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With the theme 'A Community Effort'...

AER fund-raising campaign enters final two weeks



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CELEBRITY CAR WASH— Charles Ray, the equal employment opportunity officer for AMCOM, and Diane Jernigan, OMMCS protocol officer, help wash a fire truck during the "Celebrity Car Wash" fund-raiser

Thursday for Army Emergency Relief. This event was sponsored by Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Warrant Officer Association.

By Skip Vaughn

The 1998 AER fund-raising campaign is ahead of last year's at this point, but that may be deceiving.

Some fund-raising events for Army Emergency Relief are scheduled earlier this year than they were last year, according to CWO 3 Lee R. Samuelson, the campaign co-coordinator.

The AER drive raised \$23,232 by close of business April 24 which was \$3,000 more than the same time last year. The main difference came in civilian contributions which were \$2,500 over last year.

"These figures may be deceptive because different fund-raisers have been scheduled for different points in the campaign as of last year," Samuelson said. "So keep up the good work and we can make this

a true community effort."

The 11-week drive, which began March 2, is scheduled to end May 15. The goal is \$40,000.

"A Community Effort" is the campaign theme. Samuelson and his wife, Sharon, are the co-coordinators. They were also the co-coordinators for last year's drive which raised \$57,429.

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

A shining example for other MPs...

Shield man leads pack as Post Soldier of the Month for April

By Skip Vaughn

When a hostage situation requires force, Spec. Glenn Slaton will lead his fellow military policemen to the suspect.

Slaton is the shield man on the MPs' five-member Special Reaction Team, the provost marshal's version of a SWAT team. Armed with a gun and 10-15 pound protective Kevlar shield, he would be the first police officer through the door.

So when a board of sergeants major selected the tall Texan as its first choice from a handful of candidates for Post Soldier of the Month, this was all in character for Slaton.

"I feel real good because I like to set the example for some of the other soldiers and also show a little pride for a lot of the MPs," Slaton, the April winner, said. "Even though we work on shift work, we still have enough time to keep ourselves tactically and technically proficient."

Winning this postwide honor is a source

of pride for Slaton. "I always like to challenge myself," he said. "And every time I meet a goal, move up to another level for another challenge. Just basically be all I can be, and push myself as far as I can go."

Slaton, 21, is from Milford, Texas, located halfway between Dallas and Waco. In 1995 he graduated from Milford High where the 6-3, 208-pounder played football and basketball. He was selected second-team All State for wide receiver in his senior year. The oldest of four children of Glenn Russell Slaton Jr. and Andrea Pilch Slaton, he decided to join the Army in June 1995.

"I wanted to serve my country, and also I heard of the GI Bill and wanted to just see the world," Slaton said. He arrived at Redstone, his first duty station, in November 1995.

"I plan to gain my associate's (degree), attend Airborne School, and move up through the enlisted ranks," Slaton said. "I want to be a command sergeant major."

Eventually, after he leaves the Army, he

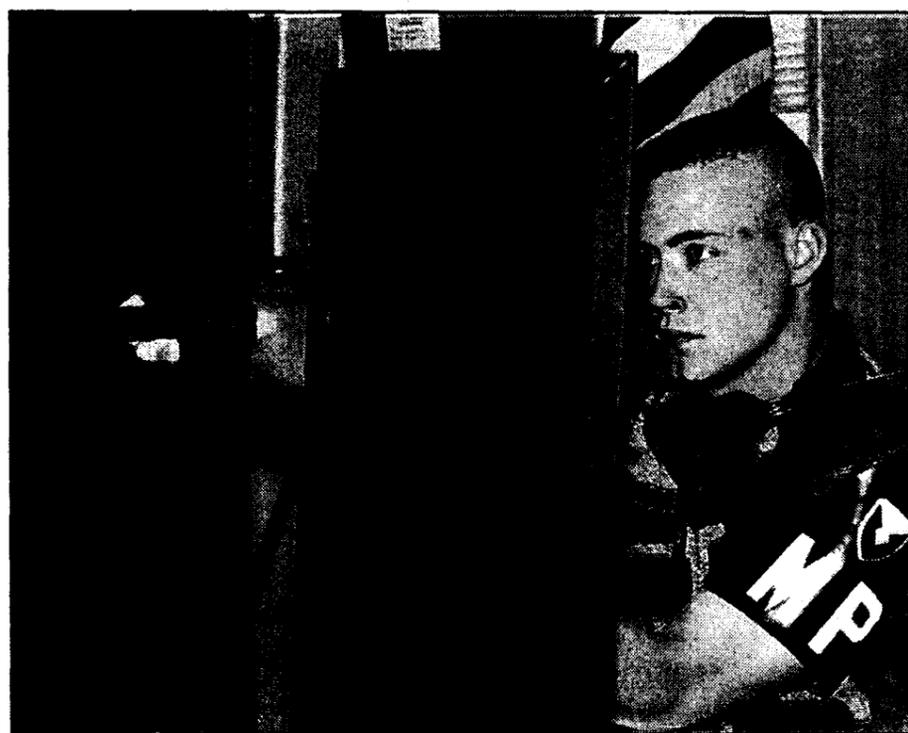


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BEHIND THE SHIELD— Slaton, a member of the MPs' Special Reaction Team, is the Post Soldier of the Month for April.

wants to work for the Department of Public Safety in Texas and "hopefully work my way up to Texas Ranger," he said.

Single, he likes working on cars and

playing football and basketball. The shield man sounds more enthusiastic discussing his dangerous job than the prospect of getting married some day.



Letters To The Editor

Letter from the commanding general marks Asian Pacific American Month

The Aviation and Missile Command will observe National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month for the month of May 1998.

Today, the face of America represents over 1.5 million Asian Pacific Americans— more than 30 racially and culturally distinct groups from Asia and the Pacific regions. They have enriched our nation and work force by their many contributions and have become an integral part of our society.

The depth and breadth of the Asian Pacific American heritage, whose communities stretch across thousands of miles, are astonishing. In the United States, the Asian Pacific American community can trace its roots to at least 25 different nationalities, more than 75 different languages, and literally hundreds of ethnic groups. Yet these Americans still have something in common— work ethic, inner strength, aspiration for order, and responsibility and allegiance to

friends, families, and their communities. They instill in each new generation a respect for educational opportunity and hard work.

This year's theme is "Pursuing Progress: One Vision— One Mission — One Voice," which illuminates the present educational challenges facing Asian Pacific American youth. Throughout the month of May, Asian cultural exhibits will be on display in building 5300, first floor, between the corridors leading to buildings 5301 and 5302. In addition, articles and trivia questions will be published in the *Redstone Rocket*.

On the occasion of this special observance, I extend my sincere appreciation to the Asian Pacific Americans of Team Redstone and the Huntsville community for their efforts in contributing to America's excellence.

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson
Commander,
AMCOM and Redstone



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CELEBRATING HERITAGE— Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone, signs the Commander's Letter for the observance of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May. Looking on are Clarenza Clark, also seated, manager for Asian Pacific

American Employment Program in the command's Equal Employment Opportunity Office; members of the observance committee, and community leaders. Clark acknowledged NASA's support and assistance.

Former CIC deputy remembered for her dedication

By Skip Vaughn

A gracious, hardworking person. Friendly, but tough when she had to be.

That's how former co-workers remember Frankie Doolittle, who retired in May 1997 from the Corporate Information Center. Doolittle died Thursday from cancer. She was 62.

Her ex-boss, Max Watson, thought so highly of Doolittle that he had nominated her for the Superior Civilian Service Award and the award was approved by the command.

"As far as I'm concerned, Frankie was the epitome of what civil service is all about. And that is: service," Watson, the corporate information officer for Aviation and Missile Command, said. Doolittle served as his deputy director until she retired last year.

Doolittle's technical knowledge kept this command "in the forefront throughout all of AMC (Army Materiel Command)," Watson said. Among other initiatives, she was instrumental in implementing fee-for-service at the Corporate Information Center. She was also involved in setting up self-directed teams and Total Quality Management at the center.

"She was certainly intelligent. She was a people-oriented person. I would say she was a consummate



Photo Lab picture

HONOREE— Doolittle, in a photo taken last year before she retired, died Thursday.

leader. She believed in empowerment of people," Watson said. "She was really a perfectionist without demanding others to be perfectionists. She was compassionate, she was fair. She's always worked hard to take care of our people in CIC (Corporate Information Center). She was a people person. Don't get me wrong: She could be tough when the situation demanded. I don't know of anyone that I'd rather have had working with me when the going got tough.

"She really knew how to proof-read a document. I would say all of

us that worked with Frankie benefited from her red-pencil skills."

Dwayne Kidd worked with Doolittle from 1970 until January 1996 when he retired. "Frankie, as far as I'm concerned, was one of the most professional, dedicated females I've ever been associated with in the civilian work force," he said.

"I considered her a personal friend, somebody I could talk to and trust and I respected her very highly as a friend and as a supervisor," Kidd said.

Jetty Baddley, a Total Quality Management specialist in the Corporate Information Center, said she recalls that Doolittle "always had a smile on her face and spoke to everyone."

Survivors include her husband, Frank, and their two daughters, Tracy and Karen. She retired with 40 years of government service. Doolittle began her career in the data processing field while employed by the Air Force at Warner Robins, Ga. She transferred to the Missile Command at Redstone in August 1965 and worked here for 32 years. During her career, she was involved in the community including working with charities.

"She was a credit to the (Information Technology) profession, the command, and also the federal civil service," Watson said.

Jax State Show Choir sings at bonds kickoff

The annual campaign for U.S. savings bonds will get a harmonic kickoff this week.

Jacksonville State University Show Choir will perform Thursday in the Sparkman Auditorium for the 1998 U.S. savings bonds campaign kickoff rally.

The show choir is to perform the National Anthem and "God Bless the USA" in addition to other popular songs during the 9:30 a.m. event. Other scheduled participants include Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, and Col. Joe Young, director of resource management.

Jane Rice Holloway, former Miss Alabama and director of the show choir, said interest in the group is at an all-time high, with more students than ever auditioning for positions. The choir will perform at many stops throughout

Alabama and Georgia during its May tour.

"The show choir serves as a group of student-ambassadors for the university, and it's interesting to note that of the 26 members, only half are music majors. The other students come from a wide variety of majors, and we're very proud of them. Their hometowns include 15 cities in Alabama and Georgia," Holloway said.

The choir set a new record for number of performances given in 1996-97, she said. Performances included productions at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center Concert Hall and at district meetings of civic clubs.

