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## Hometown honors one of nation's heroes from Gulf War

By Sandy Riebeling

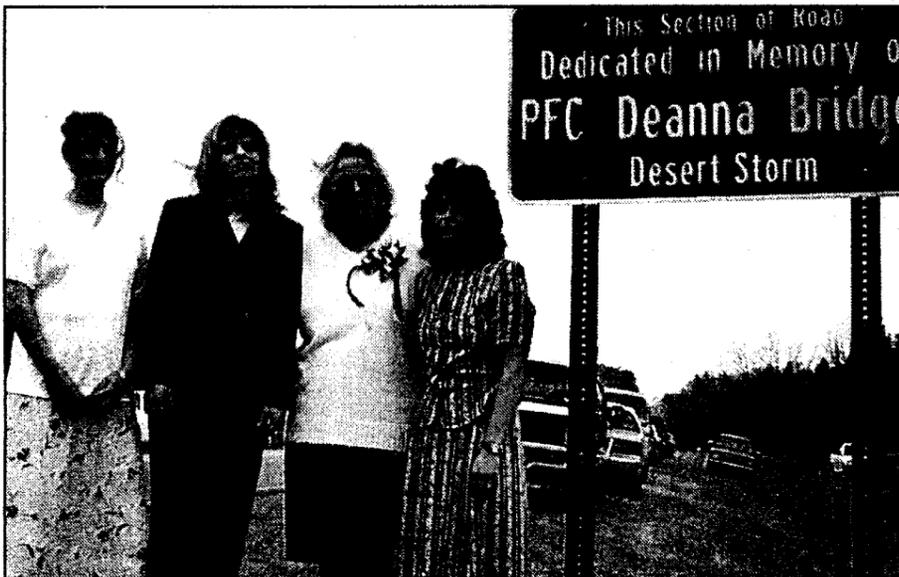
TRINITY— Sandra Woods sat quietly on the platform, listening while the mayor of her small town read a letter from former President George Bush, praising the efforts of her daughter, PFC Deanna Bridges, who died during the Persian Gulf War in 1991.

*"It is said that we have no heroes today — not so. We do have heroes. Your Deanna was one such person." — George Bush.*

Several people spoke at the roadside ceremony held March 28, dedicating a portion of Old Highway 24 to the memory of Trinity native and Gulf War casualty, Deanna Bridges.

"She would have really liked this," said Bridges' mother, Sandra Woods. "She loved attention."

The last time Woods talked to her daughter, it was just after the war had ended and she learned that



**FAMILY MEMBERS—** PFC Deanna Bridges of Trinity, who died in the Gulf War, was honored in her hometown by family, friends and the military with road signs, dedicating Old Highway 24. At the dedication are, from left, sisters Bridget Hargrove, Tuesday Bridges, Bridges' mother, Sandra Woods and sister Wendy Smith.

Deanna was on her way home. A few days later, Woods received word that her 20-year-old daughter, a private first class who drove a truck for the 84th Transportation

division, had died.

The accident happened in Saudi Arabia where Bridges was driving in a convoy. The truck in front of her pulled up to pass. When the

truck in front of her pulled back into line, she saw that she was about to have a head-on collision and swerved to avoid the crash.

Bridges wrecked the



**OFFICIAL PARTY—** Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Rolland Young escorts Sandra Woods to the unveiling of the sign honoring Woods' daughter, PFC Deanna Bridges, who died during the Gulf War.

truck. She died March 14, 1991.

"We were so upset when we found out she was going to the Gulf," said Bridges' sister, Wendy Smith. "I think she was scared but she didn't

back down from her responsibility — she didn't hesitate. We're very proud of her."

State legislator and former Decatur mayor Bill

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**SPECIAL MEANING—** The upcoming Easter Sunrise Service has special meaning to the chapel community.

## Local community invited to Easter Sunrise Service

By Skip Vaughn

Everyone is welcome to the annual Easter Sunrise Service scheduled for 6:30 a.m. Sunday in the field behind the old post chapel off Patton Road.

Sponsored by Bicentennial Chapel, this event is "an early morning celebration of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ," according to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul Vicalvi, the installation chaplain.

In the event of inclement weather, the sunrise service would be held inside the Bicentennial Chapel.

The Bicentennial Chapel Choir will sing and the Huntsville Brass Ensemble will be playing. SSgt. Jerry VanVactor, of Medical Department Activity, is to sing a solo. Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, will give the welcoming address. An offering will be taken for the

Huntsville Association for Pastoral Care.

"It is an opportunity for the Redstone community to meet together in an outdoor setting to remember the true meaning of Easter. It will be a time of praise and singing and thanksgiving," Vicalvi said.

The scheduled speaker is Chaplain (Col.) Billy Fowler, staff chaplain for 3rd Army at Fort McPherson, Ga.

This hour-long event is open to the surrounding community as well as the Redstone community. "It's usually well attended, from what I understand, from the community outside as well as people from Redstone," Vicalvi said.

A brunch will follow immediately at the Bicentennial Chapel for all who attend.

"The church has sunrise services all over the world so this is a traditional observance," Vicalvi said. "It centers around the disciples coming to the tomb of Jesus early in the morning and finding it empty."



## Letters To The Editor

### Letter to America

I am writing this letter to extend thanks to all the American people who still, despite the recent headlines undermining the ethics and morality of the military, understand that our jobs and way of life are necessary to preserve the "American" way of life. I once thought that "America" viewed us as most media portrays us: immoral, unethical, and uncivilized. My recent travels led me to conclude that the opposite is true. You, the American people, that honor and respect what we do, deserve a public "thank you."

Just a few weeks ago, a tragedy embedded itself in the tall evergreen forests at the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La. As a tank slowly slalomed through the trees after sunset on Jan. 14, the tank commander fell victim to the inherent danger of the military. Sgt. Donald Wayne Slover passed away that night as he was guiding his tank through the thickest of trees, fog and rain. The tank's edge clipped and uprooted a tree, which sent it crashing to the ground. The medics, arriving on site only minutes later, felt Sgt. Slover's last pulse.

As one of two military escorts, I was required to accompany the remains from the training area to the burial site, ensuring the proper and unimpaired delivery to the next of kin. The obligation required a two-day journey from Fort Hood, Texas, to Williamsburg, Ky., via Fort Polk. Loading, unloading and transportation of the remains required our physical presence. This particular trip entailed a three-hour van ride, a connecting flight in Atlanta en route to Knoxville, and a one-hour drive to Williamsburg.

Upon boarding our initial flight out of Houston we informed the flight attendant of our duties. After explaining that it was necessary for us to depart the plane first upon landing (so as not to delay the cargo personnel unloading the casket), two gentlemen offered their seats in the first row of the plane for our last row seats. This gesture left me speechless. I'm not so sure they even knew our purpose for having to be first off the plane, but with no questions immediately sacrificed their front row seats.

After arriving in Atlanta, we were escorted by airport personnel off the plane and down to the tarmac. Standing in our dress green uniforms, we watched as the airline employees carefully unloaded the casket onto the cargo

truck. The truck drove off to the departing gate and we made our way back inside the terminal. We met the cargo truck at the departure gate and again were escorted down to the tarmac to supervise the loading of our final flight.

