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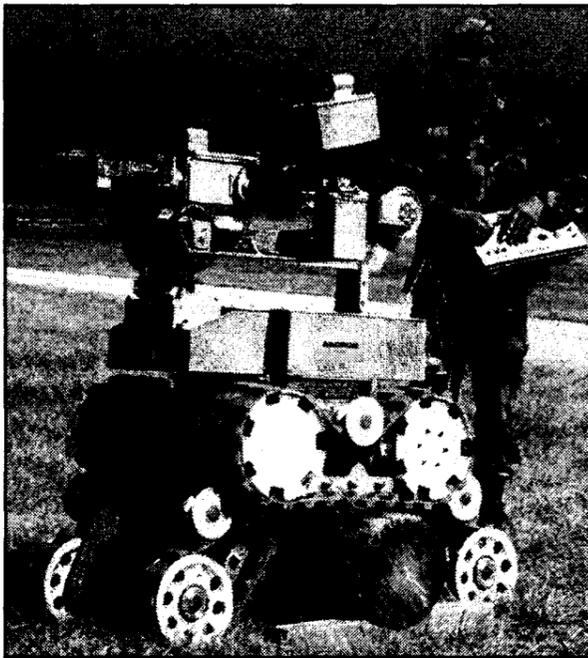
Days to remember for worldwide TMDE conference visitors

By Sandy Riebeling

Mother Nature provided a beautiful day for outdoor demonstrations of equipment and programs at the Worldwide Ammunition, Missile and Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Conference, held March 25-27. The conference was hosted by the U.S. Army Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Two hundred and fifty-two people from around the world attended the three-day conference at Redstone Arsenal. The meetings enabled them to learn about major issues, programs and initiatives that will impact combat service support operations in the 21st century.

"The purpose of our conference was for people who attended to take information back to their commands," said Maj. Grace Buell, Officer in Charge of the conference, Training and Doctrine Command, Munitions System Manager Office.



MAN OPERATING ROBOT—Staff Sgt. Thomas E. Meeks put the Andros MK5 Remote Control Tool through its paces at the Worldwide Ammunition, Missile and TMDE Conference.

"The conference gave people a chance to meet with people from other services," Buell said. "It was an education process to discover how other services do

their business. I came to the conference last year from Korea and it was great. I was able to take a lot of information back with me." On the first day of the



OFF-LOADING CARGO—The Container Roll in/Roll out Pallet was a new feature. The Palletized Load System attaches to the CROP for easy loading and unloading of cargo.

conference, guests were invited to the Ammunition Supply Point at Redstone. They viewed equipment and saw demonstrations, which included the Andros MK5 Remote Control Tool.

The RCT or robot, was designed to reduce or elimi-

nate the hazard to the Explosive Ordnance Device Technician in a field or garrison environment when responding to incidents regarding improvised explosive devices. It uses a shotgun device, especially designed for the robot, to

disrupt suspicious packages. It is controlled either by a wireless control unit using a virtual reality device for viewing the robots movements or by a cabled control unit.

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Wide world...

Youngsters roll an "earth ball" at the Path to Nature next to Col. Carroll Hudson Recreation Area. See the story on page 8. Earth Day 1998 will be celebrated April 22

All eyes focus on Kiowa Warrior

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

The Kiowa Warrior Product Manager's Office held its annual Users Conference, March 10-12, in Tupelo, Miss. This year's annual conference — the eighth focusing on the OH-58D — drew representatives from throughout the United States, including Hawaii, Germany and Korea.

Tupelo was selected at the request of the Mississippi National Guard's 1st Battalion, 185th Aviation unit, the nation's only National Guard unit assigned the sophisticated Kiowa Warrior helicopter. The Tupelo guard unit has 15 OH-58D models, whose distinctive ball atop its rotor provides special reconnaissance capabilities.

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SHARING THE AWARD—Mike VanRiper, 4/7th Bell Helicopter field service representative, left, and Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Long, 4/7th Quality Control NCOIC, Camp Stanton, Korea, display the Kiowa Warrior Readiness Award presented to them at the annual users conference. (Not pictured: Representatives of the 1/10th Cavalry Squadron, Fort Hood, Texas, who also received the award.)

Letters To The Editor

Special Olympics

Thanks again this year to the military personnel who helped at the Special Olympics on April 7. We offer a very special thanks to E-1 Robert Phillips of B Company, 832nd, for serving as the escort for our son, Shane Whitworth. We really appreciate you, and all those who give of their time.

Pat and Homer Whitworth

Springfest issue

Understand that Springfest has been canceled due to the poor interest we had last year. Springfest was rained on and customer participation was low due to the inclement weather, plus being the first event. We did not have a chance to show the Redstone community what a wonderful event it could be. Please reconsider having Springfest and give the public another chance.

Another thing I want to mention is the barbecue contest at the Oktoberfest. I heard the Memphis in May barbecue contest has been canceled because it was non-profitable. This was never meant to be a profitable event. I know the contestants are not allowed to sell to the public after the contest. The contest, along with the experience and atmosphere of the whole event, was enjoyed by many people. Please reconsider letting the Memphis in May barbecue contest come back to the Oktoberfest.

Name withheld by request



Ready for pilgrimage...

Huntsville Pilgrimage Hostesses Bobbi Stender (left) and Roberta Snow, both members of the Redstone Officer and Civilian Womens Club, stand before the Lane-Davidson House, one of the featured stops on the annual tour of historic homes planned for Saturday, April 18. For more information, call Pam Stieglitz, 533-3444 or the Huntsville Pilgrimage Association, 533-5723 or 800-772-2348.

Commander's letter: Child Abuse Prevention

A 50-state survey on child abuse and fatalities conducted in 1995 found that over three million children had been reported to child protective service agencies as victims of abuse and neglect, with close to one million of these cases being substantiated. National statistics indicate that three children die each day as a result of abuse and neglect. Tragically, several such cases have occurred in our own community during recent months. It is for these reasons that I am proclaiming April as 'Child Abuse Prevention Month.'

It is estimated that for every \$3 we spend on prevention, we avoid at least \$6 in resulting child welfare, special education, medical care, foster care, counseling, or the housing of juvenile offenders. Further, adult criminals and juvenile delinquents commonly reveal childhood histories of abuse and neglect. This alone reinforces the reality that, when our children are subjected to maltreatment, society experiences a tremendous loss in human potential.

Many of our military families are bringing up children without the benefit of a familial support system. Their geographic isolation often places them at an even higher risk of succumbing to the stresses that can lead to abusive incidents. I strongly urge any soldier or civilian employee experiencing such distress to avail themselves of the services provided through the Army Family Advocacy Program, Army Community Service, Community Counseling Service, and Behavioral Medicine Division of Fox Army Clinic before irreparable damage to their family relationships occurs.

I believe in, and support, the prevention of family violence through community effort, and I trust that the resources available in our community will encourage those under stress to obtain the necessary assistance to prevent personal tragedy.

Maj. Gen. Emmitt E. Gibson
Commander
AMCOM and Redstone

Prevention is the key word in reducing child abuse

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

In recognition of April being Child Abuse Prevention Month, the family advocacy program manager, Sal Riccardi, at Army Community Service, would like to highlight recent initiatives undertaken to reduce the likelihood of child abuse.

To reiterate what Maj. Gen. Gibson has said in his letter, more than three million children are victims of child abuse and neglect each year. In addition, many children who are maltreated are never reported. These abused and neglected children are of all ages, races, religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

"When children are abused, neglected or exploited, they are at high risk for school failure, drug addiction, juvenile crime, premature sexual activity, and welfare dependency," said Riccardi. "Believing in the importance of prevention, a number of excellent programs have been initiated at Redstone Arsenal to help families that feel they are having problems and need a little extra help."

- The "New Parent Support" program provides free parenting classes with free child care for military attendees. Civilian attendees may also receive free child care but on a space-availability basis.
- The NPSP also provides

play mornings two times a week for military mothers with small children under the age of six, Wednesday and Friday, 9-11 a.m. New military mothers may also receive home visitation by a registered nurse.

- The "Total Tots" program pays for emergency child care. It also pays for respite care in cases referred by the NPSP for other treatment sources. This allows more access to all the services available.

Many Family Advocacy programs are not just limited to families who are having problems, but are open to everyone.

"At one time or another, every parent experiencing stress has the potential to abuse their children" Riccardi said. "If they experienced abuse as a child, the risk is higher. Our programs exist to increase options and resources for families experiencing such challenges. Parenting is a tough job."

Riccardi suggests we need to pay more attention to positive parenting and developing parenting skills.

Prevention programs must be based on an understanding of the causes of child abuse and neglect. The keys to prevention of child abuse and neglect are in the family and the community.

To provide parents and children with the help, support, and information need-

ed to protect their children from exploitation and/or abduction, Riccardi provided WAAY-TV Channel 31 a copy of "Ken Wooden's Child Lures Series." This video is airing every Thursday night at 6 p.m. during the station's "Crimestoppers" segments throughout this month.

"This is the best way to get the message across to all families on the arsenal as well as in the surrounding areas," said Riccardi. "We must move from being concerned only about our own children to everyone being concerned about the well-being of all children."

He stresses the importance of teaching children to beware of adults approaching them on the street. For example, someone in a car pulls over to the side of the road, and asks a child for directions, the child should take three giant steps back from the road. If the driver's intent is to abduct or harm them, this will give the child a head start in running away.

Also, he warns teenagers can be at risk. For example, an adult could pretend to be from a modeling or talent agency and tell the teenager his or her voice sounds just right. The teenager is offered \$100 right now to do a preliminary demo, pointing to a tape recorder in the adult's car. Once they are in the car, the trap is sprung.

Riccardi said he paid for 10 members of the Family Advocacy Case Management Team at Redstone Arsenal to attend the 14th National Symposium on Child Sexual Abuse. The training was provided to ensure the highest degree of proficiency and the most current knowledge in the area of child abuse prevention to team members so they could effectively meet their mission.

"Child abuse prevention efforts must continue throughout the year; however, April is a good time to focus efforts and public attention on the need for prevention activities in stopping child maltreatment," Riccardi said.

In a majority of cases, the child's abuser is a family member, relative or trusted caregiver.

If someone you know is being abused, Riccardi encourages reporting through the Behavioral Medical Division on the arsenal at 876-9085. He said you do not have to give your name, it can be anonymous.

Later this month, the Wooden video will be shown at the NPSP building on LaCrosse Drive. Free parents guides for discussing this information will be provided at the airing. The guides will also be available through the Army Community Service.

