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Final group of newcomers arrives from St. Louis

By Skip Vaughn

Everyone who took the stage welcomed them to Huntsville, but they generally didn't want to be here.

This was the final group session for newcomers from St. Louis. Fifteen people attended the Redstone overview held Thursday in the Sparkman Auditorium which was followed by in-processing in nearby building 5302. The few remaining workers who move from St. Louis are expected to arrive by the end of December.

"You're the last group that's coming down as a group to Redstone," Ernie Young, the deputy to the commanding general at AMCOM, said during his welcoming remarks. The 15 civilians, including eight women, sat together in the 700-seat auditorium. The session was originally scheduled in the auditorium when 110 were expected; but in the weeks since then,



ORIENTATION— Newcomers from St. Louis listen to briefings on Redstone services at the Sparkman Auditorium.

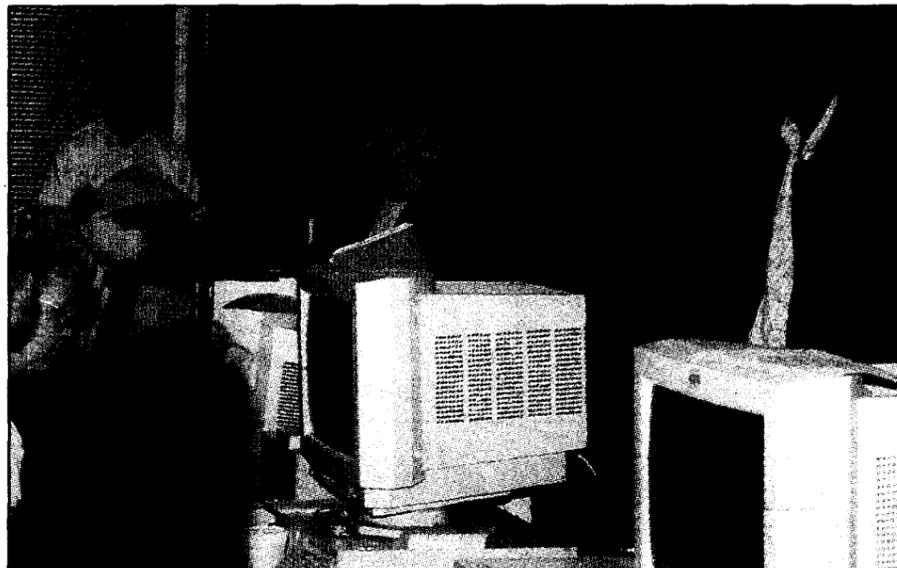
the number had dwindled.

Overall, more people have moved from St. Louis than was anticipated. As of Nov. 7 some 1,431 had joined AMCOM and 180 had arrived at Program Executive Office for Aviation for a total of 1,611. Some 35 more were expected to join AMCOM last week.

"We have a few more people we expect to come but one or two a week scattered around," Gary Reas, of the BRAC (Base Re-

alignment and Closure) office here, said. He and Dave Weller, formerly the BRAC chief in St. Louis, are the only remaining members of that office which itself is winding down.

During his welcoming remarks, Young asked the 15 newcomers if they knew their assigned organizations. "I don't think we really know where we're going," one man replied. "Our orders just said to



IN-PROCESSING— The new arrivals sign in and receive their picture ID security badges during in-processing at building 5302.

come here."

Another man said he was joining the Directorate of Public Works; another going to the Corporate Information Center; and a third said he was going to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. Young said they all should have re-

ceived an order giving their assigned positions at Aviation and Missile Command.

"This is the 17th or 18th (actually 26th) group we've done, somewhere in the neighborhood of 1600 people. So it's a fairly large group of people, more than anybody expected," Young

said. "I think you're going to enjoy it once you do get involved in the Huntsville community itself. It's a very friendly community."

Various representatives from Redstone organizations gave an overview of

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Annual charity campaign needs a late boost

By Skip Vaughn

The Tennessee Valley CFC has ended as far as solicitations, but contributions are still coming in.

As of Nov. 7, officially the final day for this year's Combined Federal Campaign, the charity drive had collected \$1,154,140 for 85 percent of its \$1,355,000 goal.

Workers at the Aviation and Missile Command had contributed \$462,155 for 95 percent of AMCOM's

\$486,626 goal.

Numbers were being compiled last week on contributions from the previous week. Also, some organizations had yet to report.

Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant in Athens delayed the start of its campaign to Oct. 31 because of work-related matters. It had contributed \$22,309 against a \$98,000 goal as of Nov. 7; and its campaign will continue through Dec. 12.

"I think we're gonna meet our goal," Dr. Her-

schel Love, chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee, said. "I think, but you know I'm always optimistic."

Awards for organizations that have contributed to CFC will be determined Nov. 21. Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, is to present the awards in a ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 10 at the Sparkman Auditorium. He serves as chairman of the Tennessee Valley CFC.

The race between AMCOM and Marshall Space Flight Center for the annual Top Gun award—based on dollars collected and percentage of goal—was fairly close by Nov. 7. Marshall workers had contributed \$410,213 for 94.3 percent of their \$435,000

goal.

AMCOM is the largest federal agency in the Tennessee Valley with a reported 7,176 workers followed by Marshall with 2,881 and Browns Ferry's 1,154.

The Combined Federal Campaign opened Sept. 29 and officially closed Nov. 7 for 16,144 federal workers in 35 agencies in the Tennessee Valley. This area comprises seven counties including Madison, Morgan, Marshall, Cullman, Limestone and Lawrence in Alabama, and Lincoln County, Tenn.

Love, a full-time loaned executive from Missile RD&E Center, represents AMCOM on the Local Federal Coordinating Committee which serves as the Tennessee Valley campaign's board of directors.

DFAS-St. Louis rep will be here Friday

Friday is the last day that the Defense Finance and Accounting Service-St. Louis will have representatives at Redstone Arsenal to review the settlement vouchers of former ATCOM personnel.

A DFAS voucher examiner will again be set up in building 5300, third floor (just off the elevator), to review PCS, TQSE, HHT, and Real Estate vouchers prior to them being sent to St. Louis. The telephone number for the DFAS representative is 842-9275.

After Friday, former ATCOM personnel must mail all related settlement vouchers and documentation to the following address:

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Questions about settlement vouchers may also be directed to DFAS-St. Louis at (314) 260-2963, DSN 490-2963.

Glenda Elrod, AMCOM Legal, building 5300, room 5484, phone 876-8923, is still reviewing real estate (purchase) settlement vouchers before sending them to DFAS-St. Louis for payment.

'I think we're gonna meet our goal.'

— Dr. Herschel Love
CFC coordinator



Letters To The Editor

Asking questions

In response to the soul searching letter (Nov. 12): You must not have a problem with job retention or have ways of venting frustrations. I did not attend the meeting in question and can just imagine the disrespect you described toward such a high-ranking officer. Example: like saying what's up to a judge, or damn to a reverend, or yep to your mother. As a veteran I know how to address not only my superiors but my elders. Some employees have not had the honor of serving our country nor had the training which embeds obedience to authority.

As for asking questions to the general, I feel that if your supervisor does not supply adequate answers, who can I ask? For instance: will I have a job next year, what went on during the weekly staff meeting, and what's going to happen to Redstone (more BRAC in the future)?

Furthermore, I have in my lifetime been taught to ask questions. There are no dumb questions; only the ones you are afraid to ask.

Please withhold my name for your same reasons.

Name withheld by request

Bosnia magic

I would like to thank all the people of Redstone Arsenal, and Fort Carson, Colo., that have given items to be shipped to Bosnia for the orphans and refugees. I do not know everyone that has provided items, yet I still would like to say thanks. So far 103 boxes of clothes, shoes, toys, school supplies, combs, hair brushes, tooth brushes, medicines have been received, and distributed. I would like to thank the following people because they took a message I sent and made it happen. At Redstone

Ruth Williams, Ann McLane, Pat Brown, and Ray Thrasher. At Fort Carson Rita Walston, Cory Walston, employees of ACS, Capt. Jonathan W. Hill of Dentac, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Guthrie, Joe Bauserman, LAO Office, and DOL.

I know the orphans and refugees sure do thank you. The look in their eyes and the smile on their faces when they receive these items, says it all! Upon return visits to the orphanage, it is really nice to see the kids wearing the clothes you have sent them, with the pride as if they had just gotten them from a store. With all the things that have been sent, still more is needed. Winter is quickly coming upon us, so once again I ask for your help.

During our last trip, we visited the baby ward. It surprised me that there were no mobiles, colorful wall hangings, then I realized the lack of blankets, sheets, sleepers, and pajamas. Items I had not even thought of, since they were just part of life when our son was born.

Besides taking items to the orphans, we spend time playing soccer, basketball, Frisbee, and eating sunflower seeds. We get to the orphanage about once a month for two hours; to me it's the best two hours of the month.

When I arrived in Bosnia in May, Redstone was known as MICOM. Now that two commands have combined and together are known as AMCOM, I would ask that you... make a little AMCOM Magic! Fort Carson you have sent a mountain of boxes, big and small, yet the stacks grew tall, with your Mountain Magic!

Regards to all,
John M. Walston
AMCOM LAR

(Editor's note: In a related message Walston, a logistic assistance representative, asked that members of AMCOM contribute items to the Bosnia orphans and

refugees. He calls this effort "AMCOM Magic." "The challenge to you all is to spin your magical wands and look into obtaining things like tooth brushes, combs, hair brushes, shirts, pants, dresses, shoes, underwear, coats, caps, gloves—all the simple things in life that we take for granted.... The kids and I would be tickled pink to have the postal clerk tell me to come pick up all these packages.... Please, do not wonder if the item you have is good enough; let someone who has nothing do that." His address is John M. Walston, LSE Forward, Guardian Base, Operation Joint Guard, APO AE 09789.)

Medical team

Last week I was very ill with strep throat. I felt worse than I have ever felt in my entire life. I made a same day appointment with Foxcare Team 1 and proceeded in to see Mrs. Glover. From the moment I arrived in the clinic the personnel there were concerned, professional, and very kind. I have never had a better visit with a doctor.

The women at the front desk were processing information quickly and efficiently for the many people they were servicing at the time and they worked with big smiles and many words of encouragement. The nurses, who were just as busy, ushered me into the room as quickly as possible and were the best set of nurturing professionals I have ever seen.

Mrs. Glover saw me quickly and did all that she could to make me as comfortable as possible throughout this ordeal. In all of our military travels I have never seen such a well organized, and deeply caring group of medical professionals. I must say thank you to the best medical TEAM I have had the pleasure to meet. Thank you.

Marlene Hunt

Surgeon general's commentary: Quality of Army medicine healthy

By Ronald Blanck

FALLS CHURCH, Va.— By now most of you have read the articles from the Dayton Daily News, reprinted in the Army Times and European Stars and Stripes, questioning the quality of Army, and in fact, military medicine. The articles were critical of us in four broad areas:

There are some bad patient outcomes in Military Medicine (true—although we have generally better overall outcomes than in the civilian sector). At least some are due to providers whose credentials have been inadequately scrutinized. As an example, a number of physicians (8 in the Army, out of 4400+) were found to have a restricted medical license rather than a full, unrestricted license as required by regulation. None of the 8 have had practice problems or claims filed against them. Furthermore, these 8 are no longer involved in direct patient care pending a review of their licensure status.

Some care is provided by non-physicians such as Nurse Midwives, Nurse Practitioners/Clinicians and Physician Assistants with the (unfounded) implication that such care is in some way inferior. Not mentioned is the requirement in the military to have all practitioners credentialed (which means a yearly review of training, practice patterns, etc.); in the civilian community only those

practitioners who do some practice in hospitals are credentialed. Those in civilian medicine who do only outpatient care have no credentialing requirement. Incidentally, studies show that non-physician providers do at least as well as physicians within their practice parameters.

Because of the Feres Doctrine, active duty personnel as well as OCONUS family members (who can, however submit claims) cannot sue for perceived medical malpractice. It is suggested that the lack of the ability to sue creates a climate for poor care, although there is no data to support this allegation. Family members and retirees, of course, can sue and do so at lesser rates than patients in the civilian sector.

The military does not report as often as we should to the National Practitioners Data Bank. The NPDB requires the reporting of civilian practitioners for any malpractice claim or suit settled with a monetary payment. The military reports our practitioners when there is a monetary payment, AND it is judged that the standard of care was not met. A valid criticism is that this process takes too long and indeed we do have an unacceptable backlog of cases which we are in the process of fixing as quickly as possible.

Overall, the information in the articles is correct and the reporter, to his credit, included some quality data and comments

which we provided. Nevertheless, in my view, the articles are flawed because they are unbalanced and therefore inaccurately portray Military Medicine. It is unfortunate that these selected anecdotes have been used to characterize your health care system. It is an erroneous characterization. We are all faced with that from time to time with our free press. However, the soldiers and spouses who rely on this system have been given unfounded cause for worry.

Military Medicine is not perfect—but no system or practice of medicine is—but we are excellent and equal to the best in the civilian world! In many areas we are better than the best, and our goal is to continue to be the best. Below is a summarization of Army medicine quality.

All Army hospitals are accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations. Army hospitals' average scores have exceeded the national average for the past six years.

Eighty-eight percent of Army physicians who have completed their residency training have passed the exams to be Board Certified, a higher rate than civilian health maintenance organizations which average 79 percent board certification among primary-care physicians and 82 percent among specialists, according to a study by U.S. News & World Report magazine (Oct. 13, 1997).

The same U.S. News and World Report study also shows very favorable comparison for the military system as opposed to top civilian HMOs in other areas such as preventive medicine (child immunizations, prenatal care, mammograms) and patient satisfaction according to available data.

The Army's graduate medical education programs are recognized by residency review committees as some of the best in the country. We have 23 residency and 59 fellowship graduate medical programs, with a greater than 93 percent board certification pass rate on the first attempt (well above the national average).

Army patients file malpractice claims less frequently than do patients in the civilian system. After adjusting for the Supreme Court's Feres decision, which does not allow active-duty soldiers to file claims, the Army has had between 9 and 12 such cases per 100 physicians in recent years. For comparison, a leading civilian malpractice insurer, St. Paul Marine and Fire Insurance, receives 13 to 15 claims per 100 physicians annually.

We have an effective system in place to deal with Army doctors who do not perform well. Local facilities conduct risk-management reviews, and if risks are considered significant, the case goes to the credentials

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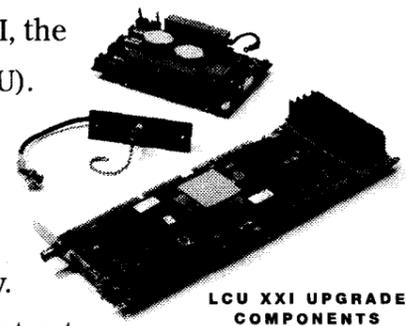
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Classified material no match for paper-shredding truck

By Dale James

It looks like the prototype from a severely underfunded program that was abandoned in mid-development and underwent an ill-advised conversion at the dictate of some congressional committee determined to salvage something for its R&D dollars.