Following the loading, we turned and headed back to the terminal. As we made that walk, I noticed that we were being watched by the crowd awaiting the outbound flight. Not thinking much about it at the time, I scurried out of the cold and awaited the boarding call.

We boarded the plane and again informed the flight attendant of our duties and departure requirements. The flight was booked, every seat filled, and she told us that she would make an announcement upon landing that we were to exit the plane first. Having been on full flights before, I was for certain that this announcement would be ignored. Passengers are normally elbow deep in the overhead compartments as soon as the wheels touch the ground. I was 100 percent positive I would be the last person off that flight. But I took my seat in the back of the plane, my partner 10 rows in front, and with all of my military skills tried to devise a plan that could project me to the front of that plane upon landing. I concluded that even generals would have a rough time planning such an operation.

As the plane touched down in Knoxville, the flight attendant gave the standard "keep your seat-belts fastened until the captain turns off the seat-belt sign" announcement. She then led into the fact that two military escorts were on-board and that everyone must remain in their seats until we departed the plane. The plane parked and to my astonishment, not a soul moved. I'd never witnessed such absolute silence in my life. Many of the passengers turned their heads to the rear of the plane but not a sound was made as myself and the other escort donned our jackets, grabbed our bags, and headed down the aisle. I realized then that all eyes were on us. As we neared the exit an older gentleman leaned toward us and broke the silence with something I will never forget, "God bless you both," he said.

I am, sir, most truly blessed. I have been afforded the opportunity to work alongside some of the greatest sons and daughters of our nation. We know and understand that each day presents the possibility of injury and/or death and we take all precautions to prevent them. But we sacrifice that possibility because you depend on us. We train through the roughest of conditions, with minimum sleep and limited resources, anywhere at anytime, to

ensure we are always ready. We, sir, are most honored that you entrust us to defend your country.

So I'm writing this letter to say thanks. Thank you Delta Airlines, thank you gentlemen for your seats, thank you sir for your blessings, and thank you America for your support. You see... we as soldiers don't expect you to understand the ways in which we live, train, and fight; we just ask for a thank you from time to time.

A little appreciation from the people we're defending weighs more than a chestful of awards and medals.

Sgt. Donald Wayne Slover gave his life training to defend the very code of morality and ethics he exemplified and believed in. Sgt. Slover believed in the Army and his country. I worked alongside Sgt. Slover for over a year. He was good at his job and he loved it. He never complained and always did what was asked of him. Sgt. Slover always maintained the courage of his convictions. I hope he lied to rest knowing he was appreciated. If not, we failed as a nation and we owe it to him.

Sgt. Slover... thank you! You will be missed!

**Daniel Ashley**  
1-10 Cavalry  
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### Smoking issue

Millions of our tax dollars have been spent for research on the effects of tobacco and tobacco smoke on human health. This research has proven that many health problems can and have been caused from exposure to tobacco smoke. The president of the United States has even warned people and attempted to prevent some of the terrible miseries caused by tobacco smoke; so has the surgeon general of the United States. Tobacco companies are paying out billions of dollars because of the health problems and deaths caused by tobacco smoke. Yet our Redstone bowling facility is filled with tobacco smoke, where many of our children and young people go for recreation. How can our responsible leaders on Redstone Arsenal allow this to continue?

**Name withheld by request**

(Editor's note: The Directorate of Community and Family Activities provided the following response. "The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Bowling Center meets the AMCOM Smoking Policy. However, other alternatives are being considered.")

## Red Cross, Redstone Arsenal partner for blood program April 15

By Susan Morris

A well-loved teddy rests in the corner of a little boy's room. Its fur has worn away in patches, and the satin ribbon around its neck has lost its shine. His master, Mitch Brumeloe, is away at school today. The adventures of a young boy and his favorite bear must yield to the demands of the busy world of kindergarten.

Teddy bears, birthday candles, and a box of crayons are bittersweet reminders of the milestone young Mitch has achieved. His parents are keenly aware these childhood treasures are like a pocketful of little miracles... triumphs for a precious little boy who would not be here today if a caring apheresis donor had not made the platelets available to the American Red Cross for the struggling newborn Mitch.

Like so many other children fighting every day for another chance, little Mitch had been born with a life-threatening infec-

tion. His odds for survival were slim. As the infection raced through his tiny body, he was placed on a heart-lung bypass machine because his organs were not functioning on their own. While the bypass machine was allowing his organs to heal, little Mitch received continuous transfusions of whole blood and platelets for nine days.

Today, Mitch is an active, healthy little boy with a bright future ahead of him. Mitch will probably never know the kind strangers who made the life-saving platelets possible for him. He's too busy enjoying the innocence of his childhood. His parents are grateful, to be sure, that someone cared enough to share their time and platelets so that he could be given the chance to live and grow to be the man of his parents' dreams.

Every day, an Alabama patient clings to life through the generosity of platelet donations from caring individuals who know the difference they can make. The process of apheresis is a simple one, and a powerful

way to help patients in need. You have the opportunity to learn more about becoming an apheresis donor at a special breakfast presentation, sponsored by the American Red Cross and Redstone Arsenal, at 6:30 a.m. April 15 in the Sparkman Cafeteria.

Find out just how simple it can be to help save a life by donating platelets. The apheresis process is a safe one, requiring about an hour and a half of your time. Your gift could mean life to a patient fighting aplastic anemia, leukemia or other illness requiring transfusions of blood components rather than whole blood. Becoming an apheresis donor is an important commitment that empowers you to make a tremendous difference in a very personal way.

Why is it so important for you to become an apheresis donor? The need is real. The time is now. Platelets are in constant demand because they have a shelf-life of only five days, including the approximate 24-hour turnaround time required from col-

lection to testing to delivery. Cancer patients await platelet transfusions to help their blood clot following chemotherapy treatments. The chemotherapy destroys the cancer cells as well as "good" cells. The platelet transfusions allow doctors to aggressively fight cancer by preventing patients from losing too much blood or even bleeding to death from treatment.

As medical technology creates the opportunity for new life-saving treatments, the demand for blood and blood products, like platelets, increases. Currently, the American Red Cross has about 300 active apheresis donors in Madison County. An additional 400 donors are needed to help ensure patient needs are met. You can help by attending the breakfast meeting April 15 and signing up as a new apheresis donor.

(Editor's note: Morris works at Red Cross Blood Services public relations.)

