th beating C

Company 832nd on Oct. 14; the Marines won again on Oct. 15 against MEDDAC, and B Company 832nd beat D Company 832nd. On Oct. 16, HHC 59th knocked B Company 832nd into the losers' bracket, and C Company 832nd eliminated D Company 832nd from the tournament.

Tournament matches continued Friday, Monday and Tuesday with the final matches scheduled for today.

As the Commander's Cup competition for 1997 winds down with racquetball, the 1998 competition took off with flag football beginning Oct. 14.

Games scheduled for Oct. 14 between D Company 832nd and HQ & A, and B Company 832nd and MEDDAC were forfeit. On Oct. 15, Marines beat AMCOM 14-6 while C Company 832nd trounced MEDDAC 26-12. In football action Oct. 16, B Company 832nd blanked AMCOM 8-0 and D Company 832nd beat the Marines 30-14.

Flag football games are played at the football field on Patton Road every Monday-Thursday evening at 6 and 7 p.m. through Nov. 6.



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• **Officers Club "Gourmet Night"**— Don't miss placing your reservation for the Officers' Club Chef's Gourmet Night to be held Saturday, Oct. 25. Reservations will be taken. For more information, call 830-CLUB.

• **Challenger bingo program**— The Challenger holds its bingo program Tuesday through Saturday nights from 6:45-10 p.m., and 1:45-5:30 p.m. Sunday. This program is open to the entire Redstone community. Package games are guaranteed a payout of \$2,000; specialty games are guaranteed to payout \$1,450; and four major jackpots are offered at \$4,000, \$5,000, \$6,000, and \$10,000 with numbers increasing weekly. For more information, call Ann Hudson 837-0750/0751.

• **Halloween costume party**— Make your reservation today for the Officers Club's Halloween Costume Party to be held Oct. 31 in the Big Spring Lounge from 5-11 p.m. Entertainment will begin at 7 p.m. with complimentary hors d'oeuvres served from 5-6:30. Patron costume judging begins at 8. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd best costume will be awarded. For more

information, call 830-CLUB.

• **Challenger "Fright Night"**— Wear your costume to the Challenger center's Halloween Fright Night on Oct. 31. Don't miss the fun with a special Bingo program; and anyone wearing a Halloween costume will be eligible for special door prize drawings. For more information, call 827-0750/0751.

• **Holiday parties**— Plan to celebrate the holidays at your Redstone Club System facilities. "Designed to accommodate any size group, the Redstone Club System can provide parties for groups of 2 to 600 with great food, entertainment, and fine service," a prepared release said. To schedule or make arrangements for your next function with the Redstone Club System, call 830-9227/9175.

• **Arts & Crafts matting class**— Stop in and enroll in the Arts and Crafts Matting Class in building 3615 on Vincent Road. Class sessions are scheduled for Saturdays, Nov. 1, 15 and 22 from 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. The cost of the class is \$20 and is open to Redstone community, active duty military, and civilian contractors. For more information, call Terre Corley 876-7951.

• **Oil painting class**— Cre-

ate a true treasure by painting your loved one an oil painting at Redstone Arsenal's Oil Painting Class in the Arts & Crafts building 3615 on Vincent Road. The class is \$6 per person and is offered on Tuesdays, Nov. 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. These classes are open to the entire Redstone community, active duty military, and civilian contractors. For more information, call Terre Corley 876-7951.

• **Basket weaving class**— Learn a traditional art form. The Arts & Crafts Center, building 3615, is offering Basket Weaving classes Saturdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 10 a.m. and a class on Thursdays, Nov. 13 and 20 from 5-9 p.m. The classes require 48 hours advance reservation and are open to the Redstone community, active duty military, and civilian contractors. The cost is \$35. For more information, call Terre Corley 876-7951.

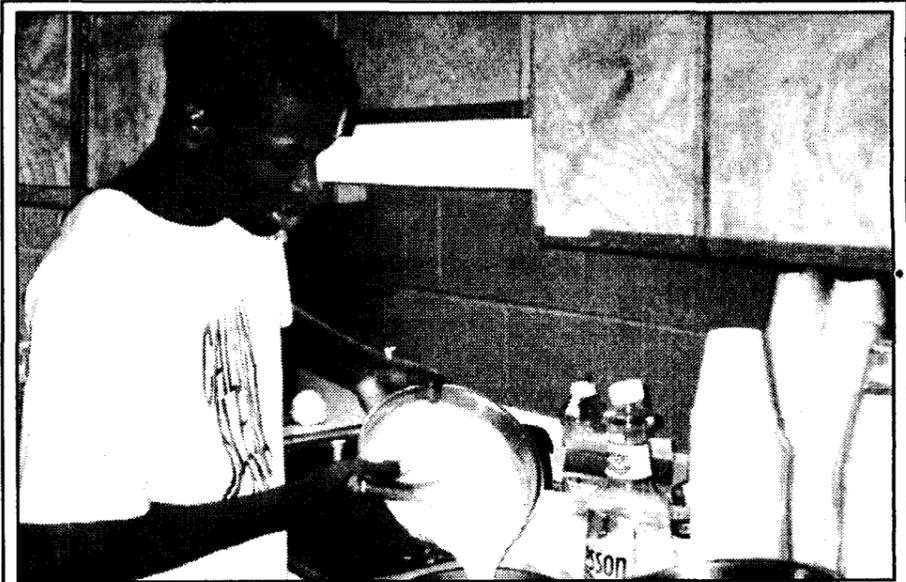
Hooters leading RASA bowling league

There's little change at the top week after week in the RASA Bowling League.

Hooters remains in first place followed by Just Havin' Fun II after week six of the 15-week season. After games Oct. 14 for the Tuesday night league, the standings were as follows: Hooters, 21-3; Just Havin' Fun II, 17-7; Roll Tide, 11-13; Has Beens, 9-15; Four For Kids, 7-17; and Strike Force, 7-17.

Last week's top scorers included:

- Men— John Howard 559 scratch series, Col. Duane Brandt 201 scratch game, George Thaler 611 handicap series, and Rodger Keeton 239 handicap game.
- Women— Elke Mullen 450 scratch series, Karen Bender 184 scratch game, Jenny Manley 618 handicap series, and Nancy Keeton 225 handicap game.



