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Explorer I launch: A moment not easily forgotten

(Editor's note: Jan. 31 marks the 40th anniversary of the Army's successful launch of America's first satellite, Explorer I. Dave Harris, who served as Redstone's public affairs officer until he retired in 1996, wrote the following article which appeared in the Redstone Rocket on Feb. 1, 1978.)

By Dave Harris

The south part of Cape Canaveral, in common with much of the rest of Florida, is a place for tourists now.

They come every day in air conditioned buses. Weekends when a drive through is permitted, they come in their own cars. More than 10,000,000 have been there since regular tours of the once top secret missile firing base began in 1965.

They drive slowly by Launch Pad 26 and they see it as the permanent roost of an odd flock of flightless missiles and rockets. The squat concrete blockhouse nearby has become an Air Force Museum. When visitors are permitted inside on Sunday, it is possible to learn that from this site in 1958, the Army first took the United States into space.

Even most soldiers are surprised when reminded of the Army's part in the start of the American space program. Many of the young men and women in uniform today had not yet been born on the night this na-

tion's hopes and pride rode with an Army rocket.

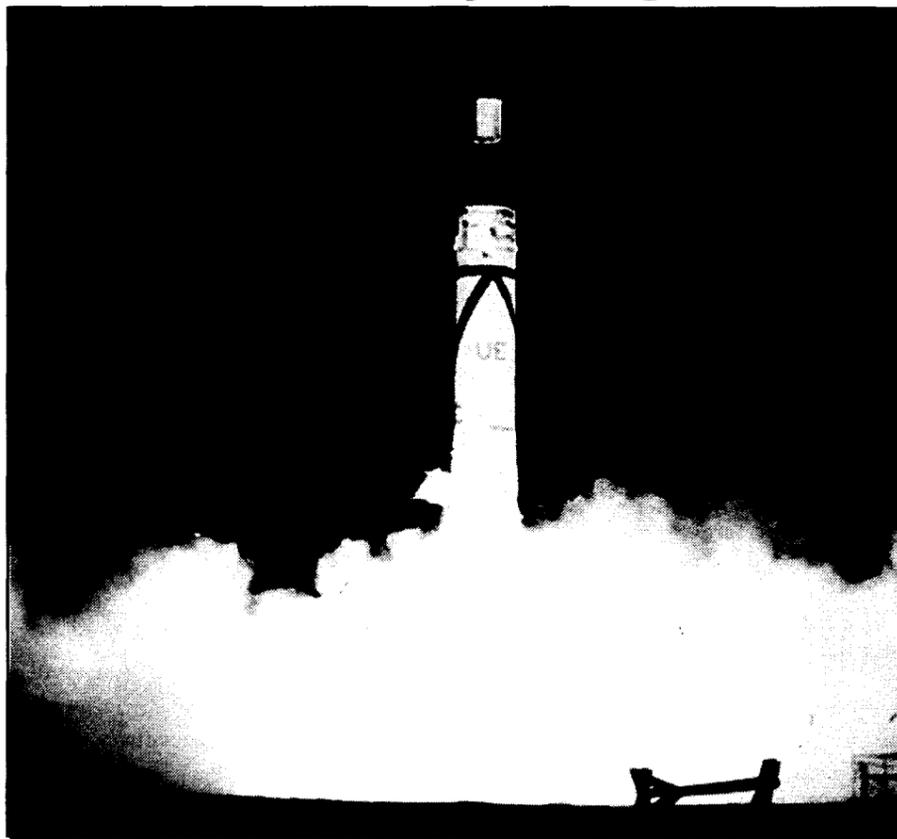
Americans have walked on the moon since then. Just a few miles away from Pad 26 and its all but forgotten brief moments of glory, workmen are readying the Kennedy Space Center for flights of the rocket plane that will soon make trips into space routine.

Yet it bears remembering that when the United States badly needed to succeed, the Army did, giving the first response to the Soviet challenge in space that stunned the world and shattered forever the American dream of scientific and technical superiority.

That the Army pulled it off just 84 days after it got the go ahead to try, is still a bright memory to the soldiers and civilians who had a part.

The space age began for the United States at four seconds before 10:48 p.m. EST Jan. 31, 1958, when Jupiter C Missile number 29 left Pad 26.

The Army satellite it carried hardly seemed an instrument of destiny. It looked, someone once said, like a cedar fence post painted in alternate silver and white stripes. Even from the blockhouse windows 500 feet away, it was difficult to discern the satellite perched on top the 68 foot tall launch rocket. It disappeared from mortal view forever when the souped up Redstone missile— first stage of the four stage Jupiter



LIFTOFF— America enters the space age with the launch of the Explorer I satellite on Jan. 31, 1958.

C — flamed into life, then lifted slowly out of a web of search light beams into the darkness above the cape.

Four hundred and 29 seconds later, the satellite entered orbit with the burned out rocket motor case of the launch vehicle's fourth stage still attached to it. The cylindrical package of satellite and motor case measured 80 inches from tip to tip, weighed just 30.8 pounds, much less than the Soviet sputniks. The American satellite called Explorer I carried a mere 10.6 pounds of scientific instrumentation and radios wedged within its six-inch diameter shell. Somewhere in there too rode the prestige of the United States.

Defying initial predictions of a few years of orbital lifetime, the tiny satellite made its solitary rounds in space until March 31, 1970 before time and gravity conspired to drag it down into the atmosphere where it broke up and burned. Explorer I seemed reluctant to come down, but it had a hard time getting up in the first place.

Dr. Wernher von Braun— then heading the Army missile development team — first proposed in 1954 that the Army Redstone ballistic missile be used to orbit an earth satellite. von Braun and his colleagues who developed the world's first missile, the V-2, during World War II came to this country after the war to work in the infant Army

missile program.

His proposal attracted some early interest and support. A joint Army-Navy project contemplated use of the Redstone with solid fuel, upper stages as a satellite launcher, but President Dwight Eisenhower decided in 1955 that rather than a military launcher, a "civilian" rocket— Vanguard — should be developed to launch the small earth satellite the United States proposed as one of its contributions to the forthcoming International Geophysical Year.

Army dreams of space flight lingered at Redstone Arsenal, however where Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris formed the Army Ballistic Missile Agency in late 1955 with a special charter from the secretary of the Army to get the Redstone missile into the hands of troops as soon as possible and to develop an Army 1,500 nautical mile intermediate range missile in a crash program.

von Braun became Medaris' technical director and the Redstone satellite launcher came to life in the ABMA shops as the Jupiter C, its purpose to test fly small scale versions of heat protected nose cones being developed for the Jupiter IRBM. First flight of the Jupiter C came Sept. 29, 1956. The missile hurled an instrumented payload on a trajectory 682 miles into space and 3,335 miles down the Atlantic missile range to im-

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TRIUMPH— Dr. William Pickering of JPL, Dr. James A. Van Allen and Dr. Wernher von Braun raise a full scale mockup of Explorer I above their heads for photographers at the conclusion of a press conference at the National Academy of Science on the night the satellite went into orbit.

A look at the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

(Editor's note: The Jan. 19 holiday was in observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.)

By Skip Vaughn

To say that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a pastor is like saying the Hope diamond is a rock. He was much more than just a pastor.

King, born in 1929 in Atlanta, was a leader of his people who helped change history. When Rosa Parks, a seamstress in Montgomery, was arrested for refusing to surrender her seat to a white man on a bus in 1955, King took up her cause. It was against the law for black people to sit at the front of a bus in Montgomery back then, so King organized a bus boycott. He and other blacks refused to ride the public buses in Montgomery for 382 days. Then in 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that segregation in public transportation was unconstitutional. King and his followers had won, but this was only the first of many battles.

King created the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957. He and the SCLC led demonstrations and marches aimed at stopping discrimination against black people. Some of the demonstrations became bloody. Segregation was supported by many white Southerners back then; and the demonstrators were beaten by police, sprayed by fire hoses, and thrown into jail. King himself was arrested in Birmingham.

King preached non-violent action. He told his followers to turn to the other cheek no matter how badly they were treated. His passive resistance struck a chord throughout the nation. In 1964 King received the Nobel Peace Prize.

Laws began to change, and barriers began to fall. In 1968 on a visit to Memphis, King was killed by an assassin's bullet. But his legacy and his dream live on.

Technology boom poses question of who's in charge: electronics or us

By Paul Stone

WASHINGTON— During a recent visit to a relative's house I found myself confronted with several new family members — including a satellite dish, a television on steroids and two remote controls.

It was as unexpected as it was daunting.

One hundred and fifty channels. Two separate remotes (I'm still not sure why). And a screen large enough to make even the most avid toddling "Barney" fan scared to death should the purple blob suddenly appear at the click of a button.

Commentary

Don't get me wrong here. It's not that I didn't know this technology exists. But for someone who still has to get up to change the channel manually on a 13-inch TV, it was a luxury — albeit a somewhat confusing one — to be sitting on a couch armed with a remote in each hand. I felt

like John Wayne waiting for the saloon doors to open so I could blow away Bad Bart or some other villain. Instead, every time I pulled the trigger, another episode of "My Mother the Car" or "Mister Ed" seemed to appear. Apparently retro bad television is popular at this particular juncture in our history.

At first, having all-day access to this is indeed both pleasurable and powerful, much like the first time you log on to the Internet. The world, it appears, is at your fingertips.

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You are a hormonal nightmare waiting to explode. You become one with the television. It is you

and you are it — a prospect which would have greatly interested both Carl Jung and Sigmund Freud, by the way.

Then you crash. An ice storm knocks out the power. The blue haze of the television screen is replaced by sudden darkness and an eerie silence. You click with one hand, then the other. But nothing happens. You try to get up, but you've been sitting for so long your body has been sucked into the couch.

Slowly, your hormone levels subside. You realize the power was just an illusion. You weren't really in charge and you weren't really getting whatever you wanted. You feel drained, but you haven't done anything. The couch releases its grip on you, but you don't get up. You don't quite know what to do. Without the ability to point and click you've lost your ability to decide, control and maneuver your way through the evening.

Or have you?

As individuals, and as a society, many of us have allowed technology to take over and exert far greater control than it deserves. Our lives are often more connected to the television schedule or Internet guide than they are to our families, neighbors, communities or churches.

This is not to say television and the Internet lack value and purpose. Television at its best has enormous power to entertain and to stimulate both mind and emotions. So too, does the Internet. But with each, more is usually less — less entertainment, less stimulation and certainly less social interaction.

At issue here is not what we're doing when our evenings are filled with channel surfing or surfing the Internet. It's what we're not doing.

Turn them off for a week and find out. (American Forces Press Service)

American Red Cross now dispenses AER funds

In an effort by Army Emergency Relief to provide better service to soldiers and their family members, the American Red Cross will now dispense AER funds to soldiers.

In early 1997, the American Red Cross Board of Governors approved a plan to restructure its Armed Forces Emergency Services. One major element of the Red Cross reorganization plan concerned its Financial Assistance Program to military service members. Utilizing the latest technology, the Red Cross plans to improve and consolidate emergency communications and case management activities for service members. However, it would no longer be in a position to provide emergency funds to soldiers requiring temporary financial assistance.

Facing the possibility of losing the Red Cross extensive worldwide network of local chapters, which would seriously disadvantage active duty soldiers on leave, as well as retirees and widows, AER and the other military relief societies entered into a series of negotiations with Red Cross. These talks resulted in an agreement with

Red Cross which dramatically changes the way AER funds emergency financial assistance to soldiers and their family members.

