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Army engineers testing triangular wheels from Japan

By Skip Vaughn

It looks like an ordinary four-wheeled recreational vehicle until you take a closer view. The wheels are triangular shaped.

The Army is trying out four triangular wheels, designed by the Japanese, for possible use on robotic or other vehicles. Initial reports indicate added stability and mobility.

This technology evaluation is being conducted by engineers at the Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center. Results will be provided to the Tank and Automotive RD&E Center. The integrated product team members for this process include Tank and Automotive RD&E Center, the Unmanned Ground Vehicle/Systems Joint Project Office, the Missile RD&E Center, and Japanese industry.

"At this point we believe it gives more mobility, more vehicle stability, and lower ground pressure than a round-wheeled system," Paul Barker, team leader in the Robotics Integration Laboratory at Missile RD&E Center, said. The Robotics Integration Lab includes members from all directorates in the Missile RD&E Center.

In 1995 as part of an international cooperative exchange with Japanese industry, engineers here saw a set of triangular wheels demonstrated on videotape by Suzuki Motors of Japan. They were

impressed at how these prototype wheels enabled a small vehicle to traverse rugged terrain. The Japanese developed triangular wheels for use on rice-paddy tractors.

"So after we saw this technology and decided to pursue it, we made a visit to Suzuki Motors in Japan," Troy Hester, electronics design lead engineer at Robotics Integration Lab, said. They visited Japan in February 1997, saw the vehicle demonstrated, and put together a deal to purchase a set of four triangular wheels for \$45,000. The experimental wheels were delivered in September 1997.

"It's the first time the government, defense, has purchased directly with a Japanese industry source for something that's not production," Hester said.

Suzuki made these wheels, the second set in existence, more than 50 percent lighter than the prototype version. Engineers here fit them onto a production Suzuki Quad-Runner, just the basic vehicle with its cowling removed, and began testing.

The triangular tracked wheel system represents a cross between a tracked vehicle, like a tank or bulldozer, and a round-wheeled vehicle like a Humvee.

"They have the advantages of a tracked system but they fit on a system that's made for a tire so they have the advantages of both," Hester said. "It's easier to change this (wheel) out for another one than it is to



MORE MOBILE— Barker demonstrates the mobility of a Suzuki Quad-Runner with the triangular tracked wheel system.

change the tread on a tank or another tracked vehicle. Kind of the best of both worlds there."

In March engineers plan to add the robotics package to this experimental vehicle. This package is the Vehicle Teleoperation kit supplied by Lt. Col. Jon Moneyhun, the product manager for VT. It will include three actuators, a radio, and a control computer on board the vehicle; and the vehicle will be controlled remotely by

an operator-control unit. Then the engineers will run some preliminary tests to compare the triangular wheels vs. round wheels and against a Humvee and possibly another system. They will transition what they learned over to the Tank and Automotive RD&E Center which will then take the lead in the evaluation.

"We're using one of the same (robotics)

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Art auction...

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold its 26th annual Art Exhibition and Auction on Saturday at the Officers Club. Mary Bissell, left, chairman of the art auction, and Teri Holly, president of OCWC,

show an example of the artwork. The exhibition will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, with the auction at 7. This year's event will again be presented by the Perry Berns Gallery of Dallas. Tickets are \$5.

AMCOM workers get chance to voluntarily swap job position

By Skip Vaughn

Current AMCOM civilian workers can apply for lateral positions in other organizations at an unique event scheduled March 11 at the Sparkman Center.

The "Job Exchange Opportunity," sponsored by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, is aimed at helping the command reduce its number of workers in overage positions and fill existing vacancies. This gives the workers a chance to voluntarily move to other positions before other means are used such as directed reassignments.

"This is the last friendly effort to reduce the number of overages and to fill the AMCOM vacancies on a



PLANNING SESSION— Janice Gulley, left, and Linda Brown, both of Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, discuss plans for the Job Exchange Opportunity which is sponsored by CPAC.

voluntary basis," Linda Brown, a personnel staffing and classification specialist in the Civilian Personnel

Advisory Center, said.

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Letters To The Editor

Dream team

What a wonderful organization we belong to! Remember the adage that says: "Good things happen when people get involved." The people of AMCOM have helped those with handicaps, eased suffering, improved their communities physically and with financial support that made life a little better, a little more comfortable for hundreds of thousands of less fortunate people around us. This letter indicates great success, as well as, dreams not yet realized.

When you read through this letter, please let me challenge you to read "between the lines." I am certain that most of us have worked with or know someone that can by name, fall into this category of being a compassionate people person, a coach, or a friend. In regards to fair play in the workplace, they have offered their assistance and guidance to support those who feel as if they are third-class citizens in this area. They talk about the indi-

viduals' problems and offer to help by suggesting a game plan for solving discrepancies of obtaining job opportunities at AMCOM. The vision that everyone is equal CAN come true.

There is not enough paper or ink in the world to state all the good work or recognize the small things that the people at AMCOM have done to benefit our friends and neighbors. The above numbers represent people whose lives have been made better by AMCOM's involvement. They also represent those who benefit from our financial support that we all have raised and donated through charitable organizations to help purchase support and services for others where we could not help in person. All these numbers add up to success stories. Success that the people of AMCOM helped to make possible.

Between these lines is a story of effort and sacrifice. It is here that AMCOM's real story lies. Good people, tired from their days work, going out into the night to help others. Good people setting aside personal agendas

to discuss problems and have dreams come true to make life better for others. These are the people that need a big "Thank You" from those of us that have been helped to grow and become an AMCOM team member.

Therefore, I want to give a big "THANK YOU" to the following: Jim Flinn for not being too busy to recognize by name the employees he meets in the halls of the Sparkman Center Complex; Mark Wolfson and Jim Wasson, who both volunteered to become coaches (friends) for gaining exposure to the intricacies of management; John Frazier for allowing me to get the training and education required for career development; Jim Hatchett for his thoughts in the edification of the letters I write to the Rocket. I have written before that the people of AMCOM are the best people to work alongside in this world. Thank you all for the assistance given to my growth as a member of the AMCOM family.

Jimmy Harbin
IMMC

Part 3 of series: Remembering Redstone in WW II

(Editor's note: Bowne wrote the following article, presented in a four-part series which continues today, while he worked in 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

Coal was an important part of the nation's war energy during World War II.

To meet America's coal shortage of 22 million tons a year, each family was asked to save 2 tons. As usual, the request was backed by an explanation related to winning the war: the energy contained in 2 tons of coal would build a 16-inch naval shell to blast a Japanese carrier.

Even Coca-Cola was rationed. Redstone's Coca-Cola allotment was reduced by about half. Rationing, however, was not the only hardship faced by Redstone employees.

The Secretary of War decided that days normally observed by departments and agencies as holidays should (except for Christmas) be considered as regular workdays for the duration of the war. Therefore, employees were discouraged from taking any time off.

War workers were told that for every day they took off, they were "giving aid and comfort to the enemy." They were also "weakening the lifeline between the home front and battle front," thereby contributing to prolonging the war.

Although sick leave counted against an employee's attendance record, annual leave (when granted in advance) did not. On the other hand, taking leave without pay did count against the employee.

To show the number of days worked without time off, Redstone workers wore different colored ribbons on their identification badges. The ribbons were color-coded to signify between 30 and 365 consecutive

days worked. They became status symbols, gauging an employee's "commitment to the war effort." Workers took great pride in earning these ribbons, often reporting to work despite sickness, transportation problems, weather, or emergencies at home.

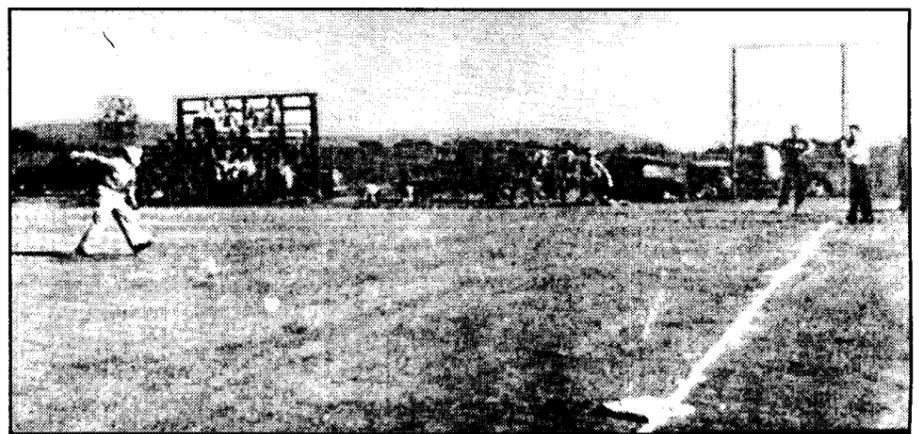
To help alleviate food shortages, an estimated 20 million Americans planted "Victory Gardens" during the 1943 garden season. The first steps toward establishing such gardens at the arsenal were taken in early April 1943. About 20 acres of land on both sides of the highway leading to and from the arsenal's east gate were plowed for this purpose.

Plots were parceled out in 50 by 100-foot areas to anyone who wanted to participate in the "Victory Garden Plots Project." Arsenal employees snapped up the individual plots, and Victory Gardens sprouted in abundance. Gardening tools were made available; and employees were allowed to work their plots any time before or after working hours.

Perhaps the sacrifice that hit hardest among arsenal employees, however, was the seemingly constant "demand" by the government to "buy War Savings Bonds." The War Savings Bonds Program was "the third line" of the war effort, trailing only behind the troops in the front lines, and war industries.

Great pressure was placed on all employees to enroll in the program for a full 10 percent (or more) of their gross incomes. "Buy Bonds" and "Keep 'Em Shooting" were two slogans closely entwined. The latter slogan, launched by the Ordnance Department on a national scale, was meant to fire the spirit of patriotism. If this was not enough, those employees who felt it was impossible to give 10 percent of their paychecks had to present a complete explanation to the arsenal's commanding officer.

Buying War Bonds was not considered a "contribution." Rather, it was an "investment," not only in victory, but in savings as



FIRST PITCH— Col. Carroll Hudson, the arsenal's first commanding officer, throws out the first pitch of the softball season at

Redstone during World War II. It was the opening game between Stores and Kershaw.

well. For every \$3 invested, the government promised a return of \$4.

Despite the added burden of fewer dollars in their paychecks, Redstone Arsenal employees always dug deep for dollars "for the front." Redstone was the first installation in the Fourth Service Command to win the Minute-Man War Bond Flag. The Fourth Service Command included 187 installations located within seven states. The flag, with a "T" attached (signifying the "Treasury" Department), was first awarded to Redstone in a ceremony on July 18, 1943. The flag indicated that 90 percent of the arsenal's work force was investing 10 percent of its gross income in War Bonds.

Neither the arsenal's laudable achievement, nor the ceremony itself, were light affairs. On the one hand, the arsenal proved its commitment to the war effort. On the other hand, high-ranking Army officers, as well as high-ranking state and national government officials, showed their support by attending the ceremony.

Although a large "13 percent disk" was later added to the arsenal's flag, the Interdepartmental War Savings Bond Committee constantly pushed the arsenal's goal

higher, up to between 15 and 20 percent of employee earnings. The committee seemed to know the pulse of the country, however. Based on a Gallup Poll taken in 1943, 98 percent of Americans believed in War Bonds. And two-thirds of those polled believed that 15 percent was a fair amount to invest.

Although one War Bond drive followed another, the arsenal remained consistently at the top among Fourth Service Command installations for War Bond participation. Perhaps to be expected, the arsenal subsequently achieved a 100 percent participation rate in the payroll savings program.

By any standard, however, one Redstone employee went above and beyond the call to "Buy Bonds" and "Keep 'Em Shooting." James Marshall, who worked in the arsenal's Utilities and Maintenance Section, invested 87 percent of his paychecks in War Savings Bonds.

