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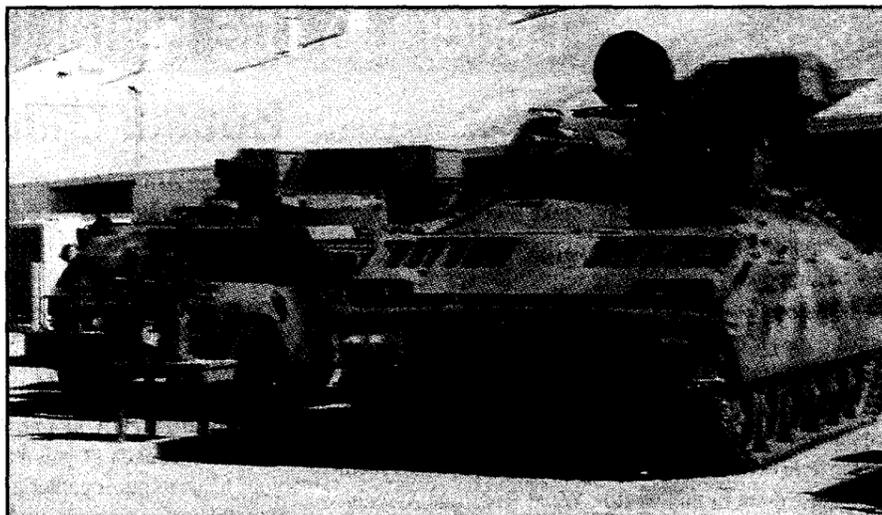
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OPEN HOUSE— Sarah Gregory, branch secretary, and Hall, supervisor, are among the members of LOGTOP. The branch held an open house Oct. 29 at building 3777.



TACTICAL HARDWARE— Avenger, left, and the Bradley Fighting Vehicle are among systems kept on site at the branch where workers devise improvements and solve hardware problems.

Logistics operations branch returns home to former site

By Skip Vaughn

When your roommate moves out, there's a lot more room in the house. Just ask the members of LOGTOP branch.

The Logistics Test Operations Prototype Branch is under the Readiness Directorate within the Integrated Materiel Management Center. The LOGTOP workers held an open house Oct. 29 which was more like a homecoming since they were marking their return to building 3777.

The branch, originally called Maintenance Operational Procedures or "Mop Shop," was formed in the early 1970s at that very building. Back then it was in the same organization as its roommate, the ATE/TPS Center. In 1988 when the center needed more room, the Mop Shop moved out to building 3629 on Gray Road.

"And in June of this year, we moved back and started setting this building up as the LOGTOP," Rick Hall, the branch supervisor, said. The facility became avail-

able when the center moved out to one of the former Thiokol buildings. The LOGTOP workers heard about that move and received permission to return to their former home. They spruced it up and then moved into the south end of 3777.

"Our facility gives us a lot more space to do the day-to-day operations we're doing," Hall said. He estimates that the 14-member branch has about three times the space it had at building 3629. Plus, the workers now have air-conditioning; they

didn't have that convenience at 3629.

The former Mop Shop was renamed LOGTOP in 1995 when it began doing prototype hardware and procedures.

"We're a place that can help solve the problems of the user with the equipment or procedural problems, things of that nature," Hall said, "whether it be a prototype piece of hardware or looking at a procedural problem."

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Family Action Symposia deliver results Armywide

By Skip Vaughn

For three years SSgt. Michael Coman has served as a delegate at Redstone's annual family symposium.

Because of his experience, and his work on behalf of Redstone's single soldiers, Coman was selected to represent this post at the AMC Army Family Action Plan symposium. Coman served as the Arsenal's delegate to this annual symposium held Sept. 22-25 at Springfield, Va.

Delegates to the Army Materiel Command event discussed quality of life issues from local installations and selected some issues for Department of Army consideration. The approximately 30 delegates included soldiers, civilians, retirees and Army family members.

"I think it's an excellent forum for soldiers to express their concerns about the installations in general and the ones that they work on," CSM Ben Sundry said. "And for

Redstone Arsenal to send a staff sergeant to represent the installation says a lot for that staff sergeant."

Coman, who is leaving Redstone in January for assignment in Korea, served on the Support and Medical work group at the AMC family symposium. The other work group was for Entitlements.

The delegates discussed issues from local installations and heard from high-level officials. Some of the speakers included Gen. Johnnie Wilson, commander of AMC; Maj. Gen. James Link, the AMC chief of staff and former Redstone commander; AMC CSM George Cutbirth; and Lt. Col. Joel Bales, health policy analyst from the Office of the Surgeon General. Sylvia Kidd, who does government relations for the National Military Family Association, gave a congressional update. She is the wife of retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Richard Kidd.

"I think it's great," Coman said, regard-



DISCUSSING SYMPOSIUM— From left are Sundry, Downs and Coman.

ing the Army Family Action Plan process. "It's a way that issues can be worked on and some type of conclusion can be drawn. It gives you something to look forward to, lets you know your community's working to make things better."

No issues from Redstone were forwarded to AMC this year because they were resolved locally, according to Ivy Downs, the Army Family Action Plan coordinator in

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The few and the proud: Happy birthday, Marines

On Nov. 10, the U.S. Marine Corps celebrates its 222nd birthday. The officers and Marines of the Marine Corps Detachment, Redstone Arsenal, would like to wish all active, reserve, retired and former Marines a Happy Birthday. *Semper fidelis.*

The following is a birthday message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. C.C. Krulak:

"Today the Corps and its friends around the world gather to celebrate 222 years of making Marines and winning battles for our nation. Over the course of those years, the name "Marine" has taken on a legendary, almost mystical, warrior status. It is a status forged in the cauldron of basic training, tempered by shared hardship, and sharpened in the crucible of battle. Making Marines and winning battles are inseparable, but on this, the 222nd birthday of our Corps, I would like each of us to reflect on what winning battles means.

"Winning battles is as much a triumph of Marine spirit as it is a victory over foe. It means reaching deep within ourselves to unleash the special inner strength — the indomitable will to win — that is the legacy of our Corps. Princeton, Tripoli, Bladensburg, Chapultepec, Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima, the Chosin Reservoir, Hue City, the oil fields of Southwest Asia — the mere mention of battles such as these floods us with deep emotion. Our hearts swell with pride, and our thoughts drift to memories of fallen friends, brave deeds and the proud legions who have gone before. Our eyes seek out, and lock with, other Marines in a silent reaffirmation that we too are ready — in body, mind and spirit — to win the battles looming on our nation's horizon.

"No Marine is told to feel deeply about the battles of our Corps. But we do. This inner commitment, this spirit, is passed from Marine to Marine, generation to generation — not in word — nor in print — but in resolve. It

is a resolve to be the most ready when the nation is the least ready — to sortie into the unknown — to meet the unexpected — to overcome the impossible — to defeat the forces of tyranny — to guarantee victory. This same determination has sustained our Corps in times of uncertainty, in times of adversity, and in times of combat — just as it will in the battles we will fight — and win — tomorrow and the day after tomorrow.

"The battles of our storied past are our legacy. Those battles, the ones we fight today and those we will surely face in our future, form the headwaters of a mighty river that flows through all Marines — its current ripples through our souls, renewing us, sustaining us and fortifying us. Winning battles is what we should reflect upon today — and every day.

"Happy birthday, Marines. God bless you, and *semper fidelis.*

Gen. C.C. Krulak
Commandant of the Marine Corps



Letters To The Editor

Support CFC

The Combined Federal Campaign needs its supporters to come forward and make this year an outstanding one for giving: to maintain presence of CFC in supporting and helping to provide service to all. The decision to contribute is yours; however, your gift makes it easier to meet the needs that you feel are most important. Without your assistance, many less fortunate will suffer due to lack of services and be unable to participate in programs left unfunded.

Our lives will always include those that are less fortunate than we are in this world. We at Redstone Arsenal have always been a great supporter for the CFC; and many agencies of our community have gained much financial support for their cause of existence. The CFC is quickly drawing to a close for this year. Remember we, in our lives, will include those that are less fortunate than we are in this world. Our support offers renewed hope of better lives and goes a long way toward helping others in our community. Have you done your part?

The system is working and we do not want things to change. Make your donation to CFC to meet the goals for this year. Think about what you can do for the needy, not what your contribution will do for you. With the help of all of us, CFC will meet its goal and will provide continued assistance in time of need. The efforts of CFC and United Way are truly a match made for the benefit of those who are in need.

Throughout the ages, there have always been people dependent upon the charity of others. The aim of our communities is to provide the weak and the strong equally with opportunities for life. Our generous support for this cause will help a lot of people to have a better life. Think as little as possible about yourself and whatever comes your way do the best you can, but think as much as possible about other people who need our help. Put a good deal of thought into the happiness that we are able to give to others.

Brotherly love emphasizes compassion; it suggests kindness and compassionate treatment of a less fortunate person. In caring for those who are sick in body and mind, communities aid those who can least afford to pay. There is much strength in our combined effort to help others. This effort shows the type of heart that the people of Redstone have. Make a pledge.

Jimmy Harbin
IMMC

Bosnia children

I am an Army lieutenant colonel stationed as a ground force commander in eastern Bosnia. My purpose in writing you today is to solicit donations for the beleaguered people here, specifically the children. As the peace continues to be maintained by us, rebuilding is slowly occurring. The children are in school, but have no computer, no school supplies (pens, paper, notebooks, coloring books or crayons, soccer balls, kick balls, basketballs, toys, etc.), and not much hope.

I ask that each of you reading this would find it in your heart to put together a package and mail it to us for this holiday season. In each case, we will ensure that it is delivered directly to children. I have never seen a need so great in my life, and have chosen to send this letter out in the hope of making this place livable for the children.

I know that the hearts of Americans are very generous, and ask that you do this as an act of kindness for the children here — they are the future of this broken land. It can be your holiday gift to the children of a war-torn country who have nothing, from we who have so very much.

This is taken on as a project for our unit, so that we here can help save the children of this country, help them laugh and learn again, and show them that we, as Americans, still care about helping people here. In their classrooms there is nothing but chairs — no blackboards or bulletin boards, no color, no eye-catching murals, only white walls.

On behalf of these people, I ask that you send us your new and your old, your toys and your supplies, no matter the grade or the language, so we can help them maintain this peace. You can send your donations to my unit at the following address: Lt. Col. Mark Littell; Commander, 2/2 CAV; Operation Joint Guard; APO AE 09789.

We will even send pictures and video back to you of the school that you help if we can. No doubt you will hear directly from me and from the schools who receive your generous contributions. The best holiday gift you can give is to those who are in great need. I have never seen a place, a people or children in greater need. Please help us make this winter a more joyous one for the children here on Bosnia. Thanks for your contributions in advance. God bless you and the United States of America.

Lt. Col. Mark Littell
Commander,
2nd Squadron,
2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment

(Editor's note: The requesters further ask that you send items only, rather than money. These items don't have to be new; they can be old, used or excess.)

Contract awarded for military retiree dental plan effective 1998

Delta Dental Plan of California has been awarded the contract to administer the Defense Department's new dental plan for military retirees (including the U.S. Coast Guard), their eligible family members, and unremarried surviving spouses of deceased military retirees. Benefits for eligible persons who choose to enroll will begin Feb. 1, 1998. More than 4.2 million persons will be eligible to enroll in the plan.

The dental plan will provide services to persons throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Under the five-year, \$1.53-billion contract, enrollees will pay the full premium for coverage. Premiums will be collected from enrollees through payroll deductions from those who receive retired pay. Those who don't receive retired pay will be billed directly for premiums by Delta.

Initial enrollment in the program will be for at least 24 months. Enrollees must submit a payment equal to four months' worth of premiums with their initial enrollment application. After the first 24-month period, enrollees may choose to stay enrolled on a

month-to-month basis.

The Sacramento, Calif.-based contractor will divide the country into five regions, whose premiums will vary according to location. Average monthly premiums in the first year of the contract will range from \$12.26 for one person, to \$23.80 for two persons, to \$39.31 for a family. A given premium may vary from these amounts, depending on where the enrollee lives.

The plan will feature a variety of diagnostic, preventive, restorative, endodontic, periodontic and oral surgery services, at specified levels of cost-sharing. Some services (mostly diagnostic and preventive services) won't require a payment by enrollees. Other services will require enrollees to pay cost-shares of 20 or 40 percent. There will be a \$50 deductible before cost sharing begins.

Not counting the diagnostic and preventive services, enrollees will have benefit of up to \$1,000 enrollment year.

More information will be mailed to eligible persons by Delta as the starting date for the program approaches. **(Release from the Office of the Surgeon General.)**

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Veterans Day parade honors new servicemembers Nov. 11

By Debra Valine

Nov. 11 is Veterans Day; it is the day the armistice was signed ending World War I. The federal holiday honors all veterans of the armed forces and the sacrifices they have made for our country.

To extend this honor to local veterans and new servicemembers, a parade is scheduled in downtown Huntsville beginning at 11 a.m. at the corner of Lowe and Williams avenues. The reviewing stand will be adjacent to the courthouse.

The parade theme states, "This parade is in honor of new servicemembers. Today's servicemembers are volunteers. For the most part, they hold higher levels of education and operate more sophisticated and technical equipment than their predecessors. They are deployed around the world in volatile areas such as Bosnia, South Korea, the Middle East and other areas. We depend on our U.S. Armed Forces to protect the world from possible enemies who could strike anywhere and at any time."

According to CSM Ben Sunde, the post command sergeant major, Redstone Arsenal will provide the official color guard to lead the parade. There will be two, 30-soldier marching units: one from HHC AMCOM and one from the 59th Ordnance Brigade.

"The Soldier of the Year, Spec. J'Marcus Adams, and the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, SSgt. Brent Grove, both out of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, will ride in a 1951 M38 jeep which is owned and driven by John Voite," Sunde said. "It has a .30-caliber machine gun mounted on the back. The retired community is involved in the parade, too. (Retired) Lt. Col. Randy Withrow will drive his World War II Sherman tank; he has a warehouse of old military vehicles.

"Congressman Robert 'Bud' Cramer will



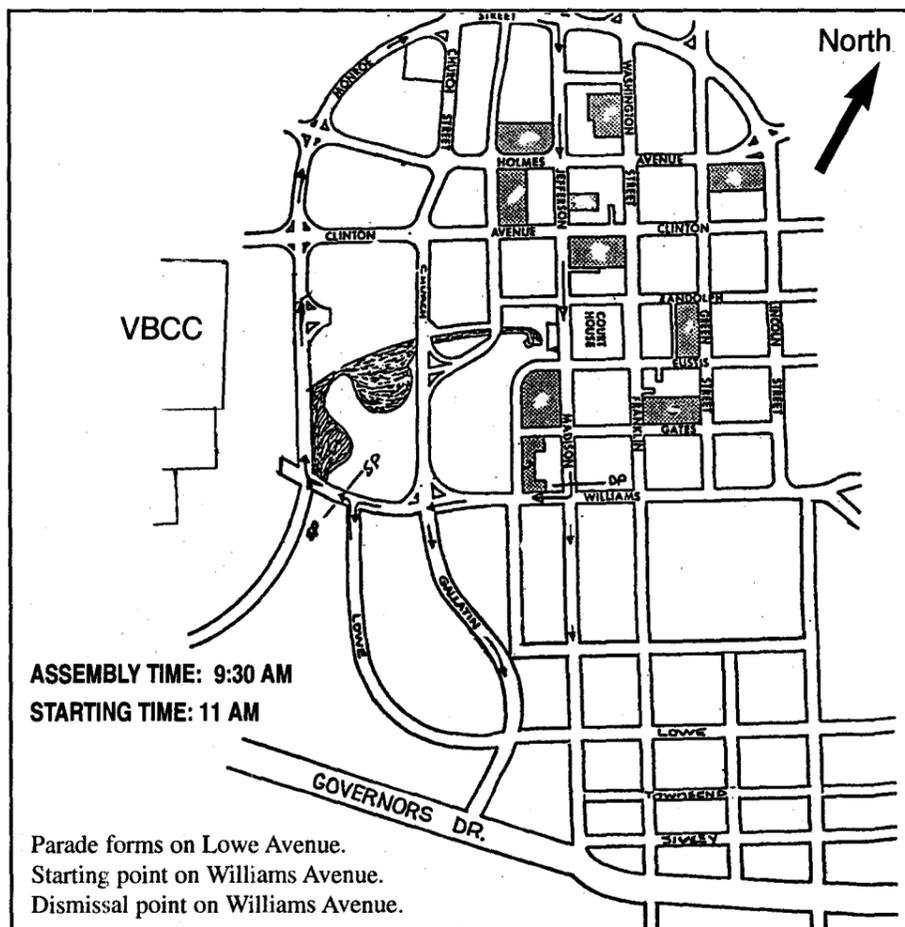
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be the parade Grand Marshal," Sunde said. "All the services are being represented. High schools' Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps are marching, and the Korean ex-POWs will participate in the parade."