The ungainly but imposing appearance is somehow vaguely menacing. And if the looks alone don't grab your attention, the noise it generates when it's cranked up full bore surely will. Even the name has a we-mean-business ring to it: The Destruct Truck.

There are weapons systems that don't have a name that good.

But then, in a sense, The Destruct Truck is a weapon — a weapon in the ongoing war to keep classified material from falling into the wrong hands.

Each month the various project offices, directorates and centers scattered across Redstone Arsenal generate a whopping 45,000 pounds of classified waste — and that's just the paper waste.

Disposing of all that paper safely and securely is the job of The Destruct Truck, a tractor-trailer rig designed specifically for the job by an outfit in Texas.

But we're not talking about the polite kind of shredding done by those

dilettante little desktop machines you can buy at any office supply store and that hum quietly as they cut the paper into itty-bitty little strips. We're talking real destruction here. Serious, take-no-prisoners, no-turning-back, it's-too-late-now destruction.

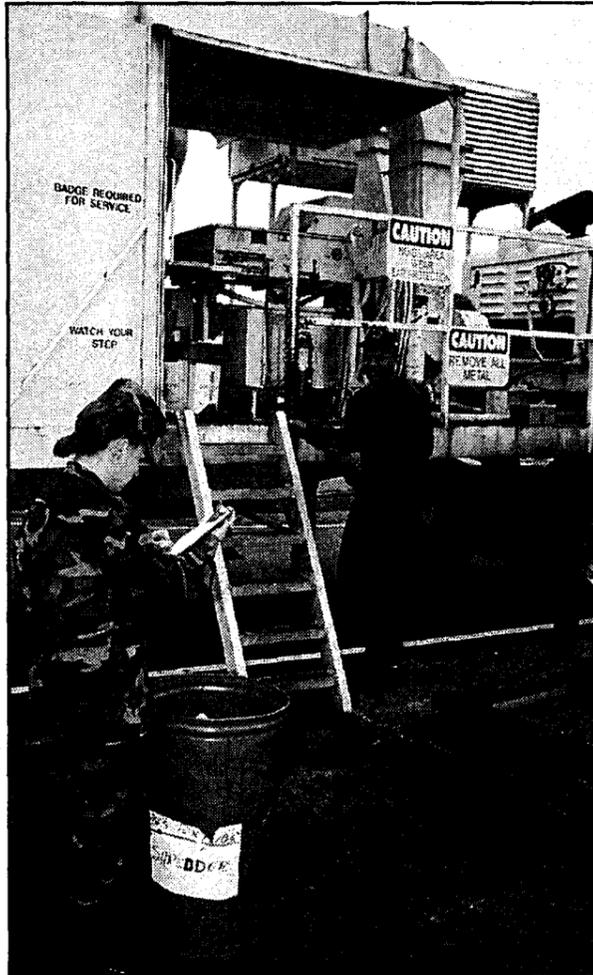
Just ask Bob Whiteford. He's supervisor of the equipment maintenance branch that oversees operation of The Destruct Truck.

"The paper that goes into The Destruct Truck," Whiteford explains, "is ground up into the consistency of a fluffy powder. When it's done, you could have the patience of Job and you couldn't put the pieces back together again."

With commendable redundancy the system doesn't stop there, however. After being ground up, the waste is taken directly to the city-owned garbage-to-steam incinerator located just outside the post perimeter and burned.

"They love to see us coming," Whiteford says smiling, "because this stuff is some of the best combustible material you'll find anywhere."

To Team Redstone workers who have been around awhile, Whiteford's name may sound vaguely familiar. That's because he was the command sergeant major for MICOM back in 1985-87 — "in the pre-



MAKING ROUNDS— Derrick Scott operates The Destruct Truck as it makes its daily rounds to pick up and destroy classified waste.

Sparkman Center, 5250 days." He assumed his present duties after retiring from the Army in 1991.

As command sergeant major, Whiteford carried a lot of responsibility on his shoulders. He takes his duties as equipment maintenance supervisor just as seriously — including the

job of maintaining the buses that haul more than 500 children from the Arsenal to school and back each day.

"I spent most of my time in the Army avoiding the motor pool," chuckles Whiteford. "Now I work in one. I like to tell people we repair everything from violins to M-1 tanks."

On the violin-M-1 continuum, The Destruct Truck unquestionably falls toward the latter end of the spectrum.

The truck is equipped with a heavy-duty grinder, run by the cab's diesel engine, which is hand-fed by the operator, who stands on a platform at the front of the trailer.

The truck runs a regular weekly route, much as a municipal garbage truck does. Whiteford points out that there are a number of key differences, however.

It is the customer's responsibility to set the material on the truck, not the operator's. This is done chiefly out of concern for the operator's safety.

"The customer retains possession until we grind it," Whiteford emphasizes. "We had one office bring some paper out and leave it. It was a rather windy day and...." His voice trails off and he shudders at the memory. "I'd rather not finish the statement," he says at last. "But it made for a kind of sticky situation — not for us, for the office."

While not all waste picked up by The Destruct Truck is considered secret, it is considered "sensitive," and should be handled accordingly.

Although The Destruct Truck may look, well, indestructible, it has a soft underbelly, according to

Whiteford: paperclips.

He explains, "People will sometimes leave metal clips — paperclips or those large alligator clips — on the material they bring to be destroyed. That can be a real problem because of the possibility of fire if it causes a spark when it goes through the grinder. So we ask that people not leave any sort of metal object in the material they bring us."

For those who desire, the operator carries ear plugs to mask the noise created by the grinder.

The Destruct Truck handles only paper waste. A special class VI security run is scheduled about once a month to pick up material such as audio tapes, CDs and VHS tapes.

"If you tried to run that kind of stuff through the grinder," Whiteford says, "you'd end up with a first-class mess on your hands."

Whiteford merely shrugs when asked why, in an age when virtually everything is done by computer, people keep turning out so much paper.

Shouting to be heard over the roar of the engine grinding away in the background, he reflects, "I guess the paperless society hasn't reached here yet."

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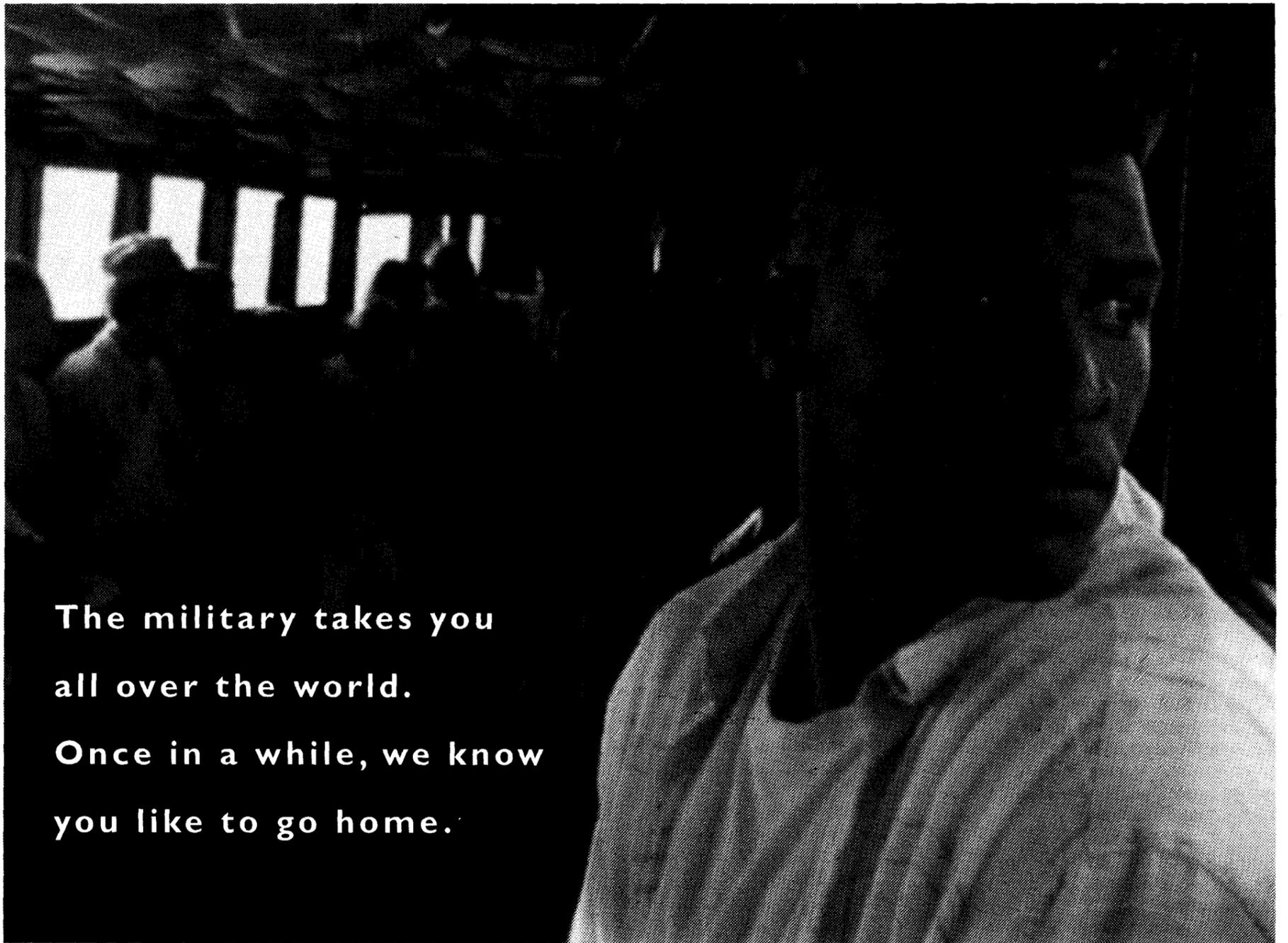
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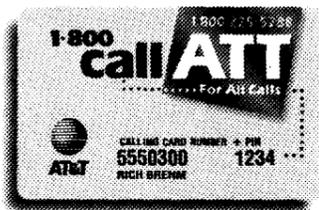
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DoD headquarters planning reductions in job positions

By Linda D. Kozaryn

WASHINGTON— DoD will soon be leaner and more agile as defense leaders downsize and reorganize the department's highest echelons, open more jobs to private competition and eliminate excess infrastructure.

Coming reductions within the Office of the Secretary of Defense reflect a change in philosophy, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen said Nov. 10 at a Pentagon press briefing.

"We are getting out of the management business," he said. "We are going to focus on core functions — policy decisions and recommendations. We are going to slim down in size. We are going to become as agile and as fast-responding as we expect our military to be in the future."

Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre, head of the Defense Reform Task Force, said the group examined the business side of the Defense Department, just as the Quadrennial Defense Review released in May did the military. The group's recommendations were the basis for Cohen's reform decisions.

DoD is seeking congressional approval for base closure rounds in 2001 and 2005. "We expect to save \$2.8 billion on an annual basis from these," Hamre said.

DoD headquarters will downsize by about 30,000 positions through restructuring, transferring organizations or functions, and eliminating positions. Another 120,000 jobs will be opened to bids by private industry.

The following specific cuts were announced: Office of the Secretary of Defense — 33 percent over the next 18 months, from 3,000 to 2,000; field agen-

cies will be cut by 36 percent, from about 8,000 to 5,000 over the next two years; the Joint Staff and activities controlled by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will be cut by 29 percent, from about 2,600 to 1,800; unified command headquarters/combatant command headquarters will be cut by about 10 percent, from about 18,000 to 16,200 and the 15 defense agencies will be cut by 21 percent, from about 120,000 to 95,000, over the next five years.

DoD is directing the Defense Information Systems Agency to downsize, for example. "About five years ago, there were 250 or so big computer centers," Hamre said. "They shrunk the number to 16. We're now telling them to shrink it to six."

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service had 330 locations five years ago. They were consolidated into five disbursing centers and 20 operating locations. "We know we have twice as much capacity as we need, so we will be directing them to cut their operating locations in half."

Defense officials are consolidating three defense agencies into one. The On-Site Inspection Agency, the Defense Special Weapons Agency and the Defense Technology and Security Administration will become the Threat Reduction and Treaty Compliance Agency.

By January 2000, DoD will privatize all utility systems — electric, water, waste water and natural gas. The Defense Fuels Supply Center will become the Defense Energy Management Center and manage energy, not a power infrastructure.

Reform plans also include opening up more government work to com-

petition from private industry. DoD will compete such areas as payroll, retiree pay, personnel services, leased property management and defense reutilization centers.

"We honestly believe government employees have lots of good ideas, which is why we are not going to simply privatize at all costs," Hamre said. "That's not our goal. Our goal here is competition; competition is going to bring out the best value."

There's a very specific and detailed process for evaluating and comparing what's more cost-effective, Hamre said. "On the average, over the last 20 years, when we do an evaluation, government employees win roughly half the time. On the average, when the government wins, we save 20 percent." Competitive bidding forces government workers to cut costs and become more efficient, he said.

Between 1979 and 1994, DoD conducted more than 2,000 competitions for support functions. Annual operating costs were cut by 31 percent, resulting in a savings of more than \$1.5 billion a year, Hamre said. Over the next four years, DoD will open 120,000 functions throughout the department to competition. "We think we'll be able to save \$6 billion over the next five years from this," he said.

Under the reform plan, a new Defense Management Council will become DoD's "board of directors." The council, chaired by Hamre, will negotiate performance contracts with the defense and field agencies and serve as the nerve center for managing DoD reform efforts. (American Forces Press Service)



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Col. Frederick Driesbach, center, director of Missile and Space Intelligence Center, receives a National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve certificate of appreciation from Reservists and National Guard members

who work at MSIC as full-time civilians. From left are Maj. Tony Gatlin, ARNG; Cmdr. Greg Hagler, USNR; Col. Jay Snyder, USAR; Driesbach; Col. Jay Lytle, ARNG; Lt. Tom Tomaszewski, USNR; and Cmdr. Keith Good, USNR.

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Vice President Gore lauds DoD cost-cutting reforms

By Linda D. Kozaryn

WASHINGTON— Vice President Al Gore praised the Defense Department Nov. 10 for its plan to become "leaner, more competitive and more efficient in its business practices."

Gore was at the Pentagon along with Defense Secretary William Cohen, Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre and Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for the rollout of a new defense reform initiative.

Based on the findings of the Defense Reform Task Force, headed by Hamre, the plan's goal is to save money for modernization muscle by cutting fat — excess staff, redundant functions and infrastructure.

