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AER fund campaign gives Army chance to help its own

By Skip Vaughn

The annual fund-raising campaign which enables the Army to take care of its own will be held March 2 through May 15.

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, is to kick off the Army Emergency Relief campaign at 10 a.m. March 2 in the Sparkman Auditorium. This year's goal is \$40,000, with the slogan "AER is a community effort."

"People should contribute to AER because it's their opportunity to help other people, or actually to help themselves if they become so in need," CWO 3 Lee Samuelson, co-chairman for the campaign, said. "And it's another way that the Army takes care of its own."

Army Emergency Relief provides interest-free loans or grants to active and retired servicemembers and their families in times of emergency needs. Widows and orphans of military can also receive AER assistance. Others eligible include members of the Reserve and National Guard after completing 30 days of continuous active duty service.

Samuelson's wife, Sharon, also co-chairman for the campaign, points out that civilians can receive assistance indirectly as military family members. She recalled that

AER helped her return home to assist her mother who was dying of cancer. "It got me home three times (twice to the hospital and once to the funeral)," she said. "I couldn't have gone home if I hadn't gotten an interest-free loan."

Last year AER provided \$133,082 in assistance to members of the Redstone community. This included \$97,612 in interest-free loans, which are to be repaid by the recipients, and \$35,470 in grants. Emergency needs included such things as funeral expenses, initial rent, and emergency travel.

Money contributed to the annual fund-raising campaign goes into a national AER pot for distribution. Redstone raised \$57,429 in last year's campaign.

"AER now is providing all funds that are used by not only AER but also the Red Cross" in assisting the military, according to Juanita Adams, the AER officer. Effective this year the American Red Cross is using AER money to provide assistance to military families. This is through agreement between the national Red Cross and AER because of depleted Red Cross funds. The Red Cross reached similar agreements with the other military relief societies.

"So, that makes the AER fund-raising campaign more important than ever," Sharon Samuelson said.



SUPPORTING AER— From left are CWO 3 Lee and Sharon Samuelson, campaign co-chairmen; Juanita Adams, AER officer; and Sgt. Aaron Williams, co-chairman.

While the Samuelsons are returning co-chairmen from last year's campaign, the drive has a new NCO-in-charge. Sgt. Aaron Williams, a member of HHC AMCOM, joins the Samuelsons as co-chairman this year.

Williams recalls how AER helped him with an emergency car problem. "Once you see the value of AER and they come in and

help you, you'll never forget it," he said. "It's an eye-opener."

For more information about Army Emergency Relief or the upcoming campaign, call the AER campaign headquarters at 842-8377. It's located in building 3491, room 101. A training meeting for key representatives to the campaign is scheduled 2 p.m. Thursday at building 3301, room 213.



Play time...

Colette Brohard, 5, daughter of SSgt. Gary and Michelle Brohard, plays with toys during a visit Feb. 18 at Army Community Service.

Department of Army's '99 budget on the table

By Connie Dickey

WASHINGTON— The Army's 1999 budget request of \$64.3 billion reflects its need to strike a balance between modernizing the force and keeping quality soldiers, maintaining readiness and training the force.

The proposed budget supports an end strength of 480,000 active-duty soldiers, 357,000 Guardsmen, 208,000 Army reservists and 237,000 Department of the Army civilians.

The budget seeks to maintain quality of life programs in Fiscal Year 1999 and at the forefront is a 3.1 percent pay raise and also renovation of substandard barracks and housing for single and married soldiers.

"We remain steadfast to our commitment to fix the location where the single soldiers live; their barracks, their quarters," a senior Army budget official said.

The Army is also putting emphasis on family housing and is requesting \$68.5 million to replace family housing units at Redstone Arsenal, Schofield Barracks, Forts Bragg and Hood.

Barracks renovation money of \$307 million has been allocated for major projects, including sites at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Forts Bragg, Campbell, Eustis, Benning, Sam Houston, Sill, Camp Castle, Korea, and Schweinfurt, Germany.

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lion to replace family housing units at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., Schofield Barracks, Forts Bragg and Hood. An additional \$28.6 million will fund four whole-neighborhood revitalization projects at Forts Monmouth and Sill, Wiesbaden, Germany, and Vicenza, Italy.

The family housing budget section also requests

\$1.1 billion for operating and maintaining approximately 131,000 military family housing units, worldwide. This amount includes \$468 million for maintenance and repair, which provides for major repairs on approximately 3,500 dwellings.

For the second consecutive year, this budget meets the goal of funding child care centers to provide service for 65 percent of the child-care demand.

A senior Army budget official talked about the reserve components and their importance in today's total Army. "We rely on them to go do our business as in Bosnia today and in many of the other things. If we have to go to war, we know we have to take them with us, and we've got an awful lot of emphasis on bringing together some of the things that need to hap-

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Letters To The Editor

Black history

Native Americans: Who are they and where are they and what happened to them? We have "acknowledgment" tribes and "unacknowledged." Acknowledgment means the government officially acknowledges that a group of Indians exist as a tribe and this tribe has certain inherent rights and powers and are entitled by certain congressional acts to benefits and services. Unacknowledged groups vary greatly. Some have held onto customs, portions of their tribal lands. Some of these groups have a few members of pure blood, some have several thousand. Some groups are now petitioning for acknowledgment using the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

The path to freedom has not been an easy one for African Americans, Black Indians, and Native Americans. These dark Americans braved every peril for that piece of the American Dream. All of these Americans found that life was never the same once the Europeans had arrived.... The first paths to freedom led to Native American villages where black men and women found a red hand of friendship and an accepting adoption system and culture. Marriage between these two (the African and the American Indian) created sturdy offspring that helped shape the early days of fur trade, and added a new dimension to the old Western frontier and a daring contribution to the fight for American liberty. Black Indian, Freedmen (Indian Mixtures, and those of Negro blood, Half Breeds, and Mixed Bloods— names that all became synonymous. Out West runaway slaves joined Indian nations and produced offspring Black Indians; on the East coast many Indians became slave owners and the African enslaved became friends and married into the Indian nations.

It was estimated that about one-fourth to one-third of the population of the Choctaws, Chickasaws and Seminoles were slaves and freedmen.

In Massachusetts, intermarriage became so common between Native American and African that the Massachusetts' first census recorded 2,000 Native Americans "many of whom were of Negro blood as well." Kenneth Wiggins Porter mentioned that two-thirds or more of the Massachusetts' Gayhead and Mashpee, Connecticut's Groton Pequots; Paugusset/Wepaunaugas; Rhode Island's Narragansetts; New York's Shinnacocks and Montauks; Virginia's Gingaskins, Nottoways and Pamunkeys; Florida's Seminoles; Georgia and lower South' Cherokees, Creeks and Choctaws; and North and South Carolina's

Melungeon populations that intermixed with African Americans. In 1834 Melungeon population had settled in Tennessee. Their name "melanges" is based on stories handed down of their origin. The story goes that an English trader, an African and a Portuguese ship-wrecked pirate founded the Melungeons couple with the Native Americans of the area. In 1834 Tennessee disenfranchised and classified the Melungeons as "free persons of color."

In Virginia, the state legally declared the Croatans (also known as Red Bones), formerly from North and South Carolina, to be free people of color. Unlike the records of the five civilized tribes, there was a deliberate effort to eliminate other tribes, particularly the smaller ones. In the 1800s it was not uncommon to learn that a tribe just terminated. Many Native Americans were listed as Mulatto, White, Mestizo or Negro. This termination gave the impression that the population in many areas was either black or white. In 1806 Virginia judges ruled that a person who was of white appearance was to be presumed free and white.

The census of 1800 and 1810 will show your ancestors as White, Mulatto, Negro, or Indian. Remember, Negro does not mean and did not mean African during that time; it only meant other than white.

Charles W. Smith

Twenty originals

They came, 20 of them. Isabella, Pedro, Anthony and 17 other kidnapped souls. They came not as passengers, as thousands of American immigrants had come before them but as cargo in the belly of a Dutch Ship of War.

Bound to the ship's hull by chain at the neck, wrist and ankle, their introduction into British North America in August 1619 would mark the beginning of slavery in America. The chain of historical events that led to their ship dropping anchor off the swampy shores of the Chesapeake Bay are not truly known. Their story is buried deep within the pages of hidden American history. Yet, if read with patience the guardians of truth will on occasion whisper inklings of that which was.

The most acceptable historical account of their ingress seems to be that John Rolfe as noted by author Lerone Bennett Jr. in his book ("Before the Mayflower: A History

of Black America"). The captain 'ptended, "Rolfe wrote, that he was in great need of food and offered to exchange his human cargo for "victualle." Someone shook hands, contracts were drawn and signed and by the beginning of the American Revolution, over a half million Africans lived in America as slaves.

But, were the "Twenty Originals," as history has dubbed them, sold as slaves or indentured servants? The historical data seems to support the latter. In fact a more accurate description of their social disposition would be that of indentured slaves. These terminologies cannot be dismissed as mere semantics. Unlike indentured servants, indentured slaves did not leave their homes voluntarily nor did they enter into their four to seven years labor contacts or indenture willingly and perhaps most important of all they were black.

Conversely, Isabella and company seemed to have enjoyed much of the same status as their white counterparts. At least in the beginning. One of the Twenty Originals, Anthony, completed his term of service, received his "freedom duties" and with the help of the headright system became a successful farmer as well as master of white indentured servants and black slaves.

Isabella was allowed to marry one of her shipmates and in 1624 gave birth to the first black child born in the British colonies. He was christened William Tucker in the Church of England.

This equality in servitude would not last long. With the successful cultivation and exportation of tobacco, the need for cheap labor increased. Soon black slaves would outnumber white indentured servants in many areas of Virginia and the Carolinas. Colonial fear of insurrection would manifest itself in laws designed to restrict the lives of Africans. In 1641 Massachusetts became the first state to give statutory recognition to slavery and 20 years later Virginia followed. By the mid-1700s, laws condemning Africans to a life of slavery would become the colonial norm.

The social progress that could be achieved by Africans in the infancy of colonial slavery was no longer possible. The descendants of the Twenty Originals would spend the next 200 and more years trapped in the American paradox— a nation of free-men founded against the backdrop of slavery.

SFC Rodney W. Glaspie
D Company,
832nd Ordnance Battalion

(Editor's note: February is Black History Month.)

Drought hits SMDC's Kwajalein Atoll in central Pacific

While El Nino is hammering the California coast line with heavy rains, blistering storms, and raging floods, it is doing the opposite for the Space and Missile Defense Command's Kwajalein Atoll/Kwajalein Missile Range in the Marshall Islands in the central Pacific. A severe drought is predicted to plague the atoll for much of this El Nino year.

"Our normal rainfall since Dec. 15 should have been 8.39 inches," said Maj. Tim Linderman, assistant chief of staff for operations, on Jan. 30. "But it has been only .75 inches. We're in a serious situation, but not a crisis. We can get through this drought, but it is going to take the cooperation of everyone in the community to conserve water.

The more than 100 islands of the atoll

form the world's largest lagoon. This feature, coupled with its isolated location and specialized state-of-the-art data-gathering devices, makes the range uniquely qualified for effective live testing of missiles of all ranges. Kwajalein is operated by a government/contractor team of approximately 2,800 that includes military personnel, government civilians, technical support contractors, and scientists from MIT Lincoln Laboratory.

The drought is turning the otherwise lavishly green landscape brown and is lowering water levels. It is predicted that three, or even four, months of the usual May-December rainy season may be very dry. Thanks to conservation efforts, average freshwater consumption has gradually gone down from 300,000 gallons to approxi-

mately 260,000 gallons per week. All the water to meet daily use is being pumped from the "lens," the island's chief fresh water source. Rainwater percolates down through the coral island and forms a pool— called a lens — of fresh water within the island. In addition, rain water accumulates in three catchment areas— two plastic lined, the other a grassy area — from where the water is gravity-fed to 24-inch pipes and taken to holding tanks.

"All water is precious on our small island. A leak repaired quickly, a shower cut short, a gallon of water used first for rinsing dishes and then for watering plants — every small and large saving in freshwater use will help us get through this El Nino drought," said Stan Jazwinski, superintendent of Utilities.

With the atoll expecting a prolonged drought, the wastewater treatment plant — supplier of non-potable, or reclaimed, water — occupies a position of growing importance. "We have seen a significant increase in non-potable water consumption," said Linderman. "For example, we are in the process of converting the private boat area to non-potable water for washing boats and flushing engines."

Nobody knows better than the people at Kwajalein that we cannot take water for granted. Having a shortage can be just as disastrous as having an unneeded abundance. El Nino may not be the cause of it all - he'll certainly be blamed for it.

(Editor's note: Information gathered from several issues of *The Kwajalein Hourglass*.)