Effective Jan. 1, 1998, Army Emergency Relief will reimburse the American Red Cross for every dollar they provide in financial assistance to soldiers and their eligible family members. This change will have no impact upon soldiers. However, they should be aware that when seeking assistance through the Red Cross that money provided to them is actually coming from AER. These new procedures will ensure that regardless of where a soldier may be, there will still exist a network or facility in which they can obtain financial assistance during emergencies.

"These changes are the result of continuing efforts by AER to positively affect the morale and welfare of soldiers through the use of financial assistance," retired Col. Dennis Spiegel, deputy director for administration at AER Headquarters, said. This is just one more example of how "AER - Helps the Army Take Care of its Own." (AER release)



New location...

Sgt. Charles Jackson, NCO-in-charge of the Behavioral Medicine Division, and Lt. Col. Jeanette James, deputy commander of patient services, cut the ribbon Dec. 15 for the new location of Behavioral Medicine Division at building 3325. Dr. David Ferguson is chief of

behavioral medicine. The division staff expressed its appreciation to the following members of the Directorate of Public Works who worked on the remodeling project: Tim Smith, Mark Smith, Elwood Kresal, Ray Beem, Freddy Steele and Otis Hillis.

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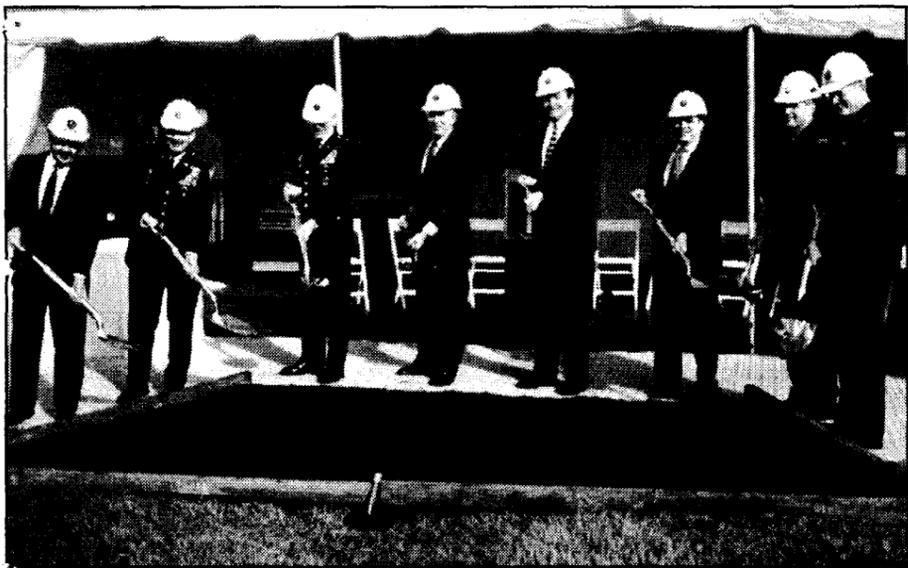
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BREAKING GROUND— Officials break ground for MSIC's new facility in a ceremony held Monday.



FUTURE HOME— The Missile and Space Intelligence Center's new building will consolidate all functions at one location and provide state-of-the-art work areas for the men and women of the center.

Construction begins on intelligence center's new facility

By Skip Vaughn

What is now the Missile and Space Intelligence Center began in 1956 as the technical intelligence division with a staff of six people.

MSIC held a ground-breaking ceremony Monday for construction of its new home, a \$32.7 million, 206,400 square foot facility. The more than 400-worker center, part of the Defense Intelligence Agency, has outgrown building 4505 which was built in the 1960s.

"We are gathered today to celebrate a momentous occasion for the Missile and Space Intelligence Center," Air Force Col. Frederick Driesbach, the MSIC director, said. Construction is expected to take two years.

On hand for the ceremony were Lt. Gen. Patrick Hughes, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency; George Tenet, director of Central Intelligence; Sen. Richard Shelby, Rep. Bud Cramer and local dignitaries. About 650 people attended the event on the grounds near building 4505 on Martin Road.

"This facility will clearly be one that will serve our country and armed forces

well and will be one we can greatly be proud of," Driesbach said. MSIC produces scientific and technical intelligence on foreign missile and space weapon systems.

Hughes said many people have worked over the last 15 years to bring about the new facility. "This building is a great design; it will be a wonderful asset," he said.

The United States faces threats from the spread of weapon technology worldwide, according to Tenet. He said the U.S. intelligence community must work together to curb those threats.

Tenet called the workers of MSIC "heroes" for their efforts to keep this nation safe.

"Thank you to the men and women of MSIC, thank you to your families, thank you for the sacrifices you continue to make. The American people are indebted to you," Tenet said.

Shelby, whose efforts in Congress are largely credited with ensuring funding for the new facility, said he was proud to help kick off its construction. "We're making an expression of support for the future of

MSIC," he said.

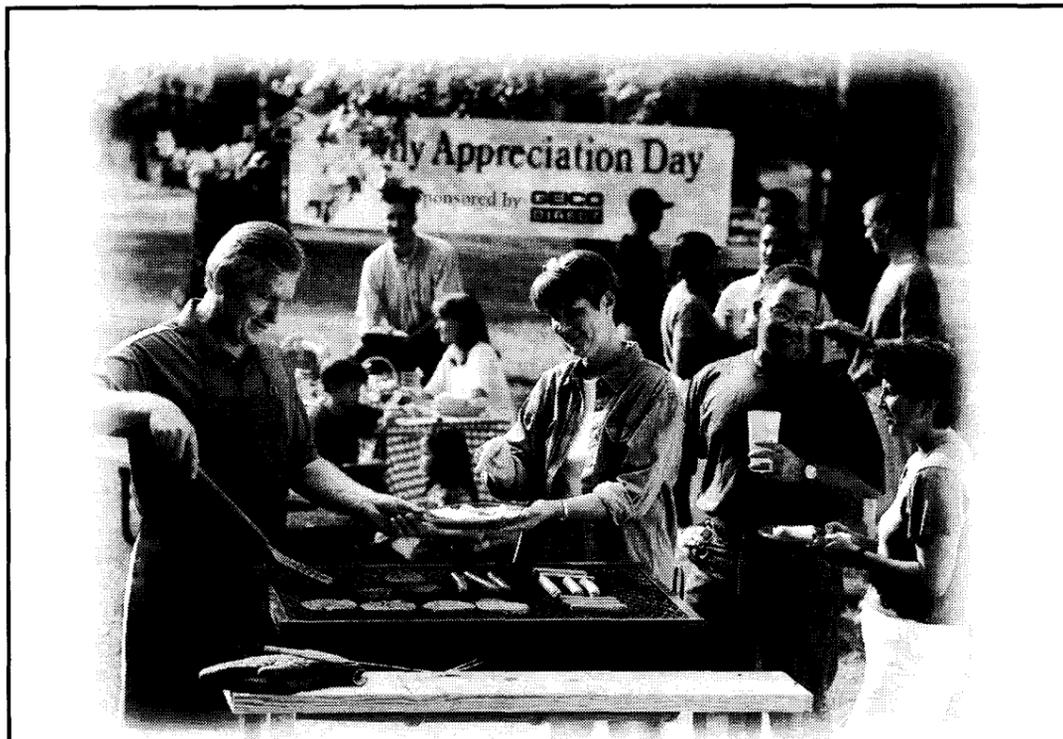
Cramer congratulated the people of MSIC for their

new facility. "We are a safe and free society because of the work that we do in a

community like this," he said.

On display in the parking

lot were Russian-origin missile systems, including a Scud ballistic missile.



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Tax filing office for active, retired military opens Feb. 2

By Martin White

It's tax season! The tax office, located in building 3475 on Honest John Road, will open its doors Feb. 2 at 8 a.m. The tax office will be available to all active duty and retired servicemembers and their dependents. Army Community Service will be sponsoring an open house at 9 a.m. Feb. 2 to welcome everyone to the 1998 Redstone Arsenal Tax Office. Please join us at the ACS conference room in building 3491 at that time.

Once again, the Redstone Arsenal tax office will be filing federal forms electronically. Tax returns are sent to the IRS directly by computer. The IRS reviews the returns and sends refund checks within two weeks, much faster than refunds from paper returns. If you owe money, you can wait until April 15 to pay the amount due.

Last year, the tax office assisted 3,249 active duty servicemembers and retirees with their federal and state returns. These services were offered free to all eligible taxpayers. Professional tax filers charge around \$40 for the most simple of tax returns, the 1040EZ. The Redstone Arsenal tax office offers all of the benefits of paid preparers, yet it is free of charge.

Mary Breeden from Army Community Service has been extremely helpful in getting the tax office off to a great start. Additionally, Richard Russell, chief, Operations Support at the Missile and Space Intelligence Center, has supplied much of the necessary equipment to make this tax season a success.

Capt. Martin White will be running the tax office this year. SSgt. Charles Purcell and Sgt. Jason Gilmer will be the NCOs-in-charge of the office. Also working in the tax office permanently are: SSgt. Rawn Pearcey, Sgt. Beth Eby, Spec. Maura Ceballos, and PFC Javier Velasco.

Volunteers for the tax season include Linda Sharp, retired Sgt. Maj. Wayne Douglas, Veretta Williams, and Terry Pelkey.

Active duty servicemembers must make appointments through their Unit Tax Advisers. The unit tax advisers for this tax season are:

* HHC AMCOM— SSgt. Buchanan 313-1471, SSgt. Dore 876-1296 and Sgt. Gilchrest 313-1296.

* 832nd Ordnance Battalion— Bravo Company, SSgt. Clark 842-0908; Charlie Company, 2nd. Lt. Bailey 876-6697, SFC Spencer 876-6594; and Delta Company, SSgt. Braxton 842-2625.

* 95th TMDE— CWO 2 Garling 842-7082.

* Fox Army Health Center— Sgt. Frazier 955-8479.

* Marine Corps Detachment— SSgt. Schneider 876-8137.

* HHC 59th— SSgt. Willis 876-4653.

Retirees may call 876-1235 to make appointments to have their tax forms completed. You must make an appointment in order to file your taxes. Additionally, the tax office has federal and state forms for all servicemembers, retirees, and their dependents who wish to pick them up.

In order for your tax preparation to go smoothly, you need to begin collecting all the information you will need. You must bring the following with you to the tax office:

- All W2s for income earned during the year
- Social Security numbers for yourself, your spouse (if filing jointly), and all dependents.
- Retirement income (1099R) statements.
- Social Security income statements.
- Interest income (1099INT) statements.
- Information on interest and property taxes paid on your home.
- Receipts from charitable contributions.



TAX STAFF— Members of the tax office include, from left, seated PFC Javier Velasco, Sgt. Beth Eby, Spec. Maura Ceballos; and standing, SSgt. Charles Purcell, Sgt. Jason Gilmer, Capt. Martin White and SSgt. Brian Schneider.

- A copy of last year's tax forms (if available).
- If you wish to have your refund directly deposited to your bank account, you must bring a voided check.
- If you sold a home in 1997, you must have date of sale, selling price, and other sales information.
- In addition, bring any information for miscellaneous income as well as receipts

from any sources which you believe may be deductible.

The tax office will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we will also be open in the evenings from 5 until 7 for AIT students. We hope to see you there!

(Editor's note: Capt. White is chief of the tax office.)

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Lab makes realistic parts for weapon system designers

By Achala Chatterjee

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then what is a tangible model worth early in the design cycle or during a critical design review? Stereolithography (SL) is a technology that creates accurate three dimensional plastic models directly from Computer Aided Design (CAD) data.