As usual, the request to buy "A Share in America" was accompanied by an explanation of what the employees were buying for the war effort. For example, Redstone's

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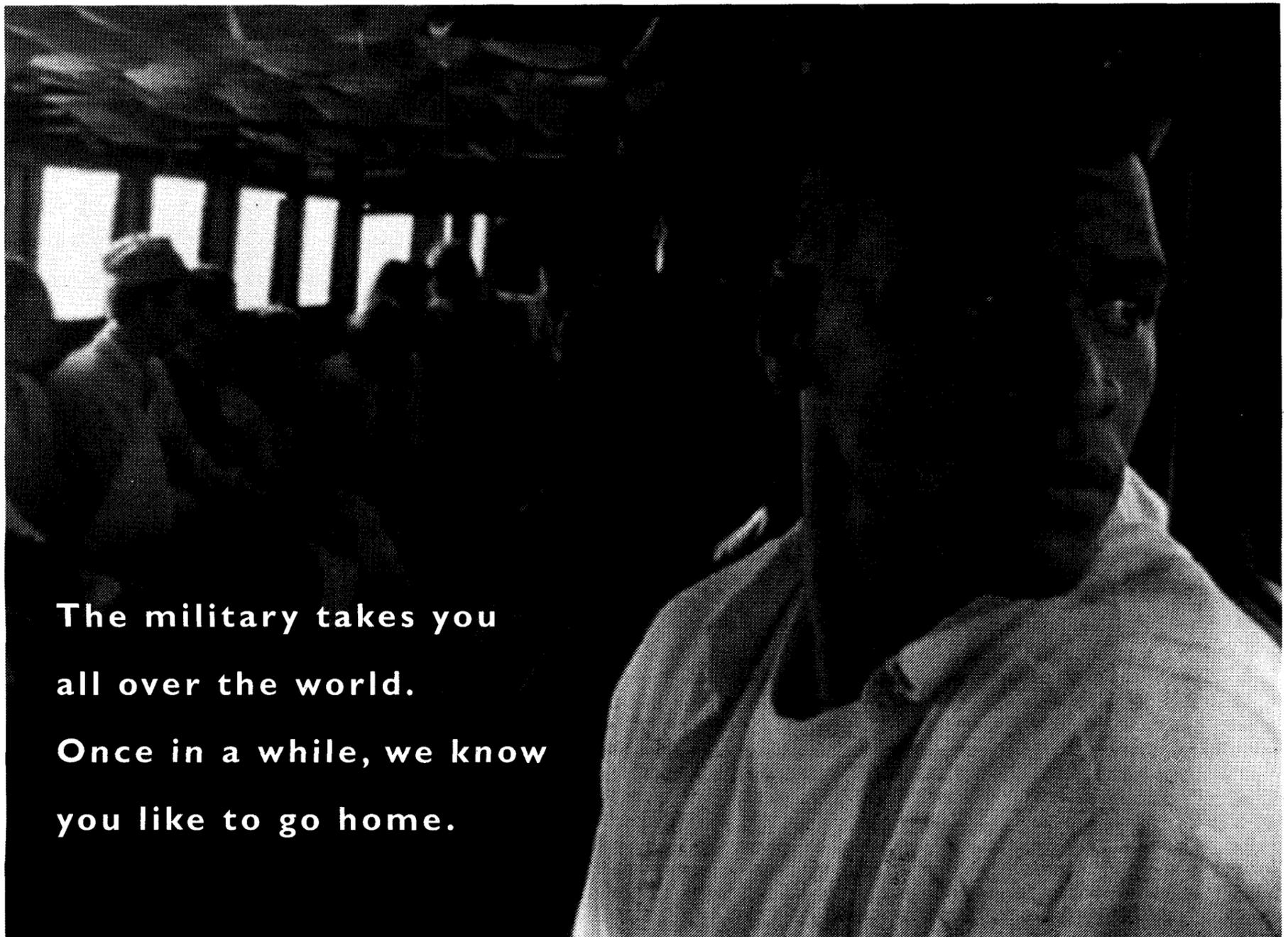
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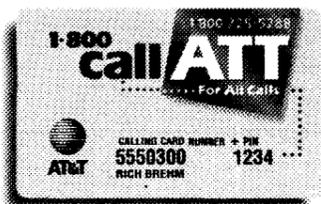
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Hawk helicopter member has homecoming at Redstone

By Meloney Jones

The multi-service Hawk helicopter team's meeting at Redstone in February was like a homecoming for one of its members.

Cory Kroelinger, a Huntsville native, was a crewman aboard the Coast Guard HH-60J which arrived for the meeting held Feb. 11-12. Team Hawk consisted of five H-60s including an Army Black Hawk UH-60L, UH-60Q and MH-60K; a Navy SH-60H; and the Coast Guard helicopter.

"I am happy to be a part of Team Hawk. I am excited about being at Redstone. My family roots are here," Kroelinger, an aviation machine mate 3rd class with the Coast Guard, said. He is a 1995 graduate of Grissom High School.

His father, Charles Kroelinger, is an electrical engineer with the Missile RD&E Center. His grandfather and great uncle both were employed as photographers and retired from Redstone.

"I joined the Coast Guard because I have aspirations of becoming a pilot," Kroelinger said. "I have always been fascinated with airplanes. The Coast Guard is the only branch of the services that I can be both an air crewman and a pilot. When I complete college, I will have the credentials I need to be commissioned as an officer and be eligible to apply to flight school."

Kroelinger, stationed at the Coast Guard Aviation Training Center in Mobile, said he is enjoying his tour in Mobile and plans to enroll in the University of South Alabama.

"My family is very proud of Cory," Charles, his father, said. "He is working hard to achieve his goal to become a pilot. And it was a great feeling to have my son at Redstone on such a momentous occasion as the Team Hawk meeting."

Team Hawk is a joint service program management group. The Army program office formed the group and other service H-60 program managers to reduce the H-60



CREWMAN— Kroelinger stands in front of the Coast Guard HH-60J.

fleet cost of ownership and increase to discuss common problems and to develop warfighting capabilities. The members met up solutions.

Memorial scholarship honors promising local youngster

A scholarship has been established in memory of a Huntsville youngster who drowned in 1996 while attending an academic workshop at West Point.

"The scholarship is a loving tribute to the memory of Uantonio Andrew Jackson for his outstanding dedication as a positive role model for Johnson High School, the United Way Youth Leaders Council, and all of Alabama," a prepared release said. "Created by volunteer organizations, family, friends, and businesses, the scholarship will ensure that the volunteers of our communities receive recognition for their heroic acts of volunteerism."

The \$1,000 scholarship

will be awarded annually by the Uantonio Andrew Jackson Memorial Committee. Interested high school seniors should submit an application by April 15 to P.O. Box 17731, Huntsville, 35810. For more information, call Linda Bonner of United Way at 536-0745, ext. 109.

Jackson was a 16-year-old student of Johnson High School who drowned on July 24, 1996 while attending an elite Academic Workshop for candidates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. It had been his goal to attend West Point since age 4.

Volunteerism was one the major focuses of Jackson's life. He donated hun-

dreds of hours to the United Way Youth Leaders Council, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the AIDS Action Coalition, and many other efforts. A resolution was passed by the Madison County Commission making Aug. 1, 1996 "Uantonio Andrew Jackson Day." On Aug. 21, 1997, the Senate of Alabama passed an interim resolution in memory of Jackson to give thanks for his life and accomplishments.

Education was the primary focus of his life. His academic achievements had placed Jackson in the posi-

tion of valedictorian of the class of 1997 at Johnson High School. His grade point average was a 4.0 on a 4-point scale. He was the first junior ever named commanding officer of Johnson's Marine Corps Junior ROTC.

Jackson was the recipient of the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross. One of only six awards presented yearly, this recognized him as one of the nation's top Marine Corps junior cadets. He also received the Sons of the American Revolution Top Freshman Cadet

Award, the Reserve Officers' Association Top Sophomore Cadet Award, and the Retired Officers' Association Top Junior Cadet Award.

He was a National Merit Semifinalist, a member of the National Honor Roll, and listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. He was a member of the German Honor Society, co-captain of the Johnson High School Scholars Bowl Team, and a participant in Boys State.

"The scholarship is offered in remembrance of

Uantonio's hard work and commitment to others, which will be his legacy," the release said. "He is forever in our hearts."

Becky Bonner, a junior at Sparkman High School, was nominated by her school for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award for her work in establishing the scholarship. Currently vice president of the United Way Youth Leaders Council, she was among the state finalists for the Prudential award.

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Tricare program brings expanded health care coverage for military family members

By Bob Cole

Continued improvements in health care coverages for soldiers, their families and retirees have also led to changes in enrollment procedures.

Under Tricare, there are three optional coverage choices. All provide strong medical coverage. Once enrolled under Tricare Standard or Tricare Extra, coverage continues until voluntarily terminated by the enrollee.

But in the case of Tricare Prime, annual re-enrollment is required.

As a reminder to persons enrolled in Tricare Prime, the Managed Care office at Fox Army Health Center does the following:

- Sends a re-enrollment application and reminder letter 60 days prior to the re-enrollment date.
- Sends a second letter of reminder 30 days prior to the re-enrollment date.
- Makes a phone call to the policy holder about re-enrollment.

There is no retroactive re-enrollment option under Tricare Prime. In effect, this means, once disenrolled, a person must apply for enrollment as a new policy holder. No allowance is made for retroactive coverage during a period of disenrollment.

"We are committed to our active duty people," Lt. Col. Jeanette James, deputy commander for patient services at Fox Army Health Center, said. "If health care for the military is important, and we certainly believe it is, then we want to do



DISCUSSING TRICARE— From left, Tricare manager Barbara Reed and Edward P. Stevens, managed care associate administrator, discuss Tricare health plan benefits and re-enrollment procedures with Lt. Col. Jeanette James, deputy commander for patient services at Fox Army Health Center.

everything possible to reduce the concerns about quality, available health care coverage."

"Someone asked me if Prime coverage is a good deal," Tricare manager Barbara Reed said. "For this extensive level of coverage, and the relatively small out-of-pocket expense, the answer is 'yes'. Benefits are phenomenal; more than Medicare."

The advent of Tricare for active military, their family members and retirees five years ago actually expanded health care coverage these same persons had enjoyed under previous programs, James said.

"At Fox Army Health Center, we provide services available in any private health care setting," James explained. "This includes a first-class pharmacy, as well."

"Our users, particularly the retirees, have come to know what to expect from

us, and this is important. We know them, also, and we believe this comfort level is especially important to someone seeking quality health care.

"The basis for our budget starting next year is

based upon the number of persons who choose to use our health care facilities," James said. "We expect to continue to provide the best health care coverage available anywhere for anyone who needs them."

President nominates Bailey for medical post at Defense Dept.

WASHINGTON— President Clinton has announced his intent to nominate Dr. Sue Bailey as assistant secretary for health affairs at the Department of Defense.

Bailey, of Bethesda, Md., was the deputy assistant secretary of defense for health affairs from July 1994 to June 1995. Prior to that, she served from 1988-93 as medical director of Chevy Chase Associates Inc., from 1986-88 as vice president of Medlantic Healthcare Group, and from 1983-85 as medical director of the Inpatient Program for the Washington Hospital Center. She was also a clinical faculty member at the Georgetown Medical School from 1985-94.

Bailey received her bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland in 1973, and graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1977. She completed an internship at George Washington University Hospital in 1978 and her residency at Johns Hopkins University Hospital in 1981. She has served in the Navy Reserves, reaching the rank of lieutenant commander.

The assistant secretary of defense for health affairs has a two-fold mission: military readiness and peacetime health care. Military readiness provides medical and preventive health services and support to the U.S. armed forces during military operations. Peacetime health care provides continuous medical and preventive services and support to members of the uniformed services, their family members, and survivors, retired members and their families and all others entitled to Department of Defense health care. (White House release)

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Annual government/industry conference seeking abstracts

By Emerson McAfee

The Government/Industry Supportability Engineering Exchange Conference has been held continuously since 1987. The format is an open forum allowing industry and government personnel to share ideas relating best practices, lessons learned, process improvements, and new techniques in the logistics acquisition arena.