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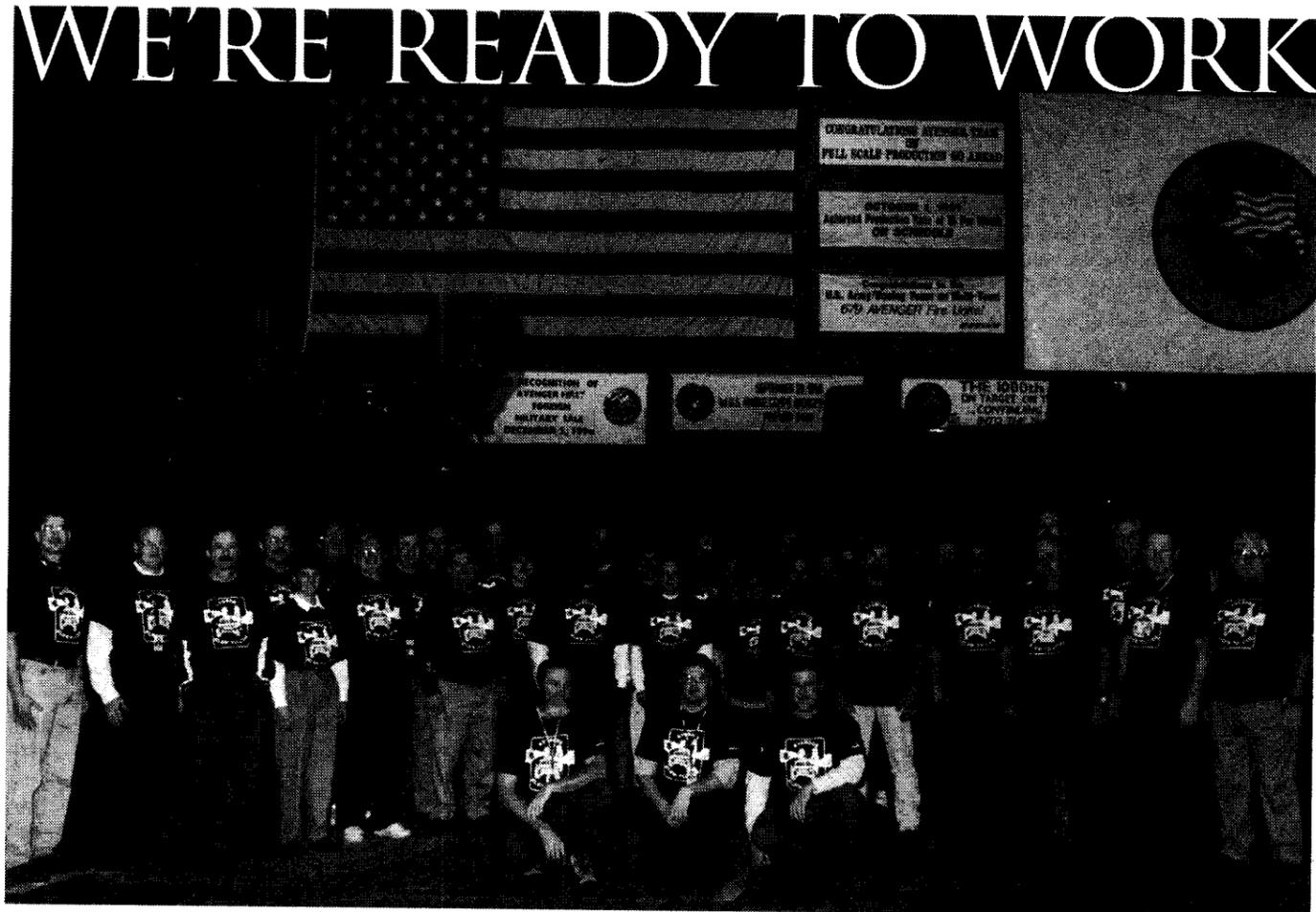
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Direct fund deposit becomes mandatory for federal workers

By Dale James

Call it a sign of the digital times.

The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 includes a section that requires all recipients of federal salary and wage payments to receive those payments electronically.

If you work for the federal government, it is now mandatory that you accept payment by electronic funds transfer (EFT).

"That's not just for AMCOM," emphasized Harold Jacobs, acting chief, Systems Management Division, Resource Management Directorate. "That's for anybody who works for the federal government."

The most common form of EFT payment is direct deposit, in which a worker's paycheck is deposited directly to his or her savings or checking account.

"It's cost effective," Jacobs said. "If we do the check electronically, we don't have to do a hard copy."

He pointed out that in addition to saving the government money, the system boasts a number of benefits for the worker.

"It's convenient," he said. "First of all, you don't have to worry about your check getting lost or stolen. And secondly, you don't have to wait for the check to clear. The funds are available right away."

Under the old system, Jacobs noted, replacing a lost check was an involved and often time consuming process. With EFT, replacing an errant check usually takes less than 48 hours.

The 1996 Act does provide for some exceptions — but not for long. For employees who entered federal service before July 26, 1996, the Act does not apply until Jan. 1, 1999, unless the employee transfers between agencies or resumes employment after a break in service.

Those who entered federal service after July 26, 1996, can obtain a waiver by certifying that they do not have an account at a financial institution — but only through Dec. 31 of this year. Effective Jan. 1, 1999, all recipients of federal salary and wage payments must receive payments electronically, unless the secretary of the Treasury specifically authorizes a waiver.

Said Jacobs, "Right now, if a person doesn't have a financial institution, we give them two pay periods to get one. After that they've got to get an account. That's the law."

NCO Academy recognizes leaders of future during graduation exercises last week

By Bob Cole

The Army's proud tradition of developing professional leaders for the future took another leap forward during graduation exercises Friday at the NCO Academy.

Fifteen soldiers were recognized for their leadership abilities in exercises in which Sgt. Chad R. Culp became the first person to receive the John D. Woodyard Leadership Award. Culp is currently assigned to the 797th Ordnance Company EOD at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The Woodyard Award was presented by Julia Woodyard-Krause, honoring her late husband, CSM John D. Woodyard, who died in an accident in Frankfurt, Germany in 1993. Earlier, Woodyard-Krause presented the NCO Academy with a photo collage and other memorabilia Woodyard received during his period of service at Redstone Arsenal.

The Army recently



FIRST RECIPIENT— Sgt. Culp receives the first-ever John D. Woodyard Leadership Award from Sgt. Woodyard's widow, Julia Woodyard-Krause. Looking on, from left, are SSgt. Daniel

approved naming the NCO Academy, building 3329, in Woodyard's honor.

The Research Excellence Award was earned by SSgt. Glenn W. Griggs. The Association of U. S.

Army Award went to Sgt. Michael B. Kinney.

The list of graduates also included SSgts. Stephen M. Corwin and Trevor A. Peterson; and Sgts. Dwayne M. Childers, Allen D.

Daves, Michael A. Goins, Roland L. Hankey III, Marcus A. Lindsey, Walter H. Oldenburg, Brant C. Shyrigh, Thad C. Smith, William W. Taff and William E. Wheeler.

Marsh honored at JLENS Project office

By Andy Dobbs

Don Marsh was recently chosen as the employee of the quarter in his program office at the Space and Missile Defense Command.

Marsh, is a civilian engineer in the JLENS, or Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted

Sensor System, project office. JLENS was formerly named Aerostat.

Marsh received the award for his lead in the effort to reestablish an aerostat test bed at McGregor Range, N.M., while he was leading the simulation, test and evaluation team full time during the JLENS

source selection process. All of this was achieved while also serving as acting chief of his division.

"The quarterly award program was started to recognize outstanding performance like Don's, and to foster competition for excellence within the office," Col. Herbert Carr,

JLENS project manager, said.

Marsh, who holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in industrial engineering, has over 25 years of government service. He has worked in the JLENS since November 1996.

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Part 2 of series: Remembering Redstone in WW II

(Editor's note: Bowne wrote the following article, presented in a four-part series which continues this week, when he was a member of the Historical Office. The information comes from World War II era historical records in the Historical Office and in the Heritage Room at Huntsville Madison County Public Library.)

By Jim Bowne

Redstone Arsenal's mission during World War II was to produce munitions of war according to the requirements of safety, quality and quantity.

For their outstanding services in the manufacture of munitions, Redstone employees won the coveted Army-Navy "E" Award five different times. Although such achievements were often accomplished at great personal sacrifice, Redstone employees recognized that their contribution directly affected the war effort, and they met their responsibilities with determination and dedication.

Because the extremities of the reservation were not completely fenced, a mounted Civilian Auxiliary Military Police force was sworn in at Redstone Arsenal on Aug. 1, 1942, to patrol the installation's borders. To accommodate the force, the arsenal had more than 40 horses, most of which were acquired from Front Royal, Va. To provide feed for the horses, corn was planted on abandoned farmland adjacent to the stables, and Huntsville Arsenal donated several acres of hay which Redstone employees cut and baled. This mounted force was responsible for the arsenal's internal security and provided protection 24 hours a day.

The force was also duty-bound to report drivers who violated the arsenal's traffic regulations. Despite the fact that warnings were issued, drivers continued to ignore the 35-mph speed limit and disobey the instructions printed on the traffic signs. When repeat offenders received stiff penalties, the cited drivers often vented their resentment on members of the guard force.

As the arsenal grew, so did the need for more housing. Therefore, on Aug. 18, 1942, the War Housing Project began constructing Redstone Park. The Park was located on a tract of land near Farley, about two miles from the south entrance of the reservation. By Feb. 22, 1943, the first

unit was ready for occupancy.

During the war, Redstone Park was occupied exclusively by Redstone and Huntsville Arsenal employees, with precedence being given to Redstone personnel. The only requirement for living in the park, which consisted of 112 buildings encompassing 300 units, was a certificate from personnel verifying employment at either Redstone or Huntsville Arsenal.

All houses were furnished with ice refrigerators, kerosene cooking stoves, and kerosene or fuel oil space heaters and water heaters. A one-bedroom house rented for \$22.50 per month; two bedrooms for \$25. For 15 cents more per month, one could rent a three-bedroom house.

Workers living in Redstone Park were transported to and from work free of charge, either by bus or rail transportation. Offering passenger and freight service, the Redstone railway played an important part in the operation of the arsenal. Known as the "Redstone Express," an engine with three railway cars carried workers from Redstone Park to the ammunition lines on the arsenal and back home again. Formerly the property of the New York City elevated railway system, the three cars were purchased and renovated by the government for this purpose.

During World War II, Redstone Arsenal reflected the pervading atmosphere that embraced the rest of America. Patriotism ran high, and all things great and small were tied to the war effort. Rationing and saving became a way of life.

Redstone Arsenal employees were urged to save everything made of metal and put it to work "for victory." This included scrap metal, old stoves, radiators, tools, metal beds and toys, cooking utensils, furnace grates, and pipes of all kinds.

Brass buttons and insignia on the overcoats and blouses of enlisted men were replaced by molded plastic to make available as much metal as possible for war production. The change in buttons was expected to save 365,000 pounds of metal a year.

Employees were also asked to save all sorts of old rubber, including rubber car mats. Even waste household fats, such as greases and drippings from various

types of meat, were saved to make soap for the war effort. Hoarding and wasting were viewed as "aiding the enemy."

Shortages of wood pulp, meat, gasoline, coal, sugar, automobiles, tires, fuel oil, and coffee also affected arsenal employees. To help relieve the critical pencil shortage brought about by the diminishing supply of wood pulp, Eddie John, who worked in Redstone's Procurement Division, used the same pencil for one and a half years. To help battle the meat shortage, the post restaurant initiated two "meatless" days per week. Gasoline rationing was harder to bear. The rules and regulations governing gasoline rationing were



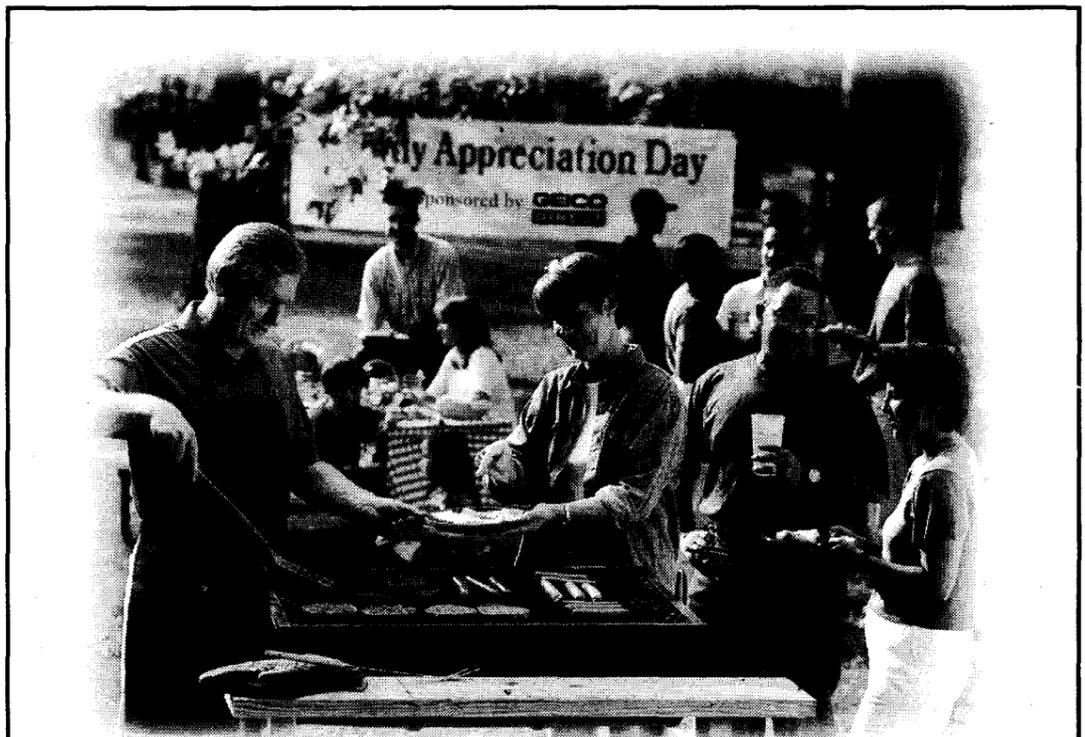
REDSTONE HOUSING— During World War II, Redstone Park was occupied exclusively by Redstone and Huntsville Arsenal employees, with precedence being given to Redstone personnel.

stringent. Gasoline was not allotted for pleasure use or for visiting sick friends or relatives. Stickers were

placed on car windshields to coincide with specific gasoline allotments. A person with an "A" sticker (for "A"

book) was allowed 240 miles of driving per month.