Sunde said there are also plans to have Avenger weapon system and TOW displays set up near the two-mile parade route.

For the past 15 years, a Redstone Arsenal employee, Hal Meeker, has been actively involved in putting the parade together. On post, he works in the Technical Data Division of Systems Engineering and Production, as a documentation specialist with configuration management.

"I was on Gov. Fob James' commission to dedicate the Vietnam Veterans wall in Washington, D.C., in 1982," said Meeker, who retired from active service as a major in 1978. "I represented Alabama with a group of concerned veterans. After that I



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PARADE ROUTE— This is the route for Huntsville's annual Veterans Day Parade downtown Nov. 11.

went to work to try to improve the parade down here. I haven't done this alone; I have always had dedicated and concerned veterans help put the parade together. The logistics, checking on things, etc. We like to keep veterans involved whenever we can.

"I assist the parade coordinator by providing historical data," said Meeker, who was named the American Legionnaire of the Year in 1995. "I basically line the parade

up and get them started down on Lowe Avenue."

Meeker, originally from Washington, Mo., said he was a company commander in Vietnam. Because of his experience, he said he feels a need to jump in there and help organize the parade. He said he likes to assist the older veterans who have carried the ball since before the time he arrived in Huntsville.

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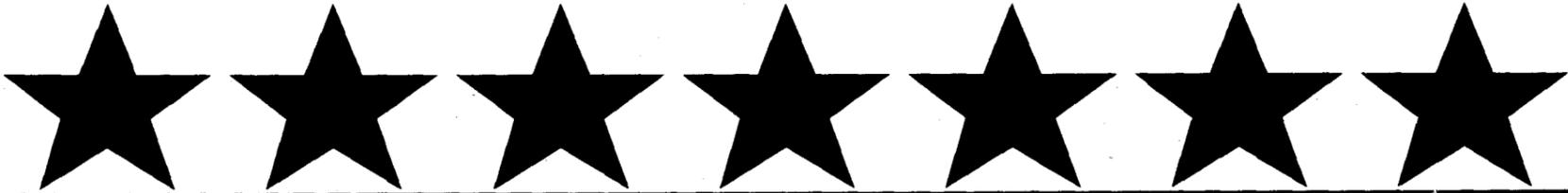
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Army helicopter pilot honored by her hometown

By Debra Valine

Back during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia, American schoolchildren wrote many letters to "any soldier." One of those soldiers who took the time to respond to the children from her hometown recently was honored by a professional businesswomen's group for her achievements in the aviation field.

"During the war, the schools would write letters to any soldier and I would pick up letters from my hometown of Chicago," said CWO 3 Tracie Bostic, the recipient of the "Spirit of Amelia Earhart Award" from the professional service group, Zonta. "I became their pen pal. When I got back to Chicago after the war, I went to meet the children I had written to, and I took them to McDonald's."

Jan Larsen, who was a reporter for the *Herald-News* in Joliet, Ill., said she

met Bostic during the Persian Gulf War when she was in Saudi Arabia doing research for a story on women in the war, and was impressed. Larsen, now the metro associate editor of the *Herald-News*, is also a member of Zonta.

She explained why her club has a Spirit of Amelia Earhart award.

"The first Zonta club was organized in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1919. There are now clubs in 60 different countries," Larsen said. "Amelia Earhart was a member of only two clubs in her lifetime. One was the 99'ers, a club of 99 women pilots, and Zonta. So when she died, Zonta International started projects commemorating her. For instance, we sponsor scholarships for aerospace engineering. We have given out millions of dollars in grants. This year would have been Amelia's 100th birthday, and it is the 60th anniversary of her last flight. I urged the clubs to do some-

thing in Amelia's name. What we decided to do was honor a woman pilot and I remembered Tracie."

"This is the first time Zonta has given out an award like this, and they wanted to honor someone in aviation," Bostic said. "Jan remembered me. She called my mother and through her Jan was able to track me down in Germany."

Bostic said at the banquet where she was presented with the plaque she also received several other mementos and was made an honorary member of Zonta for one year. "The Zonta club in Joliet started in 1972; in all that time there have only been two honorary members — I am the second one. It's a great honor."

Bostic is a Black Hawk helicopter pilot and a test pilot who is assigned to the Utility Helicopter's Project Manager's Office here, but attached to U.S. Army Europe. She is currently stationed in Seckenheim,

Germany.

In her 16 years in the Army, she has gone from being an enlisted crew chief to being a Black Hawk helicopter pilot. Along the way she earned accolades as soldier of the month, quarter and year in a couple of different units; she received numerous commendations for superior work performance; and she also completed her bachelor of science degree in professional aeronautics with Embury-Riddle Aeronautical University at Fort Campbell, Ky. During Operation Desert Shield/Storm she flew 50 combat hours and received an Air Medal.

"She went from being a clerk at Kmart, into the Army as an enlisted mechanic and ultimately she became a pilot," Larsen said. "She is my hero. She is brave without being obnoxious about it. She is capable, yet feminine. She is a real success story. Our club was really pleased to be able to honor her."



SPIRIT OF EARHART— Bostic of the Utility Helicopter (Black Hawk) Project Office recently received the Spirit of Amelia Earhart Award from an international professional service group.

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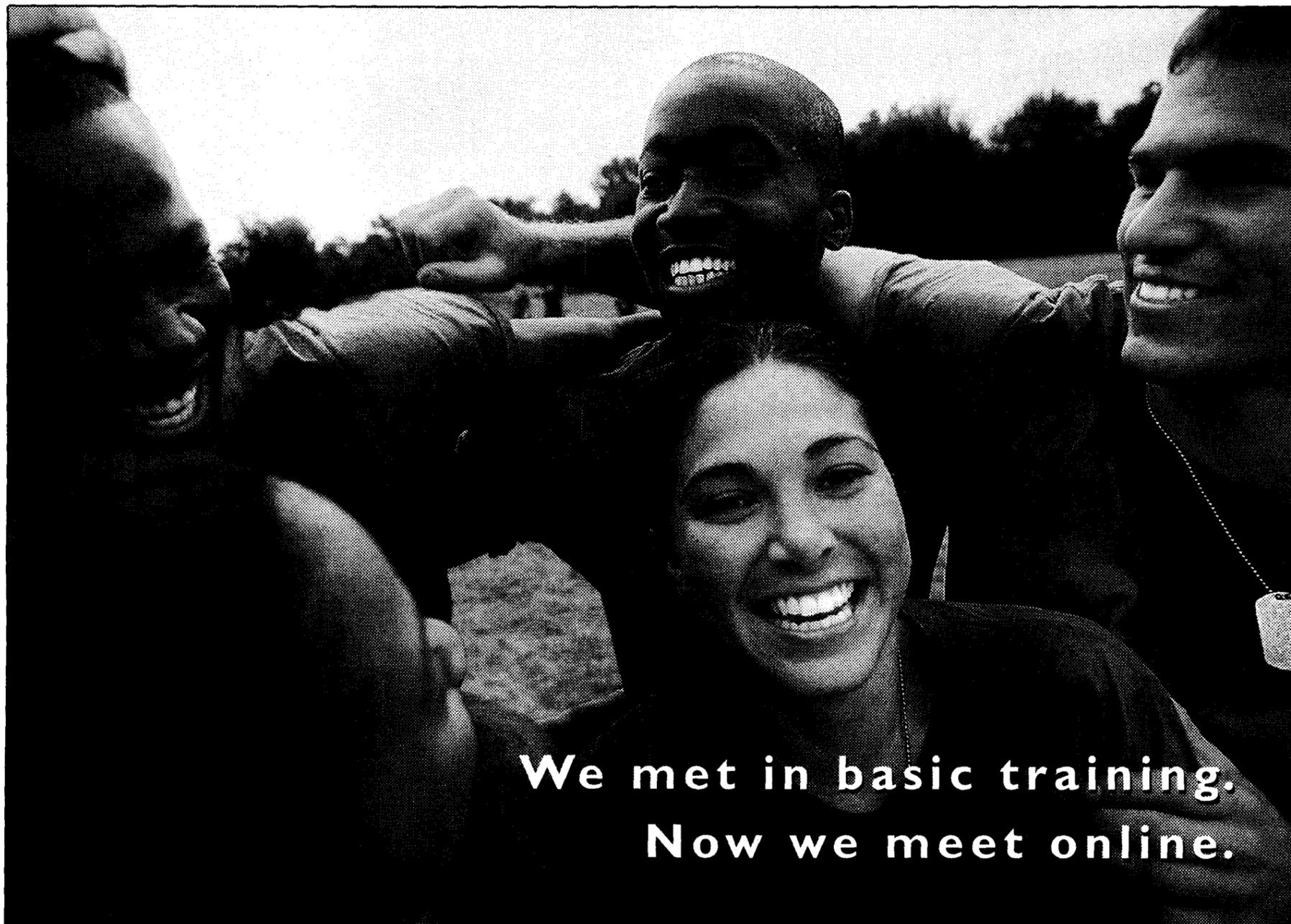
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Laboratory workers chill out with CFC and cookies rally

By Jan McVey

On Oct. 23, approximately 80 MRDEC employees endured the chill to attend a Combined Federal Campaign pep rally at the Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

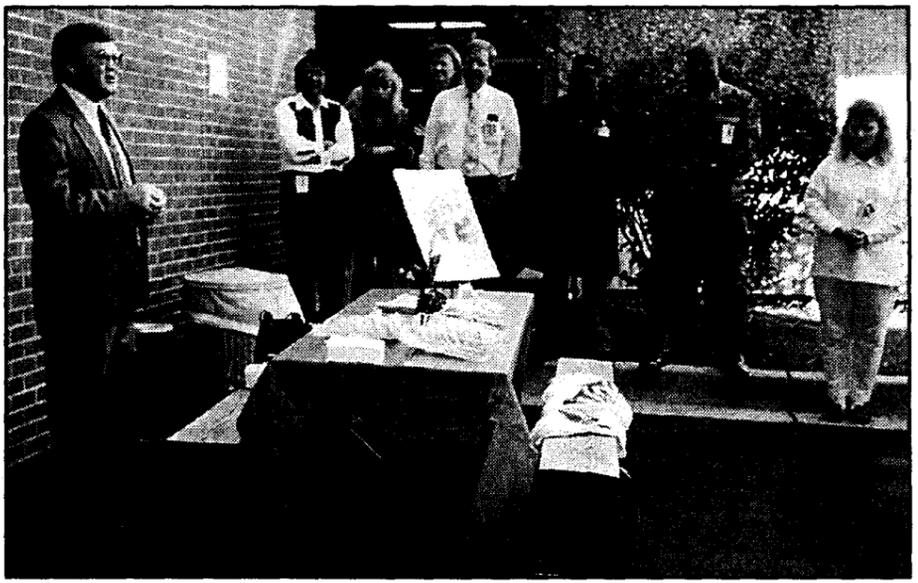
Special speakers adding pep to the rally included Dr. Larry Daniel, MRDEC acting director for systems; Kelli Newberry, loaned executive; and Martha Montgomery from the Huntsville Rehabilitation Center. All three gave inspiring and challenging talks.

The Combined Federal Campaign key

workers were recognized for their hard work during the campaign. Before, during and after the rally, participants enjoyed cookies—leading some to refer to the rally as “CFC and Cookies.”

A contest continues between MRDEC and Integrated Materiel Management Center adding fun to the campaign. However, both organizations realize the seriousness of the CFC effort as they strive to make the slogan “Hope is in Our Hands” a reality.

(Editor's note: McVey is CFC chairperson for the Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.)



PEP RALLY— Daniel speaks at MRDEC's pep rally for the Combined Federal Campaign.

Associated universities conduct on-line open house here

As a lead agency for the Army Materiel Command's distance learning, the Aviation and Missile Command held an On-Line Open House on Oct. 30. AMCOM's Redstone Affiliated Universities (RAU) hosted this video teleconference.

“This On-Line Open House will provide a great opportunity for counselors and managers to sample academic programs available via the interactive classrooms which will be funded under the Army Distance Learning Plan,” Phil Olin, conference coordinator, said in a prepared release. “Academic representatives of nationally recognized programs will be describing courses

that they would like to offer. We invite managers, training officers, education service officers, and employee development specialists to participate—bring your questions and ask the experts. The program will consist of a presentation by the Army's Distance Learning and Classroom XXI proponents in addition to short, dynamic presentations by academic instructors.”

This open house was hosted by Redstone Associated Universities, a partnership between the Redstone Learning Center and various universities in an effort to make available a variety of academic programs. RAU is a result of this command's ongoing

efforts to provide civilian and military members with developmental activities through distance learning capabilities that provide the depth of knowledge required to support the AMCOM worldwide mission.

Classroom XXI facilities will be constructed, beginning in fiscal 1998, at all major Army installations around the world and at most locations that support Army Reserve and National Guard units. Currently available, until the construction of the Classroom XXI facilities, are more than 117 TNET (videoteletraining) sites. The

TNET Network can broadcast (one-way) to all sites or conduct two-way conferences for up to 35 sites.

“The goal of this project is to deliver right to the desktop,” Olin said. “This is part of the Total Army Training System and includes civilians as well as the soldier. Redstone is taking the lead in the AMC distance learning initiative.”

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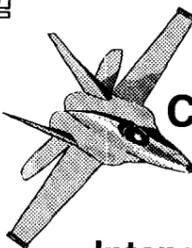
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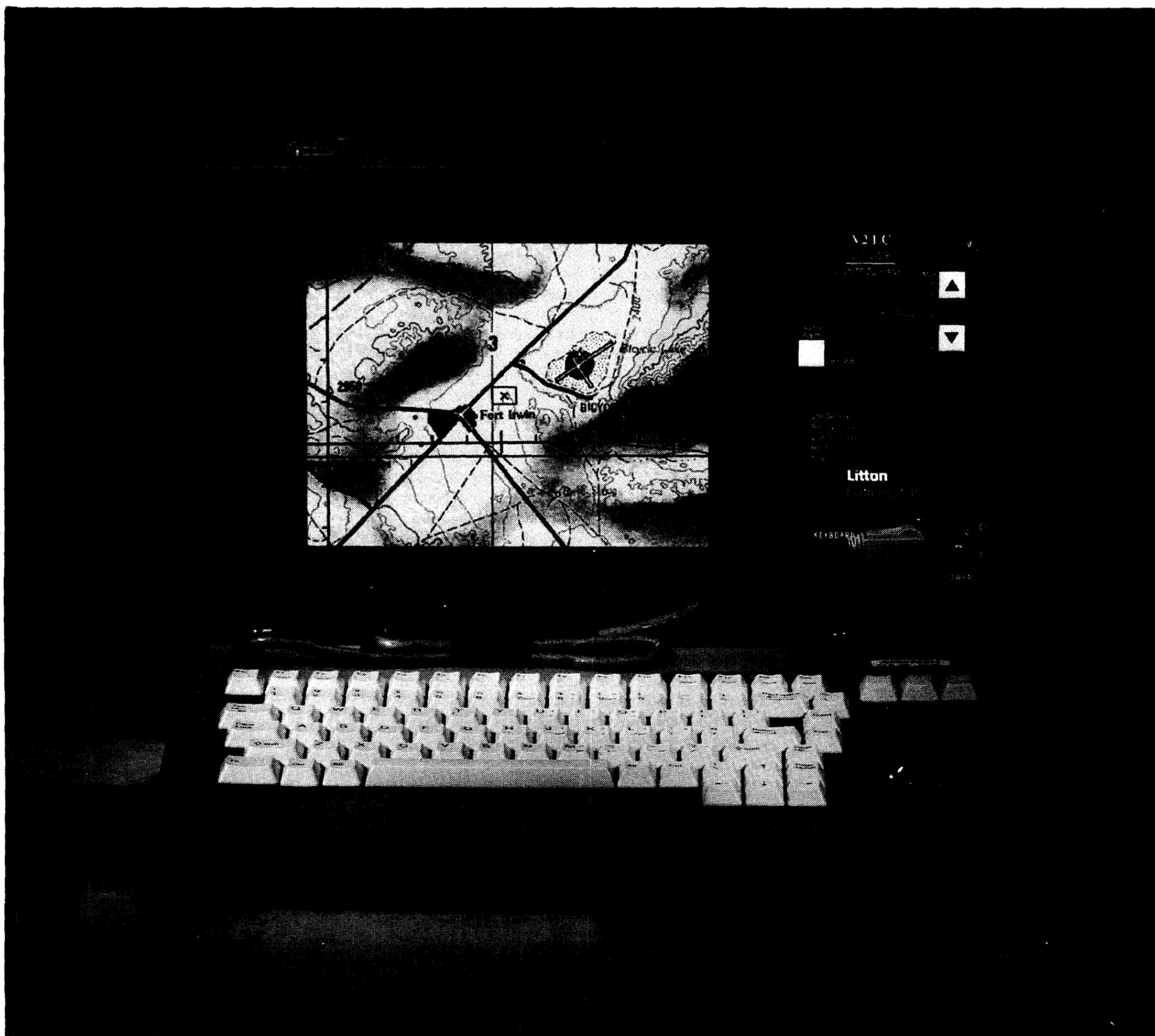
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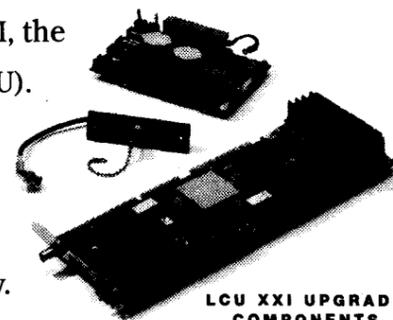
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 - Ruth Ann Burton, 25 Year Pin
 - John Ferral, 25 Year Pin
 - Jerry Cox, 20 Year Pin
 - Rosie B. Smith, 15 Year Pin

Army education system can benefit entire work force

Editor's note: Nov. 17-21 is American Education Week. The following vignette about Dan Belk illustrates that the Army education system helps not only soldiers, but civilians achieve their educational goals.