Replacing aging military equipment is an urgent national requirement, Gore said. "We have the money we need to keep America's military forces fully modern and fully capable, but we are spending too much of our defense money on the wrong stuff," he said.

Gore said the "wrong stuff" includes too much paperwork and "an industrial age bureaucracy that is too expensive and too slow to keep pace in the world today." Businesses cannot survive like that, and neither can national defense, he said.

Cohen announced his decision to downsize and restructure his headquarters staff. Gore noted he and the defense secretary had agreed, "Big, all-powerful, all-knowing corporate headquarters operations are a thing of the past. Today's world needs fast-moving, fast-thinking, fully empowered frontline workers and frontline fighters."

Shelton said the mili-

tary's senior leaders agreed with the reform initiative. He said, considering the smaller force, the department needs to rebalance its "tooth-to-tail" ratio to be sure funds are available for modernization and joint operations.

"We need to have agile organizations that have been trimmed in size, that can move quickly, that have the best information technology available so we can direct and support our armed forces and our joint operations in the best possible manner," Shelton said.

Gore particularly hailed DoD plans for incorporating private industry practices. "Government should emulate the best in business, learn from them and adopt their best business practices," he said.

"Information technology is changing everything from the way we buy equipment to the way we fight," Gore said. "It is the key to America's future strength as a defense leader, just as it is the key to America's future as a business leader."

Preparing for the future is one of the biggest challenges DoD leaders face, Cohen said. "How do we streamline, reform and re-engineer ourselves to provide the necessary dollars which will keep us on the very front end of technology and to allow our troops to remain the superior force they are today? ... We need to make sure we have the

resources necessary to prepare for the future."

Cohen said DoD will apply such successful private enterprise activities as creating a paperless environment by 2001. Holding up a foot-high stack of finance regulations in one hand and a CD-ROM in the other, Cohen illustrated the past and future. "By next July," he said, "all of these regulations will either be on CD-ROM or on the Internet."

Cohen said a revolution in the department's business affairs is needed to keep pace with the revolution in military affairs. "What we are doing is providing a corporate vision for the Department of Defense," he said. "We want to ensure we continue to lead in a world of accelerating change."

Cohen announced the following decisions:

- DoD is seeking congressional approval to do two more rounds of base closures, in 2001 and 2005. Projected annual savings for each round is \$1.4 billion.

- The Office of the Secretary of Defense staff will be cut 33 percent from about 3,000 to 2,000 over the next 18 months.

- Field agencies will be cut 36 percent, from about 8,000 to 5,000 over the next

two years.

- The Joint Staff and activities controlled by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will be cut 29 percent, from about 2,600 to 1,800.

- Unified command/ combatant command headquarters will be cut by about 10 percent, from about 18,000 to 16,200.

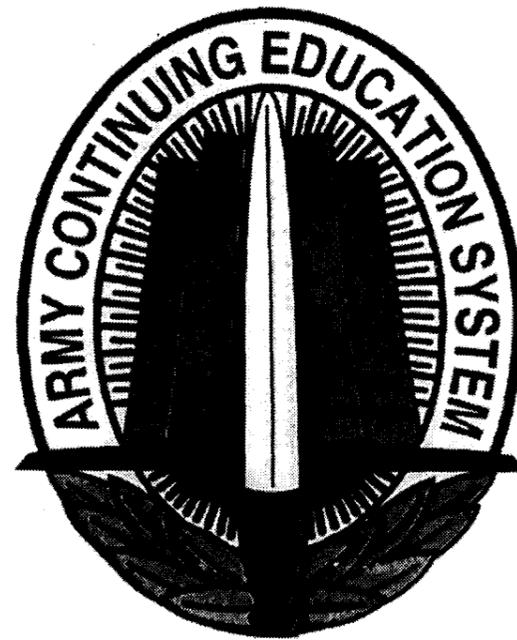
- Defense agencies will be cut 21 percent, from about 120,000 to 95,000, over five years.

- The On-Site Inspection Agency, the Defense Special Weapons Agency and the Defense Technology and Security Administration will consolidate to become the Threat Reduction and Treaty Compliance Agency.

- By January 2000, DoD will privatize all utilities — electric, water, waste water and natural gas. The Defense Fuels Supply Center will become the Defense Energy Management Center to manage energy, not a power infrastructure.

- More government work will be opened to competition from private industry. Plans call to compete such areas as payroll, retiree pay, personnel services, leased property management and defense reutilization centers. (American Forces Press Service)

Education Week events continue



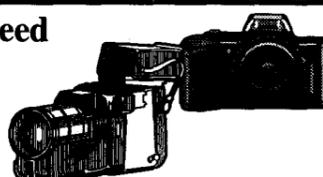
American Education Week is Nov. 17-21. Remaining events include the following:

Nov. 19-20: An exhibit at Madison Square Mall — NASA and its Educational Partners Investing in America's Future — will be on display from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Nov. 19: A Showcase of Presentations and Demonstrations will be held at Alabama A&M University. There will be an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Redstone Arsenal Education Center, building 3222. NASA will sponsor an open house at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The event is titled, "NASA in Action for Educators — Educator Resource Center Open House."

Nov. 20: An awards ceremony will be held at Alabama A&M University. An education fair will be held at the Sparkman Center on Redstone Arsenal. NASA will hold a volunteer recognition day in building 4755 at Redstone Arsenal from 12:30-2 p.m.

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Bradley Linebacker rolls out on time and within cost

By Dale James

Roll out for the M-6 Bradley Linebacker air defense system — the Army's first successful Weapons Rapid Acquisition Program, or WRAP — was scheduled to take place Nov. 18 at York, Pa.

At a time when production delays, cost overruns and uneven performance in the field have become all too commonplace with today's complex high-tech weapons systems, the M-6 represents a triumph of sorts, according to Maj. Clarence Johnson, assistant project manager.

Under the fast-tracking impetus of WRAP, it took a mere 15 months for the Linebacker to go from WRAP approval in January 1995 to fielding in April 1996.

That compares with the 12 to 18 months to award a contract and the three to five years for engineering development it can take to field a new weapons system under normal development procedures.

The Linebacker, noted Johnson, is "on time, on budget and on schedule."

Best of all, he added, it works. The system passed its Initial Operational Test and Evaluation without a hitch and boasts the first successful engagement of a tactical cruise missile.

Strictly speaking, the M-6 is not a "new" weapons system. Rather, it is a mating of existing technologies aimed at correcting real-world shortcomings in the BSFV-MUA, an unwieldy acronym for the fielded Bradley Stinger Fighting Vehicle Man-Portable Air Defense System Under Armor.

Whew.

The new system was originally dubbed the BSFV-E, for Bradley Stinger Fighting Vehicle — Enhanced. When that, too, proved a bit cumbersome, it was gradually replaced by the much more punchy and satisfying "Linebacker."

Designed to operate in forward combat areas, the Linebacker is capable of shooting down both rotary- and fixed-wing aircraft, as well as cruise missiles.

The M-6 can trace its genesis to Operation Desert Storm. At that time, teams of soldiers armed with MANPADS were transported by Humvee. The thin-skinned Humvees, however, were never designed as front-line vehicles.

Recalled Johnson, "Back during Desert Storm somebody looked around and said, 'What are all these Humvees doing out here?' Then they got the bright idea, 'Hey, let's put these guys in the back of the Bradleys.'"

The Bradley was outfitted with Stinger missile racks and thus was born the BSFV-MUA. But it proved to be a flawed solution at best. In order to fire, MANPADS teams still had to stop and dismount — exposing themselves to enemy fire and limiting the mobility of the Bradley.

The M-6 resolves those problems by replacing the Bradley's TOW launcher with a four-missile Stinger launcher. This permits the crew to conduct effective Stinger engagements under the protection of armor.

The M-6 also incorporates the FAAD C3I system which allows Ground Based



HOLD THAT LINE— This file photo shows a prototype for the M-6 Bradley Linebacker air defense system. The system mates a four-rocket Stinger missile launcher with the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

Sensor to pass air track information even while on the move. The resulting track information, continuously and automatically oriented, is displayed to the commander.

A "slew-to-cue" capability enables the M-6 to automatically slew to an incoming air threat so that the target appears in the gunner's sight field of view.

"This is great stuff," enthused Johnson. "The Bradley is a proven system, it's been proven in Desert Storm. Instead of building a system from the ground up, we piggy-backed on that existing technology and made it better."

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Heroes honored by stained-glass window at chapel

By Dale James

It was a sparsely attended affair, and maybe that shouldn't matter. But somehow it does.

For those who did attend the Bicentennial Chapel stained glass window dedication Nov. 10, it was a time to remember and give thanks and to honor some real heroes.

Not the pretend kind, the ones who get paid ridiculous sums to play games and then cry whenever things don't go to suit them.

But the genuine article, the real McCoy. The men and women who gave the last full measure for this country, that we might enjoy the freedom we have today.

Most of those who did attend the dedication had gray hair — if they had hair at all — and there is something frightening about that. Shouldn't the schoolchildren have been there so that they might hear again that freedom is dear and that it must be bought with a price and that sometimes that price is death?

The window honors sol-

diers who were killed or missing in action from four wars: World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Retired Chaplain (Col.) William McAllister, former command chaplain for Redstone Arsenal, was one of the guest speakers for the occasion. He recalled that there were 2,146 service-members listed as missing in action in Vietnam and more than 50,000 killed.

"For those of us who had the privilege of serving our country during the Vietnam era," McAllister said, "this window has a very special meaning: Any one of them could have been any one of us."

Chaplain (Col.) Louis Scales, Army Materiel Command chaplain, reminded those in attendance that, "We stand here today because we stand on the shoulders of ordinary people who became extraordinary heroes."

Retired Air Force Col. Art Ousley is president of the Bicentennial Chapel Historical Society, which is responsible for each of the

stained-glass windows in the Bicentennial Chapel. The other windows honor each of the original 13 colonies and the theme "America the Beautiful."

With the dedication of this final window, Ousley said the society has completed its mission and will be going out of existence.

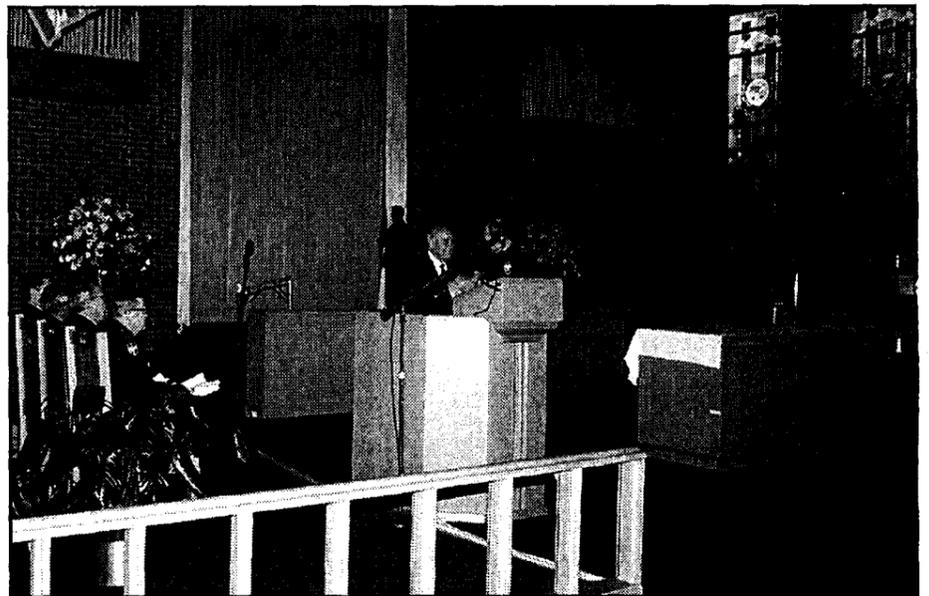
"This is a unique and talked-about chapel throughout the Department of the Army," Ousley said.

AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson pointed out that it was appropriate that such a window be placed in the chapel because religious faith has sustained many service-members who found themselves prisoners of war.

"Belief in and prayer to our Creator are things captors cannot take away, no matter how controlling," Gibson said.

Gibson said the window will serve as a reminder "to the many families who still wait that we will not forget."

Command Chaplain (Lt.



CEREMONY— Ousley speaks at the dedication of the stained-glass window at Bicentennial Chapel.

Col.) Paul Vicalvi said the dedication held special meaning for him because his own father, then an Army Air Corps technical sergeant, was shot down over Germany during World War II and held as a prisoner of war.

He recalled how that experience affected his

father for the rest of his life and how difficult it was for him to speak about it, even to family members.

"It was not until I entered the military as a chaplain," Vicalvi said, "that my dad opened up and began to share all those feelings that had been bottled up for all

those years."

It was for the men like Vicalvi's father and others that McAllister said, "We are here to remember with pride our heritage of freedom through sacrifice. As we go forth from this place let our motto ring clear: never forgotten."

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Supervisory logistics management worker receives Army ILS achievement award

By Gloria Barone

Mary "Frances" Carter was the recipient of the 1997 Army Integrated Logistics Support Achievement of the Year Award on Nov. 5.

The award for Integrated Logistics Support management was presented by Brig. Gen. Willie Nance, program executive officer for tactical missiles, in a ceremony during an Integrated Logistics Support Symposium at the Tom Bevell Center on the UAH campus.

Carter, a supervisory logistics management specialist, is chief of the System Support Division in the Army Tactical Missile System (Army TACMS)-BAT Project Office.

She began her career in 1965 as a clerk typist, GS-1, and progressed through positions of secretary (stenography), provisioning technician, maintenance planning specialist, and logistics management specialist, before becoming a supervisor at the GS-14 level.

In 1983 Carter came to work at the Joint Tactical Missile System, which later became the Army TACMS Project Office, and then became the Army TACMS-

BAT Project Office.

At Army TACMS-BAT, Carter is totally responsible for development, acquisition, deployment, and sustainment of the logistics support system for the Army's premier deep fires system. She directs and executes the ILS and Manpower and Personnel Integration (MANPRINT) activities for six major ACAT programs, Navy variants, and variants for South Korea, Turkey, and Greece. As chief of the System Support Division, she manages and supervises a staff of professional logisticians responsible for a multimillion dollar logistics

support structure with global application. Some of her job duties include directing the operation of CONUS and OCONUS maintenance facilities; directing hardware and software changes to equipment deployed to Eighth U.S. Army, U.S. Army Europe, and war reserves on pre-positioned vessels, on-the-ground in Kuwait, and in CONUS-based storage; managing logistics requirements for multiple foreign military sales cases; and executing major ongoing modification programs.

Carter's nomination for this award resulted from her excellent management

accomplishments in total package fielding initiative; logistics automation; innovative support equipment integration; and supply support initiative.

