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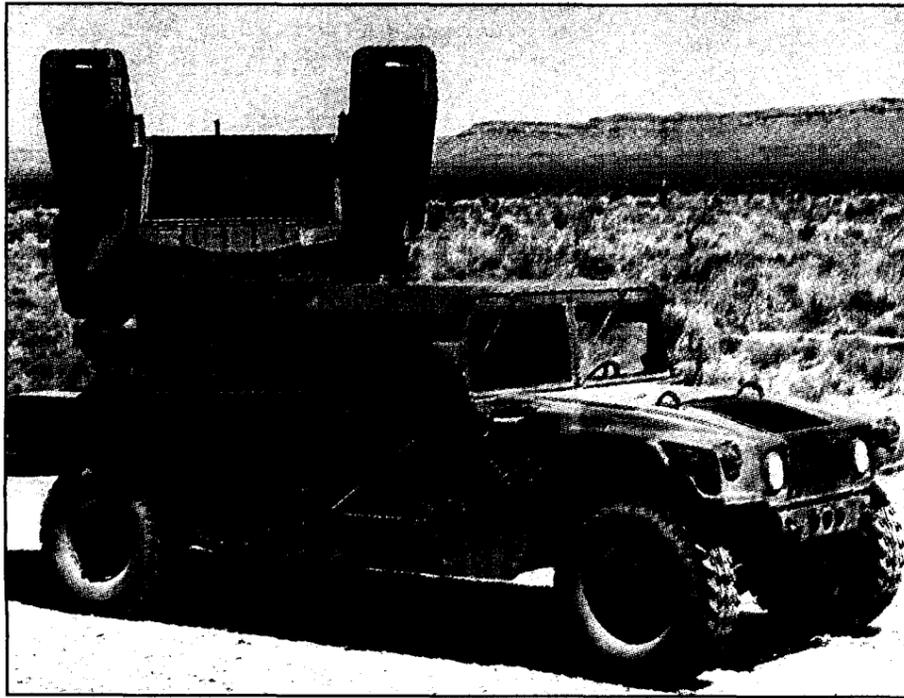
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AVENGER SYSTEM— The system carries eight Stingers in two pods ready for rapid firing from a gyro-stabilized turret. The Humvee is the primary carrier, but Avenger is designed to operate in a stand-alone configuration or mounted on various military vehicles.

Avenger proves versatility against targets on ground

By Skip Vaughn

The Avenger air defense system has proven that it can be used in a ground-to-ground role.

Avenger successfully fired 2.75-inch-diameter rockets in tests conducted here last week at the request of the Marine Corps. The Avenger, a Humvee vehicle with two pods on top, normally fires Stinger missiles at aircraft targets.

One of the Stinger pods was replaced with a 2.75 pod. Test firings were conducted last Wednesday and Thursday at Test Area 1.

The 2.75 rockets were fired by remote control from a stationary Avenger.

Several target trucks, with colorful balloons, were within 600-700 meters down range. At 500 meters, the warhead deployed small darts called flechettes.

"Very successful," Bill Hughes, chief engineer for the 2.75 program manager, said when asked about the results. "Better than we had anticipated."

Hughes proudly pointed out a rocket hole in the side of a truck after two rockets were fired Thursday morning. Paint markings on the trucks indicated where flechettes had impacted.

Sixteen rockets were fired Wednesday and 16 more Thursday. These

included both single firings and rapid ripples in which one rocket was quickly followed by another.

The Marines, who have Avenger overseas, had asked the Avenger program office if the system could be tested for ground capability. Last week's firings used CRV7 rockets, a Canadian version of the 2.75, and an Avenger which was on loan from the Marines.

Dr. Jay Lilley, program manager for 2.75 rockets, said the firings tested Avenger's ground-to-ground capability with the 2.75. "This is more of a feasibility, marketing kind of thing," he said.

Redstone construction projects are tribute to ex-senator

By Ginger Snyder

Team Redstone will dedicate the last two buildings of the Sparkman Center to retired Sen. Howell Heflin at 2 p.m. Feb. 9 in the Sparkman Auditorium.

Without the former Alabama senator, the construction of the Sparkman Center among other projects on Redstone Arsenal probably would have never happened. The Howell Heflin Complex is a 236,101 square foot addition to the Sparkman Center that houses approximately 1,100 workers.

The complex is home to Deputy for Systems Acquisition, Safety and a portion of IMMC and LOGSA. The four-story facility, building 5308, houses administrative space with a large conference area, two executive suites and the main lobby to the complex. Building 5309, the three-story facility, has an electronic meeting room and food court in addition to administrative space. The construction of the complex was completed Sept. 23, 1997, for \$28.8 million with the team effort of the Corps of Engineers, RASA's Directorate for Public Works, and Universal Construction of Huntsville.

Heflin was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1978 and reelected in both 1984 and 1990. He served as a Marine in World War II in the Pacific Theater, was wounded twice and awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star for his actions.

His wartime experience led him to his belief in a strong military defense for our

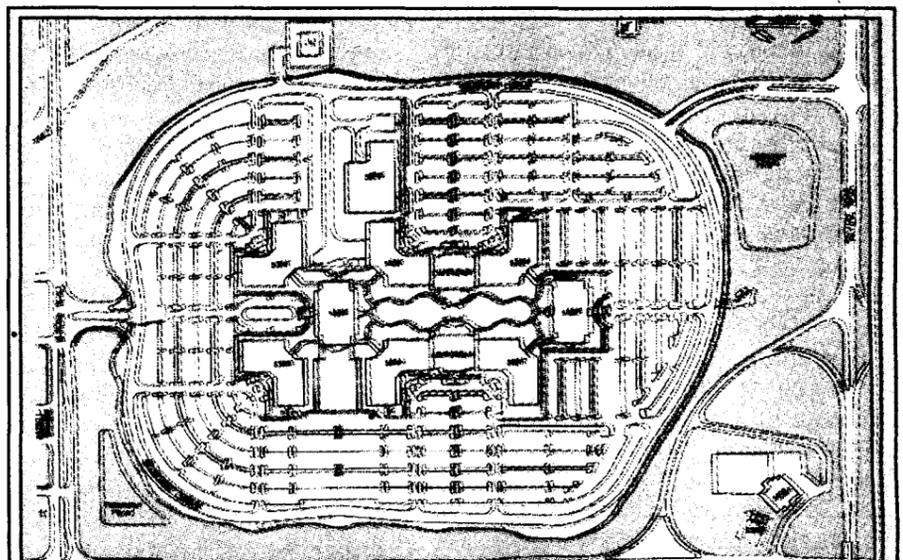


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nation. He was a crucial supporter of many proposals that affected the direction that Huntsville and north Alabama have taken over the years. Thanks to his leadership, the Huntsville area has become a center of missile research and development.

The Associated Press has called him the "Spokesman for Southern Agriculture," and Progressive Farmer Magazine named him "Man of the Year" for his advocacy of America's farmers and their products. During his career he worked diligently for improved transportation, such as the construction of I-565 and the modernization of the Huntsville International Airport. He

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VIP PARKING— The parking area indicated, south of the auditorium and south of building 5307, will be closed to all but invited guests for the Heflin dedication.

Crowd expected for Heflin buildings dedication Feb. 9 at the Sparkman

The parking lot at the Sparkman Auditorium will be closed to all but invited guests for a ceremony Monday, Feb. 9 to dedicate the Heflin buildings.

This includes about 500 spaces south of the auditorium (building 5304) and south of building 5307. MPs will use cones to block off those spaces from about 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8 until comple-

tion of Monday's ceremony, according to the Provost Marshal Office.

The ceremony at 2 p.m. Monday will dedicate the Heflin complex which includes buildings 5307 and 5308.

Monday's ceremony in the auditorium will be followed by a reception in the Sparkman Cafeteria.



Letters To The Editor

Contracting out

There have been numerous instances of contracting out of government jobs. Based on the results of the recent Quadrennial Defense Review, there will more than likely be more contracting out of government jobs. My question is: How can the government contract out jobs that are inherently government when this practice is strictly and specifically prohibited by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)?

Paragraph 37.104 of the FAR states "A personal services contract is characterized by the employer-employee relationship it creates between the government and the contractor's personnel. The government is normally required to obtain its employees by direct hire under competitive appointment or other procedures required by civil service laws. Obtaining personal services by contract, rather than by direct hire, circumvents those laws unless Congress has specifically authorized acquisitions of the services by contract. Agencies shall not award personal services contracts unless specifically authorized by statute to do so."

The FAR goes on to say: "The following descriptive elements should be used as a guide in assessing whether or not a proposed contract is personal in nature: (1) Performance is on site; (2) Principal tools and equipment furnished by the government; (3) Services are applied directly to the integral effort of agencies or an organizational subpart in furtherance of assigned function or mission; (4) Comparable services, meeting comparable needs, are performed in the same or other agencies using civil service personnel; (5) The need for the type of service provided can reasonably be expected to last beyond one year; (6) The inherent nature of the service, or the manner in which it is provided, reasonably requires directly or indirectly, government direction or supervision of contractor employees in order to— (i) Adequately protect the government's interest; (ii) Retain control of the function involved; or (iii) Retain full personal responsibility for the function supported in a duly authorized federal officer or employee."