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SHARING THE FUN— Toddlers, from left, Duchess Montgomery, Bristol Countess and Ryan Brown, from the Child Development Center, enjoy one of the special event celebrations held at Redstone Arsenal.

Parent advisory council elects new officers, planning projects

Along with the changing of the seasons comes a change in the officers for the Child Development Services Parent Advisory Council. The new officers are: Sandy Muchow, Alpha Company, chairman, Lisa Pate, KBM Inc, co-chair, Robin Soprano, MRDE, secretary, and Jonnesa Countess, MRDEC, public relations.

In the past year, the PAC has undertaken several projects. They developed a cookbook with recipes and activities submitted by the CDS parents and staff. The proceeds from the cookbooks will be used to purchase T-shirts and/or ID bands for the children to wear on field trips. The cookbooks are on sale to CDS staff and patrons at the Child Development Center, building 3145, or by contacting Robin Soprano at 313-6558.

Another PAC project is the participation in the "Campbell Labels for Education." CDS parents and staff have been collecting labels from certain brands of food, which can be redeemed for items to be used in educational facilities. Last year, a color television set and VCR were obtained solely through labels donated by the RSA commissary.

If anyone is interested in donating their food labels to the PAC, send them to the CDC at building 3145.

The PAC is currently seeking a group or

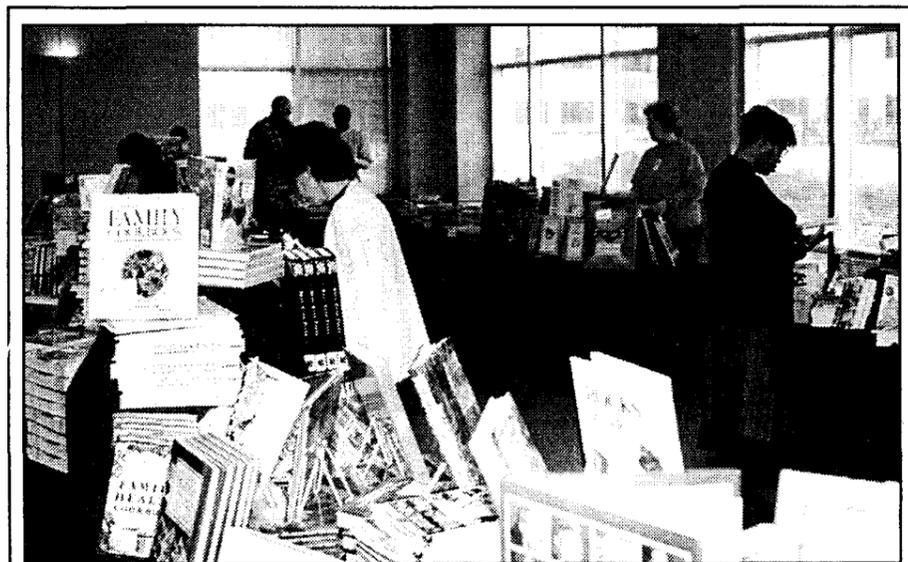
organization to adopt the CDC. In the past, the readiness group sponsored the CDC, but that organization has been dissolved. Since the CDC grounds are no longer being kept up, volunteers are needed for pulling weeds, trimming bushes and picking up trash, to help keep the grounds safe and sanitary for our children.

If a group or organization is interested in adopting the CDC, please contact Kris Weissner at 876-7952.

As a reminder, the PAC is open to all parents with children enrolled in any CDS program at Redstone (CDC, School Age, and Family Child Care), and provides an avenue for parents to voice concerns, provide input to policy and procedures, gets to know the staff and administration, and participates in training on developmental phases and issues pertaining to their children.

The CDS has a Parent Participation Program where points can be earned for helping with classroom activities, field trips, celebrations, and special events, as well as attending the PAC meetings held the last Tuesday of every month at the Bicentennial Chapel. These points can be redeemed as discounts on their fees, which is especially helpful due to the recent price increase.

The next PAC Meeting is scheduled for April 28.



Book Fair...

Redstone shoppers take advantage of the gallery of books available at the Book Fair. The event, sponsored by the Civil-

ian Welfare Fund Council, was held March 24-25 in the Sparkman Cafeteria.

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Fort Hood's repair shelter unit delivers fast turnaround on printed circuit boards

By Sandy Riebeling

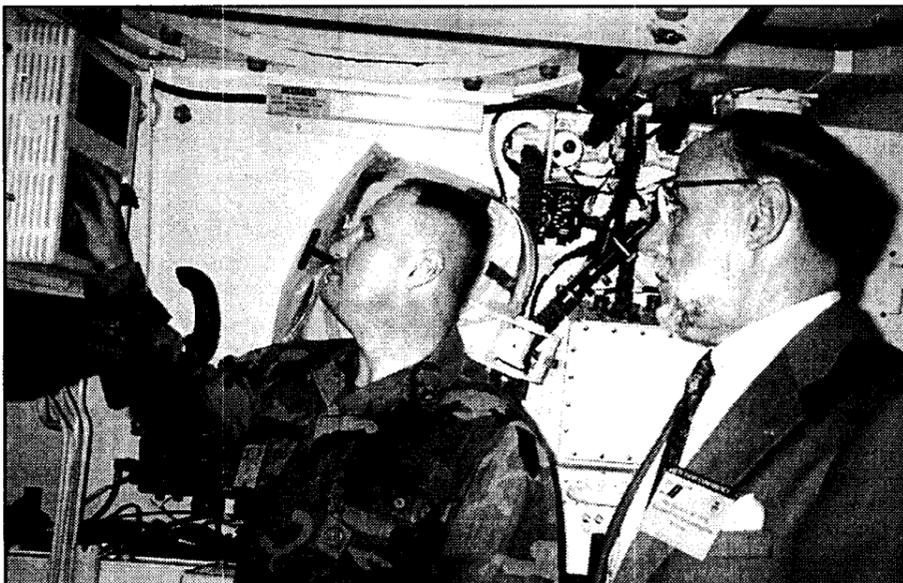
Pizza delivery is famous for their 30 minutes or it's free guarantee. Soldiers working in the Electronic Repair Shelter at Fort Hood, Texas can now offer the same deal on many of the repairs of printed circuit boards from line replaceable and shop replaceable units, as well as selected other PCBs in the field.

At a cost of \$850,000 per unit, the ERS, managed by the Deputy for Systems Acquisition's TMDE Program Office, is a real deal. Within the first eight months of operation, the ERS saved as much as it cost and then some.

"This is something we needed years ago," said Staff Sgt. Arnold Bolduc Jr., an instructor at OMMCS at Redstone. He spent three days showcasing the benefits of the ERS at the AMCOM Integrated Family of Test Equipment User's Conference at the Von Braun Center, April 7-9.

"We used to have to take a circuit board that cost as much as \$6,800 and send it to the depot for repairs. In anywhere from one to three months we would get a replacement," said Bolduc. "Less than half the cost of the circuit board was reimbursed."

With the ERS, they can



PALADIN M109A6 HOWITZER— SFC Bryan A. Tyler, left, explains the Automatic Fire Control System on the Howitzer to Victor A. Bloom of Lockheed Martin, during the IFTE User's Conference.

find the problem, repair it and many times get it back out within about 30 minutes.

"Sometimes it's as cheap as replacing a 68 cent chip," said Bolduc. "Besides the bottom line savings, down time for equipment has drastically reduced."

A field repair in the ERS begins with the suspected faulty circuit board number being logged into the administration station.

The PCB is placed on the card tester, ManTech VTS 1000, which has test program sets used to isolate the fault on the PCB. After the fault is located, the conformal coating, a shiny transparent coating on the PCB,

is removed by the Comco Micro Blaster.

"We used to have to grind or burn off the coating, which usually caused additional damage to the board," said Bolduc.

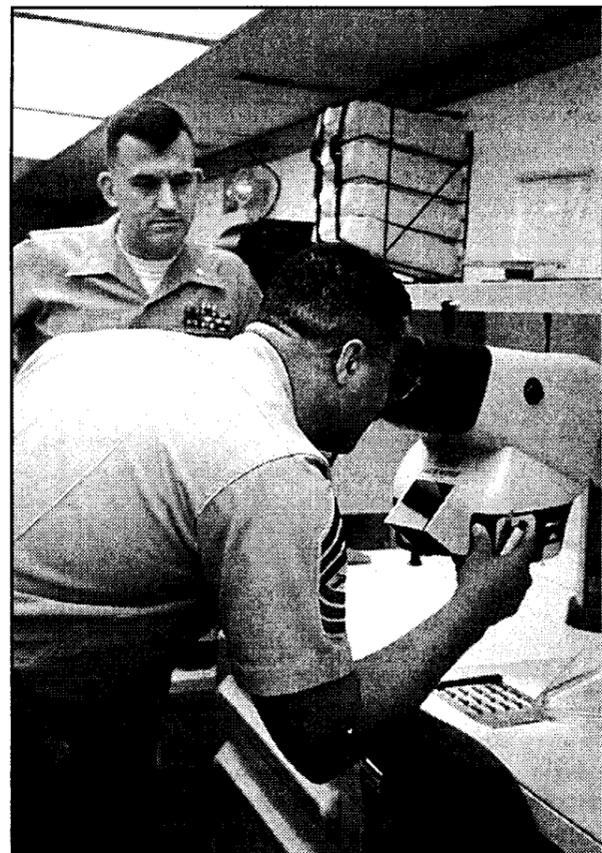
With the conformal coating removed, the circuit board is taken to a Pace 2000 work station complete with soldering tools, a Mantis Vision magnifying glass and a vapor extraction unit. At this station, the old solder is removed, the faulty component replaced and resoldered. The vapor extraction unit filters out the soldering fumes and circulates the air back into the

ERS at 99.9 percent pure.

The repaired circuit is viewed under a magnifying scope, at the VS7 inspection station. It can be viewed from a variety of angles to check the soldering connections.

The board is then tested to assure the repair has been made properly and then the conformal coating is reapplied and baked on in an oven, according to the manufacturer's specifications for time and temperature.

When it comes out of the oven, the board is retested to make sure it suffered no heat damage. When it is successfully tested, it is



VISION MAGNIFIER—Master Sgt. John E. Everette examines a circuit board through the Vision Magnifier at a work station in the Electronic Repair Shelter. Everette and Maj. William Meznarich, in the background, came to the IFTE User's Conference from the Marine Corps Systems Command at Quantico, Va.

logged out and ready to be replaced in the equipment.

Soldiers who work in the ERS are trained to the same standard as the depots. They expect to be trained to the ISO 9000 standard by the third quarter fiscal year 1998.