The savings bonds kickoff rally is open to the public. The Jax State Show Choir will also perform at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at NASA's Savings Bonds Rally.

Correction

An April 29 article submitted by the NCO Academy should have stated that candy and prizes for an Easter Egg Hunt were donated by Wal-Mart Supercenter 332 on University Drive which is managed by Trevor Lloyd.

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Technical test center manager believed in 'make it happen'

Meadows remembered with superior civilian service award

By Sandy Riebeling

Dedicated, passionate, trustworthy and easy going is how co-workers and clients regarded Rob Meadows, a test manager with the Redstone Technical Test Center.

Meadows died March 15 from a heart attack. He was 42.

Meadows was honored with a posthumous Superior Civilian Service Award, given to his wife, Linda, during a ceremony April 29 at Redstone.

While presenting the award, Brig. Gen. Robert Armbruster, deputy for systems acquisition, addressed Meadows' wife and daughter, Heather, with heartfelt sympathy and true admiration of a man he considered to be his own mentor.

"He was one of those rare individuals that I count as one of my mentors," Armbruster said. "He knew his job and he was able to get the job done."

Armbruster praised Meadows' "can do" attitude and dedication to the Army, pointing out that Meadows often worked late hours and weekends.

"He made the Army a better place. He is one of those people that all of us should emulate and try to be like. It is really a privilege for me personally and on behalf of the United States Army to present this award."

Meadows came to Redstone in 1985 in the Static Test Branch with the Test and Evaluation Directorate, moving to the Test Management Division in 1988. During that time, Meadows served as test engineer working on static test firing

programs, providing guidance, advice and concepts to other Directorate groups. He designed data acquisition systems that included test fixtures and prepared procurement specifications and installation, as well as assisting other engineers in the Static Test Branch on other projects.

"He was an all or nothing kind of guy," said Mike Criss, a contractor with Teledyne Brown, who worked closely with Meadows. "If he felt something was worth pursuing, he gave it everything he had."

From 1990-98, Meadows worked in the Test Management Division of Redstone Technical Test Center. He was responsible for Warhead Technology and major tests for the Javelin Weapon System development program and had 14 ongoing programs in various stages of development.

"Rob was responsible for the life cycle of missile defense," said Chuck Vessels, mechanical engineer with Warheads and Special Weapons Group. "He did it all — from concept to fielding."

Co-workers commended Meadows' ability to use comic relief to relax a tense situation.

"He could get around the emotions when things got hot at meetings. He knew just the right thing to say, at just the right time, to calm everything down and get everyone refocused," said Leah Green, a test manager at RTTC who worked with Meadows.

Meadows was also remembered for his motto, "make it happen," which was more than just a saying

— it was his life philosophy. "When he said he would take care of something, it was as good as done, and you can't say that about many people," Vessels said.

Meadows spent much of his time and effort over the past nine years developing the MPIM/SRAW or Multi-Purpose Individual Munitions/Short Range Anti-Tank Weapon.

He coordinated the Test Center planning, scheduling and resource management efforts and was instrumental in fault identification and subsequent improvements to the various program and project offices that he supported.

He was also part of a team formed to investigate the complex problems encountered during the technology demonstration phase of the programs.

"He knew his business — budgeting, managing, testing," Vessels said. "And he was super smart."

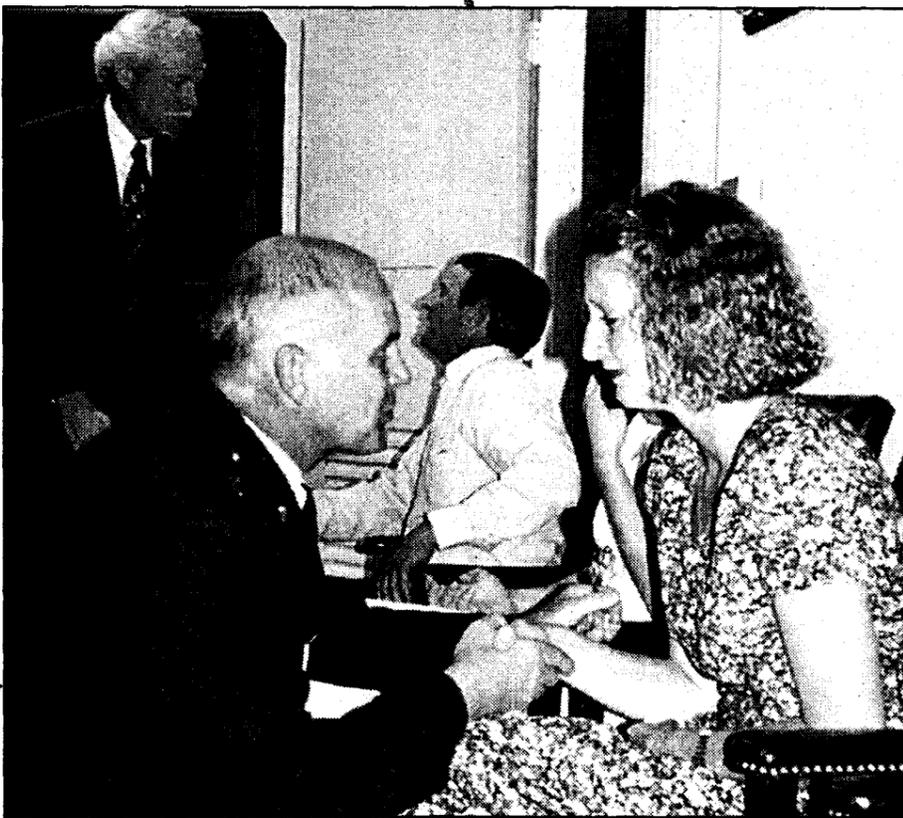


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COMFORTING WORDS— Armbruster offers words of encouragement to Linda Meadows at the award ceremony.

Meadows earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Auburn University in 1985 and a master's in business administration from the Florida Institute of Technology in 1992. He spent hundreds of hours in addition on self-

development and training activities and earned numerous performance awards and Special Act or Service awards.

He was born in Memphis but called Lowndes County, west of Montgomery, his home.

"One time we were in the bottom of an Old Dutch Freighter and Rob looked at me and asked, 'What are a couple of boys from Lowndes and Limestone County doing here?'" Vessels said.

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Full rate program launched for new tactical missiles

The Army gave approval Friday for the Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) Block IA program to enter into full rate production and to award within a month a one-year contract for production of 170 missiles.

The approval for full rate production, which was made in an acquisition decision memorandum signed by the Acting Secretary of the Army, Robert Walker, follows a successful 48-month engineering and manufacturing development phase during which 11 test flights and other technical and operational tests were conducted. The Army acquisition objective for ATACMS Block IA is 652 missiles.

The ATACMS is a long-range, ground launched missile system consisting of a surface-to-surface guided missile with an anti-personnel/anti-materiel warhead consisting of M-74 fragmentation bomblets. ATACMS missiles are used to attack targets such as surface-to-surface missile sites, air defense systems, logistics elements, and command, control and communication complexes that are well beyond the attack capabilities of existing cannons and rockets. ATACMS missiles are fired from the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) M270 launcher, and the missiles are deployed within the ammunition loads of corps MLRS battalions and/or division artillery MLRS batteries.

The ATACMS Block IA missile is designed for the "deep strike," attaining nearly twice the range of the Block I missile. The additional range of the Block IA missile is achieved by reducing the M74 bomblet payload while increasing the accuracy by integrating global positioning system components. The ATACMS Block IA, like its earlier version, is air transportable and operates in most weather conditions, day or night.

Lockheed Martin Vought Systems, Grand Prairie, Texas, is the prime contractor for the ATACMS missile.

Local Corps of Engineers wins excellence award

The U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, has been singled out as one of the Army's finest organizations. The Center is one of only six active Army units to win the Chief of Staff, Army Community of Excellence Award for 1998. The Chief of Staff ACOE award is the second level of recognition.

The top ACOE award, DoD's Commander-in-Chief winner, is Fort Carson, Colo. Only one other Corps of Engineers organization made it to the Chief of Staff-level of awards: Huntington District, W.Va. The remaining four Chief of Staff ACOE winners are Fort Benning, Ga. (last year's top ACOE winner); Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.; Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.; and 279th Base Support Battalion, Germany.

Huntsville Center has a long history of suc-

cess in the ACOE competition placing in the third level of competition as a runner-up in 1992, 1994, 1995 and 1997. But, this year's win of the Chief of Staff Award moves the Center up a notch.

Along with the Armywide recognition attached to winning ACOE, the Center will also receive a cash prize of \$200,000. But, according to Donna Rovere, who heads up Huntsville Center's "Quality" efforts, winning the ACOE competition means more than winning a few dollars.

"These are prestigious awards that very few achieve," Rovere said. "The true value lies in the process of getting an external view of our business strengths and weaknesses."

Thirteen Army organizations placed in the

third level or runners-up category this year. They include 10th Area Support Group, Okinawa; 20th Support Group, Korea; 34th Support Group, Korea; 235th Base Support Battalion, Germany; 409th Base Support Battalion, Germany; Camp Humphreys, Korea; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Knox, Ky.; Red River Army Depot, Texas; Savanna District, Ga.; and U.S. Army Hawaii.

Huntsville Center will be honored along with the rest of the 1998 ACOE winners at a Pentagon awards ceremony Thursday.

(Editor's note: This release from Huntsville Center includes information from Department of Army reports.)

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Ten selected for fast track to Acquisition exec positions

The Army deputy director of acquisition career management has announced the selection of 10 Huntsville area professionals to its 1998 Competitive Development Group, an elite team of high-potential acquisition professionals chosen to participate in a fast track program to develop future leaders for the Army Acquisition Workforce.

The selectees include Gregory Gore, Jean Grotophorst, Ameiia Hatchett, Sharon M. Johnson, Sam Lail Jr., Deborah Pinkston, Raymond Pietruszka, Mark Reavis, Steven Stegman and Richard Thorn.

Twenty-five individuals were selected from 197 applicants to participate in this specialized three-year career development program. These individuals went through a rigorous board selection process and will be provided highly selective opportunities for expanded leadership and management training as well as cross-functional experiences in the various acquisition fields.

"The Competitive Development Group is one of our major initiatives to improve the quality of the U.S. Army Acquisition Workforce. Each selectee is a highly qualified individual," said Keith Charles, deputy director, Army acquisition career management. "Through training and experience, these people will gain the knowledge, skills and abilities required to advance and perform successfully at executive management levels. We are looking to them to be our senior acquisition leaders of the future."