The AMCOM contractor personnel sit intermingled among government employees, indistinguishable from government employees. They use government equipment (desks, computers), they are on office routing slips, directorate E-mail address books, phone lists, etc. They answer phones, correspondence, and attend meetings in behalf of the offices they are assigned. Similar services are performed in this and other commands by government employees. The inherent nature of the service requires direct or indirect Government supervision. The services last longer than one year. For all practical purposes they are government employees and the services fall entirely within the definition (line by line) of personal services specified in the FAR.

Question: Have the government jobs contracted out by AMCOM been specifically authorized by statute and if so, what statute? Have the contracts been reviewed by legal counsel as required by Para. 37.104 (e) of the FAR?

Question: If the contracts have not been authorized by statute, how does AMCOM avoid violating the restrictions of Para. 37.104 of the FAR when issuing personal services contracts? How does AMCOM avoid violating civil service laws?....

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: Contracting out is an accepted government method of meeting its work requirements with dwindling resources. A decision to contract out for various services is considered only after a detailed cost comparison analysis is completed and only if the solicitation of firm bids indicates that contracting is more cost effective.)

Welcome aboard

We have, here at Redstone, recently combined two logistics centers into one—AMCOM. I bet that this one question was asked a thousand times to those who chose to follow the jobs being transferred to Huntsville. "So, you want to change jobs?" That was certainly your decision to make. I am sure that you will be missed back in St. Louis. However, I am also sure that the Redstone community will be glad to wel-

come you to Alabama with open arms. Welcome aboard and let us work together in maintaining and keeping AMCOM readiness at the highest possible level to give our soldiers the decisive battlefield edge.

For us that were here awaiting your arrival, we too, had envisioned an enhanced opportunity for advancement; however, rumors of large scale layoffs have been circulated throughout the command. We can make firm progress through the BRAC closings, the reductions in force, and the loss of expertise (subject-matter-experts) by voluntary retirements to keep our feeling of family strong and healthy. We have a great responsibility to our co-workers, especially to those who have joined us in the workplace.

The reality is that jobs have been red-lined (eliminated) and won't be coming back. The quantity of cuts has been mentioned many times; however, nothing has been said about what type of jobs that will be cut from our workforce. Challenges will abound throughout our careers, therefore, our career decisions should not be taken lightly, which is why it is important that each of us begins now to develop and control our future with the government. With proper training and enhancement of skills, a person will become an asset to any organization—also by our sharing of training and experiences so that our co-workers can enhance themselves to be part of the future workforce.

The reduction of personnel (active duty and Reserve military and civilian workforce) will be by deactivation, consolidation, and realignment of personnel to improve the overall support to the combat forces. Also this is to provide funds to invest in modernization of our weapon systems to protect our national security interest for the future. Presently, AMCOM is reviewing its current and future business objectives with a keen eye toward reducing expenses and preparing for future opportunities and ventures. The IMMC is a full partner in developing solutions to some very complex support issues, so that we can continue to sustain the operational readiness of our armed forces and minimize the impact on our customer—the soldier.

Jimmy Harbin
IMMC

Commentary: The CWF Council works for all of us

By Jim Bowne

As members of Team Redstone, we reap benefits from organizations about which we know less than we probably should. For some of us, the Civilian Welfare Fund Council (CWFC) may just be one of them.

If you're like me, you don't always have the time to get to know what all the organizations are, much less what they do and how they work. One quick way to get to know about an organization is to serve on its governing body.

Appointed as an alternate representative to the CWFC several months ago, I have since learned a great deal about it. For example, the council surveys the morale, welfare and recreational needs and desires of the Redstone civilian community and then tries to provide programs to satisfy those needs and desires. Funds are supposed to come from facilities used on post

by civilians. The resources are expended for purposes authorized by AR 215-7.

Organizations such as the CWFC rely heavily, too, on support from the commanding general.

If you are a Department of the Army civilian working under the umbrella of the Aviation and Missile Command, you are automatically a voting member of the CWFC. If you are a civilian working for the program executive offices or the Space and Missile Defense Command, you are also a full voting partner of the council.

I also learned that there are two ways to become a council representative—you can be appointed or you can be elected. I recently talked with Hal Dilworth, who works in the Legal Office and who also happens to be the current president, about the finer points of the inner workings of the

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TICKET SALE—Bonnie Kilgore of the EEO Office purchases an event ticket from Dilworth. The Civilian Welfare Fund Council offers discount tickets to various local entertainment events.

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Egypt buys upgraded Chinook helicopters from Army

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

The Security Assistance Management Directorate is breaking new ground in the first sale to Egypt of four CH-47D Chinook helicopters through the Army foreign military sales program.

"The Egyptians are thrilled about getting these 'D' model cargo helicopters," Dave Richardson, Egypt CH-47 FMS case manager in SAMD, said. "Congress has approved the sale. The letter of offer and acceptance went to Egypt for review, specifying the price, terms, conditions and details of the package. It was signed Jan. 23. The next step is for the U.S. Army to work with Boeing and negotiate the final contract."

Richardson began work on this case in March 1997. He developed the LOA while trying to pack boxes in his SAMD St. Louis office and continued the work here at AMCOM in Huntsville.

Richardson developed the letter of offer and acceptance for a total support package, which includes concurrent spare parts, training, and ground support equipment and avionics equipment. He continues to work with Dale Miller, Boeing marketing repre-

sentative, to place the requirement on contract. And he's coordinating with the AMCOM Acquisition Center and the CH-47 Project Manager, on the statement of work package, an outline on what will be done on the contract.

The plan calls for Egypt to provide its own engines for these aircraft, and Boeing to install them and furnish OCONUS pilot training.

Egypt received its first 15 Chinooks in 1981, according to Dan Hatcher, product support, Boeing Information, Space & Defense Systems. The aircraft were CH-47C models, made under license by Agusta in Italy. For the last eight years, Boeing has been encouraging Egypt to upgrade its fleet to 'D' models, since the 'C' models are out-of-date now to the U.S. Army.

"If the 'C' models are upgraded, they would have an aircraft equal to the U.S. Army, and we could provide them Army support," Johnny McMullen, chief of the SAMD general aviation branch, said. "Egypt is considering upgrading 10 of their 'C' models to the 'D' configuration."

The CH-47D's primary mission is moving artillery, ammunition, personnel, equip-



COPTER SALE— From left are Hatcher of Boeing, Egyptian Brig. Gen. Ahmed El Zayat, and Richardson of SAMD.

ment, supplies, barrier material, and fuel on the battlefield.

In civil service, the CH-47D can perform rescue, aeromedical, and parachuting missions in times of national emergency. The

CH-47D can fly day or night in almost any weather.

"You do not have to have a war to get good use out of the Chinook," Richardson said.

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helped expand local technology capabilities, medical research and wrote the law

that protects researchers from terrorist threats.

First elected to public office in 1970 as chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, Heflin crafted the judicial article that became the model for

court reform in other states. He continued that effort in the Senate by bringing about significant reform to the federal judiciary through legislation that revamped an antiquated Bankruptcy Code.

Heflin is a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College and the University of Alabama School of Law. He practiced law for many years in his hometown of Tuscumbia, was a member

of the faculty of the University of Alabama, the University of North Alabama and the College of William and Mary.

He retired from public service in early 1997 after

serving the people of Alabama for more than 25 years. Heflin has been married to Elizabeth Ann Carmichael for 46 years. They have one son and two grandchildren.