Precision parts can be made to tolerances of plus/minus 0.005 inches. Very complex and intricate parts that would be hard to make by traditional machining methods can be easily made by stereolithography apparatus (SLA). SL models reduce product development time and cost, facilitate Integrated Product Teams (IPT) and enhance communication between government and various contractors and subcontractors.

Rapid prototyping is used by companies as diverse as McDonald Douglas, General Motors, Matel, Cobra Golf, NASA and Xerox. It is incredible how you can take a computer model and directly generate a physical model without using a traditional machining shop—no lathe, grinders or saws. It is almost as easy as printing a document from a computer.

SLA works on a very simple yet elegant system. The surfaces of the model are represented by triangles through a process called tessellation. Most of the commonly used CAD programs such as Aries, Pro/Engineering, Autocad and Intergraphics can generate a file of these finite elements called a tessellated model. The SLA computer can generate 2-D model by dividing the tessellated model into thin slices 0.004 to 0.006 inches thick.

The SLA computer controls an ultraviolet (UV) laser as it traces out each

layer on the surface of a vat of UV curable liquid polymer resin. The solidified layer is lowered into the vat of liquid so that next layer of liquid resin is ready to be exposed to the laser. This process is repeated until all the cross sections are built up into a solid model of the original CAD model. The part is then cleaned and put in an oven to cure. Once cured it can be painted, drilled and taped or coated with metal. It is accurate to 0.004 inches and is heat resistant to 144 degrees Fahrenheit. The size of the part is limited by the size of the resin vat; in the AMCOM SLA lab the size of the resin vat is 10-by-10-by-10 inches. Larger parts can be provided by building smaller parts and then assembling them. We have made parts as long as 36 inches.

People who have commissioned SL parts have become hard-core proponents of the process. Although a new way of doing business, it is a useful tool to support the design and manufacturing process. Customers soon find out that this step between the design and manufacturing process has tremendous economic impact on their program as it can reveal design flaws sooner. Rapid prototyping helps the Integrated Product Teams consisting of designers, engineers, manufacturing and the future users of the product, to work together to optimize a design at the best price in the shortest time.

SL parts were used extensively by the Enhanced Fiber Optic Guided Missile (EFOGM) Seeker IPT to evaluate the design of the Captive Flight Test and the Tactical Seekers. These parts were used for design analysis, creating and proving out assembly procedures and special tooling, and fit checks, as well as

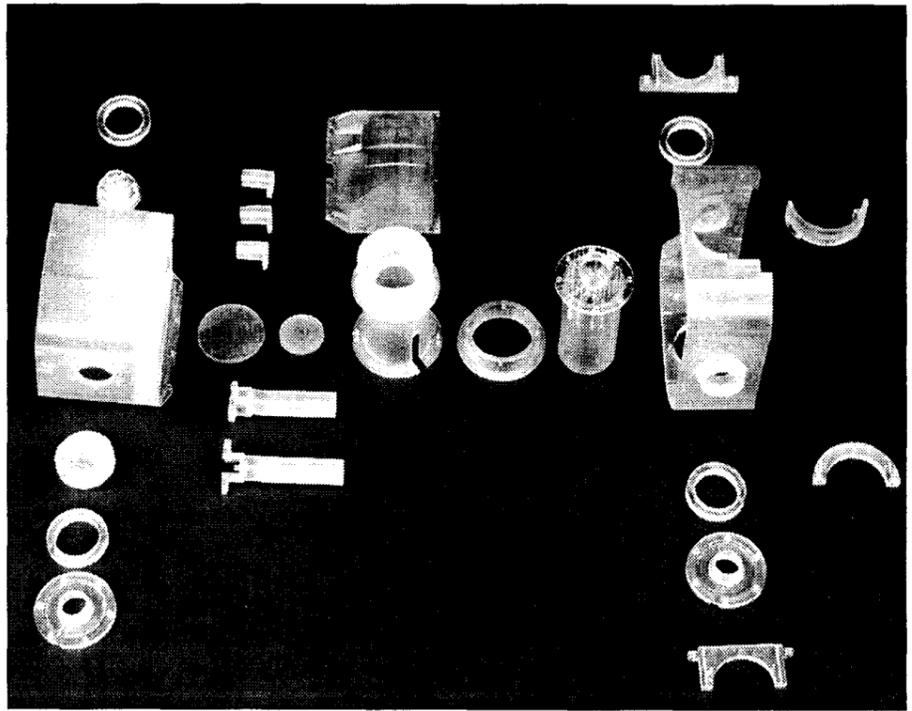
running cables and gas lines. We have built models of land mines manufactured in foreign countries for the Corporate Information Center for use in training and identification. We have also built SL models for MLRS, CCAWS and the LongFog projects, among others.

Traditionally an artisan or a toolmaker would take the designers' ideas and cast a few prototypes. It is time consuming and very expensive. With the SL technology a part can be built in a few hours and design changes can be incorporated easily at a fraction of the cost. We built several prototype joysticks for gunner's console on the fire unit for EFOGM. These were tested by the users to finalize a design for an ergonomically balanced joystick that was comfortable for the soldier to use and increased productivity.

SL technology can also be used to mold patterns for casting parts in a variety of materials. We have identified vendors who build stainless steel, titanium, and aluminum parts from the SL models. Also SL parts can be coated with metal when added strength is required.

The Missile RDEC SLA lab is located in building 5400 and is operated by the Production Engineering Division, SEPD. Call Achala Chatterjee 313-6572 or Derrick Minor 313-6554 for additional details about the SLA and/or a tour of the facility. We will show you how SLA can make your job easier and help you achieve your cost/schedule goals.

(Editor's note: Chatterjee is a lead engineer at production engineering division, Systems Engineering and Production Directorate within the Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center.)



MODEL PARTS— These EFOGM plastic-model parts were built in the stereolithography apparatus lab.

National Prayer Breakfast event scheduled Feb. 6 at Redstone

Redstone Arsenal's observance of the 1998 National Prayer Breakfast will be held 6:30-8 a.m. Feb. 6 at the Officers Club.

Advance purchase of tickets is required and tickets will not be available at the door. Price for tickets is a \$5 donation for officers, NCOs and civilians; checks should be made payable to the RSA Chaplains' Fund. Tickets for soldiers E-4 and below are available from unit first sergeants for free, but are still required for admission.

Scheduled speaker is Chaplain (Col.) Louie Scales, AMC command chaplain, stationed at Alexandria, Va. Also featured will be the music of recording artist Kathy Kallahan of Aurora, Ky.

"The prayer breakfast concept was the vision of Norwegian immigrant Abram Voraide, who sponsored the first such meet-

ing of business executives in Seattle in 1935," a prepared release from Bicentennial Chapel said. "The idea gradually spread across the country and finally reached the nation's capital in the early days of World War II. Regular prayer groups were formed in the House and Senate. Voraide constantly traveled around the country and the world organizing fellowship groups and Bible studies among leaders. His culminating achievement was the launching of the first presidential prayer breakfast in 1953. Later it was renamed as the national prayer breakfast."

Tickets are available at Bicentennial Chapel, phone 876-5751, or through unit first sergeants. Individuals receiving invitations from the commanding general can get their tickets from the AMCOM Protocol Office.

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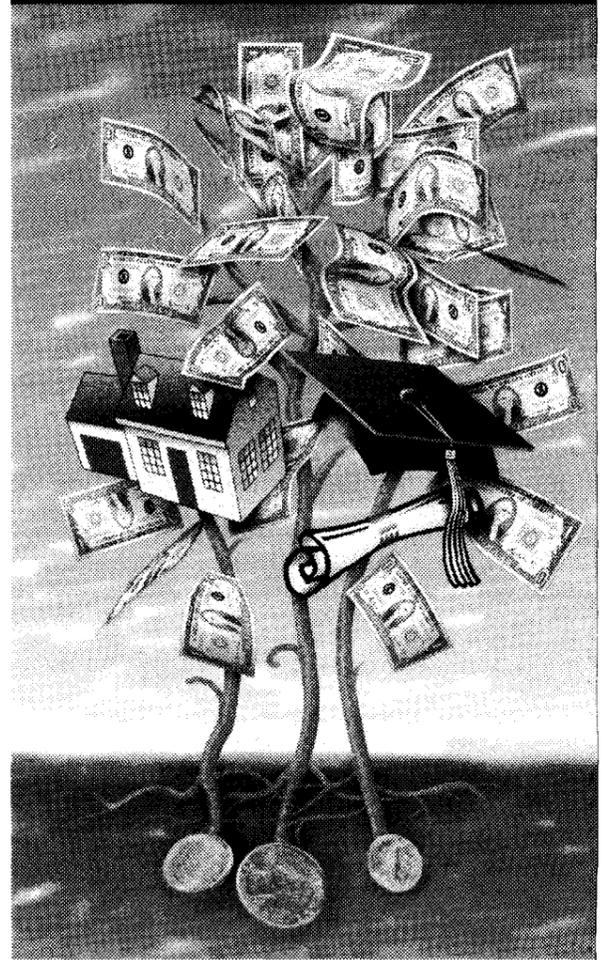
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Headlights, windshield wipers can prevent traffic accidents

A number of recent vehicle accidents have been caused by drivers failing to use headlights and windshield wipers, according to the Provost Marshal Office.

"Redstone Arsenal assimilates the State of Alabama traffic laws on the installation. Failure to comply with traffic laws can result in the issuance of traffic citations which could include fines and mandatory appearance in Federal Magistrate Court," a prepared release said.

Under the Alabama traffic laws, section 32-5-215, the windshield on every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a device for clearing rain, snow, or other moisture from the windshield, which the device shall be so constructed as to be controlled or operated by the driver of the vehicle. Also, every windshield wiper on a motor vehicle should be maintained in good working order.

Headlights are required for every vehicle on a highway, the state law says. Headlights should be turned on from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise. Headlights are also required to be in operation any time when the windshield wipers of a vehicle are in use because of rain, sleet, snow, except when the use is intermittent because of misting rain, or snow. Also, headlights are required to be used any time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance of 500 feet.

The Provost Marshal Office would like to stress the following safety tips for motorists during hazardous driving conditions:

- Conduct regular maintenance checks on vehicles to ensure headlights, tail-lights, brake lights, and other safety devices are properly working. During the winter months, tires need to be checked on a regular basis.
- Remove all snow and ice from a windshield prior to driving a motor vehicle. Do not rely on clearing a small space for adequate driver visibility.
- When operating a motor vehicle in the rain, or any time windshield wipers are needed, remember to use the headlights.
- Prepare a special emergency kit for your vehicle to include blankets, a flashlight, bottled water, medical supplies, and extra clothing.
- Check local weather reports to obtain road conditions prior to traveling. (Adapted from a Provost Marshal Office release)

Post soldier of month for January has previously won this award

By Skip Vaughn

Since arriving less than a year ago, PFC Thasha Boyd has already compiled an impressive resume at her first duty station.

Boyd, a member of 95th Maintenance Company, is the Soldier of the Month for January. She also won for June 1997.

"I feel excited because I didn't think I was going to win this month," Boyd, an administrative clerk at the 95th's personnel administration center, said. "They put some tough questions; the board was tough this month."

Winning this recognition provides personal satisfaction, according to Boyd. "Like on your job and in your personal life, you come up with challenges. You try to accomplish them," she said. "I feel good I was able to win."