By Debra Valine

When soldiers think of education, they often think of the Army Education Center and what it can do for them, but the education center also helps government civilians meet their continuing education needs.

Dan Belk, an operations research analyst in the Enhanced Fiber Optic Missile Project Office at Redstone Arsenal, is using the Army Civilian, Training, and Education System (ACTEDS) to complete his Ph.D. in operations research with Florida Institute of Technology. The FY95 Competitive Professional Development Program approved his application for extended studies in May 1995. Through this program he attended FIT's main campus in Melbourne, Fla., for one year of course work, and received permission from the school to complete his dissertation in decision analysis off campus.

According to Belk, under this program, the government pays tuition assistance and a portion of the temporary duty costs.

"The program is a professional development program that you have to compete for," Belk said. "It

took almost a year of submitting applications before I got the approval. Universities do not like off-site Ph.D. programs. They want to see you eyeball-to-eyeball. They did allow me to come back here to work on my dissertation. My adviser, Dr. Frederick Buoni, is a former military officer so he understands what I am trying to do."

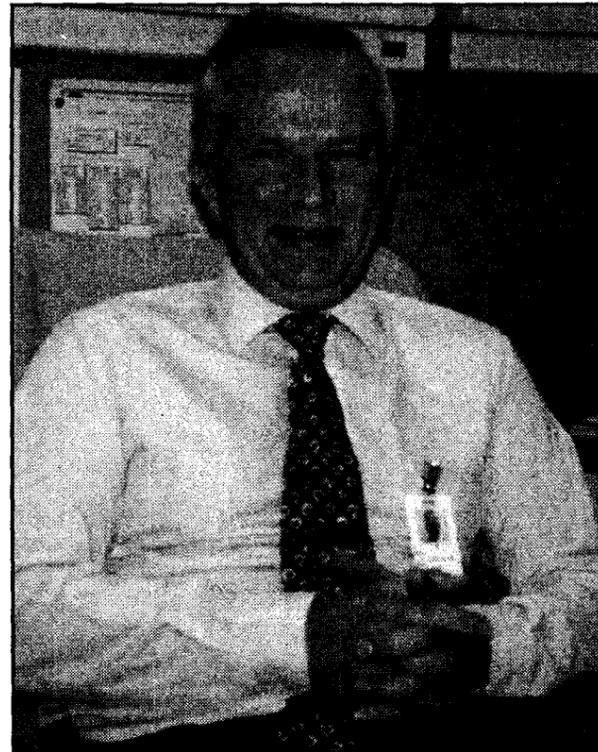
Belk completed a master's degree in systems management at Redstone through the extended graduate studies program with FIT in 1995.

"It is an extremely valuable service to the Army that FIT gives here at Redstone," said Belk, a Carlsbad, N.M., native who moved to Huntsville in 1991. "Most of the local FIT professors are civilians from AMCOM. They are doctors here on post who love that subject and they choose to teach. They understand not only the academic side, but also the practical side because these

people then come to work the next morning and do their jobs for the Army. They are very cognizant of the fact that you work all day. If you are going to a university, the professors don't always recognize the effort you put into a job."

Belk is planning to write his dissertation on decision analysis.

"Resources are scarce so we have to make our decisions based on the best value. In order to present information to decision makers so that they can make their decision on the best value, you have to be able to clearly present information. When you are dealing with multi-million dollar programs, each decision is critical. You look for ways to show what is involved in decisions so that the decision maker has insight into the underlying issues, and present the information to the decision maker in a way that the decision maker doesn't have to go through all the paperwork."



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT— Belk is currently pursuing a doctorate degree from the Florida Institute of Technology.

Belk said that in today's "right-sizing" environment, Army civilians are being asked to maintain productivity in an ever-decreasing workforce. "An essential part of optimized individual

productivity is education. Army civilians must sometimes make personal, short-term sacrifices to gain long-term benefits from a better education."



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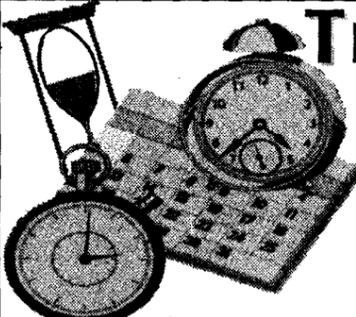
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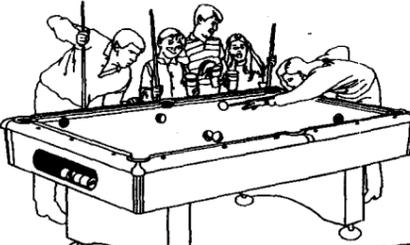
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American education focus of weeklong observance

"Teaching People to Think and Dream" is the theme for American Education Week Nov. 17-21. The Army Education Center has identified activities throughout the week to promote an awareness of the importance of education.

Nov. 17

An American Education Week luncheon is planned for Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Huntsville Hilton. The keynote speaker is Dr. Ed Richardson, the state superintendent of education.

Richardson has served as a local superintendent of education, assistant college professor, a high school and junior high principal and classroom teacher prior to

becoming the state superintendent of education in October 1995. He earned his doctoral degree from Auburn University.

In his capacity as state superintendent of education, he serves as secretary and executive officer of the Alabama Board of Education, as a member of the Board of Control of the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama, as vice chairman of the Alabama Public School and College Authority, and as a member of the board of trustees of eight public universities and one private university, Tuskegee University.

As state superintendent, he supervises the Department of Education which is

responsible for the education of the state's 734,000 students and for the distribution of state and federal funds to Alabama's 127 school systems.

In addition, the state superintendent is responsible for supervising Disability Determination Services, a Social Security agency.

His primary objective is to restore lost credibility to Alabama's public schools by substantially improving student achievement.

At the luncheon, the grand-prize winners of the "Essay and Art" competition will be announced. Students and schools (K-12) will be recognized.

Tickets are \$11.50 per person. For \$100 you can reserve a table. For more information, call the Army Education Center at 876-9761/9762.

Nov. 18

Bus tours to the Senior Center, The ARC of Madison, Botanical Gardens and Phoenix Center are scheduled to leave at 8:45 a.m. from the Army Education Center, building 3222, Snooper Drive and NASA, building 4200, on Rideout Road.

Nov. 18-20

Visit the Celebrate Educational Partners exhibit at the Madison Square Mall from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The exhibit is sponsored by NASA.

Nov. 19

Calhoun Community College, Columbia College, Athens State College and Florida Tech will recognize distinguished students and alumni as "thinkers and dreamers" at the recognition day scheduled to be held Nov. 19 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711.

Spacelink demonstrations will be held at the Educator Resource Center Open House at the NASA Visitor Information Center, U.S. Space and Rocket Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Representatives from local colleges and universities will recruit and provide information on degree programs, admissions, financial aid programs, etc., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sparkman Center, building 5304.

NASA Volunteer Recognition Day will be held in building 4755 from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

(Editor's note: Information was provided by the Army Education Center. For more information, call 876-9761/9762.)



Reenlistment...

Spec. Tony Madero, left, is reenlisted Oct. 23 by 1st Lt. (promotable) James Steverson, the new commander of HHC AMCOM. Madero, the Post Soldier of the Month for October, reenlisted for four years here, according to SFC Duwayne Thompson, the post career counselor.

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Times aren't that tough, says visiting general officer

By Dale James

It is 12:37 p.m. and the general is running a little late.

The small cadre of troops mills about the parade ground behind the headquarters of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, chatting idly among themselves.

Under his breath, one of the soldiers can be heard to mutter, "Hurry up and wait. Hurry up and wait."

The guy wearing the civilian clothes and carrying the camera sidles up to one of the officers wearing the camouflage battle dress uniform and asks, "What would you ask, if you had 10 minutes alone with the general?"

The guy in the battle dress uniform looks away for a long moment. Finally, he says, "Oh, I'd probably ask about where he thinks the Army is headed in the year 2000. That sort of thing..."

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He clears his throat, his boot nervously scraping the ground. Then, in a sudden rush of emotion, "Ask him about what he thinks about the new OER (Officer Evaluation Report). I'd ask him about the new OER, and how he thinks it's going to affect us mid-career officers.

"The older guys already have their careers, and the young ones are just starting out. They don't have any time in under the old system. I'd ask him what he thinks the effect of the new OER will be on those of us in the middle of our careers."

At last, the 15-passenger van with the two-star placard pulls up to the curb and the soldiers fall silent.

A team of officers steps forward to greet the emerging passengers. Salutes are exchanged, hurried introductions made.

From somewhere an order calling the company to attention is heard. Almost as quickly, the voice of Maj. Gen. Daniel G. Brown, deputy commanding general for Combined Arms Support, TRADOC; and commanding general, U.S. Army Combined Arms Support

Command and Fort Lee, Va., can be heard telling the soldiers to stand at ease.

He is here to encourage these men and women, to thank them for the job they do, to share a few words of wisdom, to answer their questions.

After a brief, informal pep talk, Brown opens the floor to questions. The deafening silence that greets him can be heard even over the noise of the plane passing overhead.

The guy in the battle dress uniform, the guy who wonders whether his career may be in limbo, stares straight ahead along with the other soldiers.

The general's party returns to the waiting van. Another hurried introduction is made and the guy wearing civilian clothes and carrying the camera suddenly finds himself sharing a seat with the two-star general, who smiles, eyebrows raised expectantly, in his direction.

Somewhere, a clock begins to count down 10 minutes.

As the driver navigates Redstone Arsenal traffic, the van makes its way toward the next stop on the general's itinerary.

Before it arrives, the guy wearing civilian clothes has learned that the general had no intention of making the Army a career when he started out a lifetime ago as a young second lieutenant in the Transportation Corps.

But he found he liked the Army, liked what he did. He decided to stay.

Along the way he's faced his share of challenges. A Distinguished Service Medal and Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, among others, attest to that.

Now he spends much of his time trying to convince the people under his command that the reality lurking behind such catch phrases as "downsizing" and "doing more than less" isn't as bad as they may think.

"If you have enough money and enough people, you can solve almost any problem," he says. "The challenge comes from trying to solve that same problem with limited resources and limited people. To a large degree that's what we've been asked to do

today.

"But if there's one message I would leave for those who think times are tough, it's this: Times are not that tough."

He points out that today's soldier is better educated and more highly motivated than when he started out.

"When I came in," he recalls, "we still had a draft. We had a lot of people coming in and going right to Vietnam — people who really didn't want to be there. Today, they're coming in because they want to be here."

And, he believes, because it's a good place to be. It's where one of his own sons chose to be. "Listen," he confides. "I'm no different than any other parent who wants the best for their child.

"And if you can find a job that gives you fulfillment and makes you happy ... in many ways that's more important than any monetary reward."

There is a long moment of silence as the general gazes at the passing scenery.

"This is the fun part of my job," he says at last. "I enjoy it when I can come out and see good people doing a job they enjoy doing and doing it well."

The van is pulling into its destination. A new crowd of soldiers stands awaiting the general's arrival. The 10-minute clock ticks out its final seconds.

For an instant, the guy in the civilian clothes flashes back on the silent OMMCS officer. He formulates an inarticulate question intended to divine whether the general worries that people may be reluctant to share with him what's really on their minds.

The general smiles, "Trust me, son. People aren't shy at all when it comes to telling me what they really think. Whatever problems I wrestle with, I don't do that alone. I have a whole cadre of people I depend on to keep me informed about what's going on. Their eyes and ears become my eyes and ears.

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GENERAL COMMENTS— Brown, right, addresses Redstone troops during his visit.

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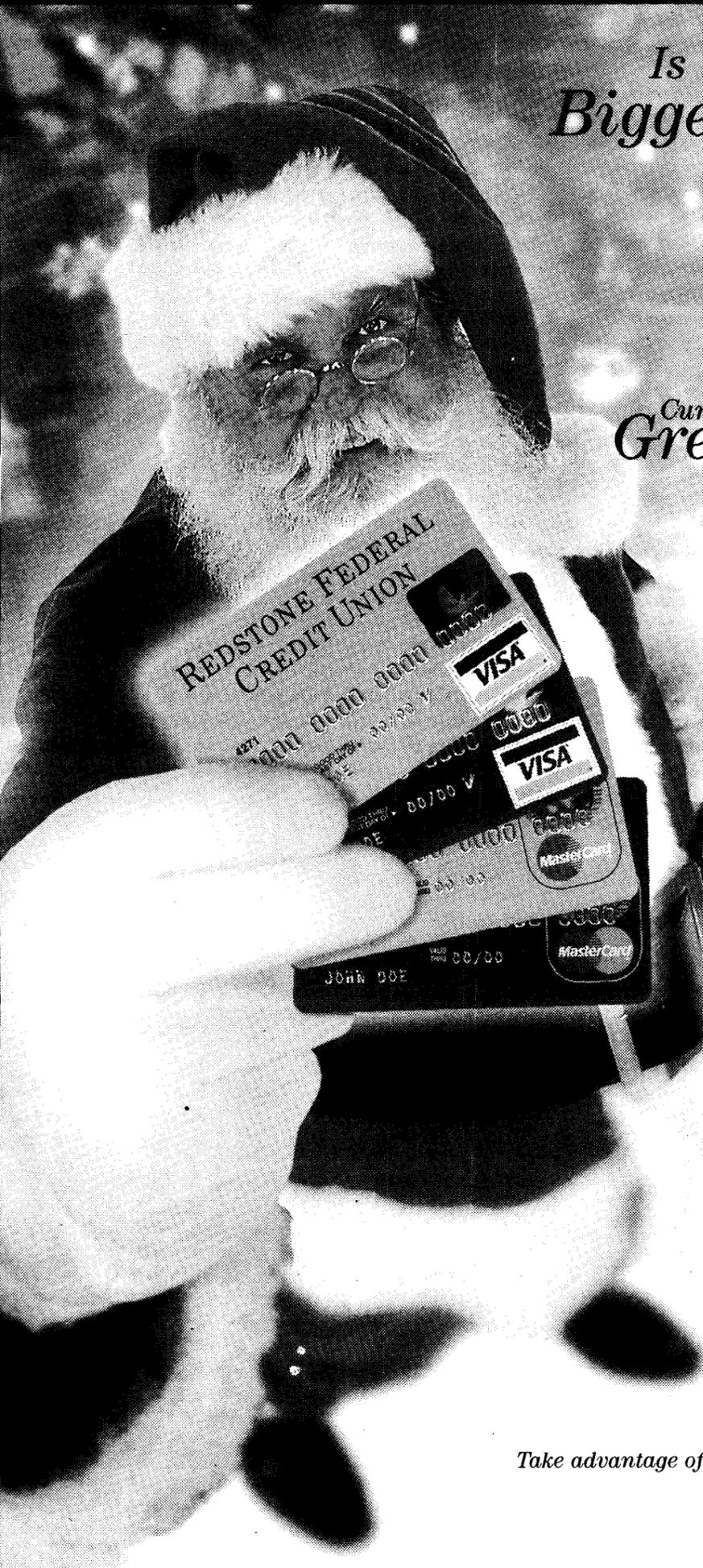
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LAISO office receives award for acquisition support strategy

By Johnnie Duke

The Lead AMC Integration Support Office (LAISO) has been recognized as one of two honorable mentions to the prestigious CALS Implementor Honor Roll.