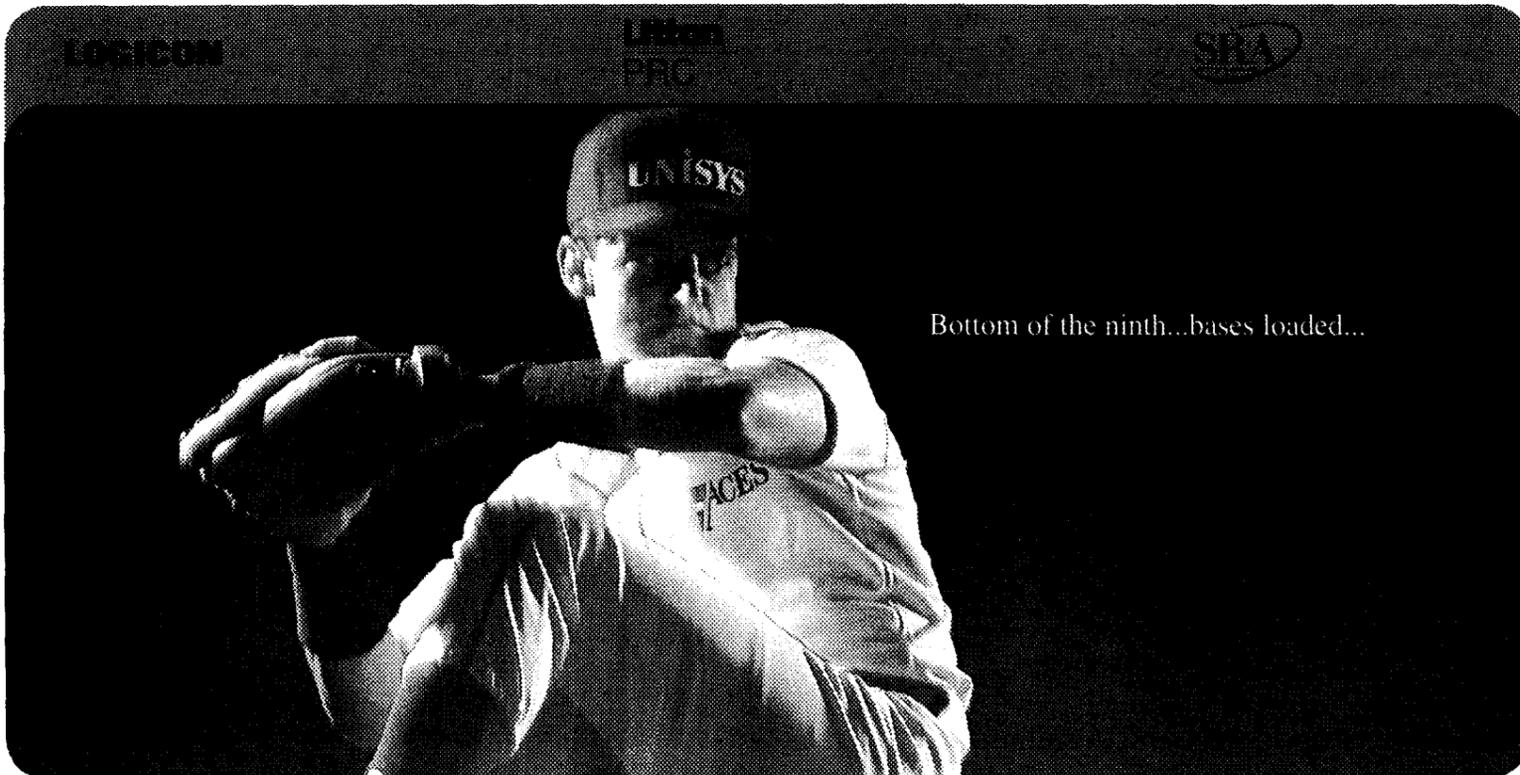
Carter's dynamic leadership and proactive management of fiscal and personnel resources make her a much valued employee at the Army TACMS-BAT Project Office.

"She is the best logistician that I have seen in 25 years service in the Army," Col. John Holly, project manager of Army TACMS-BAT, said.

(Editor's note: Barone is a program analyst at Army TACMS-BAT Project Office.)



LOGISTICS MANAGER— Brig. Gen. Nance presents the ILS achievement award to Carter.



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On a separate subject, the Provost Marshal Office said the following in a prepared release: "It has come to the attention of the Provost Marshal Office that personnel are relying on the flashing lights, to determine when gates are closed. Note: Please do not rely on the flashing lights for gate closures, only the gate hours."

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As a reminder, Andrew pointed out that everyone must wear a bicycle helmet while riding a bicycle on post. Also, post regulations prohibit people from wearing headphones while either walking or jogging.

Electronic tech manual team receives award

By Cheryl Casey-Walker

Watching each of the Electronic Technical Manual (ETM) Digitization Team members hard at work to make the conversion of paper to electronic TMs a tangible reality for the military, can bring some profound sayings to mind. Each team member's attitude toward this labor-intensive effort seems to reflect the adage, "If it's to be, it's up to me."

As with most situations in life, an individual's willingness to take responsibility, face a challenge, rise to the occasion, bring to the situation one's unique qualities and talents—and just plain hard work—set into motion an unstoppable force for success. Multiply those qualities by eight, and what have you got? The eight members who comprise the award-winning U.S. Army Materiel Command, Logistics Support Activity, ETM Digitization Team.

The team's 'successful' efforts were honored in a

Nov. 5 award ceremony at the Department of the Army, Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) Symposium, hosted by LOGSA, and held at the University of Alabama-Huntsville Tom Beville Center. Brig. Gen. Willie Nance, program executive officer for tactical missiles, presented the 1997 Army Integrated Logistic Support Achievement of the Year Award plaque to team leader Judy Brisson, chief, Technical Publications Division.

Individual certificates were then presented to the team members, with individual monetary awards to follow. The team won this coveted award, given annually to recognize those persons whose timely, intensive efforts produce logistics support improvement for materiel and information systems.

The award-winning ETM Digitization Team effort began in January 1995 in response to a verbal directive from the Chief of Staff, Army, in the latter part of 1994 to lead the effort to "...get the Army out

of the paper TM business by 1 Oct. '97." In sheer numbers, the task was a monumental one, with 3.5 million pages and 21,500 paper technical manuals to be converted to a handful of lightweight CD-ROMs.

Each team member's efforts are great, but so are the rewards. To date, 26 weapon systems on CD-ROM have been completed, with the effort steadily moving forward. Imagine a truckload of technical manuals that a soldier drives to the field. With vehicle lumbering along, he or she carts all the necessary technical information needed to sustain a unit's equipment. Then, place all that vital information on diskettes of your hand—or worst case—in a briefcase. Seventeen and a half tons of paper TMs convert to 22

pounds of ETMs. Rather impressive, right? And certainly worth applauding those who are making it happen.

The team is continually making 'forward visible progress' through their hard-charging efforts in overseeing the conversion of paper TMs to TMs on CD-ROM. Clearly, the team is producing results and an outstanding ILS accomplishment. Nothing succeeds like success—another profound expression that aptly applies. So, we join in congratulating the ETM Digitization Team, certain the award just makes their hard-earned success a little sweeter.

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

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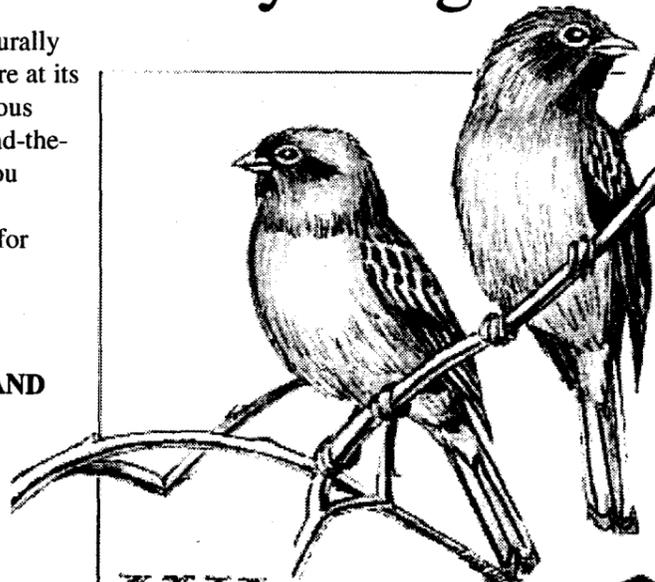
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Commanding general's wife enjoys hospitality, cultural side of the Huntsville community

By Debra Valine

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, and his wife, Mary, grew up together in Ayden, a small agricultural community in eastern North Carolina.

"I have known him since grammar school," Gibson said. "I guess he became my best friend when I was in eighth grade; he was in 10th. We have been best friends ever since."

"He had been in the Army four days when we got married; four days after he graduated from West Point. We have been married for 31 years," she said.

The Gibsons have two children: Mary Anna and Frank.

"Our daughter, Mary Anna lives in Durham, N.C. She has been married for five years to Michael Jordan (not the basketball player though the three of them did attend the University of North Carolina together). They have a 5-month-old daughter, Alyson Grace. Our son Frank is 26 and he lives on the Outer Banks in Emerald Isle, N.C. He went to East Carolina University. He says he wants to 'find himself.' He works as a chef for the Trinity Center, a religious retreat on the Outer Banks. He works on fishing boats, cooks for a restaurant and installs outdoor water sprinklers."

The Gibsons don't come from traditional military families. She said their parents have a hard time understanding why they move so much.

"We have moved 23 times in 31 years," Gibson said. "We have moved the last four summers — 9 moves in the last 12 years. I think to maintain sanity you

just can't sit down and count how many moves you have had. Some of those moves were very short moves. He was in school — flight school or some other one — and since I didn't have children I just packed up and went with Dad. Now that the children are grown, I can do that again."

She said the children never liked to move. "The most difficult times for my children were when we left military communities and had to move into a civilian community. Both of the kids were athletic so they joined sports teams and that helped. Moving a lot forced them to be more outspoken. We left both children in college and moved to Germany. That was hard, but Mary Anna went to school near my parents; Frank went to school near Emmitt's parents. That helped some knowing they were near family."

In all, the Gibsons spent three tours in Germany, went to Fort Bragg, N.C., a couple of times, Fort Campbell, Ky., four assignments in the D.C. area, Fort Carson, Colo., Forts Stewart and Benning in Georgia, school assignments at Fort Rucker, St. Louis and now Redstone.

Gibson said the current assignment is her favorite of all the places she has been.

"Well Redstone, of course. It's a gorgeous place to be," Gibson said. "My second favorite place would be Fort Bragg because it is close to home. I have not really been to a place I didn't like. The hardest place to get around is the D.C. area. You are always stuck in traffic."

"This (Huntsville) is a beautiful area. We have never been stationed here

before. It was really a pleasant surprise for us. I have been absolutely amazed at how warm the civilians are here toward the military. In most places, they know you are there and they do not dislike the military, but the people here have gone out of their way to make us feel welcome, especially the billboards welcoming the people moving from St. Louis. I have been in places before where the communities welcomed the military, but this one has done more by far than any community I have been involved with.

"The area here is wonderful," she continued. "In St. Louis the military hous-

ing was across the river in Granite City, Ill. The traffic there was horrible — it is a big city. There is a Southern feeling of hospitality here that just isn't in St. Louis. It is different, but it is a good different."

"I am very impressed with the cultural side of Huntsville because of the size of the community. There are cities three or four times the size of Huntsville that don't have things like a symphony."

"This was a hard move for both of us because I was diagnosed with breast cancer in February and I had surgery and chemotherapy before we moved here," Gibson said. "It was diffi-



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cult because of my health, because we packed up to move five days after my last chemo. We had delayed the move about three weeks so that I could finish my

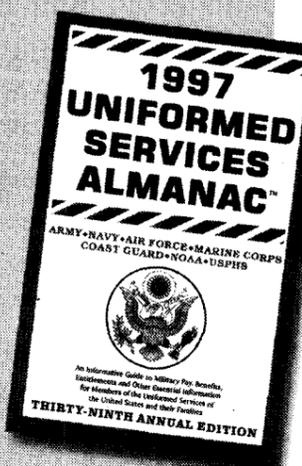
chemotherapy." She said since moving here, she has been receiving

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Great American Smokeout scheduled for Thursday

By Eileen Bailey

The Great American Smokeout takes place every year on the third Thursday of November. This year it falls on Nov. 20.

Smoking is the most preventable cause of death in our society. Tobacco use is responsible for nearly 1 in 5 deaths in the United States. In 1992 the overall population of smokers, including those who say they only smoke "sometimes," totaled 48 million Americans: 25 million males and 23 million females.

According to the American Cancer Society's Cancer Prevention Study II, smokers lose an average of 15 years of life. Smoking is not only associated with lung cancer but is also associated with cancer of the mouth, pharynx, larynx (voice box), esophagus, pancreas, uterus, cervix, kidney and bladder. Cigarette smokers also have a 35-50 percent higher absentee rate. Smokers who smoke two or more packs a day miss work almost twice as often as non-smokers. Smoking impairs force readiness related to absenteeism, sickness and training injuries, decreased night vision and decreased wound healing.

More than 3 million ado-

lescents currently smoke cigarettes and another 1 million use smokeless tobacco. The majority of smokers report having started smoking by the age of 18. Seventy-one percent of high school students have tried smoking cigarettes. In response to strong evidence that lifelong tobacco addiction begins during childhood and adolescence, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) implemented stronger rules to restrict the sale of tobacco products to children and adolescents beginning in February 1997.

Cigars have recently taken on an air of sophistication and acceptability due to the marketing of sophisticated magazines, cigar nights at invitation-only dinners, celebrity endorsements of cigars, and Huntsville's own cigar nightclub. Because cigar smoke is rarely inhaled, many cigar smokers have a false idea that cigar smoking is safe. Since cigars were not included in the 1984 law requiring health warnings on tobacco, they do not have any warnings from the Surgeon General. However, the 1989 Surgeon General's report stated that the same cancer carcinogens and cancer-producing

chemicals found in cigarettes are also found in cigars.

Smokeless tobacco (dip and chew) is also dangerous. Since 1989, the United States Surgeon General has concluded that use of smokeless tobacco is not a safe substitute for smoking cigarettes. It has been documented that one can of snuff contains a lethal dose of nicotine. Oral cancer is the primary form of cancer in smokeless tobacco users. The risk of oral cancer in smokeless tobacco users is estimated to be close to 50 percent.

Now that you have the facts on tobacco abuse, what can you do to prevent or reverse them? One good way is to join the Great American Smokeout and start toward a tobacco-free lifestyle.