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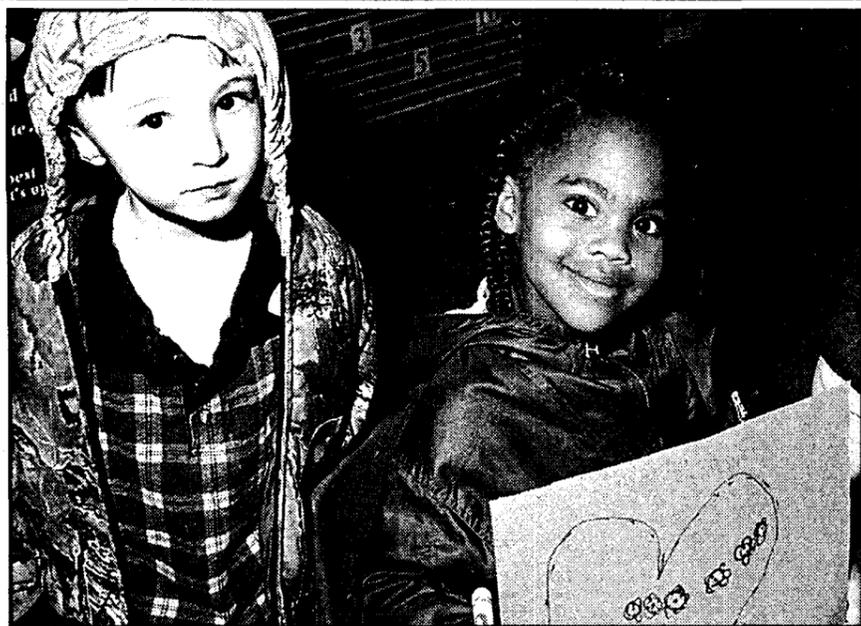
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Showing creativity...

Anthony Shockley, left, and Dominique Mortimore, both of the Redstone Child Care Center, join other youngsters in preparing Valentine cards for residents of the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home.



Valentine salute ...

More than 200 children, ages 3-12, of military and civilian workers from Redstone's child care, school age services and family child care providers, made over 500 Valentine Day cards for residents of the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home. The cards were distributed to the veterans on Valentine's Day by SSgt. Delores Davis of D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; and Spec. Tony Madero and Sgt. Tamara Mullins of HHC AMCOM.

MWR highlights

Officers Club— 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.

Art exhibition/auction— The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold its 26th annual Art Exhibition & Auction, 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.

Youth Services baseball/softball— Youth Services Baseball and Softball Registration registration continues through March 28. All military, retired military, contractors, DoD and DA civilian dependents are encouraged to participate. Youth ages 4-18

may register at building 3148 (Youth Center) Monday through Saturday from 1-8 p.m. Cost is \$20 per child per sport, or you may join the family sports plan, which is \$100 per family per year. The family plan includes baseball, softball, soccer, basketball and golf. Following are the softball and baseball age groups: T-ball 4-6 years, Coach Pitch 7 & 8 years, Minors 9 & 10 years, Majors are 11 & 12, Preps 13 years old, Babe Ruth 14 & 15 years; Softball 7-13 years old. A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany the registration form. Anyone who fails to register before the closing date of March 28 will be placed on a waiting list. For more information, call 876-2255/5437.

Outdoor Recreation storage— Outdoor Recreation offers outdoor and indoor storage facility rentals. The rentals are determined by length of vehicle or vessel; over 19 feet is \$9 per month, and under 19 feet is \$7 per month. There is a waiting list for indoor storage; the maximum length of boats with trailer for indoor storage is 23

feet, the cost is \$14 per month. For more information, call Sandra 876-4868.

Girls dance team— Youth Services is forming a Youth Service Dance Team for girls ages 12 to 16. The team will be limited to 16 members and is free. Practices will be held every Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. For more information, call Russell Litz 876-2255.

Arts/crafts center— The Arts and Crafts Center has the following new hours of operation: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 1:30-9:30 p.m., Thursdays 5-9:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and closed on Sundays and Mondays. The center is located at 3615 Gray Road. For more information, call 876-7951.

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Black History Month Q&A's provided

Here are the answers to the Black History Month questions that appeared in last week's Rocket:

- What country "fell in love" with Josephine Baker?... France, specifically Paris. Baker (1906-75) was a famous performer who fell in love with Paris; and the city responded in kind.
- Who wrote and delivered the "Ain't I a Woman" speech?... Sojourner Truth (1797-1883) at an 1851 women's rights conference in Akron, Ohio.
- Name the woman who launched the Montgomery bus boycott... Rosa Parks on Dec. 1, 1955.
- Name the first black woman to be ordained an Episcopal priest... Pauli Murray (1910-85).
- Who is Augusta Savage?... Augusta Savage (1892-1962) was one of the most distinguished artists of the Harlem Renaissance.
- Name the founder of the National Negro Opera Company... Mary Cardwell Dawson (1894-1962).
- What decade is considered the golden age for women of jazz and blues?... The 1920s, led by Bessie Smith (1894-1937).

Patriot-Roland pact signed in Germany

WASHINGTON— In a ceremony Feb. 7 in Munich, Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen and German Minister of Defense Volker Ruehe signed the Follow-on Implementing Amendment to the 1983 Agreement on Cooperative Measures for Enhancing Air Defense for Central Europe.

The agreement permits the transfer of title of 21 U.S.-owned and German manned Roland weapon systems and 12 Patriot fire units to the Germans.

The Germans will man, maintain and operate the Roland and Patriot systems

for use throughout the NATO area of operations in accordance with NATO plans and mutually agreed upon U.S. and German missions. Informally, the U.S. Army has estimated the total value of the financial compensation, including equipment and mission, at \$2.1 billion.

The original agreement, signed in 1983, provided for a barter of offsets, purchases and mission capability based on German manning. This is an important agreement for continued U.S.-German armaments cooperation. (DoD release)

Redstone Transition Management Center eases change from military to civilian life

By Dale James

Time was, making the transition from a life of military or government service to civilian status meant having to make numerous stops at locations scattered all across Redstone Arsenal.

No more. Now, thanks to the formation of the Transition Management Center, military personnel and DoD/DA civilians can take care of all their outprocessing needs with one-stop convenience, according to Lew Spencer, deputy adjutant for AMCOM.

"What we've done," Spencer explained, "we've wrapped up what used to be handled by several different offices and put it all in one location."

The Transition Center handles many of the outprocessing functions that previously were performed by the Army Career and Alumni Program, or ACAP.

Said Spencer, "When ACAP closed in December 1997, instead of just letting that go, MILPO (Military Personnel Office) assumed those duties."

Those functions include resume and job search assistance. With the recent consolidation, the Transi-

tion Center now also offers counseling on veterans benefits, retirement, medical disability and DD-214 forms.

For those with one eye on the civilian job market, the center also offers the use of a computer lab. The lab has five computers that boast access to the Internet, on-line job banks, the DA transition bulletin board and the Defense Outplacement Referral System, or DORS.

DORS allows users to post mini-resumes that can be scanned by companies seeking specific job skills.

In addition, the center offers a monthly Transition Assistance Program, or TAP. TAP features seminars by the state employment office and Department of Veterans Affairs on such topics as how to network, how to prepare a resume, how to present yourself during an interview and veterans benefits.

"TAP is a three-day program that covers everything you need to know about separating from government service," Spencer said.

For those who prefer to take things at their own pace, the computer lab offers a program known as



STAFF MEMBERS— Transition Management Center staff members Ruth Smith, seated, and Dot Howard help to make the transition to civilian life smooth for military and DoD/DA personnel.

"TAP in a Box." Users will find much of the same information offered in the monthly TAP seminars, including practice job interview situations.

Spencer emphasized that the center is open to both military personnel and their families and DoD/DA personnel and their families, as well as Reserve and Nation-

al Guard units and their families.

"We service any unit in the area," he said. "And not just the Army, but any branch of service."

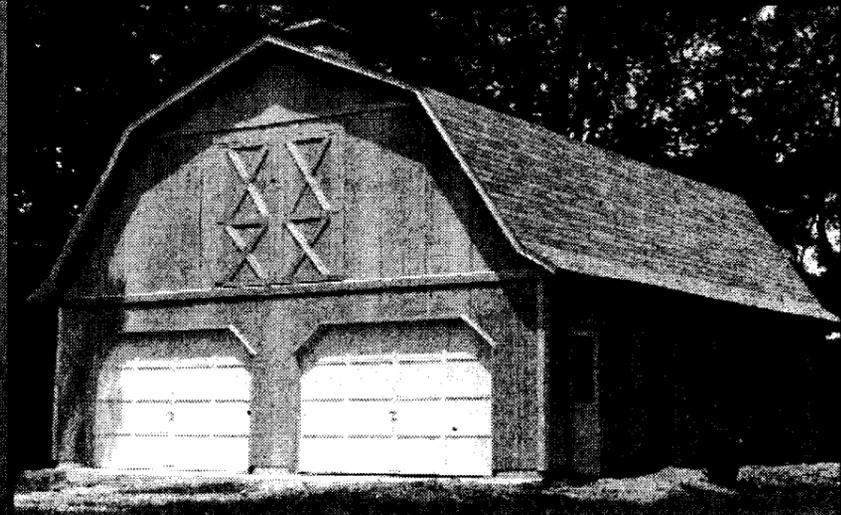
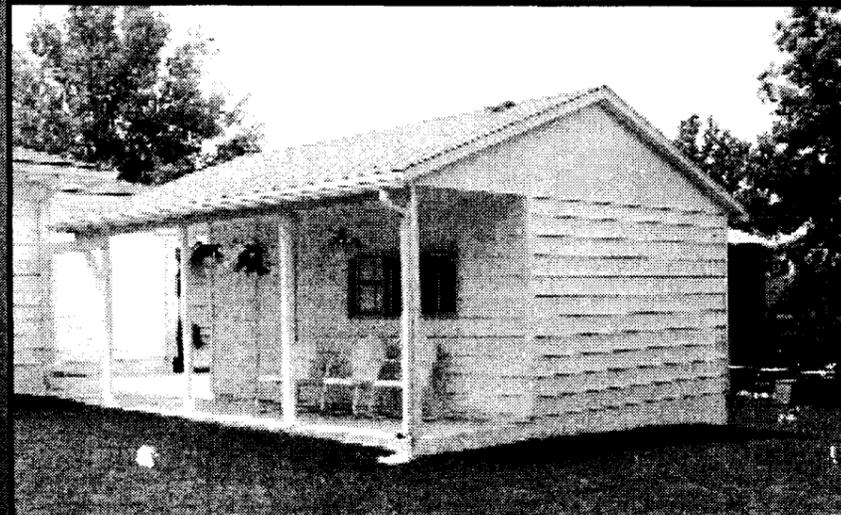
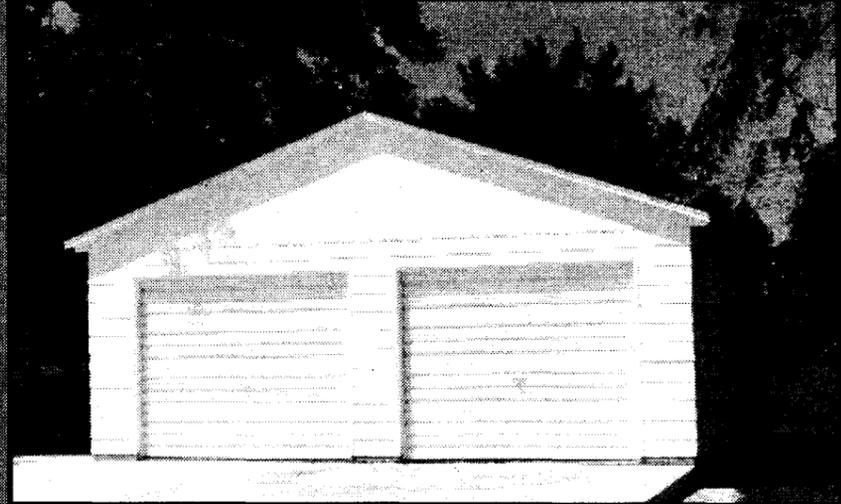
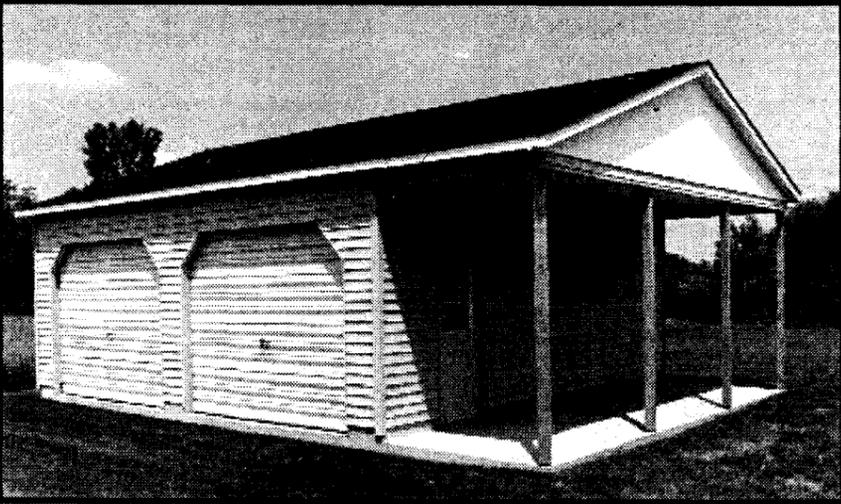
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Soul food feast culminates annual observance at LOGSA

By Bernadine Jackson

Under the theme "Unity," the Logistics Support Activity held its fifth annual Soul Food Feast on Feb. 19 at Bicentennial Chapel. LOGSA's Soul Food Feast is a yearly Black History Month celebration that began in 1994.

What started as a luncheon to close out the celebration festivities for LOGSA's Black History Month observation, has evolved into a well attended event that not only feeds the physical being but the mental being as well. Keeping with the theme "Unity," Lee High School students under the direction of Ron Harris gave a rousing drama presentation depicting the importance of unity in our lives.

In January the Black History Committee made a request of Lee High School and its award winning drama department. Harris and his students wrote, directed and flawlessly presented themselves in a manner that was well received by all in attendance and indicative of its esteem in the Huntsville community. Col. Ronald Hyatte, the LOGSA commander, presented a Scroll of Appreciation to Harris and certificates to each of the enthusiastic students that participated in the presentation.

Under the skillful guidance of Rochelle Houchin and Cedric Draper, the audience was entertained with two stirring and soulful choral renditions. Among the honored guests in attendance were Huntsville Councilman Richard Showers; Madison Council-

woman Cynthia McCollum; Pastor and Mrs. Wendell O. Davis; and Mrs. Hyatte.

The drama presentation by Lee High School and the singing by LOGSA's unity choir fed the mind; the committee, chaired by Reena Strong and co-chaired by Bernadine Jackson, fed the body with a menu consisting of smoked and roasted turkey, ham, dressing, macaroni and cheese, red beans and rice, pinto beans, collard greens, candied yams, gibley gravy, tossed salad, cornbread, a variety of desserts and iced tea.