Participants include members of each of the services, Department of Defense and federal agencies, industry, and our allied nations.

The conference has been hosted each year since 1993 by the Logistics Support Activity and was joined by the International Society of Logistics (SOLE), Tennessee Valley Chapter as

co-host in 1996. The theme selected by LOGSA and SOLE for this year's conference is "Acquisition Logistics 2000— Reducing Total Cost of Ownership." This year's conference will tentatively be held June 16-18 at the Sparkman Auditorium.

All industry and government personnel are invited to submit an abstract for a proposed paper or briefing that you would like to present at this conference. The abstract should describe a best practice or lessons learned by your organization in process improvement of implementing logistics engineering that reduce the cost of ownership. Along with your abstract, please submit a short biographical sketch, your e-mail address, and telephone number.

Some recommended subject areas follow: Requirements Determination, Lessons Learned in Acquisition Reform, Successes in Acquisition Reform, Methods to Reduce Acquisition Costs, Integrated Logistic Support in Early Life Cycle Phases, Organic vs. Commercial Depots, Technical Manuals (TM) /Interactive Electronic TMs, Supportability Analysis Conducted in Early Phases, Supportability Tools, Project Management and

Acquisition Reform, Project Management and Integrated Product Teaming, Contract Cost Reduction in Acquisition Reform, Post Fielding Supportability Analysis, Commercial Alternative Life Cycle Support Savings, Level of Repair Analysis, International Logistics, Support of War Reserve Stocks, Contracting for Logistics Cost Savings, and Incorporating Supportability into Systems Engineering.

Send abstracts and

inquiries by March 26 to the Commander, Logistics Support Activity, Attn.: AMXLS-ALA (McAfee/Colson), Redstone Arsenal 35898-7466. The e-mail address is emcafee@logsa.army.mil. The fax number is DSN 645-9865 or commercial (205) 955-9865. For information call McAfee at DSN 645-8433 or commercial (205) 955-8433; or Colson at DSN 645-9834 or commercial (205) 955-9834.

The LOGSA and SOLE

will develop the agenda for the conference after all abstracts have been received and accepted. Hotel accommodation information will be provided after March 26.

Please make plans now to attend and participate in the DoD Government/Industry Supportability Engineering Exchange Conference.

(Editor's note: McAfee is a logistics management specialist in the Acquisition Logistics Center, LOGSA.)

NATO extends Bosnia force indefinitely

By Linda D. Kozaryn

BRUSSELS— NATO has extended the stabilization force mission in Bosnia indefinitely, alliance officials announced here Feb. 20.

The SFOR mission was set to end in June, but North Atlantic Council authorities decided it will continue at its current 34,000 troop strength and retain the same name.

"This decision was taken in light of encouraging progress in the implementation of the peace agreement, to which SFOR has made a major contribution," NATO authorities said. Conclusions of a recent peace implementation conference in Bonn and a NATO military assessment of the situation contributed to the decision, they said.

The stabilization force will continue its mission of deterring renewed hostili-

ties and contributing to a secure environment for civil implementation efforts to consolidate peace. SFOR support will adapt to the political and security situation and to progress in civil implementation of the peace agreement. The goal will be to reduce the size, role and profile of the force as responsibilities are transferred to civil authorities and international organizations.

Force levels will be reviewed after the Bosnia national elections scheduled for September and at regular intervals thereafter, officials said. NATO military authorities have until the end of April to prepare a detailed operation plan for the extended mission. (American Forces Press Service)

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Retiring deputy project manager eyes other challenges

By Dale James

Whenever he allows himself the luxury of reflecting back over a long and illustrious career, Jack Sanders can't help but feel fortunate.

Fortunate to have risen through the ranks to become deputy project manager on two different projects. Fortunate to have been able to compete successfully with his peers and leave his mark in the defense technology arena. Fortunate to have earned the respect of superiors and subordinates alike.

Now, after 41 years, the deputy project manager for the Enhanced Fiber Optics Guided Missile Project Office insists it's time to do something else. But don't expect to find him quietly rocking away his golden years.

"I've got to have something to do every day," explains the energetic Sanders. "I've got to have a reason to get out of bed in the morning."

That's why already he's planning which challenges in private industry he'll tackle once his retirement becomes official.

Sanders points to John Glenn as a role model of '90s-style retirement. At 78, the former astronaut-turned senator is in training to return to space. If successful, he will become the oldest person by far ever to go there.

"That man has what I call enthusiasm," Sanders says admiringly.

Sanders brought his own particular brand of enthusiasm to the job as a young engineer in the mid-1950s with the fledgling National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the forerunner of what is today NASA.

"If I hadn't gone the route I did, I probably would have stayed on working for NASA," Sanders reflects. "They've done some exciting things over the years — going to the moon, exploring the planets, widening man's horizons. It's the sort of things that men have dreamed of doing for centuries."

After being commissioned in the Army and completing ordnance officer training at Maryland's Aberdeen Proving Ground, Sanders was assigned to the Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency at Redstone Arsenal. He remained at Redstone even after leaving active duty in 1959.

"I feel very fortunate to have been sent to Redstone at the time I was," he says. "One of the things I feel proudest of is the role the Army played in those early years. Many people don't realize that they actually put up this country's first satellite and laid the groundwork for U.S. space exploration."

Sanders tackled a variety of projects in those early years, testing rocket motors and working on the area

toxic rocket, an ominously named project "which was actually a rocket that distributed gas."

In 1959, he was assigned to the Shillelagh Anti-Tank Missile Project Office. He continued to work on the Shillelagh until it was discontinued in 1971.

Recalls Sanders, "I worked on that project from birth to death. It was a good project. It worked."

Sanders credits his military experience with giving him a better appreciation for the point of view of the soldier in the field.

"I think being in the military gives you a leg up on what it means to actually be on the battlefield and to have to depend on a particular weapon system for your survival," he contends. "I never was in battle, but I was ready to go if I needed to go."

His next major assignment was with the Stinger Project Office. He held a number of positions there, eventually being named deputy project/product manager.

The Stinger is viewed today as one of the Army's most successful and most widely employed weapons systems. It is credited, among other things, with playing a major role in helping Afghan rebels fight off a much superior force of Russian invaders.

Sanders remembers the Stinger as "a rather complicated" system which



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like to work using the most expensive. I didn't want to gold plate it, but I also didn't want to give him something that didn't work.

"I always worked with the understanding that it's got to be reliable and it's got to be affordable."

Sanders says that, for him, the recent Gulf War was both a source of pride and troubling at the same time. A source of pride because "there were many MICOM systems in that war" — systems that helped give American soldiers the edge they needed to be victorious.

Troubling because of the tremendous destruction and loss of lives wrought by those same systems.

"The thing of it is that, even though we have to maintain a strong country, I hope we never have to use these weapons," Sanders says with obvious emotion. "I've thought about this term, 'merchants of death', a lot of times, about the fact that we're building something here to kill people. And, quite frankly, that's

offered a number of technical challenges.

"There is an upside to problems," he says philosophically. "I think you bring more enthusiasm to the job when there are problems — if they're not allowed to drag on too long. It gives you a great sense of accomplishment when you bring a problem to fruition."

Whenever possible,

Sanders says, he tried to employ a "best value" approach to solving the problems he encountered in his work.

"My objective," he explains, "was always to provide the best system that we could provide for the troops, the man in the field, the soldier. I never liked to work using the cheapest approach, but neither did I

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Commanding general urges support to AER fund-raising campaign

By Skip Vaughn

The commanding general expresses his confidence that the Redstone community will have a successful AER campaign this year.

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, helped kick off the annual Army Emergency Relief fund-raising campaign on Monday in the Sparkman Auditorium. The drive continues through May 15.

"Redstone Arsenal has a tremendous track record," Gibson said. "I'm confident that even in these difficult times, we can pull together and have a successful (AER) campaign again in our community."

Gibson told the approximately 100 attendees that AER plays a vital role in the Army community by providing interest-free loans and grants to the total Army family in times of emergency needs. "It certainly reaches out and touches our soldiers," he said.

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.

Redstone raised \$57,429 in last year's campaign. This year's goal is \$40,000, with the slogan "AER is a community effort."

"The dollars that we raise over the next few weeks are certainly critical to AER and its service to families," Gibson said.

Army Emergency Relief, which began in 1942, provides interest-free loans or grants to active and retired servicemembers and their families in times of emergencies. 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.

Gibson encouraged everyone to support the three campaign co-chairmen: CWO 3 Lee Samuelson and Samuelson's wife, Sharon, returnees from last year's drive; and Sgt. Aaron Williams, a member of HHC AMCOM.

"This is truly a way, within the extended Army family, we can help take care of our own," Gibson said.

Sixty-four percent of the money raised last year was through fund-raisers, CWO 3 Samuelson said. He added that the community raised this money with the help of command emphasis.

"I'd like to thank everybody for their help last year," Samuelson said. "We can do it again this year."

The AER campaign headquarters, in building 3491, room 101, can be reached at 842-8377.

Modified ballistic missile vehicle on target in test

The Space and Missile Defense Command's Ballistic Missile Targets Joint Project Office, in support of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization's Consolidated Targets Program, successfully tested a newly configured ballistic missile target vehicle launched from Fort Wingate to White Sands Missile Range, N.M., on Monday.

The Hera modified ballistic reentry vehicle, or MBRV-3, risk reduction flight consisted of a non-separating or unitary target on a shaped ballistic trajectory in a new configuration. It reached an altitude of approximately 98.5 kilometers and flew over a range of about 344.5 kilometers. The flight lasted 415 seconds.

"The Hera MBRV-3 is being developed by SMDC's Theater Targets Product Office for use in evaluating current and future theater missile defense weapon systems," product manager Lt. Col. James Matthewson Jr. said. While the Hera MBRV-3 is a new target vehicle, Matthewson noted that it is assembled primarily from surplus ballistic missile components to reduce costs and shorten development time. It is designed to provide Theater Missile Defense Major Acquisition Programs opportunities to track, intercept and collect data.

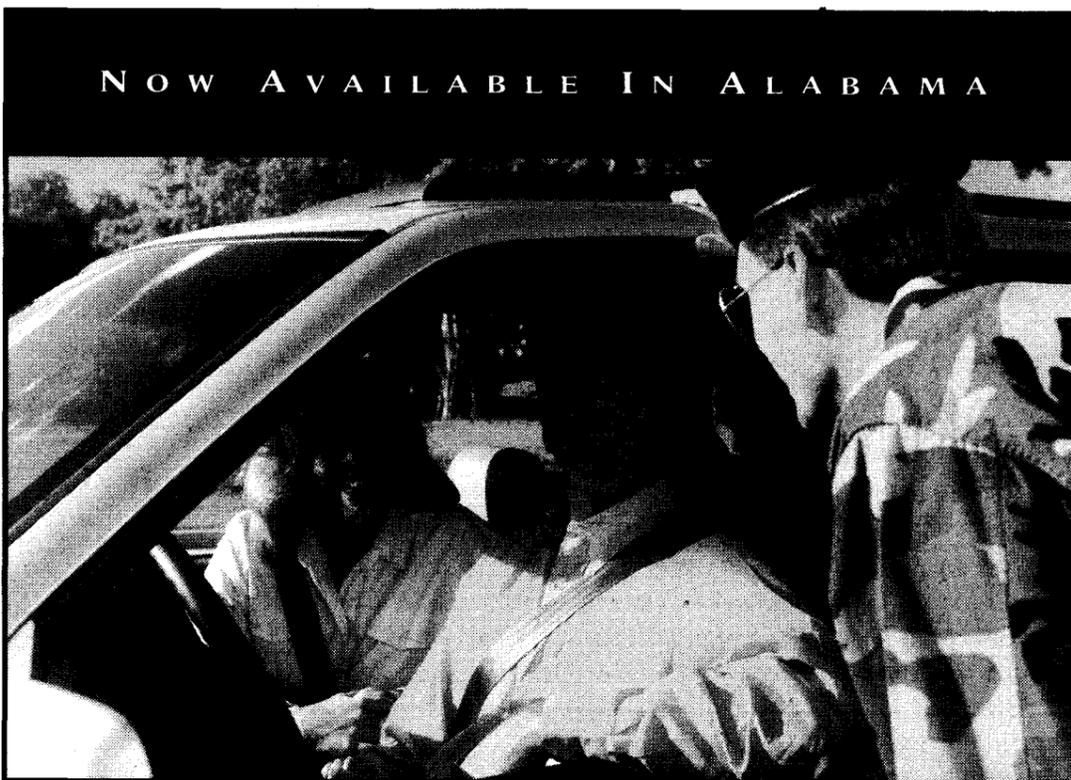
The basic target configuration was the Hera Block IIB configuration with the MBRV-3, a guidance and

control section extension, unitary guidance and control section, M57 motor adapter, M57A1 motor, pile driver control section, SR-19 motor, and SR-19 motor skirt.