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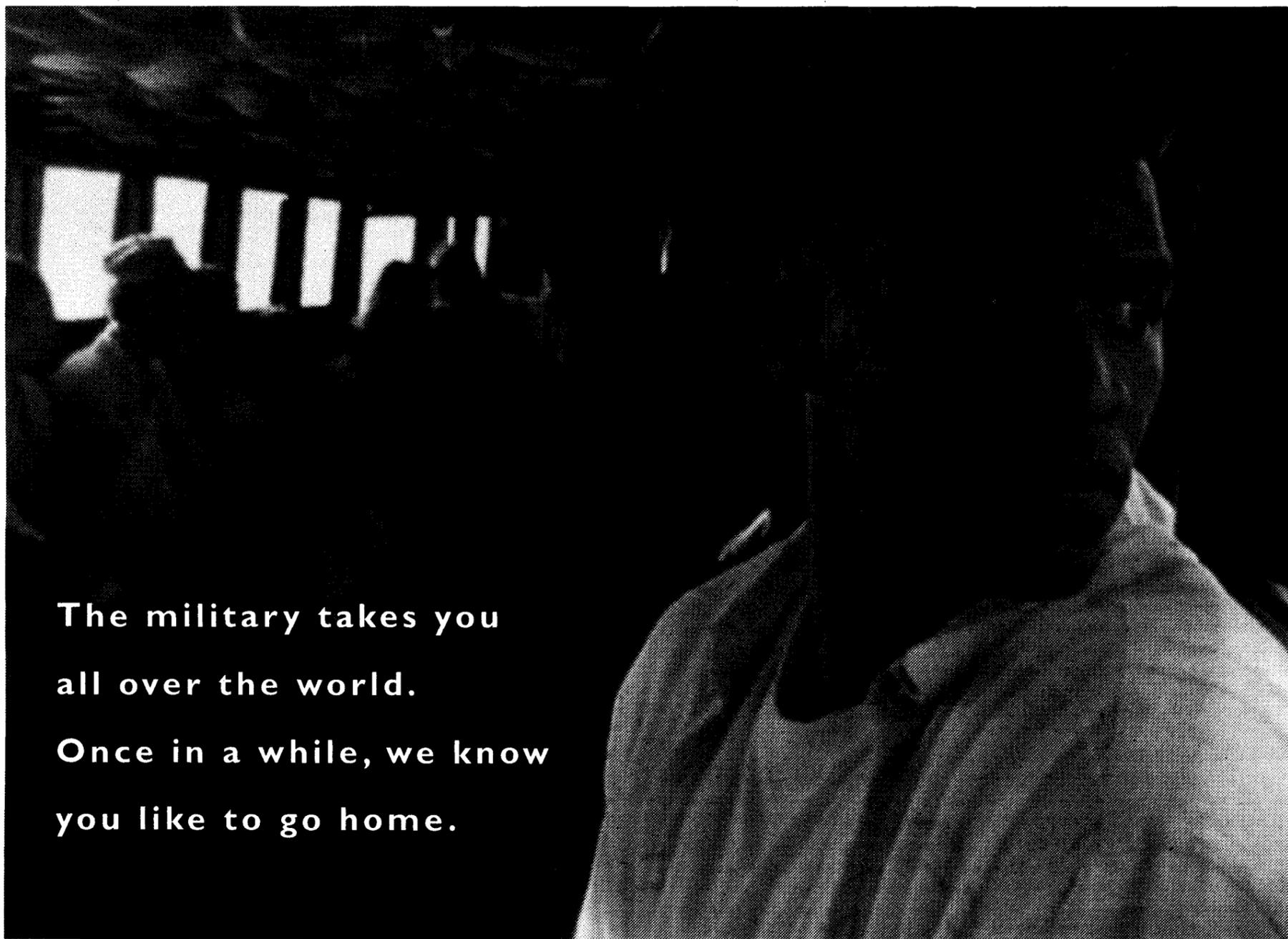
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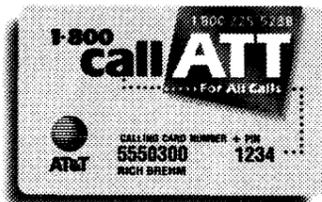
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# Celebrate this special month with Redstone's children

By Skip Vaughn

The Month of the Military Child has a slightly different twist this year at Redstone Arsenal.

Redstone is celebrating this annual April observance with the theme, "Celebrating With Redstone's Children." The idea was to include Redstone's civilian as well as military children. For example the Child Development Center's 180 youngsters include 96 children of Redstone civilians and 84 with military parents.

"We call it 'Celebrating With Redstone's Children' and that will include military and civilian children," Shellie McDonald, training and curriculum specialist for the center, said referring to the month's theme. "We wanted to include all our children— military and civilian."

Redstone has been celebrating the Month of the Military Child each April since 1982. A kickoff parade, featuring children from the various Child Development Services programs, was held April 1 at the child development center. Col. Duane Brandt, deputy post commander, cut the ribbon along with Jim Mullen, director of Community and Family Activities, and two Family Child Care children: Bobby Jones and DeMonica Walker.

The Army's month-long observance grew out of the Week of the Young Child, affiliated with the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

"We're trying to mobilize the communities to focus on the importance of the early years for children's learning and all aspects

of development," McDonald said. "They've released some new information on brain development; there's a campaign all over. So at this time it's crucial that parents, early childhood educators, business leaders, community leaders and the public at-large help to make the critical early years the best that they can be for all children."

The Child Development Center is "among a very few centers in this (geographic) area accredited by National Academy of Early Childhood Programs," she said.

Many activities are planned here in April to celebrate the Month of the Military Child, "Celebrating With Redstone's Children." McDonald, who can be reached at 876-7952 for more information, provided the following calendar of events:

- April 8— "Sunglasses Day" at Child Development Center.
- April 9— "Bubble Day" at the center.
- April 10— Olympic Day at 10 a.m. at the ballfield, for all programs within Child Development Services.
- April 13— "Wear Red Day."
- April 14— "Bring Your Trike Day," for children of Family Child Care and the Child Development Center, at 10 a.m. in the center's parking area.
- April 15— "Kindercise Day" at the center; preschoolers, 9:30-10:15 a.m.; and toddlers, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- April 16— "Kite Day" at the center, for all Child Development Services programs.
- April 17— "Rainbow Day" from 9:30-



**JOIN US THIS MONTH— Four-year-olds Quadre Williams, left, and Megan Burgess are among the Child Development Center youngsters enjoying April's special events at Redstone. Quadre is the son of Sgt. Aaron and Varonda Williams; and Megan is the daughter of Steven and Tracy Burgess.**

- 11:30 a.m. at Family Child Care, for FCC and Youth Services.
- April 18— Block Party from 1-4 p.m. at the Youth Center.
- April 20— "Wear Yellow Day."
- April 24— "Outdoor Art Day" at the Child Development Center.... Barbecue from 3-5 p.m. at School-Age Services, with WEUP Radio as guest.... Tree planting for Earth Day at 2:30 p.m. at

- building 470 in housing area, with singing by children from the center.
- April 25— Rain date for Block Party.
- April 27— "Inside-Outside Day."
- April 28— SCAN (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect) Puppet Show at 9:30 a.m. at Youth Services.
- April 29— "Crazy Sock Day."
- April 30— Parent Fair at 9:30 a.m. at Youth Services.

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# Engine problems ground Huey fleet

WASHINGTON— The Army grounded its UH-1 Huey helicopter fleet due to engine problems. Although the UH-1 is considered one of the most reliable helicopters and has been an integral part of Army Aviation since the Vietnam War, the Army's leadership took this action as a prudent measure to ensure the safety of the soldiers and because the engine problem cannot be readily resolved.

The grounding was prompted by past incidents involving the failure of the N2 spur gear, which is an internal part of the Huey's T-53-L-13 engine. Extensive engine tests determined the gear failures are due to excessive vibrations which cause the gear to fracture.

The Army's UH-1 fleet currently consists of 907 aircraft; 284 are in the active Army and 623 are in the Army National Guard.

"The Army National Guard leadership has been an integral part in the decision process to ground the UH-1 fleet. Although the majority of the UH-1s belong to the Army National Guard they have more than 400 UH-60 Blackhawks in 37 states which will help alleviate the operational impact until the UH-1 fleet is back in full operation," said Bob Hunt, spokesperson for the Aviation and Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal.