This year's group is the second Competitive Development Group to be chosen. Applicants were evaluated on experience, education and training. Final selections were made by a specialty convened board comprising senior-level representatives from the Army acquisition community. Selectees will have mentors to provide guidance and assist in their career development throughout the training period. Upon graduation, members

will be accessed into the Army Acquisition Corps (if they are not already members) and become eligible to compete for high-level management positions.

The Army Acquisition Corps is a specialized, trained and educated group of military and civilian Army professionals responsible for acquiring military systems for soldiers in the field. The Competitive Development Group is open to all members of the Army Acquisition Workforce at the GS-13 grade level and above.

The Army Acquisition Career Management Office is responsible for the training, education and development of the entire Army Acquisition Workforce as required by the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act. (Release from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research, Development and Acquisition.)

ID card office making rapid change to new system

The ID Card Issuing Office will soon be involved in the upgrade of the Real-time Automated Personnel Identification System (RAPIDS).

This upgrade is sponsored by the Department of Defense, in cooperation with the seven uniformed services. The upgraded system, called RAPIDS 5.0, incorporates many changes that will be beneficial to both the system users and the active-duty members, Guard and Reserve, retirees, and eligible family members of the uniformed services that it serves.

RAPIDS 5.0 will provide faster, more efficient and accurate service to sponsors and their beneficiaries. High-speed Pentium systems will be included in the upgrade, along with a flashless digital camera and a Code 39 bar code scanner. Use of the bar code scanner will allow the Verifying Official to quickly and accurately access sponsor information with a swipe of a Uniformed Services ID card.

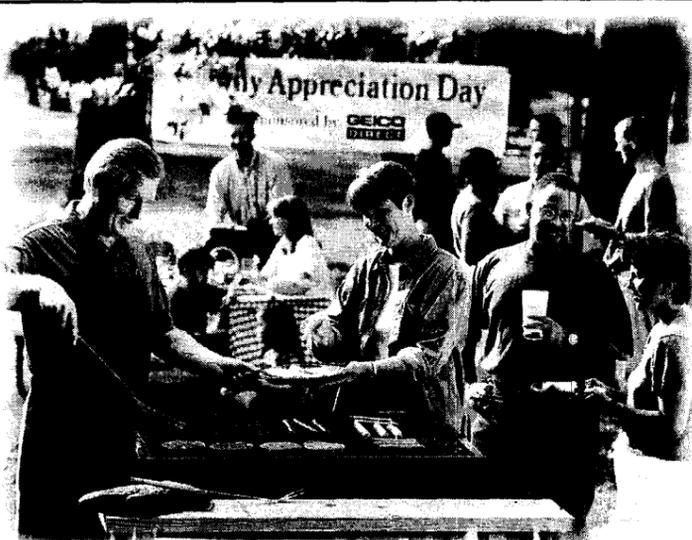
The new system will provide sponsors and beneficiaries with accurate benefit and entitlement information because all the benefit and entitlement rules are incorporated into the software. The verifying official will no longer determine entitlements; the system will—automatically. In the future when entitlement rules change, RAPIDS 5.0 will be updated accordingly and the changes quickly

reflected at the user level.

The fielding of RAPIDS 5.0 will begin at each site with installation of the hardware, followed by training. The installation and training will require the temporary closing of the ID card issuing office. Alternate locations for beneficiary use will be identified by the local facility and beneficiaries will be notified, in advance, of the alternate site(s). The disruption of service for equipment installation and operator training for this new system is necessary and will be kept to a minimum.

The Identification Card Issuing Facility at Redstone will be closed May 26-27 for installation and training on new ID Card issuing equipment and software. The facility will be unable to issue ID cards at all during this two-day period. All retirees, active duty, Reserve, and Guard personnel and their family members should ensure that ID cards expiring May 26 and 27 are reissued prior to the expiration date. The facility plans to reopen for business at 7:30 a.m. May 28; however, installation problems may require closure for an additional day. Please call that office May 28 before visiting.

For more information, call Sharon Richardson or Charles Ham at 842-2416. (Release provided by Military Personnel Office.)



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Defense industry exhibitors show their wares

'98 symposium scheduled May 11-13 at Von Braun Center

By Sandy Riebeling

Manufacturing technologies is the focus of the South's premier symposium and exhibit, TABES '98, at the Von Braun Center, May 11-13.

The Technical and Business Exhibition/Symposium provides a unique opportunity for personal contact with corporate CEOs, aerospace engineers, defense program managers, buyers, hardware and software developers, scientists, administrators, trainers, and other key decision-makers from institutions worldwide.

"Advancing on the Future" is the theme for the event, which will address critical issues in meeting the new challenges of being competitive in future market environments. Specific areas include aerospace technologies, defense capabilities, business/industry organization trends, manufacturing technologies and training a competitive work force.

"A new addition this year to TABES will be the display of military and space hardware developed here in Huntsville," said J. Richard Fisher, this year's general chairman of the

event. "Besides the symposiums, we'll have 300 exhibitors showing their wares."

Virtual reality

Attendees can also experience virtual reality firsthand, throughout the conference, set up at two separate booths. Traditionally, the event, sponsored by the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies, boasts defense, space and business symposia and an additional symposium geared to the yearly theme of the conference which is manufacturing technologies, this year.

"Our goal is to educate the community on our manufacturing techniques in aviation and missilery," said Dr. Wanda Hughes, co-chair of the defense symposium offered from 9-11:30 a.m. May 12.

Dr. Lance Davis, deputy director, Defense Research and Engineering, Office of Laboratory Management/Technology Transition, will highlight the importance of employing mature technology processes in the production of defense weapons systems.

Covering manufacturing technology for Army aviation and missiles will be Dr. Richard Amos, acting

director, Systems Engineering and Production Directorate, MRDEC. He will give an overview of manufacturing research and development efforts of the Army, to assure both the availability and affordability of aviation and missile systems.

Jim Corwin, president of James Corwin Associates Inc., will discuss the automated deburring of helicopter gears through the Army's ManTech program.

Alternate plating finishes for printed circuit boards is the topic of discussion for Dr. Wayne Johnson, director, Laboratory for Electronics Assembly and Packaging, and professor at Auburn University.

Ronnie Chronister, chief, Manufacturing Science and Technology Division, System Engineering and Production Directorate, MRDEC, will cover the electronic circuit board manufacturing development center.

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, will conclude the defense symposium with

closing remarks.

Hardware display

The THAAD and Patriot missile systems, along with other missile systems and hardware, and helicopters will be on display throughout the conference.

"There will be a lot of information about SBIR," said Fisher, referring to Small Business Innovative Research, "including opportunities and how to write proposals."

SBIR sessions will be both May 12 and 13.

The space symposium will be afternoon May 12, with guest speakers from NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center. May 13's lineup includes the business symposium with presentations from prominent individuals representing government and industry. And afternoon May 13, the manufacturing symposium will feature speakers who are experts in their fields, including Small Business Innovative Research.

TABES is free and open to the public. Pre-register online at www.tabes.org or register at the door.

Spouse Appreciation Day 1998...

Military spouses thanked on special day, May 8 by CG

The following memo on Spouse Appreciation Day is from Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal:

"The Secretary of Defense has designated Friday, May 8 as Spouse Appreciation Day. On this day, we recognize and honor a very important member of the Army team—spouses.

"From deployment, through permanent change of station moves, to realignment and downsizing, our spouses provide stability to our home life and the encouragement needed to meet any challenge. Our dedicated husbands and wives represent the best of the family lifestyle.

"Spouses have a long tradition of community involvement, from employment or homemaking, to thousands of volunteer hours assisting local agencies, organizations, and neighboring families. They fill our homes and communities with a sense of purpose, compassion and commitment.

"There is no way to adequately thank our wonderful counterparts for their involvement, enterprise, dedication and sacrifice on behalf of families, communities and the nation. For all their contributions, we honor them on this special day.

"On behalf of the entire Redstone Arsenal community, I am proud to recognize the military spouse as a vital element in the defense of the United States of America. I also urge each of you to personally thank your spouse for the important role he or she plays in complementing your life," the memo concluded.



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Retiree remembered as trailblazer... Draper was among first Redstone workers

His family remembers him as a trailblazer. He was among the first African-American workers at Redstone Arsenal in the early 1940s.

Dave Draper Sr., who retired from Redstone in 1974 after 32 years of government service, died April 27 at Huntsville Hospital. He was 74. The funeral service was held Sunday at the Beirne Avenue Church of God in Christ where Draper was pastor. Burial was in Valhalla Memory Gardens Cemetery, with Royal Funeral Home in charge.

In 1963 Draper became the pastor of the New Market Church of God in Christ, which eventually moved to Huntsville and became the Beirne Avenue Church of God in Christ. Draper served in many capacities in his church, including superintendent of the Huntsville District Churches of God in Christ and as a member of the Executive Board of Directors of the Church of God in Christ, Alabama Jurisdiction I.

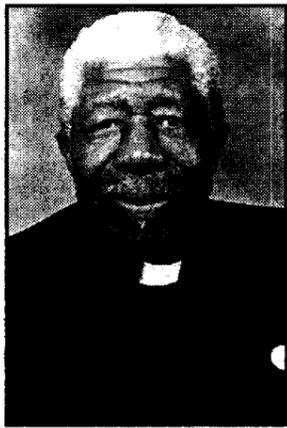


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IN REMEMBRANCE— Draper, shown in a photo taken last year for his church's "Pastor Appreciation," died April 27.

He conducted a radio broadcast on WEUP for more than 30 years, and worked for many years with prison inmates and juvenile delinquents in the Madison County court systems.

In 1942 Draper was an 18-year-old sharecropper living in Farley, just north of the Tennessee River. He applied for a job at the newly-established Redstone Arsenal and was hired.

"We remember him now

as a trailblazer for he, along with others, paved the way for African-American employees currently in the work force," the Draper family said in a prepared release.

Draper was honored in 1995 with the "Trailblazer Award" from Blacks in Government.

Survivors include his wife, Willie Mae Draper of Huntsville; a daughter, Betty Damper of Erie, Pa.; two sons, Dave Draper Jr. and Jesse Draper, both of Huntsville; four sisters, Odie Watson of Tacoma, Wash., Nancy Phillips of Washington, D.C., Elnora Griffin and Beulah Draper, both of Madison; six brothers, Elton Draper and Oscar Draper, both of Huntsville, Albert Draper and Alton Draper, both of Madison, John V. Draper and Alfonso Draper, both of Chattanooga; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that any donation be sent to the Dave Draper Sr. Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 3922, Huntsville 35810.