The objectives of this mission were to demonstrate launch, in-flight operation and performance of a Block IIB configuration with an MBRV-3 payload; demonstrate short range unitary reference trajectory; assess performance of new subsystems; validate Fort Wingate launch site; and verify performance simulations. The Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense also used this mission as a target of opportunity for the Patriot and Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD)

theater missile defense systems to track an incoming ballistic missile target.

"The success of this Hera MBRV-3 demonstration/risk reduction flight is a tribute to the dedicated efforts of the government and contractor team," Matthewson said. "SMDC's Theater Targets Product Office, White Sands Missile Range, Coleman Aerospace Company of Orlando, Fla., supported by principal subcontractors Space Vector Corporation of Fountain Valley, Calif., and Aerotherm Corporation of Mountain View, Calif., and the U.S. Air Force Space and Missile Center, which supported rocket motor assembly, worked together to pull off this successful mission."



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African-American Festival...

Looking at artwork on display at last Thursday's third annual African-American Heritage Festival are, from left, Mattie Espy and Melissa Black, both of AMCOM Legal Office; and Ernie Young, deputy to the command-

ing general. The festival, presented by the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles, featured music, art, attire and portrayals. This particular artwork was from Lee J's Wood Crafts and Greek Paraphernalia.

Davis wins annual recognition at Northrop Grumman, Inc.

A retired command sergeant major has been selected as "Employee of the Year" at Northrop Grumman, the base support contractor.

Gene A. Davis competed with hundreds of employees

for this honor at Northrop Grumman Technical Services Inc.

Selected as Employee of the Month for October 1997 and Employee of the Year for 1997 here at Redstone, this latest award caps a suc-

cessful year for Davis. As a member of the Northrop Grumman Quality Control Office, Davis is instrumental in assuring contractual compliance for the Northrop contract at Redstone Arsenal.

New fire truck due to join firefighting fleet this week at Redstone Arsenal

By Bob Cole

The arrival of a brand-spanking new state-of-the-art fire truck at Redstone Arsenal this week won't alter the long-standing commitment of the 43 well-trained men and women who staff the Fire and Emergency Services Division (FESD). They already have commitment to spare.

But it will allow them to increase their capabilities in the event of an unplanned and unwanted emergency such as a major high rise fire, tornado or other natural disaster.

Barring El Nino or similar development, the bright red, well-equipped vehicle will roll in by today, fresh off the assembly line from Pierce Arrow's production facility in Appleton, Wis. Upon arrival and final inspection, it will be placed in the hands of Fire Chief Thomas L. Stephens and assigned to the main station on Rideout Road. An existing model will be transferred to another location.

The new vehicle is 100 feet long, weighs more than 66,000 pounds, and is far

more than a fire truck. Its features allow firefighters to reach the seventh and eighth floor level in building fires and provides high-angle rescue capabilities during fires and other emergencies. This represents an increase over an existing model.

In area-wide disasters such as the tornadoes which struck the Huntsville area in 1989, the new truck will become a part of a computer-linked network meshing all North Alabama-based emergency services. Such availabilities bode well for folks at Redstone Arsenal and for the surrounding community.

Fire and Emergency Services professionals are on call every hour, every day of the year. Last year they responded to more than 2,500 emergencies, approximately 1,500 of those responses from the Rideout Road station. Stations are also strategically located at the airfield and at Vincent and Patton roads.

"Our mission is very manpower intensive," Stephens said. "All of our employees must attend three 2-hour training ses-

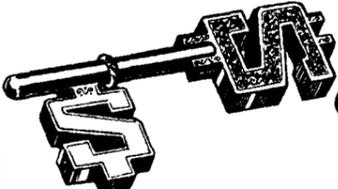
sions each week. In order to keep everyone fresh and involved, each employee is also required to serve periodically as classroom instructor for his or her own peers. We believe this raises the level of professionalism and provides a feeling of accomplishment for the participants."

Thirty-five FESD firefighters have already been trained in high angle rescue taught by the Alabama Fire College at Shelton State in Tuscaloosa.

Another responsibility of FESD is education. Some 1,800 school children visited an RSA fire station last year. They met and heard presentations by "Sparky," the affable human fireperson, and "Pluggy," the robot.

"We believe strongly in the need to educate and re-educate children," Stephens said. "Never has this need been more acute than today with our growing concern about hazardous materials."

"Our firefighters want to help their fellow man. We don't want to see a person laid off because their place of employment has been burned. We really care about our 'customers'."



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Pharmacy chief at Fox wins annual Defensewide award

By Bob Cole

Energy, enthusiasm, respect, likability, and most importantly, ability.

These characteristics and qualities comprise the makeup of the Department of Defense's Pharmacist of the Year.

And the winner is Redstone Arsenal's Suzette Baker, chief of pharmacy for the Fox Army Health Center.

Baker was nominated for the award, established in 1988 as the Janet P. Hunter Civilian Pharmacist Award, by retired Brig. Gen. George J. Walker, a former Red Cross volunteer at Fox.

She will be recognized formally in San Diego March 15-19 during the Combined Forces Pharmacy Seminar. This includes the presentation of a \$500 cash award, as well.

"It is touching," Baker said. "I had no idea. I feel really good, but at the same time I'm uncomfortable being thrust into the limelight."

"I come to the office to work. An award is not the driving force behind my work."

"You are only as good as the people who work with you. I'm privileged to work with some very good people."

In addition to her knowledge and leadership skills, Baker was cited for her ability to find solutions to problem areas created by the downswing of the Department of Defense Health Care System.

Part of a Navy family, Baker landed in Huntsville and graduated from Auburn University as a pharmacist. Following employment in the private sector, she joined the Fox facility in 1990 and was named chief pharmacist three years ago.

About her forthcoming return to San Diego, where her father served two tours: "I'm not sure I remember anything about the area, but I'm looking forward to finding out."



PHARMACY TALK— From left, pharmacist Joe Wright talks with and volunteer Bill Harkins. Baker is the 1998 recipient of the Department of Defense Civilian Pharmacist of the Year award.

U.S. troops continue deploying for Southwest Asia operation

WASHINGTON— More than 6,000 soldiers from Army posts across the nation have deployed to Southwest Asia as part of Operation Southern Watch.

The deployments are continuing under presidential orders until it is certain that Iraq will comply with an agreement reached Feb. 22 with the United Nations Secretary General to allow unrestricted access for UN weapons inspectors.

"Our soldiers, our ships, our planes will stay there in force until we are satisfied that Iraq is complying with its commitments," President Bill Clinton said Feb. 23.

President Clinton also signed an executive order Feb. 23 authorizing the call-up of 500 members of the National Guard and Reserve in support of operations in and around Southwest Asia under the Presidential Selected Reserve Call-up Authority (10 U.S.C. 12304). The order provides the Secretary of Defense the authority to call to active duty selected reserve component units, as well as individuals.

The forces already deploying include a Division Ready Brigade from the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga. The DRB includes a mix of M1A1 Abrams tanks, M-2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, self-propelled artillery, combat engineer assets and appropriate support forces. The DRB is being augmented by AH-64 Apache attack helicopters.

U.S. Forces Command is also providing assets from Fort Campbell, Ky. Other units deploying include signal units from the Army Signal Command at Fort Huachuca,

Ariz., two Patriot batteries from the 3/43 Air Defense Artillery, Fort Bliss, Texas; and a cargo transfer company from Fort Eustis, Va.

The deploying forces will link up with Task Force 1-30, which is already on the ground. TF 1-30 is composed of elements from 3rd Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade, from Fort Benning, Ga. TF 1-30 is deployed on Exercise Intrinsic Action taking place between Jan. 20 and April 11.

Intrinsic Action is a recurring exercise intended to strengthen military-to-military relationships, improve readiness and interoperability between U.S. and Kuwaiti armed forces, and to enhance U.S. military force capabilities to quickly deploy to the region.

The deploying forces will enhance the existing combat, logistics, combat support and force protection capabilities of those forces already in the U.S. Central Command region and will enable them to better accomplish their assigned missions. The deployment underscores the resolve of the international community to ensure Iraq complies with its obligations under the United Nations Security Council Resolutions and weapons inspections procedures.

Southwest Asia lies in the CENTCOM area of responsibility. Secretary of Defense William Cohen authorized the deployment in response to a request from the CENTCOM commander. (Arnews)

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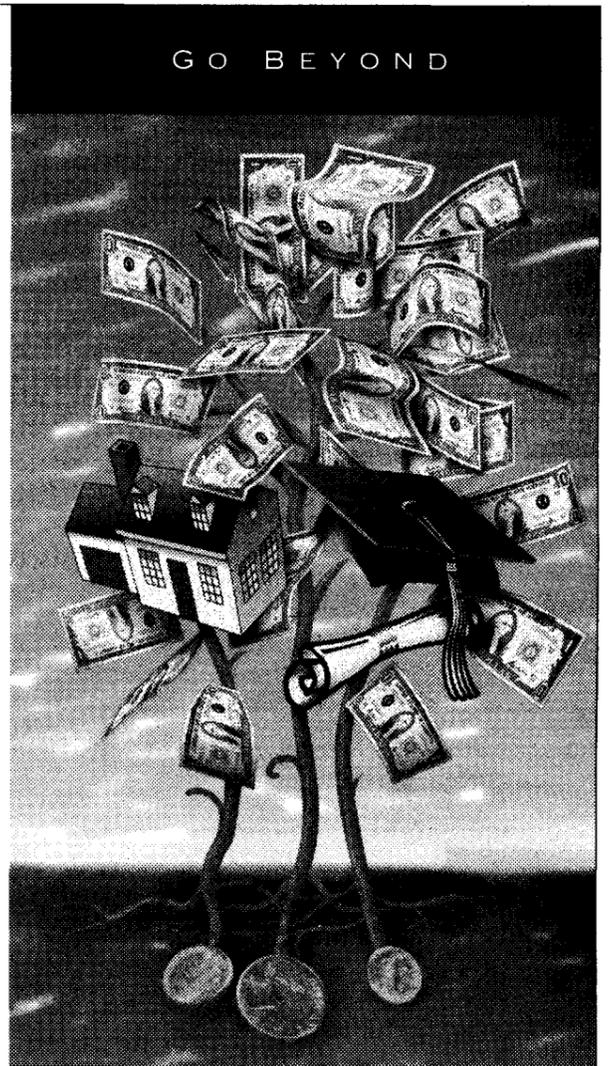
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CSM McKinney's wife testifies at his court-martial on misconduct

By Greg Jones

WASHINGTON— Wilhemina McKinney, wife of former Sergeant Major of the Army Gene C. McKinney, testified Feb. 24 she was "shocked" at hearing from her husband that retired Sgt. Maj. Brenda Hoster had accused him of sexual misconduct.

"It wasn't the Brenda that I knew," said Mrs. McKinney, who was close friends with Hoster. "I was really taken aback." McKinney said her husband told her of Hoster's allegations shortly after they became public in February 1997.