The committee members included Rochelle Houchin, Josette Paschal, Wanda Nall, Sharon Gilbert, April Mason, Raymond Morris, Robert Larkin, Carolyn Bell-Roundtree, Colvin Littleton, Langston Thomas, Lula Rochelle and Ida Walker.

Additional activities sponsored throughout the month included a trivia contest hosted by April Mason. This year's winners are Keith McIntosh and Cynthia McCollum. Members of the committee also visited some of the schools in the Huntsville School System to make presentations to the students and faculty members. Each school was presented with a scroll for the role that they played in making February 1998 a successful Black History Month celebration for LOGSA.

(Editor's note: Jackson, a cataloging specialist with LOGSA, served as co-chairperson for the Black History Month Committee.)

Preparing a will has plenty of advantages legally the most

By Erika Cain

A will is a legal document which states your desires concerning the disposition of your property after your death. A will also contains other specific directives from you concerning who is to implement your instructions and perhaps, who will take care of any minor children you may leave behind.

Not everyone has to make a will. Married persons that own everything jointly with right of survivorship do not have to have a will. Property owned jointly by spouses with a right of survivorship, means the property will automatically go to the surviving spouse upon the death of the other spouse. Furthermore, single persons

with little or no assets may not need to make a will. However, in general it is a good idea to have a will.

There are advantages to having a will. First of all, if you make a will, you may name the person who you want to manage your estate during the period of administration. This person is known as the executor or personal representative. However, if you do not make a will, the probate court will assign someone who you may or may not know to handle the affairs of your estate.

Secondly, when a person dies without a will, or dies "intestate" as the law calls it, the property of the deceased is distributed according to a formula fixed by law. This law varies from state to state. In other

words, if you do not have a will, you do not have any say as to how your property will be distributed. Moreover, requests by a spouse, children or family members for specific property, will usually be ignored. In Alabama, for example, if a person dies without a will leaving two children, the spouse will receive the first \$50,000 in property value plus one half of the balance of the estate and then the rest of the estate will be divided between the children, even if you specifically wanted a child excluded or disinherited.

Third, and maybe most important, probate expenses

are increased when there is no will. At death, numerous legal issues arise such as legal heirs, guardianship, and estate distribution. Probate court charges for resolving these issues and administering an estate can be very expensive. A will can reduce expenses by directing whether bonds should be posted, eliminating the filing of an inventory and having an appraisal made of all property. Moreover, where there is a will, the probate court does not have the expense of determining the legal heirs before distributing property.

Fourth, with minor children a will becomes impor-

tant by directing who should be the guardian of any dependents; whereas if there is not a will, the court must appoint a guardian who will have to post a bond, and may not be the parents' first choice.

Finally, estate planning is important and when a person dies without a will, additional inheritance and death taxes may be imposed upon the estate or beneficiaries. These expenses might be reduced by estate planning and leaving a will.

Take an active part in protecting your family and property distribution by making a will. A will should be made while the

maker is in good health, free from emotional stress. A wise person does not wait for catastrophe or other compelling reasons for making a decision. If you are active duty, retired, or a family member of an active duty or retired servicemember, you may have a will done free of charge by setting up an appointment with the Legal Office in building 111, Goss Road. For more information, call 876-9005. *(Editor's note: Capt. Cain is chief of legal assistance in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.)*

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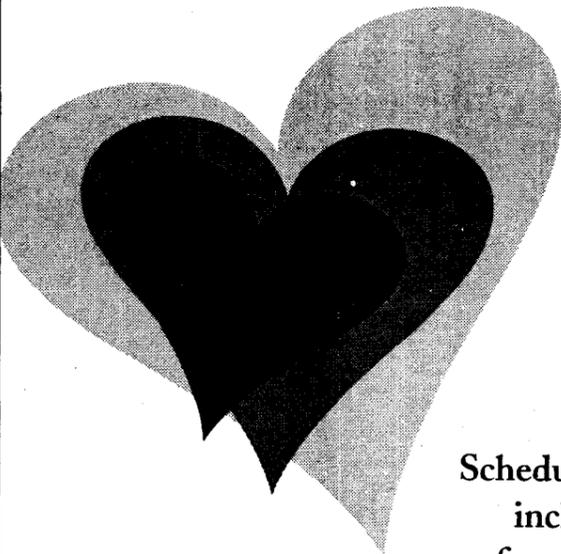
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Supply center worker likes to see happy customers

By Dale James

Like a lot of people today, Rodney Ingram admits he's "kind of fascinated" with computers.

That's why he's so enthusiastic about the new computer system being used to process orders at the Base Supply Center.

Ingram is a warehouseman at the center. Ask him what it is he likes about the new system and he reels off several advantages.

"Even though it's new, everybody calls it the old system," Ingram explains. "That's because it's the same system we used to use before. But it's been upgraded. It's better now. This new system, I think, is going to result in better service for the customer."

The Base Supply Center serves federal agencies located at Redstone — "everything from paper to office furniture," says Ingram.

"I like to think of us as 'the Office Depot' for government agencies," he adds. "Because we carry just about everything you need pertaining to an office. For example, we carry over 70 different types of binders alone. And we provide a quality service for our customers. This new system should help us do that even better."

The new system gives the center greater real time control of inventory, enabling it to better match customer want lists to available supplies. It also provides customers with information such as the location

of particular items, hours of service and personalized tips on making the most of each shopping trip.

Says Ingram, "I think the system's friendly to the customer and the user, too."

Ingram, incidentally, is legally blind — as are three of his fellow center employees.

"The Base Supply Center is operated by the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind," he notes. "They opened their first store in Alabama at Fort McClellan in January 1997. I came on with that first store and then transferred here in July, because it's closer to home."

"I know a lot of the federal people here kind of got used to the old Self-Service Supply Center, and they don't realize that things have changed."

Ingram spent his first day at Redstone just familiarizing himself with the center's layout and committing the location of each item in its vast inventory to memory. He sometimes startles sighted customers who have become hopelessly lost by leading them quickly to the item for which they're searching.

Chuckles Ingram, "Some people, when they find out I'm blind, they say, 'He sure gets around good for a blind person.' They don't see all the work that went into it."

That work is just part of going the extra mile that many people with handicaps accept as the cost of functioning in the world at large.

A person who is legally blind, for example, faces

obstacles that a sighted person never encounters. In addition to having to memorize the store's layout, Ingram must rely on a special program to magnify what appears on his computer screen.

"With my disability," Ingram says, "to be efficient on a computer, I have to practice at home a lot. It's the same as if you were a baseball player. I put in so many hours of practice so that I'm able to produce when I'm on the field."

Keeping up with changes in technology, he adds, is a constant challenge for the handicapped. Convincing employers that they can be productive is another challenge.

"Today's job market is tough," Ingram says. "You have to really promote yourself. You have to be able to keep up with the guy working next to you. Most



WHERE SERVICE IS KING— Ingram shows off just some of the supplies offered by the Base Supply Center.

people today are going to be sensitive and all — for a time. But they're not going to be sensitive for long if you can't do the job. Companies have to make money."

Ingram, who was self-employed for some 20

years, says he appreciates the opportunity provided by working with AIDB.

"We've only been at Redstone about six months, but we've got a real good crew," he says. "I'm impressed with the progress we've made in that time."

And we think we provide top-quality customer service.

"For me, a good day is when customers let us know just how much they appreciate our service. I like to see customers happy."

DoD deploys forces to Mali to do peacekeeping

WASHINGTON— In continued support of the U.S. strategy to enhance the peacekeeping capacities of selected African militaries, the Secretary of Defense has directed the U.S. European Command to initiate the next series of training for those African nations which have committed units to the African Crisis Response Initiative (ACRI) training program.

Approximately 70 soldiers from the U.S. Army's 3rd Special Forces Group headquartered at Fort Bragg, N.C., along with other support troops, were scheduled to deploy between Feb. 1 and Feb. 5, to begin training a battalion in Mali. Since the ACRI training program began in

July 1997, the 3rd Special Forces Group has trained forces in Senegal, Uganda, and Malawi.

ACRI is a bilateral training initiative intended to work with African states to create highly effective, rapidly-deployable peacekeeping units that can operate jointly in the event of a humanitarian crisis or in a traditional peacekeeping operation. It is conducted in coordination with African partners, the Organization of African Unity and the U.N. It is also coordinated with and complements the training efforts of several other African and non-African nations, including the UK and France. (DoD release)

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Commander's award ...

Marilyn Phillips, a logistics management specialist in the Virtual Single IMMC Project Office, receives the Commander's Award for Civilian Service from Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson on Feb. 10. Phillips, with the Integrated Materiel Management Center since July 1985, was instrumental in planning, developing and organizing major initiatives to streamline Army Working Capital Funding issues.

Bowling Beboppers just bopping along atop the RASA League

The Beboppers team still leads the RASA Bowling League six weeks into the 15-week season. Standings for the Tuesday night league were as follows as of Feb. 17: Beboppers, 15-5; Four for Kids, 13.5-10.5; What Ever, 13-11; Misfits, 13-11; Just Havin' Fun, 11.5-12.5; Strike Force, 11-13; Kids at Heart, 9-15; and John's Crew, 7-17. Here are last week's top scorers:

- Men— Johnny Allen, 227 scratch game; Frank James, 577 scratch series; Wes Stiel, 252 handicap game; and Stiel, 649, handicap series.
- Women— Patti Lin, 206 scratch game; Lin, 521 scratch series; Nancy Keeton, 253 handicap game; and Keeton, 631 handicap series.

832nd Ordnance Battalion has new command sergeant major

By Skip Vaughn

Pagano Gym was filled with soldiers either standing in formation or watching from the bleachers.

They weren't there for a major sporting event, but rather for a ceremony Feb. 18 which marked the end of one era and the beginning of another at 832nd Ordnance Battalion. CSM Lawrence Rogers assumed the duties of battalion command sergeant major from CSM James George.

George and Rogers essentially exchanged duty assignments. George is going to the 6th Ordnance Battalion in Korea which was Rogers' former assignment.

"It has really been my privilege being your battalion command sergeant major," George told the assembled troops. He was stationed here since July 1995.

George, 47, from Blakeley, Ga., entered the Army in September 1970, attended basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and advanced individual training at Redstone. He and his wife, the former Yukimi Fukumasu



CHANGE OF RESPONSIBILITY— Rogers, left, succeeded George as command sergeant major of 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

of Hiroshima, Japan, have two children: Leslie and Christopher.

"These soldiers are the best the Army has to offer," George told Rogers. "They need and want good leadership. I wish you the best."

Rogers, 42, from Haines City, Fla., graduated from Haines City High School in June 1974 and entered the Army. He took basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and advanced individual training at Redstone. He and his wife, Linda, have four sons: Antonio, Lawrence II, Zachary and Faron.

"It is a pleasure to be here and I hope that we can do great things in the future," Rogers said during the ceremony.

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Fort Bragg soldiers first to receive EFOGM training

By Sharion Menefee

On Feb. 2, combat soldiers from A Company, 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment entered a Fort Bragg, N.C., classroom and began training to fight on the Army's latest weapon for the battlefield of the not too distant future.

Operator/crew training had begun on the Army's latest weapon system, the Enhanced Fiber Optic Guided Missile. EFOGM is an Advanced Technology Demonstration program, designed to demonstrate lethality and deployability and assess survivability concepts of operation for an EFOGM equipped Early Entry Force. EFOGM provides pinpoint destruction of enemy armored vehicles, rotary wing aircraft and hardened ground targets at ranges out to 15 kilometers. Mounted on a Heavy Humvee chassis, the system carries eight fiber optically guided missiles, and carries a crew of two. Missiles fly to their targets along an electronic path identified by the gunner. The fire unit's datalink relays inputs to the missile via the fiber optic cable, which is paid out at launch from the rear of the missile. The video from the missile's infrared television seeker is displayed on a screen in front of the gunner. The gunner "sees what

the missile sees," enabling him to dynamically select and accurately destroy enemy targets. This unique capability reduces the risk of fratricide and helps minimize collateral damage as well.

These XVIIIth Airborne Corps soldiers are members of the world's first EFOGM platoon, and are training hard in order to be ready to demonstrate the system's capabilities in the Rapid Force Projection Initiative Advanced Concept Training Demonstration, to be conducted at Fort Bragg, Benning (Ga.), and Campbell (Ky.) in July and August.

Training was conducted by EFOGM Project Office personnel and instructors from the Raytheon Company, prime contractor for the EFOGM system. Initial training encompassed 10 learning modules, covering such subjects as EFOGM Fire Unit Setup, Imaging Infrared Target Engageability, EFOGM System Operation, and EFOGM Maintenance.