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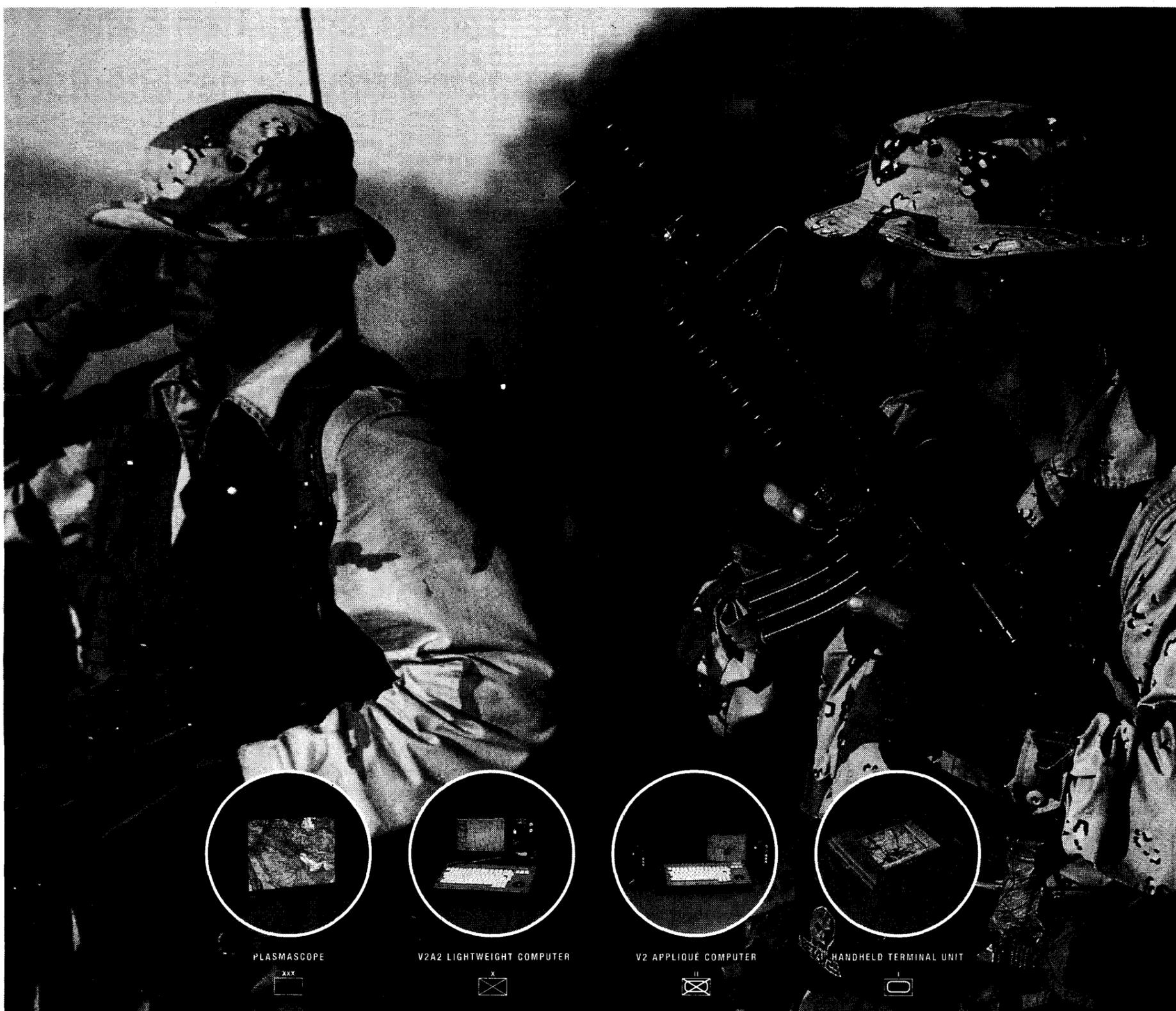
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Black History Month luncheon speaker is Defense official

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Social begins at 11 a.m., and the luncheon at 11:30. Cost is \$9.50. For ticket information, call the AMCOM Equal Employment Opportunity Office 876-3591 by Feb. 16.

Scheduled speaker is Claiborne Douglass Haughton Jr., principal director and director for civilian equal opportunity, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C.

Haughton has served in his current position since November 1994. His office is responsible for the development and coordination of equal opportunity policies and programs affecting virtually all civilian employees and military personnel within DoD worldwide, and providing staff supervision of the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (a 100-member Military Training School dedicated to training equal opportunity personnel, located at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.). He served as acting deputy assistant secretary of defense (equal opportunity) during the transitions between Administrations in 1981 and again during 1994-95.

Haughton began his government career in 1967 with the Defense Logistics Agency as a GS-5 quality assurance trainee in Indianapolis, Ind. In 1972 he changed career fields and became an EO specialist and manager with DLA enforcing Executive Order 11246 Contractor Employment Compliance programs in Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois. In 1977 he was appointed deputy director for the nationwide DoD Executive Order 11246



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Program. In 1979, he assumed the position of director for civilian EO policy in ODASD (EO) and became a charter member of the Senior Executive Service.

He graduated from McKinley High School in Baton Rouge, La., and received a bachelor of arts degree from Dillard University in New Orleans. He earned the master of public administration degree from the American University in Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va., and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C.

Haughton has received more than 100 citations and awards. He and his wife, Linda, reside in Arlington, Va. They have two sons, Alexis and Akili.

Battlefield simulation helps prepare Army for next century

By Dale James

The security guard at the Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center — MRDEC to those in the loop — eyes me suspiciously.

I am obviously not a player.

Nevertheless, I have come on a mission. I am here to report firsthand on a project few people know exists and fewer still have ever seen.

Needless to say, my security clearance is not high enough to afford me free access to the innermost recesses of MRDEC. But calls have been made, strings have been pulled, and I am to be allowed in — under escort. I sign in under the watchful eye of the guard and wait.

My escort arrives momentarily and, after hasty introductions, we proceed down long corridors past doors marked "No Unauthorized Personnel." I imagine myself the central figure in an as yet unpublished Tom Clancy novel,

the fate of the nation hanging on my every move.

It is a heavy responsibility, and I begin to wish I had had the foresight to eat breakfast before leaving the house.

Simulation lab

We wind our way deeper and deeper into the bowels of MRDEC (motto: when it takes a rocket scientist) until at last we arrive at our destination: the battlefield simulation lab.

Here is where the outcome of battles that have yet to be fought is determined. Here is where the future is manufactured. Here is where they have a lot of really neat computer gizmos.

"It's the old Apple Computer advertising idea," Dr. Jeff Cerny is saying as we pass some of the most sophisticated — and potentially lethal — equipment in the Army's entire arsenal. "The best way to predict the future is to build it."

Cerny is an engineer with the Advanced Systems Concepts Office, a sort of think tank for devising new

ways to wage war. The battlefield simulation lab is where many of those new ideas receive their initial test.

Known officially as the Laser Designator Weapons Systems Simulator, the lab is less than impressive at first glance. The floor is crowded with mockups of various weapons systems, including a Bradley Fighting Vehicle and a helicopter cockpit.

Much of the remaining room is taken up by banks of computers.

Near the entrance sits the "battle master's" station, a row of computer screens and keyboards from which various battle scenarios are programmed and tested and re-tested. A viking helmet adorns the battle master's console.

But don't be deceived by innocuous first impressions. The lab enables engineers like Cerny to realistically "model" the effectiveness of a proposed weapons system under battlefield conditions — before it's ever

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Scouts celebrating Boy Scouting's 88th anniversary

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

This year will mark the 88th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and the 90th year of the worldwide Scouting movement. Tom Ross, a new equipment training manager in the Integrated Materiel Management Center's Readiness Directorate, is just one of many Scout leaders encouraging youth members to wear their uniforms and be recognized during the Scouting Anniversary Week, Feb. 8-14.

Ross first became involved with the Boy Scouts as a child and he progressed from there. His father, Jefferson Robert Ross Jr., now 83, was a Scoutmaster and school-teacher. Presently, he is district chairman of the Boy Scouts in Knoxville, Tenn.

Through the years, Ross managed to complete the four basic areas of service: Cub Scouting, open to young men in the first through the fifth grade; Boy Scouting, open to young men, ages 11 through 17; Exploring, open to young men, ages 14 through 18; and as an adult volunteer.

"Scouting is a great program," Ross said. "I don't know of any program in America for boys that is more universally approved than Scouting. Through Scouting, we can help them develop real character; we can teach them cooperation; we can help them develop qualities of leadership; and we can teach them the value of staying power."

In 1994, Ross decided to become a certified Scout leader. Ross first had to review a tape that talks

about child protection. Then he had to pass a Scoutmaster fundamental course. This training provided more details on operating an effective troop unit. Finally, he had to participate in wood badge training, which is a straight one-week course in the woods. The training included outdoor adventure, Scouting skills, leadership and organizational effectiveness, Scout rules and regulations, and safety.

"One of the joys (from) working with boys is that you get your pay as you go along," Ross said. "You have an opportunity to observe the results of your leadership daily as you work with them through the years and watch them grow into manhood, accepting eagerly its challenges and responsibilities."

To help with managing and controlling the program of activities to support the goals and objectives of his troop, Ross has had H.C. Blake Co. sign up as their sponsor every year. The Housing Authority maintains the upkeep of the building where the troop meets at Holmes and Dallas Avenue. And the Urban Emphasis Scout Leader Council, an informal group of inner-city Scout leaders, provides support for their outdoor experiences.

The boys earn their way to summer camp and help with the expenses of running the troop through several fund-raisers, such as, helping with the parking lot at the Von Braun Center, car washes, and popcorn sales.

