

Fox Army hospital redesignated as Army health center

By Skip Vaughn

The former Fox Army Community Hospital has begun a new era as the Fox Army Health Center.

The facility, which has closed its in-patient ward, was redesignated as a health center during a ceremony held Monday in a steady rain.

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said he wanted to end the rumor that the hospital is closing.

"I'm here today to put an end to that rumor and dispel it once and for all," he said. "Fox is not closing nor do

we expect it to close in the foreseeable future."

The facility no longer keeps patients overnight. It does have a short-stay unit for those who need to remain less than 24 hours. Fox still does surgeries. But for any surgery that requires an overnight stay, the patient is referred to Huntsville Hospital.

Col. David Deeter, commander of Fox Army Health Center, welcomed those who attended the rainy ceremony held in front of the building. He said the facility's changes culminate more than 14 months of effort by the medical staff.

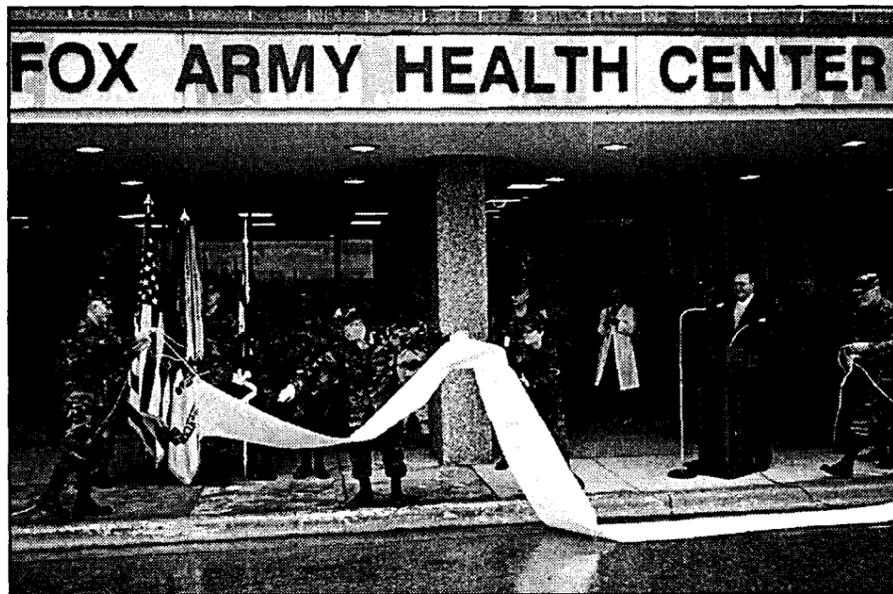
"It merely marks the end

of one trail and the beginning of another," Deeter said.

Brig. Gen. Robert Griffin, commander of the U.S. Army Southeast Regional Medical Command, Fort Gordon, Ga., pledged his command's continued support.

Health center is a new Army designation; and Fox Army Health Center is the first unit to carry the designation. Fox is closing its in-patient ward and realigning positions so more emphasis can be placed on out-patient access to care.

"Once again I think Team Redstone is forging the future," Gibson said.



NEW SIGN— A sign is unveiled in front of the former Fox Army Community Hospital showing the facility's new name.

Letters To The Editor

Courteous driver

I wish to publicly thank Sarah Baker, of the AMCOM Protocol Office, for being such a courteous driver and showing compassion on several of us who have a hard time getting into Weatherly Road in the mornings to drive to work. Ms. Baker, who was coming to a red light, stopped before blocking a side street and allowed three of us to turn in front of her vehicle. I have found that kind of courtesy to be somewhat rare in today's world, and I wanted her to know that her thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Nancy Forbes

Holiday brunch

Tuesday, Dec. 9, our church, 1st Baptist, Hazel Green senior group was picked up by a bus to take us to the Officers Club on Redstone Arsenal. Also, we had two soldiers to help us.

Oh boy, what a joy that was to us all. There was over 200 in the club. There were adults and children entertaining us all during the time we were there. They gave us food, drinks and coffee.

What a time we all had. The children doing their play was very cute. Oh yes, Santa Claus was there.

Our group of people really enjoyed the whole party.

Thanks, Officer and Civilian Women's Club, for inviting us.

I would like to say, for all the ladies who were a wonderful help for all the tables, God bless all of you: Dot Tyler, Joanne Connors, Susan Carr, Pat Hamilton, Betty Butler, Mary Walker, Betty Troth, Lillian Kawano, Debbie Stephens, Linda Butler, Jonnie Nance, Terrie Holly, Susan Johnson, Mary Gibson.

Again the old people say, "Thanks. God bless all of you, and the ones not listed."

Wiley Hopkins

Sincere thanks

This is a thank you letter, to several people whose names I don't know, but to whom I want to express my sincere thanks.

On Dec. 11, while I was going home from work, the cruise control on my RAV4 malfunctioned. I wasn't even using it, but it came on, wouldn't shut off, and caused the vehicle to go faster and faster.

I'd been going south on Patton Road. The brakes would not disengage the cruise control, so I put the vehicle in neutral and turned off the key. I overshot Buxton a little bit, and was able to stop the vehicle on the south side of the Buxton/Patton intersection, out of the way of traffic. After the motor was turned off, and back on, the cruise control still did not disengage. At that point, I didn't try to start the motor any more. I called the dealer, who sent a flatbed tow truck for me.

I knew the minute I turned on the four-way flashers that people would be worried and try to assist me, but it started to get dark, so I had no choice. And sure enough, one right after the other, seven folks stopped to see if I needed help. To each, I explained the situation, and expressed my thanks for the offers of assistance.

One gentleman drove out of the construction area, in a white company van, and offered to wait with me until the tow truck arrived. "I'd sure hate it if my wife was stuck out here," he said. I didn't want to put him to the trouble, and I was fairly certain I'd come to no harm on the Arsenal. But the gentleman managed to sit there and conduct a cheery conversation with me through the window of his van, until the tow truck arrived. With a smile, he was gone. But only after at least two cars had seen him sitting there and stopped to ask directions of him, trying to find the Rustic Lodge. It seems he helped several folks that night.

I want all those unknown folks who stopped to try to assist a stranger in trouble to know how very much I appreciate each and every one of them stopping. Even though I had called a wrecker which was on the way, it made me feel a whole lot better that so many people would delay getting home, to try to help someone they didn't even know. Thank you, each and every one of you, so very much.