"I have had nothing but positive feedback from my soldiers in regards to the New Equipment Training they have received on this new weapon system," Capt. Stephen Inouye, commander of A Company, 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment, said. "It is clearly evident that the training we are receiving is a result of a

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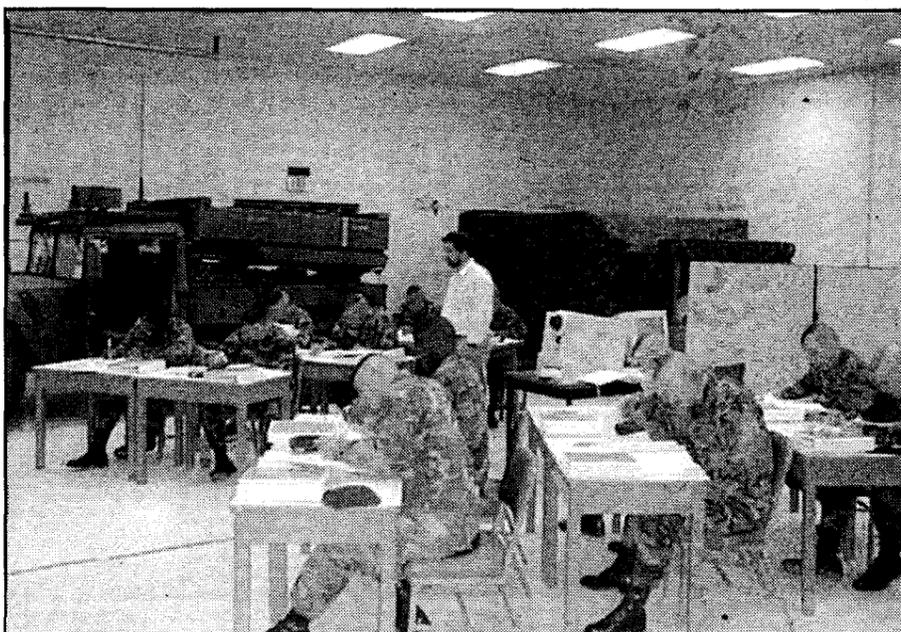
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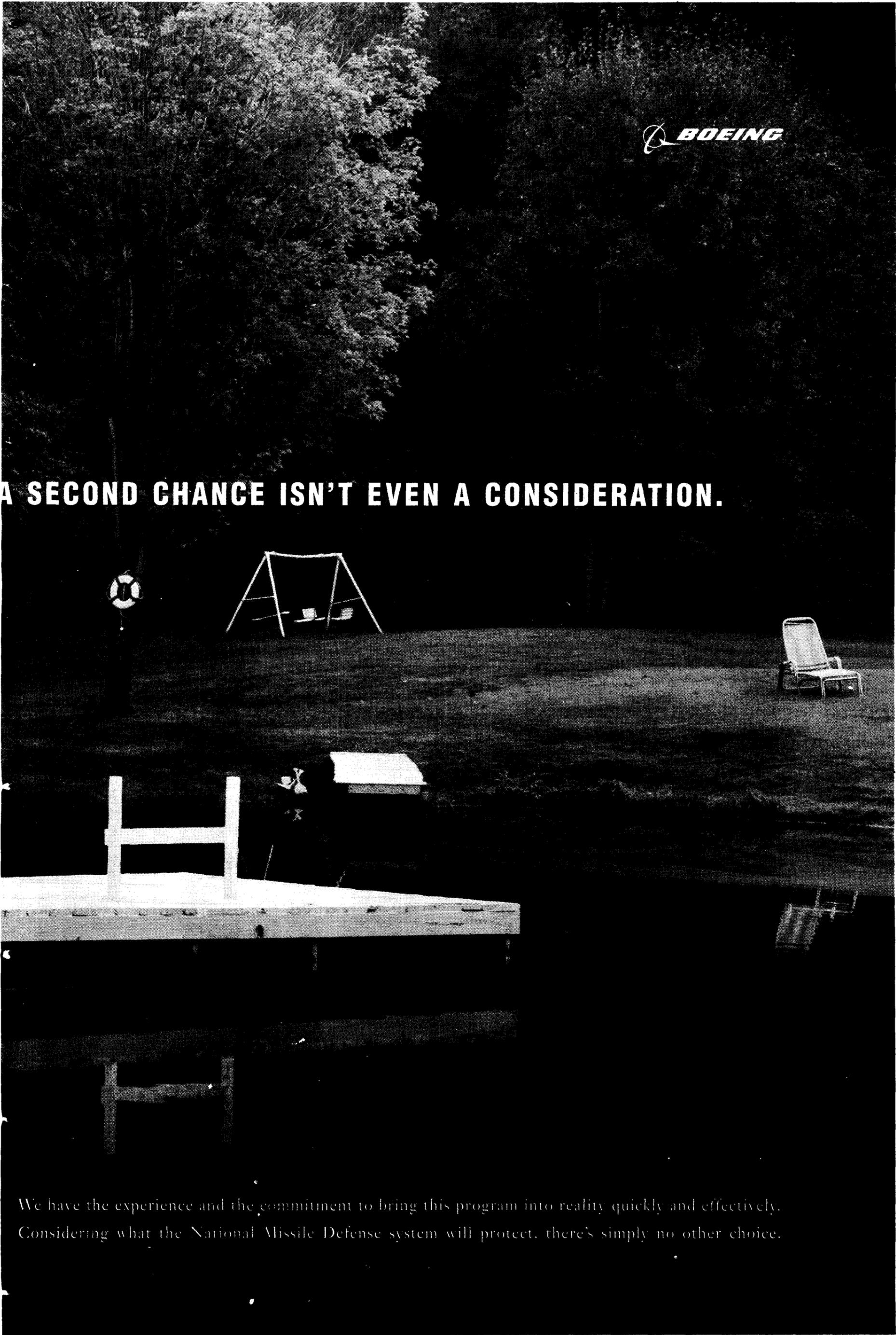
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U.S. promises Italy full cooperation in mishap probe

By Linda D. Kozaryn

MUNICH, Germany — Defense Secretary William S. Cohen promised Italian authorities full cooperation in investigating a Feb. 3 accident involving a U.S. plane that killed 20 people at a ski resort in northern Italy.

"The United States government, President Clinton and I are deeply saddened by the cable car disaster," Cohen said here at a joint news conference Feb. 7 with Italian Defense Minister Beniamino Andreatta. "The United States is determined to work with Italy to deal with the aftermath of this tragedy as quickly as possible."

The tragedy occurred when a low-flying Marine Corps EA-6B Prowler aircraft apparently severed a gondola cable at Cavalese, sending 20 passengers plunging 300 feet to their deaths. The aircraft crew was unhurt; the plane sustained minor damage.

"I think emotions are running very high now — understandably so," Cohen said. "I think they will continue to be high until the Italian people can be satisfied that they understand what happened, why it happened, and that they participated in a full investigation. In the meantime, we will examine what can be done to make sure this doesn't happen again."

Cohen said the United States will take whatever measures are necessary, including implementing training restrictions, to ensure the safety of innocent civilians and avoid such tragedies in the future. He added, however, there is a requirement to conduct low-level training in order to carry out missions in Bosnia and elsewhere.

Emotions will abate over time, Cohen said. "It's a difficult period now, but I think our relations are strong and deep and will endure."

Thanking Cohen and Clinton for their support, Andreatta said the Italian public is calling for a thorough investigation and will accept no obstacle to determining the truth.

"Honest cooperation between the two governments in this situation will strengthen the feeling of our friendship and our alliance," Andreatta said.

U.S. and Italian authorities also will have to determine what low-level flying should be allowed by NATO allies.

"Italy is a crowded country," Andreatta said. "A new disaster has to be prevented."

Cohen told reporters he assured Andreatta the United States is committed to a complete and open investigation. A team of military experts from both nations is currently investigating the accident, he said.

"An Italian Air Force colonel on that

board has custody of the plane's mission recorder and radar approach control tapes," Cohen said. "Since there is more than one investigation under way, the United States and Italy will share all physical evidence collected."

"I want to take this occasion to express my deepest sympathies to the families and loved ones of the victims of this tragedy," Cohen told the media. He repeated an announcement he made earlier in Washington, that the United States is disbursing \$100,000 to the families of the victims to help defray funeral expenses. U.S. and Italian legal officials are working under the Status of Forces Agreement to expedite payment of claims.

Tension developed between the United States and Italy immediately after the accident. Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi voiced his nation's anger, calling the accident the result of "tragic recklessness."

Controversy then developed over conflicting U.S. and Italian reports on whether the pilot had been on course and at an authorized altitude when the aircraft cut the cable. Tensions increased even more after Italian authorities claimed U.S. officials were withholding and tampering with the plane's mission recorder.

"There has been some misinformation

concerning this. The aircraft does not have a black box recorder comparable to that found in commercial airlines in terms of voice transmissions," Cohen told reporters. The plane has two separate recorders with information on the flight's latitude, longitude and flight path. "Both devices are now in the hand of Italian authorities and to my knowledge, there has been no tampering with that evidence."

Cohen said there is a need to collectively review common NATO flight requirements, including low-level flight rules, to help prevent such tragedies in the future.

"To this end, we are ready to bring our experience and our expertise together with our Italian friends and NATO allies to work on these issues," he said. "Working together, we will make training as safe and effective as possible."

Immediately after the tragedy, U.S. military officials suspended low-level training flights pending further investigation.

"We are going to undertake to see, in a joint fashion, what training requirements should be carried out to ensure our publics and our militaries that their missions can be safely completed in Bosnia and elsewhere," Cohen said. (*American Forces Press Service*)

Weston selected to Defense committee on women in the services

A local businesswoman has been appointed to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS).

Diane Weston, president of Uwohali Inc., a Huntsville-based small contracting company, is among 14 new members of the committee. Secretary of Defense William Cohen announced the 1998 appointees Thursday in Washington, D.C.

They include the following: Dora G. Alcalá of Del Rio, Texas; Nancy S. Chen of Naperville, Ill.; Paul J. De Muniz of Salem, Ore.; Willis C. Ham of Columbia, S.C.; LaVerne Hooks of Garfield Heights, Ohio; Jacqueline Jackson of Palo Alto, Calif.; Susannah S. Kent of Washington, D.C.; Ruth L. Lansner of New York, N.Y.; Shirley A. R. Lewis of Augusta, Ga.; Vickie L. McCall of Ogden, Utah; Ellen L. Pence of

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The DACOWITS is comprised of 34 civilian members from throughout the United States, selected on the basis of achievements in business, their professions, and in civic affairs. Members are appointed by the secretary of defense for a three-year term, without compensation, to advise him about

matters relating to the effective utilization of women in the services. The DACOWITS was established in 1951 by then Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall.

Elizabeth T. Bilby of Tucson, Ariz., is the 1998 DACOWITS chair. (*Adapted from DoD release*)

Second 'scaled range' opened at Fort Hood, Texas, in January

FORT HOOD, Texas—The second of two planned scaled ranges opened at Fort Hood Jan. 22, providing increased training opportunities for 1st Cavalry Division soldiers and saving an estimated \$2.9-million in training costs at the post each year.

The new range is located on the west side of the main installation, near the intersection of North Avenue and South Range Road, close to the motor pools where 1st Cavalry Division vehicles are parked.

Fort Hood's first scaled range opened in November. It is located on the east side of the installation at Murphy Drive and South Range Road, where it is close to the motor pools that house 4th Infantry Division vehicles.

Both of the scaled ranges are exactly the same in design and the facilities they offer, using a series of 1/10th scale targets and eye-safe lasers that simulate the use of live ammunition. The ranges allow crews on Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles to train in a greatly reduced area, eliminating the need to travel

longer distances to use other live-fire ranges on the installation.

With the laser devices simulating live firing, other special attachments adjust each vehicle's weapons sights for the reduced-size targets. Both moving and pop-up targets are used on both ranges, along with scale model buildings and other innovations that allow crewmembers to test their

offensive and defensive skills as they maneuver through the course.

Each range is approximately 500 meters square, built at an approximate cost of \$500,000 each. However, Fort Hood officials expect the ranges to save up to \$2.9 million annually, based on several factors, including reduced travel time that would be needed to take tanks and other vehi-

cles to other ranges, and the use of the laser devices to simulate live firing.

Each range will be controlled by the division it is located near, allowing soldiers in the two divisions at Fort Hood to sharpen their skills and weapons proficiency before traveling to

other ranges or deploying for exercises or other contingency missions. The two scaled ranges can also operate at day or night, and both have an all-weather capability to take advantage of available training time.

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Army veteran's heroism recognized at the Pentagon

By Paul Stone

WASHINGTON— It's a long way from the jungles of Vietnam to the Pentagon's "Hall of Heroes." And it's been almost 30 years since events led Roy Judkins from one to the other.

The former Army specialist made the journey recently to receive long overdue recognition. During a Feb. 2 Pentagon ceremony, Judkins received the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in Vietnam from Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman. The decoration is the nation's second highest award.

The transient nature his duties, combined with the confusion which often exists in a combat zone, meant that Judkins' paperwork for the award was lost, if it even got submitted at all.

Judkins is credited with "extraordinary heroism" for actions in early December 1968 while serving as an ordnance expert with the 184th Ordnance Battalion. During that month, he was called to the operating room of an Army field hospital to

assist in some unusual surgery. His mission: remove a live 40mm grenade embedded in the body of a badly wounded soldier.

In what Shelton described as a "shining example of America at its best," not only did Judkins successfully complete that mission, he repeated it a few days later, removing a grenade from the body of yet another soldier. During this same time period, he is credited with extracting a fellow soldier from a minefield while under enemy fire.

"In the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah recounts, 'And I have heard the voice of the Lord say, whom shall we send and who will go with us? And he responded, here I am Lord, send me. Here I am Lord, send me,'" Shelton said.

"That spirit is alive and well today because American heroes like Roy Judkins help keep it alive, and in each generation they inspire us to do our best," he continued. "I'm really sorry it took so long for this day to arrive, and I'm deeply grateful for the chance to stand here today and simply say 'Thank you'."

Judkins said he was deeply humbled and somewhat speechless after receiving the award.

"How about that?" he beamed upon reaching the podium, much to the delight of friends and family members gathered in the hall. But he was also relaxed enough to display his sense of humor.

"At one time I planned to become an astronomer and study the stars," Judkins told the audience. "Well, I don't have to worry about that anymore. We've got more stars in here than we got in the sky," he quipped, referring to the many general officers who attended the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, Judkins said he was still "this high off the ground," raising his hand about three feet, and "tickled to death" Gen. Shelton wanted to personally present the award.

Now 54, Judkins doesn't recall being particularly scared when he was asked to remove grenades from the two patients.

"It had to be done if the patients were going to have a chance to live," he said. "And we couldn't risk having a surgeon blowing his hands off."

Judkins is as nonchalant about his heroism as he is about having to wait almost 30 years to be recognized.

"You did your job and if

you weren't hurt, you moved on to the next ordnance problem," he said. "Also, because we were often attached to other units who needed our help, it wouldn't have been unusual for paperwork to get lost, even if somebody had put me in for the award."