Mrs. McKinney said she was away from her Fort Myer residence in Europe on Oct. 30, 1996 when the sexual activity between one female soldier and her husband allegedly occurred. She was not present at several conferences when her husband allegedly sought sex from other female soldiers, but she did attend the April 1996 conference in Hawaii where Sgt. Maj. Hoster testified her husband sexually assaulted her. She said she did not notice anything unusual at the conference between her husband and Sgt. Maj. Hoster.

McKinney, now a command sergeant major, has pleaded not guilty to 19 specifications of sexual misconduct involving six current or former servicewomen. If convicted of all charges, he faces a maximum of 55.5 years of confinement and a dishonorable discharge. His court-martial, held at Fort Belvoir, Va., was in its fourth week.

Mrs. McKinney was the first defense witness. Defense Counsel Lt. Col. V. Montgomery Forrester asked Mrs. McKinney about her 26 years of marriage with the Army's former top enlisted man. Mrs. McKinney said her husband often spent his personal time with soldiers and shared his experience with them.

"Soldiers [often] called our home," she said. "We were always cooking extra for guests."

A retired command sergeant major who said he was a close friend of CSM McKinney took the stand after Mrs. McKinney. He testified that CSM

McKinney did not leave a Washington, D.C., hotel lounge with another accuser, a female staff sergeant who talked with McKinney after an Association of the U.S. Army dinner in October 1994.

Following the command sergeant major, four soldiers who served in the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) with the female staff sergeant testified she was untruthful and craved attention.

On Feb. 23, Lead Defense Counsel Charles Gittins asked Judge (Col.) Ferdinand Clervi to dismiss 9 of the 19 specifications against McKinney. Charges of solicitation of adultery, assault, and threatening a soldier involving four female servicemembers were unsupported by evidence, Gittins said.

Clervi did not dismiss the charges, ruling that there is sufficient evidence for the jury to consider these charges during their deliberations.

The prosecution closed its case Feb. 23, following Feb. 20 testimony by the last female accuser to take the stand. The female sergeant said then Sergeant Major of the Army McKinney had sex with her in his Fort Myer, Va., quarters Oct. 30, 1996, while she was seven-months pregnant.

The female sergeant is the only accuser saying she had sex with McKinney. She said McKinney previously tried to kiss her while visiting her Severn, Md., home in July 1996. She said the incidents devastated her and her career.

"I've lost faith in the Army and what it stands for," she said.

The sergeant met McKinney at a Fort Meade, Md., golf tournament in May 1996. The sergeant said McKinney offered her a job on his Pentagon staff. She did not get the job, she said, because she was in the early stages of pregnancy and McKinney thought the pace of work would be difficult on her and her unborn child.

She was upset about the decision, but realized it was reasonable. "I was devastated when I didn't get the job, but I understood," she said.

Telephone records admitted at trial

showed approximately 30 long distance telephone calls from McKinney's phone card or phones to the sergeant.

Defense counsel Lt. Col. James Gerstenlauer questioned her about not including her allegations in the first statement she made to Criminal Investigation Command investigators and the fact that she was given immunity from prosecution for the alleged adultery.

"I didn't want to report the incident," said the sergeant, who is married. "I didn't want to think about it at all."

Gerstenlauer also questioned the sergeant about the alleged sex act, implying it was not likely since she was seven months pregnant and sitting down on a couch.

The defense opening statement indicated that McKinney was at the auto craft shop when the alleged sex occurred at his Fort Myer quarters.

A Navy petty officer first class, the fifth accuser in the court-martial, testified Feb. 19 that McKinney made passes at her and invited her to his hotel room on Aug. 8, 1996, at a Denver military health benefits conference.

"He looked me up and down and said, 'Put it this way, I like what I see,'" said the petty officer. She said McKinney then made other suggestive comments to her.

The petty officer said McKinney called her at her work the next day, asking if he had "scared her away."

An Army colonel who worked with the petty officer said she told him about the incident the next day, but she did not want to report it. The colonel said when he heard about Hoster's allegations in the news he contacted the petty officer and suggested she report the incident.

Lead Defense Counsel Charles Gittins cross-examined the petty officer about her testimony in previous hearings when she

denied telling a sexual joke around then Sergeant Major of the Army McKinney at the conference. A male Army sergeant first class said the female petty officer told a sexual joke in an area where McKinney may have heard it.

The petty officer was seen talking alone outside the hotel with McKinney. She testified this is when McKinney asked her to have sex with him.

Gittins said McKinney had pulled the petty officer aside outside the hotel and counseled her about making sexual jokes and the petty officer manufactured her allegations in case McKinney talked to her superiors about her behavior. The petty officer strongly denied this, saying McKinney came up with the counseling story as insurance in case she reported his misconduct.

The fourth female accuser to take the stand, a female sergeant first class, said Feb. 18 that McKinney grabbed her forcefully and asked her if she wanted to kiss him in a guest housing hotel room when he was on temporary duty at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., in August 1996. Gittins cross-examined her, highlighting inconsistencies with her testimony in earlier hearings when she said McKinney grabbed her by the shoulders. She now says McKinney grabbed her by the waist.

Gittins accused the sergeant first class of changing her story because it would better fit other elements of her testimony.

Gittins also attacked her character, citing her admitted adultery, a fraudulent collection of \$10,000 in widow's benefits and claiming personal telephone calls on a 1997 temporary duty claim. The sergeant first class said she eventually paid the \$10,000 back and was not charged because she voluntarily came forward and told the insurance company about the overpayment. (Arnews)

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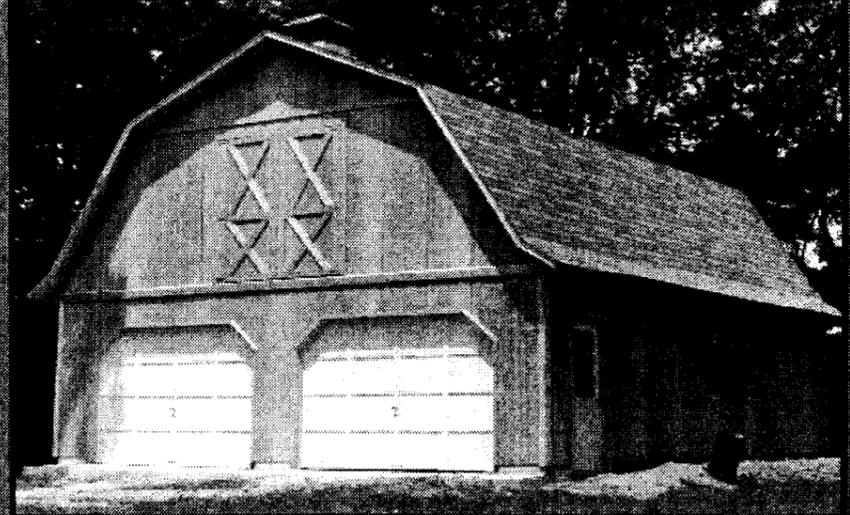
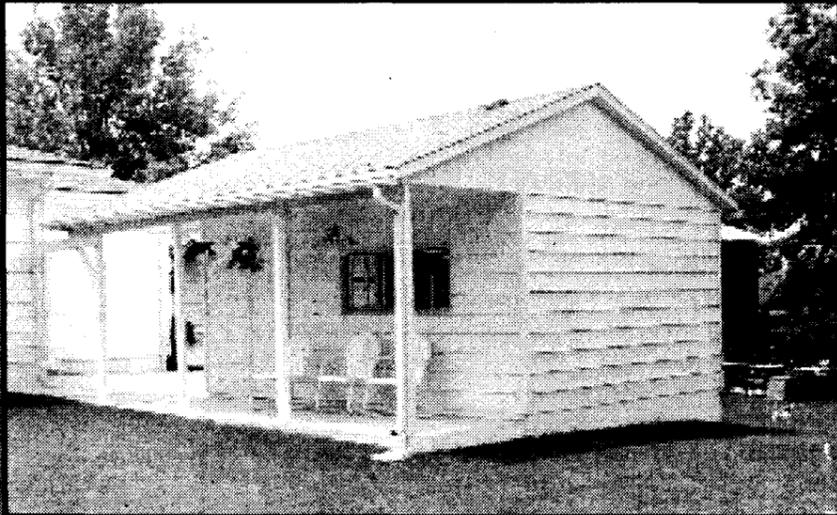
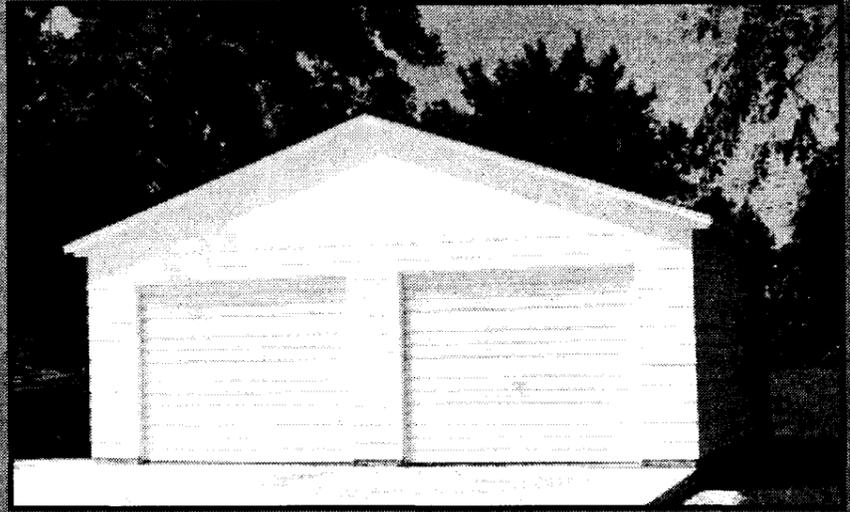
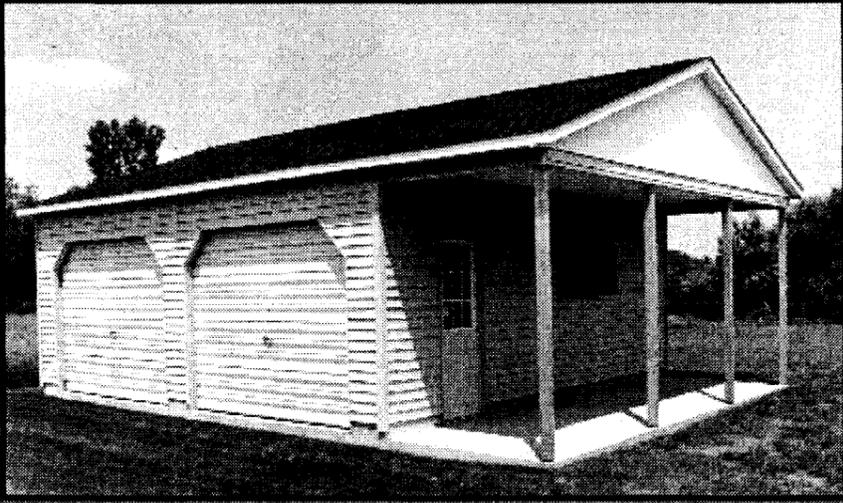
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Special Olympics bowling strikes joy for all participants

By Dale James

Tina Scott stands lost in concentration, oblivious to the controlled chaos of activity taking place all around her. You know this because she is studiously biting the tip of her tongue.

She takes careful aim and looses the too-heavy bowling ball at the pins standing at the far end of the lane. Slowly, inevitably the ball veers into the gutter. Tina wriggles her nose in momentary disgust, then skips merrily back to her seat on the bench.

She's having too good a

time to let a little thing like a gutter ball spoil it all. "I made a strike in the first frame," she says proudly.

Without ever having been told as much, Tina, 11, seems to know instinctively that in life you win some, and you lose some. How happy you are depends largely upon which of those two results you focus on the most.

Tina is a fifth grader at Madison Cross Roads School. On this particular morning she's one of scores of area youngsters seeking to qualify for the state bowling tournament for Special

Olympics.

The competition is fierce but civilized. Strikes, regardless of who rolls them, are cause for celebration by all.