Sue Ward Moynihan
LOGSA employee

Clinton commits U.S. troops to Follow-on Force in Bosnia

By Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON— U.S. servicemembers will be a part of any follow-on force in Bosnia after June 1998, President Clinton announced Dec. 18.

Clinton said U.S. participation will occur pending approval of a NATO action plan. NATO military authorities are working on the plan and will present it by February 1998, Pentagon officials said.

"The details of that plan, including the mission's specific objectives, its size and duration, must be agreed to by all NATO

allies," said Clinton.

The president said the plan must include some key criteria for U.S. participation, the most important objective being the plan must be achievable and tied to concrete milestones. "We should have clear objectives that, when met, will create a self-sustaining secure environment and allow us to remove our troops," Clinton said.

The force must be able to protect itself, the United States must retain command, and the cost must be manageable.

"Our European allies must assume their share of responsibility," Clinton said.

Finally, any NATO plan must have substantial support from the U.S. Congress and the American people.

Clinton said he made the decision because he believes the job in Bosnia is not done. He said, with NATO help, life in Bosnia is returning to normal. "The progress is unmistakable, but it is not yet irreversible," he said. "Bosnia has been at peace only half as long as it was at war. It remains poised on a tightrope, moving toward a better future, but not at the point yet of a self-sustaining peace."

Clinton said the world must intensify

civilian and economic engagement in Bosnia. This includes deepening and spreading economic opportunity. It also means reforming, retraining and re-equipping the police force. Clinton said the parties in Bosnia must restructure the state-run media to meet international standards and encourage an alternative, independent press.

Clinton said he wants more refugees to return home and to make indicted war criminals face trial at the International Tribunal in the Hague, the Netherlands. (American Forces Press Service)

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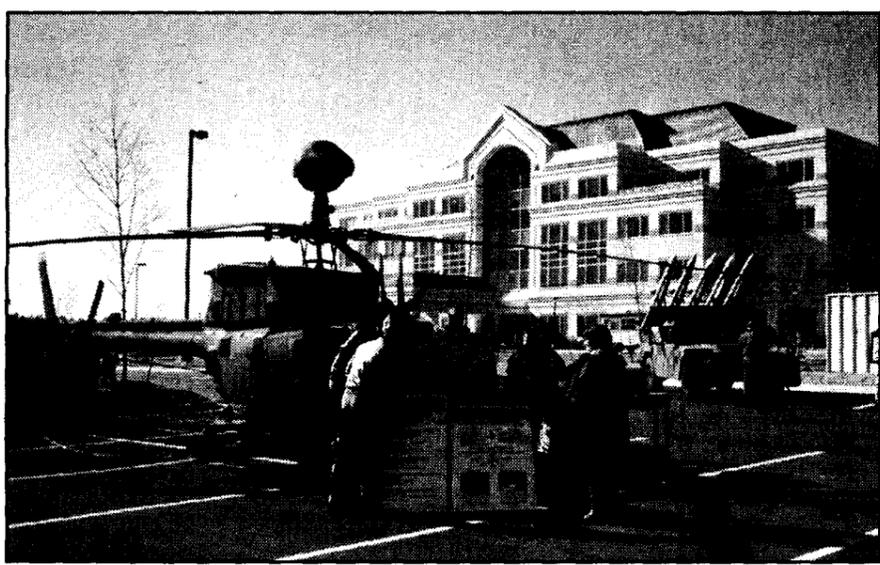
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Ready, aim...

Louis Washington, a maintenance program specialist with logistics support directorate, Integrated Materiel Management Center, tries out a Stinger MAN-PADS (Manportable Air Defense System) during the products display Dec. 16.

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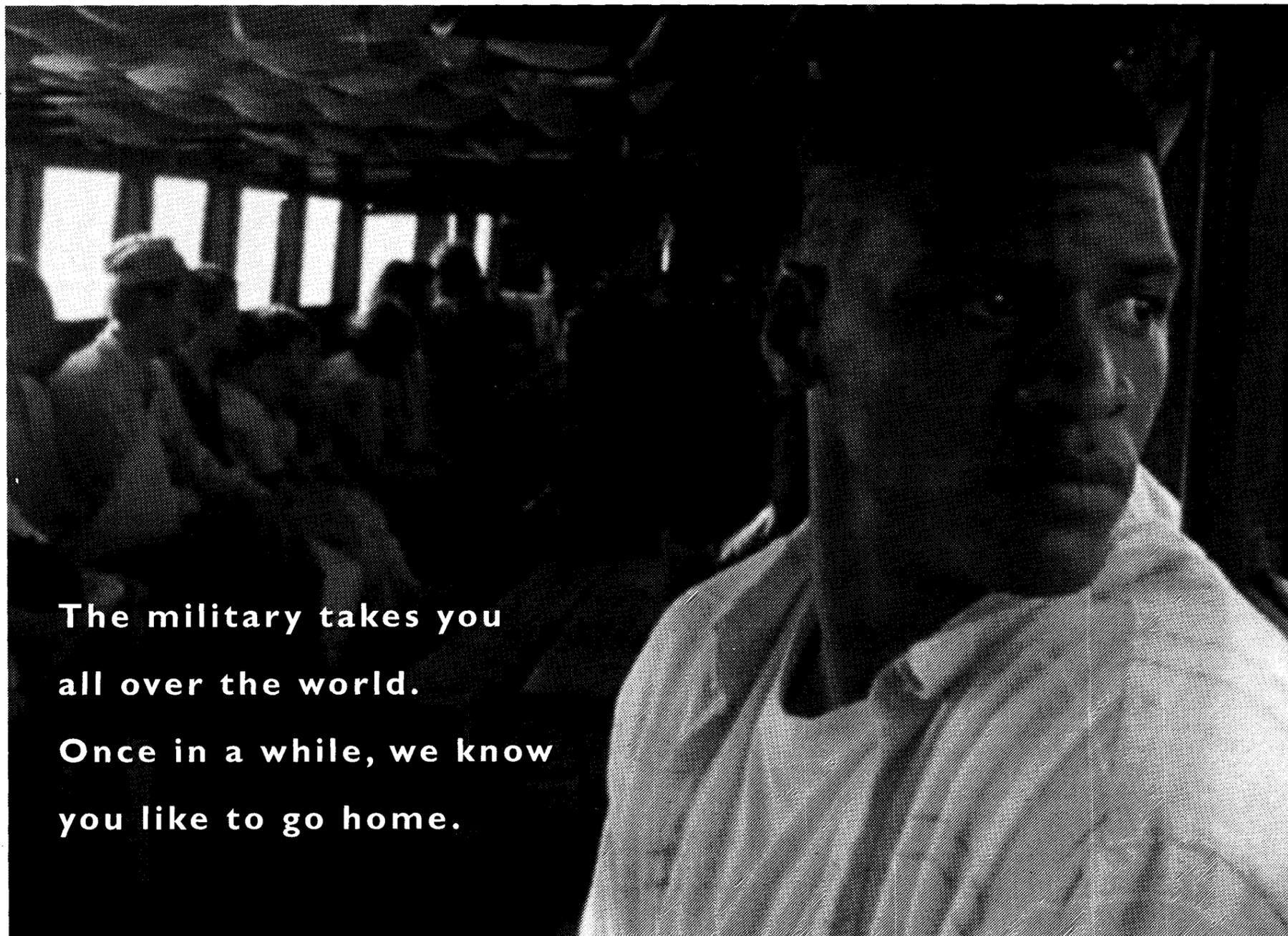
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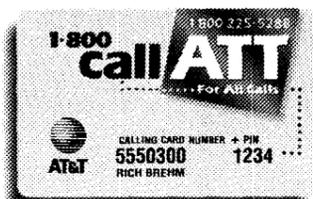
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Support services studied for possible contracting out