The ERS system consists of a 37-foot tactical trailer-mounted van that provides work space, storage space and equipment. The system

includes two work stations enabling technicians to test, repair and transport electronic components in a field environment. It also offers environmental protection necessary to accomplish the test and repair of electronic components.

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Automated finance system in place throughout Corps

WASHINGTON— The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers passed a major milestone March 18 en route to the 21st century with a complete conversion to the Corps of Engineers Financial Management System (CEFMS).

Huntsville's Engineering and Support Center was the first Corps organization to implement the system in 1993.

CEFMS is now in place at Corps headquarters and all 61 division, district, laboratory and field operating activities worldwide. The system replaces the Corps of Engineers Management Information System (COEMIS) which is a finance and accounting system that represents 1970s technology and has been in use since 1972.

CEFMS is an automated financial management system that provides timely, accurate and comprehensive information for all levels of management, especially at the program and project management level, through the interface with other information system programs.

Expenditures for the system through September 1997 were \$52.8 million, including \$24.5 million for development, \$21.6 million for deployment and \$6.7 million for operations and support. Current authorized program costs are \$89.1 million over the estimated life cycle of the system, through 2007.

The immediate and past savings have been used to consolidate finance and accounting functions at the Finance Center in Memphis. Other savings are expected to be much greater than the program costs over the life cycle of the system.

"The development of CEFMS was a collaborative effort of talented individuals from a variety of disciplines within the Corps," Stan Wrenn, director of the Corps Finance Center, said. "And it was a struggle at times. Our team had to map their way through each of our business processes in all of our functional areas."

The CEFMS Development Team consisted of 24 government employees supported by 55-60 contract programmers.

As a result, CEFMS provides real-time information for managers and decision-makers in compliance with the Chief Financial Officer's Act, Federal Managers

Financial Integrity Act, OMB Circular A-27, and incorporates Standard General Ledgers as a byproduct.

Other agencies have taken notice. For example:

— The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) identified CEFMS in 1991 as a candidate for the DoD General Fund system.

— The DFAS Director recommended CEFMS for DoD General Fund and Defense Business Operating Fund (DBOF) accounting in 1992.

— The Treasury Department completed a comparison of CEFMS to Commercial Off-the-Shelf Software (COTS) systems in 1995 and concluded that CEFMS represented cutting-edge technology.

— DFAS approved CEFMS for the DFAS-Indianapolis Center Customer Base in 1996.

— The Government Accounting Office sanctioned the electronic signature capability in CEFMS in 1996.

"When we first fielded CEFMS at the Huntsville, Ala., Engineering and Support Center in 1993, we knew we were in for a real challenge," Wrenn said. To succeed at shifting from a paper to electronic format, we had to break paradigms, persuade customers and make enhancements. We learned our lessons though, and improved the deployments at each of the field activities that followed."

CEFMS began in 1987 with a Structured Requirements Analysis Program (STRAP) session under the auspices of the Corps' Information Systems Modernization Program (ISMP).

There were opportunities for improvement and changing requirements as the system evolved.

Some of the improvements included (1) integration with other Corps ISMP systems, (2) interfaces with Defense and Army systems, (3) the incorporation of time and attendance and labor reporting/costing, and (4) the capability to effect internal reorganizations.

Some of the requirements that changed included (1) programming the capability within CEFMS to recognize the 24-hour clock, which provides for worldwide processing from one location, and (2) making payments using the electronic funds transfer (EFT) process.

"Our critics were skeptical that we could develop an integrated system that would provide single source data entry, electronic signature and automated travel as well as generate savings and efficiencies from improvements in our business processes," Wrenn said. "I'm glad to say we've arrived and are ready for future challenges."

"For example," he added, "we anticipate converting CEFMS to a Graphical Users Interface (GUI) environment." (Corps of Engineers release)



National Secretaries Week...

Maj. Gen. Emmitt E. Gibson, commander, AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, signs a proclamation declaring April 19-25 as "Professional Secretaries Week." Seated, Nancy Becker (left) and Donna Dickey; standing, from left, June Pockrus, Ellen Mahathey, Carole Worsham, Marilyn Dale, Susan Douglas and Arnita Lee.

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Redstone's children block party set April 18

Fun and games will be the order of the day during Redstone Arsenal's celebration with Redstone's Children Block Party to be held from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at the Youth Center off of Goss Road.

"We will have everything from events for the children to watch and participate in to rides and military displays," said Russell Litz, program coordinator. "There will be a trackless train ride, canine unit, putt putt golf, and much more. Redstone Arsenal family members are invited to attend."

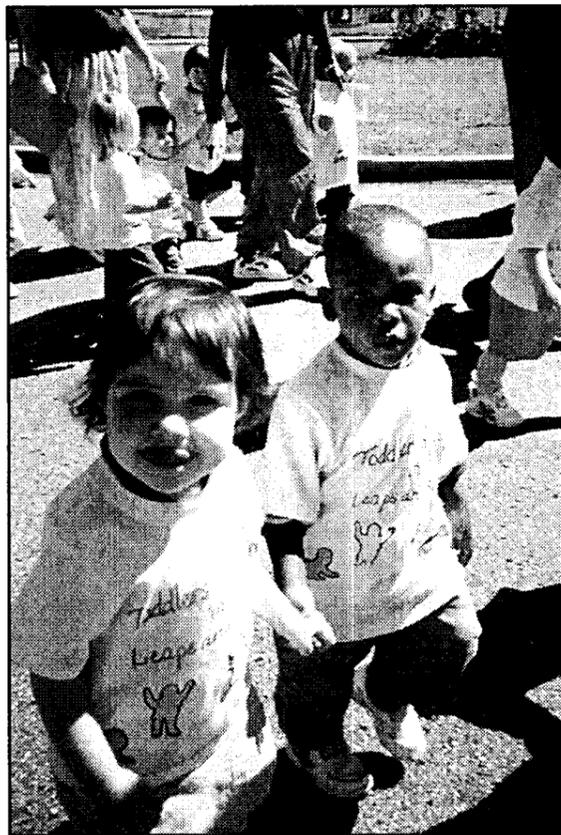
Sponsors of this year's event includes: The Redstone Arsenal Post Exchange, The Association of the United States Army, the Redstone Arsenal Officer and Civilian Women's Club, the Active and Retired Non-Commissioned Spouses' Club, the Redstone Arsenal Thrift Shop, McDonald's, Blue

Bell Creameries, WAHR Radio 99 and Archway Cookies. In addition to sponsoring the event, USPA and IRA will be donating \$500 to Youth Services.

"We really appreciate everybody who has contributed so far to making this event a success," Litz said. "We have military personnel from both the Army and the Marines providing support, along with the American Legion, who will provide some of our clowns for the day."

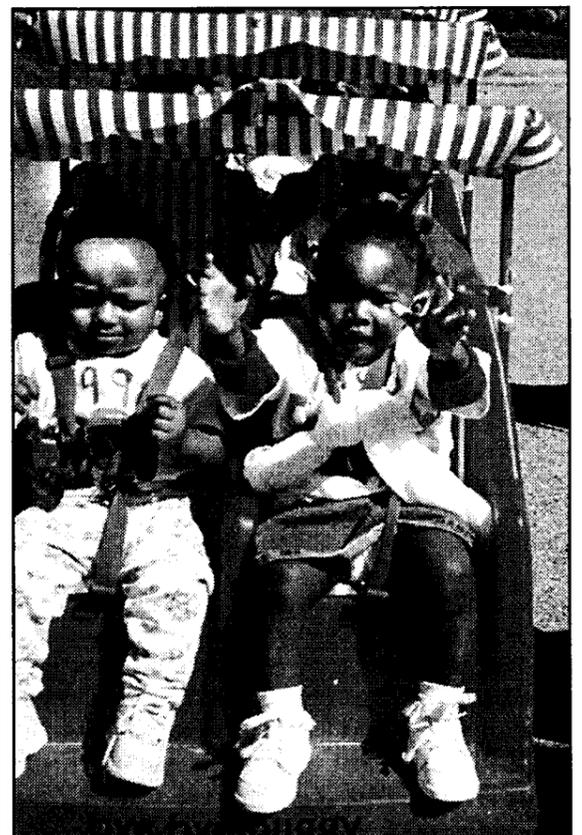
Other events planned for the day are dancers, singers, parent support program information, cake walk, face painting, dunking booth, sea of balls, moon bounce, basketball shoot and exhibits from the Red Cross, Fire Department, Military and Civilian Police, and 'Freedom Rose.'

For more information, call the Youth Center 876-2255.



Leaders of the pack ...

Brittany Knight (left) and Aaron Scott participate in the April 1st celebration with Redstone's Children Kick-Off Parade for Redstone's Month of the Military Child.



Bye bye buggy ...

Jenetta Lymon (left) and Marissa Murphy celebrate with Redstone's children during Redstone's Month of the Military Child Kick-Off Parade.

Space and Missile Defense Command develops space operations officer

Army field commanders will soon benefit from the integration of space systems and products, thanks to the expertise of space operations officers.

One of the Army's newest officer functional areas or, FA, Space Operations, is designed to meet Army requirements into the 21st century. It will be known as FA40 and will be

part of the Information Operations career field.

The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command's Force Development and Integration Center or, FDIC, is responsible for the command's pronency and integration efforts. The FDIC has developed the space operations functional area to give commanders a bench of officers who are

space-knowledgeable.

"As we transition to space as our fourth operating medium, the use of space-based assets has become essential to virtually every Army operation, from tactical to strategic levels," said Col. Robert K. Billings, director of SMDC's FDIC, FA 40 officers will provide future

commanders with the staff expertise necessary to fully exploit the space component of information operations. This will enhance a command's ability to task, collect, process and act on space-based products, information, and warnings.

According to the new Officer Personnel Management System XXI, FA 40

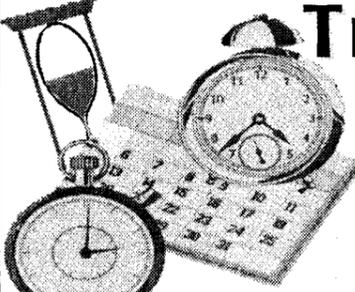
officers will deal with activities regarding warfighting implications of space operations. This includes communications, command and control, position navigation,

weather, terrain, and environmental monitoring satellites, to satellite-based intelligence collection and sur-

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Earth Day celebration scheduled Wednesday at Redstone Arsenal

By Susan Weber

In celebration of Environmental Awareness Month, Redstone Arsenal will celebrate EARTH DAY Wednesday, April 22 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Path To Nature—Wetland Education Center. The Path To Nature is located at the south end of the Arsenal, adjacent to the Colonel Hudson Recreation Area. This event commemorates the 28th anniversary of Earth Day. It is open to the general public as well as to the Redstone Arsenal community. In 1997, over 250 people enjoyed the event.