**ARMY AIRCRAFT—** The Army's UH-1 fleet currently consists of 907 aircraft; 284 are in the active Army and 623 are in the Army National Guard.

A "Blue Team" was formed at the Aviation and Missile Command in November 1997 to address the engine problem. At that time, the Army released a safety of flight message restricting UH-1 operations in response to a trend of spur gear failures. The Blue Team includes members from the Army and Allied Signal, the engine manufacturer. The team is dedicated to identifying and isolating the root cause of the failures and to developing and implementing a corrective

action plan to lift the aircraft flight restrictions as soon as possible.

The long-term solution is to redesign the gear and the gear carrier assembly. Installation of the new carrier assembly is scheduled to begin in October, and will take 18-24 months to complete fleet-wide implementation at the rate of 50 assemblies per month.

An interim approach will be to procure new spur gears that have a spray coating which dampens the vibrations. Simultaneously, the Army will test all Huey engines with an aviation vibration analyzer to determine which engines exhibit

the excessive vibrations.

Those aircraft with engines that are experiencing the vibration will remain grounded until new carrier assemblies and spur gears can be installed. Engines that are not experiencing the vibration will be temporarily returned to flight under the restrictions imposed last November. Once the improved spur gears are installed and tested in the engines that do not exhibit the vibration, those aircraft will be returned to full service without flight restrictions. The Army is making every effort necessary to ensure that essential missions continue. (Army Public Affairs release)

## Easter Bunny visits...

The Easter Bunny made a surprise visit to the ACS (Army Community Service) New Parent Support Playmorning on April 1. In foreground are Courtney and Haleigh DeLambert, daughters of SSgt. Christopher and Ines DeLambert. The others include, from left, Peyton Ogle, daughter of Pvt. Shawn and Brandi Ogle; Shelby Martin, son of Sgt. David and Annie Martin; Tristen Ogle; D.J. Martin; and Jonathan Grose, son of SSgt. Jerry and Michelle Grose. Playmornings meet every Wednesday and Friday from 9-11 a.m. This program is free and open to all military families. For more information, call 876-2798.

## Department of Defense (DOD) Business Process Reengineering Certification Program

Comes to Huntsville, AL...

During FY '93, the DOD created a program to train DOD organizations and contractors, on the philosophy and tools of Business Process Reengineering. The U.S. Army Management Engineering College (AMEC) was asked to develop and deliver that training. However, on 30 September 1997, AMEC was closed by the Secretary of Army. As a result of that closure, a new firm, Advanced Management Strategies, Inc. (AMSI), was created to continue the training necessary for the completion of the DOD BPR Certification Program.

The entire BPR Certification Program series is now being offered in Huntsville. For those that have participated in the program prior to AMEC's closure and for those who wish to begin the program, this training is a must. The program is still supported, and certificates signed, by the Principle Deputy, Assistant Secretary of Defense (C3I).

Don't miss this opportunity!

Classes will be held at the Country Inn & Suites on University Drive in Huntsville. The schedule:

Class Title	Dates	Tuition
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Planning For BPR	11-13 May 98	\$420
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**DOOR PRIZE WINNER**— Carolyn Price, center, of Army TACMS-Bat Project Office, was the first winner of the dinner give-away at the Redstone Base Supply Center St. Patrick's Celebration. From left are Billy Sparkman, general manager, Alabama Industries for the Blind; Price; and Lori Thomason, assistant manager, Redstone Base Supply.

## Redstone base supply center keeps Irish eyes shining

The Redstone Base Supply Center celebrated St. Patrick's Day on March 17 with food, fun, live entertainment and door prizes.

Winners of gift certificates to a local restaurant included Shannon Williams, Carolyn Price, Larry Welcome, Pat Sandy, Glinda Stapler and Chandra Henry. This was not an easy task since the gold-wrapped prizes were hidden at various loca-

tions throughout the supply store. Elaine Irvin and Mary Jeter won their certificates in a random drawing.

Other door prize winners included Comer Beasley, Jim Grabney, Rick Chaffin, Ewe Einfeld, Charlie Hill, Dalpne Akpan and Scott Little.

The base supply center, building 8022 on Cottonwood Road, is operated by the Alabama Industries for the Blind.

# Test your knowledge...

(Editor's note: Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is observed in May.)

1. What is the largest Chinese community outside of China?
  - a. New York City
  - b. San Francisco
  - c. Chicago
  - d. Houston

2. Asian-Pacific Americans have been here for over how many years?
  - a. 100
  - b. 150
  - c. 200
  - d. 250

3. The first Chinese arrived in the United States in what year?
  - a. 1802
  - b. 1847
  - c. 1853
  - d. 1876

4. Soon after Hawaii gained statehood in 1959, who became the first Asian-Americans to be elected to Congress?
  - a. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui
  - b. Mark Takano and Jay Kim
  - c. Hiram Fong and Daniel Inouye
  - d. Nao Takasugi and Yorva Linda/Chino

5. In 1988, who did President Reagan appoint as the first Asian-Pacific-American to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights?
  - a. Sherwin Chan
  - b. Elaine Chao
  - c. John Kashiwabara
  - d. Thomas Hsieh

- ANSWERS:**
1. a. More than 300,000 Chinese live in New York City.
  2. b. 150 years.
  3. b. 1847 — they were brought by a missionary for schooling in Massachusetts; and with the push by America to open up China to trade.
  4. c. Hiram Fong and Daniel Inouye
  5. a. Sherwin Chan

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# Acquisition center demonstrates negotiation techniques to students

By Sandy Riebeling

Two contract negotiation teams walked into the Oakwood College classroom, each with a bottom line dollar amount neither would compromise and they walked out an hour later with a contract agreement.

The mock negotiation was a demonstration performed by Acquisition Center personnel to show the students at Oakwood College how negotiations are handled "in the real world."

The eight acquisition center negotiators split into two teams, one representing the government, the other representing a manufacturing company contracted to provide 600 urgently needed kits to the government. The negotiation was based on an actual contract previously negotiated by the acquisition center.

The teams were introduced, the situation of the contract briefly explained to the students, then it was all business, as the teams discussed the contractor's proposal and discovered the points of contention to be negotiated.

"At first it seemed a little rehearsed," said Oakwood student Daniel Williams, "but then as they started talking things got hot. I recognized a lot of the theories and principles we've studied in class."

In the initial contract discussion, the government team took issue in four areas, the purchased parts price, number of subcontractors used, liquidated damages cost and profit margin.

The government team provided research to support their counter offer which dropped the parts price from the proposed \$110,000 to \$107,425, decreased the number of subcontractors from three to the least expensive one, explained that a 16.7 percent profit margin was unreasonable, offering 10 percent instead, and told the contractor that the requested \$126,000 for liquidated damages built into their proposal was totally unallowable, no counter offer on that issue.

The government team took a little break outside of the classroom while the contractor team discussed the offer and prepared a counter offer, adding one additional issue, that of a \$100 per unit per day delayed delivery penalty if the kits were not delivered on time.

When the two teams were again face to face, the room started to heat up. The contractor's team began with the part pricing issue and argued their way down the list.

At one point during the

edgy, quick-paced debate one of the contractor negotiators came on a little strong, drawing an "oooooh, she got you," reaction from the classroom audience.