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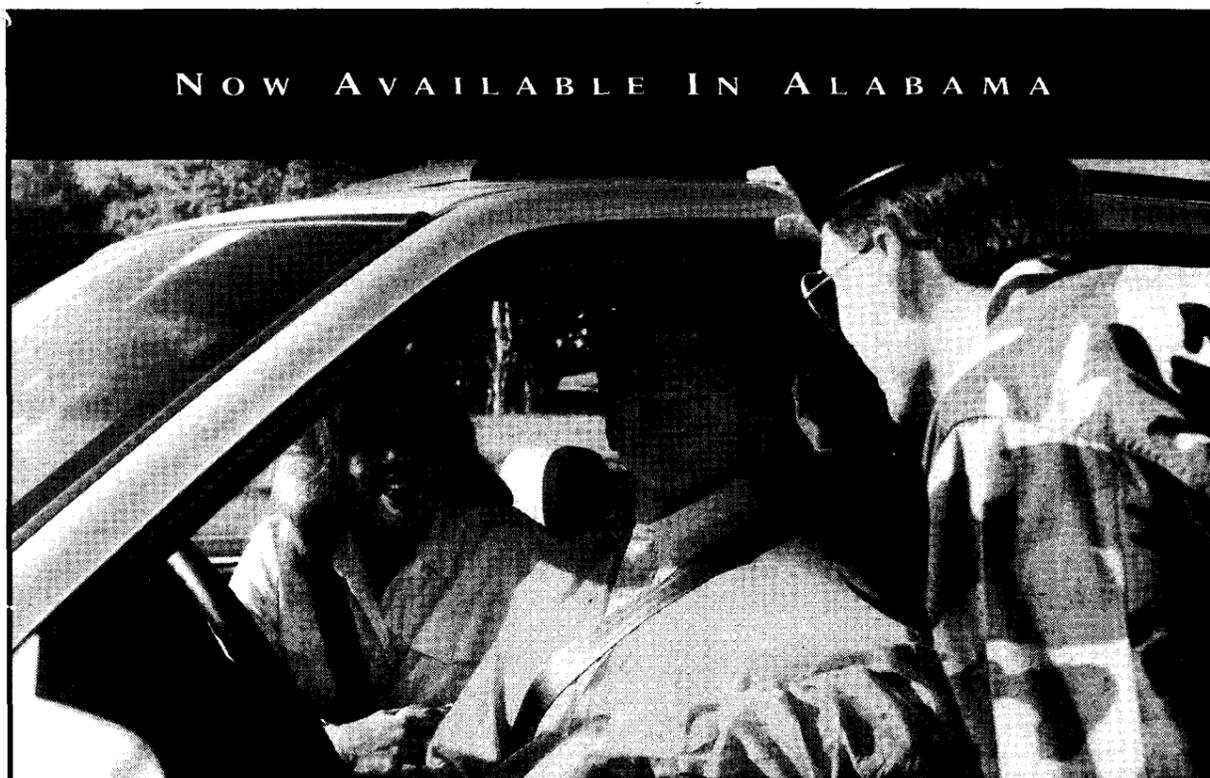
most out of Scouting," Ross said. "For many units, this is the time to complete advancements unavailable during the winter months. The camp staff is ready, the food is great, and the campfires are awesome."

Ross tries to schedule an outdoor activity every month of the year. He has many people who are willing to help the boys earn their merit badges for their ranks. Ross teaches them many values and skills he feels they can use the rest of their lives.

"Scouting with Troop 400 is a wonderful opportunity for experiencing the great outdoors," Ross said. "We welcome anyone who is searching for a troop to visit us at one of our meetings."



STAR SCOUTS— From left are Antonio White, Ross' nephew, who plays basketball for Butler High; Ross, Scout leader; and Randolph Russell, a Junior ROTC cadet at Butler. Both youngsters are star Scouts in Troop 400 and have served on the summer camp staff at Camp Comer. Troop 400 began in 1988.



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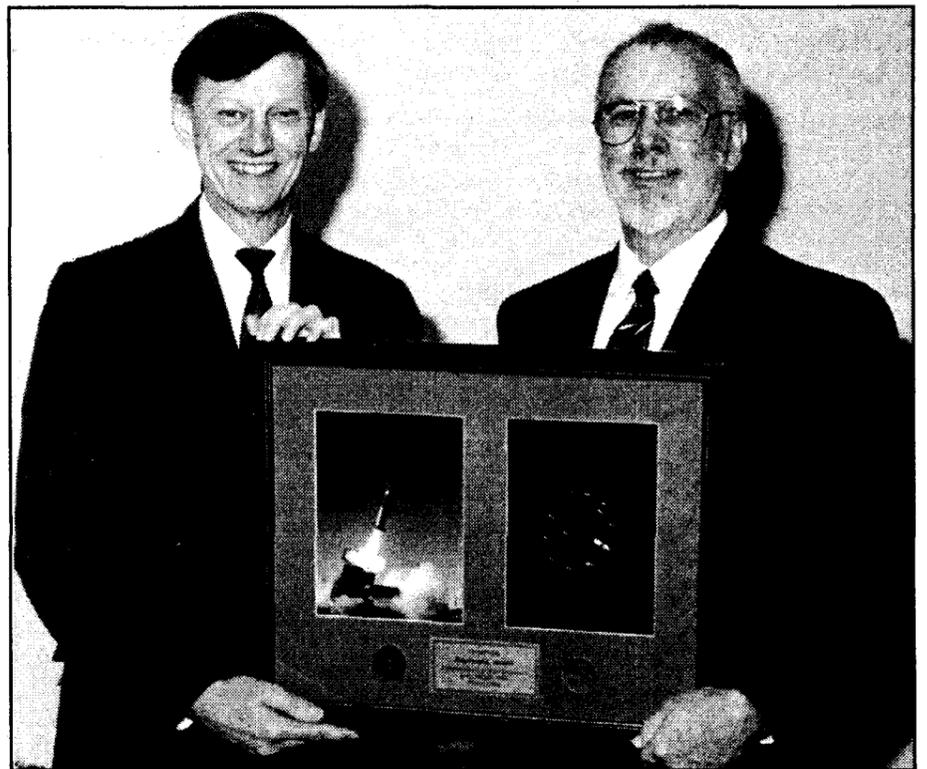
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RETIREMENT CERTIFICATE— Col. Holly presents Covan with certificates of retirement and appreciation.



MEMENTOS— Barker, left, presents to Nowell photographs of recent significant Army TACMS-BAT tests.

Army TACMS-BAT folks bid farewell to two of their own

By Gloria Barone

Two members of Army TACMS-BAT Project Office have retired after long careers in government service.

Lewis Carl Covan and Raymond Nowell both retired at the end of 1997. Many friends and co-workers came by to wish them well in a retirement reception held at the project office.

After two years in the Navy and 10 years with pri-

ivate industry, Covan began his government career as a GS-13, electronics engineer, in the Safeguard Systems Command in 1971. About seven months later, a RIF placed him in the Guidance and Control Directorate of the Research, Development and Engineering Center as a GS-12. In 1974, Covan went to the Hellfire Project Office (now known as the AGMS Project Office) as a GS-13. He was later promoted to a GM-15, program manage-

ment division chief, and stayed at AGMS until he came to Army TACMS-BAT in October 1995. Covan retired from Army TACMS-BAT as the program management division chief, with almost 29 years of government service.

Covan said he and his wife look forward to traveling. He also enjoys computers and investing, and plans to pursue his interest in photography, something he has long enjoyed but never had quite enough time for.

Nowell, a native of Memphis, retired with 40 years of government service. He began his government career in Memphis at Mallory Air Force Depot in 1957, working as a GS-2 in computer operations. In 1965, Nowell came to Redstone Arsenal, as the result of a RIF, to work in the Acquisition Center as a GS-5. He was part of a trial program that was the first intern program for the Army. He worked there until 1977, when a RIF put

him in the Lance Project Office. As Lance phased out, Nowell was moved to a program which evolved into what we know today as the Army TACMS-BAT Project Office.

Nowell said that the number 17 seemed to be a very good number for him, as he worked for 17 different weapon systems during his career, and he was RIF'd 17 times. Nowell learned to look at RIFs differently than most people.

"Sometimes I didn't real-

ize it at the time, but every time I was RIF'd, it always turned out for my best interest in the Air Force and the Army both," he said. Nowell was the acquisition management branch chief in Army TACMS-BAT when he retired, and a GM-14.

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Parents responsible for their children's dental health

(Editor's note: The Redstone Arsenal Dental Clinic Command brings you this article in observance of Children's Dental Health Month. It is the first in a series of dental health articles for children. As a reminder, preschool children from the Redstone Child Development Center will visit the RSA Dental Clinic for a short tour and video presentation at 12:30 p.m. Feb 6, 20 and 27.)

February is Children's Dental Health Month. The Redstone Arsenal Dental Clinic is using this occasion to remind active duty military personnel to look into scheduling routine dental examinations for their dependent children. This would also be a perfect time for military spouses to get a checkup as well.

As most soldiers know by now, dental care for family members is not provided in stateside uniformed services dental treatment facilities. The Family Member Dental Plan, while not without cost to the servicemember, provides a government subsidized means for personnel to obtain affordable dental care for their family members from civilian dentists in the local community. While most military sponsors have enrolled their family members in the FMDP, there seems to be an unfortunate tendency for them not to follow through and seek the care for which they are paying. This can really cause problems for young children who still have primary ("baby") teeth.

The FMDP covers 100 percent of the cost of examinations, X-rays and cleanings (including fluoride treatments) for each covered beneficiary up to twice a year. Since baby teeth can decay very rapidly, it is important to have them checked frequently. With twice-yearly dental examinations, it is unlikely that a child will need any extensive dental work (simple fillings are covered at the 80 percent level under FMDP). Aside from the health consequences of allowing small problems to deteriorate into large ones, there can be a serious financial price to pay as well. Root canals (a

likely eventual consequence of untreated tooth decay) can be expensive, and are only covered at the 60 percent level by FMDP. Crowns (generally needed following root canal therapy) and bridges to replace missing teeth are also expensive, and FMDP only pays 50 percent of the cost. Dentistry is one area in which an ounce of preven-

tion really is worth a pound of cure. Since emergency dental treatment is covered under FMDP, a few words about dental emergencies are in order. First of all, accidents can happen to anyone. The majority of painful dental problems, however, are due to neglect: self neglect, or (in the case of children) parental neglect. If family

members have been receiving routine dental care, they are much less likely to develop a painfully urgent dental problem. If they do, nearly all dental practices will accommodate their patients if an unforeseen problem develops ... even after normal hours. "Strangers" with toothaches, however, are unlikely to be seen on short notice. People

who don't relish the thought of their spouse or child suffering with a toothache for a week or two should strongly consider engaging the services of a local dentist before they really think they need one.