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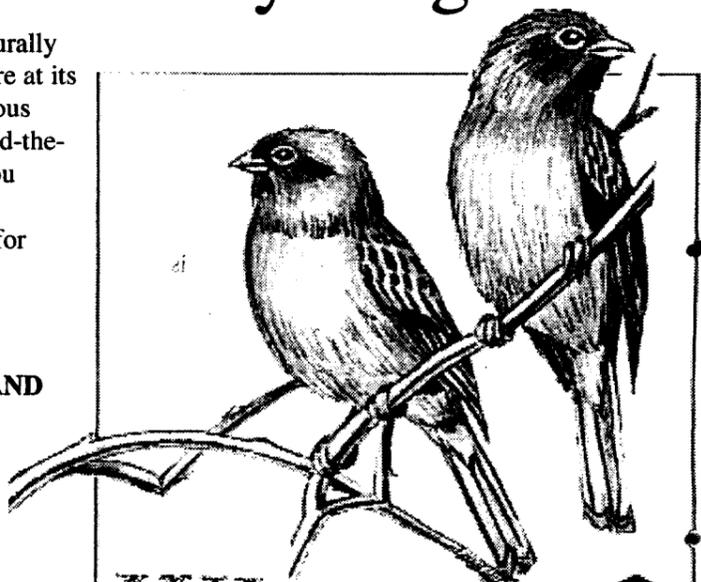
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Proper cooking can prevent raw deal of dangerous E. coli bacteria

By Cherie A. Miller

If you've been listening to the news lately, you've probably heard about E. coli. The recent recall of potentially E. coli-contaminated ground beef patties from a major chain restaurant has made this bacteria the brunt of intense media and consumer attention. But where does E. coli come from and how can you, as a consumer, protect yourself from this dangerous bacteria?

Escherichia (esh-er-eesh-eh) coli is a group of bacteria which are normally found in intestines of warm-blooded animals and humans. There are many strains of E. coli bacteria, most of which are harmless. However, one particular strain of E. coli., 0157:H7, may cause serious illness in people. Although this strain was discovered in 1983, it was not until 1993 that E. coli became a household word following a disease outbreak in the Pacific Northwest.

In that outbreak a total of 447 people were sickened by E. coli and three children died from complications of the disease. The outbreak was traced to consumption of undercooked hamburger patties from a fast food chain. Another 26 cases in 1994 were traced to hamburger patties. An outbreak in the western states in 1996, which made 65 people ill and resulted in one death, was associated with unpasteurized apple juice. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) up to 20,400 cases of E. coli infection and 500 deaths occur annually in the U.S. of which 75 percent are linked to ground beef.

Eating meat that is rare or inadequately cooked is the most common way of getting E. coli infection. The bacteria colonizes in the animals' intestines and contaminates the meat slaughter and grinding, when the bacteria is spread throughout the meat. The bacteria is ingested when people consume the undercooked meat, unpasteurized milk, or other foods contaminated by raw beef products. The bacteria can also be spread from person to person due to poor hand-washing following toilet use and via contaminated water or unpasteurized juices when fruit is not washed thoroughly during processing.

E. coli is normally a beneficial organism that can

suppress the growth of harmful bacterias and helps in metabolism of vitamins. However, 0157:H7 produces a toxin that damages the lining of the intestine and may result in a disease called hemorrhagic colitis from 3-10 days after ingesting the organism. Symptoms include severe abdominal cramps, and diarrhea which is watery at first and then becomes bloody. Vomiting may be present in some cases and low grade fever may or may not be present. In some people, especially children under 5, a complication called hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS) can occur causing anemia and kidney failure. Individuals with symptoms of E. coli infection should see their physician although symptoms generally go away on their own in 5-10 days. Children under 5 years of age or the elderly should always see their physician, as dehydration from vomiting and/or diarrhea may cause death.

Improper food handling techniques and poor sanitation are the best friends of E. coli. To prevent the transmission of E. coli in your kitchen, wash your hands well with soap and water after using the bathroom or changing a diaper. Ensure that cooking utensils are clean and clean them between preparing different food items. Wipe down countertops and other food contact surfaces before preparing any foods. Also wash hands, utensils and work area with hot, soapy water after contact with raw meat and meat patties. Wash fresh fruits and vegetables well before serving.

E. coli can survive both refrigeration and freezer storage temperatures. However, thorough cooking destroys 0157:H7. Therefore it is important to thoroughly cook ground beef and beef patties to at least 155 degrees Fahrenheit. In absence of a meat thermometer, cook until the center of the meat is gray or brown with no signs of pink. Juices should run clear. If you order a hamburger or hamburger dish in a restaurant, ensure that the meat is well cooked. If not, send it back. Use refrigerated ground meat and patties in 1-2 days and never thaw it on the counter or let it sit out for more than two hours. Thaw the meat in the refrigerator at 40 F and maintain an internal temperature of no more than 45 F.

Since the process of pas-

teurization kills 0157:H7, avoid unpasteurized milk and beverages such as cider at a roadside stand. Eat only milk products (cheese, etc.) made with pasteurized milk. Unrefrigerated bottled, canned or frozen juice purchased from a grocery has been heat treated or pasteurized to kill bacteria even if the label does not say this.

By following these tips you can enjoy many meals to come and can ensure that next tasty burger doesn't leave you with a "raw" deal.

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



Pink ribbon...

Col. David Deeter, commander of Fox Army Community Hospital, cuts a ribbon Friday in observance of National Mammography Day at the hospital. Deeter kicked off a series of

activities designed to spotlight Breast Cancer Awareness Month. A Breast Cancer Awareness Symposium will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Sparkman Auditorium.

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Nutrition plays role in breast cancer prevention

By Peter E. Schwager

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in American women. One out of every three cancer diagnosis is for breast cancer. It is also the leading cause of cancer death for African American women. One out of every eight women in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.

An important way of reducing the risk of cancer is through your diet. Most Americans eat a diet that is too high in fat, too high in calories and lacking in sufficient fruits, vegetables and fiber. In addition, excessive weight has been linked to increased breast cancer risk. A large and growing body of evidence shows that the foods we eat each day play a major role in increased cancer risk, developing cancer and preventing cancer. Scientists estimate that 40-60 percent of all cancers are linked to our dietary choices and 35 percent of cancer deaths are linked to diet.

General guidelines to reduce your risk of breast cancer include:

- Reduce your intake of total fat to no more than 20-30 percent of total calories and reduce your intake of saturated fat to less than 10 percent of total calories.

- Increase your consumption of fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Work toward eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables each day. Cruciferous vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, greens and brussels sprouts contain substances known as indoles which diminish the effects of excess estrogen in the body. Increase both soluble fiber (oat bran) and insoluble fiber (whole wheat bran) both of which help eliminate excess estrogen from the digestive tract.

- Reduce consumption of salty foods such as salt cured, smoked, or pickled foods.

- Eat more soy products such as tofu, TVP (textured vegetable protein), soy flour, soy milk and tempeh. Soy contains phytoestrogens such as genistein which has been shown to convert cancer cells into normal cells and halt the cancer process by inhibiting key tumor producing enzymes, as well as inhibit the growth of blood vessels that nourish cancer cells. High levels of estrogen in your blood favor the development of breast and other forms of cancer. Estrogen is a powerful hormone that promotes growth of breast

tissue and the continual exposure of breast tissue to estrogen may be at the root for developing breast cancer. Soy appears to decrease estrogen levels by blocking the cancer promoting action of natural estrogen. Soy is consumed daily by Japanese women where breast cancer rates are one-fourth of that in the U.S. With phytoestrogens in the bloodstream, the body doesn't need to make as much of its own estrogen. Soybeans are high in protein, zinc, B vitamins, iron, fiber and calcium (especially important in preventing osteoporosis).