Some three or four dozen soldiers from Redstone Arsenal are on hand to coach, to celebrate the strikes, to help shrug off the gutter balls and, most importantly perhaps, to simply be a friend.

"Actually, I asked for 40, but we have a tendency to get more," explains Virginia Dempsey, a family service coordinator for the Army Community Service, which helps to organize the Army's participation each year.

This is the ninth or 10th year — Dempsey isn't sure which — that soldiers from Redstone and groups such as The Retired Officers Association have volunteered to be a part of the Special Olympics.

"It's not hard to get volunteers," she says. "Soldiers who have done it before at other installations or who have done it here tell others and we always have a good turnout. It's certainly something the kids look forward to all year. They talk about it for months afterward."

Some of the soldiers



"COOKIE LADIES" — Elaine Williams and Lorraine Krause volunteer to serve refreshments during Special Olympics bowling each year.



STRATEGY BREAK— Mark Kramer and Tina Scott plan strategy during Special Olympics bowling tournament at Plamor Lanes.

have never worked with special needs children before and they approach their first Special Olympics with some trepidation.

Says Dempsey, "Some of them start out, 'I don't know if I'm going to like this'. Then they meet the kids, and they quickly lose that sense of separateness or differentness. Something very special happens. You

can see it. Pretty soon, everybody's just having fun."

This is Spec. Mark Kramer's first year to participate. "I really didn't know what to expect," admits Kramer, of HHC AMCOM. "But I talked with some soldiers who had done it before and they all said what a good thing it was. And it is. The kids

have been just great to hang out with.

"It's well worth taking the day to do this."

Teacher Kay Scott is

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Sports & Recreation

Marine Detachment athletes win Commander's Cup trophy

By Bob Cole

Military units at Redstone compete throughout each year in various sports with the goal of winning the overall Commander's Cup.

The Marine Corps Detachment reached its goal this year.

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, presented trophies Thursday to "the best of the best" in a brief ceremony at Pagano Gym. Gibson congratulated the top three teams for their efforts and praised the many others who participated in the annual competition.

The Marine Corps Detachment finished first, edging past the 832nd Ordnance Battalion's B Company by less than 13 points. The Marines amassed 394.1 points to 381.2 for B Company.

The 832nd's C Company finished third with 346.1 points.

Seven sports were included in the competition. They included racquetball, softball, golf, volleyball, basketball, flag football and the 5K run.

The Marines won first place in softball and basketball in regular season competition. They solidified their position during the tournament with first place finishes in racquetball and softball but dropped to seventh place in basketball.

B Company finished



TROPHY PRESENTATION— Maj. Gen. Gibson, left, presents the Commander's Cup to Maj. Thomas Neis, commander of the Marine Corps Detachment.

first in volleyball during scheduled competition and won the 5K run.

Though shy of a first place finish, C Company maintained a strong, across-the-board showing in all events except golf throughout the regular season and the tournament.

Maj. Thomas Neis, commander of the winning Marine Corps team, accepted the award from Gibson.

B Company was represented by Drill Sgt. George Landrum and C Company by Drill Sgt. Reginald Tyus.

The Commander's Cup competition was coordinated by the Community Recreation Division headed by Michael Chemsak.

MWR highlights...

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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International visit...

Gary Teasley, Israel Apache lead program manager in Security Assistance Management Directorate, talks with Col. Shimon Sarid, head of the Aircraft Department, Israeli air force, at an evening social held at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center during the Israel Apache Weapon System Review Nos. 1 and 3. The WSR held at Redstone Arsenal in February allowed the Foreign Military Sales program managers an opportunity to meet with the Israeli air force program managers to discuss logistics, technical, financial and program management issues.

The Lins lead What Ever to second in RASA Bowling League

The What Ever team moved into second place in the RASA Bowling League last week with strong performances by the husband-wife duo of Jim and Patti Lin.

What Ever went 4-0 in points Feb. 24 to improve to 17-11 overall. The Beboppers team, in first place, went 6-2 in the seventh week of the 15-week season.

Standings for the Tuesday night league were as follows as of Feb. 24: Beboppers, 21-7; What Ever, 17-11; Strike Force, 15-13; Four for Kids, 14.5-13.5; Just Havin'

Fun, 13.5-14.5; Misfits, 13-15; Kids at Heart, 11-17; and John's Crew, 7-21.

Here are last week's top scorers:

- Men— Jim Lin, 193 scratch game; Lin, 565 scratch series; Chip Enlow, 229 handicap game; and Sam Gonzales, 629 handicap series.
- Women— Patti Lin, 184 scratch game; Lin, 509 scratch series; Jenny Manley, 224 handicap game; and Manley, 585 handicap series.

WHEELS

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kits that's used on a system in Bosnia," Barker said, referring to the Panther system being used for mine detection. The engineers will test to see whether a triangular wheel performs better than a round tire; and if so, by how much.

"One of the lessons learned from our experience with Sarge (Surveillance and Reconnaissance Ground Equipment) was the need for increased mobility," Hester said, "and this is a possible solution to that. Sarge can go a lot of places but we're looking for a way to go more places."

Round wheels will go over a step basically no higher than half of their diameter, engineers say. By comparison, triangular wheels can climb over a step that's close to their full height. Engineers also report that

these wheels ride smoother across open terrain, giving off less shock and vibration. Because they're heavier than round wheels, the triangular versions make the vehicle less likely to turn over and they add stability, according to the engineers.

"We're very excited about the possibilities that these triangular wheels have," Barker said.

Kathy Whisenant, an electronics engineer at Robotics Integration Lab, has ridden on both the experimental vehicle and a four-wheeler. She prefers the triangular wheels. "From riding them myself and a four-wheeler myself, these can go places that I would not take a four-wheeler," she said. "I would not take a four-wheeler down this hill here; these (triangular wheels) will go. This one is much more stable on the rugged terrain."

STRIKES

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Madison County coordinator for Special Olympics. This is her 25th year. Asked what keeps her coming back, she doesn't hesitate.

"Special Olympics participants enjoy everything they do," Scott says. "Every opportunity they get, they enjoy it."

Scott points out that Special Olympics is no longer the once-a-year event it used to be.

"A lot of people think we're still just track and field," she says. "They

don't realize that we've got events going on just about year 'round now."

In addition to track and field and bowling, Special Olympics participants compete in such varied events as power-lifting, roller skating, ice skating, basketball, swimming and even bocce, a sort of European bowling game.

"These kids, some of them, train all year long for these events," Scott says.

The soldiers who volunteer to help out with Special Olympics have been so enthusiastic about their experiences that the ACS has agreed to help coordi-

nate another similar activity — this one for physically challenged students.

"Special Olympics is for students and adults who are mentally challenged," Dempsey explains. "On March 11, we will be participating in the Special Athletes Bowling Tournament for physically challenged students. This is the only activity that is specially set up for physically challenged students in the Huntsville City Schools system."

The competition should be fierce.



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"Miss Redstone" candidates, of course, had to meet certain qualifications. They had to have a good record; be a good representative of the Redstone spirit; be photogenic; and be employed at Redstone for at least three months. Mary Parker of the

arsenal's Safety and Security Division won the first "Miss Redstone" contest. Her prize—a \$25 War Bond. As for achieving its assigned quota of \$175,000, the arsenal exceeded it by 40 percent.

Arsenal employees learned to cope with the daily pressures associated with working on ammunition lines, the constant barrage of bond salesmen, and the increasing shortages. They also monetarily supported drives initiated to benefit the Red Cross and other agencies dedicated to overcoming dread diseases, such as infantile paralysis. The worker's day also included healthy doses of "safety," "security," and "suggest."

To promote safety, Redstone initiated a new "Safety Merit Flag Plan" in 1943. In addition, the Chief of Ordnance started a monthly Army Ordnance Safety Contest in which Redstone competed against 18 other government-owned loading plants. Redstone Arsenal was always in the first five in these contests.

It was not easy to produce munitions of war without accidents, however.

During the war years, several Redstone workers suffered severe injuries. Several others were killed in explosions on the lines. To help cut down the number of accidents, the arsenal began publishing the "accident of the week," providing who, what, where, and how to avoid it the next time.

Without doubt, security received attention appropriate to the war years. Employees were continuously warned against "loose talk" that might disclose information that could aid the enemy.

The arsenal even initiated a Suggestion Program to "help speed victory," and offered cash prizes of between \$5 and \$250. The type of suggestion most likely to win a cash award, however, was one that would save the government money by increasing the efficiency of the work at Redstone Arsenal.

Although Redstone personnel worked under daily reminders of the expanding war and their role in it, they set aside time to enjoy simple pleasures. They found temporary relief in attending the popular musicals

and comedy shows of the day. They watched Joel McCrea and Veronica Lake in "Sullivan's Travels"; Abbott and Costello in "Ride 'Em Cowboy"; and Loraine Day and Barry Nelson in "A Yank on the Burma Road." They rode side-by-side with Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, and Johnny Mack Brown. They also attended arsenal dances for \$2 per couple and competed in jitterbug contests.

Some workers found other ways to relieve stress. For example, after completing their shifts on the lines, many women employees volunteered their services to the Redstone unit of the Red Cross. Taken as a whole, all of these activities provided employees with much-needed avenues of escape.

It was sports, however, that may have offered the best outlet for venting frustration and renewing the spirit. There were teams of all kinds—softball, basketball, football, bowling, badminton, tennis and volleyball teams. Names such as "Gun Toters," "Redstones," "Bursters," "Gassers," "Smoke-Eaters," "Pencil Pushers," "Brass Hats," and "Devil Drivers" speak of a

bygone era of Redstone Arsenal history. Both men and women took advantage of the opportunity to play, get some exercise, and have fun.

Like the men, the women fielded strong teams as well. Although they often worked the same jobs as the men, their names reflected their femininity. They called themselves the "Pencilettes," "Burstettes," the "Redstonettes," and "Gasserettes." Teamwork, cooperation, and pride spilled over from the production lines to the playing fields. Uniformed teams were fielded not only by those who worked on the burster lines, but also by those in Security, the Service Division, and other units as well.

Team spirit ran high, and arsenal teams often competed against neighboring Huntsville teams. For example, three softball leagues were developed, and Huntsville and Redstone teams vied annually for the city championship. After visiting the arsenal and watching the softball teams in action, Col. Hudson's father, Clarence D. Hudson of Los Angeles, donated a softball trophy in

1942. Players and spectators alike looked forward to the softball playoffs; and teams gave their all to win the "Clarence Hudson Trophy."

Arsenal employees found other distractions, too, of getting through the day, of getting through "the war years." Employees could usually find something to smile about within the pages of the Redstone Eagle. The Eagle was a weekly paper, first published on June 15, 1942.

Just three weeks after beginning publication, the Eagle reported that the arsenal's cat, "Sarah," had given birth to four healthy kittens at "0800 hours on July 6, 1942." This blessed event was met with a sigh of relief by many, as the Eagle prided itself on keeping its readers well-informed on "current events," significant or not. The kittens were subsequently named Gene, John, Joe and Alden. Plant Security was responsible for issuing badges for them; and the Mail and Record Section was in charge of issuing birth certificates.

(Editor's note: Part 4 will appear in next week's Rocket.)



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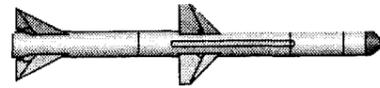
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DEPUTY

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always bothered me.

"But history teaches us that there have always been armies and aggressors, and whoever has the biggest and best-equipped army usually wins. The systems we build here play a part in helping us as a people to remain free and to live in a democratic society. They also help us to sleep at night and to feel safe from attack from foreign weapons. To the extent I've had a hand in that, I make no apologies."

As he prepares to clean out his desk and close the book on 41 years of government service, Sanders admits he views some recent developments in management with concern.

Redstone Arsenal boasts some of the best technical minds in the country, he contends, but he fears technical and cost considerations are sometimes allowed to outweigh human factors.

Says Sanders, "As a manager, I was always a people person. I always believed that if you took care of your people, your people would take care of you. I still believe that."