For those not familiar with CALS, it is the Continuous Acquisition and Life-cycle Support strategy, providing guidance related to sharing data electronically—think virtual enterprise, shared data, interoperability, data management, business process reengineering, business in cyberspace. The award is quite an achievement as competition includes government and industry worldwide. Each year, CALS leaders select a government and industry enterprise and honorable mentions that have shown extraordinary success in implementing the CALS strategy.

The selection criteria include development and use of CALS or Electronic Commerce strategy, standards and technologies, evidence of value added due to implementation, use of IPTs throughout planning and implementation, and extent of enterprise

integration.

James M. Ivey, director of LAISO and executive director for AMC IDE, accepted the award at a ceremony held Oct. 14 during the 21st Century Commerce and CALS Expo USA 1997 Convention. The winners of the Implementor Honor Roll this year are the Defense Logistics Agency and the Boeing Commercial Airplane Group. One other honorable mention was named: the CECOM Acquisition Center- Washington.

The Integrated Data Environment (IDE) is the catalyst that presented LAISO with the opportunity to further the implementation of CALS concepts. The success of IDE is attributed to many organizations. In addition to the LAISO staff and its IDE team, the team included program/project/product managers, AMCOM centers, weapon system and sustainment partners in the private sector, other key elements of Army Materiel Command, the Training and Doctrine Command, the Test and Evaluation Command, PM JCALS, PM JEDMICS, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics, the DoD CALS Executive, the Defense Information



HONOR ROLL— Showing the award certificate are Ivey, left, and Donald Stonecipher, program manager for AMC IDE.

Systems Agency, and many direct support contractors. At AMCOM, key organizations for implementation include the PMs for Javelin and Multiple Launch Rocket System, the Integrated Materiel Management Center, and the Acquisition Center. This honor is shared with all supporting the IDE effort.

The LAISO serves as AMCOM focal

point for CALS and EC/EDI initiatives, have exhibited the AMC IDE for the past two years at CALS Expo, and this year assisted in coordinating Army exhibits and served as official hosts for the Army.

(Editor's note: Duke is a logistics management specialist in the Lead AMC Integration Support Office.)

Insurance program cuts benefit, will end with authorization act

By Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON — Reservists will receive only 5 percent of their mobilization insurance benefit until Congress passes the 1998 Defense Authorization Act, DoD officials said.

But once the act passes, the program ends.

Deployed reservists enrolled in the Ready Reserve Mobilization Income Insurance Program will receive 5 percent of their benefit until the president signs the

authorization bill. Reservists then will receive all back payments, DoD officials said.

The fiscal 1998 Defense Appropriations Act earmarked \$65 million to meet obligations through fiscal 1998. DoD still needs authority — under the authorization bill — to spend the money.

Once the act is signed, your program coverage lasts out that month and ends if you are not deployed and don't have orders for

deployment. If you are insured and involuntarily deployed, the law says you will receive the full benefit through the end of your orders.

Also, reservists on orders for deployment — not just alert notices — qualify for the full benefit.

Mobilization insurance started in 1996 and was trouble-plagued from the start. It was to be self-sustaining, meaning premiums were supposed to cover benefits. The program suffered from low enrollment and never generated the money to keep it going.

Mobilization insurance grew out of Desert Shield/Storm when surveys revealed about two-thirds of the 268,000 reservists called up for the operations said they suffered economic loss.

Those joining the program paid \$12.20 per

\$1,000 worth of coverage. Reservists could choose coverage from \$500 to \$5,000 per month. DoD officials said the program was a good idea and they would like to pursue a similar program in the future. (American Forces Press Service)

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Voluntary income tax assistants needed from community

By Skip Vaughn

It may seem early but the annual tax assistance program here needs your help.

Volunteers are being sought now for the program which provides free tax preparation for soldiers and military retirees. Experience is helpful but not required. The volunteers will be taught how to prepare federal and state income taxes for the program's clients.

"It's a joint effort between ACS (Army Community Service) and Office of the Staff Judge Advocate," 1st Lt. Martin White, chief of administrative law in the Office of Staff Judge Advocate, said. He will

serve as chief of tax law when the tax program begins in January and continues through the April 15 filing deadline.

"We need volunteers that would be willing to donate their time and work during the tax season," White said. "Experience is not necessary, however it would be helpful."

Anyone — soldiers or civilians alike — can serve as a voluntary income tax assistant. The volunteers will receive tax preparation training from the Internal Revenue Service.

The volunteers will see their clients at the tax assistance building, 3475; and they will work at their own convenience. "In the past I

know we've been working with their schedule. If they can work three hours on Thursday evenings, that's fine. If they're retired and can work long hours, that's fine," White said. The program will mainly be during the daytime, with extended hours for Tuesdays and Thursdays.

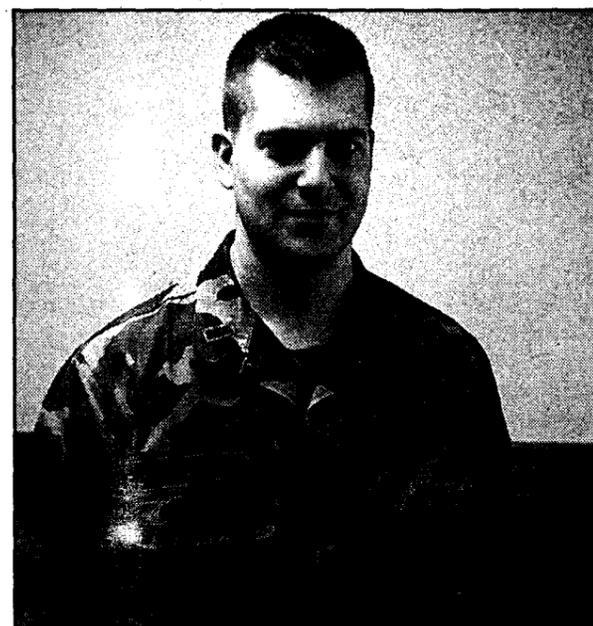
"It is free assistance to those that may not be able to afford help," White said. "Another large benefit is we will be doing electronic filing which allows people to get their refunds much quicker than if they send it in themselves."

In last year's program, volunteers prepared 33 returns including 21 federal and 12 state. Attorneys and

support personnel prepared 2,267 returns including 1,315 federal and 952 state. Unit tax advisers did 949 returns— 764 federal, 185 state. "Units will be contacted about providing unit tax advisers," White said.

Anyone interested in serving as a voluntary income tax assistant should call Army Community Service at 876-5397.

"It's an excellent way to help out the Redstone community," White said. "Dealing with the huge numbers we have, we really need their support. We've had excellent or extraordinary volunteers throughout the past few years, without whom it couldn't have run nearly as smoothly."



PROGRAM COORDINATOR— White will serve as chief of tax law for Redstone's tax assistance program.

White and his wife, Tammy, are new additions to the Redstone community after arriving Oct. 13. "Just got out of JAG school and then jump school," he said.

American remains return from North Korea Oct. 24

WASHINGTON — Remains believed to be those of an American soldier were repatriated across the demilitarized zone from North Korea on Oct. 24.

A joint U.S.-North Korean team conducted the remains recovery operation which began Oct. 4. This was the fourth such operation into North Korea since the summer of 1996. This team excavated a number of sites in the same general area as the previous three operations in the northwestern part of North Korea in Unsan County. The remains were flown immediately to the Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii where the forensic identification will begin.

The remains of seven soldiers have been excavated in these four joint operations. One has been identi-

fied and returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

More than 8,100 Americans remain unaccounted for from the Korean War.

The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office led a series of negotiations with North Koreans beginning in January 1996. Agreement was reached in the two broad areas of joint remains recovery operations and archival reviews. A U.S. team visited the North Korean military museum in Pyongyang in August, and returned with copies of documents, identification media and information on captured American equipment and paraphernalia.

The operation which concluded Oct. 24 is the last one scheduled for 1997. (DoD release)

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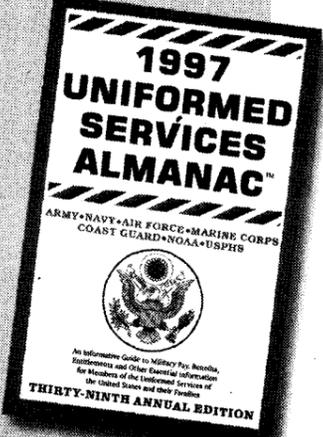
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Sports & Recreation

Air Force Falcons picked to deflate Army's balloon

By Skip Vaughn

Skip's Picks in the Oct. 22 issue went 29-10, bringing the season totals to 235-82 for 74 percent. Here are my predictions for selected games this week in college football:

- Army at Air Force— Air Force
- Arkansas at Ole Miss— Ole Miss
- Louisiana St. at Alabama— LSU
- Vanderbilt at Florida— Fla.
- Southern Miss. at Tennessee— Tenn.
- Tuskegee at Ala. A&M— A&M
- West Ga. at North Ala.— UNA
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- Georgia Tech at Virginia— Va.
- Northwestern at Illinois— N'western
- Iowa at Wisconsin— Iowa
- Kansas at Kansas St.— Kan. St.
- Maryland at N.C. State— N.C. St.
- Memphis at Tulane—
- Tulane
- Miami at Va. Tech— Va. Tech
- Michigan at Penn St.— Penn St.
- Mich. St. at Purdue— Purdue
- Ohio St. at Minnesota— Ohio St.
- Nebraska at Missouri— Neb.
- Temple at Navy— Navy
- Okla. St. at Oklahoma— Okla. St.
- Oregon at Washington— Wash.

- Texas Christian at Rice— Rice
- Wake Forest at Rutgers— Wake
- Stanford at Southern Cal— USC
- Texas-El Paso at SMU— SMU
- Texas Tech at Texas— Tech
- SW Louisiana at Wash. St.— Wash. St.

Flag football season drawing to a close

Flag football at Redstone entered its final week Monday.

In unofficial standings, the Marines lead the pack of seven teams with three wins and three losses. Tied at second with two wins, one loss, one forfeit and one rainout are B Company 832nd and C Company 832nd. Three teams have one win each: D Company 832nd, AMCOM and HQ & A. D Company 832nd has one loss and four forfeits, AMCOM has three losses, one forfeit and one rainout, and HQ & A has two losses, one forfeit and one rainout. MEDDAC brings up the rear with zero wins, four losses and one forfeit.

Games continue at 6 and 7 p.m. at the football field on Patton Road through Nov. 6. The postseason tournament is scheduled for Nov. 12-20.

On Oct. 20, the game between D Company 832nd and B Company 832nd was a forfeit; the Marines pounded HQ & A 20-6. Rain washed out games scheduled for Oct. 21. Oct. 22 saw another forfeit in the game between C Company 832nd and D Company 832nd; in other action AMCOM wounded MEDDAC 26-6. The week closed out on Oct. 23 with B Company 832nd edging past Marines 18-16 and D Company 832 blanking MEDDAC 30-0.

In games during the third week of flag football season play, on Oct. 27 HQ & A beat MEDDAC 20-12 and the game between AMCOM and D Company 832nd was a forfeit. On Oct. 28, AMCOM blasted HQ & A 20-6 while C Company 832nd downed Marines 20-14. Oct. 29 saw Marines win 22-20 against MEDDAC and B Company 832nd got past C Company 832nd 18-16.

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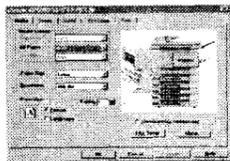
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Upcoming activities for Morale, Welfare and Recreation include the following:

- **Challenger bingo program**— The Challenger center 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 pay out \$1,175; and four major jackpots are offered at \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$12,000 with numbers increasing weekly. For more information, call Ann Hudson 837-0750/0751.

- **Redstone Club System 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 food, entertainment, and fine service. To schedule or make arrangements for your next function with the Redstone Club System, call 830-9227/9175.

- **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. 15 and 22 from 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. The cost of the class is \$20; and it's open to Redstone community, active duty military, and civilians (including contractors). For more information, call Terre Corley 876-7951.

- **Oil painting class**— Create 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. 11, 18 and 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to create the masterpiece of a lifetime. These classes are open to the entire Redstone community, active duty military, and civilians (including contractors). For more information, call Terre Corley 876-7951.

- **Basket weaving class**— Learn a traditional art form. The Redstone Arsenal Arts & Crafts Center, located in building 3615, is offering Basket Weaving classes on Saturdays, Nov. 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 civilians (including contractors). The cost is just \$35. For more information, call Terre Corley 876-7951.

See MWR on page 28

Just Havin' Fun II bowlers close gap

The second-place team in the RASA Bowling League is just having fun closing in on the leaders.

Just Havin' Fun II trailed the Hooters team, who have led from the start, by only 1 point after games played Oct. 28. At week 8 of the 15-week season, the standings for the

Tuesday night league were as follows: Hooters, 23.5-8.5; Just Havin' Fun II, 22.5-9.5; Roll Tide, 17-15; Has Beens, 13-19; Four For Kids, 12-20; and Strike Force, 8-24.

Last week's top scorers included:
 • Men— George Thaler 503 scratch series, Bob Bertoldi 181 scratch

game, Harold Manley 599 handicap series, and Jay Foster 218 handicap game.

• Women— Nancy Keeton 457 scratch series, Patsy Dupree 159 scratch game, Jenny Manley 612 handicap series, and Sue Floyd 215 handicap game.

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Here are five easy tips for safe brown bagging

By Lisa E. Stafford

WASHINGTON — Every year millions of adults and children brown-bag their lunch — and some get sick because they didn't follow basic tips in food preparation.

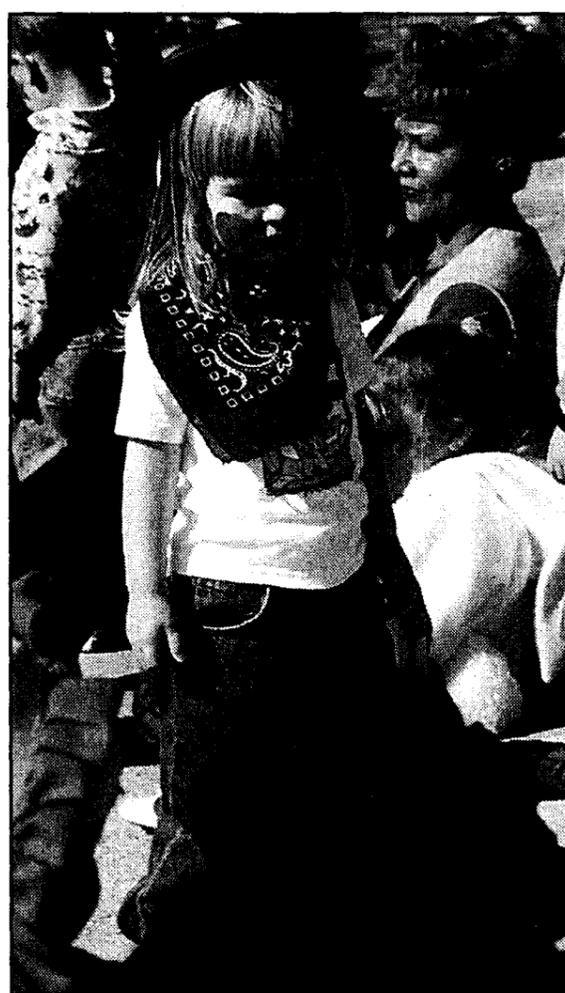
Bessie Berry, manager of the Department of Agriculture's Meat and Poultry Hotline, has some tips for brown-baggers:

- Keep everything clean. Wash raw vegetables and make sure all preparation surfaces, hands and utensils are clean. Wash your hands before you prepare or eat food. Use hot soapy water.
- Keep family pets away from kitchen counters. They can easily transfer bacteria and germs from their paws to counters and then onto your food.
- Keep cold foods cold. Use insulated lunch boxes. When packing lunches, use either freezer gel packs widely available in stores or cold food items such as fruit or small frozen juice packs. Put perishable meat, poultry or egg sandwiches between these cold items. You can also prepare sandwiches the night before and keep them

refrigerated or frozen before placing in the lunch box.

- While you can use brown paper bags and plastic lunch bags to store cold foods, they don't work as well as insulated bags because they tend to become soggy and just don't retain the cold as well. If you must use paper or plastic lunch bags, double bag to create layers and to help insulate the food; never leave food in direct sunlight or near radiators or other sources of heat.
- Keep hot foods hot. Use an insulated bottle stored in an insulated lunch box. Foods such as soup, chili and stew should stay hot. Another trick is to fill the insulated bottle with boiling hot water, let stand for a few minutes and then empty. Immediately pour in the hot food. Keep the insulated bottle closed until lunch. This will ensure the food stays hot.