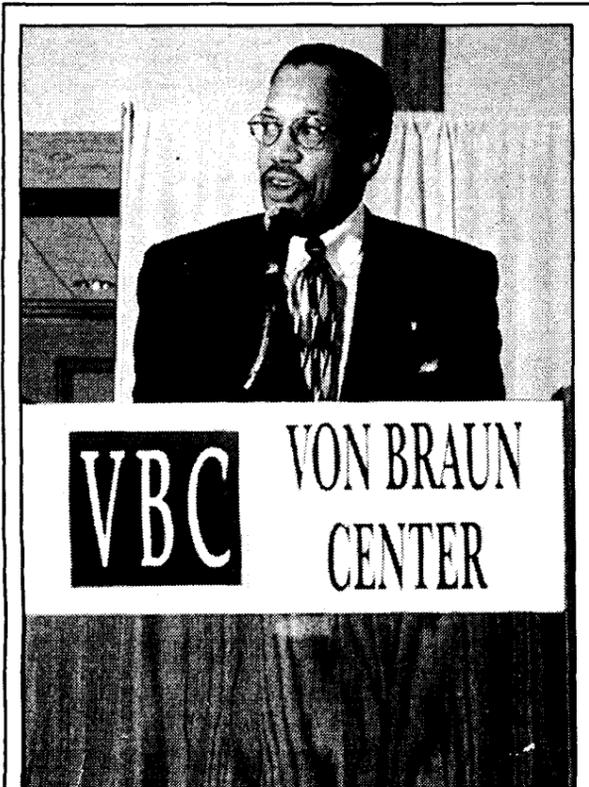
Eventually, friends, colleagues and those who still remembered his acts helped document the events and got the award process moving.

Georgia Sen. Max Cleland, himself a victim of a grenade explosion while serving in Vietnam, was one of them. Indeed, Judkins and Cleland served in Vietnam at the same time.

"He's a great American,

and I'm glad to be on his team," Cleland said of Judkins. "I was glad to help in any way I could." Georgia Rep. Charlie Norwood, another Vietnam veteran, and his wife, Gloria, were also on hand to congratulate Judkins.

Following Vietnam, Judkins continued serving in the Army until 1978, when back and neck injuries forced him to retire. Among his other awards, Judkins has received the Bronze Star Medal with valor device and first oak leaf cluster, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm. He and his wife, Betty, live in Lincoln, Ga. (American Forces Press Service)



Black History Month luncheon...

Claiborne Douglass Haughton Jr., principal director and director for civilian equal opportunity, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C., addresses the 12th annual Black History Month Luncheon Feb. 18 at the Von Braun Center's North Hall. An estimated 600 people attended the event presented by the Army Community of Excellence.

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Over-65 health care demonstration almost here, according to DoD

By Douglas J. Gillert

WASHINGTON— A long-awaited demonstration of DoD's plan to provide health care to military retirees 65 and older is finally going to happen, officials told delegates to the worldwide Tricare conference here Feb. 9.

One week earlier, DoD, the Health Care Finance Administration, Office of Management and Budget, and Department of Health and Human Services formally agreed on how DoD will demonstrate the plan, called Medicare Subvention. Defense Secretary William Cohen signed and sent a memorandum of agreement to HHS Secretary Donna Shalala for final approval.

Navy Rear Adm. Thomas Carrato announced the pending approval to 1,400 military medical professionals attending the annual conference. He said Shalala's approval could

come within days, and the first demonstrations could begin in six months.

Carrato, who serves as chief operating officer of the new Tricare Management Activity in Denver, said the demonstration will be limited to six locations but added the locations to be announced following final approval. He said the sites were carefully selected to involve each service branch in the demonstration.

Subvention is the means by which DoD facilities receive reimbursement for care they provide "dual eligible" patients — people eligible for health care in military facilities who, because they are 65 or older, are also eligible for Medicare.

Since Tricare began in 1992, over-65 retirees have complained about not being able to receive care in military facilities. DoD has tried repeatedly to gain legisla-

tive authority for subvention. Without Medicare reimbursement, officials said, the department simply can't afford to care for elderly patients except on a space-available basis.

The demonstration features two plans, Tricare Senior and Medicare Partners. The "Senior" option will work like Tricare Prime, with enrollees paying the same annual fee as other military retirees (\$230 single/\$460 family) plus co-payments for various in- and outpatient services. Senior Prime enrollees also will receive the same priority as other retirees enrolled in Tricare Prime. Medicare Partners will provide access to care in military facilities to over-65 beneficiaries who don't elect the Senior Prime option. DoD will fund these services through agreements with civilian health plans. Carrato said details will follow approval of the demonstration.

Tricare Senior and Medicare Partners will derive reimbursement from the Health Care Finance Administration, the federal agency that administers Medicare. Reimbursements to DoD will not diminish the already strained Medicare Trust Fund, the admiral said, and participating DoD hospitals will spend their own money first before Medicare reimbursement kicks in. After the demonstration project is approved, TRICARE officials must modify existing managed care support contracts to accommodate dual-eligible patients. Then, the Tricare Senior demonstration will be phased in, beginning at two of the selected sites about six months from the date the agreement is signed. Medicare Partners also will be phased in but no earlier than 90 days after Tricare Senior begins. (American Forces Press Service)

Fiscal 1999 health budget requested

By Douglas J. Gillert

WASHINGTON— As was the case last year, the president's fiscal 1999 budget for the defense health program includes funding for health care to beneficiaries over age 65.

The health plan request of \$10.1 billion is \$300 million less than last fiscal year's operations and procurement budgets. The new request includes an additional \$566 million to fund managed care support contracts for DoD's Tricare health maintenance plan and direct care in DoD medical treatment facilities.

The fiscal 1999 budget includes a demonstration of Medicare subvention that would allow DoD to demonstrate its ability to provide health care to persons over age 65 who are otherwise eligible for military health care. Participants would enroll in Tricare Prime and pay the same enrollment and cost-share fees as other Prime enrollees.

The DoD budget estimate also keeps the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences open and funded at historical levels. The university awards medical degrees for physicians, master's degrees for nurses, and other graduate education programs in the biological sciences.

Major program decreases in the health budget request reflect a smaller beneficiary population, one-time expenses in fiscal 1998 associated with Tricare contract implementation, congressional increases, and savings earned through management initiatives. (American Forces Press Service)

DoD Tricare Management Activity launched in February

By Douglas J. Gillert

WASHINGTON — Military health patients won't notice anything different immediately, but in the long run, the new Tricare Management Activity could improve DoD health care services.

Deputy Director Diana Tabler said the new DoD Health Affairs field agency, which stood up Feb. 10, will ensure consistent implementation of health care reforms and move the military health system toward performance-based management. Tabler announced creation of the agency at the Tricare worldwide conference here Feb. 9.

Health affairs set up the activity to com-

ply with Defense Secretary William Cohen's defense reform initiative. The December 1997 initiative called for DoD offices to separate their operations and support elements from policy-making. While health affairs policy makers remain housed in the Pentagon, its Tricare operations and support will now reside in suburban Washington and Denver. The agency incorporates the Tricare Support Office, formerly Champus, based in Aurora, Colo.

Tabler said the new agency's priorities include force medical protection, Medicare subvention (delivery of health care to Medicare-eligible beneficiaries over the age of 65) and preventive medicine-wellness

issues. The agency also will facilitate a consolidation of Tricare regional lead agents and infrastructure reductions, and oversee pending transfer of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences from DoD to the Navy. Located near the National Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Md., the joint-service medical school will continue serving the Army and Air Force medical

communities, as well as the Navy.

Some 439 employees currently staff the new agency, but Tabler said that number will be reduced eventually to 363. Besides Tabler, Tricare Management Activity leadership includes Navy Rear Adm. Thomas Carrato, chief operating officer. A director has not yet been chosen. (American Forces Press Service)



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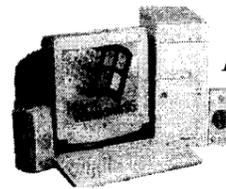
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Cohen calls for more allied support against Iraq at European conference

By Linda D. Kozaryn

MUNICH, Germany— Defense Secretary William S. Cohen called on world allies to help enforce U.N. resolutions against Iraq. Failure to do so, he said, undercuts U.N. credibility.

"The best way to avoid any need to resort to military action is for all of our NATO friends and U.N. members, those in the U.N. Security Council in particular, to reaffirm their commitment to their own resolutions," Cohen said. The secretary was here Feb. 6-8 for an annual European security conference. It was his first stop on a seven-day trip to Europe and the Middle East.

Responding to Cohen's rallying cry, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl offered his nation's political support during an address Feb. 7. "For me it is fully clear that our air bases will be available to U.S. forces, if needed," Kohl said.

Following Kohl's announcement, German Defense Minister Volker Ruehe said there is "clear political support" in Germany for U.S. and British efforts to prevent Iraq from rebuilding its weapons of mass destruction capabilities. "It is clear that everybody cares in the same way about the dangers of these weapons and the situation in Iraq," Ruehe said.

Cohen told reporters he believes other NATO members also will support efforts to enforce the resolutions. "It remains to be seen what that will be in terms of military support or moral support," he said.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said the United Kingdom will send another eight Tornado aircraft to marry up with the carrier HMS Invincible, about 2,500 troops and six Tornados now in the Persian Gulf.

Cohen's call for unity came at a point when the United Nations was at a standoff with Iraq over Saddam Hussein's refusal to give unfettered access to U.N. weapons inspectors. While French, Russian and other international officials were making a last ditch effort to reach a diplomatic solution, American and British warships and combat aircraft were assembled in the Persian Gulf and more were on the way.

A week earlier, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright traveled to the region to explain diplomatic efforts to resolve the crisis. Cohen's goal was to reassure the gulf states the U.S. was prepared to make a substantial military strike if no diplomatic solution was found. No more "pinpricks," Cohen stressed, but rather a "serious effort."

U.N. Security Council members should support

enforcing the resolutions they passed to prevent Saddam Hussein from developing nuclear, chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction, Cohen stressed. "Members who refuse to insist upon full compliance give 'comfort to those who would undermine the process,'" he said.

Saddam Hussein is interested in dividing the Security Council, Cohen said. "That works to his advantage." Members who refuse to acknowledge Hussein has breached his obligations undermine efforts to reach a diplomatic solution, he said.

There has been sufficient opportunity for a diplomatic solution since the crisis began last fall, Cohen noted. Although the United States would still like to see a diplomatic solution to the standoff, he said, the window of opportunity is closing.

"Saddam Hussein holds in his hands the key to that [diplomatic] solution — simply open his facilities for inspection as he is required to do," Cohen said.

Because the Iraqi leader continues to defy the United Nations, President Clinton may have to turn to a military option — something the president is "seeking to avoid if possible, but will not walk away from if necessary," he said. (American Forces Press Service)



This won't hurt...

Joshua Hunt waits nervously as Dr. (Lt. Col.) Craig Williams prepares to examine his teeth. The examination was part of the annual screening administered by the Dental Clinic to children from the Child Development Center. The

screening includes a movie on good dental hygiene featuring Dudley the Dragon and an examination by Williams. "If they're nervous, we don't push 'em," Williams said. "We want them to have a positive experience."

Two allies ratify NATO expansion

BRUSSELS, Belgium— Canada and Denmark during the first week in February became the first NATO allies to ratify the admission of the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland to the security alliance.

NATO invited the three new member candidates to begin the accession process at a summit in Madrid last July. All member nations must ratify their admission. Admission of the three Central European nations will

bring membership to 19. NATO officials hope to admit the three former Warsaw Pact members by NATO's 50th anniversary in 1999. (American Forces Press Service)

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First McKinney accuser testifies at court-martial

By Greg Jones

WASHINGTON— The first of Command Sgt. Maj. Gene C. McKinney's accusers to take the stand in his court-martial testified Feb. 9-10 to allegations involving 10 of the 19 misconduct charges against the Army's former top enlisted man.

The accuser, a female staff sergeant, said McKinney maltreated her, threatened her career, indecently assaulted her and obstructed justice over a two-year period. She said incidents occurred at an Association of the U.S. Army Convention in 1994, in McKinney's Pentagon office, on a walking path near the Jefferson Memorial and on a bike trail near Mount Vernon, Va.

A tape recording of a phone conversation between the staff sergeant and McKinney was admitted as evidence, and played before the jury in the Fort Belvoir, Va., courtroom. The prosecution said the tape was evidence of obstruction of justice in the investigation. The defense contends that McKinney was directing the staff sergeant to be truthful about their relationship.

On the tape McKinney tells the staff sergeant to tell the Criminal Investigation Command investigators that their relationship was professional and nothing inappropriate occurred.

"Well, all you have to tell them is that we talked a lot," said McKinney on the tape. "You call the office because you want to talk about career development and that kind of stuff. That's it."

"I felt like he was telling me to lie," said the staff sergeant when asked by the prose-

cutor what the conversation meant to her.

On the tape McKinney says the allegations of one of his six female accusers are based on hatred for him. "Well, what they are trying to do is make me look like I'm a bad guy," said McKinney on the tape. "And because this one sergeant major who just outright hates my guts because she couldn't live up to the standard, now she's dragging everybody who ever called me into this."

Lead defense counsel Charles Gittins cross-examined the staff sergeant extensively about the various transfers and other administrative actions she was involved in while being protected from alleged threats to her life. Threatening phone calls, letters and graffiti scrawled on her door made her fear for her life, she said. She was put under witness protection and the necessity for this protection was contested by the defense.

"The government was willing to make any concession to get her into court," said Gittins.

Gittins asked the staff sergeant about travel orders and payments related to government efforts to protect her from alleged anonymous threats. Gittins also questioned the staff sergeant about housing and clothing allowances, and her use of a government phone card.

Gittins questioned the staff sergeant's motives in accusing McKinney of misconduct. He pointed out that the staff sergeant, who had been moved by the government from Washington, D.C., to Monterey, Calif., and then to a location in the southwest, had accumulated more than \$16,000 in travel expenses. Gittins said that the staff sergeant

wanted to be moved to California to be near an Army officer she had earlier dated. He also questioned her about the allegations involving the AUSA convention. At the end of the day Tuesday, Gittins had not finished his cross-examination and planned to continue it Feb. 11.

Before the staff sergeant was called to the stand, both trial teams presented their opening statements Feb. 9. Using a visual timeline, prosecution counsel Capt. Brian Dolan recounted the allegations, incident by incident.