The Directorate of Environmental Management and Planning, host for Earth Day at the installation, holds this yearly celebration at the Path to Nature, where trails and boardwalks ramble into areas that most people seldom get to visit in person. Wild pathways lead to boardwalks within the dark and mysterious backwater swamps of the Tennessee River. These forested wetlands have become rarer over time and are primarily protected on the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge.

The Wetland Education Center was established in 1995 to bring the community and environment together in an educational environment. The Center was touted as one of the community assets in the Huntsville Times feature series on the Tennessee River—"A River Defiled." Several nature tours will be led by biologists, ecologists and others on Earth Day. The trails are also self-guiding so that anyone wanting some quiet time can visit the site during daylight

hours.

This year's Earth Day will focus on several themes, but primarily on the protection of our natural and cultural resources. The activities on Earth Day serve to heighten public awareness of the importance of biodiversity, wildlife habitat, forestry and our cultural heritage. One big hit with the children is playing with the 8 foot diameter earth ball, and observing wild native animals close at hand. The echo-scavenger hunt tests their power of observation in nature, and the winners of this will each win a bird feeder. The planned agenda for Earth Day includes:

9 a.m. Cultural resource demonstrations (basket making, flint knapping)
Earth ball game
Tour trails

10 a.m. Recognition of representatives from environmental agencies, school systems, city and county governments. Introduction of Col. Duane Brandt, deputy post commander, by Mike Hubbard, director of Environmental Management and Planning. Brandt will place a blue bird box on a post to commemorate the occasion.

10:30 Operation Green Team will be at the site with their mascots—teaching how to "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle."



PATH TO NATURE—Children enjoy finding answers to riddles in their nature walk.

11:00 The Alabama Forestry Commission will do a segment on what is a tree, and how trees grow. Participants will do a Project Learning Tree activity and count tree rings.

11:45 Second Nature Trail Tour Earth Ball Game.

12:00 Brown bag lunch on your own on site. Bring a blanket or chairs.

12:30 North Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitators will do a program on "Snakes and other Reptiles."

1:00 North Alabama Wildlife Reha-

bilitators will continue with native wild and furred animals.
2:00 Event ends with a final tour of the Nature Trails.

For more information, call 313-2204 or 955-6969. Maps to the area can be faxed if you call in or fax a message to 313-2201. On the day of the event, dress casually and wear comfortable walking shoes, a hat, and bring lots of sunscreen. (Editor's note: Susan Weber works for the Natural & Cultural Resources Division of the Directorate for Environmental Management and Planning.)

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Eagle Scout project may boost wood duck population

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

While population of one of our most colorful waterfowl has declined over the past 40 years, hopefully this year the wood duck will increase in number at Redstone Arsenal thanks to Chad Hellums, 14, a fourth-year Boy Scout.

Wood ducks live in woodland ponds and streams bordered by forests. If they are startled, they sound their characteristic "oo-eeek" whistle and disappear into the woods.

Hellums went to Bill Moreland last summer with an Eagle Scout project idea to make some wood duck nest boxes. Moreland is director of Redstone Arsenal's outdoor recreation center.

"After we agreed to the concept, Hellums asked his Scout leader's permission, who agreed it would be a good wildlife project for him to earn his Eagle award," Moreland said.

Next, David Nixon, AMCOM resident biologist, approved the design of the boxes and the way they were to be mounted.

Moreland provided the materials for him to begin his undertaking and Hellums assembled seven nest boxes.

Finally, Hellums got permission from Cecil Winn, the Arsenal's game warden, to put the boxes near Thiokol Pond. Nest boxes may be placed either over water or over land. Generally, structures over water receive more use by cavity-nesters than those far from water.

"Starlings must be discouraged from taking over the nesting boxes by making the entrance larger than they prefer," Hellums said. "Cavity-nesting ducks, like wood ducks, prefer to fly to their nests through a relatively open canopy, and to perch on large, horizontal limbs near their nests."

According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife

Service recommendations, nest boxes should be at least 55 cm deep and 25 cm wide, with elliptical entrances of no more than 7.5 by 10 cm to reduce the possibility raccoons will find the ducklings and destroy the nests.

Hellums used a rough cut cypress wood to construct the boxes. He put cedar shavings in the bottom for nesting material. "Even the best built nest boxes will not be used if nesting material is not provided," he said.

Next, Hellums tacked a wire mesh strip inside the box from the bottom to the hole so the ducklings could climb out.

"Once the ducks have begun to nest in the box, they should not be disturbed," Hellums said. "The female will lay her eggs, after which, her mate will have little to do with her. The female stays with the young until they fly, usually about two months."

Wood duck clutches typically contain 12 to 15 eggs, which are laid at a rate of one per day. Egg dumping is common in this species, whereby several females may lay eggs into a single nest; these are sometimes not incubated and may reach clutch sizes of 40 or more. Incubation by hens lasts from 28 to 37 days.

At the very tender age of merely one-day, the ducklings are beckoned by their mother's call and leap from the entrance hole into the water, or to the ground if the nest is over land. They follow her around for about two weeks for refuge, although they are quite able to feed and care for themselves at birth.

"After a few years, the boxes will naturally weather," said Chad's dad, Charles Hellums, who works in the Missile RD&E Center and is a volunteer at the outdoor recreation center. "Eventually these cypress boxes will turn gray and blend with the



NEST BOX— From left Chad Hellums, Bill Moreland and Cecil Winn check on one of the seven wood-duck nest boxes near Thiokol Pond.

swamp."

Since raccoons, opossums and snakes eat wood duck eggs, Hellums used a predator shield (galvanized sheet metal) on the post below the nesting box.

On weekends Hellums, with the help of his dad and other volunteers, drove the poles into the ground 2 to 4 feet deep. The boxes were placed at least 1/4 mile apart and erected with galvanized pipes and poles, about 8 feet above ground.

After the nesting season, departure for

the southern wintering rounds begins in early September, and most ducks are gone by mid- to late October.

Hellums will then go back after the snakes and other creatures are gone and clean out all the nest boxes. This includes replacing the shavings and ensuring that the boxes are sound and securely supported.

"It felt good to know I was helping the environment," Hellums said. "Overall, it was just a great experience and I hope to continue going there next year."

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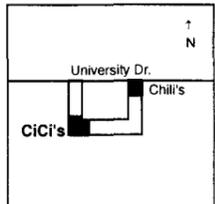
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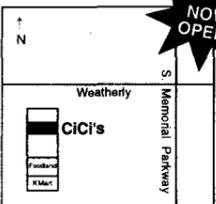
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Greece places second order for Army tactical missile system

By Craig Vanbebber

DALLAS—Lockheed Martin Vought Systems has received a \$20 million contract for 30 Army Tactical Missile System missiles for the nation of Greece.

The foreign military sales contract represents the second international sale of ATACMS to Greece, and brings the total number of missiles ordered to 71. The first sale of ATACMS to Greece occurred in April 1997.

Under the contract, Lockheed Martin Vought Systems will produce 30 ATACMS missiles with delivery expected to be completed by March 2000. The Greek army has 18 Multiple Launch Rocket System launchers, the platform from which ATACMS is fired. Work on the contract will be performed at the company's headquarters in Dallas and the ATACMS assembly facility in El Paso, Texas.

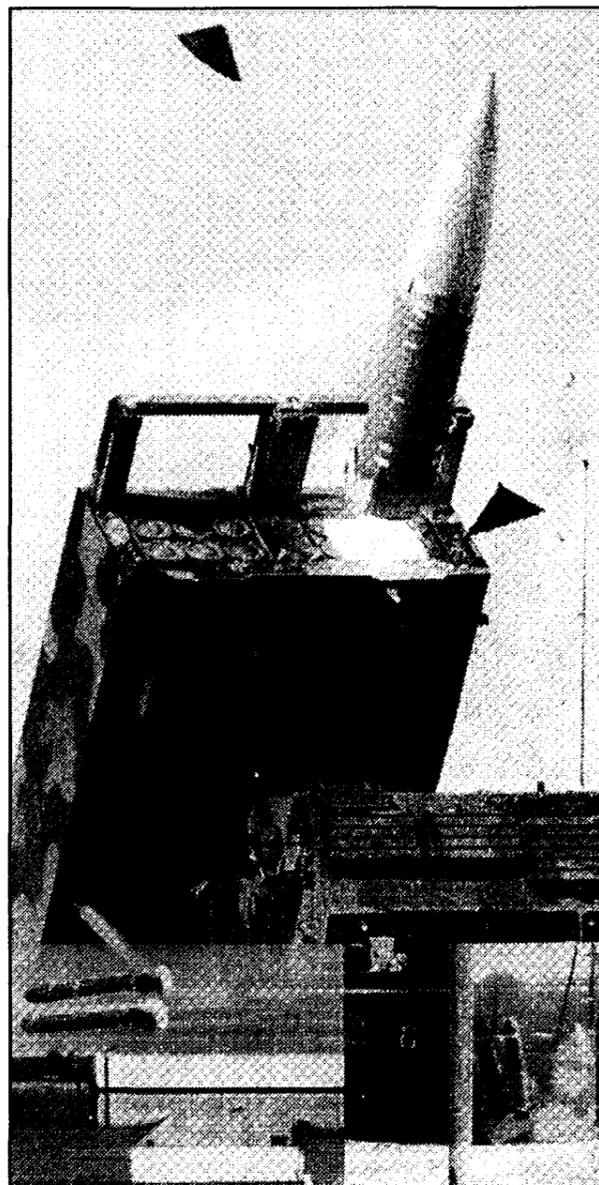
ATACMS was the first tactical surface-to-surface missile ever fired in combat by the U.S. Army, when it was deployed in Operation

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All it takes to join the National Marrow Donor Program is to be 18 to 60 years of age, in good health, consent to join the NMDP and donate a vial of blood, which is drawn from your arm to be tissue typed.

Cliff Myhan celebrated his 8 years of age birthday April 3. When Cliff was 2, he was diagnosed with Fanconi Anemia requiring a marrow transplant. His family began the search for a marrow match. Cliff received a marrow transplant in June 1997. Cliff is now healthy little boy, who played soccer last fall and is playing baseball this spring.

When Cliff was diagnosed needing a marrow transplant, the Redstone Arsenal community answered the call. They

had a marrow drive in November 1992 and since that time has continued to have drives.