To be a successful non-smoker, you have to want to quit. Then you need to create a plan to quit smoking. Are you going to quit cold turkey, or gradually? Then you pick the date. Once you have the desire, the plan and the date, then you have to create your game plan. Willpower only lasts for a few minutes to a few hours if you are not completely committed. Include in your game plan the ways you will deal with the urge

to smoke. If you can delay the urge for at least 3-5 minutes, it will pass and you won't light up. Make yourself a list of ways you can delay the tobacco use. Instead of smoking I will: drink a glass of water, chew on gum, walk around the parking lot, vacuum the house, walk the dog, take a shower, deep breathe, chew on a toothpick. But be practical: It's rather hard to vacuum the house while you are at work; you can't walk if your feet hurt. If you start experiencing withdrawal, tell yourself that this is temporary and it means your body is healing from the bad effects of nicotine and smoke on your body.

Preparation is the No. 1 way to beat the nicotine beast. In addition to preparation, support is important in stopping tobacco abuse. Public Health and Education Center (PHEC) provides Smoking Cessation Classes on a regular schedule with group support as part of the program. If you are interested in quitting, call PHEC at 842-0196 to schedule for the next available Smoking Cessation Class.

(Editor's note: Bailey is a community health nurse/health educator at Fox Army Community Hospital.)

Huntsville Corps workers reject union representation

Huntsville Corps of Engineers employees voted Oct. 30 to reject organized union representation.

Through the balloting process the American Federation of Government Employees, local 1858, petitioned to represent both professional and non-professional employees.

More than 70 percent of the Huntsville Center's 415 eligible voters turned out for what may be the first ever union vote at the Center, at least in recent memory. In the professional voting group, which includes positions such as engineers and scientists, 112 voted against the union and 20 voted in favor. In the non-professional voting group, the vote was much closer: 82 against; 78 for union representation.

Center officials can't recall any other union bid for exclusive representation ever getting beyond the petition stage. Unions must have a signed petition indicating support from 30 percent of an organization's employees before the issue can be brought to a vote. According to Center officials, AFGE cannot attempt another petition or vote for one year. (Corps of Engineers release)

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ABOUT OUR FAMILY— Watson shows some of her family ancestry photos and mementos she has collected and identified over the past 20 years.

THAAD program analyst researches family ancestry

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Have you ever walked into a restaurant and seen old photographs hanging on a wall and wondered who those people were? Linda Watson, program analyst, THAAD Project Office, said this happened to her when she went into a Cracker Barrel restaurant one day.

Watson decided then she was going to find out all she could about her ancestors. She started writing down all she knew about her family, beginning with herself, parents and grandparents and then her husband's side of the family.

"I included dates and places of births, marriages, deaths, places of residence and other data, such as occupation, military service or church affiliation," Watson said.

Early in her research, she talked to anyone related to the family and tape-recorded the conversations so she could listen to them again after she returned home. If she didn't get the information she wanted, she made an excuse to go back again later on.

"You should deal with family stories with a certain amount of skepticism," Watson said. "These stories, often embellished from generation to generation are great clues for further research, but they shouldn't be allowed until they can be documented."

Next, Watson retrieved all the materials and sources that were available to her. She found these in archives, courthouses, health departments, and churches—even in dirty old basement storage areas.

"We got smart though in preserving these documents," she said. "Years ago, these documents were not on microfilm like they are today. You actually got to see the documents in hand."

On one occasion, Watson's niece was passing by a cousin's house and saw the children had piled up her possessions outside on the lawn for the trash. The niece stopped and found old photographs of her ancestors being thrown away, many of which she gave to Watson.

Another valuable source of family information Watson found were records maintained in each county or local jurisdiction. These materials included land records, wills and probates, other courthouse records such as deeds, birth or death records, naturalization records, baptism or marriage, and vital statistics.

"Libraries are another good resource to find information too," Watson said. "The Huntsville Library has a wonderful heritage

room. In addition, the state archives and the Library of National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, D.C., have large genealogical collections."

The most valuable tool for a genealogist is the federal census. The United States government has conducted a census of each state and territory every 10 years since 1790.

The 1850 census was the first to list the head of household, all others in the family, living children, ages, sex, birthplace, color, occupation, and value of land. In 1870, the census gave the month of birth, if born during the year, the month of marriage if married within the year, and whether the father or mother of each person was foreign-born. The 1880 census added the relationship of each person to the head of the household and the birthplace of the father and mother of each person.

"One of the major drawbacks though is the lack of good corroboration," Watson said. "Years ago people didn't know the correct ages or places of birth of each member of the household. Many of them were unable to read or write. And, if the census taker went to the homes and the people weren't there, the census taker would get the information from the neighbors. Census takers were well educated, but were unfamiliar with the unique spelling of some names."

"In any case, when you look at the census, you need to look around it at all the neighbors, because they could probably be your relatives," Watson said.

When the 1900 and 1910 census were done, they included the month and year of birth of each person, the number of years married for each couple, the number of children the woman had born, and the number living in 1900. The census also showed whether a family rented or owned its own dwelling, whether it was a home or a farm, and whether it was mortgaged.

Another excellent record of information is family Bibles. Ancestors would record births and marriages in them as well as the dates when people died. However, the handwriting needs to be checked with care.

Watson continues to learn daily about the geographic areas of interest, other sources of information, and historical events, which have had an effect on her ancestors.

Watson recommends writing names on the backs of all your photos. This will ensure future generations will know who were their ancestors.

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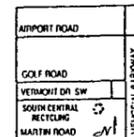
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- **Basket weaving class**— Learn a traditional art form. The Arts & Crafts Center, building 3615, is offering Basket Weaving classes Nov. 22 at 10 a.m. and a class Nov. 20 from 5-9 p.m. The classes require 48 hours advance reservation and are open to the Redstone community, active duty military and civilians, including contractors. Cost is \$35. For more information, call Terre Corley 876-7951.
- **Youth basketball**— Basketball registration will be held through Nov. 22. Youngsters age 4-18 are encouraged to participate. Military, retired military,

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Bowling manager rolls near-perfect game in league regular RASA league play

By Debra Valine

The man spends most of his time in the Bowling Center. He's the manager and bowls on two leagues; and all this time at the lanes is beginning to pay off. On Nov. 11, John Howard bowled a 298 — just two pins shy of a perfect 300 game — during regular RASA League play.

Up to that point, Howard's average was 190, but he said bowling a 706 series that night will raise it to about 195.

"I've been bowling ever since I was a teen-ager," said Howard, who also bowls on the LOGSA league. "I take a break from it every now and then; I'm just getting back into it. When you work it every day, it is hard to also bowl."

Howard said bowling a 298 did not come as a shock.

"I have been throwing seven or eight strikes a game, and I saw it coming," he said. "With the new equipment, bowling scores have improved, and I've been bowling real good. I hadn't been able to put it all together until this past Tuesday (Nov. 11)."

The right-handed bowler, originally from Aberdeen,

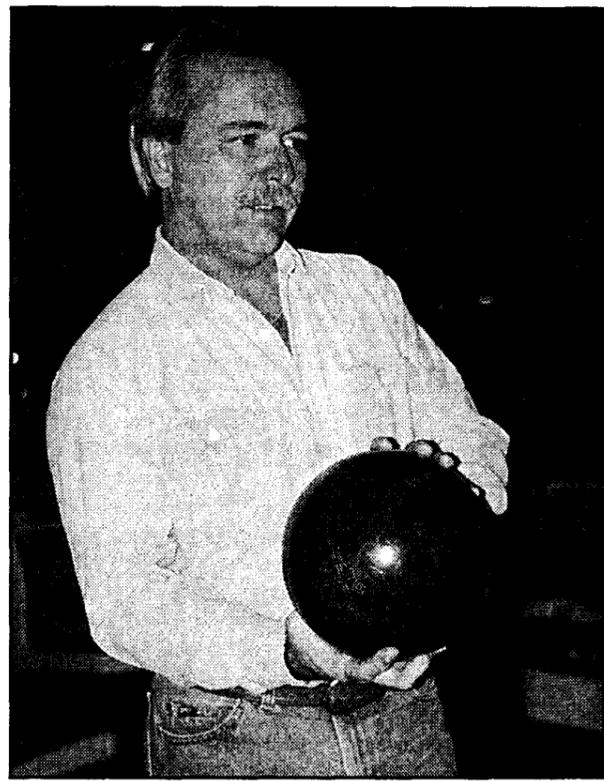
Md., said he bowls because he enjoys the game. Howard moved to Huntsville in 1969 with his family; his father was in the military.

"I really just enjoy bowling," said Howard, who has been working at the Bowling Center since 1975. "I don't enter tournaments or anything. I just enjoy getting together with the other bowlers."

Years ago if you averaged a 180, you were considered a good bowler, Howard said. Now a 210 is a premier bowler.

"I have been involved in bowling for 25 years," Howard said. "This was my best game. Before that, my best game was 278. I gave up bowling in 1975/76, then I came back, then I quit again. I really didn't start back bowling until three years ago. I hope I get the big one before I give it up again. I'm kind of glad that I didn't get 300 yet. If I did, I wouldn't have anything to work toward."

According to Howard, RASA is a small league. He



ROLLING STRIKES— Howard bowled a near-perfect 298 during RASA League play Nov. 11.

said there were 10 teams last January. "This fall, we have six teams. We do a half-season league. This league wraps up in the second week in December. We hope to add two teams to the league — we want to

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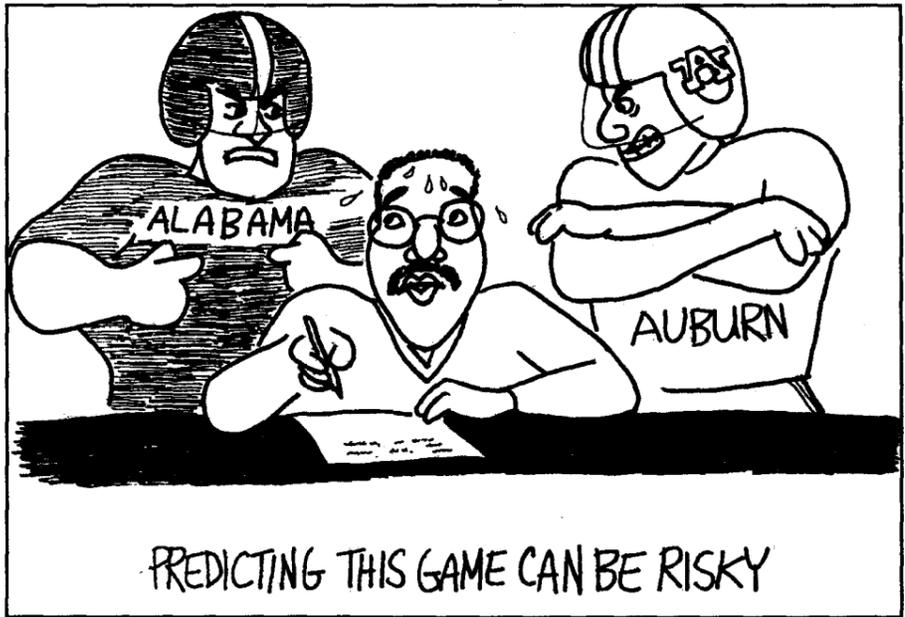
By Skip Vaughn

Skip's Picks in the Nov. 5 issue went 33-5, bringing the season totals to 299-98 for 75 percent. Here are my predictions for selected games this week in college football:

- Alabama at Auburn—**Auburn**
- Miss. State at Arkansas—**Miss. St.**
- Florida St. at Florida—**FSU**
- Georgia at Ole Miss—**Georgia**
- Tennessee at Kentucky—**Tenn.**
- Clemson at South Carolina—**Clemson**
- Jacksonville St. at Troy St.—**Troy**

- Army at Boston College—**BC**
- Oklahoma St. at Baylor—**OSU**
- Utah at Brigham Young—**BYU**
- California at Stanford—**Stanford**
- Furman at Chattanooga—**Furman**
- Colorado St. at San Diego St.—**San Diego**
- Duke at North Carolina—**NC**
- East Carolina at N.C. St.—**N.C. St.**
- Maryland at Georgia Tech—**Ga. Tech**
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- Southern Miss. at Memphis—**SM**
- Ohio State at Michigan—**Michigan**
- West Virginia at Notre Dame—**W. Va.**
- Oklahoma at Texas Tech—**TT**
- Oregon St. at Oregon—**Oregon**
- Wisconsin at Penn St.—**Penn St.**
- Virginia Tech at Pittsburgh—**Va. Tech**
- Texas-El Paso at Rice—**UTEP**



- UCLA at Southern Cal—**UCLA**
- Southern Methodist at Texas Christian—**SMU**
- Wash. St. at Washington—**Washington**

Redstone golfer wins AUSA tournament

Dick Carter of Redstone won AUSA's 1997 Army Family Golf tournament held Nov. 2-6 at Disneyworld, Orlando, Fla.

He was among 31 Redstone Arsenal golfers who participated in this event sponsored by the Association of the U.S. Army. Many went home with awards after the tournament held on the Magnolia, Palms and Osprey Ridge Golf Courses.

They all stayed at the military Shades of Green Hotel which had easy access to the golf courses and all the Disney theme parks.

Carter earned the title of AUSA grand champion.

Second place winners were Tom Gaillard and Karen Bizer. Joe Goss took third place while Marie Maksimowski and Dee Thonus finished fourth. Sixth and seventh place went to Joe and Dottie Cento. Frank Thonus took ninth place. Sally Shepard and Fran Sullivan got "bragging rights" by taking the last two places.

"Everyone had a great time especially at the Octoberfest Awards dinner when Connie Chavez won the first place award for his performance of the Schuhplattles," Shepard said. "All the Redstone golfers thank AUSA for this fun tournament."

Flag football tourney resumes this week

The flag football post-season tournament got under way Nov. 12, but games Nov. 13 and 14 were rained out. The tournament continues Monday through Friday with games at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. until Nov. 20.

A final 1997 Commander's Cup event, Orienteering, will be held Nov. 19-21. Sponsoring the orienteering event is the S-3 shop from 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

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City champions...

The Redstone Arsenal's U-8 girls team, the Jammers, won the Huntsville City Soccer Tournament championship Nov. 7. The Jammers went 10-1 in the season and 5-0 in the tournament. From left the players include Sentralia Tabor, Amanda Dwyer, Katherine Dunnigan, Brandi Cook, Kiara Ravenel, Suselis Mendez, Elia Merel and Kimberely Taylor. Looking on is coach Karla Dunnigan.

Just Havin' Fun II leads in bowling

Just Havin' Fun II has continued its surge and stands alone atop the RASA Bowling League. Hooters, the former league leaders, dropped to second place after games played Nov. 11. At week 10 of the 15-week season, the standings for the Tuesday night league were as fol-

lows:
Just Havin' Fun II, 27.5-12.5; Hooters, 26.5-13.5; Roll Tide, 23-17; Four For Kids, 16-24; Has Beens, 15-25; and Strike Force, 12-28.
Last week's top scorers included:
• Men— John Howard 706 scratch series and 298

scratch game, Barry Collins 196 scratch game, Harold Manley 599 handicap series, and Chip Enlow 228 handicap game.
• Women— Karen Bender 443 scratch series, Lisa Wright 157 scratch game, Sue Floyd 553 handicap series, and Mary Toledo 204 handicap game.