By Debra Valine

For years, the government has been looking at ways to cut costs and streamline activities on military installations. Commercial activities studies, conducted under OMB Circular A-76, are used to determine if it is cheaper for a contractor to do a service the government is providing. If it is, then we owe it to the taxpayers to contract out the service.

According to Col. Duane Brandt, commander of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, base operations has been a very popular target. "The Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provides services that are readily available in the commercial sector such as: facility engineering, installation logistics, military morale and welfare functions, flight operations and administrative support. It is very easy to observe this type of work being done in the city of Huntsville or by a private firm," Brandt said. "So when they look to identify functions to evaluate whether it would be cheaper to use a government employee or a contractor, base operation functions are very attractive."

Commercial activities studies are not new. The government has been looking into better ways to do business for a long time.

There have been three studies going on in RASA this past year, two small, one quite large. The studies involved missile maintenance, child development services and the bulk of RASA's functions that are performed by government employees.

"In the mid-80s, we did the first study for most of the blue collar work—carpenters, plumbers and electricians — that the government performed at that time," Brandt said. "The study resulted in the decision to convert this effort to contract. The current contract for Redstone Arsenal is with Northrop Grumman, the third company to have the contract. These contracts are generally for five years. That contract will come up for renewal in 1999. The government does not have the personnel work years to take the job back in house. Once you make the decision to outsource, the government will probably never get that function back."

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"First we studied missile maintenance," Brandt said. "The OMMCS has a requirement for a certain number of weapon systems for training purposes when soldiers are learning their MOS. When you are training on them every day, they break. That study was ongoing when I got here; it just happened to finish up

this year. In this case, the government won; the work stays with the government.

"In this process you have to develop the most efficient organization," Brandt explained. "The bottom line is what is best for the taxpayer. The costs from the contractor and the government are weighed against each other. The decision was made in September on the missile maintenance study.

"The second study was to see if it is more efficient to perform child development services with contractor or government employees," Brandt said. "We are about 1/2 to 2/3 of the way through that. We have developed the government's most efficient organization. Right now it's in the review process. I am looking at next summer before a decision is made. I don't know what way that will go.

"The last study, the largest one, involves over 300 spaces," Brandt said. "It covers all the spaces that are not defined as government-in-nature. If it is a government-in-nature job, it shouldn't be contracted out.

We are studying the bulk of what RASA does with government employees.

"Doing the study puts a lot of trauma on the organization," Brandt said. "I'm essentially asking my staff to do the additional workload with minimum personnel resources because the fat has already been cut. The employees doing the job will be helping with the study that could eventually result in the contracting out of their job. It's not easy.

"It's a leadership challenge — you have to make sure your folks get an honest shot at what they do," he continued. "I think they do a good job. If you take the average civilian job description and ask them what percentage of the tasks they actually do are documented in the job description, you probably would find that the job description lists less than 50 percent of what the person actually does. I have worked very hard to level the playing field. You have to look at all the tasks you do and document them, understanding that these tasks will far

exceed what is on the job description. Only with all of that information can the contractors bid on what we actually do.

"The study we just started in December probably won't come to completion until September 2000," Brandt said. "The reason the process takes so long is that several activities provide oversight. After you get the government's paperwork together, it goes to legal and audit for review. Then the acquisition folks have to prepare the request for proposal or bid. The process protects the taxpayers, but it also makes sure the government worker gets a fair shake in terms of whether or not they really are the most efficient.

"We need to accurately portray all the tasks and functions associated with our mission and how it affects the folks involved—both government employees and the customers who use our services. We are the leader in AMCOM in this area because what we do is easily seen as being done in the private sector."

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Redstone family action symposium slated March 24-25

The Aviation and Missile Command will hold the 11th Redstone Arsenal Family Action Plan Symposium on March 24 and 25 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Sparkman Center.

The Army Family Action Plan is a grassroots process which allows feedback to commanders and to raise issues important to the Total Army Family. It is a decision-making tool for Army leadership at all levels: local installation, major Army command, and Headquarters, Department of the Army.

All segments of America's Army are represented: single soldiers, married couples, dual career, single

parents, retirees, family members, youth, representatives from the Reserves and the National Guard, and DA civilians.

If commanders can't resolve issues locally, they are sent up the chain to the next level. At the DA level, delegates come from throughout the Army to address the top issues and propose solutions. Of the changes recommended to DA, the results have been 50 new or changed laws, 114 new or revised Army policies, and 114 program improvements.

At the most recent national conference, March 10-14, 1997, the top five issues addressed by DA

were: a military savings plan, dislocation allowance for retirees, resources for the Army Family Team Building program, a special supplemental food program for the WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program for OCONUS personnel, and information on deployment medication.