That's why he's troubled by such trends as the move to matrix management.

"I would like to see us do away with matrix manage-

ment altogether," Sanders says. "I don't think that's any good for the people who are co-located in these various projects, away from their mother organization. Too often it turns out to be a case of out of sight, out of mind. That's not popular to say, but it's true.

"I think AMCOM needs a single, strong personnel office to look out after the civilians we have here. After all, our main business here is people."

He's also skeptical about the implementation of initiatives such as the performance spec initiative, which is designed — at least in theory — to save money by eliminating the purchase of tech data packages.

All too often, in Sanders' estimation, such initiatives wind up detracting from what should be the primary focus: providing the soldier in the field with the best, most cost-effective and easiest-to-maintain weapons system.

Argues Sanders, "This initiative is designed to save money, but I challenge anybody to show me where we've actually saved any money as a result of this initiative. I believe it's cost us money."

Three indicted for war crimes surrender in Bosnia

By Linda D. Kozaryn

BRUSSELS Three alleged Bosnian Serb war criminals indicted by the International Crimes Tribunal for Yugoslavia have surrendered to NATO stabilization forces in Bosnia.

Simo Zaric turned himself in Feb. 24 and has been transferred to The Hague for trial. Zaric is charged with driving Bosnian Croats and Bosnian Muslims out of the northern town of Bosanski Samac while he was head of police there.

Ten days earlier, Milan Simic and Miroslav Taric also surrendered. Simic and Taric are also charged with crimes against non-Serbs in Bosanski Somac. All three claim they are innocent.

Zaric's surrender brings the number of indictees now in The Hague to 23, according to tribunal officials. There are still 51 indicted war criminals at large, including former Serb leaders Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic.

NATO Secretary General Javier Solana hailed the

surrenders as another step toward peace. "NATO has repeatedly made clear that the surrender of persons indicted for war crimes is an essential part of building peace and reconciliation in Bosnia-Herzegovina," he said.

Solana said he hopes that by voluntarily surrendering, the three men have set an example for other indicted war criminals. "They too, will be held accountable," he said. "They should take steps immediately to surrender themselves to the

custody of the International Crimes Tribunal for Yugoslavia."

Solana also called upon the parties to the peace agreement to meet their obligation to transfer indicted war criminals to the tribunal. He said the NATO stabilization force is prepared to help tribunal officials secure voluntary surrenders or detain indicted war criminals in accordance with its mandate. (American Forces Press Service)

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imbalance between workers and positions ever since the formation of the Aviation and Missile Command last year. When AMCOM first stood up, there were about 687 vacancies. That number has been reduced to 373 vacancies through various steps in the command's reconstitution plan. Since the command is already overstrength, personnel officials hope to fill about 331 of these vacancies internally by workers moving voluntarily to other jobs.

The job exchange opportunity is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 11 in the Sparkman Center, build-

ing 5309, room 9128 (first floor). All AMCOM workers can participate. An invitation will go out to all AMCOM primary organization elements and tenant activities serviced by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Current employees can apply for other jobs within the command at the same grade level. No promotions will be offered; this is strictly reassignments on a voluntary basis, personnel officials said. Workers can indicate their interest in a particular job by leaving a resume or completing an application.

The primary emphasis is on AMCOM workers and trying to reduce the overages and imbalances within the command, officials said.

Other people can attend, but they won't be eligible for vacancies within AMCOM because this would add to the already overstrength command.

Even with this event, the command still reserves the right to subsequently direct employee movement to fill vacancies.

"It gives the employees the chance to see what kind of vacancies are available at their grade level and an opportunity to be considered for those vacancies," Brown said. "It gives the managers an opportunity to fill their vacancies with qualified and interested employees. And it will also reduce the number of overage employees on a voluntary basis."

Job applications will be

accepted but jobs won't get filled on the spot at this event which represents an initial step in the process. An AMCOM surplus employee who gets selected for a vacancy can be placed in that vacancy without having to clear the Priority Placement Program "stopper list." For a non-surplus employee who gets selected, however, his manager has to backfill his current job with someone who was surplus. Employees should of course meet the qualifications required for the jobs they seek.

March 27 is the date that the personnel office has set for completing its work of extending any job offers which result from the March 11 event.

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Reducing combat stress just a video call away for sailors

By Douglas J. Gillert

BETHESDA, Md.— Last Christmas, 20 sailors aboard the USS Enterprise saw their newborn babies for the first time. The loneliness of serving in the Persian Gulf, at least 3,000 miles from home, was instantly relieved by the surprise family reunions.

The reunions occurred courtesy of the Naval National Medical Center telemedicine clinic here. Clinic director Dr. (Cmdr.) Richard Bakalar and his wife, Navy psychiatrist Dr. (Cmdr.) Nancy Bakalar, arranged for the new dads to greet their wives and newborns by video-teleconferencing.

During the same holiday period, the clinic invited several Navy families to "visit" their loved ones aboard ships in the Persian Gulf. "It was fascinating to watch these families together," Nancy Bakalar recalled. "They'd talk about the routine things of everyday life. One teenage daughter sat here and put her feet up on the desk. Her mom (on the ship) noticed it and said, 'Honey, take your feet off the furniture.' From 3,000 miles away, mom was correcting her daughter like any mom would."

Videoteleconferencing is one more tool the Navy is using to link sailors with their families back home. They also now have telephones aboard ships and can use the Internet to send messages back and forth. But seeing each other really makes a difference, Nancy Bakalar said.

"This is really the very early, cutting edge of combat stress prevention," she said.

"We know that high morale is a protective factor against stress. Every family member [who participated in the holiday greetings program] said how wonderful it was to 'see mom, see my wife, see my dad.' If a picture is worth a thousand words, a video is worth a million."

The Navy conducted similar sessions from telemedicine clinics at other hospitals, for other ships, said Dr. (Capt.) Michael Krentz, senior medical officer aboard the USS George Washington. In all, some 100 families benefited from the program.

Krentz would like to see every sailor at sea be able to videoteleconference with family members. "I had a conversation with our admiral," he said, "and we both envision a future where this modality is available to everybody all the time."

"Four years ago, we didn't have e-mail or telephone access on board ship. We wrote letters and whenever we got to a port, we'd line up at the phone booths. Now, with this deployment, we've got e-mail and telephones, so I think it's entirely possible that in just a few years we will be talking to our families routinely by videoteleconferencing."

For Krentz and his shipmates in the Persian Gulf, any means of feeling less disconnected from home reduces stress, he said. "We don't know from one day to the next where we're going to be or what we're going to be doing," Krentz said. "To be able to maintain those anchors back home in any way is clearly a benefit to all of us." (American Forces Press Service)

Announcements

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 remaining class dates are 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. For more information and to register for the course, call Bill Kerlin at Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/1373.

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 Saturday 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. Tickets are available for \$5 from OCWC members, or at the door Saturday night. For more information, call Mary Bissell 430-0541 or Gail Askew 726-0156.

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 **See ANNOUNCEMENTS on page 20**

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or rank, are invited to attend. The honorees will include all military officers and civilian employees 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.

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. Thursday at the Sparkman Auditorium. For more information, call 876-4011.

AMCOM town hall meeting

— Commander's Workforce 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 Consider-

ation 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 ammo, missile and 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. 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: sibiasps@redstone.army.mil, buell-gl@redstone.army.mil.

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. Friday; 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 Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school, 281 Dock Murphy Road in

Madison. For more information, call 430-0001.

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.

Rummage sale

— First Christian Church's High School Youth will have its annual rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and from 8-noon Saturday at First Christian Church McMains Hall, 3406 Whitesburg Drive, just south of Drake Avenue. For more information, call Anita Wood 883-8059.

Girls seminar

— "Girls and the '90s," a seminar for girls ages 9-17 and their parents, will be presented by the Mental Health Association from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at UAH. Tuition is \$10; scholarships available. To register or for more information, call 536-9441.

Merit awards

— The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will present one or more Merit Awards to eligible graduating high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited college or vocational school and to undergraduate or graduate students who are presently enrolled in a college and working toward a degree. Applicants must be family members of active duty, retired, Reserve, or deceased commissioned or warrant officers. All applicants must hold a valid military identification card. Their primary residence must be with parents or parent residing in the Huntsville area. Students

on fully paid scholarships or who have previously received this award are not eligible to apply. Merit Award applications are also available for spouses of active duty, retired, Reserve, or deceased commissioned or warrant officers who have been accepted or are presently attending an accredited college or university as an undergraduate or graduate student. All applicants must hold a valid military identification card and their primary residence must be in the Huntsville area. Previous recipients of this award are not eligible to apply. The deadline to apply for Merit awards is March 9. Applications can be obtained by written request to Kitty Ware, Merit Awards chairman, 140 Hunington Chase Drive, Madison, 35758. Include your phone number and the type of merit award you are applying for (i.e., high school, college or spouse) on all requests.

Attic sale

— Randolph School will hold its annual attic sale from 7-11 a.m. March 14 at the school, 1005 Drake Ave. Proceeds go to Randolph's athletic programs.

Astronomical society

— The Von Braun Astronomical Society will hold a program on "Easter and the Spring Skies" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. For more information, call 539-0316 or Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

Secretaries group

— Professional Secretaries International (PSI), Redstone Arsenal Chapter will hold its regular monthly meeting March 17 at 11 a.m. at the Officers Club. This month's program is a presentation by Beverly Van Oostrom with the University of Alabama-Huntsville. Membership is open to all government employed office professionals. For more information call Marilyn Dale, membership chairman, 876-8564.

Job exchange opportunity

— The AMCOM Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will sponsor a Job Exchange Opportunity (JEO) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 11 in the Sparkman Center, building 5309, room 9128. Representatives from AMCOM and tenant activi-

ties who have current vacancies will be prepared to discuss particular job opportunities within their organizations as well as accept applications. Employees interested in voluntary reassignment may submit an OF 612, SF 171, DA 2302, or a resume to the representatives. This JEO is an opportunity for organizations to market current vacancies as well as employees to market their skills and expertise. Only current, authorized vacancies will be presented for interest. Also, AMCOM vacancies will be filled with AMCOM employees only. All job opportunities available through this forum will be for reassignment at the same grade. There is no guarantee that all advertised vacancies will be filled through this job exchange opportunity.

Jogging on roadways

— The Provost Marshal Office issued the following release: "As spring returns, we are seeing more joggers on the roads. In accordance with (AMCOM) Regulation 210-2 Appendix B paragraph h., marching, jogging or running is not authorized on roads with a speed limit of 35 mph or greater.

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Contract managers— The NCMA World Congress will be held March 29 through April 1 at the Von Braun Center. For more information, call the National Contract Management Association office 800/344-8096 or Dave Balint 726-1496.

Speech contest— Hi-Tech Valley Council of the National Management Association will hold its annual American Enterprise Speech Contest on March 14 at the Lockheed Martin facility on Bradford Drive. Former and prospective members are invited to attend. For reservations and information, call Peggy Stephens 722-6636.

Resource managers— The American Society of Military Comptrollers is sponsoring its 12th annual Resource Management Seminar on March 18-19 at the Sparkman Auditorium. Dr. William Halbert Jr. is to speak on "High Energy Without Stress." Please submit your DD Form 1556 without delay as seating is limited. Lunch each day is at Trinity Methodist Church with bus transportation provided by ASMC. Participants will attend only one day of training. For more information call Virginia Harper 876-3064, Mildred Nordman 842-0825, Peggy

East 772-1939, or Pepper Takayama 313-2381.

Contract professional of year— Huntsville Chapter of NCMA requests nominations for the Contract Professional of the Year award. This award is designed to provide recognition to an individual working in the field of procurement and contract management who has performed one or more exemplary achievements. A total of three awards will be presented to individuals who represent both the government and private industry (large and small business). For more information, call Sharon Mueller-Myers 876-5642. Deadline for nomination submissions is April 22. The award(s) will be presented in June at the annual NCMA Huntsville Chapter Awards ceremony.