An estimated 30,000 children and adults in the United States are diagnosed each year with leukemia, aplastic anemia and other fatal blood diseases. Formally, the only hope for survival was a marrow transplant. Unfortunately, nearly 70 percent of these patients cannot find suitably matched marrow donors within their families. These are the ones that search the register for a stranger to give them the "Chance of a Lifetime."

When someone joins the NMDP, their tissue type is entered into the NMDP's computerized registry, which is searched on behalf of patients. If the computer indicates a preliminary match for a patient, further testing is done to show a precise match.

At this point, after being fully informed, a decision as to whether to become a volunteer marrow donor is made. No more than 5 per-



TRAGEDY AND HOPE—Lisa Myhan and son, Cliff, enjoy a day at home playing dominoes.

cent of the marrow - which is a liquid - is collected from the back of the pelvic bone using a special needle and

syringe. The marrow naturally replenishes itself within a few weeks.

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Some of the newer pieces of equipment, at the conference, included the 6,000 pound front/side loading forklift, the Electronic Repair Shelter, Ballistic Protective Systems, Ammunition Solar Covers with a Small Unit Solar Shade, Sand Grid Wall Ammunition Barricades and the Container Roll-in/Roll-out Pallet.

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Other pieces of equipment at the ASP were the Multiple Launch Rocket System, the Integrated Family of Test Equipment, the Avenger, the HMMV M266-Mounted TOW2 and the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

Briefing sessions were held at the Sparkman Center auditorium for the two remaining days.

Also, there were 14 displays set up in the auditorium supplying information on ammunition, missile and TMDE programs and systems.

"Maj. Grace Buell did a fantastic job with the conference this year," said Kenneth A. Carroll, assistant commandant of OMMCS, adding that credit should also be given to the soldiers and civilians who worked with Maj. Buell.

"It's not a one man show," said Carroll. "Many people put in a lot of hard work to make the conference a success."

Changes from last year's conference included shaving a day off the conference and scheduling the Ordnance Ball on Friday night instead of Saturday, to accommodate peoples' schedules.

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Soldiers from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), received that training during a martial arts combative course, March 26. The three-day session provided an emotional and behavioral approach to self-defense and was taught by Tony Blauer, a martial arts instructor for more than 17 years.

Soldiers concentrated on the art and techniques of hand-to-hand martial arts training as well as recognizing, understanding, and managing the cerebral side of self-defense. Blauer's program concentrated on mental-preparedness, contact psychology and cultivating mental performance training techniques. (Arnews)

Line-Dancers enjoy teaching others

By Bob Cole

What George Strait and Shania Twain play these days is a form of music most call "country rock." Their rhythms, like those heard in Gloria Estefan's "Conga" or Brooks and Dunn's "Boot Scootin' Boogie," turn lots of folks onto dance floors and keep them there.

Among the most enthusiastic of them are Redstone newcomers Dennis and Evelyn Parton (as in Dolly), who joined the army of transferes from St. Louis last year.

The Partons love to dance, so much in fact they have carved a niche for themselves into a form of dance called "line-dancing." They enjoy it so much they even teach classes every Saturday night at the Huntsville American Legion Post 169.

The Partons "fell in love" dancing at "The Cactus Moon" in St. Louis, one of "about four" remaining establishments there which cater to the dance form the Partons and many others prefer.

Their desire to teach followed encouraging words from fellow employees. Soon they were teaching in area fitness centers, auditoriums and other area locations.

"We love to dance and we enjoy it when others do," said Dennis, who calls himself "the rowdy one in the family."

When they arrived in

Huntsville, they sought a place to line-dance. Now others can join them on Saturday night to practice similar interests, or to learn what they've been missing.

"Line-dancing was in a sense 'formalized' in the 1977 film, 'Saturday Night Fever,'" Evelyn said. "But if you danced 'The Stroll' during the 1950's, or 'The Bus Stop' or 'The Electric Slide' somewhat later, then you understand line-dancing."

"There are two or three different dances you can do to a particular song, and you don't need a partner for all of them."

For proverbial "bulls in the China closet," line-dancing provides a strong, viable alternative to more "formalized" dance forms. The idea of not worrying about stepping on a partner's toes could possibly make real toe-stepping easier for would-be line-dancers.

"Line-dancing requires a developed skill," Evelyn said. The two-step and the waltz require certain developed skills, too, but of a different type."

New to Huntsville, yes for the Partons. But definitely not new to the military.

Evelyn is "an Air Force brat," and she grew up "all over the world." Her father retired at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. She briefly attended the University of Maryland at its extension campus in Carbondale, Illi-

nois, prior to launching an administrative career. Currently, she is employed as a contract administrator at AMCOM. Dennis served with the Army as a supply specialist for three years, then joined the Air National Guard at Lambert Field in St. Louis as a technician. Later, he graduated from the University of Missouri at Columbia with a bachelor's degree in business. At AMCOM he is an industrial specialist.

"Forever specialized," he said.

Both come from music-oriented families. Evelyn's mother plays piano; Evelyn plays both piano and guitar. Dennis plays banjo and bass guitar; his father and grandfather fiddle, guitar, and harmonica. So much for preparatory education.

The Partons have "two remaining teenagers" still in the home. Time is still out as to their interests.

"More than anything, we want to dance and teach," Dennis said. What we'd like to see is a large ballroom here that would be attractive to diehards like us."

In the evolution from bluegrass to country to



TOEING THE LINE—Husband and wife dancing team, Dennis and Evelyn Parton, came a long way from St. Louis to teach line dancing at a local club.

country rock, the strains of "Faded Love" led to "Young Love," then blossomed into the semi-hip, rockabilly sounds of today's "country music." So is there reason to believe the Texas two-

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A. Hockey East, East Collegiate Athletic Association, Western Collegiate Hockey Association, and Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

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A.10 (Arizona Cardinals, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Detroit Lions, Atlanta Falcons, New Orleans Saints, Carolina Panthers, Houston Oilers, Jacksonville Jaguars, Baltimore Ravens, Seattle Seahawks).

Q. Who was the last American to win the Formula 1 World Driving Championship?

A. Mario Andretti (1978)

Q. The Borg-Warner Trophy is awarded to the winner of what major sporting event?

A. The Indianapolis 500.

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Q. Who was the first winner of The Masters golf tournament?

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Q. Name the University of Michigan's basketball "Fab Five" of 1991-92.

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Lab researchers seeking lighter, transparent armor materials

By Dave Davison

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md.— Researchers at the Army Research Laboratory's Weapons and Materials Research Directorate working to develop transparent armor share some common philosophies with many popular fashion models — "thinner is better" and "less is more."

For a designer of transparent armor, thinner means less optic distortion resulting in better vision for those being protected by the armor. It also results in less weight which translates into more efficiency, improved economy and added longevity. These goals as well as improved ballistic protection are what researchers are aiming to achieve for transparent armor applications.

These applications include vision blocks for tanks, any type of windshield or window for vehicles or buildings, blast shields, canopies, radomes to protect sensor packages on missiles or aircraft and individual soldier protection such as face shields and goggles.

Jay Connors, a materials engineer, explains that current transparent armor technology uses soda lime glass, the same plate glass used in building windows. Connors explains that a ply of glass bonded to another ply of glass and laminated to a ply of plastic (polycarbonate) is what's generally used today and called bullet resistant. "Don't call it bulletproof unless you are willing to stand behind it when it's being

fired at," he laughs.

With the recent advent of more threats from small caliber weapons, he says, the easiest way to meet those threats is to add more plies of glass, but the more you add, the thicker and the heavier it becomes.

"What we are looking at now is a new system where all those plies of glass aren't needed. We would use other materials with better ballistic capability to defeat threats but that is lighter with thinner cross sections," Connors explains. He adds that the technology to accomplish this is available, but needs to be matured.

Connors' colleague, Gary Gilde, a ceramics engineer, points out that ballistically harder single-crystal and polycrystalline materials exist such as ALON, an aluminum oxynitride, and magnesium aluminate spinel. However, two factors have prohibited their widespread use — cost and the inability to produce large size pieces of material.

"What we need to do now is focus on developing the process of creating large pieces that can be used for real applications such as a windshield for a Humvee," Connors says.

Gilde explains that much of the research on the materials was done in the 60s and wasn't developed to the point where large sections of the materials could be produced. He points out that he is looking at a variety of materials. He adds his group is planning a workshop, perhaps as soon as this summer, to assess the latest progress that has

been made on all transparent armor materials.

Ironically, the development of ALON began with ARL researcher Dr. James McCauley at one of WMRD's predecessor organizations at Watertown, Mass., but now it is being developed and sold commercially by Raytheon Corp.

Gilde continues to look at ALON and similar materials because they are four times harder than glass and go a long way toward meeting the group's goal of having transparent armor that is ballistically close to or equal to opaque armor while providing weight and thickness savings.

Connors and Gilde say they are currently profiling vehicle systems that are 40 percent lighter and 30 percent thinner than current systems.

"A thinner, lighter vehicle is faster, requires less maintenance, uses less fuel and has more interior room for the soldiers," Connors says. "Our idea is to provide vehicle protection offering the best in weight and thickness savings and individual protection for soldiers or people involved in specialty tasks such as explosive ordnance disposal. Next would be the aviation community which could leverage information for their own use," he adds.

"Currently, when it comes to individual soldier protection, the face plate is the weak link in ballistic protection. Our goal is to make it equal in ballistic protection to the Kevlar helmet," Connors says. He adds that WMRD is working on this with the Natick

Research, Development and Engineering Center in Massachusetts. WMRD is also developing a ballistic database for materials.

Another important consideration is light transmission for visibility. Both Gilde and Connors say they want systems optically superior to what currently exists. "That's very important, especially for pilots flying helicopters while wearing night vision devices," Gilde emphasizes.

Gilde isn't wed to ALON or similar materials, however. He will look at less expensive ways to produce those materials, but also at other less expensive materials with varying degrees of ballistic hardness such as glass ceramics, recrystallized glass, and high-hardness glass such as fused silica. The development of the materials ballistic database will allow for tailoring a solution for specific needs according to the level of hardness needed and the cost.

"We are probably about a year or so away from producing the materials we need," Gilde estimates.

Gilde and Connors both see a number of commercial spin-off applications for this technology, most obviously in police work, but also in architectural applications to protect against terrorist attacks and as windows for vehicles that travel in space. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: Davison is with the Army Research Laboratory's public affairs office.)

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veillance operations, joint space activities, information operations, and future applications for space support as they are identified and developed.

The OPMS XXI projects a large number of FA 40 jobs will be located within joint commands. They will be assigned into the joint arena as they progress through more responsibilities.