Boyd, 21, was born in California but raised in the Republic of Panama since age 9. She joined the Army in 1996 in Panama for the education and experience. Also, a half-brother had been in the Army and made the best of his time in the service.

"I joined because I felt it was the best thing to do because I heard so much

about it. I wanted to try it out," Boyd said. "And, the education and experience. A lot of friends counseled me on it; they gave me advice. They said go for it."

Boyd heeded their advice and became a soldier. She is pursuing an associate degree in accounting at Calhoun Community College.

After basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Boyd had advanced individual training at Fort Jackson, S.C. She arrived at Redstone in February 1997.

"I want to finish my degree in accounting and pursue another degree later, computers. And I want to stay physically fit," she said of her goals. "And when I'm in the service I want to take every opportunity to advance, you know, making E-5 and above."

"My immediate plan is to become more efficient in my workplace," she added.

Her hobbies include listening to music, reading, and watching television. "I watch the good stuff like Disney Channel sometime," she said, laughing, "but a lot of cartoons."

She credits her supervisor and peers with helping her during the Soldier of the Month competition. "I'd like to state that I was able



BOYD

to attend the board because I've gotten a lot of support from my supervisors, past and present, and my peers in the company which I feel is important for everyone to

have when they're pursuing goals," Boyd said. "People just help you out, you know. They steer you in the right direction. And that's important."

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Redstone has a very good year for installation safety statistics

By Dale James

Redstone Arsenal continued its decade-long decline in lost-time accidents in fiscal year '97.

Since fiscal 1991, the number of lost-time accidents at Redstone has declined steadily from just over 12 per 1,000 employees to 5.99 per 1,000 employees. That's less than one-third of the Army's average lost-time injury rate and a mere 15 percent of the private sector average of more than 40 injuries per 1,000 employees.

Redstone recorded a total of 62 lost-time accidents in FY '97, up slightly from the year before but still consistent with the overall decline that began in 1991, according to Bryan Lorge, chief of the installation safety division of the AMCOM Safety Office.

"In the last six years, we've reduced our lost-time accident rate by 50 percent," Lorge said. "That's pretty good."

Fiscal 1997 was notable for a number of other safety-related reasons, as well. The Redstone Arsenal Support Activity Directorate of Flight Operations was recognized by AMC headquarters with the prestigious Award of Excellence for more than 16 years of accident-free operations.

Redstone was the only AMC command so honored.

In addition, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration bestowed its NHTSA Gold Award to Redstone for achieving a safety belt usage of more than 90 percent.

"That's important," Lorge explained, "because that's where a lot of your lost-time accidents traditionally occur."

As chief of installation safety, Lorge said his job is to help minimize accidents, protect property and ensure the safety of all Redstone Arsenal employees. It's a big job and one that's "getting more complicated all the time."

"We get involved in everything that takes place on Redstone Arsenal," he noted.

That includes developing and revising the installation-wide Master Accident Prevention Plan, posting safety promotional materials, conducting a variety of safety training classes, and coordinating the annual AMCOM Safety Stand Down Day.

With only seven people at his disposal, Lorge said his division is pushed to adequately monitor the entire installation.

"A lot of times people will call us when they see a potentially hazardous situation, and we depend on that. It's a big help," he said. "One of the things that makes our program so successful is the support we get not only from the command structure, but from individuals as well. Because safety is not just our program; it's everybody's program."

Surprisingly, most of the lost-time accidents at Redstone stem not from the fact that a vast array of exotic weapons and hazardous materials are handled here, but from the much more ordinary "slips, trips and falls" that occur in almost any workplace.

Sighed Lorge, "We do handle a lot of hazardous materials, and our record there is real good. It's the routine stuff that gets us, and that's frustrating."

Back injuries which occur as the result of improper lifting techniques or awkwardly stretching to reach that top file continue to dominate the lost-time accident list.

Lorge said he was especially pleased that the accident rate remained low despite the additional activity involved with the BRAC-related move of ATCOM personnel from St. Louis.

"Anytime you've got a BRAC move," he said, "there is always the possibility of increased accidents."

Both Lorge and his boss, John Frost, chief of the AMCOM Safety Office, admitted that the relentless emphasis on safety demanded by their job occasionally carries over into their personal lives.

Said Lorge, "You notice things when you go out to different stores. Most of the time I keep it to myself, but if it's really danger-



SAFETY SPECIALISTS— Members of the AMCOM Safety Office prepare for another day of monitoring potential safety hazards on Redstone Arsenal. They include, from left, Jeff Lynn, Zakiyyah Shakoor, Terrell Swindall, Pat Ricard, Johnny Elliott, and Lorge.

ous I'll tell the management or whoever."

"It's a curse," agreed Frost. "I just made my kids tear down their treehouse and rebuild it the other day. Worse, you'll see

stuff lying on the floor and find yourself stopping to pick it up because you tell yourself, 'People slip on this kind of stuff.'"

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Army Reserves support typhoon relief efforts for Guam victims

By Jerry Sullivan

ANDERSON AIR FORCE BASE, GUAM—The U.S. Army Reserve is completing its support of relief efforts to the victims of Typhoon "Paka" in Guam. Nearly 200 citizen-soldiers from the 9th Regional Support Command participated in the relief actions.

Support to the operation actually began before the typhoon hit. The 9th RSC activated an operations cell Dec. 14 to monitor the typhoon. The operations cell also prepared for contingencies for two Army Reserve centers on Guam, and prepared to process potential support requests for post-typhoon relief and recovery operations.

Two days later, Typhoon "Paka" hit, registering the highest winds ever recorded, clocked at 225 miles per hour. The weather tower at nearby Anderson Air Force Base was reported to record wind speeds over 300 miles per hour before it toppled.

Damage was extensive. Over 20 percent of all families were homeless, and 75 percent of electrical and water lines were knocked out. Damage exceeded \$200 million.

President Clinton declared Guam a disaster area Dec. 17 and authorized assistance by the Federal Emer-

gency Management Agency Secretary of Defense William Cohen then signed an execution order for military support to FEMA. Chief of the Army Reserve, Maj. Gen. Max Baratz, then authorized a 29-day annual training period for selected units to assist Army Reserve unit recovery in Guam and to assist in recovery and relief operations.

Initially, 32 Army Reservists from Guam were ordered to active duty to assess and clear storm damage, inventory sensitive items and weapons, and maintain security watch on unit arms rooms.

The Army Reserve then began identifying emergency preparedness liaison officers to deploy with FEMA teams. In response to a FEMA request through the Pacific Command and U.S. Army Pacific, 12 EPLOs deployed to Guam. These EPLOs staffed the FEMA Defense Coordination Element, which coordinated the integration and distribution of all military support to "Paka" recovery and relief operations.

Forty-five Army Reserve engineers from the 411th Engineer Battalion deployed to Guam Jan. 1 and 2 in response to the FEMA tasking. Although the 411th Engineer Command is headquartered in Hawaii, it also has compa-

nies in Guam and Alaska. Some Army Reservists from this unit came from as far as Alaska to perform disaster relief.

The engineer support consisted of electricians, plumbers, heavy equipment operators, surveyors, masons and medical specialists. Initially, they repaired temporary housing and shelters on Anderson Air Force Base-South. These shelters then served as temporary housing for families who lost their homes.

The engineers also cleared and improved service roads to electrical transmission towers in helping to restore electric power distribution grids.

As many as 176 Army Reservists have been on duty at any one time during the disaster relief. Although many came from Army Reserve units permanently home-based in Guam, other participating units came from Hawaii and Alaska.

Army Reservists not from Guam were to begin redeploying to their home stations Jan. 23. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Maj. Sullivan is with the Office of the Chief of Army Reserves in Washington.)

Tricare changes mail order pharmacy program firm

As of April 1, mail order pharmacy service for all Tricare beneficiaries in the Southeast and GulfSouth regions is being offered by the National Mail Order Pharmacy Program. The Department of Defense has contracted with MERCK-Medco Managed Care to administer this program.

This national Mail Order Pharmacy Service is independent of all other Tricare benefits and, as of April 1, will no longer be administered by Humana Military Healthcare Services.

Program guidelines

Anyone who is currently eligible for the Tricare mail order program in these regions will be eligible for the new National Mail Order Program.

Copayments for prescriptions will be the same as in the current program:

- Active duty military— no charge.
- Active duty family members— \$4 copayment per prescription.
- Retirees and their family members— \$8 copayment per prescription.

Some drugs may not be covered by the new National Mail Order Pharmacy Program. Call MERCK-Medco at 800-903-4680 to verify that your prescription will be filled.

Here's how to transfer prescriptions to the new National Mail Order Pharmacy Program:

— Obtain a new prescription from your doctor.

— Call MERCK-Medco at 800-903-4680 to receive a Patient Profile Registration Form and a mail order envelope by mail.

— Mail the new prescription and the applicable copayment with completed Patient Profile Registration Form to MERCK-Medco in the mail order envelope. (Note: MERCK-Medco must receive a new prescription before refills can be processed.)

Points to remember

Under Tricare, you can still get your prescription filled at the Military Treatment Facility or at a network pharmacy.

If you mail a prescription refill to Eckers (the former mail order service vendor) after April 1, it will be returned to you with a request to send a new prescription to MERCK-Medco.

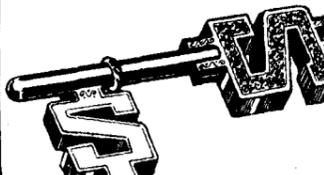
New prescriptions mailed to Eckers between April 1 and May 31 will be forwarded to MERCK-Medco.

The addresses for all other Tricare claims and correspondence, including network/non-network pharmacy claims, remain unchanged.

If you have questions about the National Mail Order Pharmacy Program, you may call MERCK-Medco or your local Tricare Service Center (882-7404).

Here's how to contact MERCK-Medco:

- The MERCK-Medco Customer Service line, 800-903-4680, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
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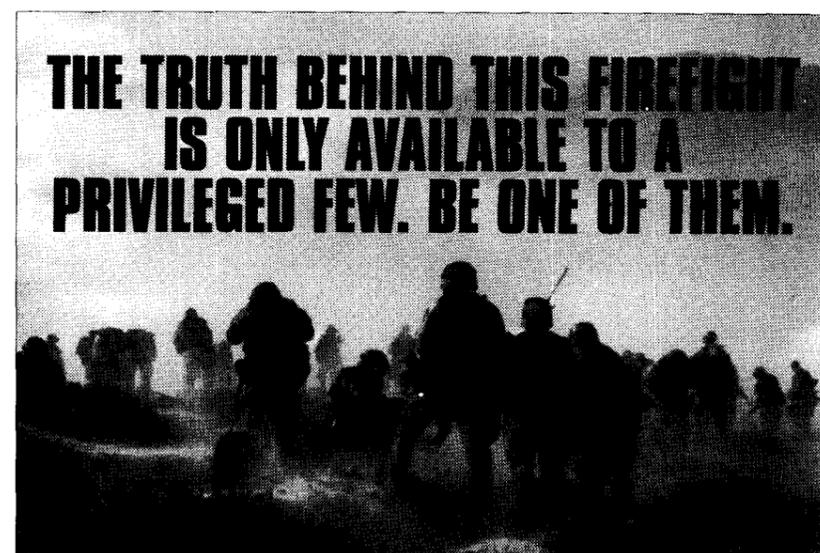
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MWR highlights

Morale, welfare and recreation activities include the following:

- **Officers Club specials**— The Officers Club will hold a Valentine's Day Special in the Officers' Club dining room on Feb. 14 for \$18.95 per person. The menu includes twin lobster tails (not a whole fresh lobster), baked potato, soup, cheese and salad bar, and iced tea or coffee. There will be entertainment in the lounge from 7-11 p.m. Reservations are required with limited seating available (the first 80 people). For more information, call 830-2582.... The Officers Club is open for lunch Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The entire Redstone community is welcome. Members receive a 10 percent discount when they present their membership card. For more information, 830-2582.... The Officers Club Members' Quarterly Birthday Night will be celebrated Feb. 26 from 6-9 p.m. Reservations are required. For more information, call 830-2582.
- **International wine tasting**— Purchase your tickets early and join the Officers Club for its annual International Wine Tasting featuring complimentary hors d'oeuvres with entertainment in the lounge Feb. 27. There will be a limited amount of tickets sold for \$5 per person. Admission will be in the ballroom by ticket only. Tickets are \$6 at the door. For more information, call 830-2582.
- **Art exhibition/auction**— The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold its

26th annual Art Exhibition and Auction on March 7 at the Officers Club. The exhibition will begin at 6 p.m. with the auction to follow at 7. This year's event will again be hosted by the Perry Berns Gallery of Dallas, Texas. Proceeds of the show will benefit the OCWC Welfare Fund and its support of the scholarship and grant programs for Redstone Arsenal and the Huntsville area. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. For more information, call Mary Bissell 430-0541.