- Drink alcoholic beverages in moderation. (No more than one drink a day for a woman; two drinks a day for a man.) Alcohol slows the maturation process in the mammary gland and may make the breast more susceptible to carcinogens.
- Stay active and maintain a healthy weight. Numerous studies have shown that a physically active lifestyle contributed significantly to a healthier life. Women who exercise regularly have a lower risk for breast cancer. Physical activity may influence the production, metabolism and excretion of hormones, which may

influence the development of breast cancer. A recent study showed a 37 percent reduction in the risk for breast cancer in women who exercised at least four hours per week.

- Eat a variety of foods to ensure a sufficient supply of vitamins and minerals, but don't overdo it. Remember that getting our nutrients from food is a far better alternative than through supplementation.

In cells, the natural activity of oxygen produces unstable molecules called "free radicals" that can damage cells and cause formation of additional free radicals. This damage to cells and to the genetic material can impair the cells' natural ability to resist the development of cancer. Body cells use antioxidants for fighting free radicals reducing their formation or destroying them after they have formed and mending the damage they cause. Some antioxidants are manufactured by the cells themselves, but others are found in the foods we eat. The best known dietary antioxidants are vitamin C, vitamin E, beta-carotene and selenium. There are also non-nutrient compounds primarily in plant foods that act as

antioxidants such as polyphenols found in green tea. To be sure you are receiving an adequate supply of these substances, it is important to consume a lot of nutrient-rich fruits, vegetables and whole grain foods.

Scientists are beginning to express concern about potentially harmful health effects that may occur when excessive amounts of iron accumulate in the body. Under certain conditions, iron appears to promote cell damage associated with higher breast cancer risk.

Current research suggests that consuming enough vitamin D and calcium may play a role in lowering breast cancer risk. Preliminary experiments indicate that these two nutrients may be most effective in reducing breast cancer risk when given to animals during adolescence, a period when their breast cells are growing and changing rapidly. Between the ages of 11 and 24, girls and young women seem to be at high risk for damage that may cause tumors later. Statistics show that this age group gets less than the RDA for vitamin D and only half the RDA for calcium. One of the primary

sources of vitamin D and calcium is vitamin D fortified milk, preferably low fat varieties. Cheese and yogurt are not typically made from vitamin D fortified milk, so their vitamin D content will be limited.

Dietary sources of antioxidants include the following:

- Vitamin C— broccoli, citrus fruits and juices, red and green bell peppers, turnip greens, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, kiwi, strawberries, cantaloupe.
- Vitamin E— brown rice, whole wheat, oats, yeast, wheat germ.
- Beta-carotene— apricots, carrots, spinach, broccoli, kale, sweet potatoes, cantaloupe, mustard greens, winter squash.
- Selenium— whole grains, brown rice, legumes, fish, liver.

Many forms of cancer may be prevented by modifying our diets to include more fruits, vegetables and whole grains and less meat and high fat dairy products. For more information, call Nutrition Care at 955-6604.

(Editor's note: Schwager is chief of nutrition care at Fox Army Community Hospital.)



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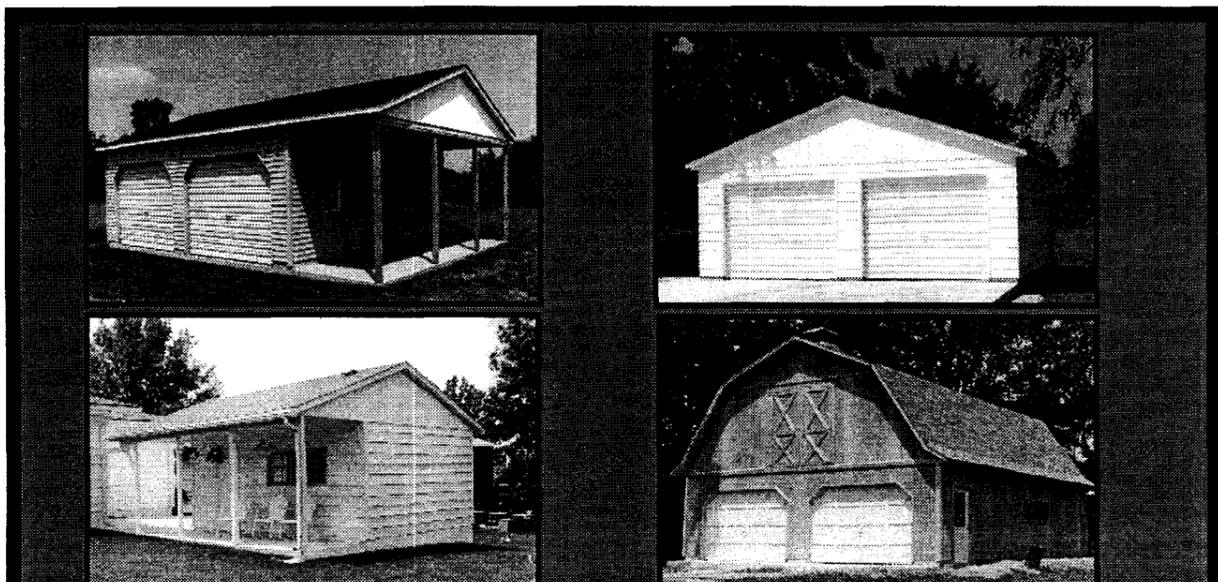
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EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE— Deborah Smith volunteers at the thrift shop on Fridays.

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Thrift Shop generates goes to help the financially needy. The shop has five paid staff positions and about 50 volunteers, including the committee that decides which agencies receive money, working at the store. The volunteers contribute almost 650 hours a month. "We have a volunteer recognition program for them," Goss said. "We have four volunteers who have been here over 35 years each." She proudly named them: Maggie Bennett, Jeanette Worden, Pidge Osterman, and Margaret McBrearty. She added that when she started as the manager of the Thrift Shop, she had 500 consigners. Now there are more than 1,500.

To try to accommodate not only the consigners, but also the customers, Goss said that the store plans to expand its operating hours beginning Jan. 8, 1998. "We will be open for sales only on Tuesdays to move merchandise. It is either that or cut back on the number of items people can bring in — and we don't want to do that! On Wednes-

days we will close at 5 p.m. to make the hours easier to remember."

The Thrift Shop is currently open Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Consignment hours are Wednesday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursdays by appointment only from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., and Fridays from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Anyone can shop at the Thrift Shop. They take checks, credit cards and, of course, cash. To consign at the Thrift Shop, consigners must have a valid active or retired military identification card, a Redstone Arsenal badge or a valid retired civil service identification card. The shop gets 27 percent of the selling price for the consignment.

For more information about the Thrift Shop, call 881-6992 or stop by the Thrift Shop at building 3657 on Army TACMS Drive.

Army TACMS missile has successful test flight at White Sands Range

The first Army TACMS Block II missile was successfully launched Thursday at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The Block II missile carried 13 BAT brilliant submunitions. The submunitions are designed to acquire and destroy moving armored vehicles at depth on the battlefield. This particular test flight was conducted to verify the dispense system for the BAT.