Brown bagging can save you money, but it can also be hazardous to your health unless you follow food safety precautions. (American Forces Press Service)



Waiting for the parade

Sydney Creekmore (cowgirl) waits for the start of the Halloween parade Friday. The Child Development Center sponsored the parade. Also on hand were McGruff, the crime prevention dog, Santa Claus and employees from the Base Supply Center who passed out candy to the children after the parade.



Favorite characters ...

Children at the Child Development Center on post came dressed as their favorite characters for Friday's Halloween parade. Dominique Mortimer came dressed as a Power Ranger. Other popular favorites were Batman, Spiderman, Dalmations and Baby Bop.



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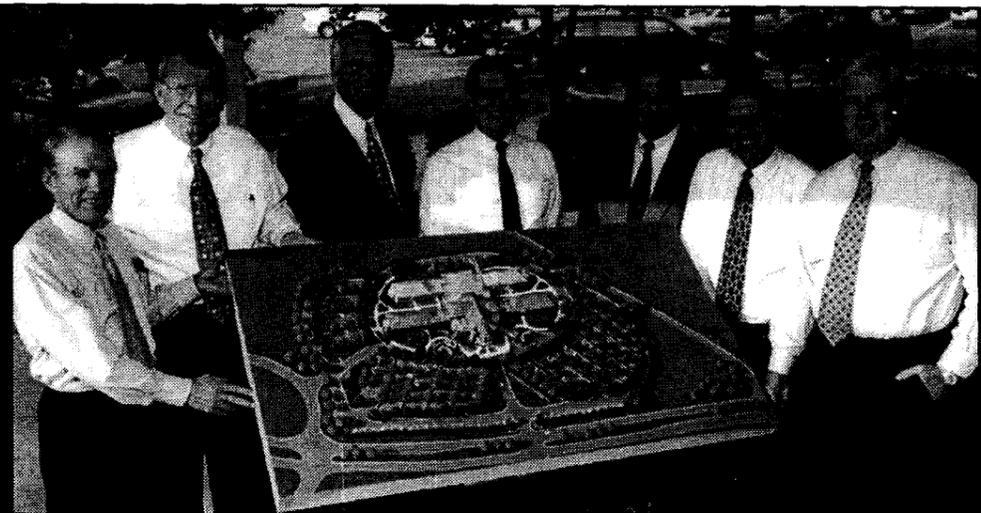
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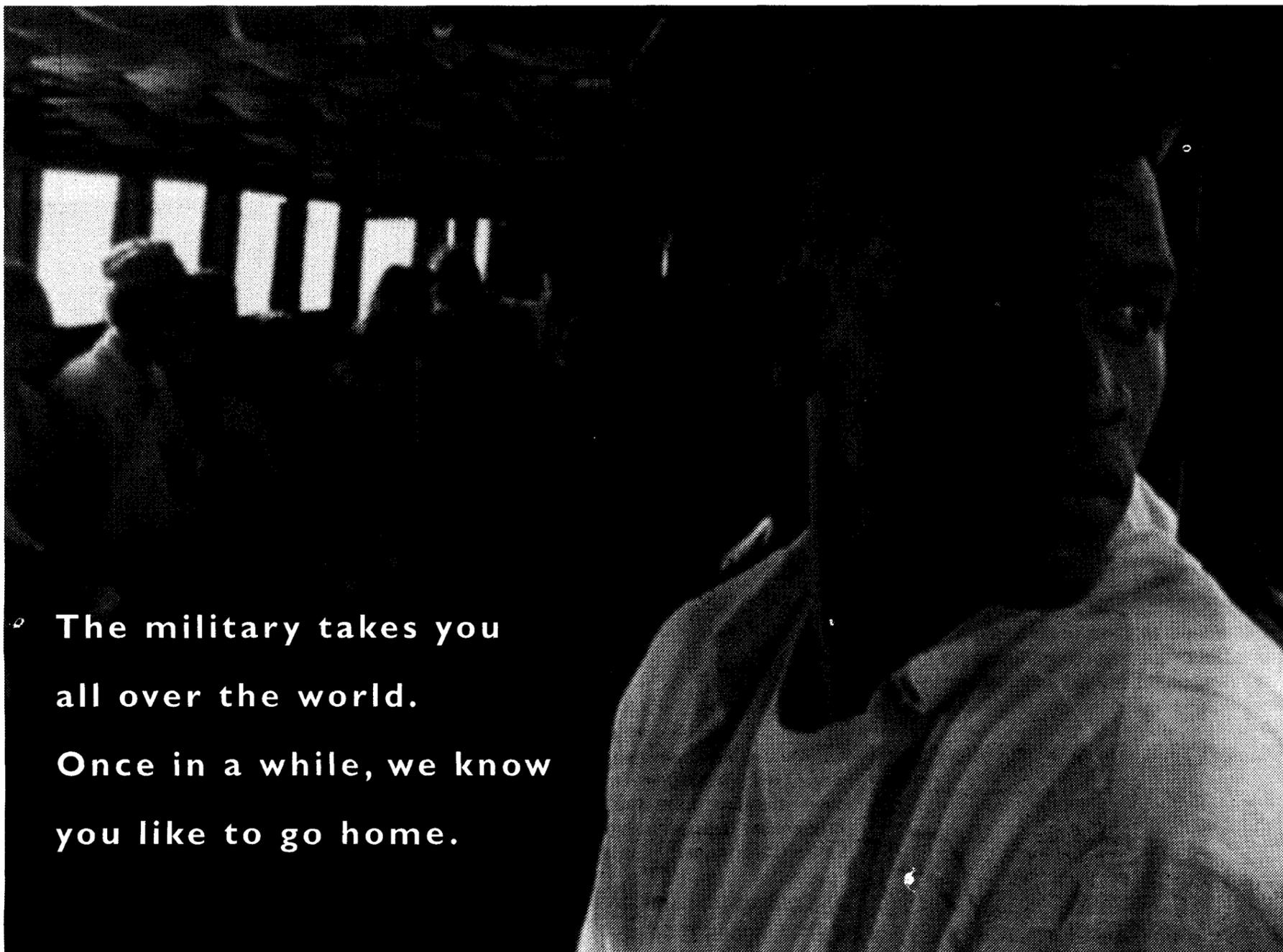
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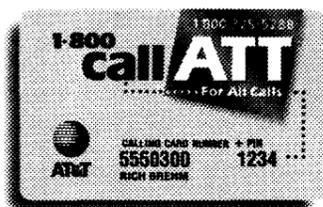


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WORKERS GET IN SPIRIT OF HALLOWEEN



UDDER SURPRISE— Posing with a friend at the Redstone Technical Test Center are, from left, Charlene Williams (moo cow), Jean Doby (clown), Kim Barnett (dalmatian) and Sherry Hilley (waiter). Hilley works for Missile RD&E Center.

By Skip Vaughn

The crew from Gilligan's Island somehow managed to escape in time for Halloween.

They made their way to the Battlefield Automation

Directorate (also known as Software Engineering Directorate) at building 6260 where they won a costume contest held Thursday.

Second place went to Cyndy Jones (anti-barbie) while Rod Roberts (dilbert)

took third. Many members of the directorate dressed up for their Halloween activities which included a chili and hotdog cookout that raised money for next year's Army Emergency Relief campaign.

"It looks like first off we've got over \$600," Nancy Rostollan, chief of the business management office, said. She serves as the directorate's AER fundraising chairman each year.



OFF THE ISLAND— The Gilligan's Island crew includes from left, kneeling, Richard Ernsberger (skipper), Pam Stinson (gilligan), Laura Gordon (mary ann); standing, Al Jones

(wrongway feldman), Candy Lewis (ginger), Gary King (professor), Kaye Lindsey (lovey howell) and Jesse Evans (thurston howell).



MOVIE VILLIAN— Michael Thompson, a supply technician in the distribution management branch, IMMC, pretends to be the killer from "Scream."

SAY CHEESE— Software Engineering Directorate folks who dressed for the occasion include, from left: in foreground, Cyndy Jones (anti-barbie), Lisa Davis (killer granny), Nancy Rostollan (cheese head); standing, Breck Kelley (oreo), Deanne Sandlin (good witch), Rod Roberts (dilbert), Pat Richardson (pirate), Melody Reagh and Kathey Brooks (money honeys).



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Town hall meeting attendance has room for improvement

By Dale James

These are the sounds of grassroots democracy in action.

From this side of the room comes a question about mosquito control. Someone down in front asks whether there isn't something that can be done about speeding cars on Simpson Drive. Someone else asks if the annual fall cleanup date can be changed to a later time, after the leaves have fallen. Yet another participant wants to know why the Commissary doesn't have longer operating hours.

ensures that someone somewhere in the bowels of bureaucracy follows up on those items which need to be followed up on.

According to Downs, most of the people who come to the town hall meetings are housing residents here on post. But she emphasized that the meetings are open to the entire Redstone community, including retirees and civilians.

She added that while most offices on post have an open-door policy concerning work-related problems, the town hall meetings are an "open forum."

sizing the way it is, and people being asked to do more with less," Downs said, "we think it's important that commanders have a way of hearing the frustrations that all of us face. These town hall meetings are an avenue to do that.

"I mean, the installation commander comes to these things. You can ask him questions. How often do you get a chance to talk to people who can fix your problem on the spot, without even having to go through their secretary to set up an appointment?"

"It's amazing more people don't take advantage of the opportunity."

(Editor's note: The next Redstone Arsenal Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for March.)

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— Ivy Downs
RASA

Welcome to the semi-annual Redstone Arsenal Town Hall Meeting.

Until recently, town hall meetings were held quarterly. But declining attendance and a general lack of interest have prompted the move to twice-a-year meetings.

Ivy Downs tries to put on a brave face, but clearly she is disappointed and more than a little dismayed by this apparent indifference toward government of the people, by the people and for the people.

"We look at it as being a double-edged sword," sighed Downs, a program analyst with Redstone Arsenal Support Activity. "If you have a large turnout, it probably means you have a lot of unresolved problems. Since we aren't getting a large turnout, we like to think that means we must be doing something right."

Downs is the person responsible for coordinating the Town Hall meetings. She sets the meetings up, does the pre-briefs, arranges for all the BASOPs who need to be there, and

Said Downs, "I really wish more people would participate, because we have great command support. If people have questions about anything — anything at all — that maybe they don't know where to go or who to ask, we have the people there who can answer their questions."

While it may be difficult to imagine George Washington, Thomas Jefferson or the other founding fathers wrestling with whether or not the medians are being mowed frequently enough, those are the kinds of everyday concerns that make up the fabric of our lives — which is not to say that town hall meetings don't deal with weightier matters on occasion.

A current concern of many people, for example, is the implementation of the Army's new Tricare health plan. Past town hall meetings have dealt with such issues as child care, transportation, housing repairs and the contracting out of government jobs.

"With the Army down-

Generations unite to honor women in the military at memorial in D.C.

By Alicia K. Borlik

ARLINGTON, Va. — Generations of women veterans, their families and friends gathered at several events spanning four days to honor the past, present and future of women in the military.

As symbolic as the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, the stories the women brought to the Oct. 18 dedication were of bravery, breaking barriers and paving the way for future women to serve their country.

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Hardin recalled when she joined the Navy, women hadn't earned the right to vote. "Now," she said, "women occupy important offices and are in leadership positions, not only in the military, but also in business, education, government and almost every form of human activity."

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Cohen orders security review after munitions arrests by FBI in N.C.

By Paul Stone

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary William Cohen has ordered a 30-day review of security and accountability procedures for small arms and ammunition.

Cohen's order followed the FBI's arrest Oct. 16 of six Marines for allegedly stealing military M-16 rifles, machine guns, explosives and hand grenades. The arrests were part of Operation Longfuse, a joint federal sting operation centered at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Seven North Carolina civilians also were arrested.

Cohen said he ordered the review because "it is imperative that we be confident we have measures in place to ensure that military arms and munitions are tightly controlled and safeguarded."

Lejeune officials said the Marines were allegedly involved in the theft, purchase and sale of stolen and illegal weapons, explosives and military equipment. Information provided by the Marine Corps as part of the sting focused on the possibility munitions were being stolen from military reservations throughout North Carolina.

Cohen stressed the military already has strong security measures, but said no security system is 100 percent foolproof. "We'll await disclosure of the details involving this particular sting operation to determine what measures, if any, need to be taken to prevent this type of activity from taking place in the future," he said.

The Marines' arrest occurred as part of larger investigation, which includes theft of military ordnance throughout the Southeast, according to William Perry, FBI agent in charge of the bureau's office in Charlotte, N.C. Perry said the investigation also targeted the illegal manufacture and distribution of automatic weapons and explosives.

Camp Lejeune officials have identified the arrested Marines as Capt. Thomas Crawford from the Naval-Marine Corps Reserve Base in Worcester, Mass.; SSgt. Timothy Witham of the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C.; and Master Gunnery Sgt. Alfred Gerich, Gunnery Sgt. James Sanders, Sgt. Ronald Moerbe and Sgt. Darius Hill, all of Camp Lejeune. (American Forces Press Service)

Leader of Swedish Army Materiel Command visits Software Engineering Directorate

The Swedish officers visited AMCOM on Oct. 16 to be briefed on the Swedish Fire Control Post (SwFCP) development program during the weeklong Program Management Review for the SwFCP. After a courtesy visit with the Deputy to the Commander, Ernie Young, they were briefed on the AMCOM mission by the Chief of Staff, Col. Clifton Broderick. They then toured SED (building 6260) before proceeding to building 4381, the site of the SwFCP development effort.

The SwFCP is being developed for the Swedish government by the AMCOM team consisting of SED, Weapon Systems Directorate, Product Assurance Directorate, Security Assistance Management Directorate, the Safety Office, Intergraph, Georgia Tech Research Institute, and the Software Systems Engineering Support contractors (SAIC, Colsa and Premier). The SwFCP is being developed for the Swedish Hawk missile system which is known as RBS77. The SwFCP will be manned by two operators using state-of-the-art color graphics interactive con-



SWEDISH VISIT— From left are [Forsvarsmakten (FMV)]; Brig. Gen. Nils Rosenqvist, military attache at the Swedish Embassy in Washington, D.C.; Andris Roskalns, Swedish Hawk Program manager; and Lt. Col. Jon Forsberg of the Swedish Army Staff for Anti-aircraft systems. [Continued from previous page] John Danforth, SED project lead for the Swedish Fire Control Post development effort; William Craig, director, SED; Maj. Gen. Kurt Blixt, chief of the Swedish Army Materiel Command, Defense Materiel Administration

soles to control the fire of the Hawk missiles. This system utilizes the U.S. fielded Hawk Phase III High Powered Illuminator Radar, the Mobility Digital Launcher, and Hawk missiles. Target acquisition will be provided by the new Giraffe Agile Multiple Beam 3D radar being developed in Sweden by Ericsson. The SwFCP uses commercial off-the-shelf equip-

ment together with SED developed software.

The SwFCP utilizes direct communication interfaces with the Swedish Army, Navy and Air Force units. The SwFCP also interfaces with other air defense systems used for short-range air defense and is part of a Swedish nation-

wide coordinated air defense system. Final qualification tests of the SwFCP will be performed next spring at SED using the SED-developed MICOM Interactive Defense Analysis System (MIDAS). System acceptance tests for the SwFCP are scheduled for mid-1998 in Sweden.

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New digital cellular technology enhances communications

By Kap Kim

FORT HOOD, Texas—Not too many years ago, nobile communications meant the entire trunk of a typical sedan was full of gear.

The advent of Mobile Subscriber Equipment made it a little better for the military as communications equipment became more compact. But, a Humvee-mounted MSE still weighed about 150 pounds.

With further advances in cellular communications applied to the tactical arena, the new Tactical Personal Communications System introduced during the Force XXI Advanced Warfighting Experiment earlier this year, has taken what used to fill a trunk, to a reduced size that now fits in a pocket, and weighs less than a can of soda.

Lucent Technologies and JTE have fused their knowledge of digital cellular technology to come up with the Tactical Personal Communications System.

The TacPCS, which looks like any other portable cellular phone, was delivered to the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, around mid-August. There are approximately 50 TacPCSs in use within the division, according to Capt. Hector Salazar, commander of Company C, 124th Signal Battalion.

The TacPCS is now solving a problem with conventional military communication methods, not only with its size and weight, but also its new efficiency level, according to Salazar.

Before, commanders had no way of communicating before a signal unit could go to a field site and set up. What they needed was a way of exchanging information at all times — immediately available on their person.

The TacPCS gives commanders that capability. With TacPCSs, "this division is more high-tech than most of the civilian world," Salazar said.

In fact, only larger metropolitan areas have the same digital wireless communications system, according to Salazar.