- **Golf course hours**— The Redstone Golf Course, Pro Shop, and Snack Bar is closed on Mondays. For more information, call 883-7977.

- **Youth Services gymnastics**— Youth Services is now offering Gymnastics Classes for age groups 5-8 and 9-12 on Tuesdays and Fridays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Each participant will learn gymnastics through the use of bars, beams, and mats. Techniques such as cartwheels, roundoffs, walkovers, and back handsprings will be taught. Cost: one night a week for one month is \$25; and two nights a week for one month is \$45. The instructor, Mrs. Pooler, is USGF certified. The skill levels are 1-7. To sign your child up today, call 876-2255.

- **Valentine's Day special bingo**— The Redstone Arsenal Challenger invites

you to attend a Valentine's Day Special Bingo on Feb. 14 at 6:45 p.m. at the Challenger. There will be a special drawing to determine who will be Mr. and Mrs. Valentine's. For more information, call 837-0750/0751.

- **Arts and crafts classes**— Arts & Crafts Center operating hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 1:30-10 p.m., Thursdays 5-10 p.m., Fridays 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and closed on Sundays and Mondays. Located at 3615 Gray Road, this multicrafts shop provides instruction, equipment and supplies for the hobbyist that is interested in stained glass, painting, ceramics, woodworking, engraving, or matting and

framing. Specialty classes are held often, including holiday crafts and basket weaving. For more information, call 876-7951.

- **Wellness center**— The Wellness Center is offering classes on Relaxation Therapy every other week in January. Learn simple techniques to managing stress anytime during your hectic day or week. To register call 955-6844.... The Wellness Center now sponsors a stop smoking support group. The group meets in building 5303, room 3147 from 11 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 955-6844.

- **Bowling center**— Open bowling special is held every Saturday from 11 a.m.

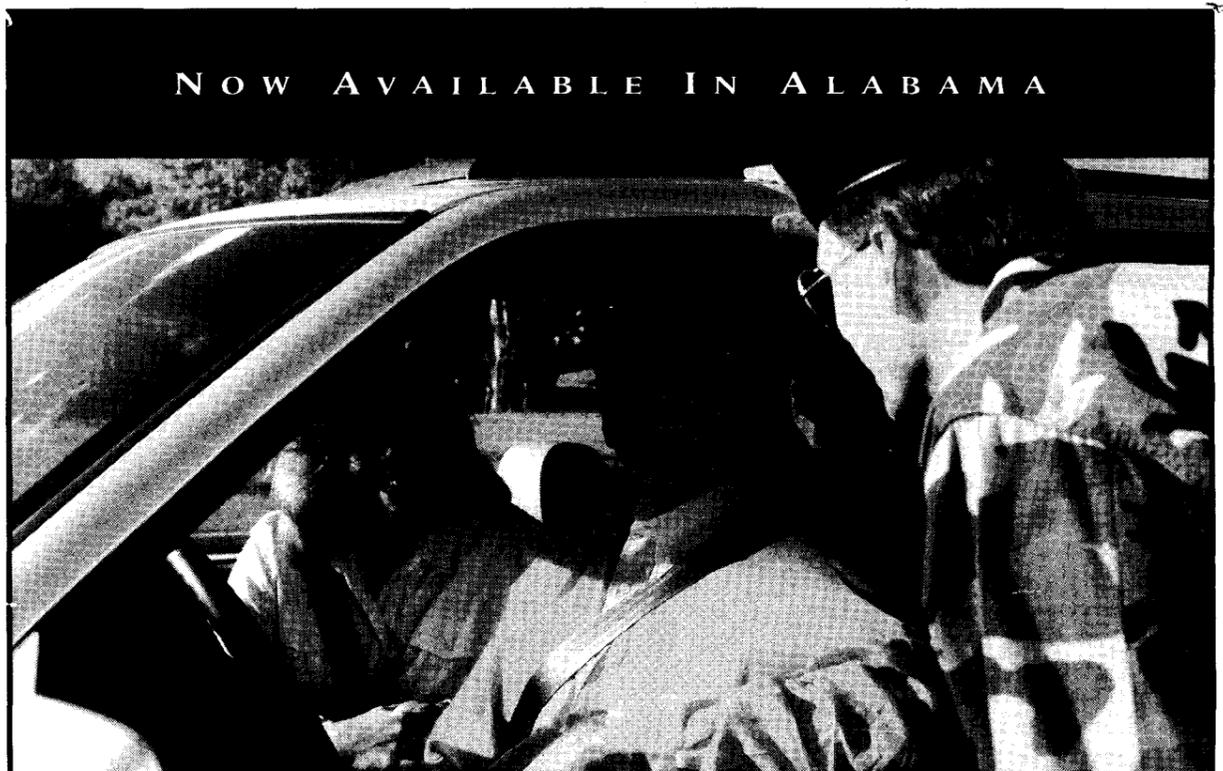
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- **Soldatenstube dinner**— Come on out to the Soldatenstube on Feb. 14 for its Valentine Special Dinner of beef rouladen. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Reservations are required. For more information, call 830-2582.

- **Parents of infants**— The Child Development Center will hold a Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Class for parents Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. at the Chapel Activity Room. For more information, call Chris Wiessner 876-7947.



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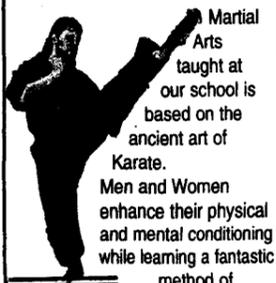
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MILPO gives faster service with system upgrade

By Dale James

"What it boils down to is this," MSgt. Karl Erickson explained. "We've left the Neanderthal Fred-and-Barney era and entered the 20th century."

Erickson is chief of the automation management branch of Military Personnel Office, or MILPO. The much awaited change he referred to is MILPO's recent communications system upgrade.

Prior to the upgrade, MILPO had been operating with a single 64 kilobyte-per-second transmission channel. Such a system proved woefully inadequate for many of today's bandwidth-gobbling software

applications and operating systems.

Under the old system, SIDPERS (Standard Installation/Division Personnel Reporting System) users in three separate Redstone facilities were forced to jockey for the limited networking space. The system was overloaded and outdated, causing significant delays and, in many cases, complete system shutdown.

Sighed Erickson, "We were like a hamster on one of those little wheels that goes round and round. With our old system you had to wait and wait and wait."

With the installation of the new fiber optic T1 service, however, MILPO's data transmission woes

should be a thing of the past for years to come, according to Erickson.

"The T1 gives us more speed and networking capabilities with other agencies," he said. "And I tell you what ... it works. We turned it on the other day, and the waiting is over. This thing is fast."

Indeed. From a networking perspective, Erickson's Fred-and-Barney analogy isn't far from wrong. The new T1 line transmits data at a rate of more than 1.5 megabytes per second — a vast improvement over the old system.

Said Erickson, "This system should carry us well into the 21st century."

MILPO processes much

of the paperwork that follows active duty soldiers wherever they go — from ID cards to the all-encompassing SIDPERS files.

Erickson said he has been in the personnel arena for 18 years and has witnessed a number of changes in how things are done.

"We used to have to fill out all these forms by hand," he recalled. "If I'm not mistaken, they were carried to the central office on tape. Now we call it up on the screen and just fill in the blanks. The system has gotten a lot faster than it used to be, for sure."

Erickson credited Sgt. Lorre Wade with submitting the successful justification for the new system.



Eagle project ...

Chris Dressler, kneeling, and about 25 other Boy Scouts and adults from Redstone's Troop 308 gather Jan. 10 to plant trees and shrubs at the Path to Nature for Chris' Eagle Project. He is the son of retired SSgt. Michael and Pam Dressler.

4th Infantry Division band captures Force XXI spirit

By John T. Love II

FORT HOOD, Texas—The 4th Infantry Division band at Fort Hood, Texas, has joined the Force XXI experiment in a way that no one else can. The Force XXI song was created to honor the experiment that is helping shape the Army of the future.

"The former division commander (Maj. Gen. Paul Kern), said it would be nice if we had a Force XXI song," said CWO 2 Fred J. Catchings, Division bandmaster and commander. "He asked us to see what we could do."

It took more than a week to compose the song, according to Catchings. "When you compose, you want to come up with a tune that's easy to sing," Catchings added. "You also have

to come up with form, structure, words, et cetera."

Ideas for the words came from public affairs media advisories about Force XXI and handouts about the division. The next task was to have the band try it out.

"The band liked it when they first tried it," Catchings said.

Catchings made a tape of the band's performance of the song and played it for the division commander

during his lunch. "He gave it a thumbs up," Catchings said.

The song, which starts with a bit of the original "Star Trek" theme, was played to the public during a concert last October at the division headquarters.

"The theme of the concert was a history of the division," Catchings said. "We presented the general with a framed music lead sheet at the song's pre-

miere."

Since then, the song has come to symbolize the purpose of the Force XXI experiment.

"It's a good song," said Sgt. Kathleen McGriff, publicity noncommissioned officer for the band. "The song reflects the Army's progress with Force XXI through music." (Arnews)

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Birmingham native wins NCO of Quarter recognition here

By Skip Vaughn

The post NCO of the Quarter for the second quarter is a Birmingham native who would like to teach kindergarten some day. But first she wants to become a drill sergeant.

Sgt. Rochanda Rassaei, a member of Headquarters and Alpha Company, serves as administration NCO at 832nd Ordnance Battalion. She said she is pleased about winning this postwide quarterly award.

"It means that I set the example for my soldiers because I have soldiers working for me," Rassaei said.

She credits her supervisor, SFC Michael Diggs, the battalion adjutant, with helping her prepare for the NCO of the Quarter selection board. "I think I won the board because my NCO put in a lot of time to help me," she said.

Rassaei, 29, arrived at Redstone from Fort Campbell, Ky., on Oct. 31, 1996. Now she has an easier drive to her Birmingham hometown.

She graduated from Holy Family High School in Birmingham in 1987 and is pursuing an associate degree in business administration from the Columbia College extension here.



RASSAEI

Rassaei said she joined the Army in February 1992 "because I wanted to serve my country."

After basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Rassaei had advanced individual training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Fort Campbell became her first duty station in June 1992.