Besides basic leadership and management skills, the OPMS XXI says that a space operations officer must develop a significant understanding of orbital mechanics, mathematics, and physics, as well as an aptitude for automation technology and engineering. An officer with a degree in astronautical or aeronautical engineering, mathematics, remote sensing, satellite communications, or physics would be a primary candidate for FA 40 selection. Officers whose basic branch is air defense, signal

corps, military intelligence, engineer, and field artillery would also be excellent FA 40 candidates.

An officer who is either selected or volunteers for FA 40 could expect to serve in Army and joint staff assignments, theater space planner positions, satellite watch officer positions, Army space support teams as team leader, branch or division chief in SMDC's FDIC, or staff officer assigned to the Army Space Command, the U.S. Space Command or the North American Air

Defense Command.

The SMDC and the Army Personnel Command are working to ensure an assignments officer for FA 40 is on board by the end of fiscal year 1998. Officers interested in the FA 40 program may find more information at www.army.mil/opms or contact Lt. Col. Mary Fletcher at DSN 327-2622 or commercial (703) 607-2622, or Maj. Wilburn Fitzpatrick at DSN 327-1964 or commercial (703) 607-1964. (SMDC release)



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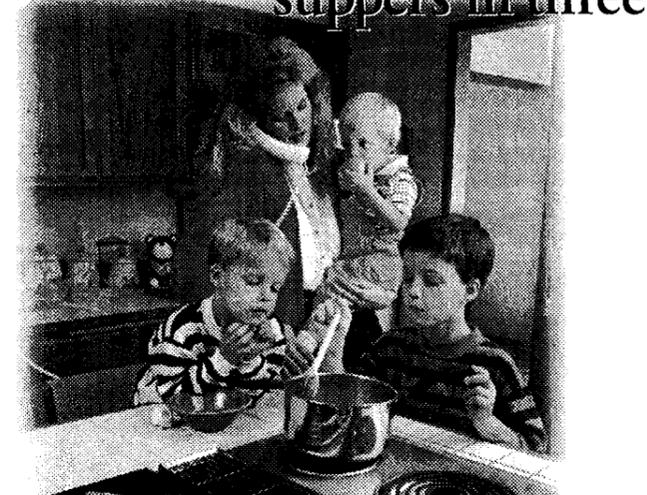
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Local ice complex sponsors soldier of the month party

By Sandy Riebeling

April's Soldier of the Month will receive a "party on ice" from the Ice Complex in Huntsville, as a gift from the program's newest sponsor.

"We are so glad that the Ice Complex supports the "Soldier of the Month program," said Redstone Arsenal Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Sunde. "They have something to offer everyone, for kids as well as adults."

The prize package from the Wilcoxon Municipal Ice Complex includes one hour of private ice time and the use of a rink-side party room for up to 20 guests.

The Soldier of the Month is chosen by a board comprised of Redstone Arsenal's Senior Noncommissioned Officers. The process begins at the unit level and continues through battalion, brigade and post level competition.

Soldiers are asked questions in common military subjects, chain of command, and current events and are graded on military performance.

The recognition luncheon for outstanding soldiers is held the third Thursday of each month. The Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter is held every three months.

"We wanted to offer the Soldier of the Month something special, something different," said Sarah Simpson, Ice Complex marketing director. "Col. Moon has always been a supporter of the program," she added, referring to Ret. Col. John Moon, executive director of the Ice Complex.

The Ice Complex is a relatively new facility in Huntsville, with two regulation size ice rinks and three party rooms with fireplaces. It offers a variety of programs for youth and adults at every skating level.

The Huntsville Skating School at the Ice Complex offers beginning, intermediate and advanced classes and summer camps for ice hockey and figure skating.

Simpson, who earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama-Huntsville, is also a professional figure skater and private ice skating coach. She competed in several regional and sectional competi-



NEW SPONSOR—Sunde welcomes the newest community supporter of the "Soldier of the Month" program at Redstone Arsenal, Sarah Simpson, marketing director of the Ice Complex in Huntsville.

tions before turning professional and going on a year-long tour with the Ice Capades in 1996. She skated several different characters in the show that played in Canada, Puerto Rico, Mexico City and Asia.

"At first, the tour was important to me because it gave me the opportunity to skate, which I love," said Simpson. "But I realized the opportunity to discover other cultures was an experience I'll have with me always."

There are several other accomplished skaters who train at the Ice Complex, including a brother-sister pair team, Megan and Dustin Seirk, who competed at Nationals in the junior level; pair team Charles Bernard and Katie Barnhart, who competed at the Nationals at the senior level and single skater Lee Parker, who competed at the Junior Olympics.

One of Simpson's blossoming programs includes children in wheelchairs.

"The mother of a young girl in a wheelchair contacted me about having a birthday party for her daughter at the rink," said Simpson. "It was fabulous. We had 15 kids in wheelchairs on the ice. They had a great time."

Simpson hopes to create a program at the rink geared for special needs children. Public ice skating sessions at the Ice Complex are offered twice a day, Sunday through Thursday, and three times a day, Friday and Saturday.



Preparing for finals...

Standing, Darrell Brewer, RASA director of logistics and AMCOM equipment manager, joins (from left) Army Quartermaster General's CW3 Michael Toter, senior evaluator, and CW5 John O'Mara, Quartermaster proponent, for a review of Redstone Arsenal's property books. Redstone has already been named

winner of the best property book in the Army Materiel Command in the annual competition and is now being evaluated as a finalist for the Department of Defense's Supply Excellence award. If Redstone wins, local representatives will participate in Armywide ceremonies at AMC in mid-May.

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Tornado hits Fort Stewart, kills 1, injures 10

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FORT STEWART, Ga.— A tornado that struck Fort Stewart early April 9 resulted in one death, 10 injuries and extensive damage.

Dead is 51-year-old SFC Willie Woods Jr., assigned to the 24th Corps Support Group, who is from Birmingham, Ala. Woods died as a result of injuries received when the building he was in collapsed under the force of the storm winds.

Five of the injured are Army National Guardsmen who are training on the installation. Sgt. Bobby Dunlap was in critical but stable condition with rib, lung, and spleen injuries. Spec. David Williams was listed in stable condition after suffering a head injury. Dunlap and Williams are assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 111th Signal Battalion, South Carolina Army National Guard, Greenwood, S.C. and were being treated at Winn Army Community Hospital (WACH).

Sgt. Douglas Epps was medically evacuated to Savannah's Memorial Medical Center from WACH. He was being treated for injuries to his pelvis and

multiple internal injuries. He was listed in fair condition. Sgt. Jeffrey La Force was treated at WACH for an ankle injury and released. Epps and La Force are assigned to the 190th Engineer Company, Tennessee Army National Guard, Morristown, Tenn. SSgt. Danny Demoss, 268th Military Police Company, Tennessee Army National Guard from Ripley, Tenn., was treated for shoulder and arm injuries and released.

Fort Stewart soldiers injured were Sgt. Shurleen E. Wilson-Nealy, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 24th Personnel Service Battalion, and PFC Melissa A. Torrisi, B Company, 703rd Support Battalion (Main). Wilson was hospitalized for multiple trauma wounds and was listed in stable condition; and Torrisi was treated and released for a finger injury.

Three minor family members were also treated for cuts and abrasions at WACH.

Early assessments indicated more than 40 installation buildings suffered damage. The 12900 and 12700 blocks, which are troop barracks areas in Fort Stewart's

National Guard Training Center, received extensive damage. The 600 block of Fort Stewart was also heavily damaged where two buildings were flattened and several more buildings' roofs were damaged and windows broken.

The storm inflicted heavy damage to military vehicles, buildings and equipment in the 26th Support Battalion (Forward) motor pool. Post officials were working to establish an estimated value of the total damage incurred during the tornado.

In a slightly more than three-mile track across Fort Stewart, downed trees, power lines and other damages associated with the storm were common. Electrical crews were working to restore power. Cleanup crews began their job. Post officials stressed that all areas in which damage was sustained on the installation were off-limits to all personnel who were not part of the cleanup operations. (Arnews) (Fort Stewart Public Affairs release)



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FOCUS

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"The conference brought together contractors and users for presentations and discussions on new procedures, techniques and equipment improvements," said Susan Halpern, AMCOM's Kiowa Warrior Product Manager's Office. "Issues are generally highly technical."

The meeting also permit-

ted pilots and maintenance personnel to offer suggestions regarding the aircraft, she said.

"We take down all the information and take it back and get with the contractors to reach resolutions," said Halpern.

Similar conferences around the country annually focus on other aircraft.

Conference participants were welcomed to the city and state by Brig. Gen. George Walker, state assis-

tant adjutant general for the Army, and the Mayor of Tupelo, Glenn McCullough.

The highlight of the conference was the presentation of the first annual Kiowa Warrior Readiness award to the unit maintaining the highest state of readiness over the last 12 months. The award was shared by the 1/10th Cavalry Squadron, Fort Hood, Texas and the 4/7th Cavalry Squadron, Camp Stanton, Korea.

Army Reserve commander selected for Europe

SCHWETZINGEN, Germany— Army Reserve Col. Paul D. Patrick has been selected as commander of the Europe-based 7th U.S. Army Reserve Command. He is a 27-year Army veteran, with 20 years of service in the Army Reserve in Germany with the 7th ARCOM and its predecessor organizations.

His selection was among the results of the 1998 U.S. Army Reserve General

Officer Assignment Advisory Board. Since December 1995, Patrick has served as the 7th ARCOM's chief of staff. He will take over from Col. Bernard Taylor Jr. who has served as the command's acting commander since September 1997. (A 7th U.S. Army Reserve Command release)

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Options awarded under the contract include engineering services, equipment publications, new equipment training, refurbishment of four test systems, spares, and the ITAS units. Total contract value is about \$49.4 million.

Low-rate initial production was originally awarded Sept. 30, 1996 through an Alpha contracting process; and the contract option exercise followed the same path. This option marked the implementation of a cost reduction plan agreed upon among Raytheon, CCAWS Project Office, and the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles. This cost reduction plan set forth pricing guidelines and allowed the contractor to implement producibility enhancements to achieve significant unit cost reductions. These initiatives and efforts of the Alpha Team achieved a near 50 percent reduction when compared to the low-rate initial production unit price.

The Alpha concept changes the contracting process from a lengthy consecutive process and a "we/they" relationship with

the contractor to a concurrent team approach. Benefits of the Alpha process include significant contract lead time reduction, improved understanding of government requirements, improved understanding of contractor's capability, less litigation potential, and minimal negotiations.