According to Sgt. Kurt Settles, a small extension code site chief with Co. C, the TacPCS is a product of cellular technology being integrated with Mobile Subscriber Equipment technology, making TacPCS an actual portable version of the Digital Voice Nonsecure telephone and the Mobile Subscriber Radio Telephone.

Instead of designating one frequency for each

phone, the TacPCS uses one frequency for all phones, Settles said.

It also uses the latest in digital cellular technology to send voices digitally from one user to the next, making the voice a lot clearer than analog technology.

According to Settles, future capabilities of the TacPCS are almost endless. Already having the capability of making commercial calls, it is also slated to send and receive voice mail and other data in the near future.

Although currently only in its prototype phase, the digital, pocket-sized cellular phones are popular with the soldiers using them.

"As long as you use it

within the normal communications region, it's great," said Lt. Col. William J. Tait Jr., 4th Infantry Division's senior intelligence officer.

Tait uses his TacPCS to communicate with other key leaders when located in areas without regular wire-connected MSE telephones.

Fortunately for Tait, he doesn't have to lug around something that weighs as much as a treasure chest to make a quick phone call as the 4th Infantry Division continues its efforts to develop the digitized Army of the future. (Arnews)

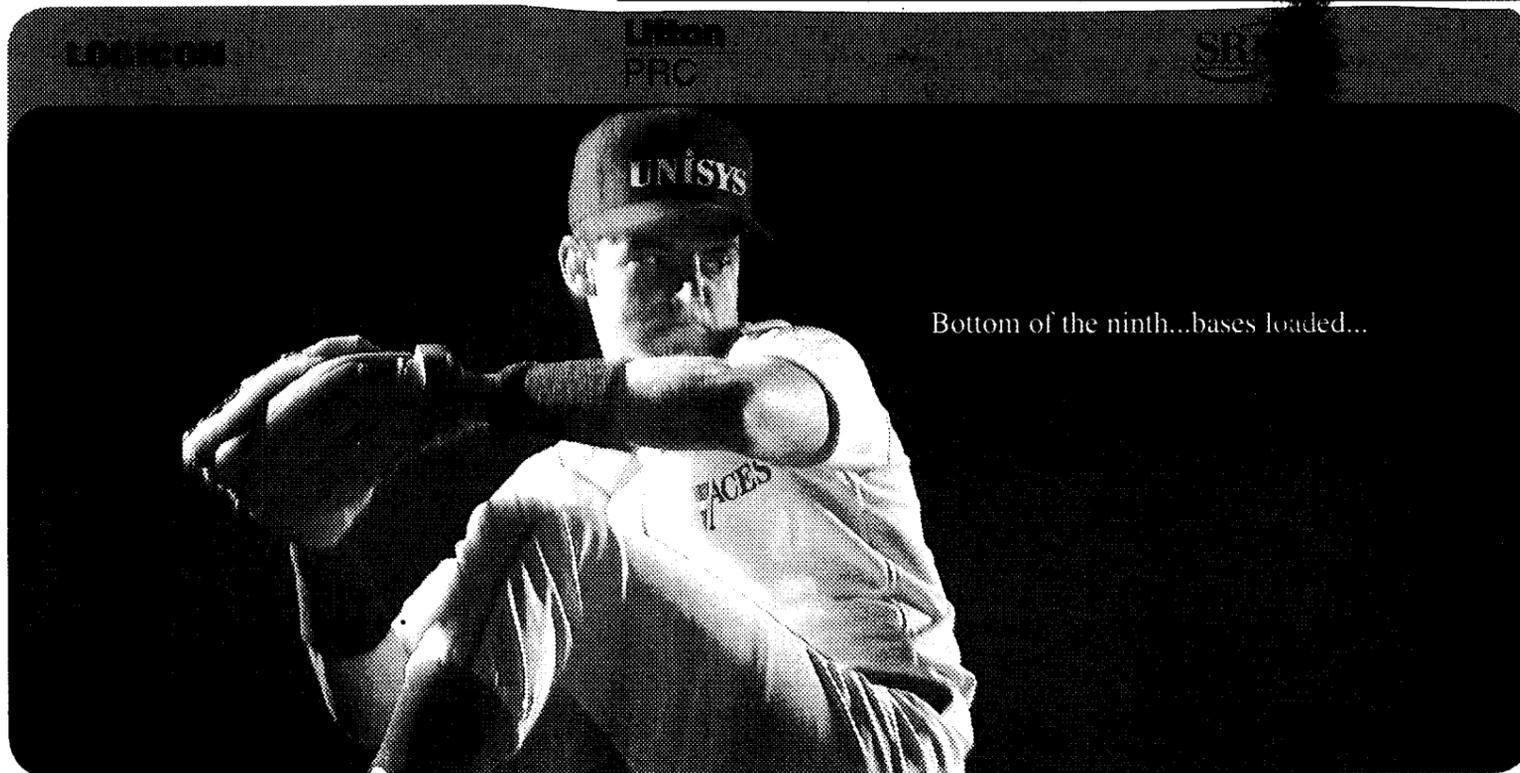
(Editor's note: Kim is with the 13th Public Affairs Detachment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.)



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Surprised by change, attache observes Central Asia role

By Douglas J. Gillert

ON THE ROAD TO TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — As the air-conditioned tour bus bobbed and swayed along the narrow, uneven highway leading south out of Kazakhstan, Army Col. Ralph Bruner recalled a 9-year-old conversation.

"In January 1988, my office mate and I wondered aloud when the Berlin Wall would come down," Bruner said. "We agreed it would be at least 10 years. It's now 1997, and the wall has been down seven years."

Bruner's point was there's no way he could have conceived being a U.S. Army officer in 1997 based deep within geographic space formerly controlled by the Soviet Union. Conceding shortsightedness, Bruner said he's delighted to serve as defense attache in the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan. To him, it means simply this:

"The Cold War is over. The world is still a dangerous place, but in terms of the kinds of catastrophes one expected between 1962 [the year of the Cuban missile crisis] and 1991, there's no comparison. The world is a safer place."

Strengthened ties between the United States and the Commonwealth of Independent States that comprise Central Asia brought Bruner, U.S. Ambassador Elizabeth Jones and others from the Kazakhstani capital of Almaty to Shimkent in mid-September to observe CENTRAZBAT '97, a military training exercise conducted by the Central Asian Battalion. Soldiers from the republics of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan make up the battalion; other republics have expressed an interest in joining the battalion or at least training with it.

On Sept. 15, the Almaty delegation, including embassy representatives from a host of European and Asian countries, joined DoD and Central Asian representatives to observe a parachute drop of U.S., Kazakhstani, Uzbek, Russian and Turkish

troops and heavy equipment. After the drop, the delegates attended two days of briefings and cultural activities before moving on to Tashkent to observe training in border protection and other ground maneuvers.

The exercise gave Bruner an opportunity to see how well the young nation's military functions. He said he wasn't surprised by what he saw.

"They worked on the big things and not so much on the details," he said. The Kazakhstani portion was really the airborne jump and the reception of U.S. troops, he added.

Although there was not a lot of additional training on the ground there, the American forces did link up with their Central Asian counterparts, who established a defensive perimeter around the drop zone. They secured the area overnight, but the observer group was not given the opportunity to see that firsthand.

U.S. military involvement with Kazakhstan will continue on a smaller scale through 1997. Bruner said plans include exchanges under the aegis of the International Military Education and Training Program. For example, three or four Kazakhstani officers will study English in the United States and then attend a U.S. military leadership school.

The Central Asians also want to continue larger-scale activities. "When they feel they are ready, they would like to be called upon to perform a United Nations' mission," Bruner said. To attain this goal, the republics want to expand the battalion to brigade size.

Whatever its eventual size, the Central Asian force and DoD will follow up the latest exercise with a three-year series of training activities. This likely will include Central Asia's continued participation in such stateside exercises as Cooperative Nugget at Fort Polk, La., and Cooperative Osprey at Camp Lejeune, N.C. As in past exercises, they will meld lessons they learn with their experiences under Soviet rule, Bruner said.

All Central Asian republics had some

basis for a military force left over after the Soviet pullout, the attache said. This includes Soviet aircraft, tanks and other equipment. Many of the republics' military officers formerly served as Soviet officers. Kazakhstan also was the site of scores of Soviet nuclear missiles that have been dismantled and removed.

The republics' challenge today, Bruner said, is to build militaries they believe best suit their needs. For Kazakhstan — and the others — this probably means a blend of Soviet and U.S. operational styles. Bruner's job entails representing DoD's interests, including establishing an NCO corps in the Kazakhstani military.

"The system of noncommissioned officers we have in the United States, Great Britain, Germany and other Western militaries didn't exist in the Soviet military and doesn't exist here," Bruner said. "But Kazakhstan has taken steps to develop such a corps and broke ground last year for an NCO academy." The United States will help train an NCO cadre that can train other NCOs in the Kazakhstani military, he said.

The need for a noncommissioned officer corps arose from a defense ministry mandate to improve Kazakhstani soldiers' lives.

"One of the possible advantages of an NCO corps is to have a group of experienced sergeants who understand the lot of soldiers and are sympathetic to them but who also deal with officers and have to carry out their orders," Bruner said. The NCOs could help the officers — traditionally detached from soldiers — better understand and appreciate soldiers' needs, Bruner said.

A former minister of defense also sought to end the practice of hazing soldiers, carried over from Soviet days. A 1995 report from Kazakhstan's attorney general's office revealed 100 soldiers had died at the hands of comrades or superiors during the preceding year.

"I find the fact of the statement an extremely welcome sign of openness,"

Bruner said. "They have taken important steps to eradicate hazing. If it isn't eliminated, the military and state leaders know full well the army will not improve. This is maybe the most fundamental thing they are doing."

Besides improving the way soldiers are treated, Kazakhstan would like to make military service voluntary. "It's mandatory now, but not everyone is called up," Bruner said. "The country wants to get to the point where it has a sufficient tax base to pay for at least a partly volunteer force."

Women are among the military volunteers the country would seek, Bruner said. Currently, uniformed Kazakhstani women serve mostly in a limited area of specialties — linguists and nurses, for example. However, some older women trained and served under the Soviets in specialties normally held by men. In fact, one of Kazakhstan's most experienced parachutists is a woman in her late 30s, with some 4,000 jumps to her credit, Bruner said.

"The Kazakhstan military is open-minded about women," he said, "but they haven't fully developed their ideas about what roles women should play in the future."

While the Kazakhstani military finds its own way in the new world order, the United States has some primary hopes for the region, Bruner said. "We're interested in the independence of Kazakhstan and all these republics. We're interested in regional stability, and we're interested in nonproliferation of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction.

"We're interested in those things that will lead to a more peaceful relationship between these states and a greater manifestation of democracy within their governments." (American Forces Press Service)

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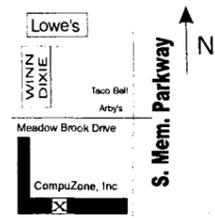
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Annual American GI Forum salutes Hispanic veterans

By Rudi Williams

WASHINGTON — A U.S. congressman, two generals, an artist, an infantry regiment and a squadron of Mexican combat pilots were recently extolled here by the American GI Forum.

Ceremonies during the GI Forum's second annual Salute to Hispanic Veterans were held at the Organization of American States headquarters. This year's honorees are Rep. Esteban E. Torres of California, Army National Guard Lt. Gen. Edward D. Baca, Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Clifford Stanley and internationally renowned artist Jesse Trevino. Also honored was the El Escuadron 201, a Mexican World War II fighter squadron and the all-Puerto Rican 65th Infantry Regiment.

"Our grassroots organization of over 170,000 members has been the voice for Hispanic veterans and their families in medical benefits, employment, education, economic development, housing and political issues," said Jake Alarid, national commander of the American GI Forum. "For Hispanics, serving our country is a duty, and doing our duty by doing our best is expected."

The forum hopes to counter stereotypical perceptions of Hispanics "by recognizing and calling attention to outstanding individuals who have excelled in their selected field of work and who have brought honor to the Hispanic community," Alarid said.

Retired Mexican air force Col. Carlos Garduno accepted a plaque recognizing the contributions of more than 300 Mexican airmen who fought with the Allies during World War II.

The 201st Squadron, known as the Aztec Eagles, was the only Mexican flying unit to operate on foreign soil. It entered the war after German U-boats sank two Mexican oil tankers bound for American ports on the Atlantic coast in May 1942.

Garduno said in May 1945, he was among the first of 31 P-47 pilots to fly with the U.S. 58th Fighter Group, Fifth U.S. Air Force, in the Philippines. From June 25 through July, the 201st flew 92 combat missions, including long-range strike missions over Formosa.

The Mexican squadron comprised more than 50 pilots and 250 ground crewmen. Two pilots earned the U.S. military Legion of Merit. All the pilots received the U.S. Air Medal. Group crew members and the pilots received the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Philippine Presidential Unit Citation and the U.S. World War II Victory Medal. The "Aztec Eagles" also received the Mexican medal of valor.

The forum conferred its National Founders Award on Army National Guard Lt. Gen. Edward D. Baca.

"Lt. Gen. Baca's military career has extended from volunteering to serve in the Vietnam conflict to the New Mexico National Guard to the top as chief of the National Guard Bureau," Alarid said. "He exemplifies the finest of men and women in uniform. The fact that he's Hispanic is a tremendous source of pride to the entire Hispanic community."

Baca said the American GI Forum has done more for Hispanic veterans than any other organization in American history.

"I'm honored to be honored with the Puerto Rican 65th Infantry Regiment

because if they could award a Medal of Honor to an entire unit, they would have awarded it to the 65th," Baca said. "As a Mexican, I have special ties to the El Escuadron 201 because that squadron from Mexico makes us all proud. I'm proud to be a Hispanic, and I'm proud of my Mexican culture."

"In honoring me tonight you're really paying tribute to thousands of National Guardsmen, many of them Hispanics," Baca said. "Many of them laid their lives on the line for these United States of America — our country."

Representative Torres received the American GI Forum's National Founders Award for lifetime achievements that exemplify integrity, excellence, honor, respect and dignity, Alarid said.

"A high school dropout, he was encouraged by a teacher to return and graduate," Alarid said. "He served in the Army during the Korean War and, [after his discharge,] worked his way from the auto assembly lines to a leadership position in the United Auto Workers Union."

"He was assistant to President Jimmy Carter for Hispanic affairs and a special ambassador to the United Nations," Alarid noted.

Elected to Congress in 1983, Torres has served as chairman of the Hispanic Congressional Caucus, is a member of the appropriations committee and is deputy Democratic whip in the House.

The forum's Commander's Award went to Jesse Trevino, a disabled Vietnam veteran.

"His studies at the Art Student League in New York City were interrupted when he was drafted into the Army and sent to Vietnam," said Alma R. Esparza, the forum's national chairwoman. "He was severely wounded by sniper fire in the Mekong Delta and lost his right hand — his painting hand. But that didn't stop him."

After more than two years of recovery and replacement of his right hand with a metal hook, Trevino studied art at San Antonio College, learning to paint with his left hand. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Our Lady of the Lake University and a masters in studio art at the University of Texas, Esparza added.

Edison Reyes, a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal for valor and the Purple Heart, accepted a plaque honoring the 65th Infantry Regiment, the only all-Hispanic U.S. unit during the Korean War. Reyes also served in Vietnam and later retired as a master sergeant.

The 65th participated in nine major campaigns, earning the U.S. Presidential Unit Citation and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. Individually, members received eight Distinguished Service Crosses, 134 Silver Stars, 562 Bronze Stars and 1,014 Purple Hearts.

Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Clifford Stanley received a plaque in recognition of his efforts to strengthen relations with the Hispanic community and in building diversity in the Marine Corps. Stanley is chief of public affairs for the Marine Corps. (*American Forces Press Service*)



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Indian cuisine includes traditional, nontraditional dishes

By Rudi Williams

WIND RIVER RESERVATION, Wyo. — A sweet-smelling aroma filled the makeshift outdoor cooking and eating house on the Arapaho Sun Dance ceremonial grounds here.

With a devilish smile, Leona Buckman, an Arapaho, lifted the lid off a steaming pot and said, "We call that spotted dog," emitting a hearty laugh. "It's just rice and raisins. You can eat it as it is or with a little sugar and milk. It's like a dessert, similar to rice pudding."

Another popular dessert among Arapaho is cracked corn cooked with tomatoes and sugar.

Fry bread is universally popular among American Indian tribes, but it's not traditional cuisine, Buckman said.

"Traditional food for Plains Indians was whatever was available," Buckman noted. "If it was prairie dog, that's what it was."

She said people who make distasteful comments about what Indians ate should consider the conditions under which Plains people lived. And, she said, they should think about what people eat in other countries.