Active duty military personnel who have one or more family members covered under FMDP should be sure to make use of the cov-

erage for which they (and the government) are paying anyway. Those who do not have FMDP can enroll through their unit PAC or orderly room. Additional information can be obtained from the health benefits adviser in the local Tricare office 955-6497 or the Redstone Arsenal Dental Clinic 876-2616.

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Sudden Infant Death Syndrome subject of workshop Feb. 24

By Barbara Anderson

Did you know that Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is the major cause of death in infants from one month to one year old, with most deaths occurring between two and four months?

"Approximately 6,000 infants die of SIDS each year in the U.S.," Lt. Col. Mary B. Johnston, chief of the Public Health and Education Center, said. "SIDS is defined as the sudden death of an infant under one year of age which remains unexplained after a thorough investigation."

The Child Development Center in conjunction with the Parent Advisory Council, will conduct a public awareness campaign to educate all parents and childcare workers on SIDS.

A workshop will be held at 11 a.m. Feb. 24 at the Child Development Center, building 3145.

"The workshop is open

to all parents and childcare workers on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome," Johnston said. "We want to inform and educate our parents and childcare workers about SIDS."

SIDS is unexpected and usually occurs in an otherwise apparently healthy, sleeping infant.

"SIDS is not caused by vomiting or choking, minor illnesses such as colds or infections, childhood immunizations or child abuse," Johnston said. "It is not contagious and it is not the cause of every unexpected infant death. The sudden death of an infant leaves much grief and unanswered questions to parents, family and friends."

The lack of a defining cause of SIDS has led researchers to make recommendations on prevention of SIDS based on current

medical and scientific knowledge.

"Infants from birth to six months should be placed on their backs to sleep using only a firm mattress," Johnston said. "No more than a thin, waterproof cover and sheet should be used between mattress and child. No pillows, soft or plush bedding, stuffed animals, or cushions should be used."

As the infant begins to turn over on their own the recommendation is to let them assume their own sleep position. Regular observations of infants should be made by their caretakers.

To attend the SIDS workshop, call the Public Health and Education Center 842-0196 or Chris Weissner 876-7947.

(Editor's note: Anderson is a community health nurse, health educator at Fox Army Health Center.)



Room dedication...

From left retired Maj. Gen. Richard Stephenson, Joseph Cribbins, and Maj. Gen. James Snider, program executive officer for aviation, participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony naming one of PEO-Aviation's conference rooms in honor of Cribbins, former special assistant to the deputy chief of staff for logistics, Department of the Army. Cribbins, 40 days from reaching age 84, now employed

by DynCorp, retired from civil service on Aug. 7, 1992. His name became so intertwined, during his government career, with his work that he was known to many as "Mr. Army Aviation Logistics." His leadership in the Army Aviation Association of America and other arms of Army aviation logistics, official and quasi-official, has long distinguished his career.

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AMCOM equipment publications worker keeps annual award in the family

By Skip Vaughn

Higher headquarters recognizes a worker each year who has made a difference in the Army's equipment publications program.

The latest recipient, Teresa Harrison, works at AMCOM's Integrated Materiel Management Center. But this isn't a first for the Harrison family. Her husband, Jim, was Redstone's first recipient of the award 10 years ago.

"It's good that we're keeping it in the family," Jim Flinn, director of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, said. On

Jan. 28 he presented the Paul E. Burns award for 1997 to Harrison for her outstanding contribution to the Army Materiel Command's equipment publications program.

Harrison's leaders nominated her for the AMC award because "we think that she ought to be recognized as being the Army's best in this field," Flinn said.

Harrison, a publications control officer, has been instrumental in the process of converting paper manuals to electronic manuals, according to Flinn.

"I think this plaque is only a small measure of the respect

and admiration of the professionalism you've shown in this endeavor," he said.

Harrison, 38, originally from Hampton, Va., works in the publications services management team at Logistics Support Directorate within the Integrated Materiel Management Center. She began her government career at Redstone in 1982. As an intern, she spent 1984 at Fort Monmouth, N.J., and returned after that year.

Her husband received the Paul Burns award 10 years ago while working in the technical publications

division at what was then the Missile Logistics Center (now IMMC). Jim is a technical writer for Logistics Support Activity.

The Harrisons have three sons: Brent, 11, Eric, 9, and Christian, 5.

"I want to thank everybody that works with me," Harrison said upon receiving her award. She said many people are responsible for the success of the equipment publications program.

"It's just nice to be recognized for the work that you've done," she said later.



PRESENTATION— Flinn, left, presents to Harrison the Paul E. Burns award for 1997.

School age service choices surveyed for Redstone community

A survey of school age services is under way to assess needs, according to Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

"This needs assessment is necessary to collect information and provide better options to meet your family's needs," a prepared release from RASA said.

The following is the text of the needs assessment for school age (6-12 years old) service:

1. Which of the following services would best meet your needs:

- A. Before school only
- B. After school only
- C. Before and after school
- D. Hourly care

2. If an after-school program is offered in the Youth Center, building 3148, would you:

- A. Stay at School Age Services, building 3400
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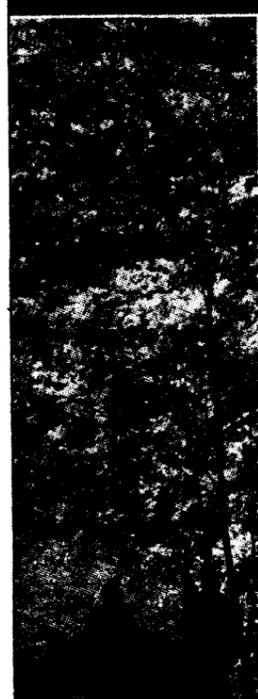
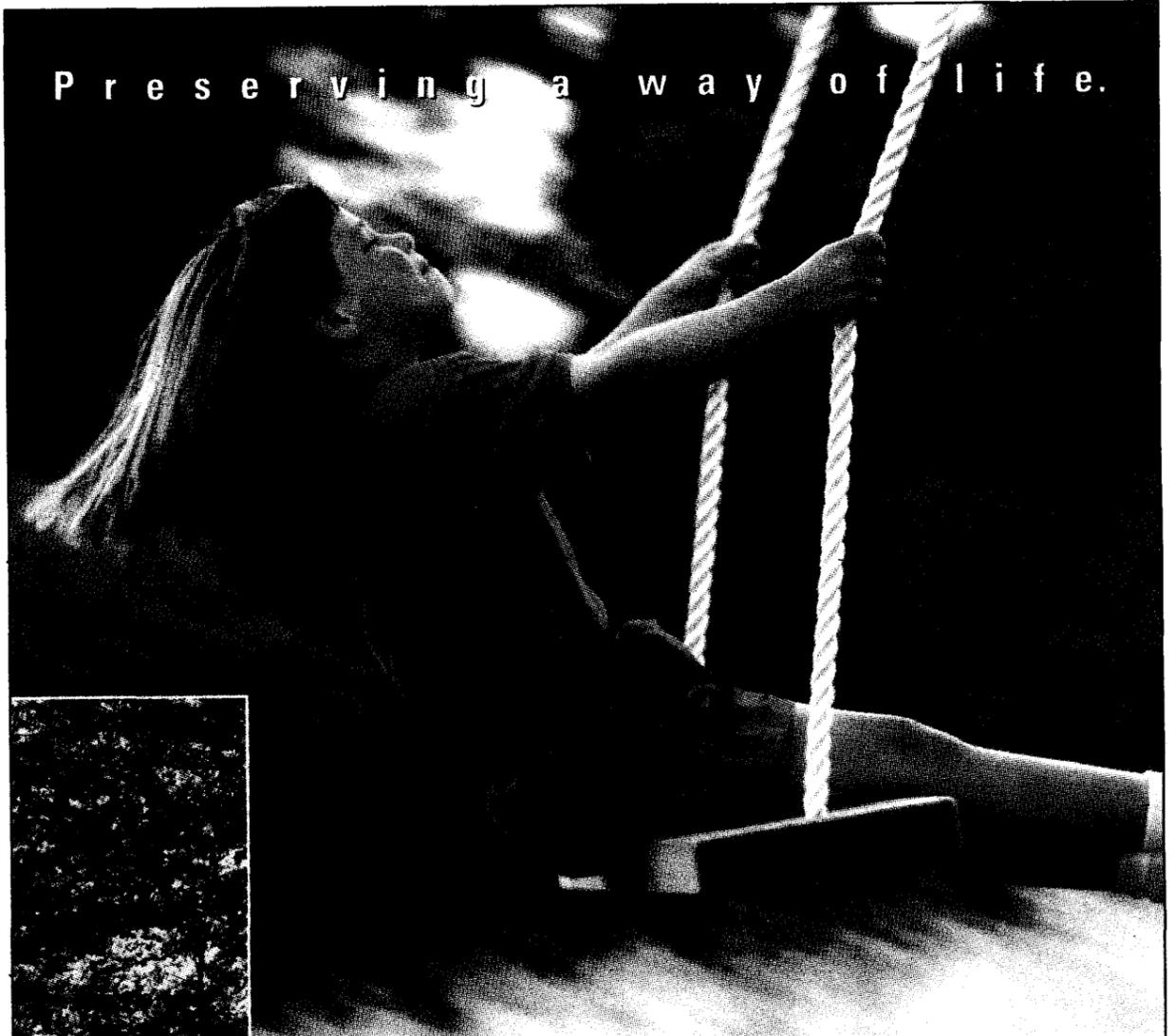
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Black History Festival scheduled

By Meloney Jones

The third annual Festival of African-American Music, Art, Fashions, and Portrayal will be held Feb 26 from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Sparkman Auditorium.