Heart attack and stroke deemed U.S. women's silent epidemics

By Lisa E. Stafford

WASHINGTON — Each year, numerous American women have strokes and heart attacks. And each year many of them die. The American Heart Association has launched the National Women's Heart Disease and Stroke Campaign to combat the rising numbers.

Heart attacks, strokes and other cardiovascular diseases have killed more women than men every year since 1984. The 1995 statistics show 455,000 men died compared to a more alarming, the 505,000 figure is 10 times the number of women who died of breast cancer in 1995 and nearly twice as many who died from all other kinds of cancer, AIDS and accidents.

According to a survey of women by the American Heart Association, 31 percent mention heart disease or heart attacks as a leading cause for women's health problems and only about 8 percent actually believe heart disease, heart attack and stroke are some of the greatest health problems facing women today. Only 30 percent have discussed heart disease with their doctors.

If you have symptoms such as heart palpitations, an accelerated heart rate, mild chest pain or an elevated blood pressure, speak with your doctor. Your doctor will be able to address these concerns and, if necessary, refer you to a specialist.

Most doctors attribute high cholesterol levels to heart disease. These high levels can clog the artery walls, causing the formation of a hard, thick substance called cholesterol plaque. This plaque thickens the artery walls

and narrows the arteries, a process called atherosclerosis.

Cholesterol is found mainly in foods that come from animals, including meat, poultry, fish and dairy products. Organ meats, such as liver, are especially high in cholesterol. Vegetables contain no cholesterol.

Individuals over age 20 should have their blood cholesterol levels tested every five years. The chance of developing heart disease increases in proportion to the degree of cholesterol elevation. Additionally, if you have a family history of early coronary heart disease, are diabetic or have high blood pressure, you should monitor your cholesterol levels.

The National Cholesterol Education Program classifies total blood cholesterol level as desirable (less than 200); borderline (200-239); and high (240 or higher).

Studies also show individuals who already have a high cholesterol level can benefit from using one of a group of medications called statin drugs. Other effective means of lowering your blood cholesterol levels are changing your life style and eating habits, losing weight, stopping smoking and exercising regularly. Clinical trials show a 1 percent decrease in cholesterol level results in a 2 percent reduction in heart attack risk.

The National Heart Association has a two-year educational program called "Each One, Reach One" geared to reach women one by one to make them more aware of the growing problem. To get more information, call 888-MY-HEART(888-694-3278). (American Forces Press Service)

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Desert competition recalls infamous 'Death' March

By Douglas J. Gillert

WASHINGTON — In the spring of 1942, tens of thousands of American and Filipino soldiers marched for days through sweltering Philippine jungles — goaded harshly by their Japanese captors. Those who survived faced years of hardship in prisoner-of-war camps. Others were wounded or killed when unmarked enemy ships transporting prisoners to Japan were attacked by U.S. air and naval forces.

Their ordeal became legend, with Hollywood and others forever memorializing the Bataan Death March.

On April 19, 1998, survivors and others will again memorialize the march with a competitive event for hikers and runners.

This is the 10th memorial to the World War II march survivors and friends have re-enacted at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. The New Mexican course covers 25 miles of mountainous desert terrain, at elevations from 4,100 feet to 5,300 feet.

Sponsored by the missile range in conjunction with Army ROTC detachment at New Mexico State University and the New Mexico National Guard, the march is open to military and civilian teams and individuals in heavy and light divisions. Military marchers must wear full field gear and civilians appropriate field attire for a road march through desert terrain. Each

marcher entered in the heavy division must also carry a 35-pound rucksack.

Teams can consist of five to seven people, with at least five team members crossing the finish line within a 10-yard gate. Team categories are civilian light, male military light, male military heavy, female military light, female military heavy, coed military light, coed military heavy, ROTC light, ROTC heavy, National Guard light and National Guard heavy.

Individual categories include male runner civilian light, male military light, male military heavy, female runner civilian light, female military light, female military heavy and female over 40 civilian light.

First through third place winners from each category will receive medals, and the first National Guard team to finish will receive a traveling trophy.

Applications will be available in January, but can be reserved now by calling (505) 678-2706. Entry fees are \$100 for teams and \$20 for individuals for entries postmarked by April 1. After that, the fees rise to \$130 and \$25, respectively. The fee covers tee shirts and an informal meal during the closing ceremony. Send checks payable to "IMWRF" to:

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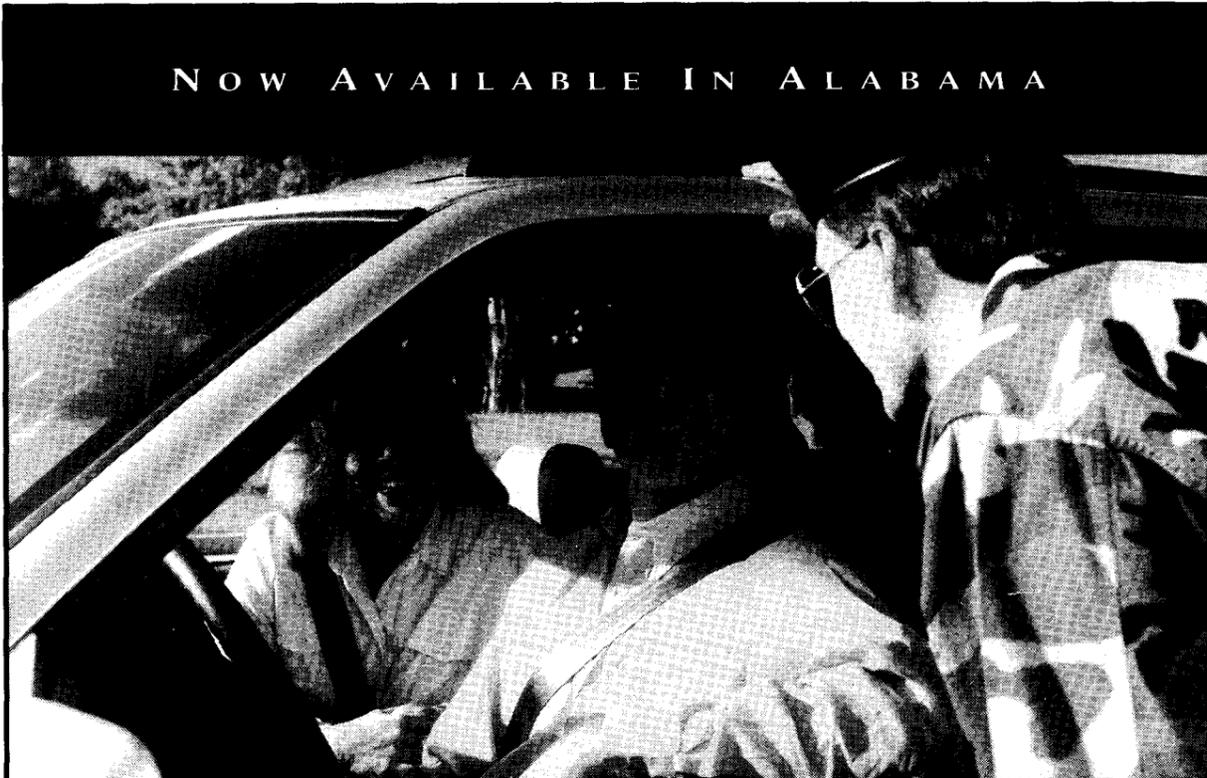
able on post, and free lodging will be provided in the post gymnasium (bring a cot and sleeping bag). For area hotel information, call the White Sands tickets and tours office at (505) 678-4134.

For more information about the march, call the White Sands public affairs office at (505) 678-1134 or DSN 258-1134. Or visit the White Sands Missile Range web site at www.wsmr.army.mil. The public affairs office also would like to hear from people who want to march in honor of a relative or family friend who was in the Bataan Death March. (American Forces Press Service)



ASMC luncheon...

The American Society of Military Comptrollers hosted Vickie L. Jefferis, right, deputy director of Forces Command, as the guest speaker at the ASMC luncheon Nov. 13. Pauline Cason, left, resources and evaluation, introduced her as the speaker.



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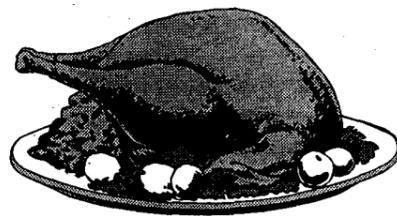
Let's talk turkey. Thanksgiving turkey, that is.

With Thanksgiving around the corner, most of us will be prowling the supermarket aisles in search of the perfect holiday turkey. Yes, it's time to start thinking about purchasing and preparing the main attraction of many holiday feasts.

Unfortunately, improper handling and preparation of turkey may result in a visit from an unwanted guest— food borne illness. The following tips will help you provide a tasty and safe holiday meal.

Always look for the USDA inspection label when purchasing turkey or turkey parts. This ensures that the turkey has been inspected for wholesomeness. You may also look for a grade stamp on the label. Most turkeys on the market are Grade A. They are meaty and have fewer pinfeathers, bruises, broken bones and other imperfections than lower grade turkeys.

Turkey may be purchased fresh or frozen. Frozen turkeys should be frozen solid at the time of purchase. They may be stored up to one year at zero degrees without a noticeable loss of quality. Unless the packaging on the turkey has been torn or damaged, there is no need to rewrap the bird



for the freezer. Fresh turkeys should be purchased 1-2 days before cooking and stored in the refrigerator at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below to avoid spoilage.

Thawing is a primary consideration when preparing frozen turkey. Turkeys may be thawed in the refrigerator, under cold running water, in the microwave, or as part of the cooking process. The key is to plan ahead to ensure you have enough time to complete the method you choose. Turkeys should NEVER be thawed at room temperature. Bacteria will grow on the warmer surface while the inside is still solidly frozen!

If thawing a turkey in the refrigerator, simply place the wrapped turkey on a tray to catch the moisture as it thaws. You may also place the unopened turkey in a pan or sink and place it under running water that is 70 F or below. Cook the turkey as soon as it is thawed. If thawing in a microwave, check

the oven manufacturer's instructions for the correct number of minutes, power level, etc. The turkey may also be thawed as part of the cooking process by roasting the frozen bird, unstuffed, in a baking pan. Use the following chart to determine the amount of thawing time needed for these methods.

- 8 to 12 pounds in weight— refrigerator 1-2 days, cold water 4-6 hours, frozen (cook time) 6-7 hours.
- 12-16 pounds— refrigerator 2-3 days, cold water 6-9 hours, frozen (cook time) 7-8 hours.
- 16-20 pounds— refrigerator 3-4 days, cold water 9-11 hours, frozen (cook time) 8-9 hours.
- 20-24 pounds— refrigerator 4-5 days, cold water 11-12 hours, frozen (cook time) 9-10 hours.

After thawing the turkey, remove the giblets and neck from the body cavities and wash turkey, inside and out, with cold water and drain. Prevent the spread of bacteria by washing your hands, sink, and all utensils that may have contacted the raw turkey.

Turkey should be stuffed immediately prior to roasting. If stuffed sooner, bacteria may grow in the stuffing and cause food borne illness. Dry stuffing ingredients may

be mixed ahead of time. Refrigerate perishables (butter, broth, vegetables, etc.) and mix them with the dry ingredients just before stuffing the turkey.

Roast the turkey to an internal temperature of 185 F. A meat thermometer may be used by inserting it into the thick part of the thigh muscle. Dressing should be cooked to an internal temperature of 165 F. Remove any dressing from the turkey immediately after cooking to reduce the chance of bacterial growth.

All turkey leftovers should be refrigerated or frozen within two hours of removing the turkey from the oven. Disease causing bacteria may multiply if the turkey is left at room temperature for longer than that. Place the leftovers in shallow pans or bowls to allow quicker chilling. Turkey leftovers will keep in the refrigerator for 3 to 4 days. Gravy and stuffing leftovers should be used within 1 or 2 days. Frozen leftovers should be used within one month.

If you have additional questions about turkey or turkey preparation, you may call the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Meat and Poultry Hotline at 800-535-4555. You may also call the Preventive Medicine Service 876-8831. (Fox Army Community Hospital release)

QUALITY

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committee, which can recommend that the facility commander modify or revoke privileges. The rates of these adverse privileging actions are about the same as among civilian medical facilities.

Army physicians are not allowed to see patients until a hospital credentials committee has verified their qualifications. This includes medical education and certification as well as valid, current, and unrestricted state licenses, which physicians are required to obtain within a year after completing their internships.

We recently discovered that a few active-duty Army physicians are working under a special Oklahoma license that may be restrictive. As of mid-September 1997, we

have identified 8 physicians, out of more than 4300 in the system, who have this special license. Commanders were contacted and advised that these 8 physicians must be immediately removed from clinical duties pending a review of these special licenses.

The Army Medical Department reports physicians to the National Practitioners Data Bank when claims are paid and when it is determined that standards of care were not met by the practitioner. We currently have numerous open cases awaiting information on legal settlements and/or judgment notices for these cases. Once this information is provided, expeditious reviews and reports to NPDB will be conducted as appropriate.

Civilian External Peer Review Panels, which reviewed over 100,000 cases over a 7-year period, concluded that military care

meets, and often exceeds, accepted standards of care. Specific outcomes, including such measures as infections and other complications, are generally lower in the military than in the civilian community.

We must be careful to take seriously the problems identified, to not respond defensively, and to not over-react. As usual we

must take a balanced approach and remember that we exist to serve to the best of our ability. We will fix the problems and tell our story— a story of quality medicine, practiced by dedicated professionals. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Lt. Gen. Blanck is the Army surgeon general.)

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Fiscal 1997 recruiting meets or exceeds objectives in DoD

WASHINGTON — Announcing the results Nov. 14 of fiscal year 1997 recruiting efforts, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy Fred Pang stated, "To support today's high-tech, volunteer force, we must recruit the best, most capable young men and women. The armed forces have again enlisted the right quantity and quality of new recruits from throughout American society to meet personnel requirements."

Pang singled out service recruiters for special praise. "The services established tough recruiting goals and our recruiting commands and our recruiters came through."

In FY 1997, the services recruited a total of 188,609 first-time enlistees while exceeding recruit quality benchmarks. In addition, 8,472 individuals with previous military experience reentered service for a total of 197,081 enlistees. Quality benchmarks require that 90 percent of recruits grad-

uate from high school and 60 percent have above average scores on the enlistment test. Fiscal year 1997 recruits for each service exceeded both standards. Defense Department-wide, 94 percent of FY 1997 recruits without prior military service were high school diploma graduates, and 69 percent scored above average on the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT). Virtually all prior service recruits were high school diploma graduates with above average aptitude.