"Plains Indians ate whatever they could find to survive — rattlesnake, frogs, turtles, prairie dogs, beaver, deer," Buckman said. She's general manager of the Northern Arapaho Enterprises, which includes a general store, convenience store and bingo hall. "Here, fish is our staple. We have freshwater fish, mainly rainbow trout and cutthroat, which is similar to trout. We use whatever kind of oil we have — lard, vegetable oil — roll the fish in flour and fry it. Some people like boiled fish — stews and chowder."

Boiled dried meat — beef, deer, antelope, elk, beaver, wild turkey — is a traditional food, said Mildred Goggles. Of Irish

ancestry, she learned traditional Indian cooking from her Arapaho sister-in-law, Bernidine Friday. "Dry meat is similar to jerky," she said. "It's sliced wafer thin — thin enough to see through it — sprinkled with salt and pepper and hung to dry for a couple of days. Then it's stored in a brown paper bag with sweet sage to keep bugs out. It will keep for more than a year."

Cooks use dried meat in stews and soups. It takes about two hours for the meat to become tender. Arapaho and Shoshone cooks add a variety of vegetables — carrots, onions, celery, green pepper — to add body and enhance flavor, Buckman said.

"Dried meat can also be eaten like jerky, so soldiers can take it to the field or kids can take it to school," Goggles said. "It can also be pounded or ground into a powder form and used for seasoning or soup."

Wild turkey is a delicacy on the reservation. "Wild turkeys don't last long around here," Buckman said with a laugh. "Wild turkey is good, but it's real dry. We bake or pit-roast prairie dogs, which is very rich meat that tastes something like groundhog. We also eat beaver, which is a lot like pork. We don't eat too much pork."

Buckman was preparing a large meal to feed the "grandfathers" of Sun Dance pledges, the pledges' families and their helpers. "Grandfathers," administer to the dancers and paint them, she said. Each 'grandfather' paints different designs on his pledge. Pledgers are men who participate in the sun dance to cleanse themselves, and pray for loved ones, the sick and military veterans during the tribe's most sacred and secret religious ceremony. They're not allowed to eat or drink during the four-day religious festival.

A three-day ritual of

praying, singing and fasting, the Sun Dance is the Arapaho's and Shoshone's most sacred annual religious event. All Plains Indians hold Sun Dances each year. The Arapaho and Shoshone hold the ritual in July to welcome their new year.

Buckman went to her house trailer and returned with a large platter of two piping hot venison meat loaves.

"Deer meat loaf is very tasty," she noted. "You just chop up onions, green peppers, celery and mix it with the meat. Add some garlic, one egg per pound of meat and some cracker crumbs or oatmeal to bind it."

"We also make a Mexican-style dish we call 'punch out' of cow stomach, liver and tongue," Buckman said.

Fry bread is served with nearly every meal and is also eaten as a snack, Buckman said, adding, "It's easy to make, just mix flour, baking powder, salt and water, flatten it out in a circular form and fry it."

"Some people use powdered milk or regular milk, but I don't use milk because many Indians are allergic to milk and milk products," Buckman said as she flattened the dough in her hands and gently laid it into piping hot grease.

Goggles noted three ways to make fry bread: with baking powder and flour, self-rising flour, or yeast flour. She said yeast bread is light and is made like regular white bread dough.

"Instead of making it into a loaf and baking it, the dough is flattened into an inch-thick circular form and fried in grease hot enough to prevent the dough from absorbing the grease. If the grease isn't hot enough, you'll get grease bread," Goggles said.

Buckman said Indians didn't have refined flour to make fry bread before their

contact with white men. However, they used to pound corn into powder form to use as a thickener.

"Refined flour was introduced by Europeans, and Indians sure learned how to cook it," Buckman said. "Fry bread is universal in Indian communities. And Indians make wonderful biscuits."

Years ago some Indians wouldn't use flour because they were afraid of it. They traveled long distances to pick up rations from Army posts, but would throw away some supplies, including flour, Buckman said.

In the early 1900s, Arapaho and Shoshone on the Wind River Reservation were so isolated they didn't know what flour was for,

she noted.

Indians wouldn't eat their bacon supply either, because it wasn't cured the Indian way. They thought it would make them sick, she said, so they threw it away. "Other than Army posts [near the reservation], there were a few farmers who were having a hard time because all the buffalo were slaughtered and most of the wild game was gone," she said. The farmers came behind them and picked it up. So Indians helped keep the white farmers alive."

Corn was an Indian staple hundreds of years before Europeans came. Arapaho and Shoshone cut colorful Indian corn, or flint corn, off the cob and soak it until it swells. Then they

cook it slowly with sliced ham hocks.

"It turns out like hominy," Goggle said. "We serve it like soup with pieces of ham."

Wild berries — choke cherries, blueberries, blackberries — have always been an Indian staple," Buckman noted. "Traditionally, we use them to make jam, jelly and berry gravy. Most of the time we just sop up the gravy with fry bread or serve it over meat."

Berries are picked, dried and formed into patties for future use, Goggles said. "All you have to do is soak them when you need them, and they last forever," she said. (American Forces Press Service)



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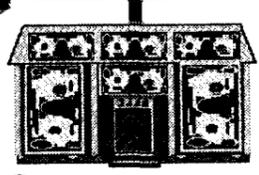
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MWR

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Veteran: Life in POW camp not like the movies

By Rudi Williams

WIND RIVER RESER-
VATION, Wyo. — Heavy snow blanketed the landscape, and pea-soup fog impeded visibility across the hilly and wooded Ardennes region of Belgium in mid-December 1944.

Army PFC Starr Weed and three other infantrymen huddled in a captured German pillbox, shivering in the frigid weather and out of food and ammunition. They were awaiting the inevitable, a massive German assault.

"It was cold as hell, and we were hungry," said Weed, today a 79-year-old horse and cattle rancher on the Wind River Arapaho and Shoshone Indian Reservation in central Wyoming.

The German counteroffensive launched Dec. 16, 1944, became known as the Battle of the Bulge. Fought in the Ardennes, it was the greatest pitched battle between Germans and Americans during World War II.

The Germans suffered about 100,000 casualties while inflicting more than 81,000 casualties on Allied forces. Weed wasn't one of them. He survived without a scratch, but was captured and spent 106 days in a German prisoner of war camp.

"They knew we were there, so we left the pillboxes and moved around the mountains and canyons trying to find the American lines," Weed said. Wearing a big-brimmed, white cowboy hat, he reared back in a chair on the front porch of

his modest white house and continued.

"I was held in Stalag 9B, and it was nothing how they showed in the 'Hogan's Heroes' TV show or in some movies," Weed said, shaking his head. "It was tough!" The 1960s comedy had Allied POWs running a spy and commando operation in a camp run by dimwitted German captors.

"I was in good health when I was drafted. My health hasn't been the same since I got out of the prison camp," Weed said. "War isn't good. I didn't like seeing people being killed, wounded or mistreated." Drafted in 1942, Weed had guarded German and Italian prisoners of war in New Jersey before being sent to the war zone.

When he and his comrades were captured, the Germans "bound us with wire, packed us into railroad boxcars like cattle and transported us to Germany," he said.

"The first month we slept on the floor without blankets or toilet facilities, only a hole in the floor," Weed said. "They gave us a ladle of soup and some kind of greens to eat. Some of the prisoners developed spinal meningitis and other diseases. We were very

weak. The food didn't improve much, but they gave us blankets."

He was among the prisoners liberated by the American Army on Easter 1945. The former 106th Infantry Division member had earlier toyed with the idea of staying in the Army, but more than three months in the German POW camp changed his mind.

"I'd had enough," Weed said. Promoted to corporal after returning to the United States, he served with the military police in Santa Barbara, Calif., until the end of the war.

Discharged in 1945, Weed returned to the reservation and resumed ranching, raising horses and cattle. His passion for horse racing led him to form Indian horse racing teams, which have won races in numerous major rodeos, including the Eastern Shoshone stampede and Cheyenne (Wyo.) Frontier Days. Weed has a roomful of ribbons, horse blankets, trophies and other memorabilia, including newspaper clippings about his World War II experiences.

Weed didn't receive any battlefield medals, but 50 years after his war, he received recognition. "They gave me a POW Medal on

Veterans Day 1995," the proud man said, holding a colorful dress-up cowboy shirt with the medal pinned to it. "I always wear it on my shirt when I go out."

The POW Medal was established on Nov. 8, 1985.

Looking across the field of grazing horses, Weed said, "You know, we used to plant gardens when I was young, and I helped thresh the grain. The old people had good gardens — big potatoes, tomatoes, squash, onions, carrots, corn — all kinds of vegetables. My mother used to get wild berries — cherries, blueberries, blackberries — to make jam and jelly.

"It was hard to get around in those days because we didn't have paved roads and highways," the Shoshone tribal elder recalled. "We just had horses and wagons. Most of the time, we couldn't get to a grocery store, particularly during the winter.

"They don't plant gardens anymore because they can just jump in the car and drive to the store to get something to eat," Weed said. "That really spoiled the people. Things have changed." (American Forces Press Service)

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Australians also fought in Vietnam and suffered afterwards

By Rudi Williams

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — "Many Americans don't know Australians fought in Vietnam, but more than 50,000 of us did. We lost 510 men and had more than 2,500 wounded," said John Methven, immediate past national president of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia.

Three Australian infantry battalions fought in Vietnam at any one time along with New Zealand and South Korean troops, Methven noted. A platoon commander with the Royal Australian Regiment's 7th Battalion from 1967 to 1968, Methven was medically retired as a captain in 1971.

"We weren't attached to any American units, but our battalion used your helicopters for airlifts," said Methven, who was here to attend the recent Vietnam Veterans of American national convention. "Many times your blokes got us in and out of hot areas. They showed exceptional bravery coming in under fire and taking guys out. I can't explain enough the admiration I had for those blokes who flew the American choppers. They did it at an enormous risk to their lives. They did themselves proud."

Certain areas were allocated solely to the Australian military. Methven said differences in combat tactics made that the best

war fighting arrangement. "We had a totally different philosophy about fighting," Methven noted. "In most cases, if we were working fairly close to an American unit, we moved away at night because their resupply choppers often came in bringing food and other stuff. We carried enough supplies for a week, three weeks or more on our backs. No cooking — everything cold."

When the sun started setting behind Vietnam's distant mountains and tall jungle foliage, Australian troops staked out a position for the night, Methven said.

"We'd be dead quiet! Absolutely no movement," Methven noted. "We never lost a battle."

Four soldiers were decorated with Australia's highest award for valor — the Victoria Cross, equivalent to the U.S. Medal of Honor. Several received the Military Cross, Australia's second highest award for valor.

Australian battlefield valor was also recognized with combat awards from the South Vietnamese and U.S. military.

Special permission was given for one Australian unit to wear the U.S. Presidential Unit Citation.

"After all we went through in Vietnam, it was hard to come home and have stuff thrown on you in the streets," Methven said. About halfway through the

war, "there were big movements against our troops, the same as it was in America. The problem was, the people couldn't separate political thoughts from the men who were told to serve their country. So in many cases, there was a lot of animosity and bitterness toward our troops."

Moreover, Methven said, "the Department of Veterans Affairs wasn't very generous toward the problems Vietnam veterans were having. They've changed now, and they're very supportive in many ways. But for the first 15 years, it was tough."

"But some of them will never forget how they were treated — never forgive," he said. He said the first big step to the healing process

was the dedication of Australia's Vietnam Veterans Memorial in 1992. A welcome home reunion was held in 1996.

"Nearly 50 percent of our Vietnam veterans came to the opening of the memorial," he said. "Since then, we've managed to get an awful lot more out through our outreach programs. We have fully trained advocates, welfare and pension officers all over the place. We work very closely with the Vietnam Veterans Counseling Service, a government-funded project that the association fought hard for and got."

Methven conducted a seven-day course called "Lifestyles: A New Approach to Addressing the

Impact of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder on Vietnam Veterans and Their Families" during the Vietnam Veterans of America national convention. His co-presenters were Nic Fothergill and Helga Erlanger of the Australian Department of Veterans Affairs Counseling Service.

"The course was designed by Vietnam veterans for Vietnam veterans," he said. "It's aimed at all kinds of veterans, from those forced out of the mainstream to those struggling to stay within it. The program's outstanding success in Australia has been confirmed by clinical analysis and is now accepted by mental health professionals and the Australian Department of Veterans Affairs."

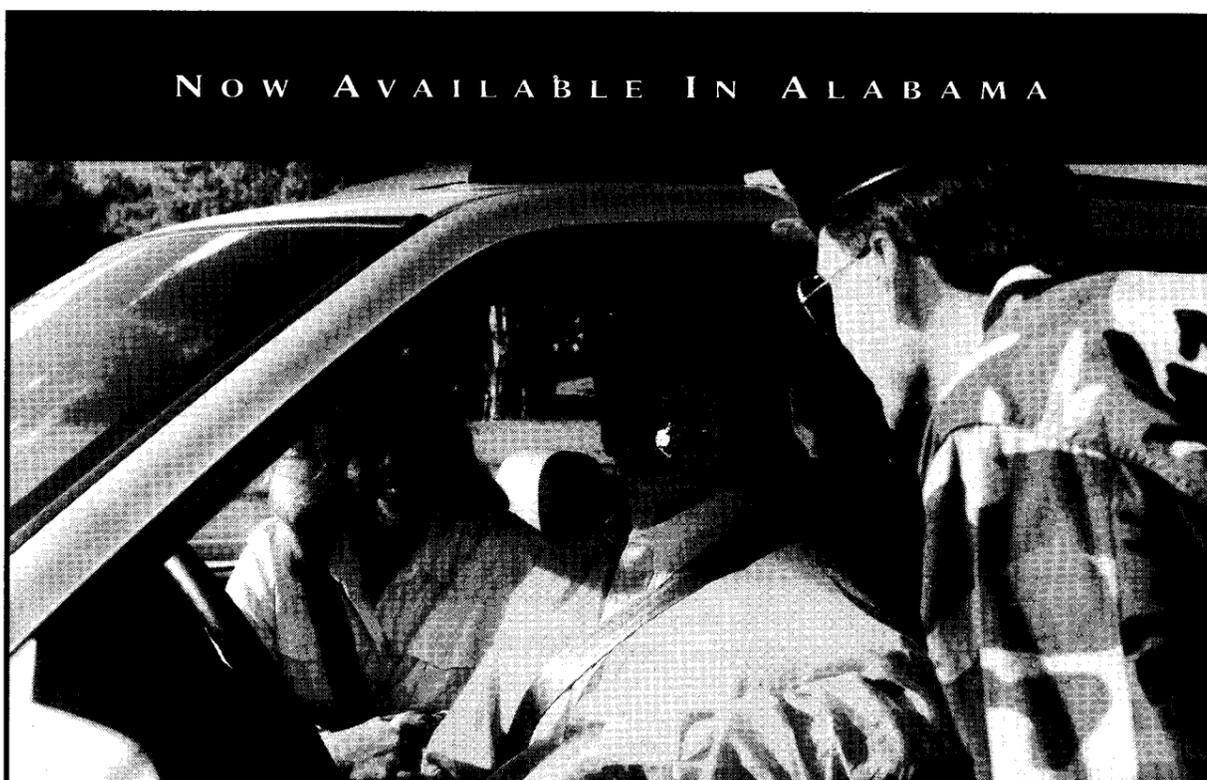
The Australian government recently compiled a list of every person who served in Vietnam. "From that roll, we were able to ascertain how many people had died since Vietnam and what they died from," Methven said.

The Australians also gave the American Vietnam veterans an update on a veterans' health study that includes the effects on veterans' wives and children. More than 86 percent of the questionnaires have been returned, he noted. Preliminary results were released about two months ago. Even though the survey isn't

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Soldier's training helps revive officer

By Janet McElmurray

FORT GORDON, Ga.— Anne Rainey of the Directorate of Finance and Accounting in Darling Hall was amazed at what she saw. "It brought tears to my eyes that someone still cares," she said, as she described the humanitarian scene of a young soldier coming to the aid of an officer who was in medical distress.

"He was so attentive to her. He was down on the floor with his shirt off (placed under her head as a pillow) and applying cool towels to her head."

Spec. William Chapmon, Company C, 369th Signal Battalion, described the scene leading up to the incident. "I was taking care of some military business at Darling Hall when I came out of the finance office and exchanged greetings with the major." Maj. Mary Hamilton was on temporary duty at Fort Gordon from Washington, D.C.

But, he said he noticed something wasn't right. "I saw her lean against the wall and fall to the floor. I checked her vital signs and started administering first aid until the medics arrived. I put cold compresses to her forehead because she showed signs of shock." He was able to tell the medics the pulse and condition of the major and the team put her on oxygen and started an IV before taking her to Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

Chapmon said it was his military training that kept him calm under the pressure along with the training he gained as a nurses aide. "I had worked as a nurses aide for a year and five months at Canyon City, Colo., at the Hildebrandt Nursing Home and at the Paragould Nursing Center in Paragould, Ark.," Chapmon explained.