Database of Marines— A database of Marines who served as technicians or operators in the Hawk missile field is available on the Internet. Available to all retired, active duty, and former Marines with Hawk

experience, the database is located at <http://www.tblake.com/> and is maintained by retired Marine Corps MSgt. Timothy M. Blake. Eligible Marines can enter their data directly through the web site, and information will be immediately available. Recently rewritten for real-time access, the original database contains input from more than 200 Marines. Previously, each entry was processed by hand and uploaded to Blake's Internet server. Linked from the Headquarters Marine Corps home page and others, this is a non-profit private venture. For more information, send e-mail to helpdesk@tblake.com.

Gathering of retired eagles— Retired colonels /captains with their spouses, and widows of retired colonels and captains, are invited for cocktails and dinner March 14 at the Officers Club. Reservations are required. These semiannual gatherings are strictly social affairs to renew acquaintances and meet other retired 06's from the Ten-

nessee Valley. For more information or an invitation, call 880-6701.

Ordnance Ball— The annual Ordnance Ball will be held at 6 p.m. March 27 at the Officers Club. Cost is \$22 per person. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Lynn Bailey 876-6697.

Wildlife conservation group— Tennessee Valley Toms Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTFF) will hold its annual membership banquet and auction at 6 p.m. March 10 at the Jaycee's Building on Airport Road. Door prizes, raffle items and wildlife art in addition to food provided by Bubba's will all be part of the evening. Proceeds are used to fund wildlife conservation projects in Alabama. For more information and tickets, call Carl Hottel 851-0849.

Union meeting— AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. March 9 at the Union office in building 3202 on Mauler Road. All collective

bargaining unit employees are encouraged to attend. The attendance prize is \$800, but you must be present to win. For more information, call the Union office 881-7430 or 876-4880.

Red Cross blood program— Here's the Red Cross blood program schedule: Friday— 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5400, Pepper Takayama 313-2381. March 12— 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Sparkman Center building 5309, room 9128, Suzanne Clemons 876-5457 or Peggy Adams 876-3000; from 8-noon at building 6260, Cathi Brooks 876-0351. March 13— 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 4488, Mallory Murray 876-9118 or Fran King 842-7399. March

19— 7-10 a.m. at building 7770 (AMC MEA), Kim Andrews 876-8071. March 20— 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at building 4752 (NASA), Francee Logston 544-7534. March 27— 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SMDC, room 1C400, Al Longhi 955-5901; from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 4505, Linda Keel 955-0900; and 7-noon at Corps of Engineers, Linda Merschman 895-1580.

Bataan memorial march— The 10th annual Bataan Memorial Death March, which honors a special group of World War II heroes, will be held April 19 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. The 25-mile

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'94 Ford Thunderbird. Exc. cond. V8, all power, air, leather, CD, remote, keyless entry, tinted windows, 91K mi. \$7,500 obo. (205) 772-2818.

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'92 Mercury LS. Loaded, exc. cond., 70K mi., 1 owner. \$8,200. Below Blue Book. 464-9583.

'91 Bonneville SSE. red with gold trim and wheels, all power, sunroof, leather seats, tinted windows, auto., 113K mi., well maintained. Asking \$7,500. 232-5367.

'91 Ford Probe GL. 4 cyl., auto., air, cassette. \$3,800. 726-0348.

'91 GMC 2500. V8, King cab, 6.5 ft. bed, bedliner, PW, PL, cruise, air, stereo, great cond. \$11,500 852-9053 or 852-6982.

'91 Olds Delta 88 Royal Brougham. Immaculate, like new, never wrecked, loaded, 72K mi. NADA \$8,250, asking \$6,450. 232-3540.

'90 Mazda 323. Auto., air, PS, PB, AM/FM, 128K mi., new tires. \$2,475. '88 Dodge Ram. 5 sp., PS, bedliner, camper shell, 121K mi. \$2,575. 539-5491.

'90 Toyota Cougar LS. Taupe, 64K mi., 60K mi tires at 44K mi., new 6 yr. battery. 586-7131.

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'86 Pontiac Parisiane Safari wagon. Runs great, all options, new Michelins, 8 passenger, dependable family car. \$1,850. 534-7484.

'85 Dodge Diplomat. 4 dr., exc. cond., asking \$2,000. (931) 427-6046.

'85 Monte Carlo. 56K mi., V6, good shape, white with red interior. \$1,700. (205) 747-2786.

'83 Chevrolet C10 pick-up. \$500. Runs, requires maintenance, water pump and windshield wiper system. 858-0072.

'80 Honda Accord. 4 dr., auto., air, PS, PB, first \$950. Must see. No tire kickers please. 883-6115.

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

'68 Mustang. Red, rebuilt transmission and high performance 302, 4 BBI, duals, new tires and rims, new paint/int. \$8,000 firm. (205) 773-3697.

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Bayliner '86, 21 ft. Ciera Cruiser. Exc. cond., low hrs., trailer. \$12,000 obo. Howard, 837-1785.

Bayliner 2450 Ciera Sunbridge cruiser. 25 ft., 350 hp., depth finder, trim tabs, sleeps 6, equipped with all the options, low hrs. \$14,000. 852-5099.

Beanie baby "Roary the Lion", \$8. Nintendo Game Boy, 6 games and accessories, \$100. Scanner, hand held Win95 compatible, \$140. 837-5303.

Brand new Kirby Heritage vacuum cleaner plus shampooer, still in box. Asking \$800. 461-8848.

Bunk bed for sale, \$100. 864-2310.

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Camper, '96 21' Innsbruck. Sleeps 4, gas and electric, heat and air, bath with shower, used 1 time. \$9,300. 420-8338.

Capodimonte - 5 pieces, Red Rose, Mauve Rose, Pink Orchid, Fuschia Orchid, Pink/Yellow Orchid, \$25 ea., \$100 for all. 539-5564.

Console Zenith radio. Works, place for record player, AM and FM, old. \$30. 881-3061.

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Disney's Snow White video, never opened, \$30. Fox and the Hound, never opened, \$30. 539-9571.

8 hp. Murray riding lawn mower, 36" cut, electric start, works great, \$75. 883-2082.

'88 Bayliner Sundeck cruiser with trailer. Dry storage at Ditto, lots of extras. Low hrs., full camper canvas. \$9,995. 837-3407.

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route starts on the WSMR main post, crosses hilly desert terrain, circles a small mountain and returns to the main post through desert trails and washes. This event honors the tens of thousands of American and Phillipino soldiers who surrendered to Japanese forces April 9, 1942 and were marched for days in the scorching heat through the Philippine jungles. Thousands died and those who survived faced the hardships of a prisoner of war camp. Others were wounded or killed when unmarked enemy ships transporting prisoners of war to Japan were struck by U.S. air and naval forces. For more information about the memorial march at WSMR,

call (505) 678-3374.

AFTB classes— Army Family Team Building will hold classes March 21 from 8:30 a.m. until noon in building 3447 on Zeus Road. Registration deadline is March 14. To register for classes and for more information, call 876-5397. AFTB is an Army-wide program in which families learn from each other about Army life and preparing for deployments. This free program is open to the total Army including military, reservists, civilians and family members.

Helicopter society— Redstone Chapter of the American Helicopter Society will hold its inaugural meeting and luncheon March 23 at the Officers Club. George Singley III, acting director of defense

research and engineering, is to discuss Army Aviation Science & Technology initiatives into the Millennium. Doors open at 11:15 a.m., with social at 11:30 and the luncheon at noon. Cost is \$10 for members, \$14 for non-members, and free for new members joining at the luncheon. For reservations call Jo Ann Schmidli 726-1345, Tim Krantz 726-3684 or Norb Patla 885-7108.

Fox Army Health Center— Change of command for Fox Army Health Center is scheduled for 10 a.m. March 11. Col. David Deeter will pass command to Col. J. Mark Kirk. Upon his departure and retirement, Deeter will assume a position with Aetna as the managed disabilities medical director in the Tampa, Fla., market.

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'86 King Fisher bass boat. 90 hp. Evinrude, very good cond. \$4,750. 773-0325.

Emerson 14" color monitor for computer, like new, \$79. RCA 21" color TV, like new, \$109. 883-6951.

Fireplace insert. Fits small fireplace, \$275. 852-6660 lv. msg.

4x6 utility trailer, heavy duty, \$250. 837-6818.

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General Electric wall unit oven. Black, '93. \$200. 882-9374.

Golf equipment. Taylor Made driver, \$60. Taylor Made putter, \$25. Palm Springs putter, \$15. Ping stand bag, \$50. More! 880-8500 or 880-0412.

Hallmark ornaments. '95 Holiday Barbie, signed by artist, \$40. '96 Holiday Barbie, \$30. '97 Holiday Barbie, \$25. '97 Wedding Day Barbie, \$25. 837-0757.

Hewlett Packard Desk Jet 400 printer with color cartridge, \$150. Computer desk, \$50. 430-1069.

Hummel, #10/11, full bee, white, glazed, \$200. Truck speakers, FX-95, \$50. Rifle, bolt action, Budapest M95, old, no clip, \$75. 881-1030.

Jungle Gym, includes 2 swings, spacious covered fort, slide, monkey bars, pirates rope ladder, 3 yrs. old. \$400 obo. Delivery not included! 430-0943.

Kenmore gas clothes dryer. 5 cycle, 3 temp, \$150. 882-0341 after 5 pm.

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Ladies golf clubs. Pro-line "Square 2", complete set, \$165. Golf bag and putter also available. 837-8331.

Macintosh computer. 13" color monitor, 14.4 modem. HP color printer, \$400 obo. 883-6894.

Magnovox 14 in. VGA monitor, \$40. Sanyo washer/dryer for use in apts. with no W/D hookups, \$300. 890-1625.

Maternity clothes. Baby bed with bedding, girls clothes NB-3T. 586-8433.

Men's left hand golf clubs. Dunlop DDH II, 1-5 metal woods, 3-SW irons, bag, covers, \$150. 461-0298.

Mountain bike carrier, \$25. Panasonic printer, \$50. Wet suit, \$40. 837-7690.

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'94 Pro Bass Tracker. 17 ft., 40 hp., trailer, live well, fish finder, 2 batteries, anchor. \$6,000. 464-6072.

'91 Dutchman 5th wheel camper, 30' long, like new, camped in 6 times. \$9,900. 830-1584.

One pair JBL LC312 speakers, like new. 10-140 watts. \$200. 722-8257.

Pentium II 233 MHZ, 64MB RAM, 24X CD-ROM, 4.3GB HD, 33.6 modem, 320 watt speakers, WIN95, OFFICE97, 17 in. monitor. \$1,650. 885-4335.

Prom Dress (Alyce design) size 6, drk. navy silk with silver sequins, worn once, matching shoes. \$125 obo. 828-7440.

Queen bed, Simmons Beauty Rest, like new, \$300. ProForm 730SI, Space Saver treadmill with extended warranty, like new, \$500. 837-5686.

Sauder entertainment center, oak veneer, 4 yrs. old, new cond., \$95. 830-4634.

Seadoo XP '96, 110 hp., exc. cond. with low mi. Add to your summer fun. \$5,000 obo. 720-7864 lv. msg.

17 ft. Astroglass boat and Tracker trailer. 12/24 trolling motor, depth finder, 115 hp. Mercury motor. \$2,000. 776-0159.

Sofa bed, \$150, camel tan, wide wale cotton, Scotch Guard finish. Moving, must sell. 837-9767.

Solid oak pedestal table w/4 Windsor style chairs, (golden oak) \$285. 852-1849 after 5 pm.

Sony AM/FM receiver, like new. \$100. 837-9759.

3/4 brass bed, purchased from Lyons hotel in early 60's. Custom made box springs mattress. Great cond. \$1,000. 883-9568.

12 ft. metal satellite dish, mesh Uniden receiver - tuner. Cost \$2,500 8 yr. ago. Asking \$400 obo. 533-6938.

20' Baker RST runabout. Low profile, 7 passenger seating, '96 225 Mercury motor, tandem trailer, SS prop, full gauges, capable of 90 mph. \$9,300. 882-9171.

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