The teams went through several counter offers before reaching what Rod Matthews, the government team contracting officer, called a win-win agreement, which, he explained to the class, is one of the goals of a negotiation, that both sides feel they've won something.

In the end, the parts pricing remained at \$110,000, two of lowest priced subcontractors were to be used, a drop in late fees to \$30 per unit per day, and a 12.2 percent profit margin sold the contract.

After the agreement was reached, the panel fielded questions from the students, explaining in response to one student's question, that a negotiation can sometimes take days or weeks, and many times, teams walk away from the table without an agreement, ready to take up negotiations again a day or two later.

"I thought the students learned a lot from the negotiation," said Evelyn Tucker, chair of the business department at Oakwood College. "In our negotiation class, students negotiate with me, or with each other, but they don't get a chance



**MOCK NEGOTIATION**— Negotiation teams from the Acquisition Center perform a mock contract negotiation for students at Oakwood College.



**CONTRACT OFFICER**— Rod Matthews, right, acted as contract officer for the government team during the mock negotiation at Oakwood College.

to sit outside of the process and see it done. This presentation was a great way for

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touches to one of 24 pines, maples and dogwoods planted here last week. The tree-planting program is part of a concerted effort to improve the appearance of the post housing area.



### A world of color...

Contract employee David Kimbrough, left, talks with post forester Jesse Horton about the placement of new trees in the base housing area. In future seasons, area scenery should be enhanced in the spring and

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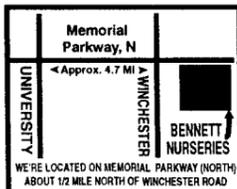
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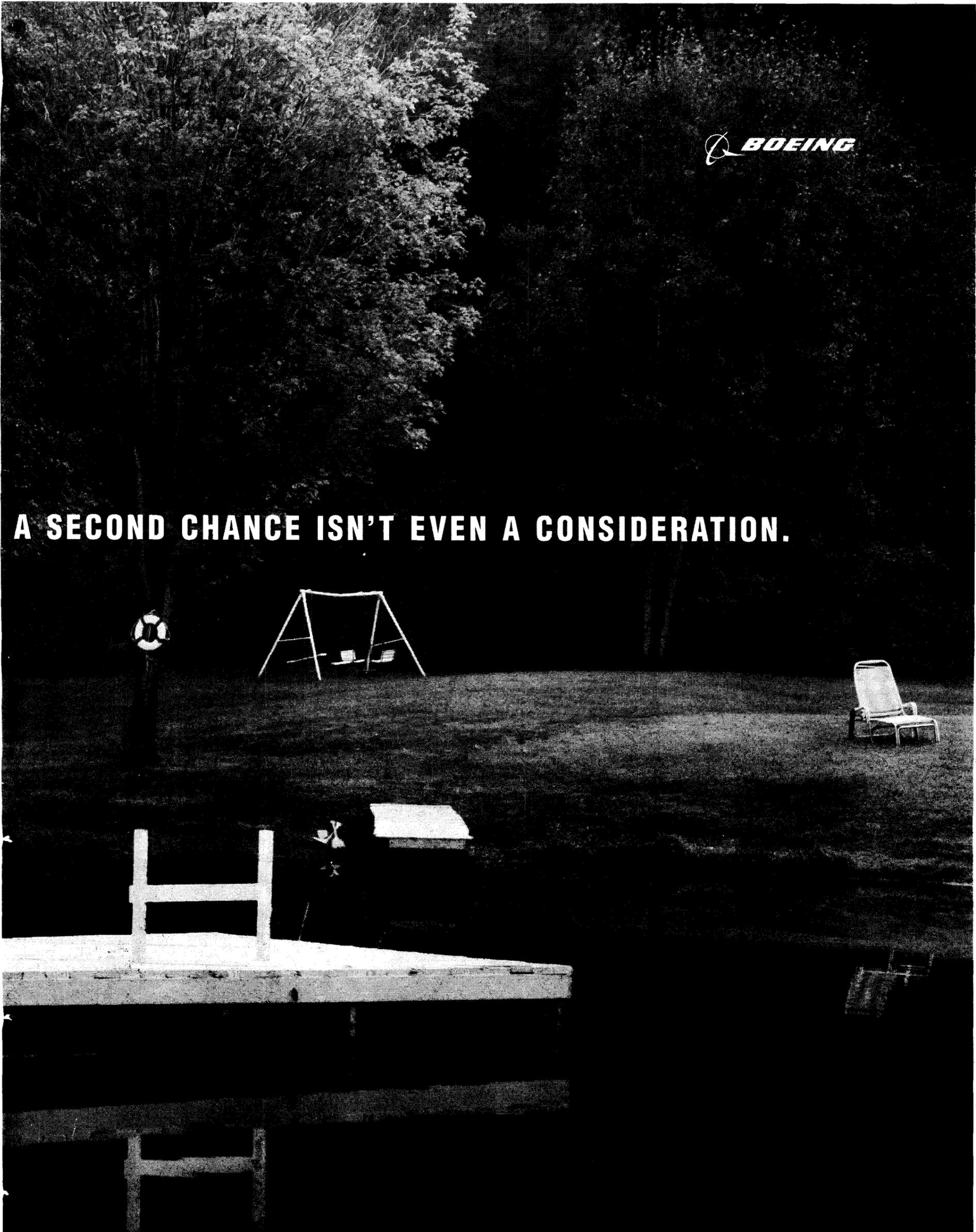
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**Parent fair**— Join the Child Development Center (CDC) and the Redstone community for the CDC Parent Fair from 9:30 a.m. to noon April 30 in building 3148. Part of the Celebrating With Redstone's Children (Month of the Military Child) observance, this event will offer many family activities including art, cooking, music, games and more. For more information, call Shellee McDonald 876-7952.

**Easter egg hunt**— Youth Services will hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at building 3148. The entire Redstone community is invited to attend. Three age groups will be organized as follows: 10 a.m. for the 5-under age group; 11:30 a.m. for the 8-under age group; and 1 p.m. for the 12-under age group. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded in each of the age groups. For more information, call Russell Litz 876-2255.

**Easter buffet**— The Officers Club will hold an Easter Buffet on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is: members \$12.50; non-members \$13.50; and children 7-12 \$5.95. For reservations call 830-2582.

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# Funding among several challenges for resource manager

By Sandy Riebeling

The new Resource Management director, Col. Joe Young, is not here by accident or by chance. He came to Redstone on purpose, to meet the challenges of combining two commands.

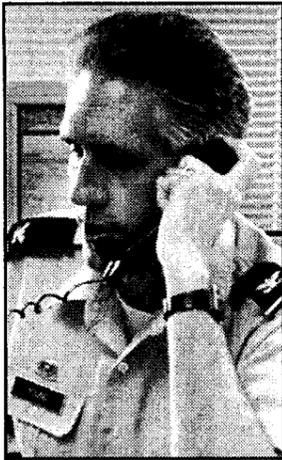
"MICOM was very effective and efficient. ATCOM was very effective and efficient— because they've been doing this for years," Young said. "Nobody had ever done an AMCOM before. That's one of the reasons I'm here."

Young came to Redstone Sept. 1, one month before the Missile Command and the Aviation and Troop Command officially merged. He came to AMCOM from the Army Materiel Command in Alexandria, Va., where he served as the AMC inspector general since May 1996.