Last year's top issues included the Persian Gulf illness, health care benefits for retirees 65 or over, the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation Act excluding Reserve component members, first time permanent change of station dislocation allowance, and funded respite care for exceptional family members.

Other prior year issues included maintaining commissary benefits and keeping commissaries open, preventing erosion of health care benefits as a result of downsizing, establishing a Continental United States Cost of Living Allowance, ensuring child care fees are fair and balanced for all income levels, and expanding GI Bill benefits.

Locally, improvements in the quality of life at Redstone Arsenal have included changes to Commissary and shopette hours, improvements in Fox Army Community Hospital's telephone system and information delivery, better sick call hours, standardizing train-

ing times, changing the start day of PX sales, an automated outprocessing system, more street signs and better lighting, increased college Tuition Assistance, the opening of more MWR facilities to civilians (e.g., the Golf Course Pro Shop and the expanded use of gym facilities). The forum also provides substantial information to the community on their concerns.

Discussion will focus on quality of life issues identified through surveys as well as during the symposium process. The top local issues will be published in the Redstone Arsenal Family Action Plan XI.

More than 100 delegates,

community resource personnel, and trained facilitators are expected to participate in work groups discussing such topics as entitlements, family support, force support, housing/relocation, medical, soldier/civilian, and youth.

Delegates to the Family Symposium are recommended by organizational points of contact and they will represent the community during the two-day event.

For more information call Ivy Downs, Army Family Action Plan coordinator, at 876-3376.

Family Symposium quality of life survey...

This survey is your opportunity to make suggestions about programs, services, or benefits affecting you and your family.

Consider what could be improved in the following areas:

- Military or Civilian, Pay, Allowances, Entitlements
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- Medical & Dental Services
- Housing
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- AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Service)

Suggestions will be discussed at the Redstone Arsenal Family Symposium, March 24-25.

If you would like to participate in this influential forum as a delegate representing the Total Army Family, call Ivy Downs 876-3376.

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Redstone Arsenal civilian wins engineering honor

MOBILE— Claudinette Purifoy, a project engineer at the Corps' Redstone Arsenal Resident Office, is a woman winning awards in what was long considered a man's profession — the construction industry.

Purifoy was named the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Atlantic Division, Hard Hat of the Year for 1996.

Purifoy was project engineer for the design and construction of the \$30.6 million Sparkman Center Addition, a BRAC project. The award was presented at the Engineering and Construction Management meeting in 1997 in Nashville.

The award is given to the top military project engineer in the Corps' division-wide region that includes most of the U.S. southeast — Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina — and also includes Central and South America.

From her office in building 3213 on Hercules Road on Redstone Arsenal, Purifoy performs construction

management and quality assurance of various engineering projects at Redstone Arsenal. In that role she works with the Environmental Management and Planning staff, the military command and construction contractors.

Her office falls under the direction of the North Alabama Area Office at Redstone Arsenal and the district headquarters in Mobile.

The Mobile District has a military construction management mission that covers 252,000 square miles, from Tennessee to South America.

"Construction of the BRAC project included two new buildings," said Purifoy, who has been with the resident office 11 years. One building is a three-story frame structure. The other building is a four-story concrete framed structure with basement. Both buildings have precast facades with a total floor space of 236,000 square feet.

The BRAC relocation of about 1,031 employees

from St. Louis, Mo., to Redstone Arsenal, depended on the timely completion of the project, according to Purifoy.

The project was completed in September. The last floor was turned over Sept. 22, three weeks ahead of schedule.

"The goal was to provide a quality facility that matched the overall concept of the Sparkman Complex," said Purifoy, a civil engineer. It also had to meet the needs of the base, pose little or no impact to the existing facility, meet the scheduled date and stay within budget. "These goals were attained," said Purifoy, who kept all those involved in the project informed with bi-weekly status of construction updates. She used a quality assurance plan daily, including the use of the three phase inspection system, quality assurance testing, a deficiency tracking system and transmittal actions.

She assured smooth and coordinated design review and interfaced closely with the base officials to ensure

that functional requirements were met. Modifications were settled in a timely and efficient manner.

According to her supervisor, Jimmy Stevens, the area engineer at the North Alabama Area Office at Redstone Arsenal, Purifoy fosters partnering on a daily basis.

"She has a take-charge attitude and demonstrates leadership daily," Stevens said. "Her competence is well recognized by her peers and the contractors." Her assigned projects have totaled in excess of \$60 million, he said.

The design of the project was well-coordinated and timely, Stevens added. "Purifoy maintained an excellent relationship with all the partners — the base officials, the designer, the contractor and construction and engineering elements within the Corps to resolve issues in a timely manner."

This recognition is nothing new. A native of Birmingham, Purifoy is a 1986 graduate of Alabama A&M University with a degree in civil engineering. She was



PURIFOY

named the North Alabama Society of Women Engineers' Young Engineer of the Year in 1993, the Engineer of the Year in 1995 and the Professional of the Year in 1996.

She served as the president of the North Alabama Society of Women Engi-

neers from 1993-1995. She's also been active in many community base operations such as Habitat for Humanity, judging local and regional science fairs, visiting schools for career day programs, and student tutoring. (Corps of Engineers release)

PAC-3 test flight is deemed successful at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and the Army conducted the second developmental test flight of a Patriot Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3) missile on Dec. 15 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. Preliminary test data indicated the test was successful.

Objectives included demonstration of in flight communication between the ground system and missile, missile integration with the existing Patriot system, and

to collect data to evaluate missile performance and responses on a long range, low altitude flight trajectory. No intercept was attempted in this test.

The PAC-3 missile is a high velocity, hit-to-kill missile and is the next generation Patriot missile being developed to provide increased defense capability against advanced theater ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, and hostile aircraft.

The PAC-3 missile flight testing is being conducted in two stages: developmental test (DT) missions and operational test (OT) missions. The first two DT missions consisted of PAC-3 missiles with special instrumentation packages in place of the seeker and the missions were structured to verify critical system and missile performance prior to conducting target intercept flight tests. The remaining DT and OT missions will

consist of 16 PAC-3 missiles intercepting different classes of targets.

Lockheed Martin Vought Systems, Dallas, is the prime contractor responsible for missile development and Raytheon Electronic Systems, Bedford, Mass., is the prime contractor responsible for system integration.