New recruit demographics show diverse representation. The proportion of black recruits increased one percentage point to 20 percent Department-wide. Representation of Hispanic recruits also increased one percentage point to 10 percent. The percentage of women recruits in FY 1997 was 19 percent, identical to last year.

"Recruiting has been challenging over the past several years," Pang said.

"With the Defense Department drawdown, there was a corresponding drop in recruiting resources. Money for advertising, educational benefits, and enlistment bonuses declined, and the number of recruiters declined. Youth interest in the military dropped as the faulty perception grew that we were no longer hiring. Fortunately, Congress provided the necessary resources for increased advertising, and we were able to counter those perceptions and improve youth awareness about the opportunities and benefits of military service."

Pang concluded, "The Department will continue to emphasize recruiting top quality men and women into the force, keeping them ready by providing rigorous, realistic training and retaining them, and by making sure that the benefits of service are commensurate with the sacrifices that our military personnel make." (DoD release)



Night out for CDS...

Employees of the Child Development Services were honored with a night-time ceremony Oct. 24 at the Officers Club. Teachers and Family Child Care providers received years of service pins and certificates of

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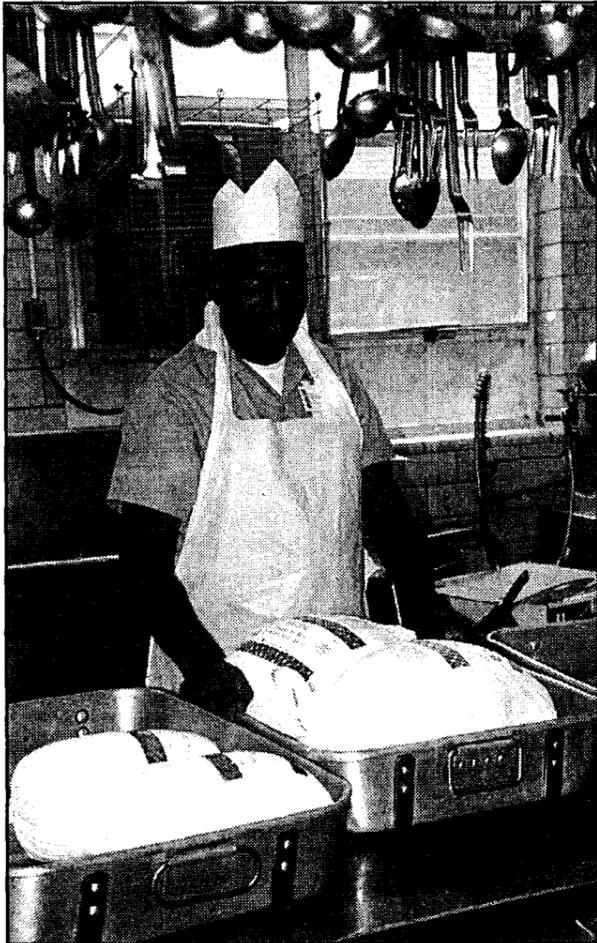
By Debra Valine

Don't feel like cooking this Thanksgiving? If you are active duty, retired, a member of the Reserve Components, a family member or a guest, you don't have to, you know. The dining facility at Redstone Arsenal will do the cooking for you.

Each year, military cooks worldwide pull out the stops to prepare a sumptuous Thanksgiving feast that is reminiscent of those you may have had at home: succulent turkeys, spicy pumpkin pies, hot rolls. You can get the traditional Thanksgiving Day meal with all the trimmings for a very small price at the dining facility.

This year's menu consists of shrimp cocktail to get you started, followed by roast turkey, baked ham, steamship round and cornish hens as entrees. Accompanying the entree will be your choice of savory dressing, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, buttered green peas with mushrooms, cranberry sauce, buttered corn, buttered broccoli, tossed green salad with assorted dressings, cole slaw, mixed fruit salad, hot rolls, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, mincemeat pie, fruit cake, beverages and more.

For enlisted soldiers on a meal card the meal is free. Families of active duty military in pay grades E-1 through E-4, will pay \$3.90. All other family members,



THAW BEGINS— Osbie Stevens, a mess attendant at the dining facility, brings out pans of frozen turkeys and hams to begin the big thaw for the Thanksgiving Day feast Nov. 27.

enlisted soldiers on separate rations, officers, Reserve Component, retirees and guests pay \$5.20.

"I don't think you can find a Thanksgiving meal at a lower price," CWO 2 Reginald Hughes, the installation food adviser, said.

The Thanksgiving Day meal will be served from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the dining facility, building 3438, on Honest John Road. Hughes said officers should wear dress blues, enlisted soldiers should wear Class

A uniform; and retirees, guests and family members should wear appropriate civilian clothes.

"We usually serve nearly 600 people for the Thanksgiving meal, but we expect it to be a little higher this year," Hughes said. "I have been getting phone calls from a lot of retirees, especially since we did away with the surcharge."

Hughes said the seating capacity for the dining facility is 175, but the turn-around time for the meal is quick enough that everyone will be able to get in.

To be able to feed 600 people, the dining facility staff will prepare 250 pounds of turkey, 150 pounds of ham, 100 pounds of steamship round, 75-80 Cornish hens and 50 pounds of shrimp.

"We will do some of the preparation the night before," Hughes said. "The night bakery will get the stuff ready for the dressings. The rest of the cooks will come in at about 4 a.m. Thanksgiving Day to get started on the meal. Breakfast will be slow so we will have plenty of time to prepare the meal and decorate. This is a time that we like to display our talents as cooks and put on a really good meal.

"We encourage commanders and first sergeants to get on the serving line for a few minutes. Some of them like to serve their soldiers on Thanksgiving."

In the spirit of the day, Hughes said he also plans to sponsor 15-20 homeless or needy people for the Thanksgiving meal. "I want to bring them in for the meal because I understand how it is to not have a Thanksgiving meal. After all, that is what Thanksgiving is all about."

U.S. acquires aircraft from Moldova

WASHINGTON— The Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova recently reached an agreement to implement the Cooperative Threat Reduction accord signed June 23 in Moldova. This agreement authorized the United States Government to purchase nuclear-capable MiG-29 fighter planes from the Government of Moldova. This is a joint effort by both governments to ensure that these dual-use military weapons do not fall into the hands of rogue states.

The June accord is one of several agreements signed by the United States government and governments of the Newly Independent States to establish cooperative measures against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and technology, materials, and expertise related to such weapons, which remained after the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact.

This step will contribute to the establishment of an enhanced climate of trust in the relations between the Republic of Moldova and the United States, and will be a positive example in the development of the principles of the Partnership for Peace Program.

The Cooperative Threat Reduction Act of 1993 and subsequent legislation provide broad authority for the Department of Defense to facilitate the elimination of former Soviet weapons. The June accord is one of several agreements signed by the U.S. government and governments of newly independent states to establish cooperative measures against the proliferation of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons and the associated delivery vehicles, technology, materials, and expertise which remained after the breakup of the Soviet Union. (DoD release)

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Native American month event scheduled Thursday on post

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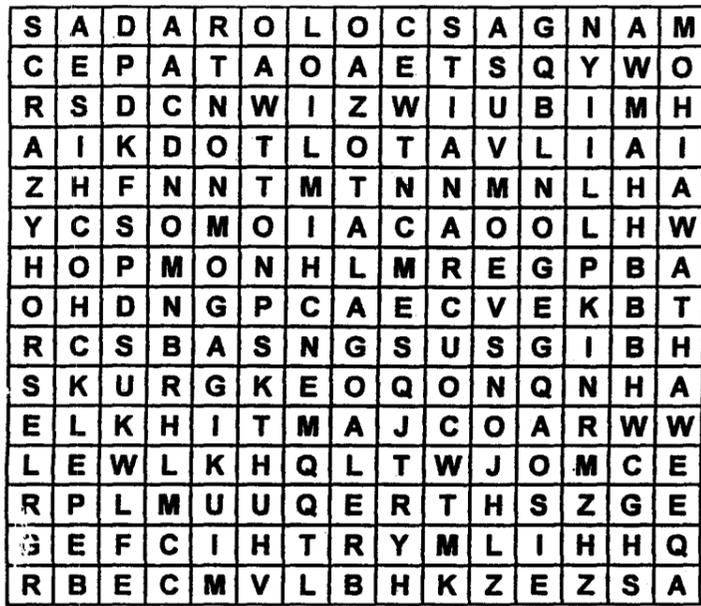
The eighth annual Native American Heritage Month Intertribal Celebration will be held Thursday from 2:30-5 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711. There will be a drum group, traditional and fancy dancers, storytelling, displays and food tasting.

Dishes for the food tasting are to include venison and wild rice, venison chili, jackrabbit stew, Indian fry bread, cactus salad, prickly pear jelly and sassafras tea.

Everyone is invited to this free event.

"Time spent attending the celebration will not require the use of leave but must be cleared with supervisors," a prepared release said. For more information, call Kate Love 876-8015 or Jackie White 876-3591.

The second puzzle for the Native American Committee contest accompanies this article. To be eligible to win, the completed puzzle must be either handcarried to the Equal Employment Opportunity Office in building 5300, room 5135 or faxed to 876-8947 by close of business Nov. 24.



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WIFE

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followup treatment downtown because she has already had surgery, but that she has been to Fox Army Community Hospital and is impressed by what she has seen.

Gibson said that although she is a stay-at-home wife and mother, she likes to stay involved with the community they are living in.

"I attend board meetings for just about everything: Red Cross, wives clubs, education. But I am really not completely up to speed so I have asked some of the other wives to attend some of the board meetings. I do like to stay in touch with what is going on in the community. It is really rewarding to belong to say the officers and enlisted wives clubs because they raise money and then give scholarships to the kids, etc.

"I feel better if I am doing something. I am usually more involved than I am right now."

Gibson said she attributes the success of her marriage to two things: "He is my best friend and I stay busy. From 31 years of observation, the spouses who stay at home and don't get involved — whether as volunteers, part-time or full-time, get involved with groups — those are the spouses who are not happy. You need to get out and do something. Sometimes when you have little kids you just need to get out and talk to adults. Do not depend

on your spouse for your happiness. They work long hours. They are deployed a lot, go TDY, have long training hours. A lot of time the training hours are bad. You have to get out and do your own thing, whether it is working in your career or volunteering in the community.

"There is so much available to military spouses on military installations you can hardly say you are bored. There is always something to do at ACS, or volunteer at the Thrift Shop. Get involved in the Army Family Team Building Program. They meet on evenings and weekends. AFTB is an offshoot from lessons learned during Desert Shield/Storm. During that time we learned a lot and we developed a lot of friendships that may not have developed otherwise. I still keep in regular contact with a couple of the friends I made during Desert Storm while we were in Germany."

One of the things all military families have to face eventually is retirement. The Gibsons have not made that decision yet.

"Retirement is my husband's decision. When he says he is ready to retire, I will support him," Gibson said. "He was in the Army when I married him. I have had a wonderful life in the Army. When he decides it's time to retire, it will be time to retire. He loves the Army; he loves the troops. I would never tell him I think he should retire."

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DoD and DA family members may register at the Youth Center, building 3148 Monday-Saturday from 1-8 p.m. For more information, call 876-2255.

• **Bowling center**— An open bowling special is held every Saturday from 11 a.m.

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the Arsenal and its services. These included presentations on personnel services, security processing, transportation of household goods, legal aspects of PCS (permanent change of station) voucher settlement; morale, welfare and recreation services; and training opportunities.

Afterwards the newcomers went to room 2139 in building 5302 where people and computers were waiting to in-process them, including providing security badges.

"I'm so confused," Renee Carter said, adjusting to the sprawling post and the massive Sparkman Center. "This place is enormous compared to where we were at."

Asked her opinion of the Huntsville area, she said, "I don't really know. I haven't been here long enough to make a decision." Carter will be joining the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

"The (Huntsville) area's really nice— spacious," Walter Ogletree, another CPAC newcomer, said. Asked how he felt about moving here from St. Louis, he laughed and said, "I'm doing what I have to do."

William Gregory, also of CPAC, called the Huntsville area "pretty nice." "I would've preferred to be able to stay in St. Louis since that's where my family is. I'm from St. Louis. But I'm thankful to have a job," he said.

St. Louis newcomer Valinda Larnell said she sees an immediate need for assistance. "For lower grade people that relocated, it's kind of rough because the cost of living (in Huntsville) is high. I feel that we should get some kind of locality pay raise because for a single parent who's a lower grade, it's going to be kind of hard because they went up on the rent and everything," she said.

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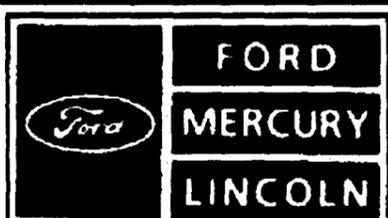


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Announcements

Buffalo Soldiers— The Buffalo Soldiers Historical Society of St. Louis, Mo., will present a Danny Glover Production "Buffalo Soldiers" film and dinner on Nov. 29. Proceeds will benefit the society. The film will be shown at the St. Louis Symphony Community Music School, E. Desmond Lee Concert Hall, 500 Trinity University City, at 7 p.m. The reception will be held at 9 p.m. Donation is \$25. All interested persons should contact Charles W. Smith at P.O. Box 11754, Huntsville, 35814 or call 461-7101. The Turner Network Presentation will air Dec. 7 at 8 p.m.

Debt seminar— The University of Alabama-Huntsville will be bringing nationally renowned management consultant and debt collection expert Glenn Shepard to Huntsville for a one-day only seminar Nov. 20. He will be giving a workshop based on his best-selling books "Give Me My Money, Please" and "Getting Your Customers to Pay." The program is designed for businesses which collect their own accounts receivable. Tuition is \$125 per person from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The seminar will be held in the Wilson Hall, room 113, UAH campus. For more information or to reserve seats, call 890-6010.

Survivors of rape— HELPLINE's Survivors of Rape Support Group meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. The Teen Rape Support Group meets Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. These groups offer support, information and referral, hospital and court accompaniment, and the

support group at no cost to survivors of sexual assault. For more information, call 539-6161.

Classics on ice— "A Celebration of the Classics on Ice" is this year's theme for Huntsville Figure Skating Club's annual ice show scheduled for Dec. 20 at Wilcoxon Ice Complex, 3185 Leeman Ferry Road. Huntsville's own nationally and internationally ranked skaters and some of the school professionals will be featured in the shows. Two performances are planned: 1 p.m./\$5 and 6 p.m./\$7. Tickets can be picked up at the ice complex or for Arsenal delivery, call Carol 650-1000.