Young said that one of his biggest challenges is to build a cohesive work force to do resource management that has not been done in either place.

"Everyone in AMCOM had to learn a new way of doing business. The people here are tremendously dedicated to what they do. And there are some obstacles to overcome."

One of those obstacles is the Army Working Capital Fund, what Young calls, "a whole new mission," because AMCOM will now perform depot maintenance management for the Corpus Christi Army Depot in Texas and the Letterkenny



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Army Depot in Pennsylvania. Although it is a type of budgeting, Young compares difference in skills to that of one who drives a car vs. one who rebuilds engines; both take certain skills, but of different natures.

Funding is another major obstacle Young faces.

"The Department of Defense, as a whole, is short

of resources; it's a known fact," Young said. "We are not funded at the level we would like to be. Whenever you work in a resource constrained environment, it adds challenges."

Young showed concern with the work force morale and the fast-paced operational tempo that must be maintained.

"There is a tremendous op tempo — operational tempo — the speed at which you have to work, the amount of work you have to do. I have to work my people extremely hard constantly to get things done. Nobody minds working hard. But nobody should have go full out all the time," Young said.

"It all boils down to one thing: If you take care of the work force, the work force will take care of the mission."

Relief will come, said

Young, as the work force develops patterns and routines for their new duties, which will naturally allow for more time to do the job.

As for long-term goals for the Resource Management Directorate, Young would like to see a standard way to operate that is understood and accepted by his workers and those that the directorate supports.

"We are absolutely operational," Young said, referring to the Aviation and Missile Command. "We want to get more effective and more efficient. As AMCOM grows in maturity, the effectiveness and efficiency will come."

Personally, Young's long-term goal is, "to stay healthy and enjoy my family."

Young enjoys participating in sports to keep in shape. He runs six days a week and said that he is

looking for a running partner. "Someone who does LSD— long slow distance."

Young and his wife, Janice, have two sons, Jason, 22, a graduate student at Jacksonville State University and Justin, 14, a ninth-grader at Grissom High School.

Young was born at Fort Benning, Ga., and calls Owensboro, Ky., his hometown. He is a graduate of Western Kentucky University with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

His military education includes Infantry Officer Basic, Quarter Master Officer Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, and Army War College.

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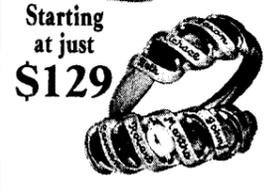
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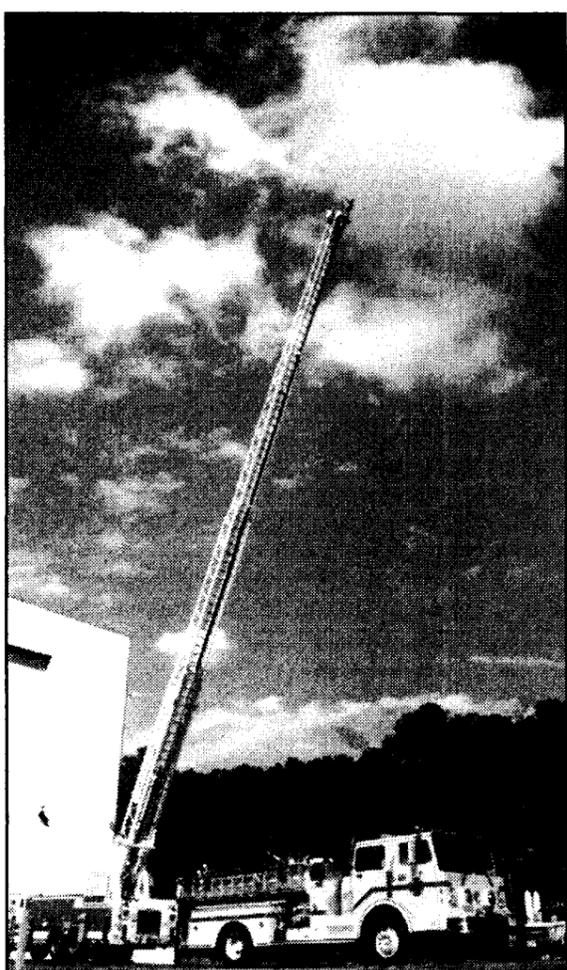


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**Penthouse view...**

Firefighter Wendell Jones sits 105 feet above the ground in a test of the high rise capabilities of Redstone's new 66-ton fire truck near the NASA Gym. Jones and fellow firefighters participated in an extensive training program, including a two-day session conducted by the manufacturer. The high rise capability allows firefighters to reach the eighth floor in the event of a multi-story disaster.



**Training and retraining...**

Jim Semrow, Pierce Manufacturing's aerial technician, explains operational procedures of Redstone's new fire truck to members of the Fire and Emergency Services Division. All received intensive training in its use. The modern

vehicle cost \$453,016 and is an invaluable addition to our equipment capability, Fire Chief Tom Stephens said. The truck was placed in service at the Main Fire Station on Rideout Road last month.

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the students to compare their skills."

"It was great to have the opportunity to see how it's really done," said Christopher Blevins, Oakwood College student. "There were a few areas I think I would have handled differently, but I thoroughly enjoyed it."

Blannie Batts, a supervisor from the Acquisition Center, was at the college to watch the negotiation, saying that she was elated to have a chance to "take our show on the road."

She briefly addressed the students, telling them that negotiation, although not always formal, is part of our lives.

"Strategy, tradeoffs, staying alert and thinking on your feet are all important to successful negotiation," Batts said.

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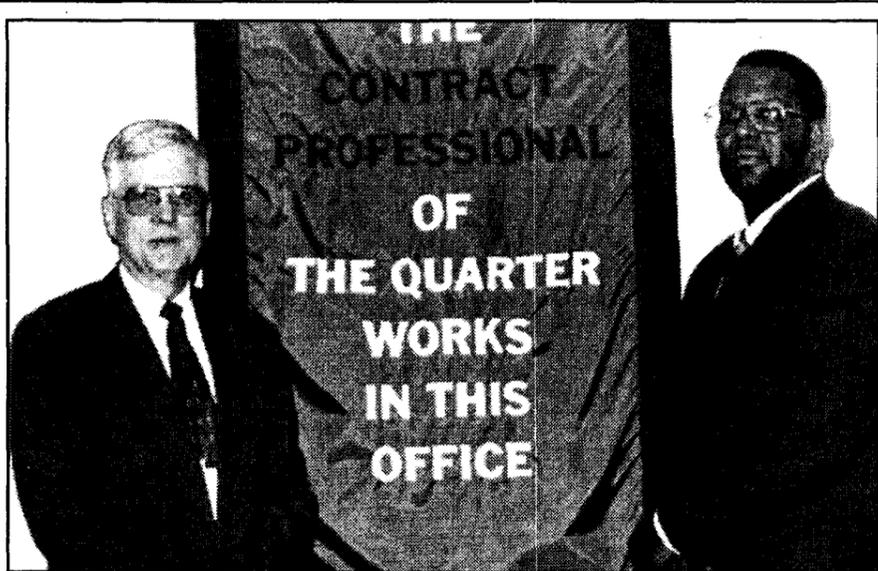
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### Fit for promotion...