The festival, during Black History Month, is free to Redstone employees and the community. The festival is sponsored by the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles, and the MLRS Project Office.

Nathaniel Johnson, a logistic management specialist with MLRS Project Office, is this year's chairman.

"Each year the committee comes up with a theme that will unite people and bridge the gap between cultures," Johnson said. This year's theme is "Fill This World With Love."

The festival promises to be fun and entertaining as well as educational. The festival includes music, art and fashions. "This year we added a portrayal," Johnson said. "The portrayal highlights famous African-Americans. As well as entertain the audience, we also want to educate them on the significant contributions and achievements African-



FESTIVAL MODEL— Lawanda Wherry models a colorful dress during last year's festi-

Americans have made to our country and the world."

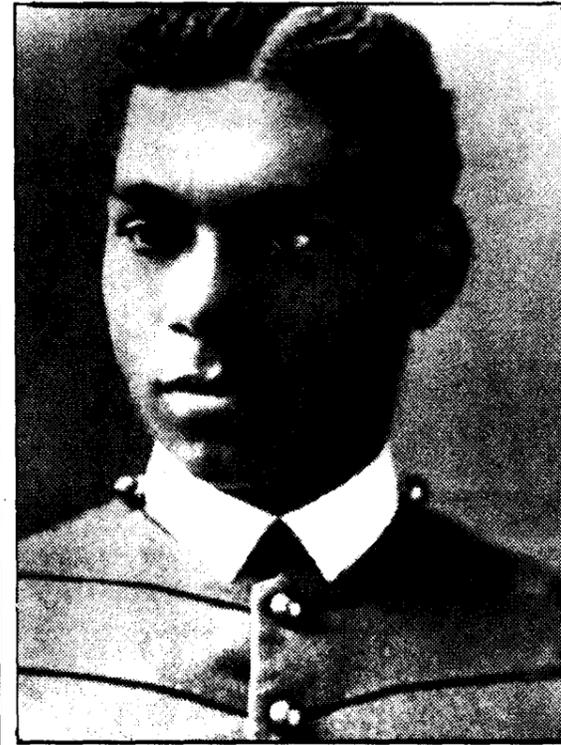
Johnson said the committee has received great support from Redstone and the community. The committee goal is to get everyone involved and participating in the festival.

Dr. Clifton Pearson, professor of art, Alabama

A&M University, and John Sims, a professional artist from Birmingham, will exhibit their art. Artwork by other local artists will also be on display. The exhibits can be viewed that day from 9 until 2 in the auditorium's lobby.

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Black History Month focus of weekly quiz



WEST POINT PIONEER— Henry Flipper, who died in 1940, became the first black to graduate from West Point on June 15, 1877 and the first black to be assigned to a command position in a black unit after the Civil War.

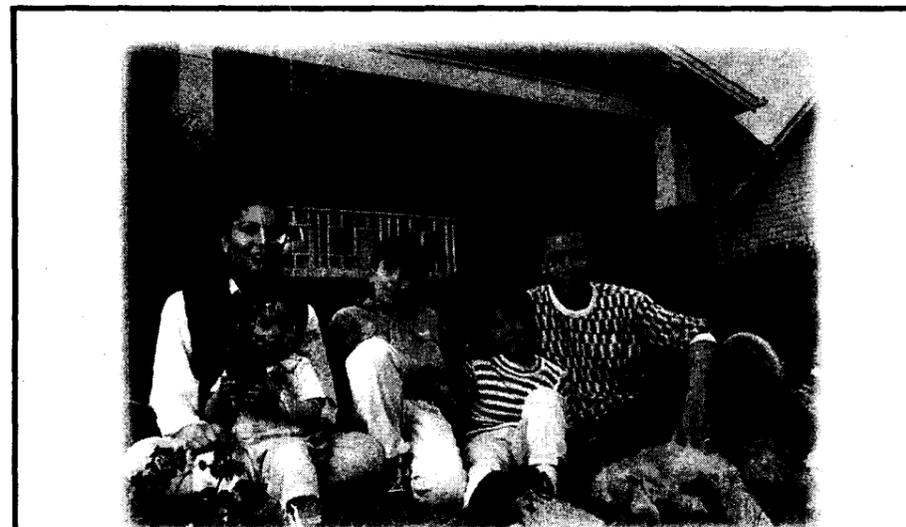
You can test your knowledge of African-American history each week in February during Black History Month.

The *Rocket* will publish a weekly list of questions provided by Nathaniel Johnson, chairman of the annual festival of African-American music, art, fashions and portrayal.

Here are this week's questions:

- Name the first licensed African-American woman pilot?
- Name the "Railroad Conductor" who was wanted by the U.S. for \$40,000?
- Who is Ferdinand Joseph La Menthe?
- Name the inventor of the traffic light and the gas mask?
- Who is "the father of the blues"?

The answers should appear in next week's *Rocket*.



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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

Huntsville area. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. For more information, call Mary Bissell 430-0541.

- **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 handspings 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 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.

- **School age services**— School Age Services will have its Valentine Ball at 7-9 p.m. Feb. 13 at building 3400. All children living on Redstone Arsenal and/or enrolled in School Age Services are invited. Parents are welcome. Semiformal dress is appropriate. Cost is \$2 per person. Enjoy the evening featuring dancing, refreshments and games. For more information, call Wanda Lackey 876-6595 or Carolyn Taylor 955-6309.
- **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.

FOLKS

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Nowell looks forward to spending lots of time with his children and grandchildren and pursuing his hobbies, one of which is autograph collecting.

During the retirement reception, Col. John Holly, Army TACMS-BAT project manager, presented both retirees certificates of retirement, certificates of appreciation, and flags that were flown over the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. The deputy project manager, Donald Barker, presented each honoree with photographs of significant Army TACMS-BAT test events.

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

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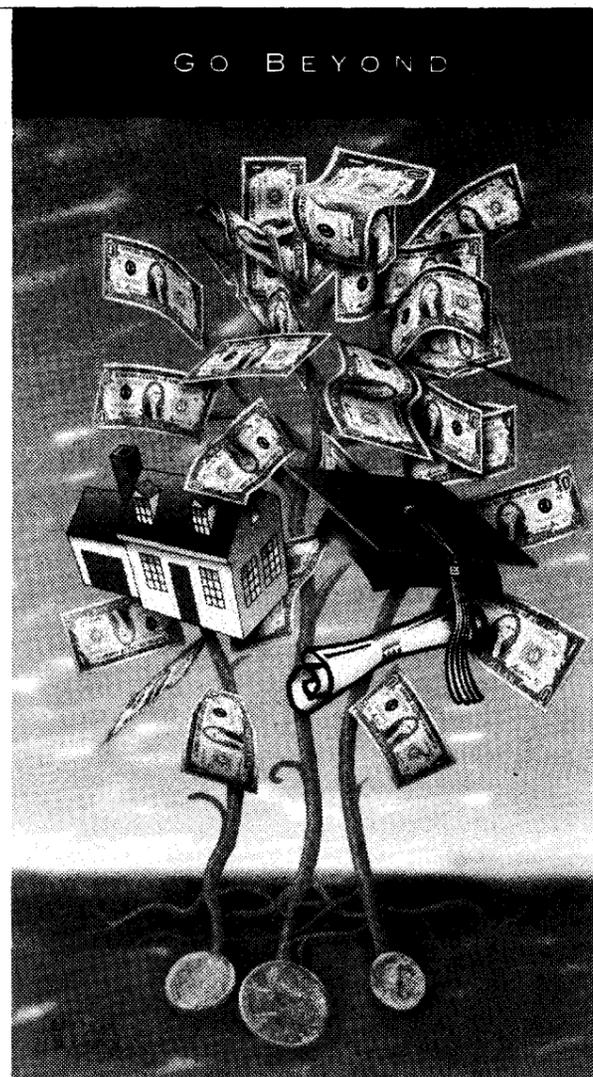
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CWFC.

"The preferred method for becoming a council representative," he explained, "is through the election process." Elections normally occur every two years. However, because of massive restructuring, changes in personnel, and changes in the composition of offices since the establishment of AMCOM, the election process has been delayed.