Yard of the Month competition ready to bloom for family housing area

Spring's arrival also brings the post Yard of the Month awards program.

This program, which runs from May through September, is to promote beautification within the family housing and troop barracks areas.

Four family housing quarters will be selected each month, based on general appearance— building, lawn, policed areas, flowers, shrubs, etc. — initiative, and originality. One award is presented in each of the following categories: officer, senior enlisted, junior enlisted single/duplex, and junior enlisted multi-plex.

There will also be one troop unit winner selected each month. These include barracks buildings for unaccompanied personnel which house one or more units responsible for a specified area.

Judges may, at their discretion, select quarters/units for honorable mention.

Family housing quarters and troop units may win Yard of the Month twice a year but not for consecutive months. There are no limitations on honorable mention selections.

The family housing winners receive a certificate of appreciation, display of the Yard of the Month winner sign, announcement in the Redstone Rocket, gift certificates/coupons provided by the Post Exchange, and an 8x10 color photo of the award ceremony. The photo will be displayed in the housing management division office and the mall area of the PX.

Troop unit winners receive all of the aforementioned excluding the PX certificate/coupons. They will instead receive a \$200 deposit in the unit fund.

An honorable mention certificate is delivered by the housing NCO-in-charge.

The four-member judging committee includes an appointee by the AMCOM first sergeant, an appointee by the OMMCS first sergeant, a volunteer from the Officer and Civilian Women's Club, and a volunteer from the Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club. Judging dates include May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17 and Sept. 14. (Adapted from a release submitted by the Housing Management Division.)

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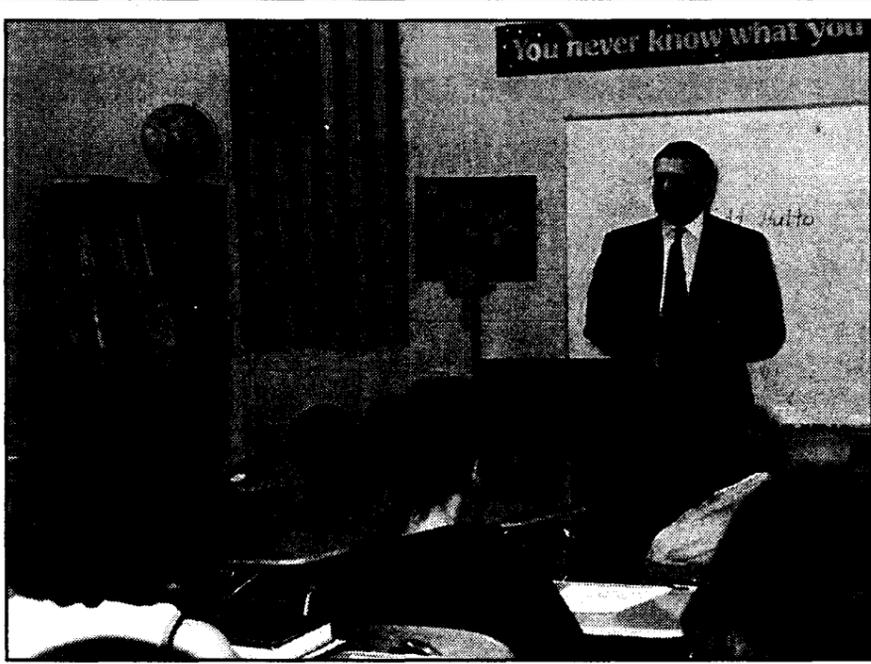


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Career Options ...

Todd Hutto, director of management and operations, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, presents a talk on "Careers in the Government" to eighth-grade students at Harvest Middle School. Hutto participates in the command's Speakers Bureau program, which regularly provides motivational speakers to area civic organizations and schools.

Defense electronic-mail systems changing for the 21st century

By Bob Cole

In this world of megabucks, microseconds, talking cars, unbelievable surgical successes, and crisp, color photographs transmitted from Mars to anxious scientists on Earth by an 18-inch robot, there remains at least one major detail with which brainpower and technology continue to grapple. None can figure out how to get the world's computer clocks to turn over to the year 2000. Not yet anyhow.

Redstone faces the year 2000 with this among other major needs to resolve. A Department of Defense directive mandates all sites convert to the planned Defense Messaging System (DMS) by that date. What's more, the Army Materiel Command has its own information architectural plan in which they recommend migrating to the Microsoft Exchange System (MES).

Because of security reasons and other factors, Redstone is limited to choose from only three DMS-compliant messaging systems. Approximately 20 percent of existing Redstone systems use the Microsoft Exchange.

So what does all of this mean to Redstone Arsenal personnel? The answer is "a lot."

One sure thing it means is that our existing E-Mail systems, which reach eight in number, need a major overhaul.

'You might say we are taking the elephant one bite at a time.'

— Randy Gutscher
Corporate Communications,
Technology Integration Directorate

Randy Gutscher, chief, Corporate Communications, Technology Integration Directorate, whose office is saddled with the conversion responsibility, shed some light on the subject.

"We are now in a third generation E-Mail system here, and the marketplace is in the fourth generation," Gutscher said. "We need to migrate toward the new system."

"Originally, there was no central system at Redstone. What we now have is a collage of a number of years of collecting a diversity of systems."

Gutscher said differing systems have difficulty interfacing.

"This adds to failed mail messages and a large maintenance overhead," he said. "Effectively, we've been providing maintenance for eight different systems and more than 70 'cc:MAIL' post offices. Each post office must be babysat by a server. We should have about one-fifth of that and a system administrator for each site."

Such changes would substantially reduce over-

head costs of existing programs as well as in the number of personnel.

"From the standpoint of overall costs, downsizing in numbers makes sense," Gutscher said.

"But in order to reduce downtime, this command also needs a one product E-Mail system. It is mission-essential we do so."

Redstone needs \$1.75 million to install a failsafe operation to serve up to 800 users. That's a lot of money, especially during a period of growing budget awareness.

"We are on a timetable," Gutscher said. "Our strategy and a milestone plan have been approved and presented on several occasions to various audiences. What we now need is the necessary funding to maintain compliance within the next 18 months."

"You might say we are taking the elephant one bite at a time," he said.

Meanwhile, the world's computer scientists keep looking at their own clocks. They, too, are running out of time.

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Arbor Day plants fruitful memories for local youngsters

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Story and photos by Bob Cole

Tree planting ceremonies aren't for adults, deputy post commander Col. Duane Brandt noted before the sixth annual Arbor Day celebration April 24 in the post housing area.

Shortly thereafter, 18 eager 3 to 5-year-olds from the Child Development Center reinforced that observation.

During a brief program which followed, emotions among the enthusiastic young participants ranged from wide-eyed enthusiasm to at least temporary trepidation among some about whether Smokey is a real bear.

The children arrived by bus under the watchful eyes of a half dozen attentive adult chaperones. They quickly received an area tour conducted by forester Jesse Horton and instruction in fire prevention from Ruff, who represents Redstone's Fire and Emergency Service. Then they sang for the gathering, which included a healthy-sized turnout of adults.

Among others, Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer and Brandt spoke briefly, then joined the children and Smokey the Bear to put the finishing touches on another major addition to Redstone's growing collection of dogwoods.



DIGGING IN— Enthusiasm helps and these willing helpers join hands to cover the roots of a new arrival in the base housing area.

Smokey didn't give a speech, but had a lot of good things to say about preservation and fire prevention through his actions as a representative of the State Forestry Commission. Later, the children received an unexpected reward—apple juice and cookies. "This is a part of the program they can really identify with," said an adult chaperone.

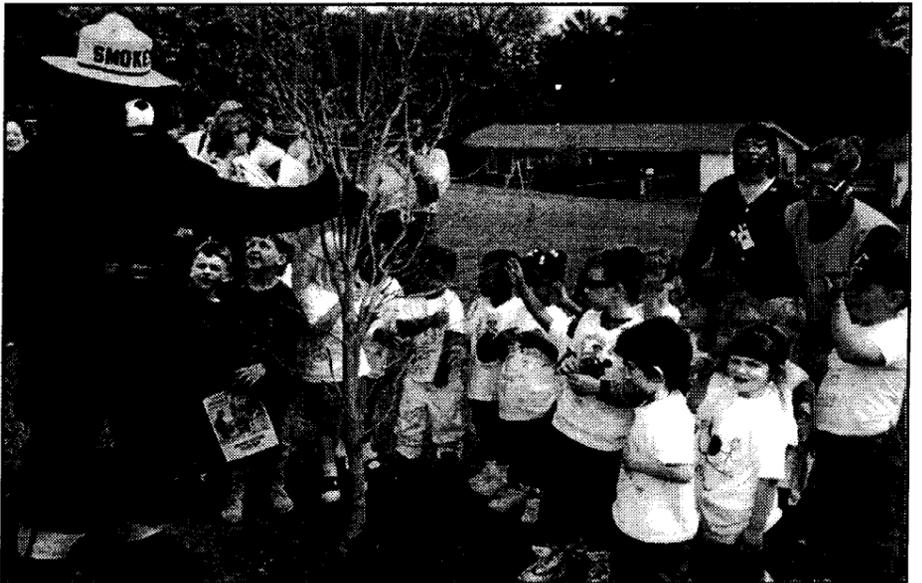
Most present readily

acknowledged it was a day for all to remember, as was beautiful weather befitting any occasion.

"Today's ceremony was not about planting trees for adults to look at and admire," Brandt said. "It is about the future and of our children. It is about how well we educate them about the environment and how they can learn to respect and protect our natural resources."



RUFFING IT OUT— Child Development Center 3 to 5-year-olds started an Arbor Day celebration by learning about fire prevention from Ruff, Redstone's resident teacher.



SMOKEY LENDS A HAND— This new dogwood and Smokey the Bear receive special attention from these wide-eyed onlookers.

Arbor Day celebrations began here in 1993. They symbolize an overall effort

to inform and educate post personnel about preservation of the environment

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Sexually transmitted diseases infect millions nationwide

By Barbara Anderson

April is a month of many national observances which center our attention on the health of our youth. Of these, one is National Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Awareness Month. About 12 million people from all walks of life become infected with an STD every year.

Compared to older adults, adolescents and young adults are at higher risk for acquiring an STD. Chlamydial and gonorrhea infection rates in men and women are highest in the 15 to 19 year old age group. In the United States infections due to chlamydia are the most prevalent of all STDs. Syphilis also remains an important problem in youth.