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Airfield provides R&D support

By Roy Lawson

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our organization to you and toot our horn a little at the same time. It's surprising the number of people working at Redstone who don't know where the Redstone Arsenal Army Airfield (RAAF) is located or even that there is an airfield on Redstone.

The airfield is on the western side of the Arsenal. Going south on Rideout Road, turn right onto Hale Road and then continue straight on Airfield Road. Flight Operations is located next to the control tower.

Our primary mission is to support research and development projects. In the past, this R&D support has been primarily with missile systems. We work closely with the Airborne Systems Test Lab in providing an airborne platform for testing different missile systems or components.

We have three UH-1H helicopters and two C-23 Sherpas to support the R&D mission. The C-23s (fixed wing aircraft with 4,000 pound cargo capacity) are often used to transport R&D equipment to different test sites and on occasion used as aerial test platforms.

With the advent of AMCOM and with PEO Aviation moving to Redstone, we hope to significantly expand our R&D support on the aviation side of the house.

Directorate of Flight Operations presently consists of 24 military and 14 DAC authorized positions. The director of Flight Operations is Maj. Richard Young. He is also the AMCOM aviation officer. Other positions include operations personnel, pilots, air traffic controllers, logistical support and aircraft maintenance personnel.

We also have two contractors that maintain the airfield navigational aids and avionics equipment.

Other missions include providing VIP orientation flights, aerial photography

flights, local area JROTC support, numerous static displays, and supporting OMMCS with sling-load training and the officer basic course. We are on call to assist in forest fire suppression with our helicopter water bucket. We assist in search and rescue of downed aircraft and assist law enforcement agencies on occasion.

What we cannot do is provide operational support airlift; that is, transport passengers from Redstone to another location.

Speaking of operational support airlift (OSA), we support AMCOM and surrounding tenant activities in requesting OSA flights. All local requests for OSA must be submitted through Flight Operations. We send all OSA requests to OSACOM at Fort Belvoir, Va., which are then forwarded to Joint Operational Support Airlift Center (JOSAC) at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. AMCOM Reg 95-4 (draft) provides more details on requesting OSA.

We regularly receive telephone calls about MAC flights and space-A. There are no scheduled flights into Redstone. All flights into and out of Redstone are on a required basis (unscheduled). It is possible for an authorized space-A traveler to get a seat on one of the unscheduled flights. These flights are infrequent and seldom go to a military airfield where a traveler could hop onto another connecting military flight.

Don't let this stop you from giving us a call at Flight Operations; you may get lucky. By the way, family members of military personnel are not allowed to fly space-A within CONUS (except under special circumstances).

A large part of our administrative duties is maintaining the flight and training records of the 61 plus aviators assigned to the Redstone area. This includes those in operational and non-operational flight positions, including pilots and other crewmembers. The standardization and instructor pilots will help aviators determine their flight requirements,

DoD sets aviation safety record

WASHINGTON— The Defense Department logged its safest flying year on record in fiscal 1997.

Despite a cluster of unrelated accidents during the final weeks of the fiscal year, there were only 68 major aviation accidents in 1997. The toll was 76 deaths and 54 aircraft destroyed. DoD began keeping statistics in 1958.

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen announced the record results Dec. 1. He had ordered the first DoD-wide, 24-hour aviation standdown in September following a series of accidents. At that time, he issued a

memorandum to commanders "to thoroughly examine our training missions, ensuring that our crews are appropriately tasked and that missions are conducted as safely as possible consistent with training requirements."

"Perfection is impossible, but that is our goal for aviation safety," Cohen said in a statement Sept. 17. "The lives of our aircrews and passengers are very precious, and each loss is a great tragedy."

The department logged 116 deaths and 66 aircraft destroyed in 71 major aviation accidents in fiscal 1996. In 1994, DoD had its lowest number of fatalities, 68. (From a DoD release)

Just Havin' Fun II wins title in RASA bowling league

Just Havin' Fun II won the RASA Bowling League which concluded its 15-week season Dec. 16. The Tuesday night league's new season begins Jan. 13.

Final standings were as follows: Just Havin' Fun II, 40-20; Roll Tide, 33-27; Hooters, 32-28; Has Beens, 29-31; Four For Kids, 24-36; and Strike Force, 22-38.

Top scorers Dec. 16 included:
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ries, Jay Foster 200 scratch game, Chip Enlow 639 handicap series, and Bob Smith 223 handicap game.

• Women— Debbie Seymoure 563 scratch series, Elke Mullen 181 scratch game, Kris Wiessner 624 handicap series, and Sue Floyd 229 handicap game.

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Contact our standardization officers, DAC Jim White at 876-9449 (fixed wing) or DAC Les Haas at 842-2343 (rotary wing), for assistance with the aircrew training program and records. Contact DAC John Burkhardt at 876-4290 for flight records assistance.

Flight Operations provides support to organic and transient aircraft in numerous ways. Our Petroleum, Oils and Lubricants (POL) section stays busy pumping an average 19,000 gallons of jet fuel monthly, storing and issuing other petroleum products, and inspecting the runway and runway lights daily to assure a safe airfield environment. They also conduct limited tests and quality control on POL products.

Our aircraft maintenance sections have contributed immensely to our 16 years of accident-free flying. They conduct all our in-house maintenance (fixed wing and rotary wing) and can provide limited maintenance support to transient aircraft.

The flight dispatch section is normally the center of activity. It handles numerous calls daily about organic flights, transient flights and the status of OSA flights. Dispatch personnel maintain flight records, pass flight plans into the FAA system, maintain Notices to Airmen (NOTAMS), coordinate airfield work requests, maintain and distribute aeronautical publications, and keep track of local lights.

The air traffic control section ensures the safe and efficient flow of air traffic. They operate the control tower and provide

ground controlled radar approaches (GCA) to inbound aircraft. The airfield has three navigational aids to assist inbound aircraft in bad weather conditions.

Our ATC personnel work closely with Huntsville's ATC facility to coordinate the flow of air traffic. Redstone controllers assist transient aviators in remaining clear of Redstone's restricted airspace when there is hazardous activity in Redstone's airspace.