She served with the 6th Aviation Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division from June 1992 until September 1994. She spent the

next two years with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, also at Fort Campbell. In October 1996 she reenlisted for Redstone Arsenal for three years.

"In the near future, I'd like to become a drill sergeant," Rassaei, a personnel administration specialist, said. She added her goals beyond that include "kindergarten teacher, or just receive a degree in education."

National Guard relieves ice storm victims in Northeast

By Alicia K. Borlik

WASHINGTON— DoD units and equipment have been working around the clock providing needed help to victims of the early January Northeast ice storm.

More than 3,000 National Guardsmen from five states have responded. Guard personnel are assisting communities with power generation, debris removal, transportation and shelter. As of Jan. 13, as many as 500,000 people were still without power throughout the region, said Army Lt. Col. Terry Jones, a spokesman in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

Most of the guardsmen are from New York on state active duty. Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts also called up personnel.

At the request of New York Gov. George Pataki, President Clinton declared a federal state of emergency in Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Franklin, Essex and Clinton counties.

Federal Emergency Management Agency officials requested support from DoD primarily in New York. They asked for aviation support, power assessments and portable generators.

The Canadian government requested a C-17 Globemaster transport with crew

Jan. 11 to help move supplies and equipment. The C-17, from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., is carrying cargo between Montreal and Edmonton, Alberta.

The Defense Logistics Agency provided 41,000 cots to Canada Jan. 12, and an additional 20,000 are being shipped from warehouses in San Antonio, Jones said. DoD trucked the initial shipment from Pennsylvania and Virginia to the area.

The Army Corps of Engineers also joined the relief effort. The North Atlantic Division is manning emergency support functions at Albany, N.Y., and deployed elements of the 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power) of Fort Bragg, N.C., to provide emergency power assessments and generators.

Fifty generators are staged at Fort Drum, N.Y., awaiting requests for emergency deployment, according to Corps district officials. The 249th is preparing additional generators for deployment to the area.

The ice storm is not the only disaster scene with service members on hand. More than 500 Guard personnel are assisting flood victims in North Carolina and Tennessee, and 219 are in Guam supporting clean up efforts after Typhoon Paka. (American Forces Press Service)

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Army pistol shooter sets eight national records

By Paula J. Randall Pagán

FORT BENNING, Ga.— A service pistol shooter of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Ga., recently set eight national records. SSgt. Kimberly J. Kolb broke eight women's short-course national records at the Service Pistol 2700 Match conducted at Fort Benning's Phillips' Range Jan. 19.

In the .22 Caliber Slow-Fire Match, Kolb shot a score of 189 points with 5 Xs out of a possible 200 points with 20 Xs, breaking the old record of 187 points with 3 Xs (an X is a bull's eye center shot used in tie-breaking). Shooting the .22 Caliber in the National Match Course, Kolb scored 291 points with 13 Xs out of a possible 300 points with 30 Xs, which broke the old record of 291 points with 5 Xs. Out of a possible 900 points, she scored a 878 with 41 Xs for the 900 Aggregate with the .22 Caliber pistol; the old record was 856 points with 22 Xs.

With the .45 Caliber pistol, Kolb broke the old slow-fire record of 188 points and 6

Xs out of a possible 200 points with 20 Xs with her score of 190 points with 4 Xs; and in the National Match Course she fired a 290 with 12 Xs, breaking the old record of 288 with 11 Xs. In the .45 Caliber 900 Aggregate, Kolb score a 869 with 28 Xs, which downed the old record of 851 and 24 Xs.

She also broke the old Center Fire Aggregate record of 852 points with 31 Xs with her score of 861 and 36 Xs and the Grand Aggregate record of 2,564 points out of a possible 2,700 points with her score of 2,608 points.

"I appreciate all the support of the Army Marksmanship Unit gunsmiths and from my team; I couldn't have done it without them," Kolb said. "Sgt. Joe D. Harless recently worked on my guns and got them in form and my teammates are my biggest fans and each and every one of them helped me achieve this goal."

A Eagle Rock, Va., resident, Kolb graduated from James River High School in Buchanan, Va., in 1986, and received a bachelor's degree in history from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

four years later. She is currently working on a master's degree in international relations.

Kolb joined the Army in 1990 and was assigned to the 303rd Military Intelligence Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas, where she was a signal intelligence analyst. In 1993, she was assigned to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit.

Besides graduating from Basic Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., in 1990, Kolb is also a graduate of the Basic Russian Course at the Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey, Calif., in 1991, the Signals Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Analyst Course at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, in 1992, the Tactical Signals Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Analyst Course at Fort Devens, Mass., in 1992, the Primary Leadership Development Course and the Instructor Training Course, both at Fort Benning in 1993, and the Basic Non-commissioned Officers Course at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., in 1995.

She has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National

Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, two Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbons and the Physical Fitness Training Patch.

Kolb, who has been shooting since 1982, has numerous marksmanship accomplishments including being the 1997 Fiesta Five Flags Masters Champion, the 1984 Texas State Women's and Junior Air Pistol Champion, the 1995 National Indoor Women's Sports Pistol Record Holder and a 2600 Club Member.

In 1997, she was the International Ladies Sport Pistol winner at the Desert Mid-Winter Championships in Phoenix, Ariz., was the High Woman winner in the Master Class at the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, and won the Tennessee State Master Class Championship. She won the Women's .22 Caliber Timed Fire Match at the 1996 National Matches at Camp Perry, and in 1995 she set the Women's Sports Pistol National Indoor Record. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Pagán works in the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Public Affairs Office.)

Cohen announces new U.S.-Philippine partnership agreement

By Douglas J. Gillert

JAKARTA, Indonesia— The United States and the Philippines could soon resume joint exercises, combined training and ship visits under a new visiting forces agreement, Defense Secretary William Cohen announced here Jan. 14.

"Today, amidst the uncertainty we are currently facing in the Asia-Pacific, the United States and [the Philippines] have taken an important step together to reassure the region and promote peace and prosperity,"

Cohen told reporters at the U.S. Embassy. The secretary was in Jakarta as part of a 12-day tour of seven East Asian nations.

If the Philippine government ratifies the agreement, U.S. forces could return for the first time since U.S. bases closed in 1992. The secretary emphasized DoD has no plans to establish any new bases in the island nation.

"Instead," he said, "we are embarking on a new phase in our security relationship as partners, friends and allies."

U.S. forces left the Philippines after the two governments couldn't agree on how much the United States should pay to continue occupying the sprawling Subic Bay naval base. Then, Mount Pinatubo erupted, forcing American service members and families to flee and smothering Subic Bay and Clark Air Base under tons of volcanic ash and debris. The cataclysm essentially ended the U.S. military presence.

Cohen offered no timetable for the resumption of U.S.-Filipino mili-

tary ties. However, he said, the United States is prepared to exercise with Philippine forces as soon as the Philippine senate ratifies the agreement. "We hope that they would ratify it within a reasonable amount of time," he said.

Although the purpose of Cohen's visits is to promote and stabilize U.S. security arrangements throughout the East Asia, his trip has been overshadowed by the continuing Asian financial crisis.

In each of the countries visited by then — Malaysia,

Indonesia and Singapore — he emphasized the United States' common security interests with the member nations of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. The U.S. military presence, he said, is a stabilizing influence that should serve notice that the United States is a friend to the ASEAN countries "in good times and bad."

The resumed military ties to the Philippines

"helps establish a presence in the sense that we are in the region," Cohen said, adding new military exchanges and training opportunities there will enable the United States to build on and enhance long-standing bonds. "That benefits the Philippine military, our military and it helps, I think, to contribute to the stability of the region," he said. (American Forces Press Service)

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Armed Forces athletes of year for 1997 honored at banquet

By Alicia K. Borlik

WASHINGTON— Two triathletes and a world-class triple jumper captured 1997 Armed Forces Athlete of the Year titles.

The Defense Department Armed Forces Sports Council selected Navy Petty Officer Third Class Harold K. Montford and, for the first time, female co-winners, Army Spc. Niambi J. Dennis and Coast Guard Lt. Amy L. Baribeau.

The U.S. Military Sports Association honored the athletes at its "Pride of the Nation" awards banquet here Jan. 16. Also honored were the service-level athletes of the year.

Montford, a hospital corpsman stationed at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla., competes in both the pentathlon and triathlon. He won gold medals in the Navy Team Triathlon and Pentathlon competitions. He scored a bronze medal at the Armed Forces Triathlon Championship and gold at the 1997 International Military Sports Council World Championship pentathlon.

The pentathlon consisted of an obstacle course race, a sailing event, a seamanship race, a utility swimming race and an amphibious cross country event.

Montford is a volunteer mentor and swimming instructor for children in his free time. He said winning gold as part of the Navy team is the highlight of his career — so far — because his new goal is to lead the Navy team to a second gold medal. To athletes who may follow, his advice: "Be patient. It doesn't happen overnight."

Dennis is a medical supply specialist assigned to the University of Texas ROTC in Austin. She enlisted four years ago because of the Army's World Class Athlete Program. Since then she has distinguished herself by setting records for women athletes in the military.

A world-class triple jumper, Dennis is the first soldier to make the World Track and Field Outdoor Championship Team and Indoor Championship Team. Placing first in the triple jump at the USA Track and Field Outdoor Championship, Dennis also set an armed forces record in the long jump at the meet.

Dennis assists Army recruiting by sharing her athletic experiences. She has spoken to 1,500 high

school students around the country.

"This is just the beginning for me," Dennis said. Despite her records, she said, "I'm never satisfied with myself."

Baribeau is assigned to the Marine Safety Office, Puget Sound, in Seattle, where she is working on her master's degree in environmental management at the University of Washington. She won the Armed Forces Triathlete Championship at Camp Lejeune, N.C., in August 1997 while a member of the Navy team.

Baribeau's 1997 racing schedule included 15 triathlons in five months. She was the first woman finisher in four races and consistently placed in the top of her age group in the other events. Events ranged from spring-distance triathlons to half-ironmans. Her new goal is to compete in an ironman competition. A spring-distance triathlon includes up to a half-mile swim, between a 10- and 15-mile bike and a 2- to 4-mile run. An ironman is a 3.1-mile swim, 100-mile bike and 26.2-mile run. A half-ironman is half of each distance.

The highlight of Baribeau's competition is meeting such high-caliber athletes. "It's really motivating," she said.

The 1997 service athletes of the year are:

- Army — Dennis, and Staff Sgt. James T. Graves, skeet and trap shooting;

- Navy — Montford, and Lt. j.g. Christine R. Stan-

cliff, javelin and shot put;

- Air Force — Marathoners Capt. Mark T. Cucuzella and Staff Sgt. Lori M. Eppard;

- Marine Corps — Capt. Sarah Quimby Fullwood, half-marathon and cross country, and 1st Lt. Joseph D. Hicks, wrestling; and

- Coast Guard — Baribeau, and Lt. j.g. George A. Ganoung, duathlon. A duathlon is a 5K run, followed by a 10K bike, followed by a 5K run.

The Military Sports Association and its sponsors honored the 10 athletes Jan. 15-18 with the awards banquet and tours of the White House and other Washington sights.

The association has supported armed forces athletes for 15 years. It helps fund travel for athletes, and it sponsors athletes of the year programs at military bases and the "Pride of the Nation" awards banquet.

"This year we're very proud, as we always are, of the caliber of people who show up to represent the different services," said John B. Urmston, association president. "These athletes are brought together each year as not only a celebration of their accomplishments, but the whole process of competition throughout the services.