Youth at risk

Research has shown multiple risk factors for our youth. During the past 20 years, the age of initiation of sexual activity has steadily decreased and the age at first marriage has increased. A young person is more likely to have multiple sex partners than a single or long-term relationship. The young person is more likely to have a general lack of knowledge and awareness about the risk and consequences of STDs. The young person may be more likely to engage in unprotected sex and may select partners who are at higher risk of being infected with an STD.

Youth may experience barriers to quality STD prevention services that the adult population may not experience. For instance, there may be a lack of insurance or ability to pay, lack of transportation, concerns about confidentiality and discomforts with facilities

and services that may be designed for adults.

Using protection

Healthcare providers, educators and parents should understand the risks, consequences and risk reduction measures of STD infection so they can counsel all youth. Not having sex is the only sure way to avoid becoming infected with an STD. If this is not an option, sex is considered safe when both partners are free of STDs, remain mutually faithful, and don't use injectable drugs. Learning the proper way to use a barrier (condom) and using it for each sexual encounter can lower the risk for infection. Limiting the number of sex partners decreases the risk for becoming infected. Young persons also need to understand birth control methods are not always protection against becoming infected with an STD.

Each STD can affect the body and cause complications in different ways. For instance, a serious or untreated gonorrhea infection in men may cause sterility, arthritis and scar tissue formation in the urethra (tube through which urine is discharged). In young women, gonorrhea may lead to scar tissue in the uterus and fallopian tubes (Pelvic Inflammatory Disease) which may lead to sterility and ectopic pregnancy (pregnancy outside the uterus requiring surgical termination). Gonorrhea can also cause meningitis, heart disease and death. Understanding the risks and consequences of an STD infection is critical to making behavioral changes that decrease or eliminate risk for infection.

A valuable step toward STD prevention and control

is getting early treatment to prevent complications and spread of the infection. STDs do not go away on their own and they are not treatable with any over-the-counter remedies. Sexually transmitted diseases require diagnosis and treatment by a health care facility.

Symptoms

A woman is more likely to be without symptoms of an STD than a man. Frequently, the woman's first clue that she has an STD is learning that her sex partner is infected. It is important to be evaluated for an STD by a health care facility for symptoms such as burning

on urination, any unusual discharge, sores (which can be painless or painful), itching in and around the sex organs, or any new lump or bump, skin change, or lesion. In women abdominal pain may mean chlamydia or gonorrhea has progressed to pelvic inflammatory disease. Thus, periodic health checkups should also mean screening for unsymptomatic STDs in both sexes.

Embarrassment or confusion about symptoms should not prevent anyone from seeking medical advice. Treatment is confidential. Anyone can receive free evaluation and treatment at their local health

department. In many states minors can be evaluated and treated without parental consent. At the Madison County Health Department an adolescent can be treated for an STD at age 14 without the consent or knowledge of the parent. Active duty military can be seen at the Troop Medical Clinic during sick call. Other military beneficiaries can call the Fox Army Health Center (FAHC) triage nurse at 955-8888 and follow instructions for scheduling an appointment.

April is the month all parents, educators and healthcare workers should launch an all-out effort to

educate youth on their risk for becoming infected with an STD, their risk for developing complications from untreated infections, and what they need to know to prevent or lower their risk for becoming infected.

For more information call Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center and ask to speak to one of the nurses at 842-0196.

(Editor's note: Anderson is community health nurse at the Public Health and Education Center, MED-DAC.)

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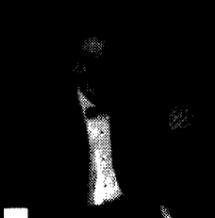
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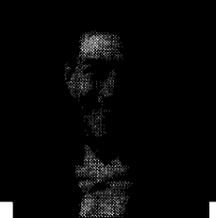
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Sports & Recreation

Bicycle tide rolls across state on... BAMA '98 ride in June

By Jim Wylie

Bicycle Across Magnificent Alabama (BAMA) is a yearly event that now includes over 200 riders. The BAMA '97 ride took place on June 7-13, 1997 from Dothan, Ala., to La Fayette, Ga., a distance of 430 miles.

I didn't start out planning to ride across the state on a bicycle. I happened to see a blurb in The Huntsville Times on the then upcoming BAMA '97 and showed it to my 14-year-old son, Erik, who enjoyed mountain bike riding. Surprisingly, he asked

me if we could go. Ride 430 miles across the state? Why, I hadn't done that since a 200-mile ride along the Atlantic coast in Virginia over 20 years ago on a dare while in the Navy.

The more I thought about it, the more appealing the idea became. Why not? It would be a unique way to see the state of Alabama, to bond with my son for a week, and to get some fresh air and exercise. With some misgivings on my part, we prepared for the weeklong trip. Would we be able to make it the whole way, I wondered? We took a couple of 10-mile practice

rides and gathered our gear together. On the advice of the local bike shop, we substituted thin tires for the wide "knobby" ones on our mountain bikes.

Bright and early on Saturday morning, June 7, we gathered at the local "Y" along with 200 fellow riders and loaded up bikes and gear onto the truck. The truck would carry our gear down to Dothan, the starting point and then from one night's stop to the next. Our bikes would only have to carry items needed during the day, as well as snacks and drinks. We rode a chartered bus to Dothan, know-

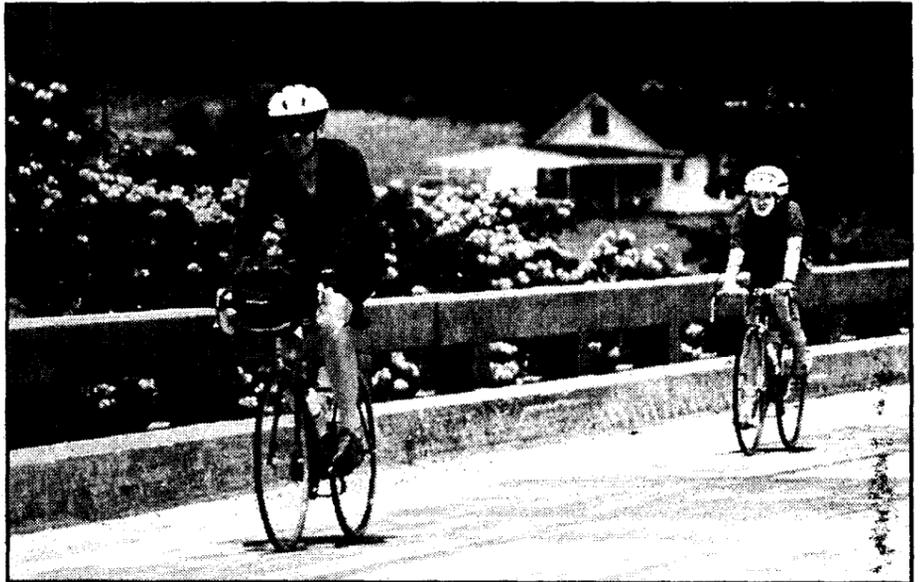


Photo from BAMA staff

SCENIC VIEW— NASA engineer Joe Chamlee rides with his daughter Laura during the inaugural BAMA in June 1995 on Hobbs Island Road.

ing that each mile traveled would be made up again under our own power. After camping in the Westpark Gymnasium for a restless night, the adventure began. The local media saw us off. See BAMA on page 20

Get in gear with good advice

By Thomas Papetti

Here are hints for an enjoyable ride: Make frequent stops to enjoy the sights of nature, to cool your feet in a stream, to visit a country antique shop, to see a historical site, etc.

Stop at small-town cafes for lunch, and talk to the local folk. When you see bicycles outside a restaurant, join the crowd.

Ride fast enough that you don't spend all day on the bicycle. Keep your pedals moving. You will find that your daily limit is measured in hours, not miles. Start early, and do most of your riding in the morning.

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Sports & Recreation

AMCOM team puts spike into volleyball title

Unit captures post championship with unbeaten season record

By Donald Sparks

After breezing through the regular season undefeated, Aviation and Missile Command head volleyball coach Tony Madero wasn't ready to relax just before the playoffs.

Despite his team's 12-0 record, he knew that during the playoffs on any given night, a team could come up lucky.

Not against his squad, however. Picking up right where they left off, AMCOM defeated C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion to capture the post intramural volleyball championship April 29 at Pagano Gym.

The win left AMCOM with an overall 15-0 record for the entire season. C Company finished with a 10-6 mark.

Led by strong net play from Frederick Dubose and Jason Gilmer, AMCOM quickly defeated C Company 15-0 and 15-5.

The tandem dominated the net right as they delivered several well-placed points and blocked all of C Company's spike attempts.

Despite beating C Company earlier in the tournament, Madero knew they would come to the title

game with more adrenaline and hunger.

"When we played them the other night, they gave us a good fight," Madero said. "They have come a long way since the beginning of the season, so we knew we had to be ready to play."

Throughout the season, Madero emphasized to his team to concentrate on three basic principles—bump, set and spike.

"We try to run with two setters to set up the spike," he said. "I just want to thank all my players for coming to practice and giving their all."

He credited his season success to good team chemistry and outstanding play from several rookies on the squad, such as Dubose.

"Gilmer, one of our veteran players, was our team most valuable player. He was the heart of our team and he kept us motivated," Madero said.

Having never played organized volleyball competition, Dubose was a natural on the court.

"I just came out to do whatever I could to help my team and unit win," Dubose said.

Although his team didn't capture the championship, C

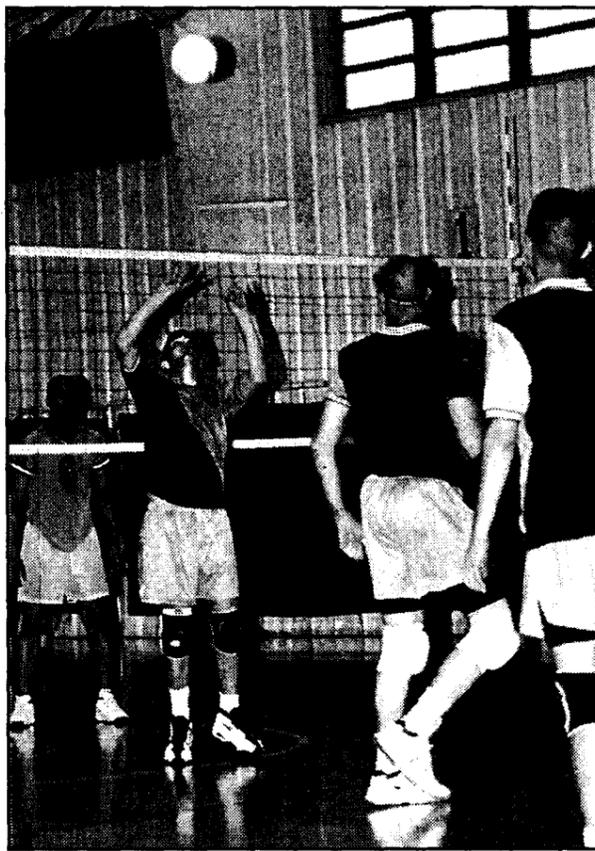


Photo by Donald Sparks

SETTING UP— Madero, center, sets up a volley for an AMCOM teammate to spike during championship action.