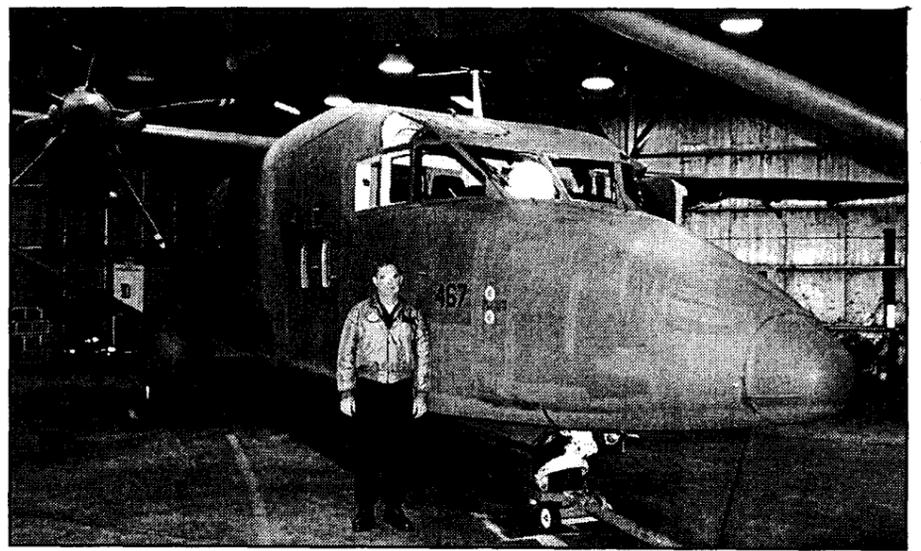
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Our secretary, DAC Candice Kirk, prepares correspondence, personnel actions, appraisals and evaluations, and award requests and maintains time cards. These are just a few of the many valuable duties these ladies do to keep the organization running effectively.

We are a customer-oriented organization, here to provide world class support for the local and transient customers. Feel free to contact our operations at 876-1916 for any questions you may have. Contact the operations officer, CWO 4 Nick Walters, at 876-2187 for flight support requests.

Thank you for flying Redstone Air and when your R&D projects require first-class aviation support, we hope you will contact Redstone Air as your first choice in R&D Aviation support!

(Editor's note: CWO 3 Lawson is the administrative officer for the Directorate of Flight Operations.)



FLIGHT MECHANIC— DAC flight mechanic Doug Paddock has helped to keep 'em flying at Redstone Airfield for 38 years. Paddock stands in front of one of two C-23 Sherpa aircraft used to support R&D activity at the airfield.



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Energy advocate elects to cut paperwork electronically

By Morton Archibald

"Papierkreig," muttered the German lieutenant colonel. Fortunately he was tall enough for me to see him over the top of the three monstrous piles of paper that cluttered my desk. It was about 2 a.m. We were in Rheinburg, Germany. I was the officer-in-charge for the Theater Army Area Command. I had the night shift during a Command Post Exercise. My job was to read every incoming message to the three-star command and decide if it was something our limited night staff could handle, if it could wait until morning, or if we had to wake someone up.

"Papierkreig." I'm not even sure it's a real German word, but I caught the meaning clearly enough. "Papier" (pronounced "pa-PEA-ah") is the German word for paper. "Kreig" means warfare. Remember "Blitzkreig" (lightning warfare) from your World War II history? I felt pretty sure he meant that I was caught up in a game of paper warfare.

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(Editor's note: Archibald is a member of the AMCOM Energy Team.)

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Ask for a copy of Army Echoes, the bulletin published for retirees by the Army Retirement Services Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, and the installation retiree newsletter, published by the RSO for area retirees.

Ask to borrow one of the videotapes on retirement or the Survivor Benefit Plan, which lets you make sure that part of your retired pay will continue to go to your family after your death.

Resolve to start getting ready to retire. Contact your RSO for help in keeping that important New Year's resolution. (From an Army Retirement Services news release)

(Editor's note: Phil Fredrich, the retirement services officer at Redstone Arsenal, can be reached at 876-2022.)

College preparatory examinations scams target soldiers around the country

Over the years DANTES has published a variety of "Consumer Alert" articles concerning fraudulent and misleading practices by a number of agencies. Because military members and their families are a large concentrated target, they are highly vulnerable and in a position to be uniquely exploited.

A major pattern of abuse has been identified across military installations within the United States in which unscrupulous salespersons use the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) name to sell so-called test preparation materials. These salesmen target military installations by scouring the East Coast one year, then the West Coast. The extreme mobility of both military members and military attorneys allows these sales companies to move around the country, change names, and operate until they are once again exposed and banned from the installation. Once this occurs, the companies simply move to a different region of the country.

A central theme of these agents lies in their continuous promise that they are selling CLEP or ACT PEP

study kits which will prepare individuals for CLEP & ACT PEP Examinations. Unfortunately, these study materials are totally inadequate for preparation, and the claims made by these agents are patently false. When the candidates realize they have been cheated, they are told they are obligated to reimburse or threatened with destruction of their credit rating. Often the test preparation company and the lending party are in close alliance and purposely intimidating.

The following story is typical: A salesman approaches a servicemember around the barracks, or calls him at home after a friend provides his number. The salesman says he is selling a college preparation and testing kit which will earn the servicemember up to 60 college credits. The package may include medical books and/or encyclopedias, sometimes called a combination offer. The servicemember, eager to get ahead in his career, signs a contract for \$2,600 which he pays off at a rate of \$80 a month. Compared to the cost of attending college, this sounds very attractive.

He receives the materials and is totally disappointed with the quality and level of materials—they are outdated and below college level. He asks to break the contract, and is threatened that he will lose his credit if he discontinues payment. Simultaneously he discovers that the college he wishes to attend does not accept the level of CLEP or ACT PEP credit promised. When enough complaints are received, and the company representative is blocked from coming onto base, he moves to a new area.

Advise servicemembers of the great variety of free or low-cost alternatives for acquiring needed study references for credit by exam programs. Recommendations for study materials can be found in the CLEP Sample Tests distributed by

DANTES to all Test Centers as well as in base libraries, used college books sold at college book stores and current textbooks from fellow students.

Servicemembers should see their education counselor prior to signing any education-related contracts. If servicemembers feel they have been misled into signing a fraudulent contract, they should see their legal office for assistance. Remember, if the offer sounds too good to be true, it usually is! For more information, contact the college board on the Internet at: www.collegeboard.org.