Hospice family care— Hospice Family Care will hold its annual Memorial Service Nov. 23, 2 p.m., at Faith Chapel, 3913 Pulaski Pike. This service will commemorate all patients served by Hospice Cares and Hospice of Huntsville between Oct. 1, 1996, and Oct. 31, 1997. All families and friends of Hospice patients are invited to attend. A reception will follow the service.

Special Forces recruiting— The 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-DELTA (Airborne) will visit Redstone Arsenal looking for soldiers interested in planning and conducting a broad range of special operations. Briefings will be held in the Post Theater, building 3712, on Dec. 3-4 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, call SFC Duwayne Thompson 876-7387.

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 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.

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. 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 Menschman 895-1580.

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 informa-

tion call Elise McWilliams 876-1692, Mable Brooks 876-1893, Sandy Lawrence 876-2808 or Susan Gustafson 876-9598.

Florida Tech— Florida Institute of Technology is conducting a Professional Development course titled Networking Architectures from 5-9 p.m. for four Tuesdays; class dates are Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16. Cost is \$595 per course. Registration is open to all area residents. Government employees receive a 10 percent discount. For more information call 881-7878 or visit the FIT office in building 5304, room 4326.... Florida Institute of Technology, offering more than 10 different degrees in management, is conducting registration for the spring 1998 semester. All classes are in the evenings from 5 until 8 at building 5304. For more information, call 881-7878 or visit the office in room 4326.

Government accountants— North Alabama Chapter of the Association

of Government Accountants will hold its monthly meeting Thursday at the Marriott at the Space and Rocket Center. Social begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:15 and the program at 7. Victor Conrad, of the U.S. Attorney's Office, is to speak on white collar/affirmative civil enforcement. For reservations call Sandra Julian 876-2300.

Surplus sale— A sealed, spot bid sale will be held Nov. 24 at Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, 7405 Warehouse Road. Property inspection and bid submission will be held 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 19, 20 and 21. Methods of bidding are: faxed, hand-carried and mailed. Verbal bids won't be accepted. Catalogs are available by polling the fax number 876-5097. To view material for the sale and to submit bids, report to building 7406; or for more information, call Edmund Russell 955-0297 or Donna Davis 842-2570.

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ment fourth annual training conference will be held Dec. 4 at the Huntsville Marriott. Scheduled keynote speaker is Congressman Earl Hilliard. "Four major tracks to be covered are: career development, management and leadership, EEO/personnel, and quality of life. These tracks will increase productivity, better communications, increase teamwork, improve skills and motivate employees for the challenges and opportunities of the new millennium," a prepared release said. For more information, call Kim Smith 551-7230.

Military intelligence group—Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Military Intelligence Association will hold its November luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the Regimental Room, Officers Club. Scheduled speaker is Brig. Gen. John Scales, deputy commander of Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C. Non-members are welcome; and reservations are not required. For more information, call George Lewis 922-5337 or

Bob Westerfeldt 971-6533.

Circus tickets—Circus tickets are available through the Civilian Welfare Fund Council for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 and 3 p.m. Dec. 6. The discount costs are \$13.50 for \$16 tickets, and \$7.50 for \$10 tickets. For information call Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck 313-1698 in building 5687.

Newcomers orientation—The Redstone Arsenal Newcomers' Orientation will be held Dec. 2 from 8:30 a.m.-noon at building 3447. Attendance is mandatory for military personnel permanently assigned to Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation includes speakers, information booths, a bus tour of Redstone, hospital briefing and free child care. To register for free child care, call Mary Breden of Army Community Service 876-5397.

ACS education committee—The Army Community Service (ACS) Education Committee will meet at noon today at ACS, building 3491. It is helpful to call in advance

concerning problem areas that need to be put on the agenda. Any parent interested in the educational needs of their child is invited to attend. This meeting is open to everyone. For more information, call Virginia Dempsey 876-5397.

Astronomical society—Von Braun Astronomical Society will have a show at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. NASA astronomer Dave Hathaway is to discuss Jupiter and Saturn. Admission cost 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.

Parent advisory council—The Child Development Services Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will meet Nov. 25 at 11 a.m. in the Bicentennial Chapel Activity Room. "Bring your lunch and join us," a prepared release said. Pizza will be provided at \$1 per slice. Parents with children in all CDS programs

are encouraged to attend.

Housing office—The Family Housing Office and Housing Management Office in building 111, room 128, will be closed on the following dates and times: Directorate Thanksgiving Dinner, Nov. 25, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Day after Thanksgiving, Nov. 28, from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (all day); Day after Christmas, Dec. 26, from 7-4:30 (all day). "These closings are to enable our staff to enjoy directorate functions and holiday time with their families," a prepared release said. "We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause you."

Experimental aircraft group—Huntsville Chapter 190 of the Experimental Aircraft Association holds its monthly breakfast every third Saturday at 7:30 a.m. 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).

Professional logisticians—The Certified Professional Logistician (CPL) Examinations are conducted twice a year in May and November. The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics Engineers is planning to conduct CPL Exam preparation courses this spring to help interested logisticians prepare for the exam. If you are interested in participating one night per week during the period January through April to prepare for this comprehensive exam, call Jimmy Hill 955-9914.

Benefit bonanza—Technology Assistance for Special Consumers will hold its second "Beanie Baby Bonanza" from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Huntsville Public Library on Monroe Street. "Proceeds from this event will help TASC provide assistive technology services to individuals with disabilities regardless of ability to pay," a prepared release said. Admission is \$2. There will

be games and activities for children, door prizes of more than 100 Beanie Babies, and "an auction for vary hard to find Beanie Babies including Tabasco and Lefty and Righty." For more information, call 532-5996.

Sergeants major—The Sergeants Major Association quarterly meeting will be held Thursday at 6:30 a.m. at the Radisson Suites on South Memorial Parkway. All active duty and retired sergeants major are invited to attend. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Charlie Hardin 876-3178.

Fashion show canceled— "Due to unforeseen circumstances, the BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) Committee was forced to cancel its Fall Fashion Show last weekend," a prepared release said. "We regret any inconvenience that this change may have caused anyone who had planned to attend. We appreciate the continued support of the Team Redstone community and look
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forward to hosting another fun-filled event in the near future."

Officer/civilian women

The Officer and Civilian Womens Club will hold its annual Holiday Brunch at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 9 at the Officers Club. Reservations should be made by Dec. 5 by calling Glenda Moeller (A-L) at 772-0977 or MaryEllen Myers (M-Z) 464-0583. Child care arrangements should be made by Dec. 5 by calling Debbie Barrett 721-0445.

Fox Army Community Hospital

On Dec. 3, services at Fox Army Community Hospital will be limited as the staff will be conducting a long-range strategic planning seminar. Minimal services will be available through the Troop Medical Clinic and the FOXCARE 3 (Urgent Care) clinic for those patients requiring immediate medical attention. The Pharmacy, Laboratory, and Radiology Departments WILL BE CLOSED all day. Patients requiring medical assistance are advised to call the Nurse Triage line 955-8888. If you have an emergency, dial 911.

Photographic society

Huntsville Photographic Society will hold its monthly photograph competition meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 24 in the Huntsville Public Library auditorium. This

month's competition subject is "Windy/Stormy Weather." Visitors are always welcome; there is no charge, but only members may compete.

Quarterly retirement ceremony

The next Retirement Ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Youth Center gymnasium. Rehearsal is scheduled for 8 a.m. Jan. 14 at the Youth Center gymnasium. If you wish to participate in the retirement ceremony call SFC Jones, of Support Operations, 842-2500 by Jan. 2.

Software Process meeting

A joint IEEE CS/SPIN meeting will be held Nov. 24 at the Holiday Inn- Research Park, Madison Square Mall; check marquee for room. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., with the presentation at noon. Scheduled topic is "The Personal Software Process SM: A Practitioner's View." Buffet luncheon is \$8.50 (including drink and dessert); pay individually at meeting room. Make reservations by 5 p.m. today with Noopur Davis 837-0058 or fax 895-9178.

Girl Scout cookie sale

Girl Scouts in north Alabama and southern Tennessee will be taking orders for Girl Scout cookies now through Dec. 7. To locate a troop near you, call the Girl Scout Service Center 1-800-410-8338.

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• Auto •

'96 Camaro RS. White, 2 dr., auto, T-Tops, tinted windows, fully loaded, stereo, PW, air, orig. owner, perfect cond. 776-6956.

'96 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4. White/gray leather, CD changer, moonroof. 31K mi. \$23,000. 722-9794.

'96 Toyota Tercel. 2 dr., red, auto., air, AM/FM/cassette, 12K mi. 461-9831 after 6pm.

'95 cars for \$100 seized and sold locally this month. Sports, 4x4's, etc. 1-800-522-2730 x 4411.

'95 Mitsubishi Eclipse GS. Exc. cond., lots of extras. \$11,750 obo. Must sell. 851-1920.

'93 Ford Escort LX wagon. 5 dr., teal green, AM/FM cassette, auto, air, 22K mi. 830-4897.

'93 Ford Ranger XLT. 4 cyl. 5 spd., air, stereo, power brakes, alum. wheels, 92K mi. \$5,500. 230-0971.

'93 Mustang GT. Red, 5.0L V8, 5 spd., PW & PL, 64K. Exc. cond. 90 Day Warranty. \$8,950. 882-2099.

'93 Nissan 240 Sx SE. Black, 2 dr., hatchback, loaded, 5 spd., nice car. \$8,500 obo. 340-1079.

'93 Taurus. 4 dr., V-6, one owner, 64K mi., fully loaded. Exc. cond. 90 Day Warranty. \$5,950. 882-2099.



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'92 Toyota PU. 5 spd., AC, PW & PL. Exc. cond. 82K mi. 90 Day Warranty. \$4,950. 382-2C99.

'92 Saturn SL2. 4 dr., auto., AC, PW & PL. Exc. cond. 90 Day Warranty. \$4,950. 882-2099.

'91 Dodge B250 conversion van. V3, auto., power everything. \$6,300 obo. 880-2940.

'91 Explorer XLT. 4WD, loaded, good miles. Exc. cond. 90 Day Warranty. 2 to choose from. \$8,950. 882-2099.

'90 Chevy Cavalier. 2 dr., auto., great gas mileage, needs minor repair, good student car. \$2,500 obo. 974-7469.

'90 Nissan 240SX SE. Black, 5 spd., new air, Sports Package, well maintained, 73.5K mi. \$6,100 obo. 890-0180.

'90 Nissan 240 SX. Black, 2 dr., hatchback, loaded, 5 speed, 118K mi., 26 mpg., runs exc. \$5,100. 772-6763.

'90 Plymouth Laser. Silver, exc. cond. \$5,000. 828-4006 after 5:30 pm.

'89 Chevy S-10 Blazer. 4.3L V6, 2 dr., 2WD, PW, PL, AM/FM cassette, exc. cond. \$5,200 obo. 230-9636.

'89 Lincoln Towncar. Blue ext., navy leather int., 1 owner, well maintained. \$4,800. 539-2771 after 5 pm.

'88 Ford Ranger. 4WD, extended cab, fuel injected, V6, air, auto., AM/FM cassette, good cond. \$4,500. (205) 259-1797.

'87 Ford F150 LWB. 300 6 cyl., 4 spd., W/OD, AC. Exc. cond. 90 Day Warranty. \$3,950. 882-2099.

'87 Olds Regency 98. Loaded, immaculate, garaged, never wrecked, like new, 80K mi. \$4,500. 232-3540, Athens.

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Assortment of TY Beanie Babies, some newly retired, \$7 and up. '97 Xmas barbie w/dark hair. 883-1291.

Barbie Doll house with accessories, \$30. GE turntable/cassette/radio stereo, needs stylus, \$35. 881-1810 after 6pm.

Benchcraft overstuffed couch and loveseat. Mauve and teal, \$295. approx. 2300 bricks, Sante Clair, \$80. Approx. 5,000 football cards, \$100. 423-2461.

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'87 Suzuki Intruder 700. Custom paint, saddlebags, windshield, new blinkers and rear tire, runs great, must sell. \$1,350 obo. 776-9454.

Electric guitar. 6Y Concorde, white, \$100. Keyboard, Yamaha PSR-41, stereo, 61 keys, full size, \$100. 881-1030 daytime.

Final moving sale. Saturday, clothes, furniture, lamps, rug, toys, records, books, encyclopedias, crystal, antiques, much more. 1406 Elmwood Dr. 534-9615.

Free to good home, friendly 7 mo. old 1/2 lab 1/2 chow with doghouse and all accessories. Shots current. 890-0991.

Gas fireplace logs, 18", vented, \$95. Craftsman gas chipper/shredder, \$250. Oak table top, legs (taken apart to finish); \$75. 895-8306.

Handicapped person's commode, also bath stool. Both for \$15. Exercise bench, \$25 obo. 883-1339 lv. msg.

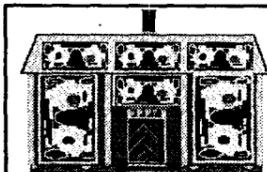
Harvest Gold, Whirlpool stove in very good cond., \$135. Rare brown marble and mahogany coffee table, \$60. (205) 931-4517.

Inside sale Christmas items, toys, infant to plus sizes, Avon. Thur. to Sat. 10-4, 3806 Cobb rd. off Drake. 337-3215.

JC Penny 5 in 1 table, \$30. Karaoke machine, \$35. Fisher Price Great Adventures, \$20. 233-1068 after 5pm.

Lazy Boy swivel rockers. 2 slate blue rockers. Exc. cond. Both for \$200. 830-4191.

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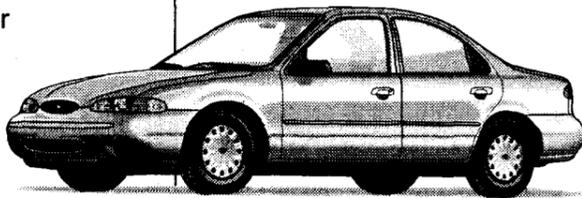
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1994 Ford Aerostar, red	\$8,995	1995 Ford Contour, black	\$9,995
1994 Ford E-150, green	\$15,895	1995 Ford Contour, green	\$8,995
1994 Ford Explorer 4x4, 4 dr, green	\$12,995	1995 Ford Crown Victoria, white	\$12,995
1994 Ford Explorer 4x4, 4 dr, blue	\$13,495	1995 Ford Escort 4 Dr, red	\$7,975
1994 Ford Explorer 4x4, 4 dr, white	\$14,795	1995 Ford Escort 2 Dr, black	\$7,995
1994 Ford Explorer, 2 dr, white	\$11,595	1995 Ford Escort 4 Dr, red	\$7,495
1994 Ford F-150, red	\$14,995	1995 Ford Escort SW, green	\$9,795

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