After Brig. Gen. Robert Armbruster, left, deputy for systems acquisition, promoted Tom Harvill to the rank of lieutenant colonel, he presented him a certificate for passing his Physical Training test. Armbruster told Harvill he had to pass his PT test prior to being promoted, which was a practical joke for April Fools' Day.



### Contract professional...

Garfield Boon Jr., right, of the Policy and Management Directorate, has won the 1st Quarter 1998 Contract Professional of the Quarter Award at the Acquisition Center. Making the presentation is Daniel Rubery, deputy to the commanding general for business. Boon was recognized for his efforts related to merging the acquisition centers from ATCOM and MICOM.



## Announcements

**NASA open house**— Visit NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center May 16 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for an open house. Admission is free. Visitors can enter Redstone Arsenal for the open house through three gates: Gate 9, at Rideout Road; Gate 8, at Drake Avenue and Jordan Lane; and Gate 7, at Zierdt Road. A large color map of the Marshall Center and an information booklet will be given to visitors as they enter the arsenal. Every tour

stop is handicap accessible. For more information, call May Wales 544-5552; or toll free, 24-hours a day, at 1-888-901-NASA (6272).

**Transition assistance workshop**— The Military Personnel Office is sponsoring a three-day Transition Assistance Workshop from April 21-23 in building 3447 (behind Toftoy Hall). The workshop is mandatory for all military personnel leaving the service within the next 180 days unless

they have attended a previous workshop. These workshops are available to all branches of service including National Guard and Reserves. Department of Defense civilians, military retirees, veterans and spouses of all are encouraged to attend. Seating is limited so you must register to attend. For more information, call Marie Adams 842-6145.

**CFC applications**— Applications for the 1998 Tennessee Valley Combined

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Dukes attended the ceremony.

"I hope this renews feelings in other leaders to do something for the people who have given their lives in service of this country," Dukes said.

Getting this dedication wasn't easy. John Tinger, publicity chairman of the Disabled American Veterans in Decatur, worked the past four years to find a way to honor the memory of Bridges.

"We tried several differ-

ent things," said Tinger, who investigated possibilities including the Decatur river walk, state highways and the street where Bridges grew up. "We finally found a stretch of country road lined with farms leading up to the high school where she went to school. When we took it to the town council, they offered us something much better — Old Highway 24."

Woods and her husband will pass the two signs erected at the Trinity line everyday on their way to work. "It's a real honor," she said, surprised and

thrilled with the turnout at the dedication ceremony.

All four branches of the military were represented, as well as several Veterans of Foreign Wars post commanders, Trinity's mayor, Ricky Brenner, teachers, friends and family.

"We worry about the ones still over there," said Woods, of the soldiers still stationed in the Persian Gulf. "Every day, we stand a chance of losing another one."

"If it was Deanna's time to go, she would have liked going with honor. This dedication is a beautiful way for her to be remembered."

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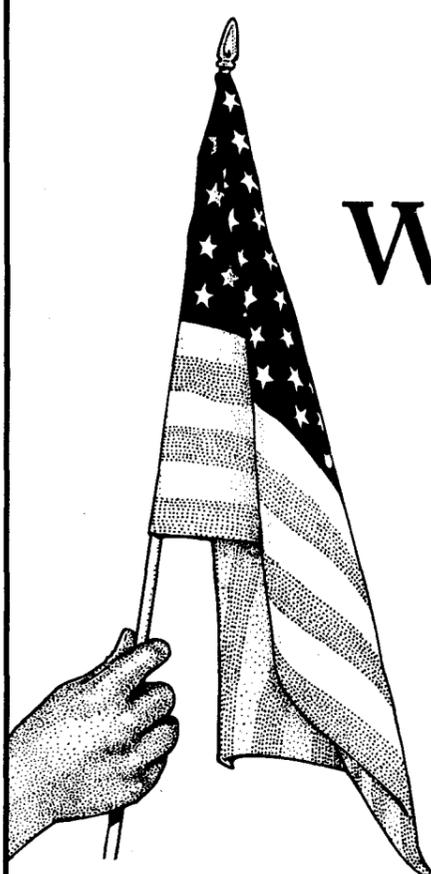
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# Announcements

Federal Campaign will be accepted from April 1-30. By federal regulations, only human health and welfare agencies recognized by the Internal Revenue Service under 26 U.S.C. 501 (c) (3) and for which contributions are tax-deductible, are eligible for admission. The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is the annual charitable fund drive for federal employees. The campaign covers federal employees in Cullman, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Morgan and Marshall counties in Alabama and Lincoln County, Tenn. For more information or to obtain an application call Charles Scott, vice president of Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign, 536-0745 (ext. 108).

**Redstone housing happenings**—April 9-10 have been designated as Spring Cleanup Days, according to the Housing Management Division.... Spring bedding plants will be made available in the Self-Help Center beginning April 21. Two flats and up to four individual potted plants will be

allowed per family housing quarters. Remember: It's a first come, first serve basis.... The Spring Yard/Carport Sale is scheduled for May 2-3; specific guidelines will be issued at a later date.... The 1998 Yard-of-the-Month program will kick off May 18.

**AER book sale**—The Command Analysis Directorate will hold its annual AER fund-raising book sale April 13-24. Sales will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. daily on the second floor of building 5300. "We are currently soliciting for donated books," a prepared release said. "This year we will also accept donations of CDs, VCR tapes, and cassette tapes. No record albums please! So, as you do your spring cleaning, please think of us!" For more information, call Greg Godfrey 955-9369 or Sandra Swafford 876-9902.

**Technology symposium**—Tennessee Valley Chapters of the National Defense Industrial Association and the Association of the U.S. Army are co-spon-

soring the Tactical Operations Centers (TOC) Technology Symposium, April 14-15 at the Von Braun Center. For more information, call Jodi Weiner 837-5953.

**UNCF banquet**—The 20th annual United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Banquet will be held April 9 at the Von Braun Center. Scheduled platform guests are to include Rear Adm. Barry Black, deputy chief of chaplains for the Navy, who is the highest-ranking African-American in the Navy and an alumnus of Oakwood College. Entertainment is to be provided by singer Nancy Wilson who has just released her 60th album. For more information, call Jan Ross 726-7236.

**CFC slogan contest**—Slogans are now being solicited for the 1998 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign. The winning slogan will be used as a planning theme for the 1998 CFC campaign and will be highlighted as the focus in all CFC publications, training materials,

and other CFC activities. All candidate slogans received from April 1 through May 1 will be considered by the CFC Slogan Committee. Recommended slogans will be submitted to the Local Federal Coordinating Committee for final selection of the 1998 CFC slogan on May 13. Candidate slogans may be submitted to: Director, DIA/Missile and Space Intelligence Center, Attn: MSI-1 (John Blair), Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35898-5500; or by e-mail to jtb@msic.dia.mil.

**Steam outage**—The Directorate of Public Works and Northrop Grumman, the base operations contractor, are coordinating a post-wide steam outage. This outage will occur from May 1, starting at 4 p.m. and continue until May 3, ending at 4 p.m. The steam outage is required to correct problems in the steam and condensate piping, metering and valving stations to include steam pits in the 3000, 4000 and 5000 areas. These problems can only be corrected by shutting down the total steam distribution

system. This time frame, for the steam outage, was established to reduce the possibility of other HVAC problems. Coordinations are being made with the Installation Food Service Division, GAF Corporation, NASA and Ogden Martin Systems of Huntsville to ensure that all operational aspects for steam support has been considered. If there are any AMCOM or separate tenant organizations which should require steam support during this outage period, call Les Miller at the Directorate of Public Works, Base Operation Branch office, 876-4245.