(Editor's note: This release was from the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, a DoD agency based in Pensacola, Fla.)

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Qualified applicants may apply to: U.S. Space & Rocket center, Att: Human Resources, One Tranquility Base, Huntsville, AL: 35805. EOE Substance Abuse Testing Required.

Special Forces unit sharpens skills with blade combat training

By Daniel L. Savolskis

FORT BRAGG, N.C.— First-hand accounts of survival situations frequently reveal the value of realistic training. Soldiers rely on their skills to succeed during crises, requiring them to continually train during times of peace.

Soldiers from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), received that training during an advanced knife and blade combat course, recently. The one-week course was designed to increase survivability during knife and blade combat. It was taught by Norris Domangue, Hackman-Domangue Martial Arts Program, and co-developed by Ray Parra, Academy of Martial Arts Kali/ Salat and Jun Fan.

Domangue explained the complexities of knife and blade combat. "The whole concept of knife combat is a real science," he said. "There are the angles, different techniques and combinations of each to consider. It's an art form, not just slashing and jabbing around with the weapon. It's important to overcome the fear of the weapon and gain the confidence to adapt to the situation."

The course covered a broad range of techniques, designed specifically for highly-trained soldiers like those in Special Forces. It was broken into eight areas: grips and draws, grappling and grabs, long-range fighting, mid-range fighting, close-range fighting, ground fighting, knife techniques and long-blade, or machete, techniques.

During each step of the course, Domangue stressed correct technique. "Paying attention to the details during this initial stage means success and survival in a real situation," he continued. "After all, surviving and continuing is the key to success and the goal of any mission."

Company C Commander, Maj. James Campbell, agreed that courses like this translate into force protection.

"Special Forces soldiers require combative training based on their missions, operational areas and the current international environment," he said. "Our soldiers are expected to possess a high degree of mental toughness, self-con-

fidence and esprit de corps. This training provides soldiers with not only physical, but also, mental skills necessary to complete the mission.

"It's important that we maintain our skills," Campbell continued. "Force protection is a very high priority in today's Army and that's why we conducted this course. It's excellent training."

(Editor's note: Spec. Savolskis is with the U.S. Army Special Operations Command's public affairs office at Fort Bragg, N.C.)

New aviator helmets arrive in cold week at Fort Drum

By Karen Thompson

December is normally a month for celebrating, but fielding doesn't stop for the holidays. Members of the PM Aircrew Integrated Systems (PM-ACIS) Total Package Fielding Team recently spent a cold week at Fort Drum, N.Y., fielding the new HGU-56/P helmet to aviators supporting the 10th Mountain Division.

Team members included Karen Thompson, PM ACIS logistics manager; SSgt. Marcella Fisher, fielding NCO; Ray Whitaker, support contractor; and SSgt. Tyrone Odum, Total Package Fielding specialist.

Prior to the team's

arrival Dec. 15, helmet quantities, float helmets and spare parts were already planned and shipped. Representatives from the Fort Drum Force Modernization Office were on hand to meet with the team prior to joint inventory and training of unit personnel. Nearly 20 local aviators showed up to help fit and field the new helmet. Whenever the team leaves a location, they leave behind a cadre of trained helmet fitters and maintainers.

Some 283 aviators were fitted and issued their new HGU-56/P helmets in one week with 165 of those helmets being issued the first day alone. This broke the team record of fitting 125



FITTING IN— Soldiers at Fort Drum try on the new helmet for aviators.

aviators in a single day.

The team left Fort Drum just as the next snow storm was being predicted for that upcoming weekend ...

time to head home to warmer weather!

(Editor's note: Thompson is PM-ACIS logistics manager.)

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- Jeff Hanson
- James Hooper
- James Love
- Annette Loveless
- Jon Lowe
- Tracey Magnusson
- Richard Paladino
- Michael Parmenter
- Phil Roberts

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Weather closures— Northern Alabama is in the time of year when inclement weather may cause a closure or delay in the opening of Redstone Arsenal. The following television and radio stations will be contacted and asked to make announcements if such an event occurs. Arab— WRAB, 1380 AM; Athens— WZYP, 104.3 FM; Decatur— WDRM, 102 FM; Guntersville— WGSV, 1270 AM; Huntsville— WAHR 99.1 FM, WBHP 1230 AM, WJAB 90.9 FM, WLRH 89.3 FM, WRSA 97 FM, WTKI 1450 AM, WNDA 95.1 FM, WHNT-TV Channel 19, WAAY-TV Channel 31, and WAFF-TV Channel 48; Scottsboro— WWIC, 1050 AM; and Fayetteville, WEKR, 1240 AM. Remember, if you do not hear an announcement, you should assume the installation is open and you should report to work.

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 Oper-

ations, 842-2500 by Jan. 2.

Merit awards— The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will present one or more Merit Awards to eligible graduating high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited college or vocational school and to undergraduate or graduate students who are presently enrolled in a college and working toward a degree. Applicants must be family members of active duty, retired, Reserve, or deceased commissioned or warrant officers. All applicants must hold a valid military identification card. Their primary residence must be with parents or parent residing in the Huntsville area. Students on fully paid scholarships or who have previously received this award are not eligible to apply. Merit Award applications are also available for spouses of active duty, retired, Reserve, or deceased commissioned or warrant officers who have been accepted or are presently attending an accredited college or university as an undergraduate or graduate student. All applicants must hold a valid military identification card and their primary residence must be in the Huntsville area. Previous recipients of

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this award are not eligible to apply. The deadline to apply for Merit awards is March 9. Applications can be obtained by written request to Kitty Ware, Merit Awards chairman, 140 Huntington Chase Drive, Madison, 35758. Include your phone number and the type of merit award you are applying for (i.e., high school, college or spouse) on all requests.

Science/engineering apprentices— Applications are available for the 1998 Department of Defense Science and Engineering Apprentice Program (SEAP) and the College Apprentice Program (CAP-SQL). Applications have been mailed to senior counselors at area public, private, and parochial high schools. Aviation and Missile Command placements include: physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering, and mathematics. The

SEAP is designed for students in grades 10 through graduating seniors who have demonstrated above average academic achievement in science, mathematics and engineering courses. Interested students must be at least 15 years old by the start of the program June 15. The College Program (CAP) is designed for undergraduate students who have completed the SEAP, and are enrolled in a scientific or technical major. Other criteria are stated on the applications. Both programs are fast-paced, and require discipline and professional work habits. Junior and senior scientists and engineers serve as mentors who guide students through an interactive research project. The deadline for postmarking applications is Jan. 31. If your child is unsuccessful in receiving an application from the senior counselor, you may receive one from

the Aviation and Missile Command Academy Affairs Office, building 7804, room 244, phone 879-9296 or the Sparkman Learning Center, building 5304, room 4319, phone 876-1061.