"To assist the election process, we need to complete construction of the voting blocs. This will give members of the bloc the opportunity to choose a person who is known to them and qualified according to the job description that the council recently approved. A write-in vote will provide additional flexibility for voting members," Dilworth said.

The election process is set up so that each voting bloc is notified of a pending election. There are presently 21 voting blocs that cover all the civilians within the various organizations.

A CWFC representative has many responsibilities.

The primary one is to be the conduit between the council and the members in his or her voting bloc. "The representative must keep the council informed about the concerns and wishes of those he or she represents. It is through their elected representatives that all civilians have a say in how they want the monies to be spent," Dilworth said.

As is the case with a lot of volunteer organizations today, a lack of sufficient funds continues to plague the CWFC. The council is not a part of MWR, so it doesn't receive funding from them. Although the council's administrative functions and financial management are coordinated and audited through the NAF system, it receives no funding from them either.

"The council generally receives monies from the Post Restaurant Fund and from Burger King," Dilworth said. "However, we haven't received any dollars from Burger King since February 1996. It was at that time that the NAF control [of funds] was restructured from Redstone to the U.S. Army Materiel Command. As a result, we lost the income we previously

used to sponsor civilian sports programs, annual picnics, and holiday activities." Dilworth feels strongly that the council's biggest duty is to determine the recreational needs and desires of the civilian community and then do its best to provide them. But more funding is required if the CWFC is to again offer such programs.

"CWFCs on other posts enjoy additional sources of income that we don't," Dilworth lamented. To make his point, he cited AAFES facilities such as leisure travel and concessionaires in Post Exchange malls. "On a more upbeat note, we expect in the near future to have Burger King funds restored and fees from leisure travel to be distributed to us," he said.

It's obvious that numerous changes, for the better, have taken place under Dilworth's conscientious leadership. I asked him how he has managed to achieve so much in such a short period of time.

"Well," he said, "the CWFC has only one

salaries employee, our activity manager. She's paid from monies generated from rental fees for public use of the Rustic Lodge. We also have a hard-working, diligent, and positive-thinking group of representatives on the council. And we're fortunate to have former U.S. Army Aviation and Troop Command employees who were active on the CWFC in St. Louis. They've brought a lot of good ideas and enthusiasm to our organization."

When I asked Dilworth to cite examples of some of the council's more recent accomplishments, he spoke with pride.

"Well," he said, "for the first time we're providing job descriptions for council representatives. Both the elected representative/alternate and his or her supervisor will sign it. We think this will help place focus on the council, on who we are and what we do.

"We're also in the process of developing a home page. Representatives from the IMMC are con-

structing it, and it will be triggered off of AMCOM's home page. Along with that, we're investigating some form of electronic balloting.

"In addition, since AMCOM was permanently established, we've instituted discounted tickets for entertainment events at the Von Braun Center and the Broadway Theatre League. Council members receive a \$2.50 discount for VBC events and a 10 percent discount on the cost of a ticket for the Broadway Theatre." Any employee of Redstone Arsenal, including civilians, military, contractors, and retirees may purchase tickets sold by the CWFC.

Also, after Feb. 15, the CWFC will offer the 1998 Federal Personnel Guide for sale at a considerable savings off the cover price.

Dilworth also spoke enthusiastically about the recent improvements made to the Rustic Lodge and surrounding grounds.

After reviewing our conversation and mulling over in my own mind how much the Civilian Welfare Fund Council has done for all of us, I'm proud to be a representative. Even if I didn't come aboard the preferred way.

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ARMY

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built. "It's called 'virtual prototyping,'" Cerny explains as I feverishly scribble notes while simultaneously trying not to trip over the electrical cords that lie scattered about the room.

Software program

The real heart of the lab is not the various pieces of hardware that make getting about difficult, but a software program dating back to the early 1970s. It has undergone a number of revisions and updates since then, but much of the original programming remains in use today.

Cerny quickly dismisses any superficial analogies to a souped-up Army version of Nintendo, however. What takes place in the bat-

tlefield simulation lab goes far beyond anything in Mortal Kombat III.

"Virtual prototyping is not the same as the real thing — I'd be the first to admit that," Cerny concedes. "But it does give us a user-friendly tool for people who are not necessarily scientific to envision how different factors can affect their requirements."

That's another way of saying that this software is as close to the real thing as you can get without actually building the system and physically testing it.

Over the years, the programming used in the battlefield lab has been refined until it is able to replicate virtually every variable faced by soldiers in the field — including climate, terrain and weapon characteristics.

Unlike commercial arcade games that deter-

mine a weapon's accuracy with simple straight-line, point-to-point directness, for example, the battlefield simulation lab programming takes into account the weapon's actual trajectory. Utilizing what's known as "high-resolution technology," the program factors in literally scores of variables — from how much dust is created under battle conditions to the effect of rain and mud on mobility to weapon reliability to whether or not you're likely to run out of gas five miles down the road because you chose to carry an extra five rounds of ammunition rather than an extra can of fuel.

Explains Cerny, "High-resolution technology is absolutely essential to achieving engineering fidelity. And as computers get more powerful and smaller, we're able to do

more of that."

The Advanced Systems Concept Office is where the weapons systems of the future take shape. Engineers like Cerny match the requirements of their customers with available technology. Deciding exactly what the "Army After Next" is going to look like, however, sometimes requires equal doses of imagination and science.

"We deal a lot in conceptual form," Cerny points out, "because a lot of times the technology for what we do hasn't been invented yet."

One of the hottest concepts currently being explored at the Advanced Systems Concept Office involves a project Cerny terms "missile-in-a-box."

The project consists of a basic missile platform that can be outfitted with a variety of warheads designed to

accomplish different tasks. Once deployed, the missiles can be triggered by satellite communications. The missiles can be equipped with surface-to-air or surface-to-surface warheads, or even as anti-personnel "virtual minefields" designed to be triggered at the enemy's approach.

"Missile-in-a-box is going to happen," Cerny says.

No Hollywood

While Cerny admits he enjoys a good science fiction movie as much as anybody, he insists Hollywood is a poor source of ideas in the S&T world. (That's science and technology, for those of you not in the loop.)

"Hollywood," Cerny sighs, "is not restricted by what's do-able in the real world. We, on the other hand, have to abide by the

laws of physics."

That's where the battlefield simulation lab comes into play. By allowing engineers and scientists to realistically test the effectiveness of proposed weapons systems before they're even built, the lab is capable of saving untold millions of dollars in production costs.

As budgets shrink and R&D dollars get more scarce, that becomes increasingly important.

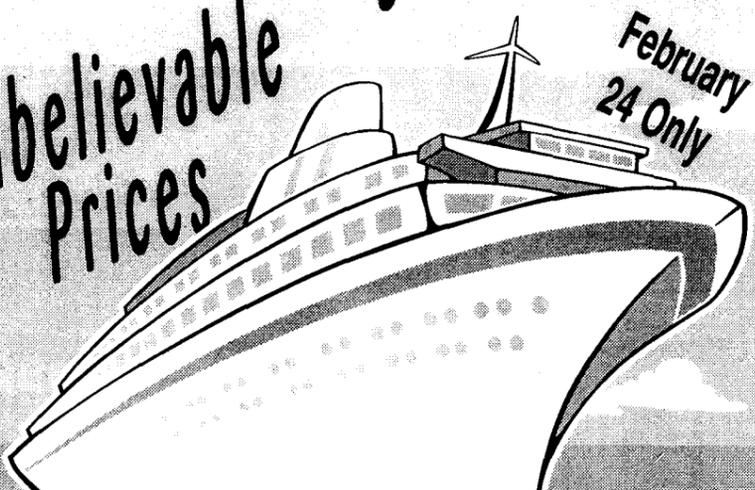
"Right now is a good time for this command to position itself as a major player in shaping the Army After Next," Cerny contends. "When you think about it, we're already in the 21st century. And people naturally expect far-reaching change during milestones like that. The battlefield simulation lab gives us the edge we need to lead that change."

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Merit awards — The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will present one or more Merit Awards to eligible graduating high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited college or vocational school and to undergraduate or graduate students who are presently enrolled in a college and working toward a degree. Applicants must be family

members of active duty, retired, Reserve, or deceased commissioned or warrant officers. All applicants must hold a valid military identification card. Their primary residence must be with parents or parent residing in the Huntsville area. Students on fully paid scholarships or who have previously received this award are not eligible to apply. Merit Award applications are also available for spouses of active duty, retired, Reserve, or deceased commissioned or warrant officers who have been accepted or are presently attending an accredited college or university as an undergraduate or graduate student. All applicants must hold a valid military identification card and their primary residence must be in the Huntsville area. Previous recipients of 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.

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.