The prosecution said McKinney used his position as Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Europe, and later as the Sergeant Major of the Army to try to intimidate his alleged victims for sex. "This is a case about abuse of power," said Dolan.

Dolan said although McKinney achieved an outstanding career as a noncommissioned officer, the jury would hear evidence that McKinney was like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. "(The accusers) saw another side of McKinney; a side that does totally inappropriate things and then acts like nothing happens," said Dolan.

The defense said the allegations were not true and used a three-word description to discount the credibility of the accusers. The six women, defense counsel Lt. Col. James Gerstenlauer said, had falsely accused McKinney for purposes of revenge, reward and deceit.

"McKinney is innocent, plain and simple," said Gerstenlauer.

Gerstenlauer said some accusers simply wanted revenge against McKinney for

being too tough as a leader. "Sometimes, as a leader, he was direct and forceful," said Gerstenlauer.

Some of the women received special treatment as a reward for accusing McKinney, said Gerstenlauer. Deceit involved simply lying about the charges, he said.

On Feb. 6, the court-martial panel, or jury, was impaneled, or finalized at eight members. The jury consists of four commissioned officers and four command sergeants major. All four of the command sergeants major on the jury are male. The officers include: a male colonel, who is president of the jury; a female lieutenant colonel; and two majors, one male, one female. The male major is the only African-American member of the jury. McKinney's jury had to be composed of at least one-third enlisted members.

Finding command sergeants major senior to McKinney and far enough removed from him to be impartial proved to be the biggest challenge in forming the jury. A total of seven command sergeants major were dismissed during the process of choosing the jury.

One African-American command sergeant major was removed from the jury because he testified he was a friend who had visited the former Sergeant Major of the Army in his Fort Myer, Va., quarters in October after the charges were preferred and the case was discussed in their meeting. (Arnews)

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First African-American astronaut finally acknowledged with honor

By Lisa E. Stafford

WASHINGTON - Air Force Maj. Robert H. Lawrence, the first African-American astronaut, was honored recently by NASA 30 years after he died in a plane crash.

Lawrence became the 17th astronaut to be named on the Space Mirror Memorial at Kennedy Space Center, Fla. The NASA memorial, completed in 1991, honors U.S. astronauts who died while in training or on a mission into space.

A test pilot assigned to the Air Force Manned Orbiting Laboratory Program, Lawrence died in an F-104 Starfighter crash at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., on Dec. 8, 1967. The pilot, Maj. Harvey Royer, ejected and survived with major injuries.

Lawrence had logged more than 2,500 flight hours and had received the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Citation.

The Air Force program was the predecessor of NASA's Space Shuttle Program. The space agency cited Lawrence for accomplishments and flight maneuver data that "contributed greatly to the development of the space shuttles."

Attending a ceremony Dec. 8, 1997, at Kennedy Space Center were Lawrence's widow, Barbara; mother, Gwendolyn Duncan; and sister, Dr. Barbara E. Lawrence. Air Force Undersecretary Rodney Coleman; Arnold Richman, chairman of the Astronauts Memorial Foundation paid their respects.

"Today he joins the brave and heroic men and women who have been similarly honored by the Astronauts Memorial Foundation — men and women who have made

the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country and in the cause of science," his sister said at the dedication ceremony.

At the time Lawrence died, the Air Force and NASA programs were not connected. Manned Orbiting Laboratory Program participants were not considered astronauts even though they had the same skills and the two programs eventually merged. The Air Force reviewed Lawrence's case after a request from the Astronauts Memorial Foundation on Jan. 2, 1997, and decided to raise his status to "astronaut."

"Formal recognition of Maj. Lawrence as an astronaut and brave American patriot is long overdue," said Jim DeSantis, memorial foundation president. "The foundation is reaching out to the nation to ensure that Maj. Lawrence is honored in a manner he deserves. We are inviting corporations, professional organizations and individuals to honor the nation's first African-American astronaut."

Lawrence's sister described him as "multitalented and sharply intelligent, diligent and committed."

"He worked long and hard to go the distance not with brilliant, short flashes of speed and energy, but timing, training, careful thought, tenacity and strategy, all the while remembering to balance the goals of finishing and winning. He was a champion," she said.

A Chicago native, Lawrence graduated from high school at age 16. He received his bachelor of science degree in chemistry and an Air Force ROTC commission from Bradley University, Peoria, Ill., at age 20 in 1956. He earned a doctorate in physical chemistry from Ohio State University in 1965. (American Forces Press Service)

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Ninety miles of this total could be used for personal business; the remaining 150 miles was for travel to and from war jobs. All "B" and "C" books furnished only supplemental gasoline in excess of the amount given in "A" books to make up the difference needed to transport workers to and from work in war plant areas.

Although there was some misuse of gasoline allotments obtained under rationing rules, arsenal employees, on the whole, did well. To conserve gasoline, the arsenal initiated an elaborate "Share-a-Ride" system. The goal was to have each vehicle filled to capacity.

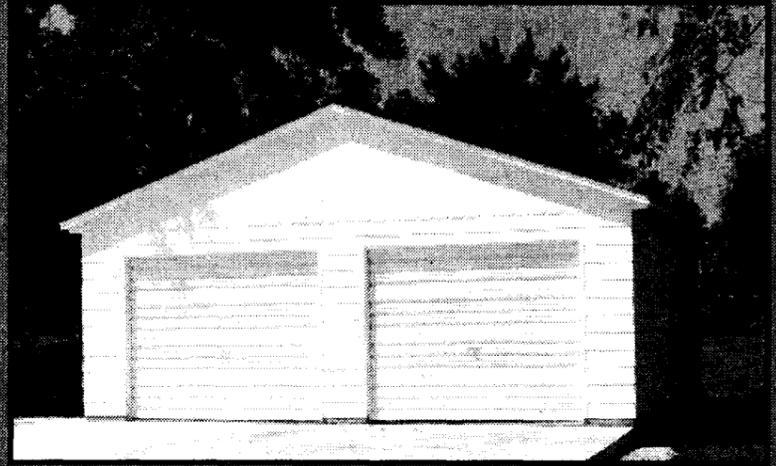
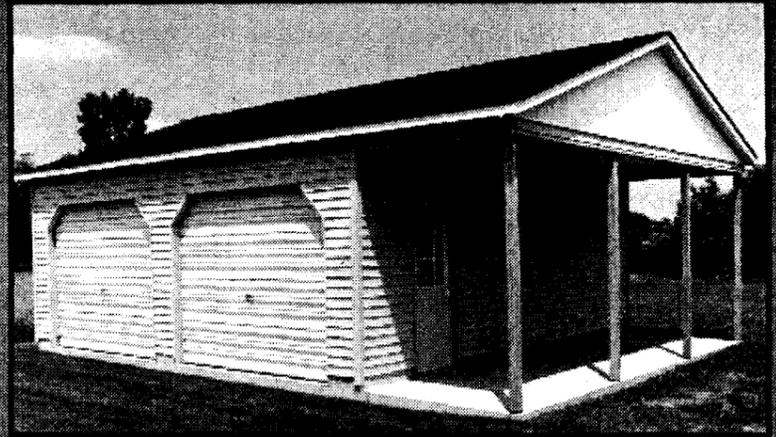
Rules of etiquette (for both drivers and passengers) were published to help keep peace among car-poolers. For example, drivers were encouraged to be on time; to have the car ready and clean; and to be sure that open front windows were not blowing too much on the riders in the back seat.

Drivers were also cautioned not to be dictatorial to passengers and not to overcrowd the car "all" the time.

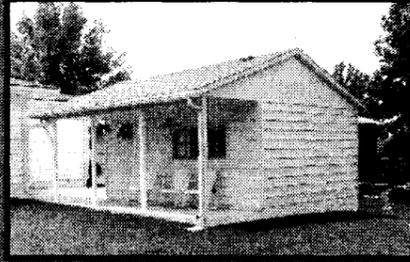
Riders, too, were encouraged to be on time. In addition, they were to avoid being grouchy so others could enjoy the trip. They were to avoid being chatterboxes. They were to use the ashtrays, rather than the floor or the upholstery. Riders were not to finish dressing in the car each morning. And they were not to annoy other riders by spreading their newspapers all over the seat when reading.

Any temporary discomfort the employees experienced, however, was offset by knowing they were helping America's soldiers overseas. For example, the gasoline saved by not taking a 50-mile drive into the country and back would carry seven jeeps with seven guns and 21 fighting men 20 miles toward enemy lines. A gallon of gas not used to power an automobile about 12 miles would move a light tank one mile nearer the front.

(Editor's note: Part 3 of this series will appear in next week's Rocket.)



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ARMY

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pen in communication and training."

With that in mind, the budget continues the Army's commitment to modernize the Reserve Component. The Army has asked for funding of new major systems for the Reserve Component and includes, Avenger, Sentinel, Black Hawk, heavy equipment transport, palletized loading system, dump and line haul tractor trucks and Atlas.

"Our combat training centers are the center piece of our readiness program," the senior Army budget official said. "That's where we go to the biggest test short of actually going into a contingency or combat." With that in mind, the budget will support nine active component and one national guard brigade rotations at the National Training Center, and also at the Joint Readiness Training Center. In addition, it supports five brigade rotations through the Combat Maneuver Training Center. The Battle Command Training Program's plan is to train twelve division equivalents, each of which consists of three corps; one command and general staff college class; two army national guard divisions and two active component divisions.

The proposed 99 budget continues to emphasize institutional training modernization. Through an initiative called "Future Army Schools XXI Century," the Army established a Total Army School System with fully accredited and integrated Active Army, National Guard and Army Reserve schools. Distance learning technology will further enhance the operation of TASS and provide high quality, standardized training to soldiers and civilians.

The budget also provides additional funding to expand its Basic Combat Training and One Station Unit Training by one week,

beginning Oct. 1. This will enable the Army to improve soldierization, emphasize values throughout the training process and better institute professional pride for the Army's soldiers in their future assignments.

The Army wants to improve training by providing additional subjects to instill Army values in the new soldier. These values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage will receive greater emphasis in the expanded BCT and OSUT programs. The Army will also provide a "Warrior" field exercise developed as a comprehensive final measure of proficiency for all new soldiers. These efforts will result in a better trained soldier with reinforced Army values and heritage.

The budget also supports upgrading or replacing Abrams tank and the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, the Longbow Hellfire and the Improved Target Acquisition System for TOW, the Brilliant Anti-Armor Submunitions, Apache helicopters, Black Hawk helicopters, and continued truck production.

"Our truck program is very important to readiness, very important to our modernization. It involves our family of medium tactical vehicles as well as heavy tactical vehicles," the senior Army budget official said. The budget requests funds earmarked for the purchase of 2,038 new trucks.

The Army continues to pursue a variety of management initiatives designed to produce efficiencies and streamline operations. The Fiscal Year 1999 budget includes \$1.3 billion in savings across all functional areas, which have been reinvested in modernization and other high priority Army programs. (Arnews)

SMDC could be in the observatory business soon

A state-of-the-art optical observatory may soon be built atop the Magdalena Mountains in central New Mexico, near Socorro.

The Space and Missile Defense Command's Sensors Directorate has received congressional briefings on the Magdalena Ridge Observatory, or MRO. The facility would be used for astronomical observations for student research and teaching, and also monitor missile flights and missile intercept observations at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Toward this goal, the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, the University of Puerto Rico, and New Mexico State University have formed a University Research Consortium to construct and run the observatory, with SMDC managing the required contractual efforts and later leasing observation time—

mainly for launches from Fort Wingate into White Sands. "Most of the night use would be for astronomical observations," said Doc Milton, project manager at SMDC, "thus providing an excellent research and educational tool for students and faculty at the three universities. During the day, the facility would allow monitoring of missile flights and intercepts."

The facility will consist of two 2.4-meter telescopes and one 0.75-meter telescope. Each would be equipped with an adaptive optics system to compensate for atmospheric image distortion. This would provide image resolution on the ground comparable to that of the Hubble telescope in space.

SMDC and White Sands Missile Range both support the proposed project. The University Research Consortium together with congressional delegates from New Mexico is seek-

ing funding of \$40 million from Congress. SMDC would design the facility, provide technical consultation and design advice, and manage the contract. Then the command would use the facility on a reimbursable basis.

"The proposed observatory would meet several important objectives," Van Romero, vice president for research at New Mexico Tech, said. "It will become a tremendous resource, not only for researchers, but for students as well — from kindergarten to postdocs." The cutting edge technology and computer image processing requirements for the facility will provide capabilities that are not currently available elsewhere.

For the Department of Defense, the facility would provide kill assessment support for the Theater High Altitude Area Defense and other missile programs, such as cruise missile studies.

Encephalitis vaccine didn't threaten soldiers' safety

By Douglas J. Gillert

WASHINGTON—Despite Food and Drug Administration claims to the contrary, defense health officials said the use of a vaccine against tickborne encephalitis given to soldiers in Bosnia in 1996 was safe and effective.

Nearly 4,000 American soldiers at high risk volunteered for vaccinations after being briefed on the drug's European history. Some 27 million doses of the vaccine have been given in Europe, where several countries have approved its use. The soldiers signed consent forms before receiving a

three-shot series. Subsequently, there have been no verifiable cases of tickborne encephalitis among U.S. soldiers in Bosnia.

In a July 22, 1997, letter to DoD, FDA Commissioner Michael Friedman contended the vaccinations placed the soldiers at risk and violated FDA guidelines for the use of experimental drugs. Defense officials admitted faulty record-keeping, but noted the drug was administered under FDA investigational new drug guidelines.

Officials said the vaccine was necessary because tickborne encephalitis is endemic to the region and

no recognized medical alternative exists. Encephalitis causes inflammation of the brain, leading to paralysis and death.

The Army Medical Research and Materiel Command at Fort Detrick, Md., assessed the vaccine's safety and effectiveness

before it was administered to soldiers.