"We believe competition is a worthy thing," Urmston said. "We believe it builds character and leadership. We believe it helps us all." (American Forces Press Service)



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Army seeks families of missing Korean War servicemembers

ALEXANDRIA, Va.— The Department of Defense and the military services have mounted an intense public outreach effort to locate family members of servicemen who did not return from the Korean War.

According to Col. Ward B. Nickisch, director, Casualty and Memorial Affairs Operations Center, "We have begun to open some doors in North Korea, and we need to re-establish contact with the families of those servicemen who did not return."

As a result of two negotiated agreements, the U.S. has conducted four joint recovery operations inside North Korea during 1996 and 1997 to locate and recover the remains of U.S. servicemen who died during the Korean War.

In the four operations, the remains of what are believed to be seven American soldiers have been recovered. One serviceman has been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

Nickisch added, "As we're able to obtain additional circumstance of loss information or recover remains from North Korea, we'll need to contact the families. Unfortunately, in some cases nearly 45 years have elapsed since the services have had contact with many of the families. We need to locate next-of-kin to aid in any future identification process. We welcome all leads to locate family

members."

Family members of any unaccounted for Korea-era servicemen are asked to provide their name, address, telephone number, and relationship to their loved one as soon as possible to the appropriate service casualty office.

The military services have established toll-free telephone numbers for family members to use. For the Army, it's 1-800-892-2490. The Air Force telephone number is 1-800-531-5501. The Navy telephone number is 1-800-443-9298 and the Marine Corps' telephone number is 1-800-847-1597.

Each of the services has compiled a partial list of Korean War family contacts, but with more than 8,100 unaccounted for servicemen from the war (more than 6,000 Army servicemen), the task is extremely difficult considering the time elapsed since the cease-fire in Korea.

"We're using the Internet and any other technology we can acquire," Nickisch said. "But we believe the most effective way to find these families is word-of-mouth through veterans, families, and active duty military organizations. That's why we're now pushing hard to 'get the word out' in many different ways. We hope our ongoing efforts in North Korea will result in bringing answers to families who have sacrificed much for so long." (From a Personnel Command release)

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to impact in the ocean. Members of the Army missile team believed then and today that had the fourth stage of the missile been fired it could have sent its payload into orbit.

Two successful shots in 1957 proved the Army had solved the re-entry heating problem with an ablative nose cone. Remaining Jupiter C missiles went into storage. They stayed there until Oct. 4, 1957, when the Soviet Union launched the first man-made object into orbit about the earth.

The next day Medaris counting on eventual approval, ordered Jupiter C missile number 29 taken from storage and prepared for flight. On Nov. 3, the triumphant Soviets announced a satellite in orbit, this one with a live dog aboard. Five days later, Nov. 8, 1957 amid mounting public demand that this country respond to the Soviet challenge, the secretary of defense gave the Army the long sought go-ahead to try a space shot with a Jupiter C.

While ABMA's Development Operations Division prepared Missile 29 for flight, another ABMA element, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology, repackaged the radiation experiments designed by Dr. James A. Van Allen of the State University of Iowa for the spherical Vanguard

satellite into the cylindrical Explorer shell.

On Dec. 6, 1957, the United States made its first try to orbit a satellite, a long shot attempted with the sophisticated Vanguard flying with all three stages "live" for the first time. Given time for test, Vanguard later performed as designed, but time was in short supply in December 1957. The first attempt failed.

Off-the-shelf parts

There was nothing sophisticated about Jupiter C number 29. It was an off-the-shelf collection of available parts, including a few small components originally made for the V-2 missile. The booster was an elongated Redstone. A special fuel raised its thrust level from the Redstone's 78,000 pounds to 83,000 pounds. On top of the Redstone's tapering instrument compartment sat the aptly named "Tub." Inside the sheet metal tub were clustered small solid fuel rocket motors using the same propellant composition then under development for the Army's Sergeant ballistic missile. Eleven of these motors comprised the second stage. Nestled inside were three more for the third stage. In the very center of the tub was a single solid motor—the fourth stage — and stuck on its end was the satellite.

Just prior to launch, electric motors spun the entire tub up to 600 rpm to provide spin stabilization for the upper stages while they

coasted higher after booster burnout and separation.

On Jan. 29th, the missile and firing crew directed by Dr. Kurt Debus were ready. High winds aloft forced a postponement. On the 30th, weather forecasts were still unfavorable. A severe jet stream of 146 knots at 36,000 feet was more than the rocket could withstand. A countdown began, but was halted when the weather did not improve.

Observations on the 31st still indicated 100 mph winds aloft, marginal conditions. Concerned about the effects of further delay on the morale and efficiency of the firing crew, Medaris gave the order to launch.

The countdown proceeded with but minor delays until a few seconds prior to first stage ignition. Then instrumentation detected a deflection of one of the booster's jet vanes. It could have been a faulty reading. It could have been disaster. A cocked vane in the exhaust of the first stage rocket motor would have sent the launch vehicle off course to certain destruction. The countdown coordinator called a hold.

Medaris and Debus at their positions in the blockhouse observation windows looked at one another for a long instant. Debus had been watching the vanes. They seemed all right; hoping they were, he gave the order to go ahead.

Seconds later Missile 29 was on its way. One hundred and fifty-seven seconds after liftoff, the boost-

er burned out. Five seconds later the booster separated and fell away. The spinning tub coasted silently on into the night until a radio signal flashed from the Cape to ignite the second stage. Automatic sequencers ignited the third, then the fourth stages.

At fourth stage burnout, the satellite had achieved orbital velocity, but no one on the ground knew that for sure. Instrumentation looked OK. Staging had been confirmed. Now all they could do was wait until JPL's Goldstone tracking station in California picked up the satellite's radio signal on its first circle of the earth.

Goldstone gets signal

Shortly after midnight at the Cape someone handed Medaris a piece of paper as he stood before a press conference at Patrick Air Force Base. He glanced at it and an immense grin spread across his face. Scrawled on the paper were the words: "Goldstone has the bird." Debus who was there wrote years later in typical understatement: "One does not easily forget such a moment."

A few minutes later Secretary of the Army Wilbur Brucker called Medaris at the Cape to inform him that he and Gen. Maxwell Taylor, then Army chief of staff, had selected the name Explorer for the Army satellite.

As the news stories began to move from Washington where von Braun, Dr. William Pickering,

director of JPL, and Van Allen met the press, Americans learned that they too had an object in space. In Huntsville, Mayor R.B. "Spec" Searcy led most of the population in a midnight snake dance of celebration in the city square amidst cheers that were echoed across the nation.

Almost overlooked in the sheer national joy of having matched the Soviets in achievement, if not in weight in orbit, was the point that the tiny Army satellite also did the scientific job it was designed to do.

Before its last usable radio transmission 63 days after launch, Explorer I's instrumentation had detected and provided vital data on the great trapped belts of radiation surrounding the earth. Scientists hailed the confirmation of the Van Allen radiation belts as the greatest single achievement of the International Geophysical Year.

In the days that followed the launching, thousands of telegrams and letters were received at ABMA from all over the world. Many said simply "Thank You."

One from Lt. Gen. James Gavin, then Army chief of research and development, seems particularly appropriate today:

"Hearty congratulations from all of us here," Gavin said in a personal message to Medaris and the ABMA team.

"We realize it is but the beginning."

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Planes, taxis mean Bosnia peace progress occurring

By Linda D. Kozaryn

BRUSSELS— NATO Secretary General Javier Solana these days goes to Sarajevo monthly and that, he told a Swedish audience Jan. 19, shows the alliance's progress in securing peace in Bosnia.

"In the summer of 1995, I landed at Sarajevo airport in a crossfire," he said. "I spent a night at the Holiday Inn without water, without electricity, without glass in the windows. Just getting to Sarajevo was a feat in itself.

"The following year, 1996, it was difficult to land at Sarajevo airport, but at least we weren't shot at. By then, [the NATO peace implementation force] had stopped the fighting and we

were able to hold a press conference at the Holiday Inn.

"I visit Sarajevo at least once a month now. Taking a plane there and back in a day is routine," Solana said. "When I arrive at 8 in the morning, instead of the signs of war, there are rows of taxis.

"Most importantly, SFOR [stabilization force] troops have put an end to Europe's bloodiest conflict since the end of World War II. We have rebuilt large parts of Bosnia's infrastructure and are helping with the resettlement of refugees."

Solana said NATO remains committed to implementing the Dayton peace agreement and to

establishing Bosnia as a single, democratic and multiethnic state. The peace implementation must continue in an environment of general security, he said.

"We are witnessing slow, but steady, progress on many fronts, but we are aware that despite recent progress, peace, and the institutions of civil society to uphold it, remain fragile," he said.

NATO military authorities are currently developing options for a NATO-led military presence in Bosnia following the end of the stabilization force mandate this summer, he said. "Until then, SFOR will keep its forces in Bosnia at present levels." (American Forces Press Service)

Cohen promotes Marine during embassy visit in Malaysia

By Douglas J. Gillert

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia— This could be Marine Gunnery Sgt. Jon Thorsen's most memorable promotion. The 15-year veteran from Marshall, N.C., received his new stripes from Defense Secretary William Cohen in an impromptu courtyard ceremony at the U.S. Embassy here Jan. 13.

Thorson's wife, Kellie, and children, Grant, Garrett and Haylie, were present. After the ceremony, Cohen chatted with them and other Marine guards, giving each a commemorative DoD coin, while other embassy employees gathered around or watched from second-floor balconies.

This was the last stop in Malaysia for the secretary, who is visiting seven countries during his 12-day visit to the Far East. He thanked the embassy staff for their

work. "We need to have strong diplomacy backed up by a strong military, and fortunately we have both," Cohen said. "Your work here is critically important. Your presence here, and the work that you do, is of great benefit to the United States."

Cohen said he is visiting the region to re-emphasize the importance of Southeast Asia to American security. He also praised Malaysia as a country.

"I am a big fan of the Malaysian people. They have a great country here. They're going through some difficult times right now," he said, referring to the financial crisis that has swept all of East Asia. "But I'm confident that, over a period of time, they'll be able to stabilize the economy and continue to enjoy prosperity."

After visiting the

embassy, Cohen departed Kuala Lumpur for Jakarta, Indonesia. He met Jan. 14 with Indonesian President Suharto, Gen. Feisal Tanjung, commander in chief of the Indonesian armed forces, and other Indonesian leaders. He also participated in a discussion with the Indonesian Council for World Affairs, attended a luncheon hosted by the American Chamber of Commerce and met with Marine guards and other U.S. service members stationed there.

He departed Indonesia Jan. 15 for Singapore, and from there, continued his Far East tour with stops in Bangkok, Beijing, Tokyo and Seoul. He was scheduled to return to Washington Jan. 22. (American Forces Press Service)

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American Legion show— American Legion Post 169 will present Moe Bandy's Show, direct from Mickey Gilley's Theatre, Branson, Mo., at 9 p.m. Jan. 31 at Post 169, 707 Arcadia Circle (the former Rainbow Roller Skating Rink). Tickets are on sale now; proceeds will support Post 169 charities. For more information, call 534-0307.

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.

Education committee— The Army Community Service (ACS) Education Committee will meet today at noon 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.

Officer/civilian women— The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is accepting requests from organizations seeking financial assistance. Written requests should outline the group's programs, reasons for requesting help, how funds will be used, and whether other groups or organizations have been solicited for the same donations. Mail requests to RSA OCWC Welfare Chairman, P.O. Box 8110, Redstone Arsenal 35808. Requests must be postmarked by March 1. The awards will be presented in early May.