The missile flew approximately 120 kilometers with unparalleled accuracy and successfully executed a supersonic dispense. The BATS used in this test were instrumented simulants designed to collect a variety of data. All 13 BATS were safely dispensed.

In addition to the successful dispense, the Block II missile executed a unique terminal maneuver for the first time. This maneuver precisely tailors the dispense velocity. This was the first in a series of

tests leading to a low rate initial production decision in December 1998.

This project is managed by the Army TACMS-BAT Project Office, under the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles. The Block II Army TACMS missile is manufactured by Lockheed Martin Vought Systems Corporation; and the BATS are produced by Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems Integration Division.

The Block II missile expands the Army's inventory of deep strike weapons. The Army TACMS Block I missile has been in the Army inventory since 1990 and was effectively employed during Operation Desert Storm. The Block IA missile doubles the range of the Block I and is currently in low rate production. Both Block I and Block IA attack critical soft targets at ranges out to 300 kilometers.

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no different in that regard." Food science people really do talk like that. Food samples are referred to as "product." If any product fails to pass sensory testing, it then undergoes "reformulation." Product found to be lacking in nutrients is subjected to "fortification."

"Fortification," Anderson noted, "has its own special problems. When you fortify a product by adding nutrients and vitamins, it's not a neutral effort. It does change how the product is sensed. And, of course, with fortification you have to be concerned with potency under various stress-storage conditions."

You get the idea. **Bounty offered**

To make sure they rounded up a sufficient number of people, the food science folks at A&M offered a bounty of \$20 a head for any active-duty personnel, recent retirees or reservists who agreed to act as gastronomic guinea pigs. It is perhaps regrettable that such a step is sometimes necessary, but as Anderson pointed out, "They won't come without an incentive." He sighed, "That may be a shortcoming in the sampling. We've tried the approach of going to the command structure at Redstone Arsenal and saying 'this is a good cause, you should help us,' but so far they haven't responded.

The legal people tell us you can't compel someone to participate in this sort of thing."

Those who took the money were asked to test five different samples of chicken stew "product." For those who desired, a cracker was provided between each sample "to clear the palate."

Participants were given 3-ounce servings rather than the full 8-ounce serving found in most MREs. "That," Anderson said, "is so people don't fill up on that first sample."

Apparently, the childhood injunction to clean your plate lasts well into adulthood for some people.

Participants were asked to record their sensory impressions of each sample on paper ballots and not to discuss their feelings with fellow panelists.

Sergeants Andy Young and Steve DeBusschere of Redstone Arsenal's NCO Academy agreed that money was an important motivator in getting them to spend a Saturday morning sampling different MRE reformulations. But it wasn't the primary reason.

"Twenty bucks is twenty bucks, don't get me wrong," DeBusschere said. "But that's not the only reason for my coming out. I've got to eat this stuff. I mean, we practically lived on MREs in Saudi. So if I can have a say in making them taste better, you can bet I'm going to take it."

Home buying/selling workshops scheduled at Redstone in October and November

If you are buying or selling a home, make plans to attend free workshops set for October and November. The workshops are a partnership effort between Army Community Service and area real estate professionals. The sessions are open to the Redstone community.

Workshops will be held in building 3447, RASA Developmental Center. To register call 876-5397, Army Community Service. Times and topics are as follows:

- Buying A Home — Sherry Dinges, president, Huntsville Board of Realtors, 1 p.m. Oct. 28
- Selling A Home — Jim McWhorter, certified residential broker, 1 p.m. Oct. 28.
- Selling A Home — 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. Nov. 10
- Mortgage Products — Martha Bradas, loan officer, 9 a.m. Oct. 23, 1 p.m. Oct. 30, 1 p.m. Nov. 6, 9 a.m. Nov.

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- Prequalifying for a Mortgage — Darlene Hornsby, loan officer, 10 a.m. Oct. 23, 2 p.m. Oct. 30, 2 p.m. Nov. 6, 11 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, 11 a.m. Nov. 20
- Consumer Mediation — Better Business Bureau representative, 10 a.m. Oct. 23, 3 p.m. Oct. 30, 3 p.m. Nov. 6, 11 a.m. Nov. 20
- Pricing and Staging Your Home — Doris Sisk, certified residential specialist and certified residential broker, 10:30 a.m. Nov. 4
- Overcoming Mortgage Obstacles — Randy Warren, mortgage company branch manager, 2:30 p.m. Oct. 28, 10:30 a.m. Nov. 13
- Home Inspections — Mike Dove, state registered professional home inspector, 9 a.m. Nov. 13.

Secretary of defense eyes security rules

WASHINGTON— As a result of the announcement of arrests in the FBI undercover operation "Long Fuse," Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen has directed the military services to conduct a review of their security and accountability procedures for small

arms and ammunition. "Today I am directing the Service Secretaries to conduct a review of our security and accountability procedures for small arms and ammunition and to report back to me within 30 days. I am doing this in light of a Marine

Corps-initiated investigation that brought to a halt an alleged munitions and weapons theft operation in the southeastern United States. It is imperative that we be confident we

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CURRENT PROJECT— This computer work station is Bradford's current woodworking project.

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travels with painting supplies as his companion, creating an exciting series of landscapes. He is able to capture a look unlike others.

"It's hard to explain the feeling of being able to sit on a hillside overlooking some of the most beautiful

landscape in the world," he said. "Taking in the smells and fragrances of the wildflowers and thyme, hearing the sounds of the birds, and the ceaseless buzz and clamor of insects as I paint."

Apart from his oil paintings, Bradford is especially proud of his golf trophies. He likes the little rituals in planning for competition; imagining the right selec-

tion of clubs for the course; the regimen of pre-round practice; visualizing the first crucial drive; and the battle of patience.

"As long as it's fair, you want a course where you can shoot par and feel good about it," he said.

In all, Bradford believes in maintaining a busy schedule and has no plans of ever slowing down.

Cohen says Bosnia mission end date remains June 1998

By Alicia K. Borlik

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials must focus on what to accomplish before the NATO Stabilization Force mission ends in Bosnia, said Defense Secretary William S. Cohen.

Cohen, speaking en route to the NATO Defense Ministerial meeting in Maastricht, Netherlands, Sept. 30, said the current SFOR mission will end as scheduled in June 1998.

"I hope what we can do is really focus on what can be done [in Bosnia] in the next nine months," he said. "I would say there has been quite a change in terms of the tempo of activities and in terms of the progress that has been made in the last few months. It would make it that much easier to complete our mission by June of '98."

Cohen's discussions with colleagues in Europe were scheduled to focus on preparations for when the stabilization force mission ends and what must be done

for that to work. What happens after June 1998 will be discussed at a later date.

"The mission, according to NATO, is going to end in June," said Cohen. "The president has said that the United States, obviously, has a continuing interest in what happens in Europe. What role, if any, the United States plans to play, remains to be determined. Right now, everybody is planning on June of '98."