**Recreation Center tours**—Seats are still available for the following Recreation Center tours: A trip to the Nashville Zoo, April 18 departs the Recreation Center at 8 a.m. and returns at about 6 p.m. Cost is: adults, \$16.50; children 3-12, \$14.50.... A trip to Memphis, April 25 to see the "Ancestors of the Incas" exhibit of Peruvian artifacts will depart the Recreation Center at 6:30 a.m. and return at about 8:30 p.m.

Cost is: adults, \$30; youth 5-16, \$23.... Tours are open to the entire Redstone community. Sign up at building 3711, Wednesday through Friday from 1:30-8 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 876-4531 during the same hours for more information.

**Madison County heritage book**—Madison County's Heritage Book Committee is preparing a collection of topical and family sketches to be compiled into "The Heritage of Madison County" book. All present and former Madison County residents, active duty, retired military, civil servants, and those with roots in Madison County are invited to submit a family history of 500 words and one photograph to be printed in this book. Stories are also being solicited from schools, churches, military installations, and other organizations in Madison County. The committee invites anyone with roots in Madison County, whether

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**Weekend MBA class**— Nova Southeastern University provides a weekend Master's of Business Administration class in Huntsville. Spring term dates include April 17-18, May 1-2, May 15-16, June 5-6 and June 19-20 at the Beville Conference Center in conference classroom 289 at 550 Sparkman Drive. For more information call Steve Blackwell, coordinator, (205) 851-9029 or William Spade 800-672-7223 (ext. 5046).

**Resource managers**— American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold

a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. April 9 at the Trinity Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road. Scheduled speaker is Marv Ruckles, director of Operating Location, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, St. Louis. Cost of the luncheon is \$9 for members, \$10 non-members. For reservations call Cherry Hovik 876-3590 or Bill Richardson 842-6943.

**Fox Army Health Center**— Fox Army Health Center will provide Hepatitis A immunization to all active duty, permanent party military personnel April 17 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the old Post Theater, building 3712. For more information call Lt. Col. Mary Johnston, chief of Public Health and Education Center, FAHC, 842-0196.

**Union meeting**— AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. April 13 at the union office in building 3202. The attendance prize for April is \$850 but you must be present to win. All collective bargaining employees are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

**DoD reengineering training**— The Advanced Management Strategies Inc. is a major source of training for the DoD-sponsored Business Process Reengineering Certification Program which is administered by the Director for Process

Improvement, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense. AMSI offers training sessions at key locations across the United States, including Huntsville. The training series will be offered April 28 through Aug. 7 at the Country Inn & Suites, University Drive. For more information on the DoD BPR Certification Program and other training opportunities AMSI can provide, call Derril Watts (205) 931-4513.

**A&M ROTC 10K/5K**— The Alabama A&M ROTC department will celebrate 25 years of commissioning officers into the Army on April 18 with its inaugural 10K run and 5K fun walk. Entry forms can be picked up from the university or local athletic stores. For more information, call Capt. James L. Clark 851-5775.

**Body composition screening**— The Public Health and Education Center at Fox Army Health Center will offer Body Composition Screening from 9:30-11:30 a.m. April 16 at Pagano Gym. Please wear loose fitting, short sleeve shirts to make the measurement easier. Body composition measurement utilizes a bioelectrical impedance machine that measures total water content and calculates the proportion of lean tissue to body fat. For more information, call the Public Health and Education Center 842-0196.

**Holy Week schedule**— Bicentennial Chapel plans the following Holy Week events: Protestant— Living Last Supper, 7:30 p.m. April 9; Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. April 12 behind the old post chapel (in case of inclement weather, it would be held at Bicentennial Chapel); and Easter Service, 11 a.m. April 12. Catholic— Holy Thursday Mass, 6 p.m. April 9; Good Friday Service, 6 p.m. April 10; Easter Vigil Mass, 8 p.m. April 11; and Easter Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m. April 12. For more information, call Bicentennial Chapel 876-5707.

**PX/Commissary workers**— Wiley Hopkins says he wants to hold a get-together for current and retired employees of the Post Exchange and Commissary. A buffet breakfast is planned for 8:30 a.m. April 26 at the Holiday Inn, 3810 University Drive, east of Jordan Lane. If interested call 882-7362 or Hopkins 828-7281 by April 20.

**Professional secretaries**— Professional Secretaries International has rescheduled its monthly

meeting to 11 a.m. April 14 at the Officers Club, Twickenham Room. This change is due to the April 22 video-conference, "AMA's 11th annual Conference for Secretaries and Administrative Assistants." "We hope this makes it easier for everyone to attend both the regular meeting and the VTC," a prepared release said. Membership is open to all government-employed office professionals. For more information call Marilyn Dale, membership chairman, 876-8564.

**Uniformed services group**— North Alabama Chapter of the National Association for Uniformed Services will hold its quarterly meeting at 10 a.m. April 18 at the old Post Theater on Patton Road. Primary emphasis will be on the legislative agenda for this election year. "Anyone interested in learning how to participate effectively in the legislative process and influence laws impacting on the military is invited to attend," a prepared release said. For more information call 461-9977, 828-0668 or 852-9565.

**Association of U.S. Army**— Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army will hold a "Focus on Army Civilians" luncheon Thursday at the Officers Club. Social begins at 11:30 a.m., with the lunch and program at noon. Scheduled speaker is Dr. Ron Sanders, former director of defense civilian personnel and currently chairman of the Brookings Institution's Government Affairs Institute and a member of the faculty of George Washington University. Cost is \$9 per person. For reservations call Keith Furney 722-4696 or Linda Crutcher 722-4260.

**Logistics assistance oldtimers**— An "oldtimers get-together" will be held at noon May 2 at the Rustic Lodge for all current and former ATCOM/MICOM logistics assistance representatives, missile maintenance technicians, Ordnance Corps maintenance technicians, field maintenance technicians, and field service representatives. Anyone interested in attending who has not received an invitation should call Jarvis Wilson 313-1469.

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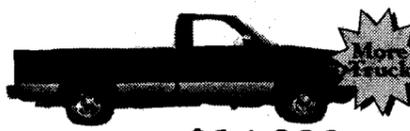


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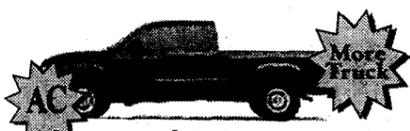
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**Federal retirees**— National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments start at 9:30 a.m., with the program at 10. Scheduled speaker is Huntsville Police Sgt. Paul Balance. For more information, call 837-0382 or 881-3168.

**T-shirt fund raiser**— An AER T-shirt fund raiser will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 14 at building 5250 and again April 16 at the Sparkman Cafeteria. For information call Maj. Green 842-8766 or Jessica Jackson 842-9959.

**Gem/mineral society**— Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society will have its annual Auction Sale at 6 p.m. April 13 at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. The public is invited. Items for sale will include rocks, fossils, and mineral specimens.

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