The department also has held extensive discussions with the FDA to develop options for allowing DoD to use the best available prod-

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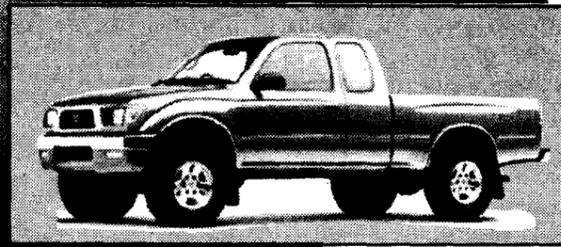
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U.S. recreation center in Europe targets young troops with ads

By Linda D. Kozaryn

GARMISCH, Germany— Venture out into the vast unknown? Leave base where everyone speaks English? Stray from the safety of the barracks, the comfort of Burger King?

"Do it!" says, Marc J. Jannsen, operations manager at Armed Forces Recreation Center Europe.

Junior-grade service members new to Europe should take advantage of AFRC recreational activities in southern Germany such as skiing, scuba diving, kayaking, rock climbing and more, Jannsen said.

"When you're young and you're in Europe for the first time," he said, "there's a tendency to not leave the base where you have everything you need. We're trying to target junior enlisted by giving them some great programs. We offer scuba diving, hang gliding, paragliding - things younger enlisted like to do."

Center advertising keys on junior enlisted troops because only about 15 percent of those who use AFRC Europe facilities are in grades E-1 to E-5,

Jannsen said. "We want that to be a lot higher," he said.

In September, the center started offering low-cost, convenient travel packages specifically to introduce junior-grade soldiers to the AFRC resorts. Special promotions were offered: \$69 for three nights at Chiemsee including tours, meals and activities. A bus picked up troops at their home base and brought them to Bavaria.

"That's a price I don't think anybody could refuse," Jannsen said. "We sold for a low rate, hoping for return business, and we've already seen that this winter."

AFRC then began offering three-day ski programs for \$149 per person, which includes three nights' lodging, three breakfasts, three dinners, four hours of ski lessons, equipment and ski passes. Jannsen predicted this successful program will continue to increase his E-1 to E-5 clientele in 1998.

U.S. service members, DoD civilians and family members assigned to U.S. European Command are eligible to use AFRC Europe facilities in Garmisch and

Chiemsee, Germany. The recreation facilities are also open to military retirees, reservists and National Guard members assigned to Europe, and to NATO allies assigned to NATO or SHAPE headquarters.

Currently, along with the 15 percent junior enlisted who use the facilities, 30 percent are O-4 to O-6 or GS-11 and above; 48 percent are E-6 to E-9, O-1 to O-3, and GS-10 or below. The remaining 7 percent are O-7, Senior Executive Service and members of NATO.

Because of constant personnel turnover, making sure people know about the AFRC takes continual effort, Jannsen said. Even though AFRC advertises in The Stars and Stripes newspaper and on American Forces Network, he said, when AFRC representatives go on the road to promote the resorts, people always walk up and ask, "What's AFRC?"

The response is simple: Come on down and find out. (American Forces Press Service)

in Bosnia. Meanwhile, the service adopted environmental control measures and taught the soldiers to take precautions against the disease through proper wear of the uniform; treating their skin and uniforms with approved tick repellents; and other measures. (American Forces Press Service)

in its administration of the vaccine. The letter also renewed criticism of the military's administration of investigational new drugs during the Persian Gulf War.

In a letter countering Friedman's criticism, Lt. Gen. Ronald Blanck, Army surgeon general, said the vaccination "was given safely" in Bosnia.

The Army ended the vaccination program in September 1997 after no cases of tickborne encephalitis occurred among U.S. troops

Announcements

Advanced NCO graduation—The NCO Academy will conduct a graduation ceremony for the Electronic Missile Maintenance Course ANCO class, 1-35-C42-501-28, at 9 a.m. Feb. 27 in building 3329. The public is invited.

Co-dependency group—The Co-Dependency Group is for adult family members of problem drinkers/drug users. Other concerned individuals are also invited to the group's meetings held each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Center for Drug and Alcohol Treatment, building 3325 on Redeye Road off of Vincent Road. This group is open to all military and civilian families. For more information, call the center 876-7256.

Substance abuse warnings—Does your teen have a substance abuse problem? Common warning signs include the following: behavior problems at home, behavior problems at school, mood swings, change in friends, decrease in school/club/team involvement, problems with the law, angry-aggressive or lazy-avoidant coping style, change in eating or sleeping patterns, dilated or constricted pupils or frequently bloodshot eyes, change to a more anti-social dress/hair style. If three or more of the aforementioned describe your situation with your teen, call the Center for Drug and Alcohol Treatment 876-7256. The center offers services at no charge for military or civilian employee families. A

weekly group meets each Wednesday from 3:30-5 p.m.

Hunter safety course—Effective Aug. 1, 1993, persons turning 16 years old after that date will be required to have an Alabama Hunter Safety Certificate or card in order to purchase a hunting license in the state of Alabama. Redstone Arsenal's Outdoor Recreation Branch is offering the Alabama Hunter Safety Course. Both youth and adults may attend this class; however, youths must be 10 years old by Nov. 14, 1998. The course provides 24 hours of instruction, a 100 question test (70 percent to pass), and live range firing for youth. The class dates are Feb. 28 and March 21 at the Recreation Center, building 3711, and March 14 at Outdoor Recreation, building 5132. All classes are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and all three sessions must be attended to have the opportunity to pass the course. For more information and to register for the course, call Bill Kerlin at Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/1373.

Engineers Week banquet—The annual National Engineers Week Awards Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Huntsville Marriott. Scheduled speaker is Dr. Frank Franz, president of UAH. Tickets cost \$20 per person. The event is sponsored by the member societies of the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies or HATS. For more information, call Herb Shivers 534-

8483 or Robert Van Peurse 533-6617.

Florida Tech courses—Florida Institute of Technology is conducting a professional development course titled Wide Area Networking from 5-9 p.m. for four Tuesdays. Class dates are March 10, 17, 24 and 31. 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.

Quarterly retirement ceremony—The next Retirement Ceremony will take place April 16 at 4 p.m. behind building 3437 (HHC AMCOM). Rehearsal will be held April 15 at 8 a.m. behind building 3437. If you wish to participate in the Retirement Ceremony, call Support Operations, SFC Jones 842-2500 by April 2.

Art 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 at 7. This year's event will again be presented by the Perry Berns Gallery of Dallas. Proceeds from this show will benefit the OCWC Welfare Fund and its support of the scholarship and grant programs for Redstone Arsenal and the Huntsville area. Advance tickets will be available for \$5 from OCWC members. Tickets purchased the evening of

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ucts to protect deployed soldiers against medical threats and to adapt record-keeping and other administrative requirements to the operational setting, officials said. However, they admitted a small number (14) of the consent forms were misplaced, as were 242 unused doses of the vaccine.

In his letter, Friedman criticized DoD for shortfalls and "significant deviations"

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the exhibition and auction will cost \$6. For more information, call Mary Bissell 430-0541 or Gail Askew 726-0156.

Retired officers— The Retired Officers Association will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Officers Club. Scheduled speaker is Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call retired Capt. Albert Castelli 859-1340.

Hail/farewell— The Team Redstone Hail and Farewell is scheduled for March 17 from 4-6 p.m. at the Officers Club. All AMCOM civilians and military personnel regardless of grade or rank, are invited to attend. The honorees will include all military officers and civilian employees GM/GS-11 and above, who have joined this command within the past six months, and those scheduled to depart before April 30. Dress will be duty uniform for military and normal duty attire for civilians. Cost is \$4 per person. For more information, call Gaila Kelso of the Protocol Office 876-9857.

Automotive service

exam— Automotive Service Excellence Examination will be given May 5, 7 and 12 at the Army Education Center. Examinations must be ordered by March 20. Registration fee is \$25 and the cost of each exam is \$20. Active duty and Reserve Component personnel in a related MOS (military occupational specialty) are eligible to test free on three examinations for the purpose of credit-by-examination or certification; they will only be required to pay the \$25 registration fee.

Garden plots— Planting season will soon be here. There are two garden areas located on post: Vincent Drive and Wesson Circle. There will not be a meeting for garden plots. Everyone interested in garden plots should stop by building 111, room 128, on March 5-6 between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Applications and assignment will be made at this time. If you wish to retain the same garden plot, call MSgt. Tolbert 876-1445 by March 4. After that date, plots will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. All active duty military servicemembers residing on or off post and retired servicemembers are eligible to sign

for a garden plot. For more information call MSgt. Tolbert, Housing NCO-in-charge, 876-1445.

Experimental aircraft group— Huntsville Chapter 190, Experimental Aircraft Association holds its monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month at 7:30 a.m. at Moontown Airport. It meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at various locations. For more information call Lee Adcox 539-3311, Jon Moore 882-6672 or Charles Cozelos 722-8585 (ext. 19).

Recreation Center tours— The Recreation Center will be taking a series of tours beginning in April. Destinations include the Zoofest at the Nashville Zoo; the Ancestors of the Incas exhibition in Memphis; Antiquing in Middle Tennessee; the Nashville Flea Market; Jack Daniel's Distillery & Lynchburg with lunch at Miss Mary Bobo's; and a performance at Loony's Tavern in Double Springs, Ala., with dinner at Sister Sara's kitchen. "Our tours are reasonably priced, lots of fun and open to the entire Redstone community," a prepared release said. "Give us a call Wednesday through Friday

after 1:30 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday after 10 a.m. at 876-4531 or stop by building 3711 during the same hours to pick up a tour schedule. If you would like us to fax a copy of the schedule for your office bulletin board, just give us a call during operating hours."

Town hall meeting— The next Redstone Arsenal Community Town Hall Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. March 3 in the Bicentennial Chapel Assembly Room. Town hall meetings are open to all residents, retirees, and employees authorized to use Redstone Arsenal community facilities. Tentative topics include updates on housing, playgrounds, the golf course, and Fox Army Health Center. Team Redstone staff will be on hand to address questions or concerns from the community.

Base supply center— Alabama Industries for the Blind and DOL will present an overview of the Base Supply Center at 10-11:30 a.m. March 5 at the Sparkman Auditorium. For more

information, call 876-4011.

AMCOM workers— Orientation training for the entire AMCOM work force will be held March 17 from 9:30-11 a.m. in the Sparkman Auditorium and broadcast on Team Redstone television channel 42. Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson is to discuss AMCOM's goals and introduce the Consideration of Others program. Consideration of Others is an Army equal-opportunity program that advocates regard for the feelings of other people and awareness of the impact of one's own behavior on them. Gibson is also to introduce members of the AMCOM Executive Steering Committee.

Worldwide TMDE conference— The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School will hold its annual Worldwide Ammunition, Missile, and Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment (TMDE) Conference on March 25-27 in Huntsville. The purpose of this year's conference is to provide an update on major issues, programs and initiatives that will impact

combat service support operations in the 21st century. RSVP by March 1. Information can be requested through the worldwide ammunition, missile, and test measurement and diagnostic equipment (TMDE) conference cell. For more information call Maj. Buell, Capt. Sullivan or SFC Mitchell 876-4750/9348. Electronic-mail addresses include: sibia-ps@redstone.army.mil, buell-gl@redstone.army.mil.

Space talk— Volker Roth, Boeing Huntsville Delta IV program manager, will discuss "Delta and EELV Launch Vehicle Programs" from 7-8:30 tonight in the Huntsville Madison County Public Library auditorium, 915 Monroe St. Admission is free to this public event sponsored by the Huntsville L5 Society chapter of the National Space Society. For more information, call Ronnie Lajoie 461-3064 or 721-1083.

Commander's Cup trophy— The Commander's

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Thrift Shop job— The Thrift Shop has an opening for the position of cashier with a starting date of March 10 at the rate of \$5.15 per hour. Deadline for applications is 2 p.m. March 6; and applications may be picked up at the Thrift Shop. For more information, call Nancy Goss 881-6992.

Crafts show— The second annual Liberty Middle School Crafts Show will be held March 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school, 281 Dock Murphy Road in Madison. For more information, call 430-0001.

Ladies golf group— Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association will hold a welcome "Tee Off Coffee" at 8:30 a.m. March 4 at the Redstone Golf Club. All ladies eligible to play golf at the Redstone Golf Course are invited to attend. There will be a short program featuring "The Rules of Golf" which should be of benefit to previous members and

beginning golfers.

African-American Heritage festival— The Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles will present the third annual Festival of African-American Heritage Music, Art, Attire and Portrayals at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Sparkman Auditorium. Prizes will be given away during the festival. Seating is limited.

Training in communication— International Training in Communication (ITC) members from St. Louis are forming a new club, and all are invited to join. The next meeting will be held March 12 from 4-6 p.m. at building 5681, room 125. For more information, call Janice Isbell 313-4216 or Carol Howard 876-9490.

Engineer Run 5K/10K— The 15th annual Engineer Run 5K and 10K, presented by the Society of American Military Engineers, will be held Saturday at the Rocket Auditorium, just inside gate 3 of Redstone Arsenal. The 5K starts at 9 a.m., and the 10K at 9:20. Registration is \$15 on race day.

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'90 Mazda 929. Good cond., auto., loaded, \$4,000 obo. '95 Cheyenne, ext. cab., good cond., \$11,000 obo. 828-3203.

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'76 Triumph TR6, green, orig. owner, less than 60K, garaged, new tires, newly rebuilt carburetor/generator, factory hardtop, rollbar fits under top. 851-7286.

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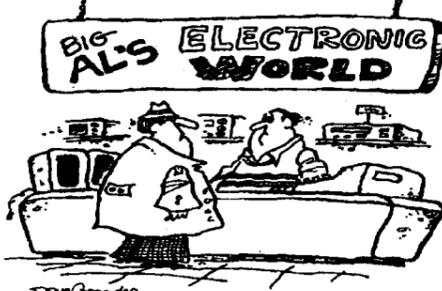
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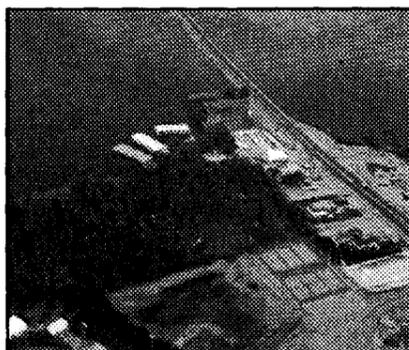
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