Cohen said he prefers a gradual course of change from a stabilization force to a deterrent force. "I think it is preferable in terms of going on a gliding slope rather than going to June and just dropping off," he said. He said he expects a decision will have to be made in the January-February time frame.

War criminals will not stand in the way of a timely exit from Bosnia, Cohen said. It is not NATO's mission to search for and arrest war criminals. "The mission is if war criminals come in their presence, if they are

aware of them and the tactical situation permits, then they arrest them," he said.

Although the force's mission doesn't include searching for war criminals, the U.S. support of the Dayton accords forbids any support to them. "We are trying to do it in a positive way in terms of letting everyone know to the extent that the war criminals or those who are trying to undermine Dayton, they are not going to be supported by the United States or by the NATO allies," said Cohen.

He said interest in stability and peace in Bosnia continues. When Cohen meets with his counterparts, he will also stress Congress doesn't want a U.S. garrison force in Bosnia. Congress is writing legislation that will establish fairly rigorous procedures that the administration will have to go through before any question of the continued U.S. military involvement can be answered. (American Forces Press Service)

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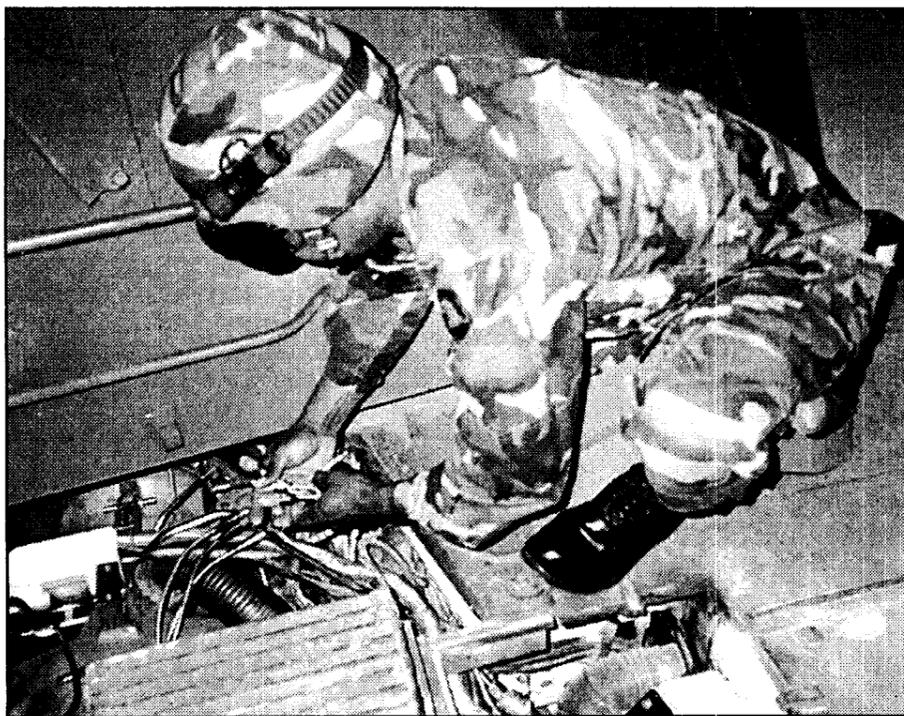
The Patriot battalion at Fort Bliss will receive digital cameras and low-rate videoconferencing capability. Each battery and battalion headquarters will receive a desktop version to serve as a support center. The battalion will receive about 27 telemaintenance devices. The digital cameras can take an electronic snapshot; and that image is then stored on a computer disc and can be transmitted back to the system experts in Massachusetts.

Currently available—"off the shelf"—video hardware is used as much as possible. Future applications of telemaintenance include remote sensors on weapon systems that will predict impending failures of those systems.

The idea is to reduce the need of having weapon system experts travel to units worldwide to fix or maintain equipment. "One of the catch phrases we use is: We're transferring the knowledge and not the people," Nunn said.

Anniston Army Depot has been using the system for about six months for maintenance of the M1A1 tank. This eliminates the need of having people from the depot stationed with the tank users at Fort Irwin. "My understanding is everything's going real well," Nunn said. He works closely with Mike Osborne, of the strategic planning office at Anniston Army Depot, who is in charge of implementing telemaintenance for the depots.

Telemaintenance benefits include better use of subject matter experts, so each expert can help more people



REMOTE REPAIR— Wearing a helmet-mounted camera, a National Guardsman at Camp Dodge, Iowa, repairs a wiring harness on an M1A1 tank while transmitting images to Anniston Army Depot.

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Ex-Sgt. Maj. of Army • McKinney court martial set Jan. 6

By Lisa Hunter

FORT BELVOIR, Va.— A week after he was formally reassigned from his duties as the Sergeant Major of Army, CSM Gene C. McKinney was arraigned Thursday at Fort Belvoir, Va., where a military judge set his court martial date for Jan. 6.

McKinney faces 20 specifications resulting from allegations made by six female servicemembers, and a maximum of 56 years confinement if convicted of all charges.

The military judge, Col.

Ferdinand Clervi, presided over Thursday's arraignment and will preside over the court martial. Clervi met with the members of the prosecution and defense privately prior to the arraignment "to discuss administrative matters in the case."

Clervi set dates to hear motions of discovery prior to the beginning of the court martial. Clervi is chief circuit court judge for the 3rd Judicial Circuit, U.S. Army Trial Judiciary, Fort Hood,

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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.

Organization donations— The Thrift Shop is

accepting written requests from organizations that are seeking financial assistance. Written requests outlining the group's ongoing programs, reasons for requesting help, how the funds would be applied, point of contact, to include a name, and mailing address where check should be mailed and phone number of individual who can answer any questions to justify the donation requested, should be mailed to: The Redstone Arsenal Thrift Shop, Attn: Welfare Chairman, building 3657, Redstone Arsenal 35898. Requests should be received

by Oct. 31 from all community organizations that fall within the 501C Accounts (non-profit organizations and donations to be used for the recreational and educational purpose arena). New requests have to be made each time. "We would like to thank the community for letting us help them in their time of need," a prepared release said. "Solicitations from the community are welcome and our welfare contributions will be decided upon and approved in August, November and April of each year."

Team Redstone hail/

farewell— The Team Redstone Hail and Farewell will be held from 4-6 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Officers' Club. "This promises to be a fun-filled event complete with good food, spirits (at the cash bar) and the opportunity to meet many of our new colleagues who have arrived from St. Louis area and other points unknown," a prepared release said. All AMCOM civilian and military personnel regardless of grade or rank are invited to attend. The honorees will include all military officers and civilian employees GM/GS-11 and above who

have joined this command within the past three months, and those scheduled to depart before Jan. 26. Dress will be duty uniform for military and normal duty attire for civilians. Cost is \$4 per person. For more information, call Gaila Kelso of the Protocol Office 876-9857.