Company head coach Andrae Crawford was happy with his team's effort.

"Today we just wanted to have fun on the court. In the end we didn't come out on top, but in our hearts, we

did," Crawford said. "Second place is better than nothing at all."

(Editor's note: Sgt. Sparks is NCO-in-charge at the SMDC Public Affairs Office.)

Ladies golf group holds tournament on post

Ernestine Anderson won the Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association's annual Spring Handicap Tournament, April 29.

Thirty-six members participated on a day of threatening weather. Gloria Cupples was the event chairman.

Here are the winners:

- Overall— Ernestine Anderson
- 1st Flight— Elaine Owen, first place; Marie Maksimowski, second; Elke Napier, third.
- 2nd Flight— Linda Thompson, first place; Bev Van Oostrum, second; Betty Hosier, third.
- 3rd Flight— Ernestine Anderson, first place; Bev Payne, second; Dee Thones, third.
- 4th Flight— Kathy Newton, first place; Pat White, second; Wana Orr, third.
- 5th Flight— Jo Miller, first place; Gloria Cupples, second; Betty Butler, third.
- Longest drives— Wana Orr and Jodi Terek.
- Closest to the pin— Marie Maksimowski, Bev Van Oostrum and Wana Orr.

Beboppers team wins bowling league title

The Beboppers team has finished atop the RASA Bowling League.

Here are the final standings for the 15-week Tuesday night league: Beboppers, 40-20; What Ever, 36-24; Misfits, 34.5-25.5; Just Havin' Fun, 30-30; Strike Force, 29.5-30.5; Four for Kids, 26-34; John's Crew, 23-37; Kids at Heart, 21-39.

Top scores for April 28

included the following:

- Men— Harold Manley, 212 scratch game; Jim Lin, 582 scratch series; George Thaler, 238 handicap game; and Alton Craig, 631 handicap series.
- Women— Delores Craig, 192 scratch game; Patti Lin, 512 scratch series; Karen Bender, 220 handicap game; and Nancy Keeton, 588 handicap series.

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By Yvonne Coleman McGuire

In 1986, the face of Morale, Welfare and Recreation began to change. The MWR Task Force recommended MWR become more businesslike. The Task Force concluded, among other things that the accounting process was costly and did not provide responsive service to customers. Also, Army and Air Force club members voiced concern about having to cancel and rejoin clubs when making perma-

nent change of station moves, and not being able to use their club membership card for worldwide charging.

In 1991, all Air Force bases implemented the club membership card program. Based on the Air Force's successful experience and positive feedback from customers, the Air Force contract was expanded to include Army installations in the fall of 1995.

Beginning May 4, the Redstone Arsenal MWR family of programs, clubs

and services will be accepting applications for the new MWR card. The system will be fully implemented by June 30. This new card will replace the existing Officers Club membership card. It will also be required for Golf Course annual fee users, Flying and Saddle activities' dues and fees, respectively. The MWR card may be used at, billeting, the Trailblazer Guest House and MWR activities accepting charge/credit cards to include: Soldatenstube, JOC, Bowling Cen-

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business activity accepting charges, or at any commercial outlet. However, monthly membership dues and annual fee charges will be billed to those members/users of the Officers Club, Golf Course, Flying and Saddle activities.

And, as always, the MWR team looks forward to serving you.

(Editor's note: McGuire is MWR sales and marketing director.)

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The goal here is really to keep the torque down. Toe clips/straps are a great benefit, and help you maintain a "circular" pedal stroke, applying power for 360 degrees, as well as keeping the ball of your foot positioned properly on the pedal.

If you need a break after exerting yourself on a steep hill, LEARN TO REST WHILE MOVING. You will stay much cooler; if you stop, you will heat up rapidly, and are also likely to get leg cramps upon restarting. Stay on your bike and keep your legs moving, but ease up. If you need to rest part way up a hill, and a level parking lot or side street is convenient, circle for a couple of minutes while you catch your breath.

If you will be riding a mountain bike, installing high pressure, narrow, slick tires will make the ride MUCH easier. You should check your tire pressure daily.

I have taken groups of Boy Scouts ages 11 through 18 on trips more difficult than BAMA '98, and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves in every case. These trips were experiences that they will remember for their lifetimes, and in several cases, the trips were accomplishments which set boys to confidently reaching for success in many of life's endeavors.

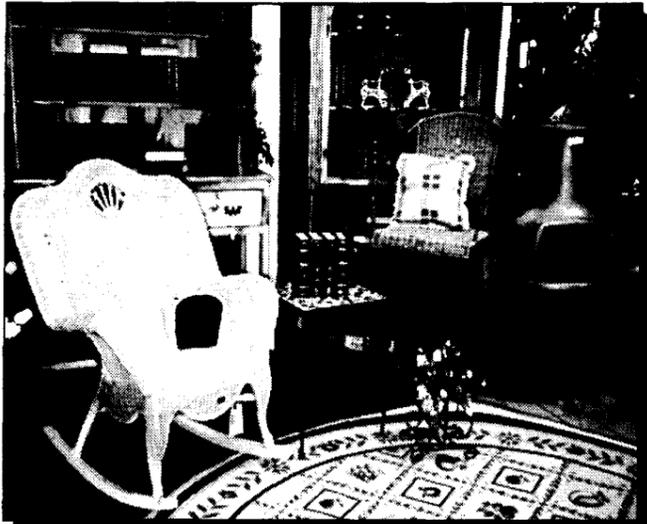
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(Editor's note: Papetti is a physicist with Technology Development Corporation, a contractor at Army Missile Optical Range.)



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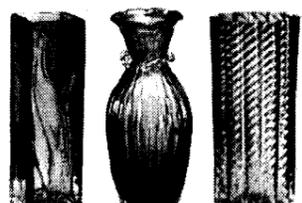


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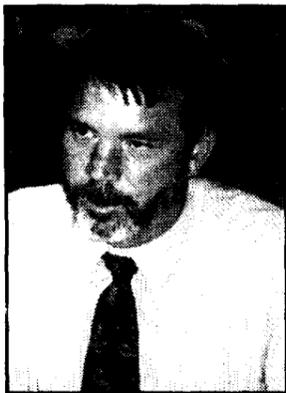
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Freighter and Rob looked at me and asked, 'What are a couple of boys from Lowndes and Limestone County doing here?' Vessels said. 'We always joked about being farmers and going back to chasing cows for a living.'



ROB MEADOWS

Work at the RTTC took Meadows to all parts of the world, meeting with clients, contractors and customers. His wife was able to go on a number of those trip with him, after their two children, Heather, 21, and Rob Jr., 25, had grown up.

'We went to England, Paris, all over the United States,' said Linda Meadows, 'and we were planning

to go to Scotland this summer. Rob really wanted to see it... I guess things change.'

'I'm not really sure what he did,' said Meadows' daughter, Heather, at the ceremony. 'I know he was really good at blowing up things. It was very cool. He was the best.'

More than just a good business man, Meadows'

co-workers and clients considered him a friend.

'There were people calling from all over the world, sending flowers and offering their condolences and trying to make arrangements to fly in, in time for his funeral,' Vessels said. 'I don't think his family really realizes how many lives Rob touched — how many lives he made better.'

'It's sad,' said Green, 'to think that his family will attend the ceremony and feel like they are with a room full of strangers. It's not really true.'

'Rob brought his family to work with him every day. We feel like we know them. They are really a part of our RTTC family, through Rob.'

BAMA

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as we began the 60 miles to the Farm Center at Clayton. This was followed by nightly stops in Auburn, Alexander City, Anniston, Gadsden, Sequoyah Caverns and the endpoint, La Fayette, Ga.

The ride was a combination of exhilarating stretches, beautiful scenery, exhausting uphill climbs, disheartening downpours and interesting local 'color.' The daily rides, which averaged 60 miles, were interspersed with many impromptu stops to view a local point of interest, to stop for lunch, or just take a well-earned break and socialize. During each day, the riders would set their own paces, and the group would be strung out for miles. Often, Erik and I traveled miles before we were passed by a fellow rider or passed one in turn. After the first day, our bodies became acclimated to the rigorous exercise.

Camping inside school gyms, eating in small, out of the way restaurants and talking to fellow riders from across the country kept things lively. We met quite a few colorful and interesting people on the ride, both fellow riders and people in the small, rural towns along the way. Erik surprised me with his tenacity—he rode every mile, even when others found the SAG (Support And Gear) wagons more inviting than riding in the rain. There were only a few times along the way where I was concerned about his being in traffic—the route for the most

part avoided heavily trafficked roads — but my fears proved unfounded. Imagine his pride when he returned to school in the fall and reported on 'what I did on my summer vacation'! Would we do it again? BAMA '98 or Bust!

Here are comments and observations of other local Redstone employees who took part in the event:

James Oliver works for the Systems Simulation Directorate of the Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. He is the logistics director of BAMA and a member of BAMA's board of directors. For me, it is very simple. I ride BAMA because it is fun," he said. "I like to see things, do things, meet people, and have fun. I can see more, do more, meet more, and have more fun on a bicycle than I can in a car."

Joe Chamlee is an engineer for NASA who has served on the BAMA planning staff. "I took my daughter because she was enthusiastic about going, although she was not sure she could complete the ride," he said. "Laura was only 11 when she rode on the first BAMA ride. She thoroughly enjoyed it. The next year while preparing to go on BAMA, she broke her arm and was unable to make the trip. But she returned and rode on the third annual BAMA ride.

Bike routes chosen for BAMA typically are low traffic even though any time a road approaches a town, traffic will become more congested. Both of my daughters have accompanied me on long bike rides and always wear bike helmets and have rear

view mirrors to monitor traffic. I have found it helps to remind them when getting on a busy road listen, watch, and observe the road, hazards, and options for leaving the road if required."