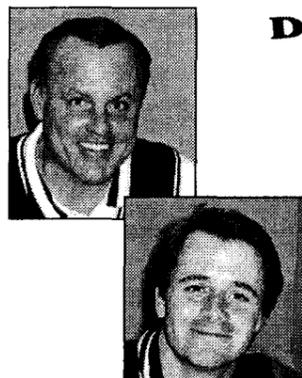
Fox Center's smoking cessation program— Fox Army Health Center can help you keep a New Year's Resolution to quit smoking. The next round of Smoking Cessation Classes starts in January. Classes are being offered for a 10 week series. Schedule classes include Jan. 13 from 9-10:30 a.m.; Jan. 20, 27, 2 and Feb. 3 and 10 from 9-11 a.m.; and Feb. 17, 24 and March 10, 24 from 11-noon. These classes are free and open to all military beneficiaries and Civil Service workers. To register call the Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center, 842-0196. For more information, call

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Enlisted personnel— Personnel from Department of the Army, Personnel Command, Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate, Ordnance Enlisted Branch will visit Redstone Arsenal from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Jan. 15. Soldiers in Career Management Fields 5/55 are encouraged to attend one of these briefings at the Post Theater. Supervisors should ensure all soldiers have an opportunity to attend; interested civilians are welcomed. Topics to be discussed will include assignment possibilities, reclassification options, and developmental goals affecting Ordnance soldiers. If soldiers desire one-on-one appointments, call SFC Augustus 842-6870. Discussions will be held in the Leader Development Personnel Proponent Conference Room, building 3301 from 8-10 a.m. Jan. 16.

Union meeting— AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 a.m. Jan. 12 at the Union Office, building 3202. The attendance prize for January will be \$700 but you must be present to win. All collective bargaining unit employees are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 881-7430 or 376-4880.

Sparkman fitness center— The Sparkman Fitness Center effective Jan. 5 offers an early-morning Aerobic class from 5:45-6:30. SFC also offers classes Monday through Friday at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., and Monday through Thursday at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. For more information, call 313-6091.

Talk radio show— The Kathy Jordan Show, originating from the studios of WTKI 1450-AM in Huntsville, can be heard from 9-11 a.m. Monday through Friday. The broadcast is carried on the show's web site located at www.kathyjordanshow.co.

Management association— The Hi-Tech Valley Council of the National Management Association (NMA) will hold its annual Gold Knight Award Banquet on Jan. 13 at the American Legion facility. Former and prospective members are invited. For reservations and information, call Ralph Pedigo (615) 454-7404.

Calling all cards— The AMCOM Public Affairs Office is collecting old greeting cards for children in orphanages to be used in their art classes. Just tear off

the front of your old cards and send them to AMSAM-PA, building 5300, room 5143. For information call Margaret Banish-Donaldson 842-0558.

Federal retirees— National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m., and the program at 10. "For the program, six members of the Silver-Haired Legislature who represent Madison County will report on their interaction during

1997 with the Alabama State Legislature in Montgomery," a prepared release said. For more information, call 837-0382 or 881-3168.

Plastic modelers— Huntsville Plastic Modeler's Society will hold its annual swap meet tonight at 7 at the Recreation Center. HPMS is a registered chapter of the International Plastic Modeler's Society, but membership is open to all—even if you haven't finished a model in years. For information call 851-6842.

Love bowl 1998— "Love

Bowl," a bowling fund-raiser in which teams of 4-5 people obtain pledges from various sponsors based on their individual scores from one game of bowling, will be held Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at Plamor Lanes in Huntsville. All proceeds benefit the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program of North Alabama. Free food and beverages will be available to all participants. Love bowlers will also be eligible for a number of door prizes. The government or military team which raises the most money will

receive a trophy and a free pizza party. "What's more, feel wonderful knowing you made a difference in a child's life." To obtain team packets or for more information, call 880-2123.

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. For more informa-

tion, call Jon Moore 882-6672 or Charles Cozelos 722-8585 (ext. 19).

Resource managers— The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 15 at the Marriott, Huntsville. Cost is \$10 for members, \$11 for non-members. Scheduled speaker is Ernie Gregory from DA Financial Management. For reservations call Cherry Hovik 876-3590 or **See ANNOUNCEMENTS on page 18**

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Fox Army Health Center

Fox Army Health Center will limit clinical operations every second and fourth Thursday afternoon for personnel training. Same day or urgent appointments will continue to be scheduled through the triage/advice nurse system at 955-8888. The pharmacy will remain open.

Marine Corps league

The Marine Corps League will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 13 at the American Legion Post 237, 2900 Drake Ave. All present and past Marines are invited.

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- '85 C20 Chevy custom van. 4 cpt. chairs, 3 tables, bench, bed, blinds, 93K mi. \$2,800 obo. 837-2891.
- '80 Nissan 280 ZX. 5 sp., PW, PB, PS, being sold as is for \$900 obo. 883-6115.
- '78 Chevy S10. 4WD, short bed, PS, PB, 4 sp., 350 V8, shell, 140K mi., 1 owner. \$3,000 obo. 772-9845.
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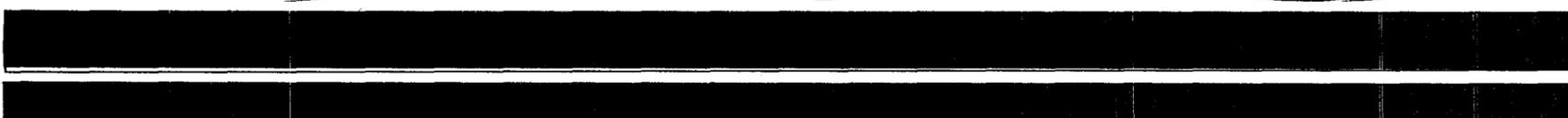
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