Aviation group luncheon— Army Aviation Association of America, Tennessee Valley Chapter will hold a professional-social meeting Friday at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers Club. Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of the

Aviation and Missile Command, is to speak on "management of the Army's aviation commodity for transition to Redstone Arsenal." Cost is \$8.50 in advance or at the door. RSVP to Melissa Black 876-6659, Debra Brenner 876-3269 or Dave Tarker 461-3078.

Fashion show— The BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) Committee will present its fourth annual fashion show Nov. 15 at the Recreation Center. Models, comedians, vocalists. **See ANNOUNCEMENTS on page 28**

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Texas. He is the most senior trial judge in the Army.

During an arraignment, the government publicly reads the charges, the judge calls on the accused to plead and may set a court date.

McKinney's attorneys waived the reading of the charges. As Clervi explained that McKinney is not required to enter a plea until all motions are heard, McKinney stood and said "not guilty," although it was not entered as his formal plea.

McKinney is expected to enter a formal plea on the first day of the court martial.

In the courtroom at Fort Belvoir, about 12 miles south of Washington, D.C., McKinney appeared relaxed as he listened to the soft-spoken Clervi. McKinney's wife, Wilhemina, sat directly behind him, in the front row of the gallery, surrounded by journalists and a hand-full of spectators during the 90-minute proceeding.

The tone was hushed and the courtroom was often so quiet that you could hear the clock ticking in the back of the room. Several of the reporters leaned forward in a visible effort to hear Clervi.

Clervi explained to McKinney that he has three options concerning who would hear his case:

- Trial by military judge, during which the judge hears the case, determines the defendant's guilt or innocence and passes sentence;
 - Trial by a panel of at least five military officers; or
 - Trial by a panel composed of two-thirds officers and one-third enlisted soldiers.
- McKinney chose trial by panel to include

enlisted soldiers. The enlisted soldiers must be in the grade of E-9 and senior to McKinney by date of rank. This does not rule out retired NCOs, members of the Reserve forces or NCOs in other branches of service, according to Capt. Steven Levin of the Government Appellate Division in Falls Church, Va. In a trial by panel, members vote by secret, written ballot to determine the verdict on each charge. A two-thirds majority is required for a guilty verdict on a charge, and a vote is taken only once.

If McKinney is found guilty, two-thirds of the panel members, voting by secret, written ballot, must agree on the sentence. If the panel members vote on a sentence of more than 10 years confinement, three-quarters of the panel members must agree. If McKinney is convicted of all charges against him, he could face up to 56 years confinement. The trial is expected to last between three and six weeks.

Allegations against McKinney came to light in February after he was appointed to a panel investigating sexual harassment in the Army. A former enlisted assistant to McKinney came forward to allege the sergeant major had committed acts of sexual misconduct against her. By spring other witnesses came forward with similar allegations.

An Article 32 investigation included a 27-day hearing, the longest in Army history. It featured more than 50 witnesses and more than 6,000 pages of testimony and evidence related to the charges. Military District of Washington Commander, Maj. Gen. Robert F. Foley referred charges to trial by general court martial on Oct. 8. McKinney was reassigned from his duties as Sergeant Major of the Army the next day.

(Editor's note: SFC Hunter is public affairs chief, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir, Va.)

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Garden plots— The Housing Office requests your assistance in preparing for next year's gardening season. If you are currently assigned a garden plot on post, please harvest your crops and remove all fences, stakes, and personal items by Oct. 30. This will allow the contractor to proceed with preparing the soil for the winter season. If you wish to retain the same garden plot next year, you should notify MSgt. Don Tolbert, Housing NCO-in-charge, at 876-1445 by March 15. After that date, plots will be assigned on first-come, first-serve basis. All active military servicemembers residing on or off post and retired servicemembers are eligible to sign for a garden plot.

Life Cycle Systems workshop— The University of Alabama in

Huntsville's Research Institute's Systems Management and Production Laboratory is holding a Life Cycle Systems Engineering Workshop Nov. 4-5 at the Sparkman Center Auditorium. The central theme of the workshop will be the assessment of existing and emerging technologies to achieve cost savings and affordability objectives in the management of the life cycle of DoD weapons systems. There is no registration fee for this workshop. For more information, call 890-6343 ext. 234, fax 842-9960, or e-mail: gary@smaplub.ri.uah.edu. You may register for the workshop on-line at: <http://smaplub.ri.uah.edu/lce/>.

Logistics engineers— The Tennessee Valley Chapter, International Society of Logistics Engineers is sponsoring a full-day trip to the Saturn plant in Spring Hill, Tenn., on Oct. 31. This is an opportunity to see a modern production line in operation, and modern logistics at work. With the DoD adopting more and more commercial practices, defense logisticians will want to see this facility in operation. There

is a limit of 30 spaces and will be first come, first served. Buses will depart at 7:30 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. They will tour the production lines, have lunch and obtain a logistics overview. The cost is \$75 per person. Government Form 1556s are welcome. For more information, or to make reservations, call Keith Dicken 837-4482, or e-mail kdicken@uwohali.com. Members and non-members are welcome. For information on joining SOLE, call retired Col. Norm Myers, chairman, 955-6745 or myers-nj@redstone.army.mil; or Louise W. Cooper, administration, 955-0576 or lcooper@logsa.army.mil.

Fall cleanup days— The Family Housing "fall cleanup days" previously scheduled for Oct. 16-17 have been changed to Nov. 20-21. "Residents should have already received their instruction/expectation letter but the dates have changed," a prepared release said. "Please correct your calendars to reflect Nov. 20 and 21 as the Family Housing fall cleanup days."

Halloween candy X-

rayed— Fox Army Community Hospital's radiology department will provide X-ray service for the purpose of examining Halloween candy on Oct. 31 from 7-9 p.m. Bring your children and their treats and make this a safe and happy Halloween. Please enter the hospital through the FoxCare 3 entrance.

Ghoulish golf— Huntsville Newcomers Club will have a hauntingly good golf outing, "Ghoulish golf," at the Twin Lakes Golf Club in Arab at 6:30 p.m. Saturday for the whole family. For details call Pat Thompson 534-9507.

Astronomical society— The Von Braun Astronomical Society will hold a Halloween program, "Halloween Horrors: Things that Go Bump in the Universe," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. For more information, call 539-0316 or Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

Logistics branch open house— Ricky P. Hall and the staff of the Logistics, Test, Operations and Prototype (LOGTOP) Branch, Logistics Assistance Division,

Readiness Directorate, IMMC will hold its "premiere open house" at 9-11 a.m. Oct. 29 at building 3777 south on Maintenance Row. Luncheon follows. RSVP to 842-0367/6588 today.

Aviation association— Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) invites members and guests to a Bass Tournament on Saturday at Lake Guntersville. Cost is \$25 per boat. There will be cash prizes for first, second and third place. RSVP by Thursday with Bob Vlasic 881-7123 or Galen Bush 876-5788.

Parent advisory council— The Child Development Services' Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will meet Oct. 28 at 11 a.m. in the Bicentennial Chapel activity room. "Bring your lunch and join us," a prepared release said. Pizza will be provided at \$1 per slice. Parents with children in all CDS programs are encouraged to attend.