Laura Chamlee, Joe Chamlee's daughter, said, "I enjoy riding in BAMA because it gives me a chance to meet other bikers my age with similar interests, and a chance to see more of Alabama. Completing the ride gives me a feeling of success. Since everyone is reaching for a common goal, there is a sense of unity among the group. I start training a few months before BAMA. I ride about 12 miles at least two days during the week. On the weekends my father and I ride longer. We do a few 50-mile days before the trip, also."

Thomas Papetti, a physicist with Technology Development Corporation, led a troop of Boy Scouts on BAMA '97. "Anyone who can ride a bicycle can complete BAMA '98," he said. "Of course, you will enjoy the trip more if you train a little. More important than muscular and stamina training is just getting used to being in the saddle for hours at a time. Get your bike in good mechanical condition, and then go on several rides a week, including one long one each week, for the month preceding the trip, and you should have an enjoyable adventure which you will remember for a lifetime."

Morton Archibald is the team leader for the AMCOM Energy Team. He works for the Directorate of Public Works in the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity; and he is executive director of BAMA. "The thing I

hear most often is, 'Ride a bicycle 50 miles a day? I could never do that!' I usually ask, 'Can you walk up four flights of stairs without stopping? Yes? Then you have the strength to ride 50 to 70 miles a day on a bicycle," he said. "Now, you'll be a lot more comfortable if you build up by riding shorter distances first. Safety is our No. 1 concern on BAMA. I would not agree to accept the position of executive director until Mrs. Elaine White, a senior executive of Huntsville Emergency Medical Services Inc. (HEMSI), agreed to serve as our safety director. She has done a marvelous job.

"BAMA riders agreed in a survey that safety is their first concern. Close behind safety was the desire for routes with great scenic beauty. We work hard to provide scenic routes and with lots to see and do along the way."

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(Editor's note: Wylie, a computer engineer for the Battlefield Automation Directorate, Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, is the BAMA historian.)

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Adoptive parents of Chinese babies find...

Two blessings better than one

By Jim Bowne

An AMCOM Safety Office worker and his wife are leaving soon for China to bring home their newest daughter, Meredith. When Meredith arrives home, she will meet her sister, Moriah, also Chinese. Bryan Lorge, chief of the Installation Safety Division, and his wife, Patty, adopted Moriah in October 1996.

Moriah understands that she's getting a sister, according to Patty. "However, I do not believe that Moriah understands the full impact of what getting a sister means, that Meredith will be here with us all the time. You really can't expect a 2-year-old to comprehend the full meaning," she said.

The Lorges will join five other couples on their upcoming trip, four from the Huntsville area (including the Lorges), one from Illinois, and one from Washington State. All will return with new daughters, ranging from 10 months to about 2 years old.

Like most couples who choose to adopt, the Lorges found they could not have children of their own. Married in 1993, Bryan was 37 and Patty was 46. For them, adoption seemed to be their only alternative.

Bryan and Patty had been married about two and a half years when they first started trying to adopt. "For about a year," said Bryan, "we tried to adopt domestically. However, adoption in the United States is very competitive, especially if you want an infant. There are about 2 million people wanting to adopt infants and only about 50,000 babies available. Also, we were older than many of the others trying to adopt babies."

The Lorges then decided

to adopt a baby from China. They selected China over other countries for several reasons. "We knew that China, unlike some other countries, does not have drug or alcohol problems. The children in China are healthy, and they are well taken care of," Bryan said.

"Also," he continued, "China has a very well defined adoption process: no courts, no lawyers, and it is run by the government. And they reward you for being older, between 35 to 50 years old. However, they don't want more than 45 years difference in age between the parent and the child. They also want the second child you adopt to be a little older than the first."

There are three phases one goes through when adopting a child from China. The first phase is assembling all the paperwork that will go to China, and the second is waiting. The third phase is the actual trip to China to adopt the child.

"We had to fill out a lot of paperwork," Bryan said, "but since we had already completed paperwork when we tried to adopt domestically, we managed to save some time and effort. The first time we adopted, we started the process in January 1996 and we got Moriah in October 1996.

"Basically, after we sent the paperwork to China, we received a brief medical report from the Chinese authorities and a small photo of the child. They said that they had picked out a 9-month-old girl for us and did we want her or not? You really don't get to choose the baby you want."

Although a couple may specify whether they want a boy or a girl, 99 percent of the time they receive a girl. This makes perfectly good sense to the Chinese gov-

ernment. Because of the over-population problem in China, there exists a "one-child" policy.

"Most people in the United States think this is a law, but it's only a policy," Bryan said. "In Chinese culture, sons are more important than daughters. It's the son who will take care of elderly parents. Also, only the son is allowed to inherit."

Sometimes, Chinese couples will abandon their daughters in order to try for sons. However, orphanages quickly pick up the castaways and care and provide for them.

"The Chinese really do care about their children," Bryan said. "They try to do their best, but there are just too many of them. Most of the children come from rural areas, where the one-child policy is sometimes less stringent. If a woman has two babies, she might

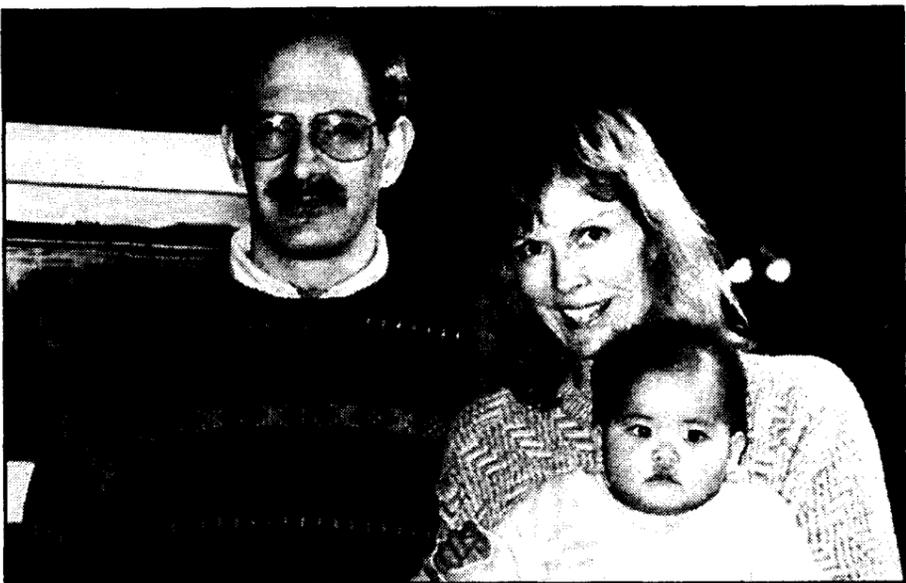


Photo from the family

THE LORGES— From left are Bryan, his wife Patty, and Moriah, who they adopted in October 1996. They will return to China soon to adopt a second daughter.

be able to keep them both, but only if she pays a hefty fine to the government. I believe that as China becomes more prosperous, the government may ease up on the one-child policy."

The one-child policy in China is not uniformly enforced, however. It is more lax in the countryside than in urban areas. Chi-

nese women who receive the government's authorization to get pregnant receive a coupon that allows them to conceive. For those Chinese couples who adhere to the one-child policy, there are rewards. For those who do not, there are punishments.

Rewards may include monthly financial rewards,

extended maternity leave, increased land allocation, and preferential treatment regarding education, housing and employment.

Punishments, on the other hand, may include fines, giving up government benefits, and demotion or discharge from

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Arts & Crafts center— Hours of operation are Tuesdays and Wednesdays 1:30-9:30 p.m., Thursdays 5-9:30 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and closed Sundays and Mondays. The center is located at 3615 Gray Road. For more information, call 876-7951.

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fast items. The cost is: members \$11.50; non-members \$12.50; and children 7-12 \$5. Be sure to make your reservations early. The Easter Buffet reservations filled up early. For reservations, call 830-2582.

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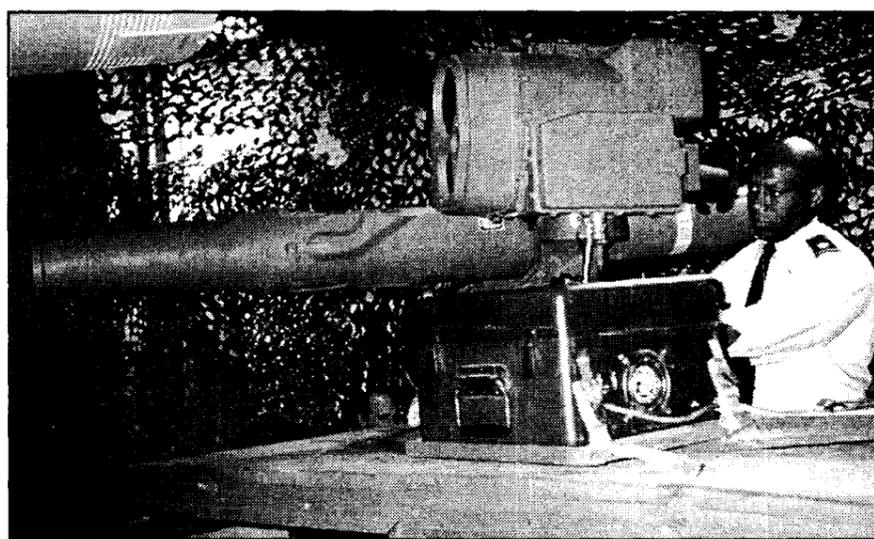


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Hardware simulator ...

Maj. Tony Hodge, project director for advanced distributed simulation at STRICOM in Orlando, Fla., tries the Improved Target Acquisition System virtual prototype simulator at the Missile Research Development and Engi-

neering Center. Formerly from Redstone he was among about 60 attendees at the Distributed Simulation Working Group Conference, held April 28 through May 1 by the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles.

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employment. The national government persuades local authorities to more strictly enforce their policies by assessing fines and penalties against a whole town or village rather than an individual.

The Lorges know at least 15 other couples in the Huntsville area who have adopted Chinese babies. "There's a national organization for 'Families with Children from China,'" Bryan said. "The official local chapter in Alabama is currently inactive, but I believe there are some people trying to get it going again."

Besides the enormous amount of paperwork

involved in adopting a Chinese baby, there are hefty expenses as well. The Lorges must pay the Chinese government \$3,000 just to adopt Meredith. "We really don't mind paying it, because the government puts all the money right back into the orphanages," Bryan said.