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 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 & Crockett 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

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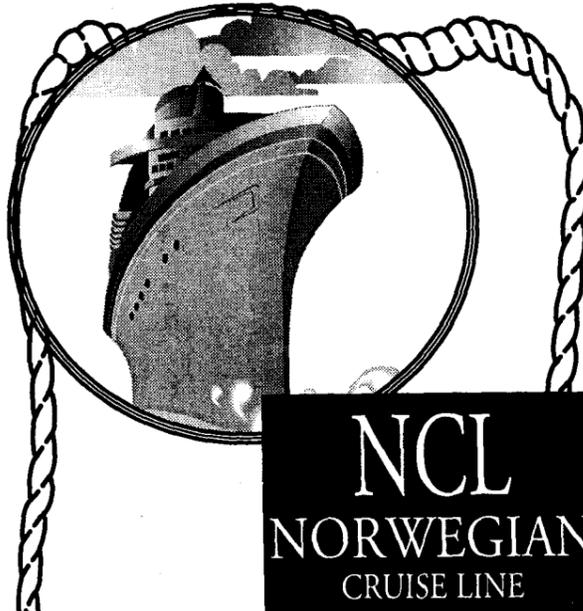
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Logistics training— Learn how Logistics Support Analysis has changed, and update your knowledge of acquisition logistics policies and procedures. The Tennessee Valley Chapter of SOLE, the International Society of Logistics is sponsoring a seminar on Logistics Management Information from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 17 and again Feb. 18 at the Tom Bevell Center, 550 Sparkman Drive. Cost for the one-day seminar is \$160 for non-members, \$135 for members. To register call Chuck Slyker 955-9698 by Feb. 11.

Astronomical society— The Von Braun Astronomical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. Astronomy teacher Beth Bero and Dr. John Adams, historian from Alabama A&M University, will tell tales from Africa to help celebrate Black History Month. After the show, "join our astronomers at their telescopes to see some of the most beautiful sights from Earth," a prepared release said. For more information, call 539-0316 or Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

Red Cross blood drive— The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Feb. 13 from noon-6 at Dublin Memorial Park in Madison. A Valentine T-shirt will be given to each donor. For more information, call the Madison Recreation Department 772-9300.

Fox health center— Fox Army Health Center will be on holiday hours Feb. 13 and Feb. 16. Triage advice nurses will be available 24 hours a day at 955-8888. The Urgent and Evening Clinic will be open. All other clinics and pharmacy will be closed.

Pharmacy hours— The Fox Army Health Center

Pharmacy hours of operation have changed. The new hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Pharmacy will be closed weekends, federal holidays, and on announced training holidays. It will also close the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. for training. Those individuals requiring prescription refills are requested to call the refill line 842-7337 for this service. Refills may be picked up on the second and fourth Thursdays before 1 p.m. Normal hours of operation apply all other duty days.

Boating safety class— Redstone Flotilla 2406, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will offer the boating safety class Thursdays (Feb. 12, Feb. 19, Feb. 26, March 12, March 19 and March 26) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at building 3305, Zeus Drive, room 215. There is no

charge for this course; however, there is a \$14 fee to cover the cost of the class manual and student study guides that are provided to students. For more information and class registration, call Tom Kunhart 885-7096 (work) or 830-6621 (home).

Management association— The North Alabama Community Chapter (NACC) of the National Management Association will conduct its annual American Enterprise Speech Contest Feb. 17 at the Space Center Holiday Inn on University and Jordan. The contest will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will follow. The contest will feature competing local high school students. All current and prospective members are invited to attend. Call 461-5085 or 842-2045 for reservations and details.

Federal retirees— The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will meet Feb. 14 at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. For the program, a representative of the Huntsville Police Department will discuss how citizens complaints toward the police are handled by its Internal Affairs Division. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m.; program at 10. For more information, call 837-0382 or 881-3168.

Red Cross blood program— Here's the Red Cross blood schedule for February: Feb. 6— building 5400, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tammy Moore 876-3033; building 3497 (Marine Detachment), from 6-11 a.m., 1st Sgt. McKenzie 842-2214. Feb. 12— building 5304 (Sparkman Center), 7 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Kathy Buford 842-6289 or Billie Perkins 955-

0080. Feb. 13— building 5681, from 7-noon, Susan Zimmerly 313-4165; building 4488, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Mallory Murray 842-7602 or Fran King 842-7399. Feb. 20— building 4752 (NASA), 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Franee Logston 544-7534. Feb. 27— SMDC, room 1C400 (Wynn Drive), 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Al Longhi 955-5901; Corps of Engineers, 7-noon, Linda Merschman 895-1580.

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Resource managers— The American Society of Military Comptrollers luncheon will be held 11:30

a.m. Feb. 12 at the Trinity Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road. Cost is \$8 for members, and \$9 for non-members. For reservations call Cherry Hovik 876-3590 or Bill Richardson 842-6943.

Marine Corps league— The Marine Corps League will hold its regular monthly meeting Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 237, 2900 Drake Ave. All present and past Marines are invited. For more information, call Alice Bennett 881-2619.

Warrant officer recruiting— Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command will sponsor a recruiting team visit to Redstone Arsenal on Feb. 23-24. Briefings are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Feb. 23, and at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 24 in

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building 3301, room 213 (auditorium). The team will conduct briefings to solicit soldiers to apply for the Warrant Officer Program. Each briefing will inform soldiers about the career fields available, including the Warrant Officer Flight Program. "We encourage all interested soldiers, regardless of MOS (military occupational specialty) and rank, to attend one of the scheduled briefings," a prepared release said. "We also encourage commanders and senior personnel to attend to keep abreast of the ever changing Warrant Officer Program." Soldiers can receive information on the Warrant Officer Program from Jean Manley, at MILPO, 876-3148; CWO 3 Samuelson 876-6618 or St. Germain 842-6842; or on the internet at: www

.goarmy.com/warrant/warrant.htm.

Bible study— Members of the Redstone community, civilian and military, are invited to attend Bible study each Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. For more information, call 313-6874.

AFTB workshop— Army Family Team Building will hold another workshop Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. until noon in building 3447 on Zeus Road. To reserve seating and for more information, call 876-0446. AFTB is an Armywide program in which families learn from each other about Army life and preparing for deployments. This free program is open to the total Army including military, reservists, civilians and family members.

expect a bigger crowd," he said.

For more information on modeling, call Phyllene Washington 876-5665; or to work on the committee, call Johnson 876-2116.

HISTORY

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Volunteer models from Redstone and the community will model African-American attire. "Models are responsible for providing their own clothing," Johnson said. "We are still looking for models, and other volunteers to work on the committee."

The Dynamic Praise Choir of Oakwood College and the University of Alabama-Huntsville Jazz Band will perform. Johnson said both groups are dynamic and the audience is in for a great treat.

If you plan to attend the festival, Johnson advises you get there early. "Last year there was standing room only, and this year we

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'97 Ford F-150 XLT Supercab, Auto. Trans., 5.4L V8, Blue (STK.#L8T130B)	\$21,500	
'91 Ford F-150 Lariat XLT, Short Bed, Black (STK.#7T2139A)	\$8,975	
'97 F-250 Supercab, Heavy Duty 4x4, Auto. Trans., 7.5L V8, A/C, White (STK.#8T349A)	\$22,900	
'96 Ford F-150 Lariat XLT, Supercab, Full power, V8, Auto. Trans., A/C (STK.#L8T198A)	\$14,975	
'96 Ford F-150 Lariat XLT, SWB, Auto. Trans., A/C, V8, White (STK.#AP1976)	\$14,750	
'97 F-150 Supercab XLT, 4x4, Auto. Trans., Extra Nice, White (STK.#L8T650A)	\$22,975	
'96 F-150 XLT Lariat 4x4, Longbed, Auto. Trans., Blue (STK.#KP1499)	\$19,800	
'96 Ranger Super Cab Splash, Sportside, 5 Spd., Yellow, (STK.#7F645A)	Like New	\$12,500
'93 Ford Ranger XLT, 5 Spd., A/C, Sport Wheels (STK.#7F925B)		\$6,500
'93 Ranger XLT, 5 Spd., A/C, Sport Wheels (STK.#7F1200B)		\$6,500
'95 Ford F-150 XLT, Lariat, 4x4, Short Bed, V8, Auto. Trans., Air Cond., 24K Mi. (STK.#RP1511)		\$18,500
'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 mi. (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

VANS

'92 Ford Aerostar Ext. Van XLT, Dual Air (STK.#RP1425A)	\$8,950	
'93 Ford Aerostar Ext. Van XLT (STK.#RP1328A)	Loaded	\$7,950
'97 Ford Aerostar Ext. Van XLT, 4WD, Dual Air, Full Power		\$18,990
'95 Nissan Quest GXE, Dual A/C, 40K Mi. (STK.#7T2143A)		\$16,500
'92 Dodge Grand Caravan, 7 Passenger (STK.#RCL876A)		\$8,500
'95 Chevy. Astro High Top Conv. Van, V6, All Power, Color TV, Many Other Options, 44K Mi. (STK.#L8T223B)		\$14,990
'93 Dodge Ram 250 Custom Van, Well-Equipped, Captain's Seats, All Power (STK.#7T2229A)		\$7,950
'93 GMC Safari Ext. Van, V6, Auto. Trans., A/C (STK.#AP1982A)		\$10,995
'93 Mercury Villager Van, All Power, A/C (STK.#81416A)		\$9,995
'96 Chevy. Astro Ext. Passenger Van, LX Pkg., All Power, 27K Mi. (STK.#8T810A)		\$16,990
'98 Ford E-150 Cargo Van, V8, Auto & Air, Only 250K Mi.		\$22,500