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.

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All applicants must hold a valid military identification card and their primary residence must be in the Huntsville area. Previous recipients of 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.

Parenting classes— ACS and the New Parent Support Program are offering free parenting classes starting today. The classes will be held at the Child Development Center on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8. The classes will run for six weeks. Free child care will be provided for military families and on a space available basis for civilians. To register or for more information, call Karla Dunnigan 876-2798.

Free GED classes— The UAW/Chrysler Huntsville Training Center is offering GED classes each Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and from 2-5 p.m. The classes are free; and books and materials are furnished. Transportation is offered in the Madison and

Huntsville area for the morning class only. For more information, call Willa Patton 461-9705.

Resource managers— The American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) will hold its 12th annual Resource Management Seminar on March 18-19 at the Sparkman Auditorium. The seminar leader for the two one-day sessions will be Dr. William H. Halbert Jr., president of the Halbert Company. The seminar theme is "High Energy Without Stress." Bus transportation to and from lunch will be provided by ASMC. Training Request Form DD 1556 must be submitted to AMSAM-PT-QI-LC by Feb. 20. The training course number is JM 5186. Cost of the seminar is \$50 for ASMC members and \$75 for non-members. "Please note that approval is for only one seminar session per person," a prepared release said. For more information, call either Virginia Harper 876-3064 or Mildred Nordman 842-0825. Attendees outside AMCOM's training jurisdiction should send their training request and remittance to ASMC, P.O. Box 8154, Redstone Arsenal, 35808.

Professional development— Florida Institute of Technology is conducting a professional development

course titled Local Area Networks from 5-9 p.m. for four Tuesdays. Class dates are Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24. 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 FIT's office in building 5304, room 4326.

Retired officers— The Retired Officers Association will meet Friday— note corrected date — at 11 a.m. at the Officers Club. Walter D. Buck is to present a program on "Shriners Helping Children." For more information, call retired Capt. Albert Castelli 859-1340.

Fox Pharmacy— Effective immediately, the Fox Army Health Center Pharmacy hours of operation will change. The new hours will be: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Pharmacy will be closed weekends, federal holidays and on announced training holidays. It will also be closed the second and fourth Thursday of every month beginning at 1 p.m. for training. Those individuals requiring only prescription refills are asked to call the refill line 842-7337 for this service. Refills may be picked up before 1 p.m. on regular duty days.

Newcomers orientation— The Redstone Arsenal

Newcomers' Orientation will be held Feb. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at building 3447. "Attendance is mandatory for all military personnel permanently assigned to Redstone," a prepared release said. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation includes speakers, information booths, a bus tour of Redstone and free child care. Child care is provided at Child Development Center, building 3145. Shot records for the child are required. For more information, call Mary Breeden 876-5397.

CWF tickets— The Civilian Welfare Fund Council has tickets available for various Von Braun Center events. The council is now taking orders for the Stomp performance scheduled March 15 at 7 p.m. Tickets must be ordered and paid for (cash only) by Feb. 9. Ticket price is \$31.50. To order tickets call Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck, in building 5687, at 313-1698. The CWFC also has tickets available for the Disney on Ice (The Spirit of Pocahontas) performance Feb. 14 at 11 a.m. The ticket price is \$13.50 for everyone. Orders must be paid for by Feb. 4. Make checks payable to VBC. Tickets sold by the CWFC are available for purchase by any employee of Redstone Arsenal (civilians, military, contractors and retirees).

For more information, call Meyer-Schuck 313-1698.

Logistics training— Learn how Logistics Support Analysis has changed, and update your knowledge of acquisition logistics policies and procedures. The Tennessee Valley Chapter of SOLE, the International Society of Logistics is sponsoring a seminar on Logistics Management Information from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Tom Beville Center, 550 Sparkman Drive. Cost is \$160 for non-members, \$135 for members. To register call Chuck Slyker 955-9698 by Feb. 11.

Contract managers— Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) will hold its annual National Education Seminar from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Tom Beville Conference Center, 550 Sparkman Drive. The scheduled speakers include J. William Eshelman of Feith & Zell, P.C. and Garry Grossman of Fenwick & West L.L.P., both of Washington, D.C. "The topic for the seminar is 'Electronic Contracting,' which will focus on one of the most exciting developments in today's world," a prepared release said. "It will explore electronic contracting at the desktop, within the office, and beyond the office." The registration fee for the sem-

inar, which includes the manual, CD-ROM, and resource book is \$145 for NCMA members and \$195 for non-members who register prior to Feb. 9. The fee after that date will be \$165 for members and \$215 for non-members. For reservation forms or more information call Paula Cushman, NES registrar, 895-0582.

Bicycles found— The following bicycles have been found on post: 26-inch Murray, found adjacent to building 3197; 20-inch Huff, also found adjacent to 3197; and 24-inch Roadmaster, found adjacent to 3148. To claim their property the owners should contact the Provost Marshal Office, Investigations Branch, building 3421 on Gray Road, phone 876-2090/3449.

Bass tournament— The third annual Boeing Bass Club Charity Bass Tournament will begin at 5:30 a.m. March 28 from the River Walk Marina in Decatur. As in the last two years, all proceeds will be divided equally with the Madison, Morgan, and Limestone county Hospice organizations. "Started by the Boeing Bass Club in 1996 as a way to combine a favorite sport with a worthy project to benefit those less fortunate, the tournament has received tremendous support from participants and area businesses alike," a prepared

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release said. Tournament proceeds to the local hospices have increased from \$1,000 in 1996 to \$5,200 in 1997. Club members, who have volunteered over 900 hours to operation of the 1996 and 1997 tournaments, would like to see a proportionate increase for 1998. "The 1998 Charity Tournament will be dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Wanda Reed who was an

ardent supporter of the Hospice program until her untimely death in January 1998," the release said. Registration forms may be obtained at numerous area businesses. Pre-registration can be done at Boone & Crocket in Huntsville, Alabama Outdoors in Decatur, or the Outdoor Sportsman in Athens. Area businesses and organizations wishing to support or

contribute prize money, goods, or services to this effort should call Mark Weden 464-0454 or Pat Shields 518-9470.

Union meeting— AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at the union office in building 3202. All collective bargaining unit employees are encouraged to attend. The attendance

prize is \$750 but you must be present to win. For more information, call the union office 881-7430 or 876-4880.

Union office hours— The AFGE Local 1858 union office announces a temporary change in its office hours. The office, in building 3202 on Mauler Road, will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For

more information, call 876-4880 or 881-7430.

Crisis line volunteers— HELPLINE, a United Way agency, will train crisis line volunteers and rape response advocates from Feb. 23 through March 18 on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-9. Learn new skills and serve others by becoming a volunteer. To find out more, call

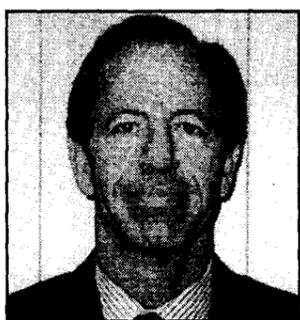
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fitting, short-sleeve shirts to make the measurement easier," a prepared release said. "Body composition measurement utilizes a bioelectrical impedance machine that measures total water content and calculates the proportion of lean tissue to body fat." For more information call the Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center 842-0196.

Walkathon— The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will hold the second annual Huntsville Great Strides walkathon May 3 at Big Spring Park. Volunteers of all ages are needed to participate and to raise money for cystic fibrosis research. For more information call Vicki Zito, director of special events, at 1-800-523-2357 or write to 502 Montgomery Hwy., Suite 101, Birmingham, 35216. The e-mail address is alabama@cff.org.

CFC agencies— The Local Federal Coordinating Committee for the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) will accept applications from Feb. 10 through March 6 for a Principle Combined Fund Organization to administer the 1998 CFC. All applications must be received by the Local Federal Coordinating Committee, AMSAM-CFC, Redstone Arsenal 35898-5795 or hand-delivered to

building 3197 by 4 p.m. March 6.

Toastmasters— Redstone Toastmasters Club meets Tuesday evenings at 6 in Morrison's Cafeteria conference room in Madison Square Mall. Mason-Dixon Toastmasters Club meets Monday evenings at 6:30 in Shoney's conference room on South Parkway.

Base supply store— The Base Supply Store, building 8022, will be closed Jan. 28-30 for inventory and will reopen Feb. 2 at 7:30 a.m. "Also, effective Feb. 2, we will make the transition back to the Department of Defense Automated Self-Service Supply Center (ASSSC) system," a prepared release said. "This will better enable us to serve you and will help you track purchases more effectively. We sincerely appreciate your business and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause."

Wildgame cookout canceled— Due to shortages in donations of various large and small game, the annual Outdoor Recreation Wildgame Cookout scheduled for Feb. 6 has been canceled," a prepared release from Outdoor Recreation said. "Hopefully, a bountiful harvest next year will result in the return of this popular program. Thank you for your patronage."

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'95 Ford F-250 Supercab, 7.3L, Power Stroke, Diesel, All Power (STK.#7T2187A)		\$19,900
'96 Chevy. Ext. Cab Silverado, 4x4, Sportside Z-71, Full Power, 5.7L V8, 27K Mi. (STK.#L7T2014A)		\$22,800
'97 Dodge Ram Ext. Cab, Laramie SLT, 5.9L V8, Full Pwr., Red, 24K m.i (STK.#7F111C)		\$20,900
'97 Dodge Ram Sport Ext. Cab, Laramie SLT Pkg., 5.9L V8, Power Pkg., (STK.#8T405A)	Sharp	\$19,990
'97 Chevy. Silverado Shortbed, 5.7L V8, Full Power, 12K Mi. (STK.#8T123A)		\$18,500
'92 GMC Ext. Sierra SLE Z-71, 4x4, Black, 350 V-8, All Power, (STK.#8T236A)		\$13,990
'95 Toyota Tacoma Ext. Cab, 43K Mi. (STK.#L7F572C)		\$10,990

UTILITY

'92 Explorer XLT 4x4, 4 Dr., (STK.#8T227A)		\$12,700
'93 Ford Bronco XLT 4x4 (STK.#7F47A)		\$13,800
'93 Explorer XLT, 4 Dr., 2WD (STK.#AP1983A)		\$11,900
'96 Explorer Limited, 4 Dr., Sunroof, 24K mi. (STK.#RP1541)		\$26,500
'96 Explorer XLT 4x4, 4 Dr., 22K Mi. (STK.#RCL80A)	Loaded	\$23,500
'97 Expedition XLT, Leather, 4x4 (STK.#RP1431)		\$31,900
'97 Expedition XLT 2WD (STK.#RP1544)	Loaded	\$29,500
'95 Explorer Sport, 2WD, 5 Spd., A/C, Sport Wheels (STK.#8T498A)		\$13,900
'95 Explorer, XLT, Full Power, 4 Dr., 2WD, 35K Mi., One Owner (STK.#8T806A)		
'96 Explorer XLT, 4 Dr., V8, All Power, 24K Mi. (STK.#8F276A)	Like New	\$22,900
'94 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo, 2WD, Full Power (STK.#L7T2171B)		\$12,990
'95 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo, 4 Dr., Full Power, 21K Mi. (STK.#8F65B)		\$17,990
'95 Mitsubishi Montero LS 4x4, Custom Wheels, Pwr. Pkg. (STK.#L8T821A)		\$17,500
'97 Mercury Mountaineer, All Wheel Drive, Leather, Sunroof (STK.#L8T22B)		\$24,990