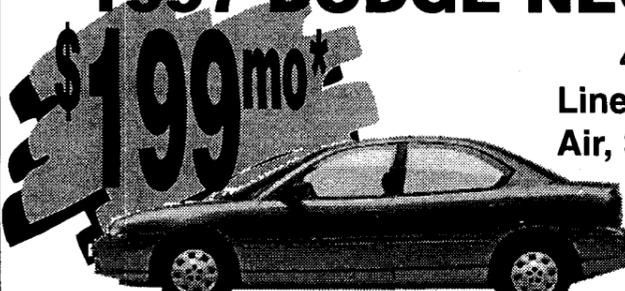
Surplus sale— A spot sealed bid sale of government surplus property will be held Oct. 27 at the

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, 7405 Warehouse Road. Property inspection and bid submission is today, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Methods of bidding include faxed (876-5097), hand-carried and mailed. Verbal bids will not be accepted. To view material for the sale and to submit bids, report to building 7413. For more information, call Elizabeth Couch 842-9474 or Donna Davis 842-2570.

Cholesterol screenings— Fox Army Community Hospital issued the following release. "Most of us assume that since we feel well, we are well; and so we are most of the time, but unfortunately, not always. People can have high cholesterol and not feel a thing. And when you have it, you are not as well as you might be. Staff from Fox Army Community Hospital and the Sparkman Fitness Center will provide free total cholesterol screenings at the Sparkman Fitness Center, from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Oct. 23. For more information, call Susan Goodman 842-1047."

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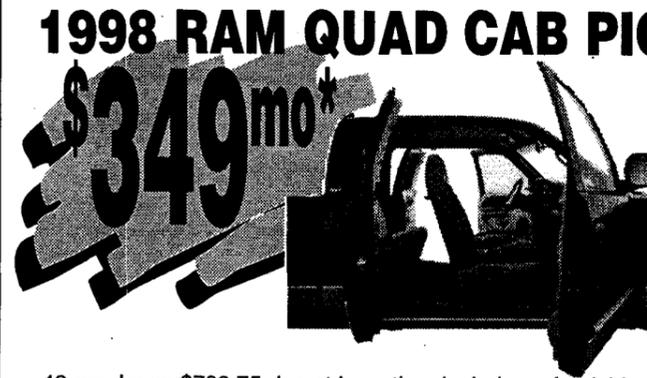


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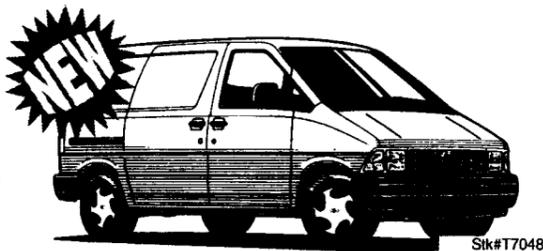
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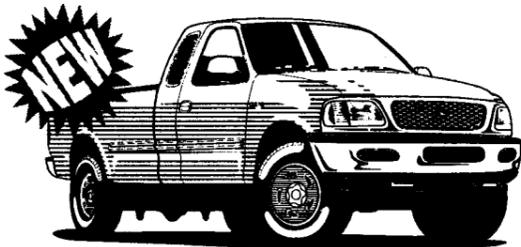


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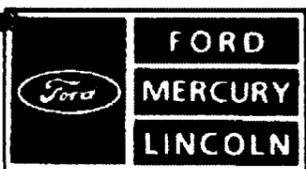


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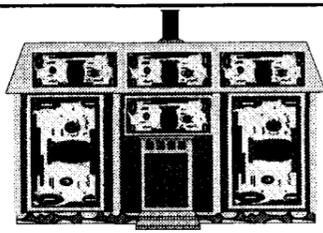
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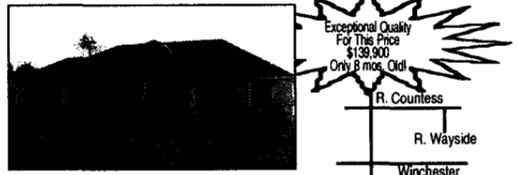
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	2103 Griffith Dr.	3/1	\$21,000	\$154/mo.
	1336 Halsey Ave.	2/1	\$37,475	\$275/mo.
	11322 Hillwood Dr.	3/1.5	\$84,600	\$620/mo.

VA PROPERTY

City	Address	BR/Bath	Price	MO
Huntsville	4207 Hawthorne	2/1	\$29,500	\$208/mo.
	2613 Scenic View	4/2	\$62,000	\$441/mo.
	902 Roll Tide Ln.	4/2	\$75,000	\$534/mo.
	4811 Cottonwood Dr.	3/1	\$20,000	CASH
	448 Bass Circle	2/1	\$30,000	\$211/mo.
	2618 Clovis Rd.	3/2.5	\$80,000	\$570/mo.
	3116 Gayhart Dr.	3/2	\$45,000	\$319/mo.
	3303 Norwich Cir.	4/2.5	\$110,000	\$784/mo.
	5008 Lyngail Dr.	4/2.5	\$85,000	\$605/mo.
	902 Roll Tide Lane	4/2	\$77,000	\$548/mo.
	418 Greenacres Dr.	3/1	\$47,000	\$333/mo.
	1805 Canterbury Cr.	3/2	\$43,000	\$304/mo.
Madison	140 Heatherwood Dr.	4/3	\$140,000	\$999/mo.
	110 Shoals Point Trail	3/2	\$58,000	\$412/mo.
	123 Grayson Ave.	4/2	\$83,000	\$591/mo.
	286 North Stone St.	3/1	\$35,000	\$247/mo.

A Garden Home Community

Everything You Always Wanted



Oak Pointe

at Mountain Brook

Simmons Company: 534-1116 • Sales: 772-2411
Mon, Wed & Sun 1PM-5PM
Marketed By Beverly Simmons
508-0722

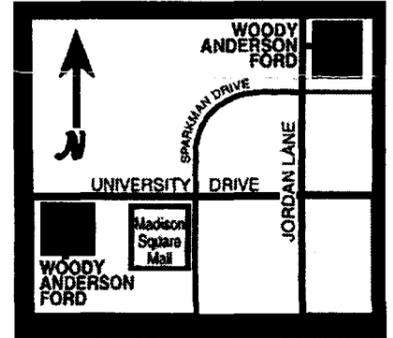
Location! Location! This beautiful Garden Home Community With Community Pool, Tennis Court And Club House Is Located Off of Highway 20 at Zierdt Road. Take a Right onto Mountain Brook Boulevard Oak Pointe is on the right.