Bryan and Patty will also have to pay for their travel, lodging and meals. They also must pay a fee to the local facilitator for helping with the paperwork.

The Lorges are expecting to receive a small photo of Meredith any day. When they arrive in China, they will be given a very short amount

of time to spend with her, probably in their hotel room. Then, following the completion of more interviews, Bryan and Patty will sign the actual adoption contract.

After the contract is signed, there will be many more agreements to sign, and many registration and notarized procedures to follow. Lastly, the Welfare Institute applies for a Chinese passport for Meredith along with an exit permit in the provincial capital.

"We're both very excited," Bryan said. "We can't wait. Now we'll have two girls of similar background who can share and learn together."

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Nurses week

Fox Army Health Center will participate in National Nurses Week celebration, May 6-12. Special events are in the making. For more information, call Lt. Patton or Capt. Parker 876-8288.

MEDDAC training

MEDDAC staff members are fulfilling their annual requirement for readiness training May 3-15 at at Fort Gordon, Ga. The approximately 20 soldiers participating are mainly support staff, health care providers and nurses. The staff of Fox Army Health Center will try to minimize the impact of this temporary shortage of staff on its customers. However the shortage will be felt in the services most affected: all clinics, the Troop Medical Clinic, Respiratory Therapy, and the lab. "Your patience and cooperation during this brief time of training will be very much appreciated," a prepared release said. For assistance call the patient representative 876-8621.

AER Fund-raisers

Bowling tournament

An AER fund-raiser, bowling tournament— nine pin, no tap — will be held

11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Rocket Lanes. Donation is \$10. This event is open to all. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Jackson 876-5416 or Richard Van Scoyoc 876-6185. Sponsors include Corporate Information Center, Plamor Lanes, AMF Pin Palace, AMF Parkway Lanes, McCorvey's Pro Shop, Turner Beverage Company, K-Mart on North Parkway, Buffalo Rock Pepsi, Coca-Cola Bottling, and Blockbuster Video.

Rummage, food and more

Corporate Information Center plans the following fund-raisers for Army Emergency Relief: popcorn sale (\$1 per bag), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 11-12 at building 5300 south halls; and a cookout, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 14 at building 3714 (old post chapel).

Community jail

AER Community Jail will be sponsored today by the provost marshal. The jail will be located in building 5300, north corridor. The price will be \$5 for every five minutes.

Fund festival

Missile RD&E Center is planning an AER Fund-raising Day, including many festivities, today from 10-2 in the north parking lot of building 5400. Rain date is Thursday.

Plants/hot dogs

On May 13 a plants sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a hot dog sale from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the northeast end of the parking lot of building 5309. (In case of rain, the plant sale only would be held at building 5302, conference room 2139.) Plants will be priced as marked; hot dogs are \$1 each. This event is sponsored by Aviation Systems Directorate.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH AT 12 NOON
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DESCRIPTION: The Lot To Be Sold Is Located In Elkmont Rural Village, Elkmont, Alabama, Just North Of Athens, Alabama. Elkmont Rural Village Is A Beautiful Development With Many Fine Homes. The Streets Are Asphalt With Underground Utilities In Place. There Is A Minimum 1,400 Sq. Ft. Building Restriction.

TERMS AND CONDITION: The Successful Bidder Will Be Required To Pay 25% Down On Auction Day With The Balance Due In 30 Days Or Less. Buyer Will Receive A Deed Free And Clear.

DIRECTIONS: From Athens, Alabama Take Jefferson Street (Hwy 55) 4 Miles, Turn Left On Elkmont Road (Hwy 127) Go 4 Miles To Entrance To Elkmont Rural Village - Jones Parkway - Follow Auction Signs To Lot Location. Auction To Be Conducted On Site.

BANKRUPTCY CASE #97-83728-JAC-7
THURSDAY, MAY 14TH AT 5 P.M.
1/2+ ACRE LOT - HOLLOW ROAD - HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

DESCRIPTION: The Lot To Be Sold Is Located In Huntsville, Alabama Just West Of Memorial Parkway There Are Many Fine Homes Located In This Area Which Is Convenient To All Major Work Areas, Churches, Schools And Shopping Areas. Look At This Property Prior To Auction Day.

TERMS AND CONDITION: The Successful Bidder Will Be Required To Pay 25% Down On Auction Day With The Balance Due In 30 Days Or Less. Buyer Will Receive A Deed Free And Clear.

DIRECTIONS: From The Intersection Of Memorial Parkway (Us 231) And University Drive (Us 72W) Huntsville, Alabama - Go North On Memorial Parkway Approximately 4 Miles - Turn West On Winchester Road - Go 1 Miles To Hollow Road - Follow Auction Signs To Lot Location. Auction To Be Conducted On Site.

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Tours

Recreation center

Seats are still available for the following Recreation Center tours: Antiquing Middle Tennessee, May 9, all seats \$10; Nashville flea market, May 23, all seats \$10; Jack Daniels Distillery with lunch at Miss Mary Bobo's, June 6, all seats and lunch \$23; and Loony's Tavern: The Aftermath and the Legacy, June 20, adults \$30 and children 3-12 \$21 (price includes dinner at Sister Sara's Kitchen). Tours are open to the entire Redstone community, and prices include transportation and admission. You may sign up at the Recreation Center Wednesday through Friday from 1:30-8 p.m., or Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed Monday and Tuesday). For more information, call 876-4531 during operating hours.

Civilian welfare fund

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council will sponsor a bus trip to Atlanta for a Cardinals vs. Braves baseball game July 31 and Aug. 1-2. The bus will depart Redstone Arsenal by 4 p.m. that Friday and return the evening of Aug. 2. Price will include bus transportation to Atlanta and the game(s), two nights lodging in/near downtown Atlanta, and a ticket to the game(s). For more information about reservations, deposits (non-refundable), accommodations, etc., call Mary Ann 313-1698. This trip is available to all members of the Redstone community. Spaces will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Number of buses required will be determined by the number of early deposits and reservations made.



Miscellaneous

Children's center

The Child Development Center is seeking a group or organization to adopt it. Assistance is needed for pulling weeds, trimming bushes, and picking up trash, to help keep the playgrounds and surrounding areas safe and sanitary for the children. If your group or organization is interested in adopting the children's center, call Kris Weissner 876-7952.

Sergeants major association

All members of the Redstone Arsenal Sergeants Major Association are invited to a hail and farewell dinner at 6 p.m. Friday at Ivey's Restaurant. "We will welcome aboard CSM Timothy Ayers and say a fond farewell to Sgt. Maj. Dennis Smith and Sgt. Maj. Ralph Vickery," a prepared release said. For more information or to RSVP, call CSM Ben Sunday 876-1874.... All members of the Redstone Arsenal Sergeants Major Association are invited to the annual Sergeants Major offsite June 12 at the Guntersville State Park Lodge and Golf Course. To

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Public service week

The 14th annual Public Service Recognition Week is May 4-10. Events include a luncheon today at Huntsville Marriott; displays Thursday at Madison Square Mall; and essay and art contests for public schools. For more information and luncheon tickets, call Jim Bowne 876-5302.

Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. May 11 at the Union Office, building 3202. The attendance prize is \$500 but you must be present to win. All collective bargaining unit employees are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

Blood program

Here is the Red Cross blood program schedule for this month: May 8— from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 4488, Mallory Murray 876-9118 or Fran King 842-7533. May 15— from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in building 5309, first floor, room 9128, Jean Hicks 876-2944 or Brenda Boyett 876-3404; from 8-noon at building 6260, Cathi Brooks 876-0351; from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at building 4752 (NASA), Edwina Bressette 544-8115. May 21— from 7-10 a.m. at building 7770, AMC MEA, bus, Ann Proctor 876-8071; from 8-noon at SMDC, room 1E100 (Wynn Drive), Al Longhi 955-5901. May 22— from 7-noon at Corps of Engineers, Linda Merschman 895-1580; from 7-noon at building 5681, bus, Susan Zimmerly 313-4165; from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at SMDC, room 1C400, Al Longhi 955-5901; and from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 4505, Linda Keel 955-0900.

Space talk

Dr. Gerald Fishman is to discuss "Gamma Ray Astronomy" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. This event is sponsored by the Von Braun Astronomical Society.

Education center

The Army Education Center no longer offers the citizenship test. Persons needing to take the test must contact the Immigration and Naturalization Service (404) 331-0301 at 77 Forsyth St. Southwest, room G-85, in Atlanta.

Resource managers

American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its annual picnic at 11 a.m. May 14 at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreation Area. This event is free for members, and \$5 for non-members. For information call Cherry Hovik 876-1696.

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Contract managers

Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association may award up to two scholarships within a range of \$500-\$1,000 each to assist deserving students in the pursuit of a degree in contract or procurement management or NCMA members pursuing the UAH Contract Management Certificate Program. Applications are due by May 30. For more information and applications, call Lindsey Bayer 726-2967 or Doug Danley 544-4771.

International women

The International Women's Club of Huntsville will commemorate its 40th anniversary in conjunction with the annual fund-raiser May 16 at Huntsville Marriott. Tickets cost \$23 per person, including an international buffet. Highlights of the event include a presentation of various cultural programs and a parade of international costumes modeled by club members and guests. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30. For more information and tickets, call Demy Robley 882-6064 or Noriko Erns 852-0458.

Cancer society

The American Cancer Society will hold a Casino Night for "the biggest rat in town" contest from 6-11 p.m. June 5 at the Officers Club. Cost is \$50 per couple; and there will be a cash bar. Auction for prizes begins at 10. For more information, call the American Cancer Society 535-1855.

Plastic modelers

Huntsville Plastic Modeler's Society will meet tonight at 7 at the Recreation Center. For more information, call 851-6842.

Transition assistance

The Military Personnel Office will hold a three-day Transition Assistance Workshop, May 19-21 in building 3447 (behind Toftoy Hall). The workshop is mandatory for all military personnel leaving the service within the next 180 days unless they have attended a previous workshop. These workshops are available to all branches of service including National Guard and Reserves. DoD civilians, military retirees, veterans and spouses of all are also encouraged to attend. Seating is limited so you must register to attend. To register call Marie Adams 842-6145.

Bass tournament

Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Association (AAAA) invites members and guests to a Spring Bass Tournament, May 16 at Guntersville Lake. Cost is \$25 per boat. There will be cash prizes for first, second and third place. RSVP by May 11. For information call Bob Masics 881-7123 or Gary Hoover 313-0413.

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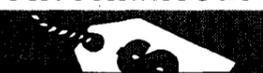
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