Chapmon is an advanced individual training student in the 31U course in communications repair. He is in the reserves through Fort Knox where he is a noncommissioned officer in charge of communications with the logistics support battalion. He plans to begin studies in January to become a registered nurse. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: McElmurray is with the public affairs office at Fort Gordon.)

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finalized, Methven said, "it clearly shows the suicide rate of Vietnam veterans in Australia is more than 20 percent higher than the general population. Cancer rates range from 7 percent to 15 percent higher. That's only those we were able to actually record."

In many cases, he said, stress and alcohol problems have an enormous effect on the wives' and children's health. "We're quite certain it will show a lot of things, such as birth defects in children way above the average population," said Methven. "We'll be able to match a lot of the findings with world figures and previous world studies."

He knows firsthand what some Vietnam veterans are suffering; he suffers from chemical poisoning. "I'm on a special rights pension," Methven said. "A lot of my system doesn't work well. My immune system is completely shot — air conditioning, perfumes, anything like that can make me quite ill."

"The basic story is, America, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea — any country that served in Vietnam, in many cases, had to do it very hard afterward," Methven said. (American Forces Press Service)

FAMILY

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Redstone Arsenal Support Activity's business management division. "We were able to resolve everything locally from our last symposium" held in November 1996, she said.

Redstone's 11th family symposium will be held March 24-25 at the Sparkman Center. "The command support is excellent," Downs said.

The family action plan process occurs Armywide. Local installations submit quality of life issues to their

higher headquarters; and the higher headquarters in turn forward unresolved issues to Department of Army. A general officer steering committee meets every six months to consider DA issues. And the Army's family action symposium is held every two years.

"This is the commanders' tool to know what is being discussed at the grassroots level and it helps commanders make decisions," Downs said.

AMC issues forwarded to Department of Army included the following:

- From the entitlements work group: Benefits for isolated areas; and cash advances for invitational travel orders.

- From the support and medical work group: Federal Employee's Health Benefits program for family members and retirees; establishment of a medical allowance; family life circumstances being classified as "mental disorder"; and availability of nicotine replacement therapy.

Coman, a soldier the past 11 years, will leave Jan. 18 for a one-year tour in Korea en route to drill sergeant status. During his time at Redstone, he served as PAC (personnel action center) supervisor for 95th Maintenance Company; and he was president of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Committee.

WOMEN

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Vice President Al Gore attested to the giant leaps military women have made in just the last decade. "We have seen the first women serve at three-star rank; the first woman service secretary; the first women fighter pilots in operational units; the first woman to command a flying wing; the first woman to pilot a space shuttle; the first woman to guard the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," he said. "Today, women are a vital element of every aspect of our mission around the world, 24 hours a day, at sea, on the ground, in the air and even in space."

A black-tie gala on Oct. 16 kicked off the four days of dedication events. On Oct. 17, each service held luncheons followed by a reunion reception that evening bringing all services together. The formal dedication was Oct. 18 followed by a candlelight march and service of remembrance. A morning ceremony, "A Time to Give Thanks," at the Arlington Cemetery Amphitheater wrapped up events on Oct. 19. The memorial opened to the public Oct. 20.

The women's memorial is at the gateway to Arlington Cemetery and includes an upper terrace, reflecting pool and education center featuring a theater, Hall of Honor, exhibit

hall and gift shop. At the heart of the memorial is the computer register which tells the stories of the women who served.

Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Wilma L. Vaught, president, Women in Military Service for American Memorial Foundation, said, "Nothing can obscure the spirit of the women who are coming here. We're going to tell that story — make it visible for the first time."

More than 250,000 women have registered or been registered by family or friends. The memorial is still trying to reach the almost 2 million women who served in all branches of the armed forces, so they can be included in the register. Be a part of women's history in the military. To register, call 1-800-4-SALUTE. (American Forces Press Service)

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Transition assistance—The Military Personnel Office is sponsoring a three-day Transition Assistance Workshop, Nov. 18-20. The workshop is mandatory for all military personnel leaving the service within the next 180 days unless they have attended a previous workshop. These workshops are available to all branches of service including National Guard and Reserves. DoD civilians, military retirees, veterans and spouses of all are also encouraged to attend. The workshop will be held in building 3222, room 10. Seating is limited so you must register to attend. To register call Marie Adams 842-0870.

Body composition screening—The new Public Health and Education Center at Fox Army Community Hospital will be offering Body Composition Screening at Sparkman Fitness Center on Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. "Please wear loose fitting, short sleeve shirts to make the measurement easier," a prepared release said. "Body Composition measurement utilizes a bioelectrical impedance machine that measures total water content and calculates the proportion of lean tissue to

body fat." For more information, call the Public Health and Education Center 842-0196.

Astronomical society—The Von Braun Astronomical Society will present a show at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the planetarium at Monte Sano State Park. NASA astronomer Frank Six is to discuss space projects. Admission is as follows: VBAS members, free with membership card; adults (12 and up), \$2; children 6-11, \$1; and children 5-under, free. For more information, call 539-0316 or Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

Resource managers—American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 13 at Trinity Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road. Scheduled speaker is Vickie Jeffries, resource manager at U.S. Forces Command. Cost is \$8 for members, \$9 for non-members. For reservations call Cherry Hovik 876-3590 or Bill Richardson 842-6943.

Uniformed services group—"We are proud to announce the formation of the North Alabama Chapter, National Association for Uniformed Services," a pre-

pared release said. "Additional planning meetings will be held during the coming weeks for the purpose of writing chapter constitution and bylaws, filling additional staff positions, and the many tasks required to form the organization." The inaugural General Membership Meeting is planned for January, at which time the charter officers will be installed. "NAUS is the only military association that is open to equal membership for all members of the Total Force, their spouses and survivors—the entire military family—all grades, ranks, components and branches of the uniformed services," the release said. Its address is North Alabama Chapter, NAUS; P.O. Box 8290; Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35808. Its e-mail address is: nalnaus1@juno.com. Contact the chapter on the world wide web at: <http://ro.com/nalnaus>.

Contract managers—Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association, in conjunction with the North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, will hold a luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Sheraton Four Points located at the Huntsville Airport.

Scheduled speaker is Rep. Bud Cramer of the 5th district of Alabama. Registration starts at 11:15 a.m., and lunch will be served at 11:30. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for guests. For reservations call 533-3954 by Nov. 17.

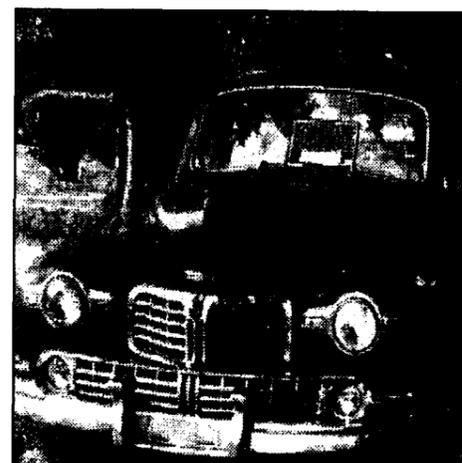
Veterans Day plans—Huntsville will celebrate Veterans Day, Nov. 11, with a parade downtown. This year's parade theme is to honor today's servicemembers. Federal, state, county and city/townships in Madison County are requested to lower their U.S. flag to half mast that day from 11 until noon in remembrance of servicemembers who lost their lives. All churches are asked to ring their church bells at the 11th hour on Nov. 11. Parade participants will include all branches of the military; veterans, civic, service and fraternal organizations; college and high school ROTC units and bands; concerned citizens, youth groups and several government contractors. The parade begins at 11 a.m. at the corner of Lowe and Williams avenues. The review stand will be adjacent to the courthouse.

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 and musicians are needed. "If you are a performer who would like to showcase your talent, this is your chance," a prepared release said. If interested call Pvt. Lisa McIntosh 876-6752 or SSgt. Michael Coman 955-6144.

AER scholarships—Army Community Service has brochures available detailing the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship

Fund for Dependent Children of Soldiers. The scholarship is available through Army Emergency Relief whose primary mission is to assist soldiers and dependents in times of valid emergency needs. An AER secondary mission is to help Army families with financial expenses of secondary vocational training and undergraduate college education for dependent children. Scholarship applications with eligibility requirements are available by mail from Headquarters. See ANNOUNCEMENTS on page 32



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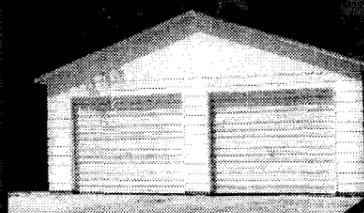
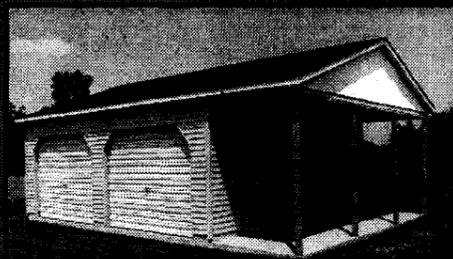
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AER now. Applications will be available by web site www.aerhq.org from Nov. 1 through March 1 for the following school year. For more information, call Juanita Adams 876-5468. Brochures and applications can be picked up at AER (building 3491) on Honest John Road. The deadline for submission of the completed scholarship application is March 1, 1998.

Academic advisory day— An Academic Advisory Day is scheduled for Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in building 5304, room 4231/33 of the Sparkman Center. Advisers from Alabama A&M University, Athens State College, the University of Alabama-Huntsville, Calhoun Community College, Drake Technical College, Oakwood College, the Florida Institute of Technology, Columbia College, and Faulkner University will be participating. Five of these institutions are members of the Logistics University (LogU) consortium. A&M, Athens State and UAH provide undergraduate, upper level studies. Florida Tech is the sole source for graduate LogU studies and Calhoun provides some lower

level, preparatory, undergraduate studies. "This is an excellent opportunity for prospective students to explore admission requirements, have transcripts evaluated to determine a course plan, what will transfer from Webster College, St. Louis C.C., UM-Rolla, etc., how what is transferred will apply to core course credit or electives, what government courses may be eligible to receive college credit, what work experience may be eligible to receive college credit, accelerated degree programs, when on campus terms begin, costs, and any other academic questions," a prepared release said. "The advisory services are open to all in the Redstone community but, are especially targeted to our new co-workers from St. Louis and elsewhere to highlight this area's academic opportunities." Interested individuals are encouraged to attend. The setting will be informal and on a drop-in basis. Shop around, talk with all of the schools, and get your best academic deal.

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."

Red Cross blood program— Here's the Red Cross blood program schedule for this month: Nov. 13— building 5300 (Sparkman Center), from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Glenda Parker 876-6909 or Michelle White 876-5171. Nov. 14— building 4488, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Mallory Murray 876-9118 or Fran King 842-7399; and building 5400, from 7-12:30, Tammy Moore 876-3033. Nov. 20— building 7770, from 7-10 a.m., Kim Andrews 876-8071. Nov. 21— building 4752 (NASA), from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Francee Logston 544-7534; SSDC (Wynn Drive), room 1C400, from 8-1, Al Longhi 955-5901; and Corps of Engineers, 7-noon, Linda Merschman 895-1580.

PX holiday hours— The Post Exchange will operate

with the following holiday hours Veterans Day, Nov. 11: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Food Court/Anthonys, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Concessions, closed; Mall Barber Shop, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Furniture Store, closed; One-Stop/Goss Road, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Service Station, closed; Burger King, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Military Clothing, closed; and Barber Shop, building 3479, closed.

Experimental aircraft group— Huntsville Chapter 190 of the Experimental Aircraft Association holds its monthly breakfast every third Saturday at 7:30 a.m., rain or shine, at Moontown Airport; and it meets every third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at various locations. Everyone is welcome for breakfast, to the meetings or just to talk aviation. For more information call Duane Ridenhour 498-3454, Jon Moore 882-6672 or Charles Cozelos 722-8585 (ext. 19).

Smoking cessation classes— If you are a health concerned smoker who has been thinking

about quitting then attend the workshops titled "No Nag, No Guilt, Do it Your Own Way Guide to Quitting," sponsored by the Wellness Center. These workshops include the 10 stages of quitting, using nutrition, exercise and social support, and strategies for becoming a non-smoker. "The Wellness Center will show you a reasoned, responsible, practical program that addresses your concerns about smoking and your health," a prepared release said. Classes are scheduled 11-noon Nov. 5 at building 5301, room 1148; 11-noon Nov. 10 at building 5301, room 1148; and 11-noon Nov. 20 at building 5300, room 5141. "Upon registering for the class, you will also receive a free book on ways to quit smoking. Please note, due to the limited number of books, they will be distributed on a first come basis," the release said. To register call the Wellness Center 955-6844.

Civil rights symposium— The University of Alabama-Huntsville (UAH),

Office of Multicultural Affairs will present "The Civil Rights Movement in Alabama: A Symposium," featuring perspectives from Huntsville, Birmingham and Selma, at 11:15 a.m. Nov. 13 at the UC Exhibit Hall. The public is invited to this event which is co-sponsored by the UAH Honors Program. For more information, call the office of multicultural affairs 895-6822.

Fox Army Community Hospital— "The staff of Fox Army Community Hospital would like to thank the Redstone Arsenal community for outstanding support of this year's flu campaign," a prepared release said. "One of our goals is to prevent illness and maintain wellness and your participation in the flu campaign moved us closer to meeting that goal. We will be offering a make-up day for flu immunizations Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sparkman Center, building 5301, rooms 4353-57. This is open to active duty and retirees, family members of active duty and retirees

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Home buying/selling— If you are buying or selling a home, make plans to attend free workshops set for 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 Army Community Service 876-5397. Times and topics include the following: Selling A Home— Sherry Dinges, president, Huntsville Board of Realtors, 1 p.m. Nov. 10. Buying vs. Renting — Jim McWhorter, certified residential broker, 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, 1 p.m. Nov. 6 and 9 a.m. Nov. 20. Prequalifying for a Mortgage — Darlene Hornsby, loan officer, 2 p.m. Nov. 6 and 10 a.m. Nov. 20. Closing on a Mortgage — Brenda Kenchel, loan officer, 3 p.m. Nov. 6 and 11 a.m. Nov. 20. Consumer Mediation — Better Business Bureau representative, 3 p.m. Nov. 6 and 11 a.m.

Nov. 20. Overcoming Mortgage Obstacles— Randy Warren, mortgage company branch manager, 10:30 a.m. Nov. 13. Home Inspections — Mike Dove, state registered professional home inspector, 9 a.m. Nov. 13.

Speakers bureau— The following are "Talk of the Town" speakers bureau volunteers for October: Jeff Stevens, SFAE-AMD-THA, who spoke to 60 students (12-14 year olds) at Grace Lutheran School, Oct. 29 on the "Role of Missiles in Scientific Research and Military Defense." Amy Meredith, AMCOM Legal Office, who spoke to 30 students (15-18 year olds) at Buckhorn High School, Oct. 23 on "Environmental Law."

Chapel dedication— Bicentennial Chapel will dedicate its newest stained-glass window during ceremonies Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. at the chapel. Money for the project was provided by the Bicentennial Chapel Historical Society. The new window is the last in a series built by the society. Most of the windows depict scenes honoring America's original 13 colonies. This final window honors America's POWs and MIAs and depicts soldiers from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, is

scheduled to attend. "This ceremony is open to the entire post," said retired Col. Art Ousley, historical society president.

Hi-tech council— The Hi-Tech Valley Council of the National Management Association will hold its second 1997-98 quarterly meeting at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 15 at the Madison Square Holiday Inn. This meeting will feature talks on estate planning and business development. A registration fee of \$11 will include coffee and lunch. Former and prospective members are invited. For reservations and information, call Peggy Stephens 722-6636 by Nov. 13.

Southern U. alumni— Huntsville Chapter of the Southern University Alumni Federation will hold a fellowship breakfast at 9 a.m. Nov. 15 at Quincy's

Family Steak House, 3801 University Drive northwest, adjacent to Julia Street. Items on the agenda include Huntsville City Schools college days/night results, nomination committee report, and election of officers. All alumni who reside in the Huntsville/Madison County area are encouraged to attend. RSVP to Paul Hillard 851-7843 by Nov. 13.

DPW dinner— The Directorate of Public Works will hold its 44th annual Thanksgiving dinner at noon Nov. 25 at building 5663. "We would like to take this opportunity to invite the AMCOM community to join us," a prepared release said. Tickets are \$5. For more information call Elise McWilliams 876-1692, Mable Brooks 876-1893, Sandy Lawrence 876-2808 or Susan Gustafson 876-9598.



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