TOW Improved Target Acquisition System is a materiel change to the current TOW acquisition and fire control subsystems. The thrust of this program is to increase target acquisition and engagement ranges, while retaining the ability to fire all configurations of the TOW missile from the M220A2 ground launcher system when used in the stand-alone mode or when mounted on the Humvee. TOW ITAS uses a second generation forward-looking infrared system, digital components, and an eye-safe laser range finder to address user-identified operational deficiencies and to provide a highly mobile, adverse weather, day/night capability for early entry forces to use to destroy threat advanced armor at greater standoff ranges in the main battle area. Key features that achieve the ITAS objectives include autoboesight, aided tracking, embedded training, and traversing unit modifications.

TOW ITAS will be fielded to the 1/7 Cavalry, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., in October. Soldiers from the 82nd came to Redstone to conduct missile



MEETING THE CHALLENGE— Some of the members of the Alpha Acquisition Team pose with soldiers from Fort Bragg and Fort Benning. From left are Doug Johnston, Alpha team leader;

Tom Hart, production; Don Kingsley, engineer; Maj. Flossie Puryear, deputy product manager; and Mike Parmenter (far right), contracts.

flights at Training Area 1, along with subject matter experts from Fort Benning, Ga.

ITAS is one of several product lines managed by the CCAWS Project Office

under the direction of Col. Roger L. Carter. The TOW ITAS product manager is Lt. Col. Earl Sutton II. (Adapted from a release provided by CCAWS Project Office.)

Humanitarian assistance lending a helping hand for Haiti

By Seth M. McMullen

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti— Every Wednesday they arrive at Brothers with a convoy of vehicles and a team of medical personnel and volunteers. They're there to help the poor of Haiti by providing medical care.

Medical humanitarian assistance visits are an important part of the U.S. Support Group's mission — to conduct civil and military operations for the betterment of the Republic of Haiti.

Since they arrived in February, the Fort Hood-based 'Triple Nickel', Medical Task Force 555, has been on approximately 30 HA missions, usually conducting six to seven a week. There are plans currently in the works to expand the number to nine a week along with three vaccination HAs.

2nd Lt. Whiteford McWaters, HA coordinator, said the training that personnel receive is invaluable. "All of our 91Bs (combat medics), get to really go through a lot of hands-on, real-world type training that they wouldn't get in the U.S. They get

to learn a lot," he said.

The only problem he's encountered is not finding adequate HA sites. "We would like to find HA sites that are more like Brothers, where they'd offer the full complement of services — everything from surgery to wound care. The problem is some sites have a lack of space, vehicle parking, and route access," he said.

SFC Ronald Knight, task force first sergeant, said doing HA missions are vital and important. "Ninety-five percent of everything we do here is geared toward the

Haitians. Either taking them in for sick call in the morning or going out to the HA sites."

Knight said the experiences here reminded him of when he first learned about becoming a medic. "It seems like the longer you're in medicine, the more you forget. When you're trained by the military in triage you're trained in trauma, immediate life-saving procedures, 'what can we do the most good for the most people?'"

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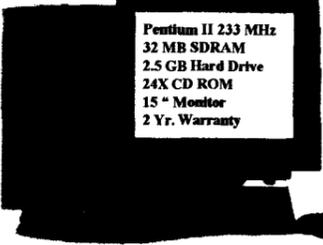
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Defense Secretary Cohen cautious on Persian Gulf progress

By Paul Stone

WASHINGTON— Servicemembers on duty in the Persian Gulf can expect to remain there — at least for now.

Although saying he hoped to reduce the size of the 30,000-member force soon, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen said progress of the U.N. inspection process ultimately will determine the timetable. In the meantime, he said, forces in the Gulf are "doing an outstanding job" and "prepared to take action if that becomes necessary."

During a wide-ranging interview with the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, Cohen said the "American people ought to be very, very proud of their (servicemembers') dedication, patriotism and professionalism that they demonstrate day in and day out."

The secretary said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is currently living up to his side of the agreement to allow U.N. weapons inspectors full and unfettered access to inspection sites — for now. But as in the past, Cohen again stressed, that's not going to be enough.

"He has to come forward with positive proof that he has in fact destroyed all of those systems that he said he once had,"

Cohen said. He was referring to Hussein's claims he has destroyed 50 warheads filled with the deadly nerve agent sarin, 25 Scud warheads, 157 bombs filled with biological agents, 130 tons of chemical agents and more than 15,000 chemical weapons.

Cohen called this a "very major element" the Iraqis must come forward with instead of trying to put the burden on the U.N. inspectors.

In the meantime, U.S. operations in the Persian Gulf and Bosnia threaten to strain the military unless Congress approves supplemental funds to support the Gulf build up.

Calling the budget squeeze a "significant problem," Cohen said unless Congress responds to a request for additional funding by May 1, DoD will have to redirect funds from other accounts, including training, readiness, and operations and maintenance. Over time, the secretary said, this could affect everything from training to procurement, as well as hiring and potential furloughs of personnel.

The House and Senate have approved separate, very different emergency military spending bills. Work on a compromise bill will wait until late April, when Congress returns from its spring recess.

Cohen said the funding is critical to both the Persian Gulf operations and the Bosnia mission, which he believes will eventually be seen as a major success story.

"We have seen many heavy armaments reduced or eliminated from that region," Cohen said. "We have seen about 300,000 active forces retired from duty there. We have seen farmers going back into the fields. We have seen houses being rebuilt. We have seen the economy starting to grow at really unprecedented rates compared to any party of the world in terms of their economic growth in the past two years."

While President Clinton has agreed not to set a new date for complete withdrawal from Bosnia, Cohen said, this does not mean troop strength there will remain at current levels.

"The forces are coming down and the mission is not being expanded," the secretary said. "We are, in fact, making good progress as far as persuading our European friends that we should have a specialized police unit that will serve as a buffer between the local police ... and the follow-on forces that come after SFOR so we don't have our armed forces conducting what are essentially police missions."

Cohen said the mission will now receive

regular reviews to determine how and the number of troops which can be withdrawn at any given time.

He is equally optimistic about bringing the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland into the NATO alliance, and said it will help spread stability and democracy through Central and Eastern Europe.

"We would have strategic depth that would be obtained by this process," Cohen said. "We have three countries who will professionalize their military, who will modernize their military and who will integrate that with NATO standards."

Cohen said their addition to NATO may help prevent future conflict in Europe, such as that which ultimately resulted in the Bosnia mission.

"If you look at the enemy, it's no longer a Soviet empire, but rather instability," Cohen said. "It's the kind of thing we saw take place in Bosnia. ... We want to see that eliminated. We think NATO enlargement will help." (American Forces Press Service)

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"There's so many people in need here, but it's not trauma. There's a few trauma cases but the biggest thing here is to go all the way back to the basics of anatomy, physiology and how systems work. It makes you realize that you can't forget the basics, you can't overlook anything," he said.

Knight said the hardest aspect for him about the HAs are the kids he sees. "One specific case is we had a kid out at Brothers who was burned from mid-abdomen down to his knees — on the front all the way around the groin and down the back.

"The parents had an open fire, had a hot pot and some kind of liquid on there. The kid was running around and he fell on top of it. He had third degree burns and normally he would be in a burn center. Here, he's at home, and is being brought to Brothers every week for us to do dressing changes.

"If he went to university hospital he'd get good care, as best as this country can

provide, but he'd still have the same dressing and no pain medications. That's the hardest thing that I've seen," said Knight.

He also said the training opportunities here are beneficial. "Absolutely. The first thing is that it's beneficial for the Haitian people. Because every hospital that comes here is probably the best medical care that will ever be in this country. We benefit because it lets us hone our skills, and it lets you see and appreciate the way things are in the U.S."

Knight said going to Brothers is different than going to the other HA sites, because it's a very, very poor neighborhood, the whole community is poor. They live in sewage, and it just seems like they're the

ones that so far, out of all the sites we've seen, need the most help.

The task force sees an average of 85 wound care cases. These include lacerations, abrasions, and surgeries that were done at a local hospital. "They come in and we clean up their wound, debrued them and cut dead tissue out," Knight said.

Dental cases range anywhere from 40-60 every

Wednesday. Primary care varies depending on how many care providers are present. "We usually see about 250-260 patients. Primary care consists of seeing infants, children, moms and dads. That's the whole realm of what you would see in a family practice office or family care clinic," he said.

Specialist Deanetta Cas-

tro, said she enjoys going on HAs because she has the opportunity to help people and receive valuable training. "We get to do things out there that we'd never get to see, much less work on back in garrison. It's a really good experience medically," she said.

The most interesting experience for her was seeing a baby that had been to

Brothers before. "I remember seeing him when he was dehydrated and we really didn't think he was going to make it. After seeing him recently, he looked so much better — that was really great to see something like that," she said. (Arnews)

(Editor's note: SSgt. McMullen is with the public affairs office with the U.S. Support Group-Haiti.)

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Munitions response team finds it pays to sweat 'small stuff'

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md.— If the Army Research Laboratory's Munitions Response Team had a motto, it could be, "We sweat the details." That's because in their work, the 'details' can sometimes mean the difference between life and death for a soldier.

The team is part of the Explosives Technology Branch of the Weapons and Materials Research Directorate at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Its primary mission is predicting how particular munitions will react to hostile threats during an attack. These threats include being hit by a variety of enemy munitions, exposure to fire, and the reaction of co-located items.

This research is a critical factor in enhancing the survivability of tanks and other weapons systems that carry stored ammunition in compartments.

The team's research is also useful for other applications such as the development and selection of munition propellants, armor development, vehicle design and construction of ammunition storage compartments.

"We touch a lot of bases," says Gould Gibbons, a chemist and a team member. However, it's the area of survivability, where predicting munition response accurately can save the lives of soldiers, that is the most detailed and exacting. Dr. Patrick Baker, a mechanical engineer with the team, points out that predicting munition response starts with looking at the response of a single grain propellant and how that behavior interacts with the other grains that make up the propellant.

"What happens with an individual grain can ultimately impact the survivability of the vehicle," Baker adds. Gibbons says that their studies always progress from single grain consideration to bulk effects.

"A grain in a particular propellant may not react to one threat, but if you hit it with a different threat, it transfers very nicely to its neighbor and the bulk effect is very serious. And that can be based on some simple parameters like grain size or shape," he explains.

Baker explains that the team's research benefits from the expertise and facilities within the various branches of WMRD. Their test methods can range from the simple and inexpensive

to the complex — from determining a propellant's explosive energy by measuring how far the explosion makes a pendulum move to very sophisticated high-speed camera work that can operate at millions of frames per second for precise measurements in explosive dynamics.

He adds that the team is now working on developing computer models of the behavior of individual grains and different shapes of propellants.