140's to 180's Immediately Available

- 4 B.R. Homes
- Skylight
- Private Pool
- Granite Countertops
- Hardwood Floors
- Ceramic Tile Entry
- 3.5 Bathrooms
- Finished Basement
- Side Walk Entry
- Double
- Luxurious Master Bath
- Walk-in Pantry & Marble Stove
- Breakfast Bar
- Fireplace in Living Room

1996 Parade of Homes Winner

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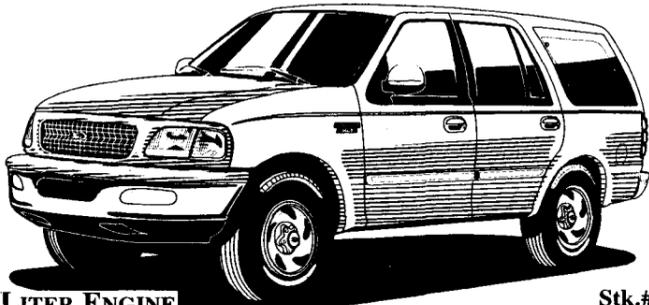


Corner of Sparkman & Jordan
539-9441
 6561 University Drive West
721-6000

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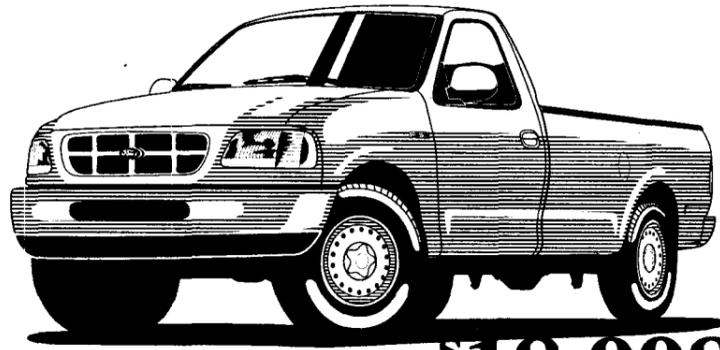
Take Your Pick

'98 FORD EXPEDITION XLT



- ✓ 4.6 LITER ENGINE
 - ✓ STYLED STEEL WHEELS
 - ✓ AM/FM STEREO CASSETTE
 - ✓ AIR CONDITIONING
 - ✓ ELECTRIC MIRRORS
 - ✓ LIGHTED RUNNING BOARDS
 - ✓ 4-SPD. AUTO TRANSMISSION
- Stk.#8T232
\$26,999
 or
 \$349/mo. 24 mo. Lease
 \$2,500 Down
 12K mile lease

'97 FORD F-150 XLT



- ✓ STX PACKAGE
 - ✓ AIR CONDITIONING
 - ✓ 6 DISC CD CHANGER
 - ✓ 17" WHEELS
 - ✓ SPEED & TILT
 - ✓ REMOTE KEYLESS/ANTI-THEFT
 - ✓ XLT 4X2 SPECIAL APPEARANCE PKG.
- \$18,998***
 or
 \$299/mo.
 24 mo. Lease \$575 Due at
 Inception, signing includes 1st
 mo. payment & refundable
 security deposit.
 12K miles per yr. lease.

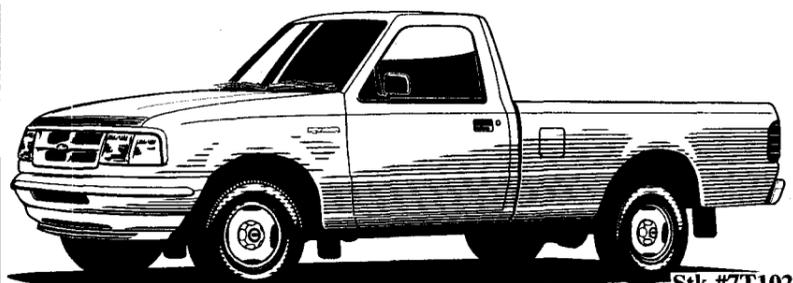
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'97 FORD ESCORT ZX2



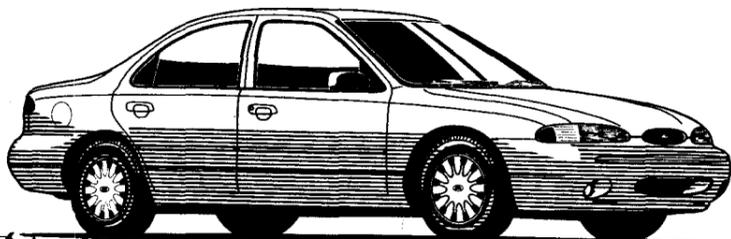
- ✓ AIR CONDITIONING
 - ✓ AM/FM STEREO CASSETTE
 - ✓ 5 SPD. TRANSMISSION
 - ✓ REMOTE ENTRY
 - ✓ POWER MIRRORS
 - ✓ FRONT & REAR MATS
 - ✓ REAR WINDOW DEFROSTER
- \$13,289**
 or
 \$249/mo.
 24 mo. Lease \$575 Due at
 Inception, signing includes
 1st mo. payment &
 refundable security deposit.
 12K miles per yr. lease.

'97 FORD RANGER



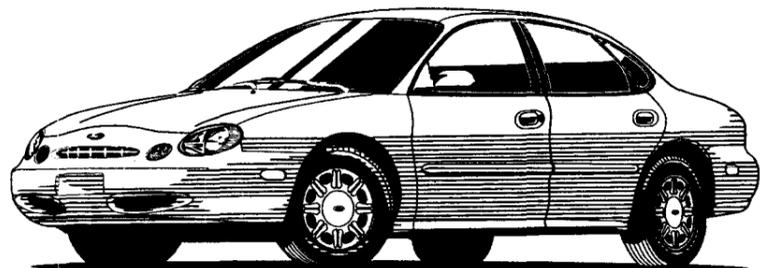
- ✓ XLT TRIM GROUP
 - ✓ 2.3 LITER ENGINE
 - ✓ 5 SPD. MANUAL TRANSMISSION
 - ✓ CAST ALUMINUM WHEELS
 - ✓ POWER STEERING
 - ✓ AM/FM STEREO/CASSETTE
- Stk.#7T1024
\$10,499*
 * With Rebate
 Applied
 or
 2.9%
 For 48 mos.

'97 FORD CONTOUR GL SPORT



- ✓ AIR CONDITIONING
 - ✓ AM/FM CASSETTE
 - ✓ 15" ALLOY WHEELS
 - ✓ SPOILER
 - ✓ POWER WINDOWS & LOCKS
 - ✓ SPEED CONTROL
 - ✓ POWER MIRRORS
 - ✓ LIGHT GROUP
 - ✓ AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
- \$15,998***
 or
 \$269/mo.
 24 mo. Lease \$575 Due at
 Inception, signing includes 1st
 mo. payment & refundable
 security deposit.
 12K miles per yr. lease.

'97 FORD TAURUS



- ✓ 4-DOOR SEDAN
 - ✓ 3.0 LITER ENGINE
 - ✓ AUTO OVERDRIVE TRANSMISSION
 - ✓ ALUMINUM WHEELS
 - ✓ AM/FM STEREO CASSETTE
- Stk.#7F1174
\$14,999*
 * With Rebate Applied
 or
 2.9%
 For 48 mos.
 4.9% For 60 mos.