"We've worked hard to develop a wide range of capabilities in munitions response," Gibbons says. He points out that they have a wide range of threat capa-

bilities such as shaped charges, small kinetic energy penetrators and explosively formed penetrators as well as the capacity to measure the energetic response of test munitions being investigated.

"We have repeatable inexpensive and accurate measurement methods that we can provide customers," Baker adds.

Currently, the team's biggest customers are the Army Armaments Research, Development and Engineering Center and the Tank and Automotive Command. Both Gibbons and Baker say the team welcomes other customers as well.

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AER Popcorn Sale...

As part of the Army Emergency Relief fund-raising campaign, popcorn was sold April 8-9 in the Sparkman Center hallways. From left AER workers Mary Ann Caissie, Donna Blevins and Wanda McClary, Lead AMC Integration Support Office, sell Maj.

Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, a bag of fresh popcorn. Mike Ivey, director, LAISO, said he thanked the workers from his office and all the buyers who helped AER collect \$734.62 from this sale.

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The deadline to register is Sept. 5. Registration fee for individual and wheelchair participants is \$35 for entries postmarked before Aug. 1 or \$40 after. Team

fee is \$175 for entries postmarked before Aug. 1, then \$200 until Sept. 5. Ekiden-style relay fee is \$120 for entries postmarked before Aug. 1 and \$140 after.

For more information, visit the Air Force Marathon web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>, or call (800) 467-1823. The Air Force Marathon office can also be reached at DSN 787-4350. (Air Force News Service)

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"We'd like to feed in to the people working at the ground level to tell them what to do so that when they start scaling up they get the proper product," Gibbons says. "It costs a lot of money to develop a propellant and then go to full-scale production. If we can tell them early in the process what to do to help survivability, that can save them from going down the wrong road and having to start all over again."

Gibbons cites the success of their work in helping to develop survivability systems for the ammunition compartments in the M-1 tank that protects the crew and maintains survivability of the vehicle. That work is now being applied to howitzers and personnel vehicles.

"Any systems that soldiers come into contact with, we can apply these basic studies to improve their survivability in the field," Gibbons says. (Arnews) (From an Army Research Laboratory release)

Noon Bible study—The Redstone community, civilian and military, are invited to attend a Bible study held each Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Bicentennial Chapel on Goss Road. Free hamburgers will be served. For more information, call 313-6874.

Stray pet policy—Stray dogs and cats on Redstone Arsenal will be picked up and brought to the Veterinary Treatment Facility, building 3543. They will be held three working days for their owners to claim. A stray pet fee of \$5 per day will be assessed. Animals not claimed after three working days will then be available for adoption. For further information, call 876-2441, Monday - Friday, 8 - 11:30 a.m. or 1-3:30 p.m.

AER bass tournament—The Army Emergency Relief bass fishing tournament, "Bass Buddy VII," will be held April 25 from safe light (about 5:45 a.m.) until 3 p.m. at Riverwalk Marina, Decatur. "Guaranteed \$1,000 first place," a prepared release said. Participants must be 18 or older with a valid Alabama state fishing license; anyone under 18 must be accompa-

nied by parent or guardian. Cost is \$75 per boat (\$50 to total weight pot, \$25 to AER). Optional \$10 Big Bass pot; \$10 late fee at ramp; late fees go to AER. No refunds. For more information, call Gary Wilson after 4 p.m. 772-3732.

AER golf tournament—The 1998 AER Golf Tournament is scheduled May 1, with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Rain date is May 15. Registration deadline is April 28. Limited to the first 120 players to sign up. The \$35 entry fee is payable when signing up and includes cart, green fees, meal and prizes. Mulligans will be available for purchase the day of the tournament. For more information, call Ron Walton 876-7774, MSgt. Dave Madriaga 876-1157 or Nadine Manderson 842-7888.

AER car wash/cookout—The AER Car Wash/Cookout will be held 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., April 30 at the parking lot of building 5250. For more information, call Capt. Brown 842-0450.

Test/evaluation days—

The AMCOM, Test and Evaluation Management Office will host Army Test & Evaluation Days, May 12-13. The theme is "Refocusing the Direction of T&E to the Customer's Needs." Subject panels will be held May 12 at Huntsville Hilton, and May 13 at Von Braun Center. This event is sponsored by the Army Test and Evaluation Management Agency. For more information, call Michael McFalls 876-3462.

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

ASMC golf tournament—American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its annual golf tournament April 24 with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. at Redstone Golf Course. Four-member teams—to include A, B, C and D players—will play a scramble format.

There is a \$5 entry fee for non-members of ASMC; play is open to anyone who would like to participate. Mulligans will be sold at \$5 each or three for \$10. Proceeds will go toward first, second and third places. Green fees are \$14 for military and civilians, one-half cart fee \$7.50, plus a \$2 surcharge. Total fees for members are \$23.50, and \$28.50 for non-members. To sign up, call Pepper Takayama 313-2381, Jackie Shaw 876-8932 or Vern Beer 876-1136.

Red Cross blood program—Here's the Red Cross blood program schedule: Friday, April 17, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at building 4752 (NASA), Francee Logston 544-7534; Friday, April 24, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building USASSDC, Room 1C400 (Wynn Drive), Al Longhi 955-5901; Corps of Engineers, 7 a.m. - noon, Linda Merschman 895-1580; Monday, April 27, 4 - 8 a.m., building 3411, 832d Ordnance Battalion - Bravo Company, Capt. Richardson 842-0606.

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Sudden infant death syndrome— A support group is forming for those in the Huntsville/Redstone community who have been touched by the tragedy of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and infant loss due to illness or miscarriage. Its first meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. April 30 in the Bicentennial Chapel. For more information, call 876-6862 days or 864-3204 nights.

Astronomical society— The Von Braun Astronomical Society will hold a program on "Clues in Antarctica May Boost Astrobiology" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 18 at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. For more information, call 539-0316 or Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

Association of Government Accountants—The North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will hold its monthly meeting, Thursday, April 16, Marriott Hotel at the Space and Rocket Center. The meeting is scheduled to begin with social time at 5:30 p.m. and the program at 6 p.m.. Guest speaker is Col. Joe Young, AMCOM Resource Management Office, who will talk on "Effective Communication." For reservations, contact Sandra Julian 876-2300.

ANCOC class graduation—The noncommissioned officer academy will conduct a graduation ceremony, April 15, for the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course class 431-55D30-003-98, explosive ordnance disposal specialist. The graduation will be held in the graduation hall of building 3329, 9 a.m. The public is invited. For more information, call 876-7303.

Transition Assistance Workshop—Military Personnel Office is sponsoring a three-day Transition Assistance Workshop, Tuesday through Thursday, April 21-23. 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. DoD civilians, military retirees, veterans and spouses of all are also encouraged to attend. NOTE: The location of the workshop has been changed to building 3447, which is located behind Toftoy Hall. Seating is limited so you must register to attend. Should you need additional information, or to register for the workshop, please contact Marie Adams 842-6145.

Power Nite—The Master's Commission from Calvary Assembly of God church, Decatur, Ala., will present a "Power Nite," 7 p.m., April 23, Post Theater, building 3712 on Redstone Arsenal. Program contains human videos, power feats, devotional messages and other activities. Event is sponsored by the OMMCS chaplains. Public is invited. For more information, call Chaplain Lane Stockeland 842-0799.

Moms for Moms Support Group—"How to Raise a Healthier Child, Part I," will be presented from 7 - 7:45 p.m., April 16, in the Ratliff & Associates Conference Room, 1023 Old Monrovia Road, Huntsville, Ala. For more information, call Vicki Brigman 852-8623.

Sergeants Major Association—Quarterly meeting will be held April 16, at the Raddison Suites, South Memorial Parkway. All active duty and retired sergeants major are invited to attend. For more information, call SGM Hardin 876-3178.

Texas Aggies—Aggie Muster will be held at 7 p.m., April 21 at Rosies Cantina, 6125 University Dr., NW, Huntsville. Contact Mike McColpin after 5 p.m., (256) 586-7018.

Ordnance Branch—DA PERSCOM visit will be at Redstone Arsenal 7 a.m.-noon, April 20-22 to discuss individual ordnance officer issues, building 3301, DOI conference room. Officers are requested to call DSN 221-5288 or reach Capt. Flanders at <http://www.perscom.army.mil/opmd/ord/od.htm> on issues they want to discuss.

Job Fair—Army Community Service will sponsor a preparatory workshop to help teens get ready for the job fair. The workshop will be held at the Youth Center, building 3148, 6-8 p.m., for

teens of active duty and retired military, and DoD civilians. To register for the workshop, call Debra Jefferson 876-5397.

St. Louis commuter bus— The second trip to St. Louis was essentially full and showed good growth in the number of riders. As such, we are able to lower the ticket price to \$40 for a rider going one way. The round trip ticket price remains at \$55, except for extended holiday weekends, which is \$60. If the increase in riders continues, we will be able to increase bus service to every two weeks. However, don't forget, the bus may be cancelled two weeks before departure if there are not enough reservations. The

new schedule is: April 30 to May 3; May 21-25 (\$60); June 11-14; July 1-5 (\$60); July 23-26; Aug. 6-9; Aug. 20-23; Sept. 3-7 (\$60); Sept. 17-20; Oct. 8-12 (\$60); and Oct. 29 to Nov. 1. Call Dennis at 313-2406 or 464-5707 (after 6 p.m.). New riders: If you plan to park your car over the weekend at the departure lot, you must obtain a vehicle parking permit at the Provost Marshal Office (building 3453) before departure.

Reward \$200— For information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the theft of one Magitronic Pentium CPU and keyboard from the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, 106 Wynn Dr,

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Recreation tours— The Recreation Center has tickets to Graceland, the Memphis home of Elvis Presley. Platinum Tour ticket includes admission to Graceland Mansion, Elvis' planes "Hound Dog" and "Lisa Marie," the Elvis Presley Automobile Museum, and the "Sincerely Elvis" museum. Tickets are only \$15 for adults and \$9.50 for children ages 7-12; savings are \$3.50 off the regular adult admission and \$1.50 off the children's admission. Tickets may be purchased by the entire

Redstone Community. Stop by the Recreation Center Ticket Office in building 3711 for more information or to pick up a ticket price list. The ticket office is open Wednesday through Friday from 1:30 until 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. (closed on Monday and Tuesday). For more information, call 876-4531.

Education Center— The Education Center will hold the Servicemember Opportunity College Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 22 at the Officers Club. The Learning Resource Center, the MOS Library and the Fast program will be the only services available to customers at the Education Center on that date.

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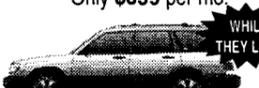
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